

# Cardiometabolic Disease and Novel Therapies: SGLT2 Inhibitors and GLP1 Receptor Agonists

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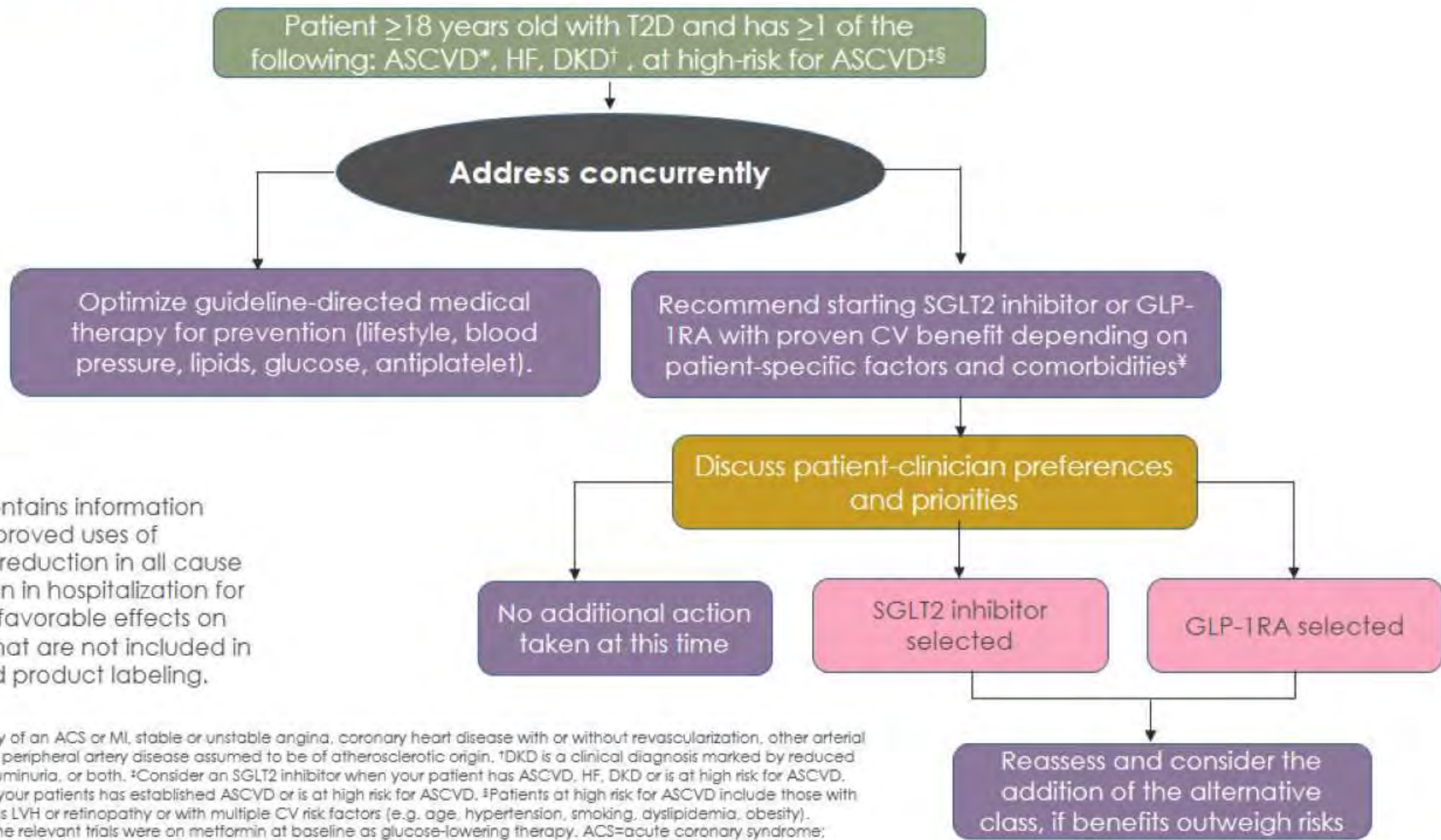
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Start with the punchline:

# ACC 2020 Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Novel Therapies for CV Risk Reduction in Patient with Type 2 Diabetes



The ACC ECDP contains information concerning unapproved uses of empagliflozin (i.e. reduction in all cause mortality, reduction in hospitalization for heart failure, and favorable effects on kidney function) that are not included in the FDA-approved product labeling.

\*ASCVD is defined as history of an ACS or MI, stable or unstable angina, coronary heart disease with or without revascularization, other arterial revascularization, stroke, or peripheral artery disease assumed to be of atherosclerotic origin. †DKD is a clinical diagnosis marked by reduced eGFR, the presence of albuminuria, or both. ‡Consider an SGLT2 inhibitor when your patient has ASCVD, HF, DKD or is at high risk for ASCVD. Consider a GLP-1RA when your patient has established ASCVD or is at high risk for ASCVD. §Patients at high risk for ASCVD include those with end organ damage such as LVH or retinopathy or with multiple CV risk factors (e.g. age, hypertension, smoking, dyslipidemia, obesity). \*Most patients enrolled in the relevant trials were on metformin at baseline as glucose-lowering therapy. ACS=acute coronary syndrome; ASCVD=atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; DKD=diabetic kidney disease; HF=heart failure; eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate; LVH=left ventricular hypertrophy; MI=myocardial infarction; T2D=type 2 diabetes. Das SR et al. JACC 2020 Online 1 September.

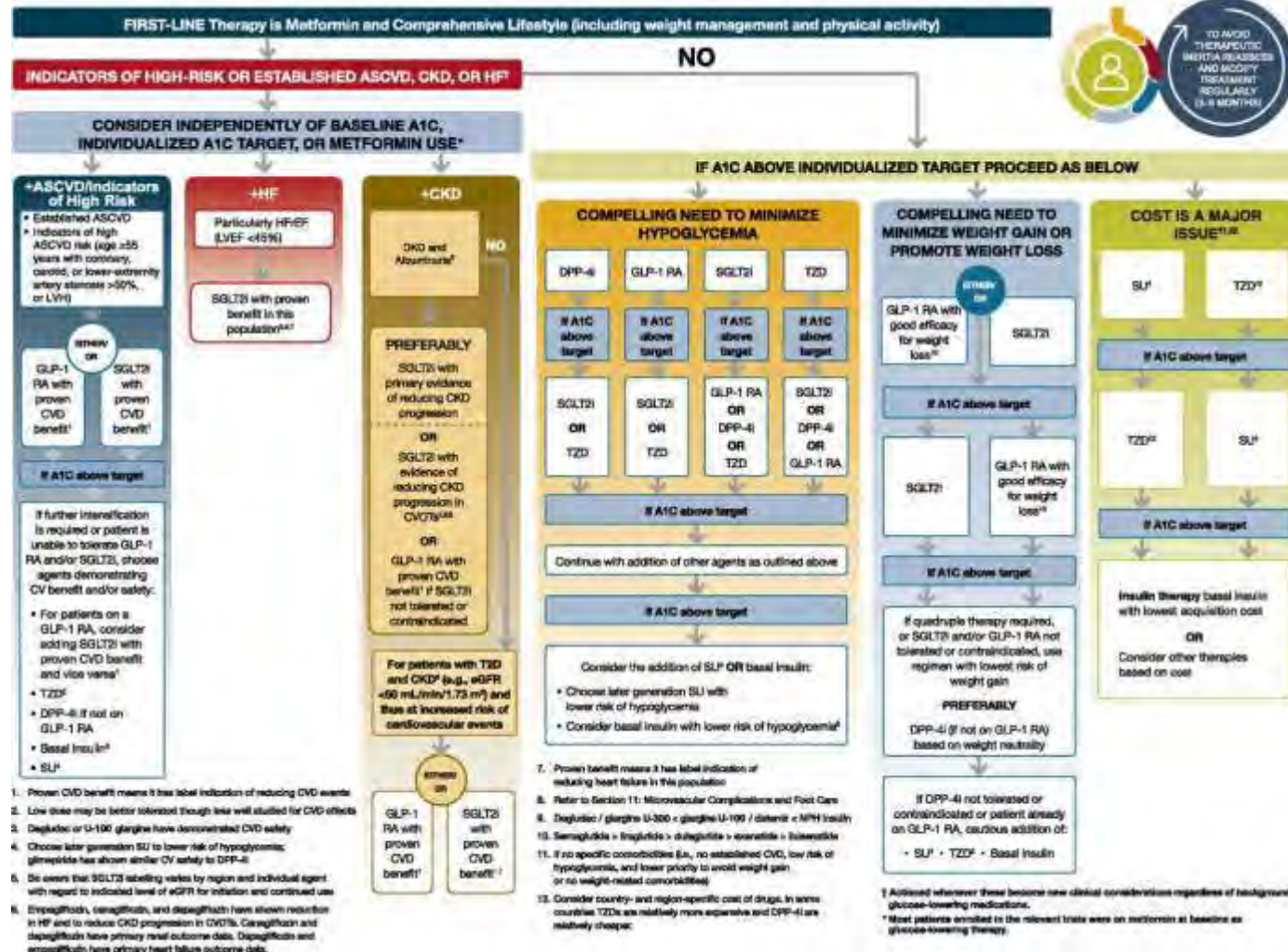
## Scripps Was Among the First - Tom Heywood “Gets It”

- September 2015 – Stockholm presentation of empagliflozin: first SGLT2i CVOT
- November 2015 – Scripps grand rounds – “what do we do with this new data?” – Tom has an intellectual grand mal
- We agonize over not “jumping the gun” while not “missing the boat” over what to do about this new data
- January 2016 – Tom reconvenes the whole cardiology department to hear the data
- April 2016 – Tom convenes hospital cardiology section meeting to act on the data
- January 2017 – AACE/ACE Diabetes guidelines begin to change to reflect the data
- January 2018 – AACE/ACE Diabetes guidelines actually change
- January 2019 – ADA, ACC join in the major changes
- January 2020 – ADA, ACC change their guidelines
- January 2021 – ADA, ACC, (AHA joins in)
- “A cardiologist an endocrinologist, and a real doctor walk into a bar...”

## Evolution of the Diabetes Guidelines for SGLT2i's and GLP1-RA's Changes So Fast There Was No Longer Any Point in Annual Printing

- To lower A1c – after lifestyle rx and metformin and **after** possible other meds
- To lower A1c – after lifestyle and metformin **before** any other meds
- To lower A1c – in combination with above **right away**
- To **lower CVD risks** – in diabetics with elevated A1c
  
- To Lower CVD risks - in diabetics **independent of A1c**
  
- To lower CVD (and renal) risk – **independent of having diabetes** at all

# Glucose-lowering medication in type 2 diabetes: 2021 ADA Professional Practice Committee (PPC) adaptation of Davies et al.

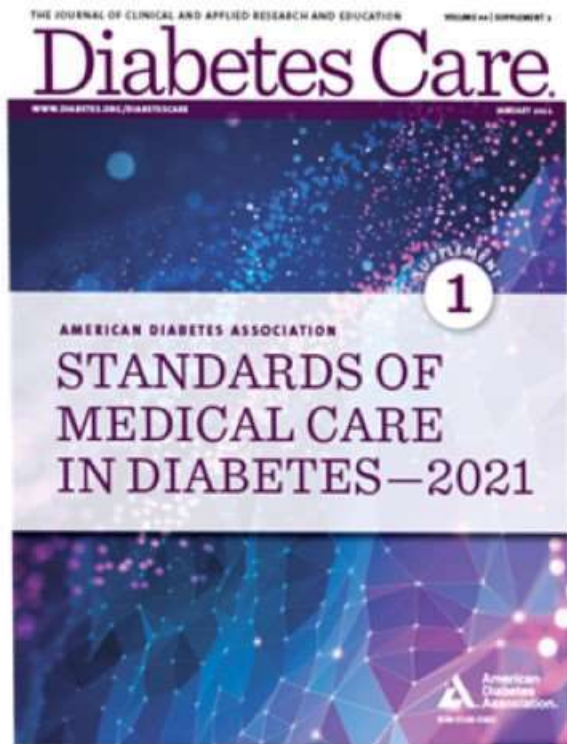


American Diabetes Association Dia Care 2021;44:S111-S124

# ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes – Jan 2021

## Section 9. Pharmacologic approaches to glycemic treatment

### Pharmacologic Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes



9.9 “Among patients with **T2D** who have established **ASCVD** or established kidney disease, or indicators of high **ASCVD** risk<sup>†</sup>, established kidney disease, or heart failure, an **SGLT2** inhibitor or **GLP-1 RA** with demonstrated **CV** disease benefit is recommended as part of the glucose-lowering regimen independent of **A1C** and in consideration of patient-specific factors” (A)\*

“For patients **without** established ASCVD, indicators of high ASCVD risk, heart failure or CKD, **the choice of a second agent to add to metformin is not yet guided by empiric evidence.** Rather, drug choice is based upon avoidance of side effects, particularly hypoglycaemia, weight gain, cost and patient preferences.”

<sup>†</sup> Indicators of high ASCVD risk; age  $\geq$  55 years with coronary carotid or lower extremity artery stenosis  $>$  50%, or LVH

\*Description of evidence-grading system is provided at the end of this slide deck.

ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CV, cardiovascular; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2  
American Diabetes Association. *Diabetes Care* 2021;44:S1-S222.

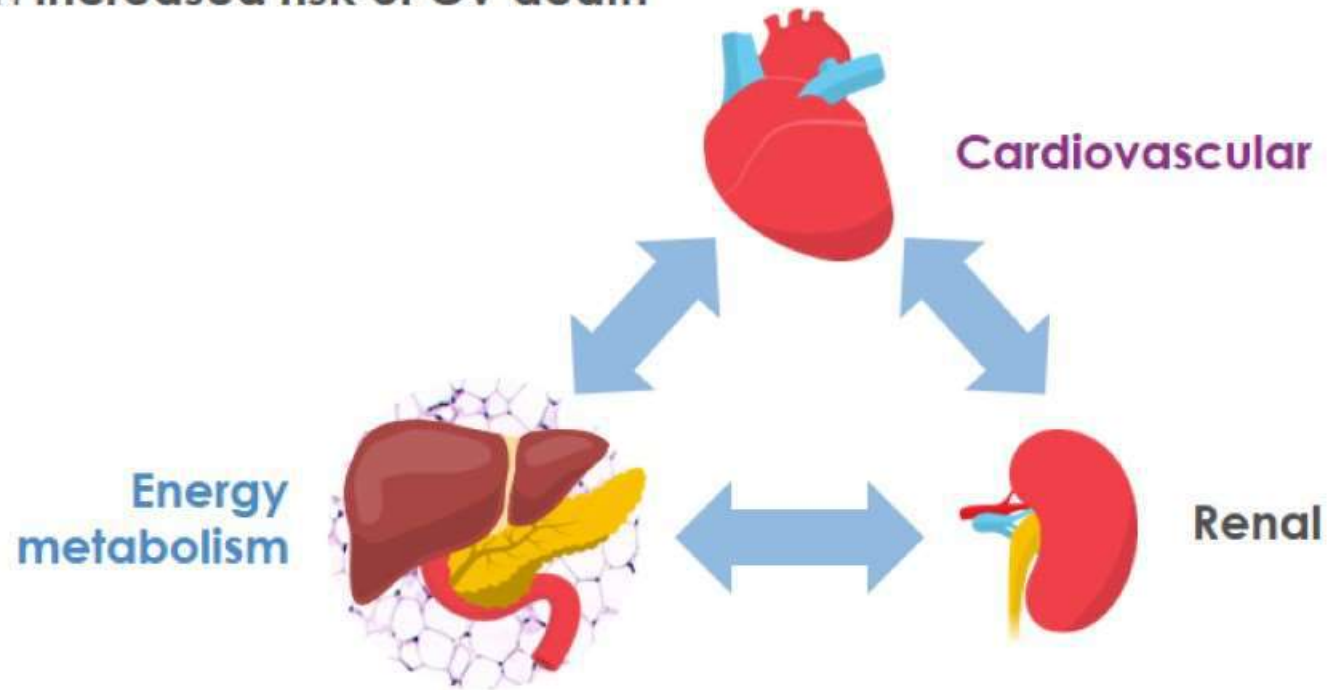


# Critical Caveats

- “Established ASCVD” is not defined in the FDA label – clinician decides
  - Now includes “multiple risk factors”
  - Now includes primary as well as secondary prevention
- “Heart failure” is not defined in the FDA label
  - Most of beneficiaries in the trials did not have known HF (rEF or pEF)
- “Chronic Kidney Disease” is not defined in the FDA label
  - eGFR < 60 is standard but not absolute
  - Role of Cystatin-C eGFR in 45-60, 30-45

# Dysfunction of the heart, kidneys or metabolism may contribute to the dysfunction of the others<sup>1,2</sup>

- Diseases in the components of the CRM systems share many of the **same risk factors**<sup>3</sup>
- Dysfunction in one system can set off a **cascade of multisystem dysfunction**<sup>4</sup>
- This can lead to **interrelated diseases** such as **T2D, CV disease, HF, and CKD**, which in turn leads to an **increased risk of CV death**<sup>5</sup>



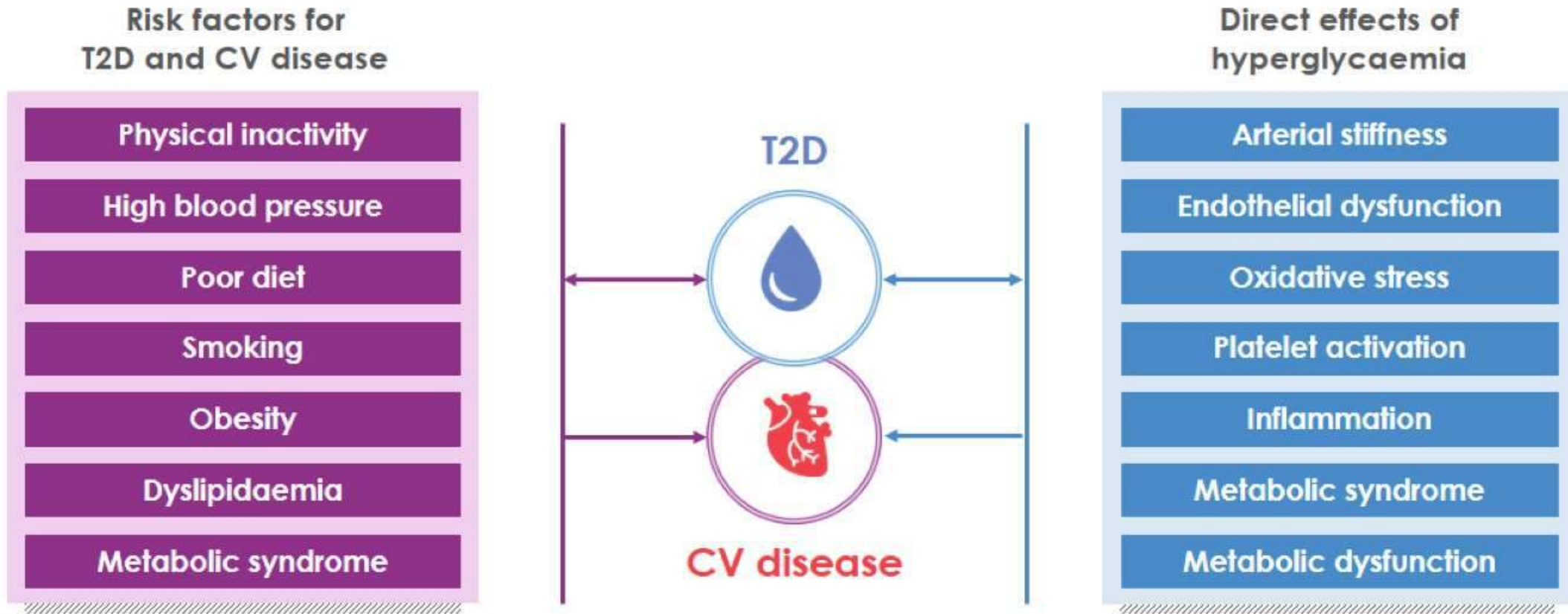
CKD, chronic kidney disease; CRM, cardio-renal-metabolic; CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure; T2D, type 2 diabetes

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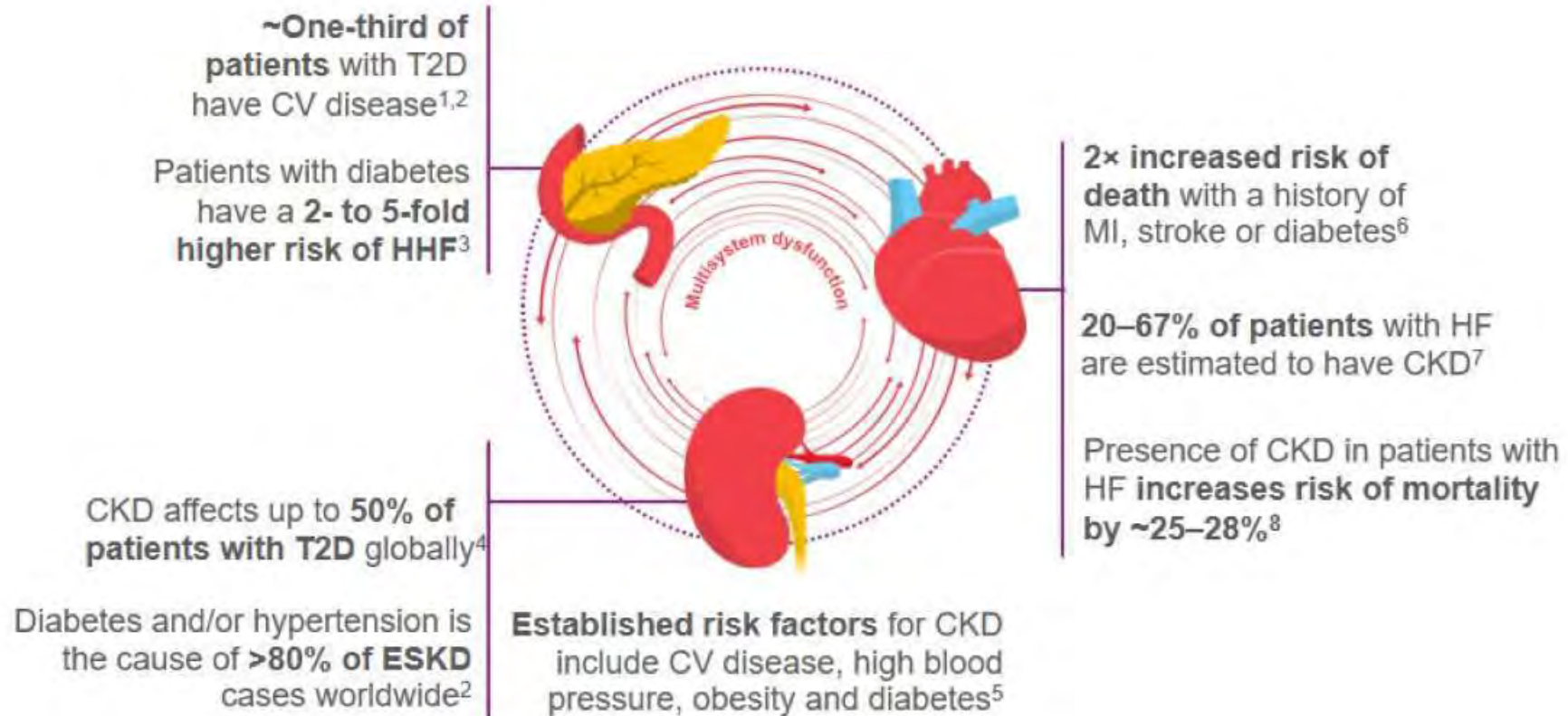
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# The pathophysiology of CV disease in patients with T2D is complex

T2D shares common risk factors with CV disease and contributes to vascular damage



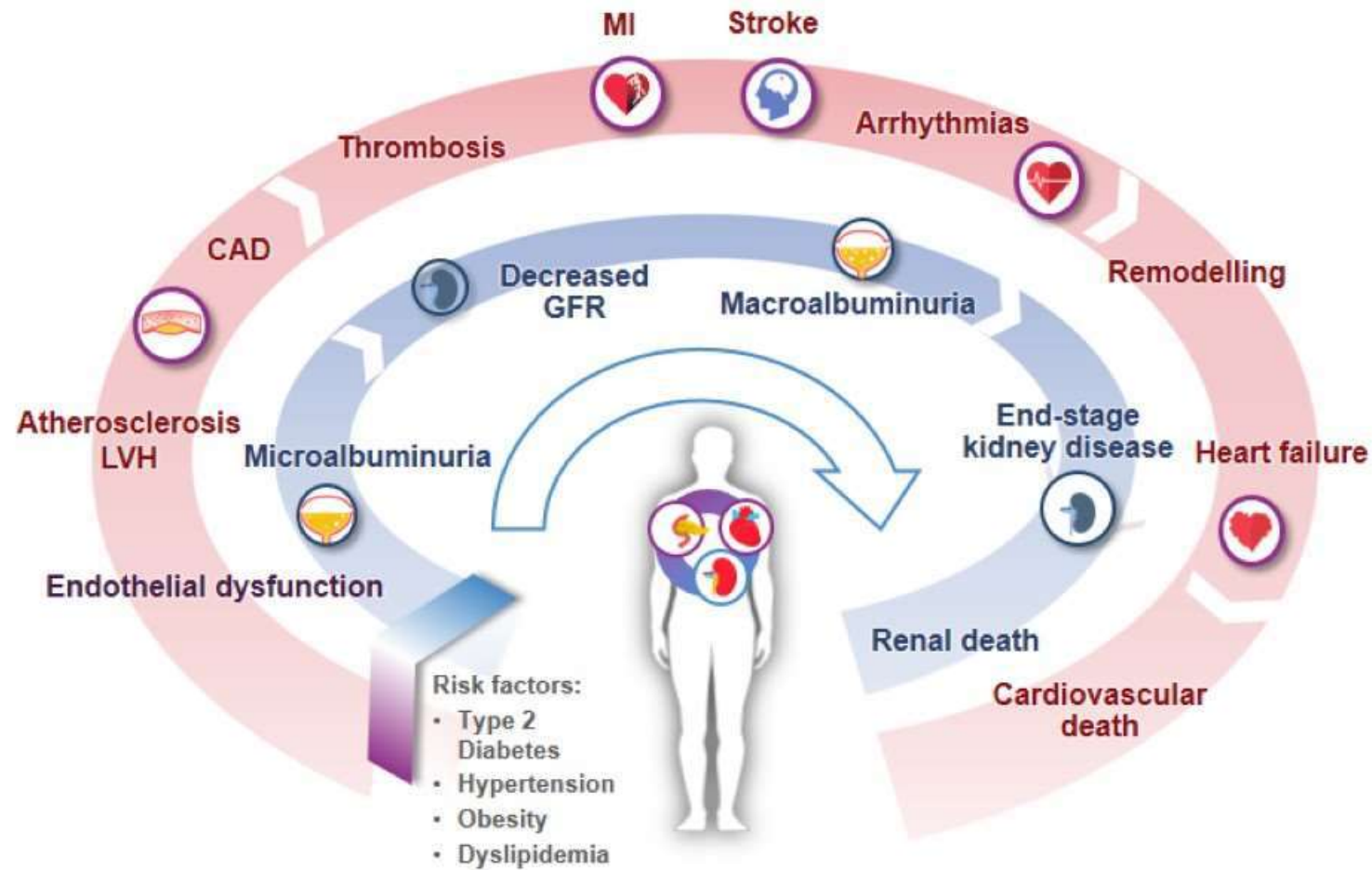
# Disorders of the Cardio-Renal-Metabolic (CRM) systems often co-exist



CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; HF, heart failure; HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; MI, myocardial infarction; T2D, type 2 diabetes

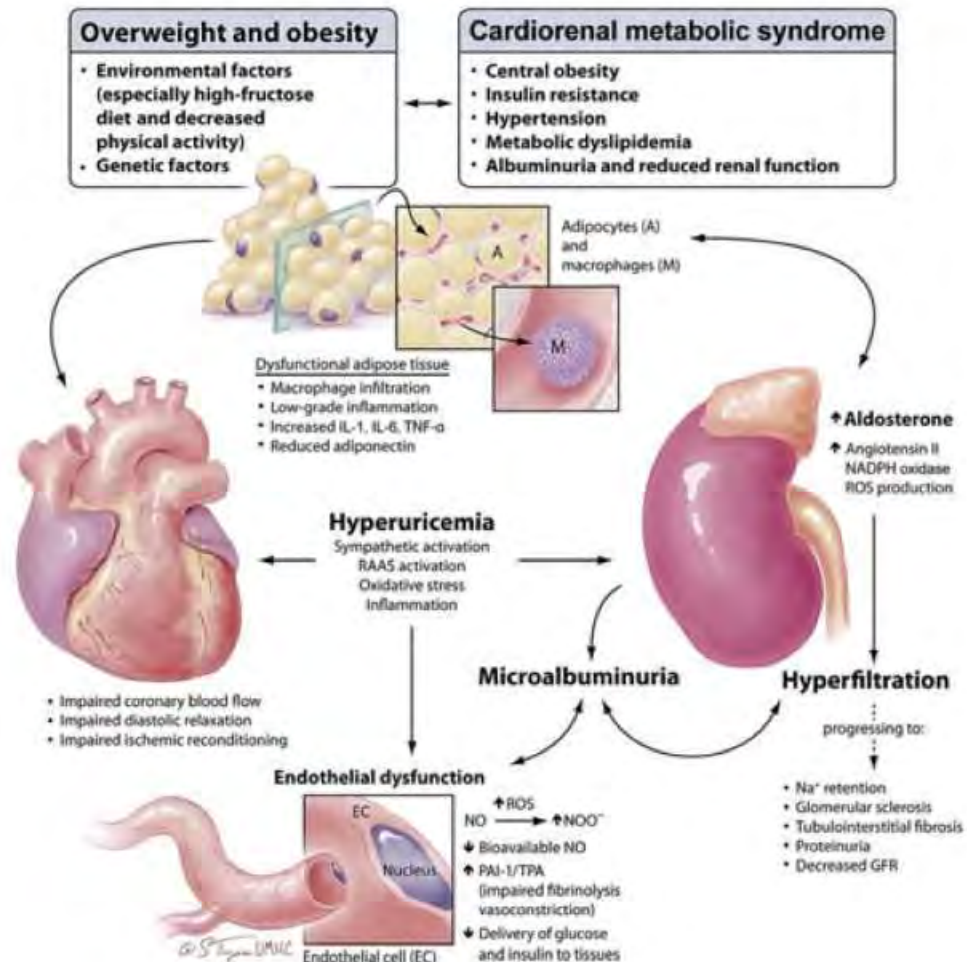
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# Interconnectivity of CRM systems exists throughout the CV and renal risk continuum



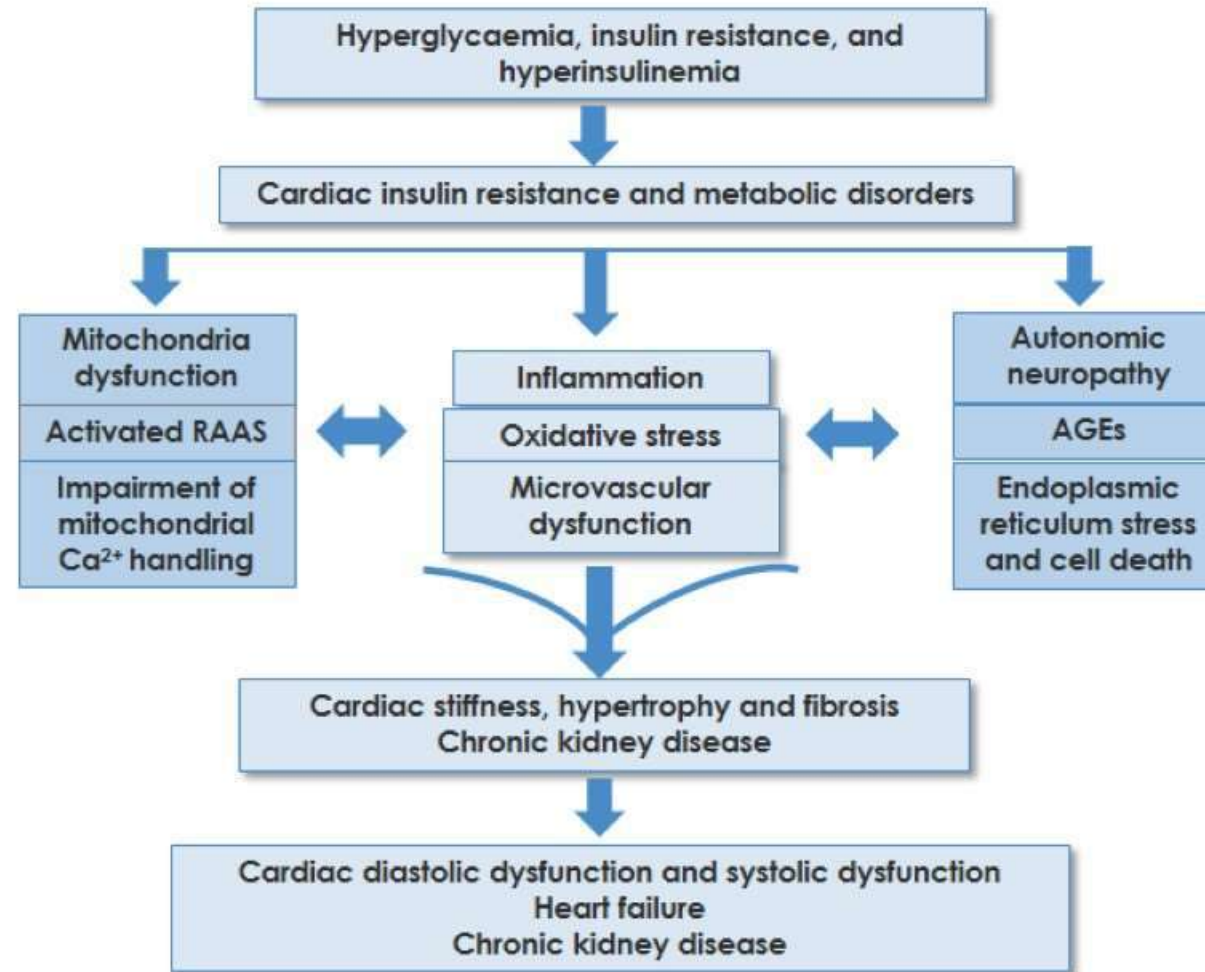
LVH, left ventricular hypertrophy; MI, myocardial infarction  
Adapted from Dzau VJ et al. *Circulation* 2006;114:2850-2870

# The interrelationship between adiposity and maladaptive changes in the heart and kidney in CRM systems



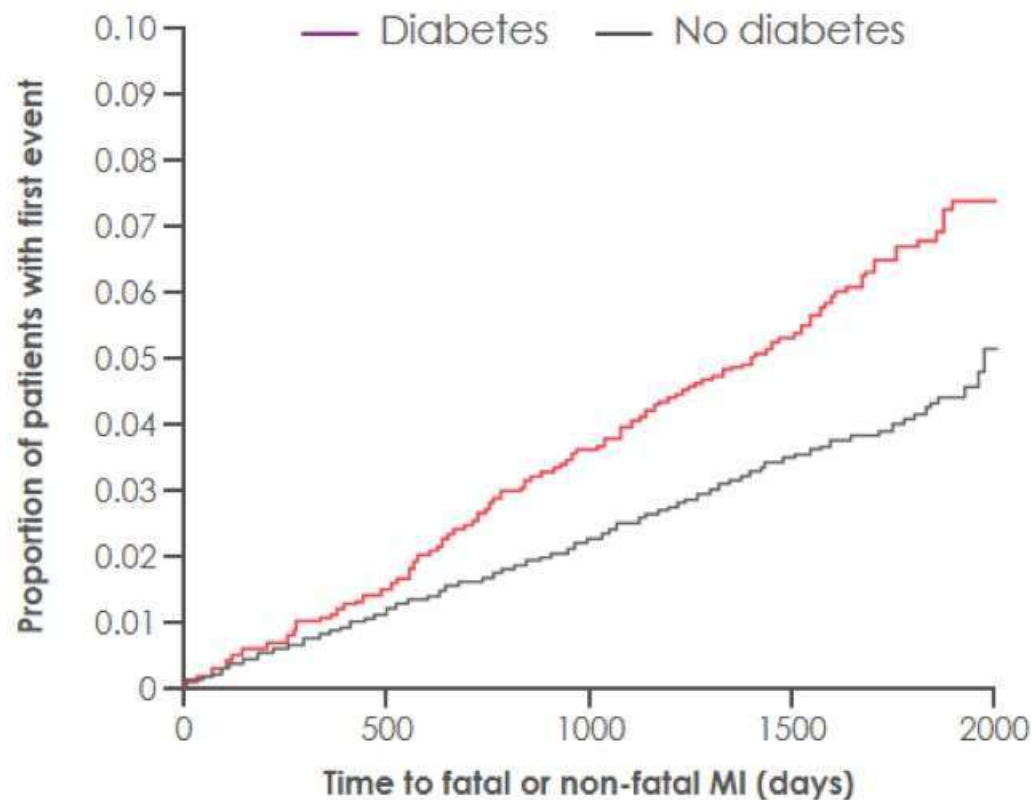
Presence of a **constellation of interactive cardiac and renal risk factors**, including overweight/obesity, hypertension, insulin resistance, hyperinsulinemia, dyslipidemia, microalbuminuria and/or reduced renal function, constitute the cardiorenal metabolic syndrome

# Metabolic disorders contributes to the progression of HF and CKD

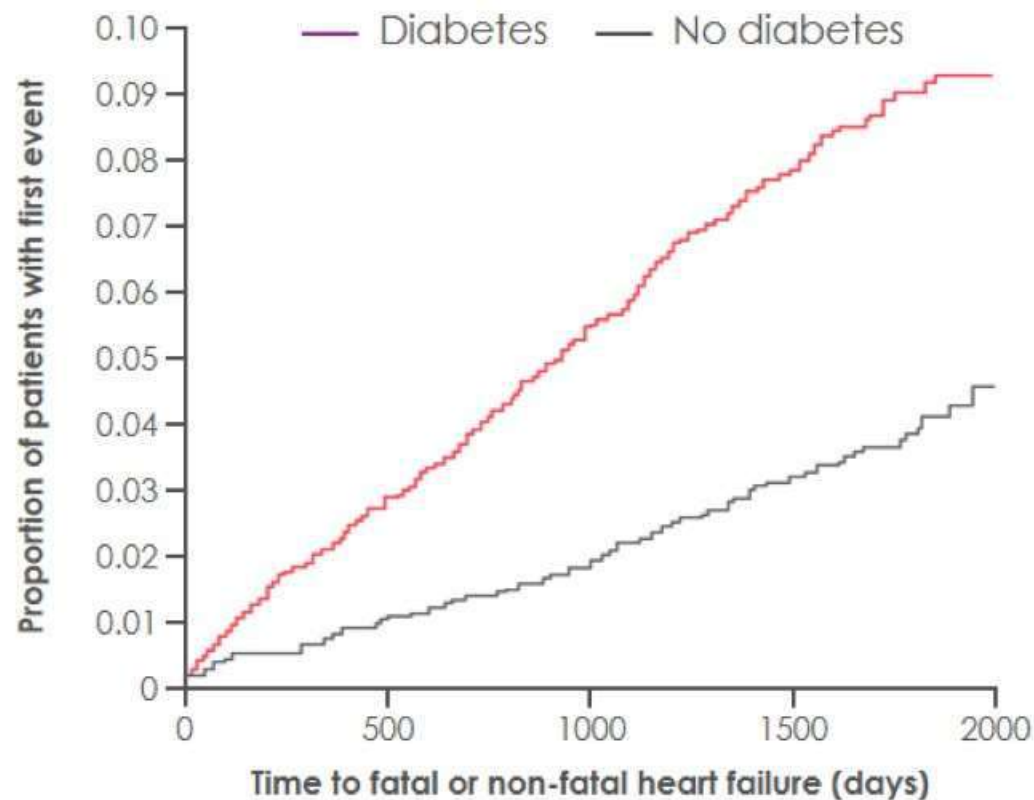


# Diabetes accelerates the time to first CV event

## Time to first MI



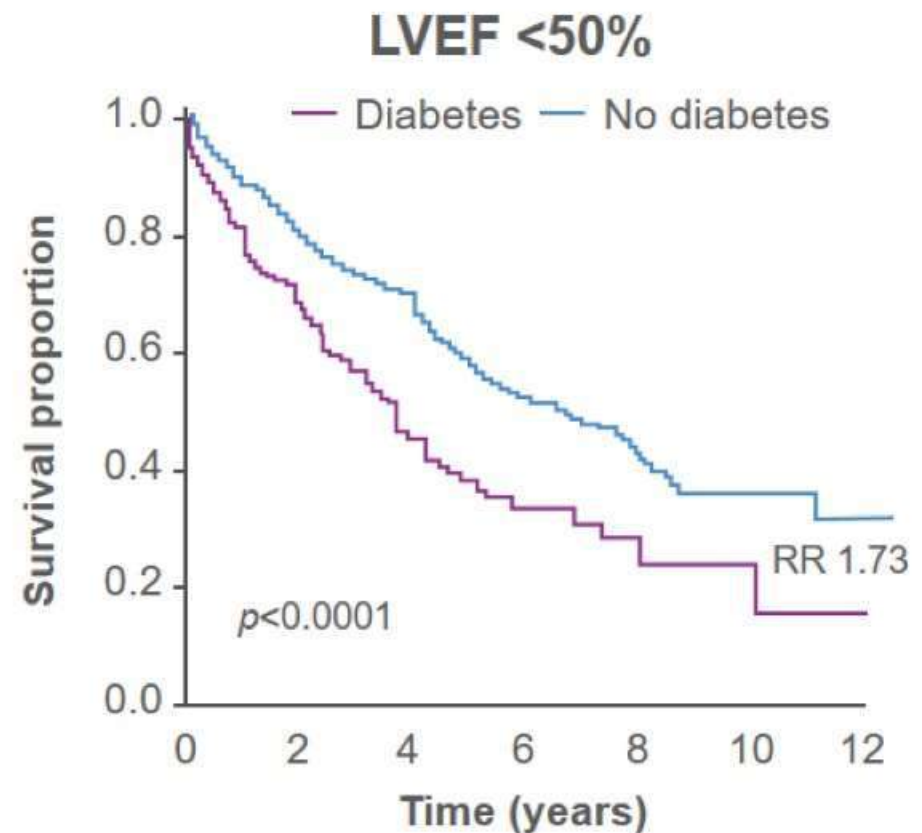
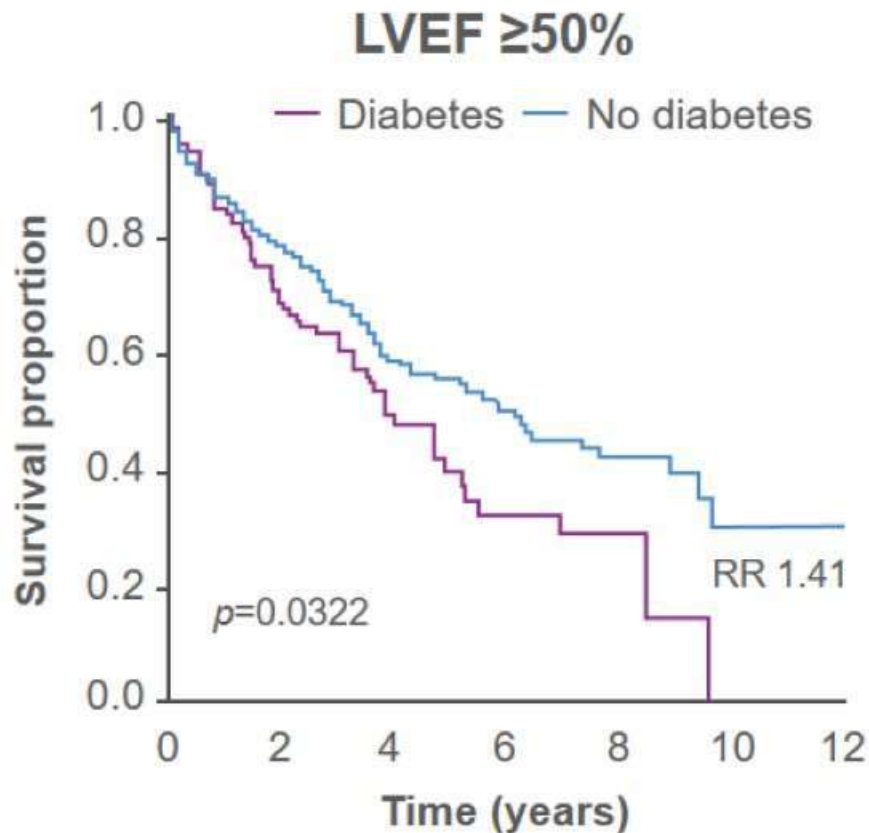
## Time to first hospitalisation for heart failure





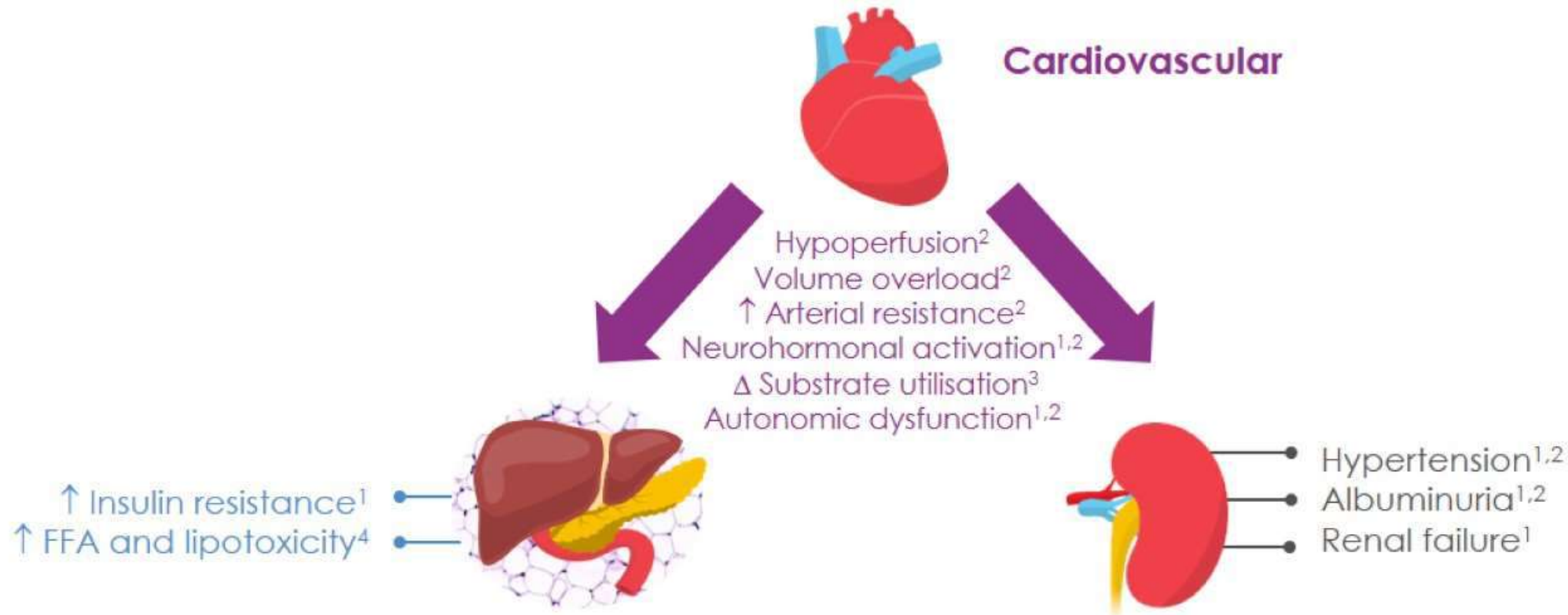
# Diabetes as a comorbidity is associated with a worse prognosis for patients with heart failure

Survival of patients with HF hospitalised with LVEF  $\geq 50\%$  (n=498) or  $< 50\%$  (n=754)



# Cardiac dysfunction adds to the renal/metabolic burden<sup>1,2</sup>

Cardiac abnormalities affect renal/metabolic disease progression and outcomes<sup>1,2</sup>



FFA, free fatty acids

1. Connell AW & Sowers JR. J Am Soc Hypertens 2014;8:604; 2. Ronco C et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2008;52:1527; 3. Ronco C et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2008;52:1527

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## 2007: The Avandia Affair



### Effect of Rosiglitazone on the Risk of Myocardial Infarction and Death from Cardiovascular Causes

Steven E. Nissen, M.D., and Kathy Woźniak, M.P.H.

Rosiglitazone compared with the control:

Odds ratio for **myocardial infarction: 1.43** (95% CI, 1.03 to 1.98; P=0.03)

OR for **death from cardiovascular causes: 1.64** (95% CI, 0.98 to 2.74; P=0.06)

“Urgent need for comprehensive evaluations to clarify the cardiovascular risks of rosiglitazone  
Our data suggest a cardiovascular risk associated with the use of rosiglitazone

Until more precise estimates of the cardiovascular risk of this treatment can be delineated in patients with diabetes, patients and providers should carefully consider the **potential risks of rosiglitazone in the treatment of type 2 diabetes**”



# FDA Guidance for Industry to Evaluate CV Risk in New Antihyperglycemic Medications<sup>1</sup> July 2008

- In order *to establish the safety* of a new antihyperglycemics
  - *Effects on CV risk* to be more thoroughly addressed during antihyperglycemic medication development
  - Demonstrate that therapy *will not result in unacceptable increase in CV risk*
  - Key areas to be addressed: inclusion of patients with a higher risk of CV events
    - e.g. patients with advanced CV disease, elderly patients, and patients with impaired renal function
    - study duration  $\geq 2$  years

# CVOTs (double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled) - 3 possible results

CV outcome trials PRIMARY ENDPOINT  
3P-MACE: CV death, nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke

CV PROTECTION

Superiority to placebo

CV SAFETY

Non-inferiority to placebo

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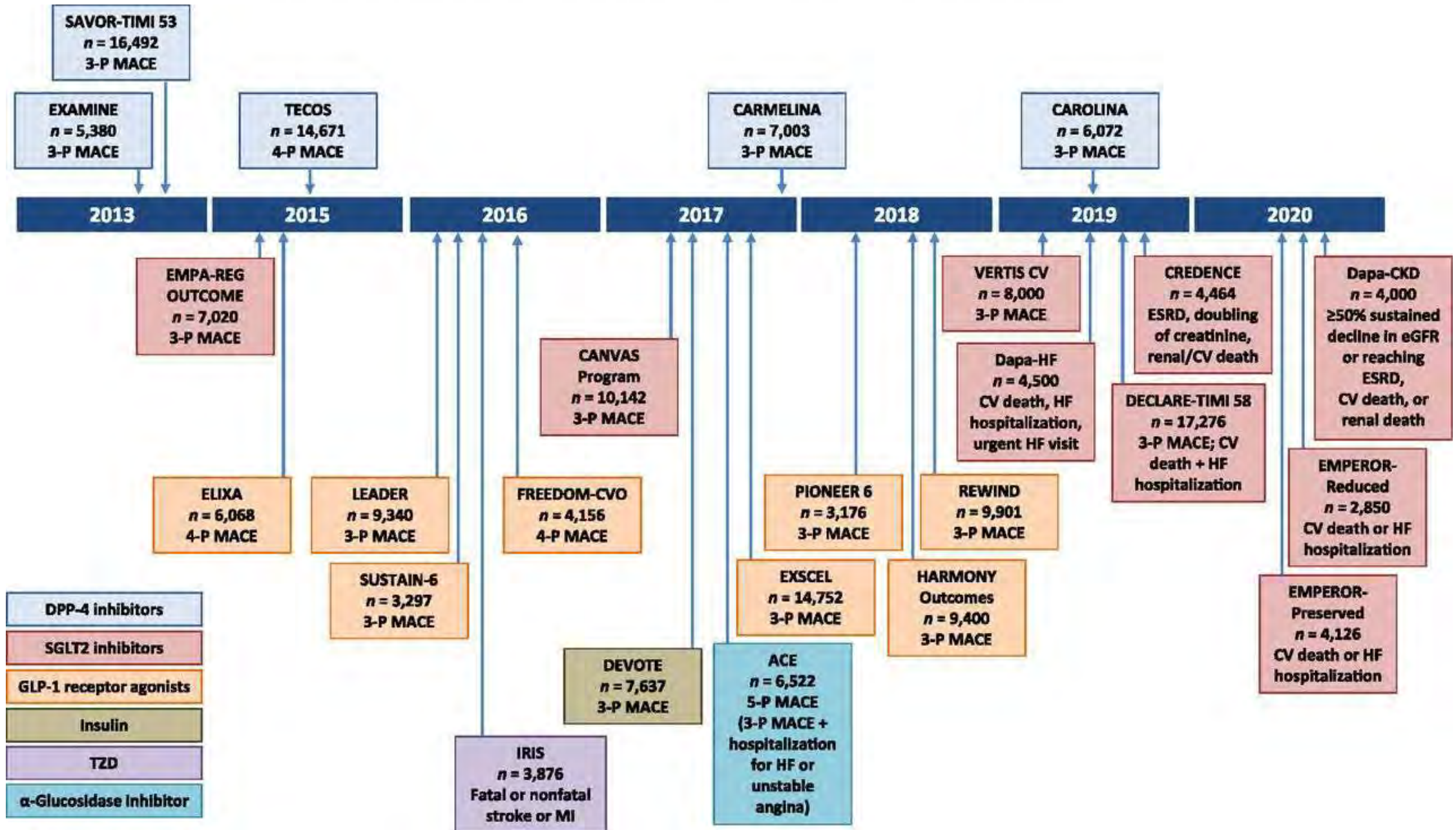
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INCREASES CV RISK  
Inferiority to placebo

*All patients receive standard-of-care treatment in addition to the study drug or placebo*

MACE: major adverse cardiac events

# Cardiovascular Outcome Trials in Diabetes



Cardiovascular Outcome Trials

**SGLT2 inhibitors**

Stockholm, September 17, 2015

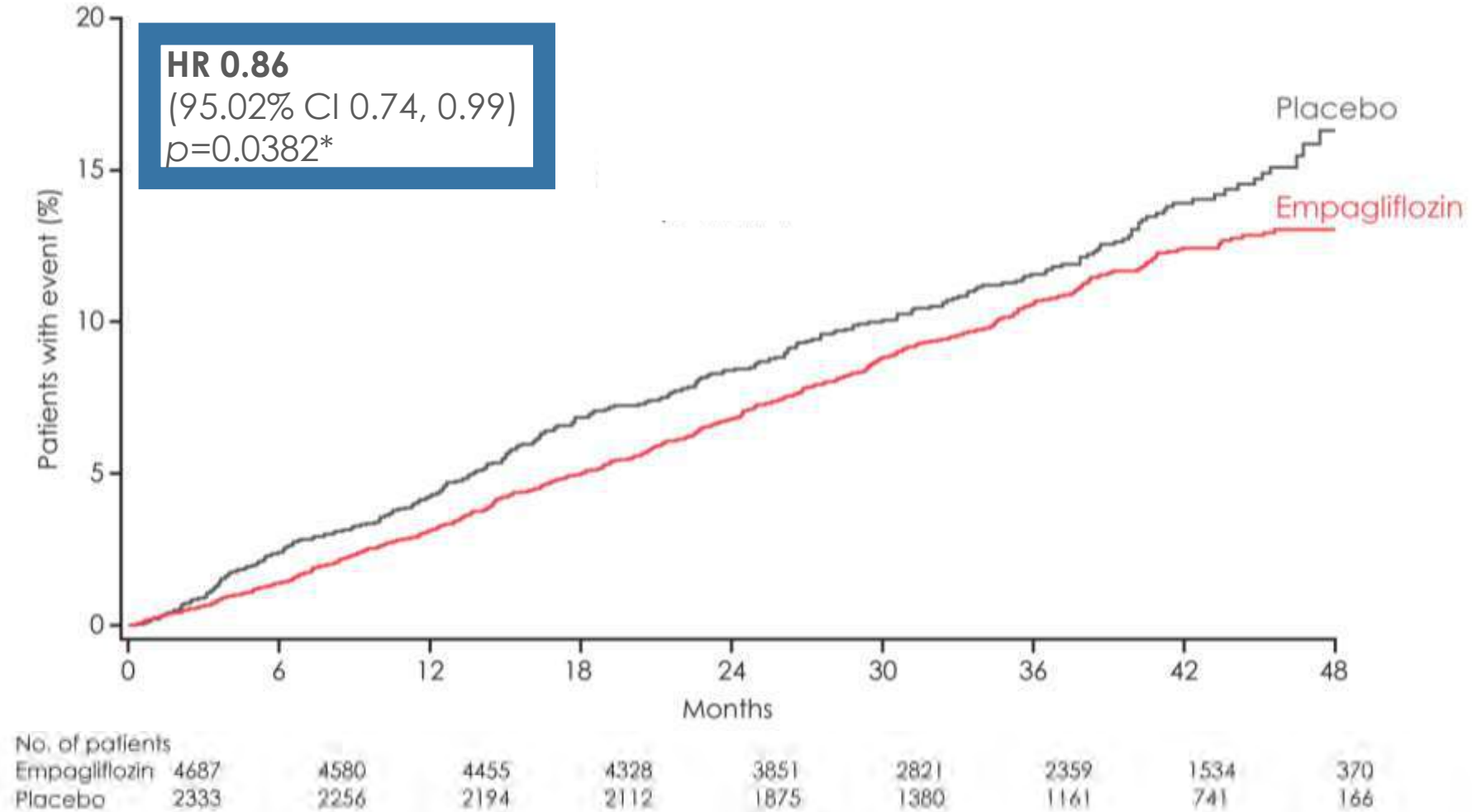
Empagliflozin CV outcomes

51st ANNUAL  
MEETING  
**EASD**  
14 - 18 SEPTEMBER  
STOCKHOLM 2015



# Primary outcome: 3-point MACE

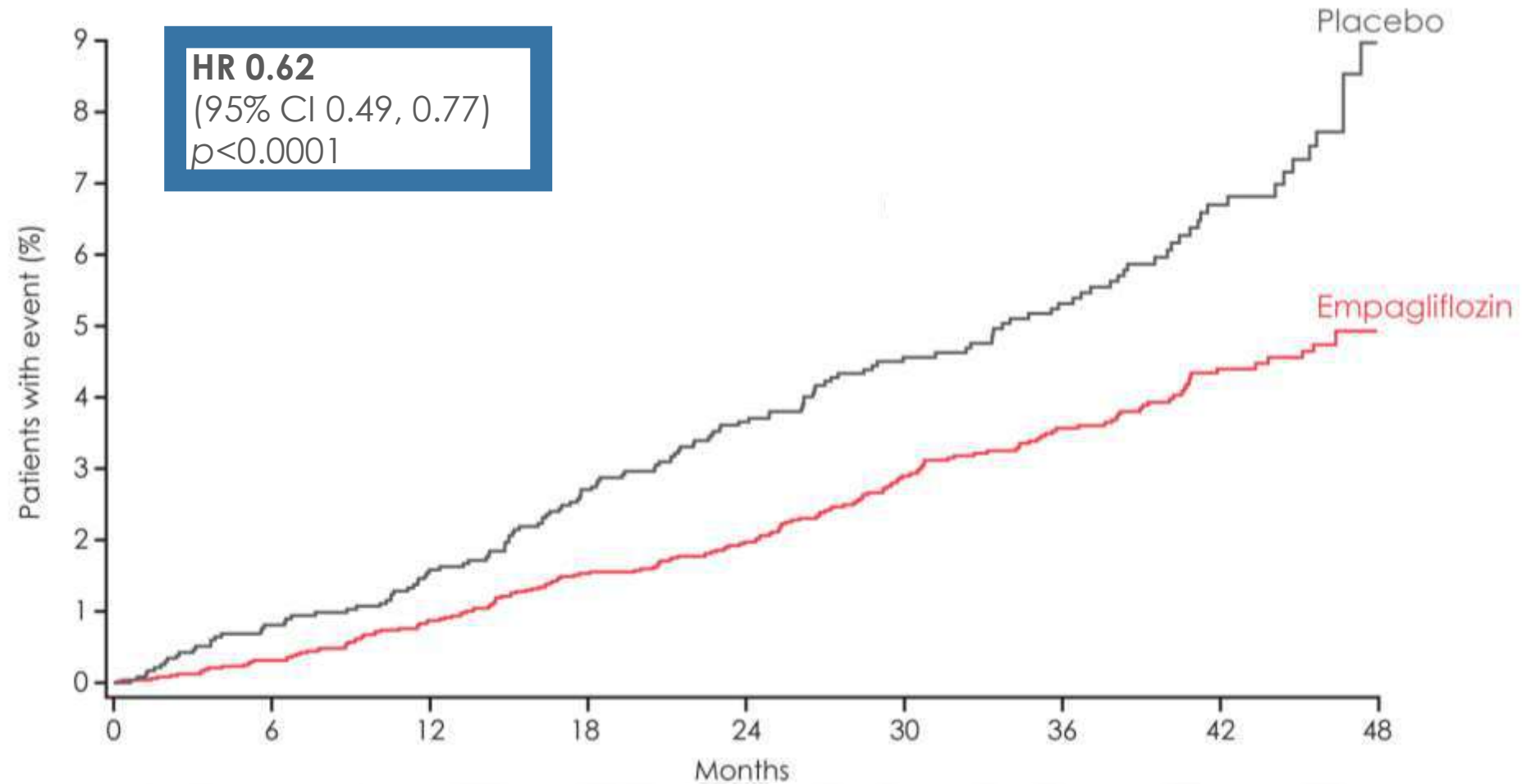
Empagliflozin



Cumulative incidence function. MACE, Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event; HR, hazard ratio.  
\* Two-sided tests for superiority were conducted (statistical significance was indicated if  $p \leq 0.0498$ )

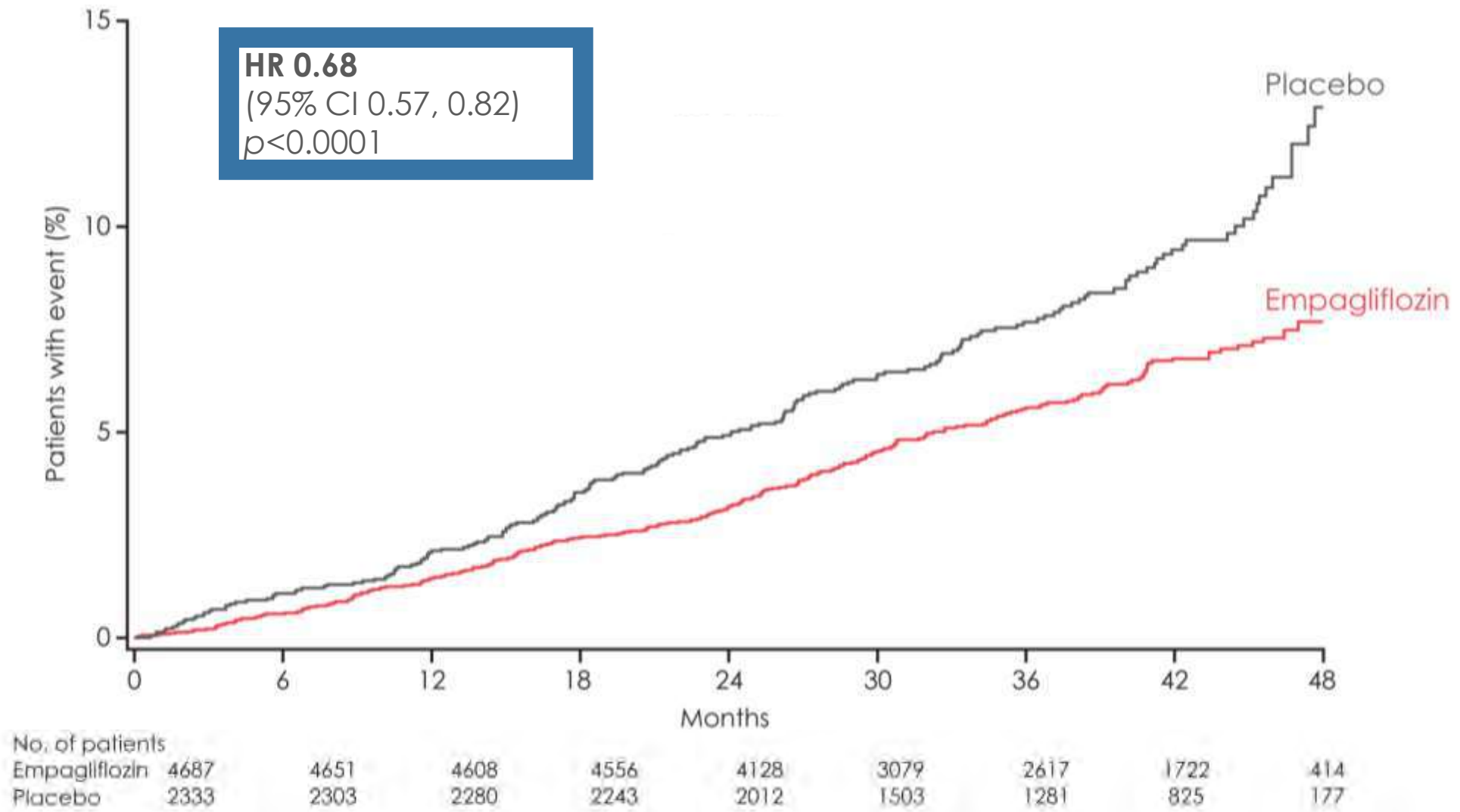
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# CV death



No. of patients	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Empagliflozin	4687	4651	4608	4556	4128	3079	2617	1722	414
Placebo	2333	2303	2280	2243	2012	1503	1281	825	177

# All-cause mortality





# FDA Approves Indications for empagliflozin (Jardiance)

*2016 Update*

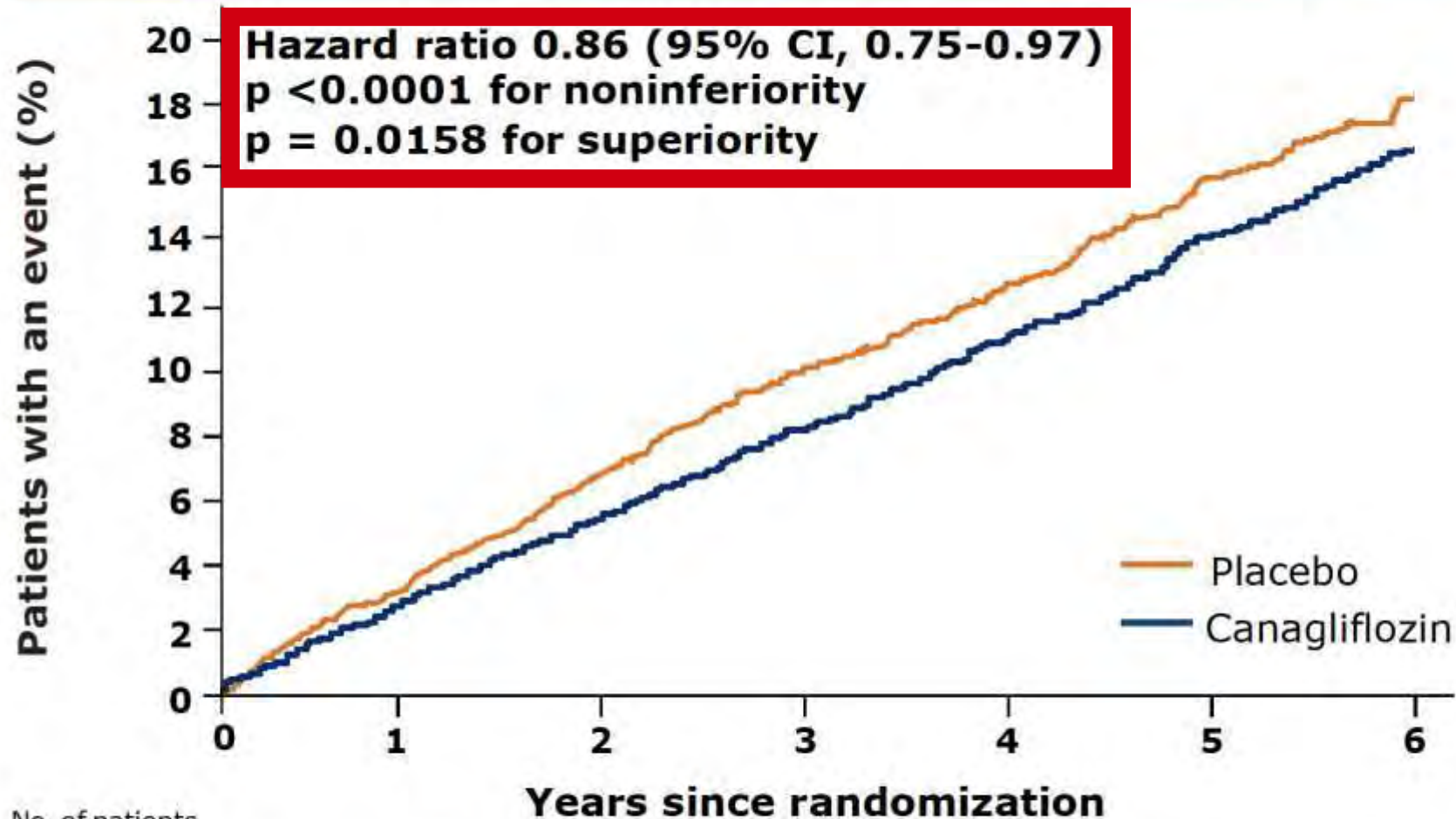
1. as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus
2. to reduce the risk of cardiovascular death in adult patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease

**Is This a Class  
Effect?**

# Primary MACE Outcome

Canagliflozin

CV Death, Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction or Nonfatal Stroke



No. of patients

Placebo	4347	4153	2942	1240	1187	1120	789
Canagliflozin	5795	5566	4343	2555	2460	2363	1661

Intent-to-treat analysis



# FDA approves CV events indication for canagliflozin (Invokana)

October 31, 2018

- To reduce the risk of major adverse cardiovascular events in adults with type 2 diabetes who have **established** cardiovascular disease

**DECLARE-TIMI 58: Dapagliflozin reduces risk of hospitalization for heart failure in patients who have type 2 diabetes and established, or risk for, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease**



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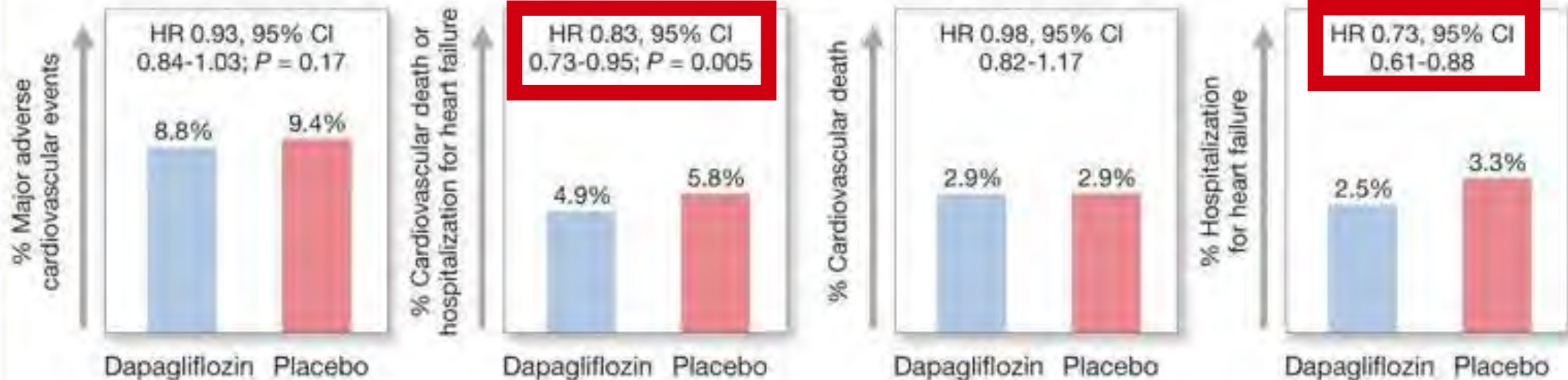
OR



Patients (N=17,160; aged  $\geq 40$  years) with type 2 diabetes mellitus who had established, or had multiple risk factors for, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

Primary endpoint (MACE) missed

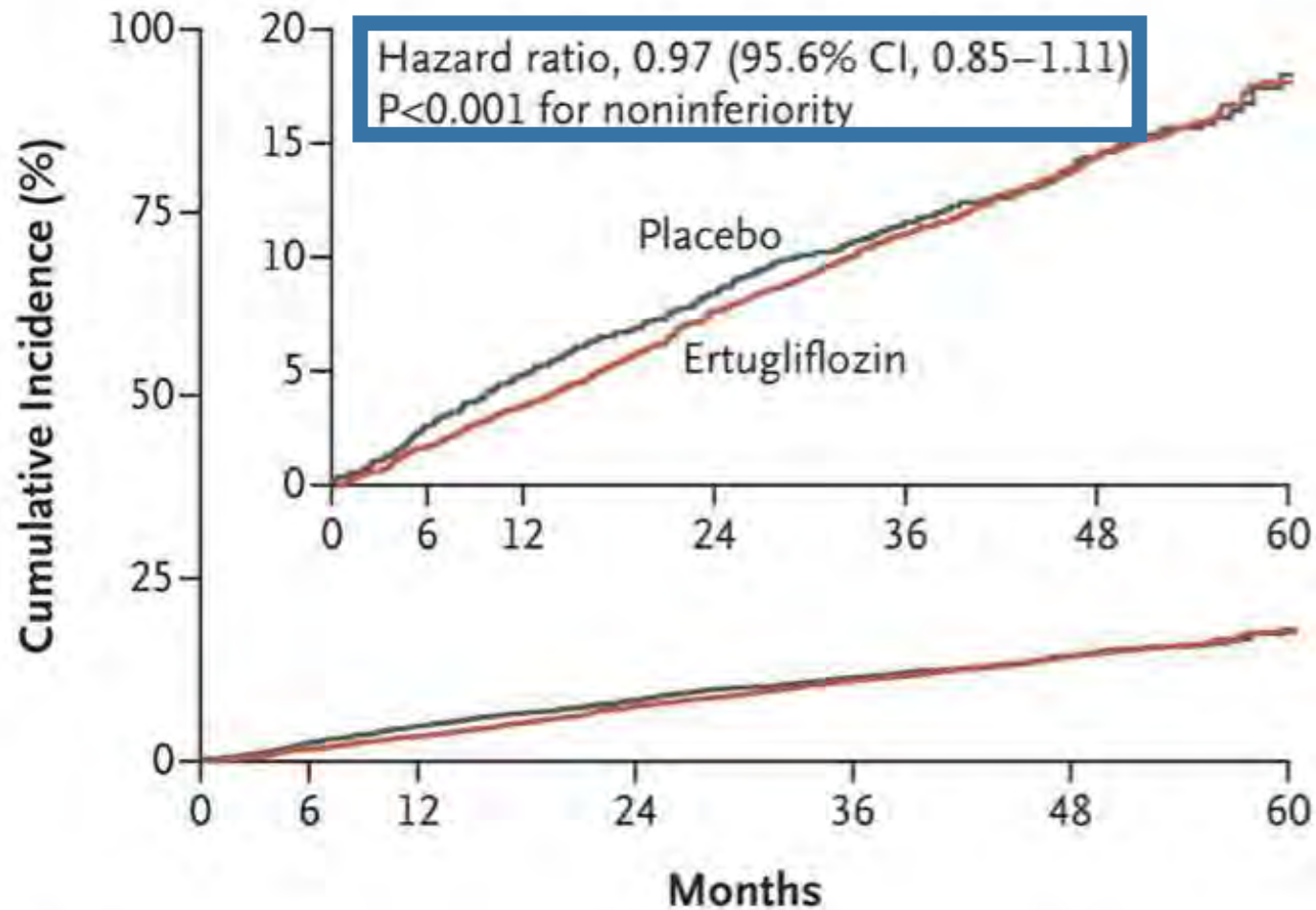
Median 4.2 years follow-up





# Ertugliflozin CVOT (VERTIS CV)

## A Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event (Primary Outcome)

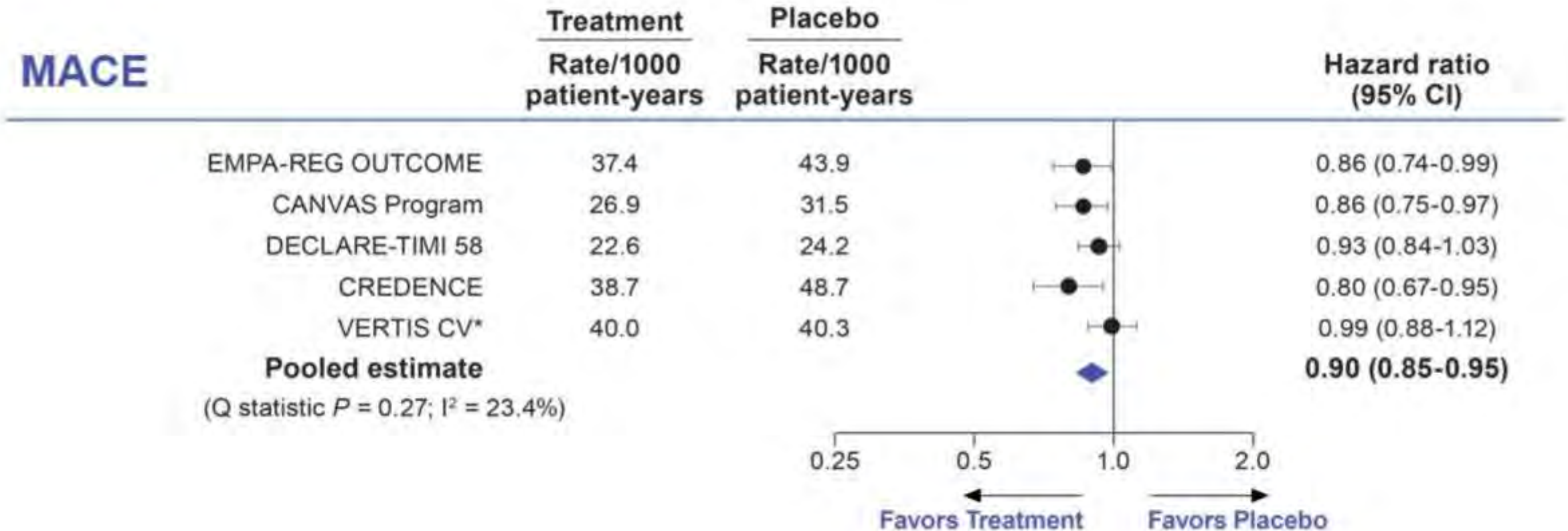


### No. at Risk

Placebo	2745	2663	2580	2180	1027	769	134
Ertugliflozin	5493	5346	5203	4448	2216	1690	272

# Time to first MACE

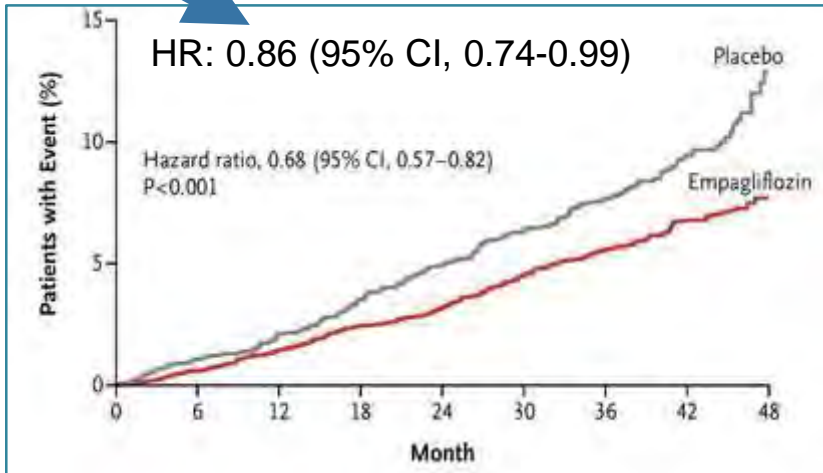
## SGLT2 Inhibitor CVOTs



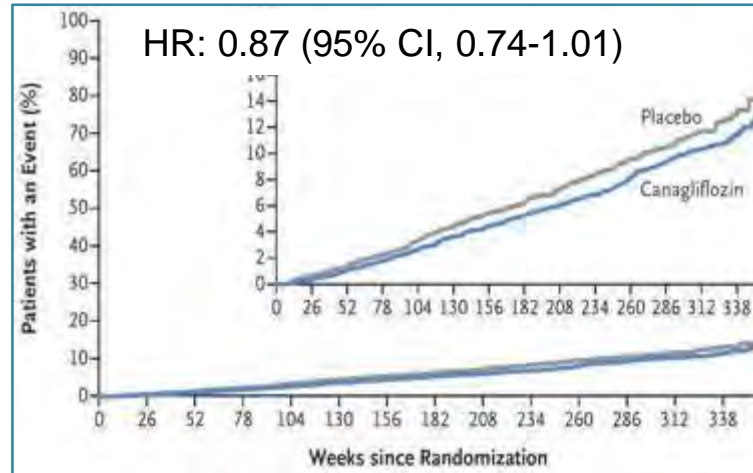
**What About Other Effects of SGLT2 inhibitors?**

# All-cause Mortality

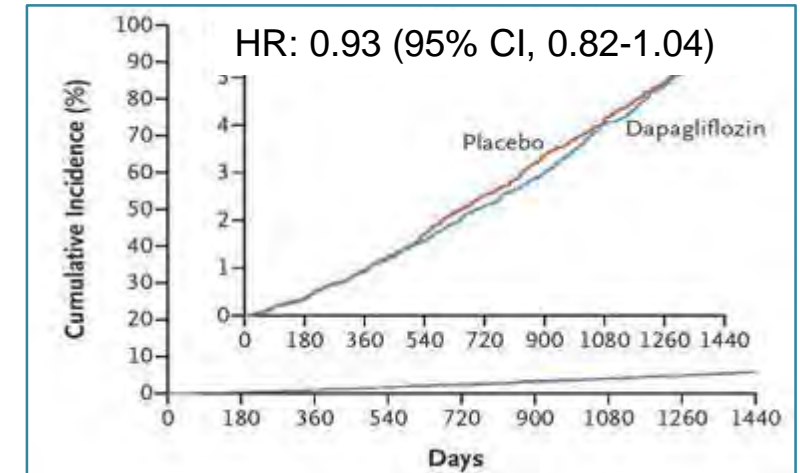
EMPA-REG (Empagliflozin)



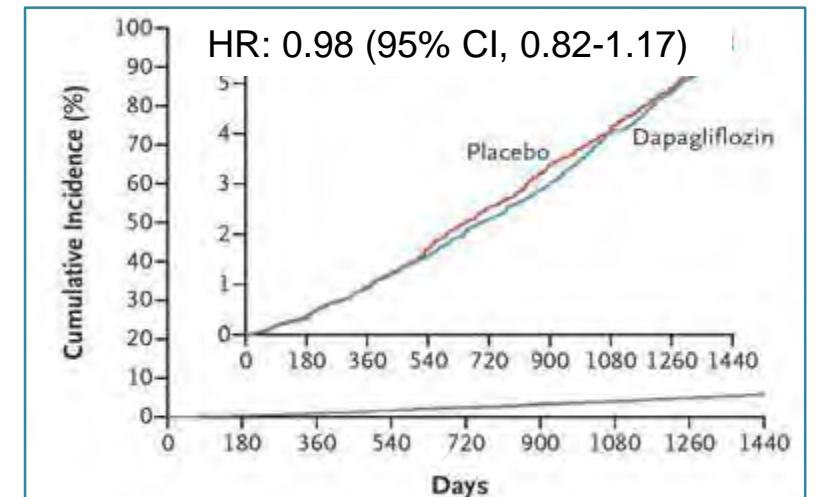
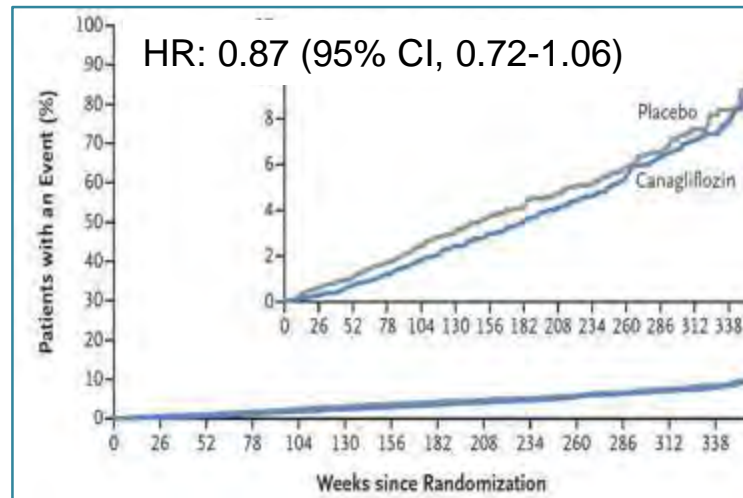
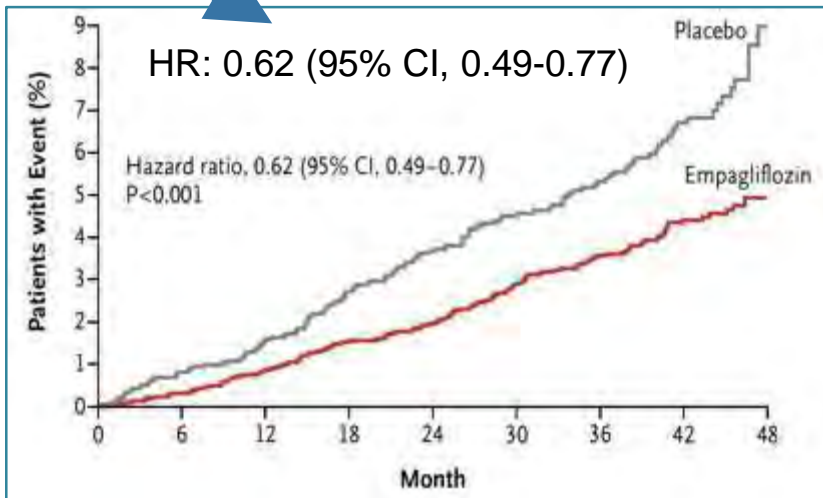
CANVAS (Canagliflozin)



DECLARE (Dapagliflozin)

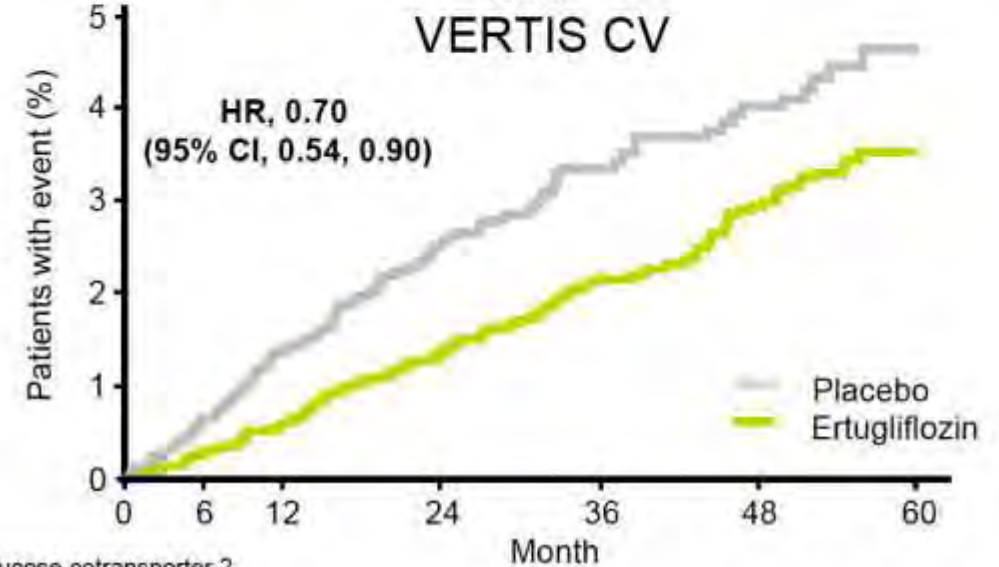
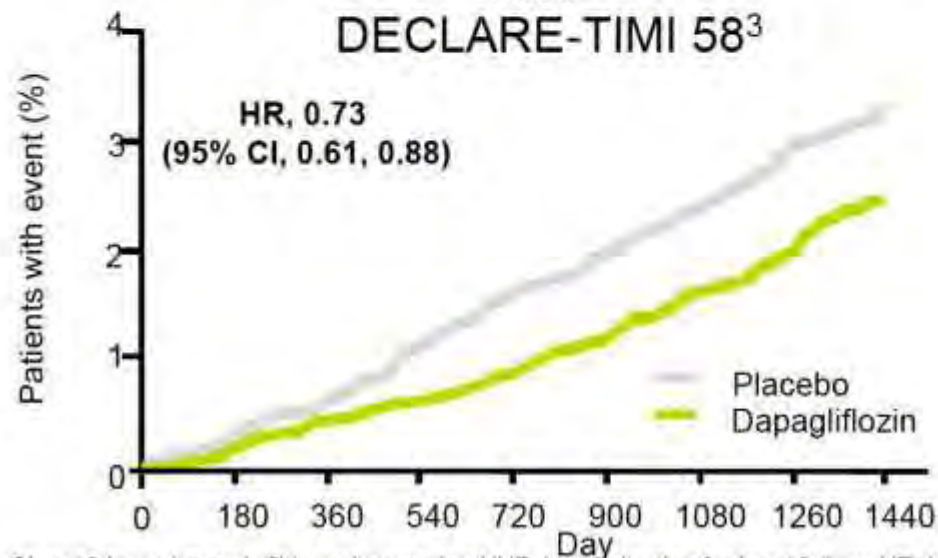
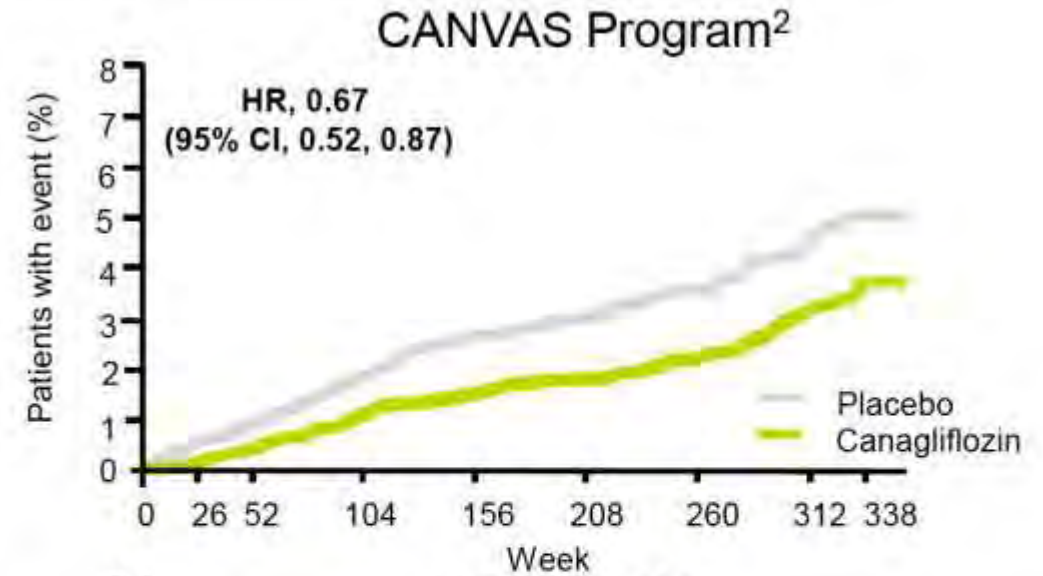
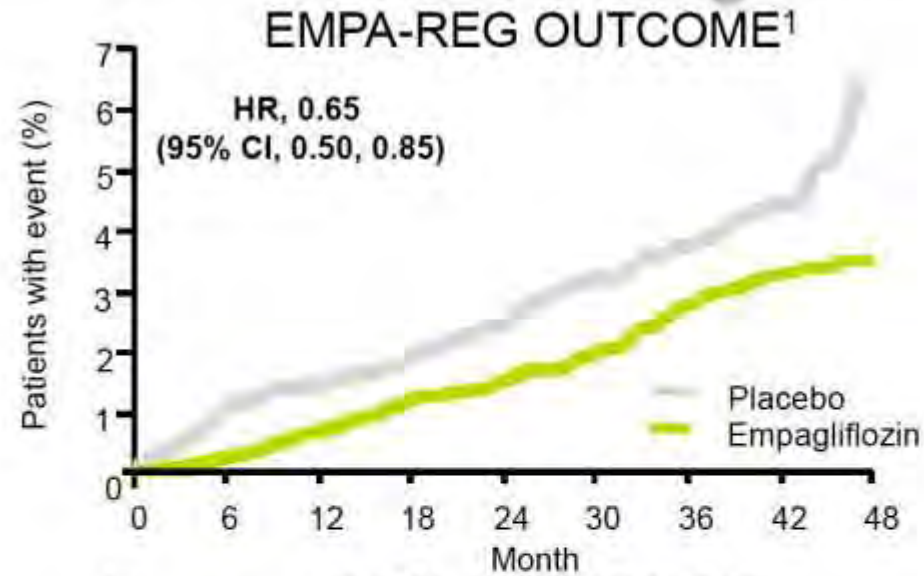


# Cardiovascular Death



# Hospitalization for Heart Failure: SGLT2-i CVOTs

All four drugs showed significant hazard risk reduction



CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HHF, hospitalization for heart failure; HR, hazard ratio; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2.

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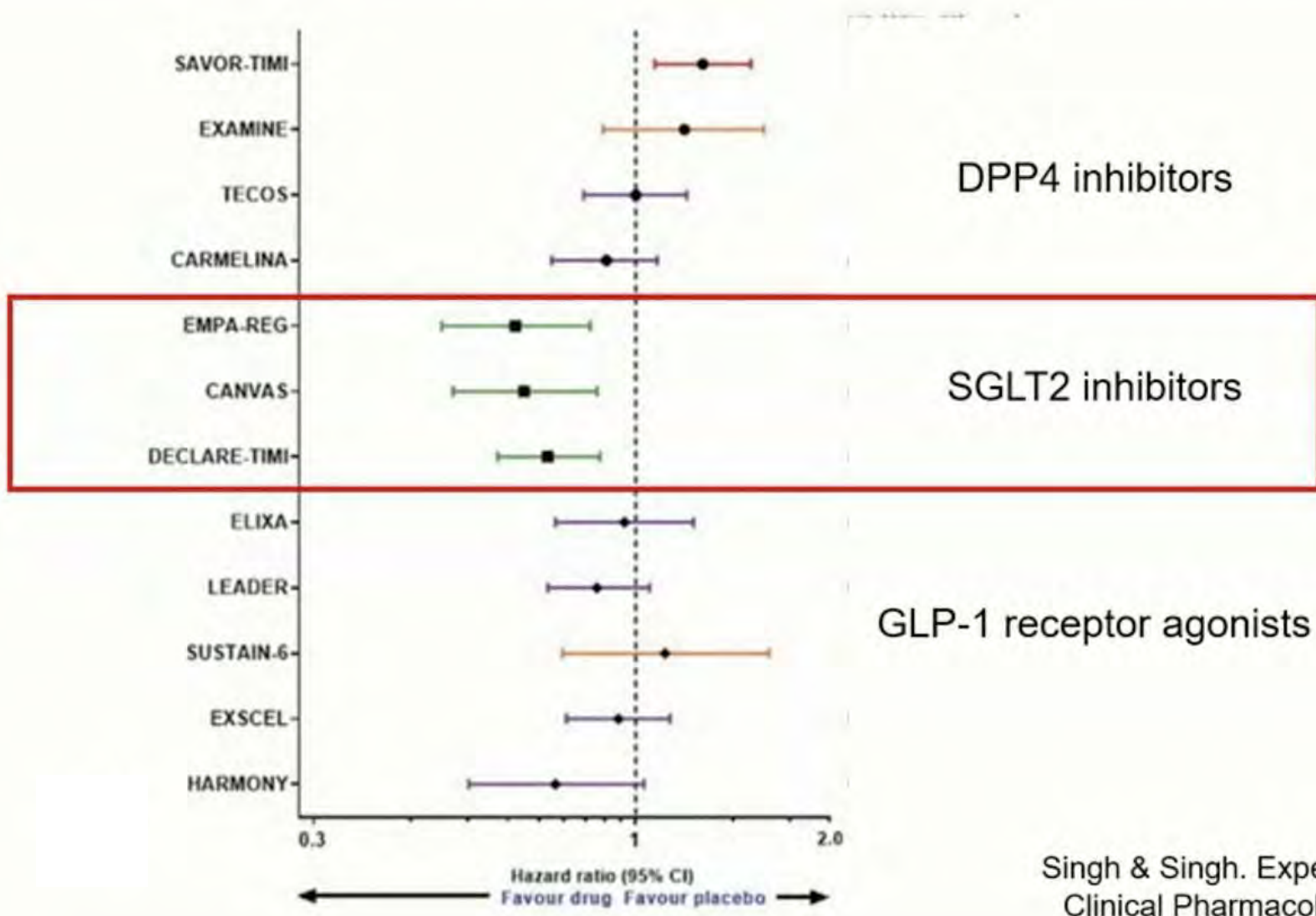
3. Wiviott SD et al. *N Engl J Med* 2019;380:347-357 (figure provided by D.K. McGuire, with permission).

## CV outcomes

	<b>MACE</b>	<b>CV Death</b>	<b>HHF</b>
	HR (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)
<b>EMPA-REG OUTCOME<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0.86</b> (0.74, 0.99)	<b>0.62</b> (0.49, 0.77)	<b>0.65</b> (0.50, 0.85)
<b>CANVAS Program<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.86</b> (0.75, 0.97)	<b>0.87</b> (0.72, 1.06)	<b>0.67</b> (0.52, 0.87)
<b>DECLARE-TIMI 58<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>0.93</b> (0.84, 1.03)	<b>0.98</b> (0.82, 1.17)	<b>0.73</b> (0.61, 0.88)
<b>VERTIS CV</b>	<b>0.97</b> (0.85, 1.11)	<b>0.92</b> (0.77, 1.11)	<b>0.70</b> (0.54, 0.90)

CV, cardiovascular; HHF, hospitalization for heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events.  
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# Effect of Antidiabetic Drugs on Heart Failure Hospitalizations



Singh & Singh. Expert Review of Clinical Pharmacology (2019)

# SGLT-2 Inhibitors and Renal Outcomes

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Empagliflozin and Progression of Kidney Disease in Type 2 Diabetes

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## Canagliflozin and Renal Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes and Nephropathy

V. Perkovic, M.J. Jardine, B. Neal, S. Bompoint, H.J.L. Heerspink, D.M. Charytan, R. Edwards, R. Agarwal, G. Bakris, S. Bull, C.P. Cannon, G. Capuano, P.-L. Chu, D. de Zeeuw, T. Greene, A. Levin, C. Pollock, D.C. Wheeler, Y. Yavin, H. Zhang, B. Zinman, G. Meininger, B.M. Brenner, and K.W. Mahaffey, for the CREDENCE Trial Investigators\*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Dapagliflozin and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes

S.D. Wiviott, I. Raz, M.P. Bonaca, O. Mosenzon, E.T. Kato, A. Cahn, M.G. Silverman, T.A. Zelniker, J.F. Kuder, S.A. Murphy, D.L. Bhatt, L.A. Leiter, D.K. McGuire, J.P.H. Wilding, C.T. Ruff, I.A.M. Gause-Nilsson, M. Fredriksson, P.A. Johansson, A.-M. Langkilde, and M.S. Sabatine, for the DECLARE-TIMI 58 Investigators\*

The EMPA-REG, CANVAS and DECLARE trials showed empagliflozin, canagliflozin and dapagliflozin were associated with **slower progression of kidney disease and lower rates of clinically relevant renal events** than was placebo when added to standard care.



# Dapagliflozin in Patients with Heart Failure and Reduced Ejection Fraction

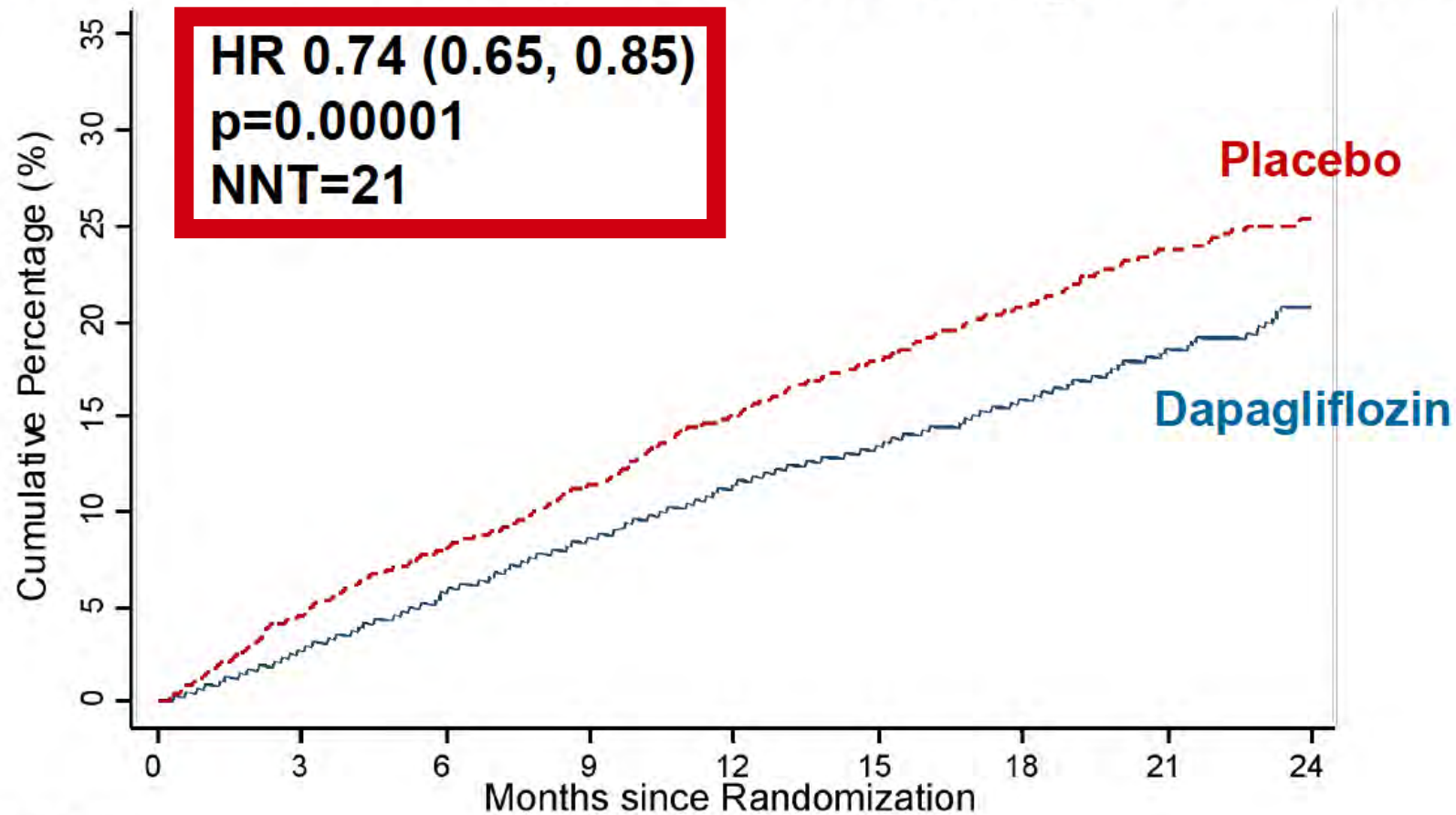
## Background

- Sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors **prevent** the development of heart failure in patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D). Can they be used to **treat** patients with established heart failure?
- The benefits of SGLT2 inhibitors may be glucose-independent. Can SGLT2 inhibitors be used to treat patients **without** T2D?
- We tested the SGLT2 inhibitor dapagliflozin, 10 mg once daily, added to standard therapy, in patients with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF) both **with and without** T2D



# Primary composite outcome

CV Death/HF hospitalization/Urgent HF visit



Number at Risk

Dapagliflozin	2373	2305	2221	2147	2002	1560	1146	612	210
Placebo	2371	2258	2163	2075	1917	1478	1096	593	210





# Indications for the Use of dapaflozin (Farxiga)

October 21, 2019 Update

as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus

- to reduce the risk of hospitalization for heart failure in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease or multiple cardiovascular risk factors

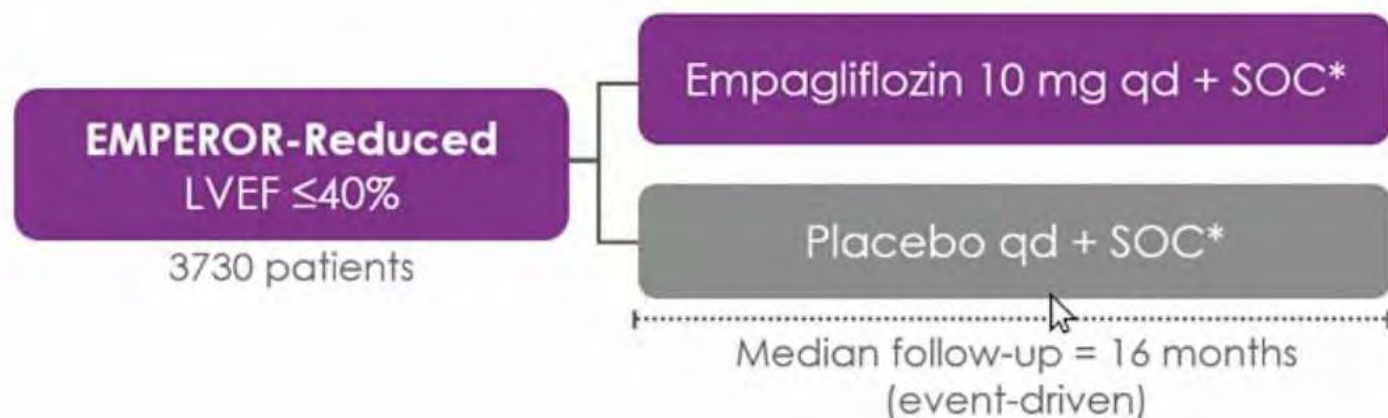
# EMPEROR-Reduced

## Phase III randomised double-blind placebo-controlled trial

**Aim:** To investigate the safety and efficacy of empagliflozin versus placebo on top of guideline-directed medical therapy in patients with heart failure with **reduced ejection fraction**

**Population:** T2D and non-T2D, aged  $\geq 18$  years, chronic HF (NYHA class II–IV)

### Study design<sup>1-3</sup>



### Confirmatory endpoints<sup>1,2</sup>

#### COMPOSITE PRIMARY ENDPOINT

Time to first event of adjudicated CV death or adjudicated HHF

#### SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- First and recurrent adjudicated HHF events
- Slope of change in eGFR (CKD-EPI) from baseline

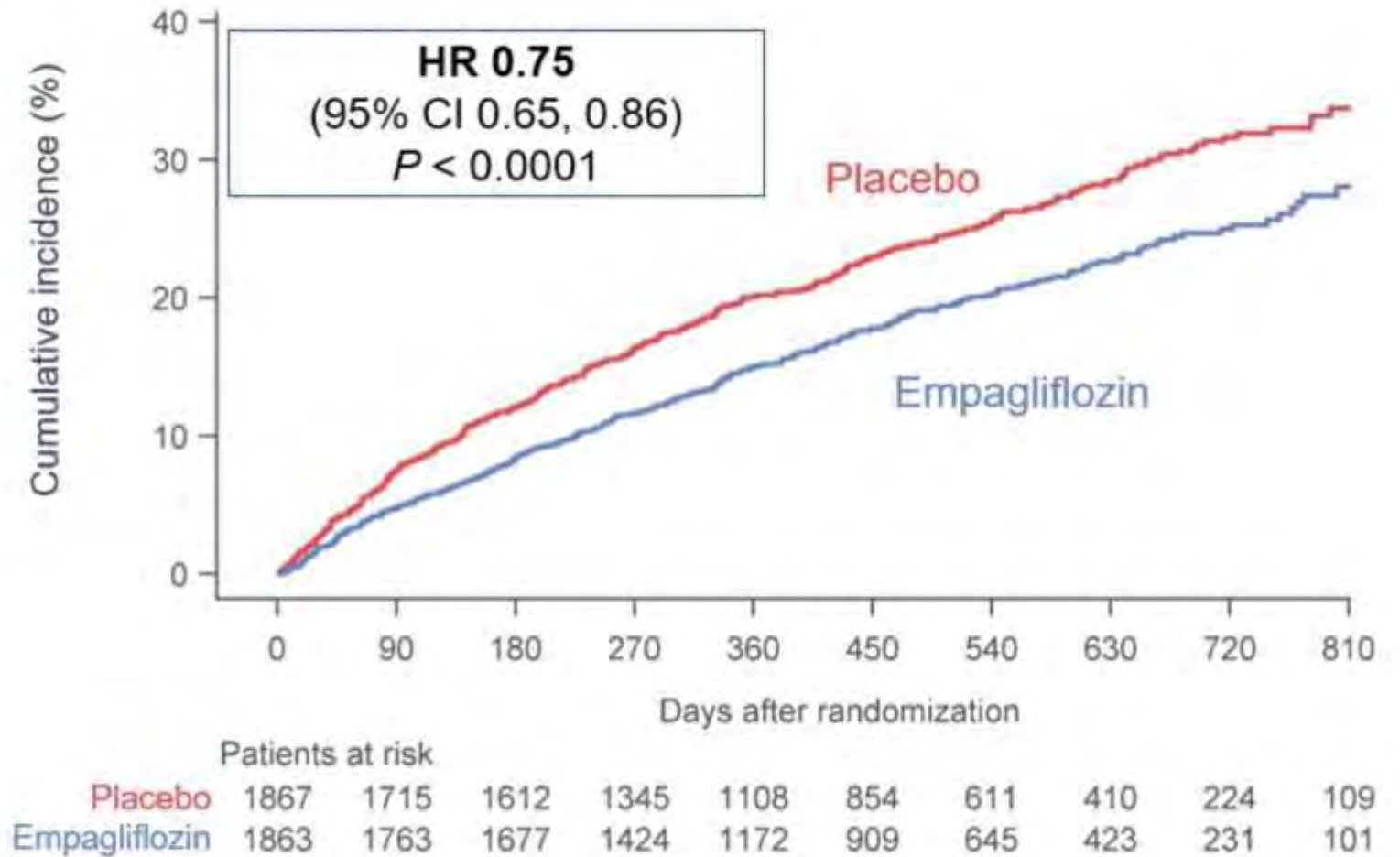
\*Guideline-directed medical therapy

CV, cardiovascular; CKD-EPI, Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HF, heart failure; HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; qd, once daily; SOC, standard of care; T2D, type 2 diabetes

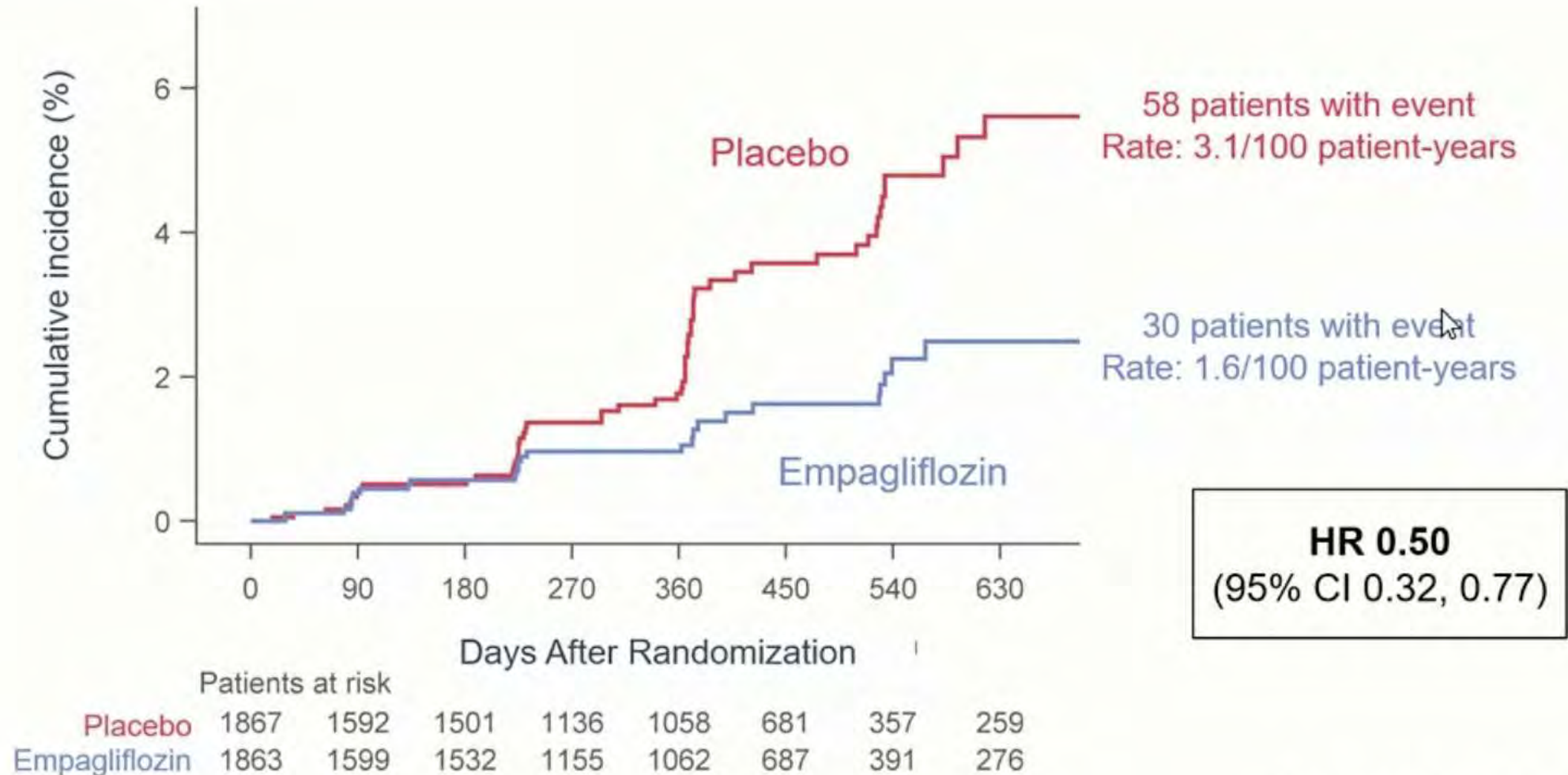
1. ClinicalTrials.gov, NCT03057977 (accessed Aug 2020); 2. Packer M et al. Eur J Heart Fail 2019;21:1270; 3. Data on file

# EMPEROR-Reduced: Primary Composite Outcome

**N=3730**  
**EF ≤40%**  
**eGFR ≥20**  
**empa 10mg vs. Plac**  
**F/U 16 months**



# EMPEROR-Reduced: Composite Renal Endpoint



# SGLT2 Inhibition With Empagliflozin Is Effective in Heart Failure With a Reduced Ejection Fraction With or Without Diabetes



## Primary Endpoint

Composite of cardiovascular death or heart failure hospitalization

**25% ↓ in risk**  
**P < 0.001**



## First Secondary Endpoint

Total (first and recurrent) heart failure hospitalizations

**30% ↓ in risk**  
**P < 0.001**

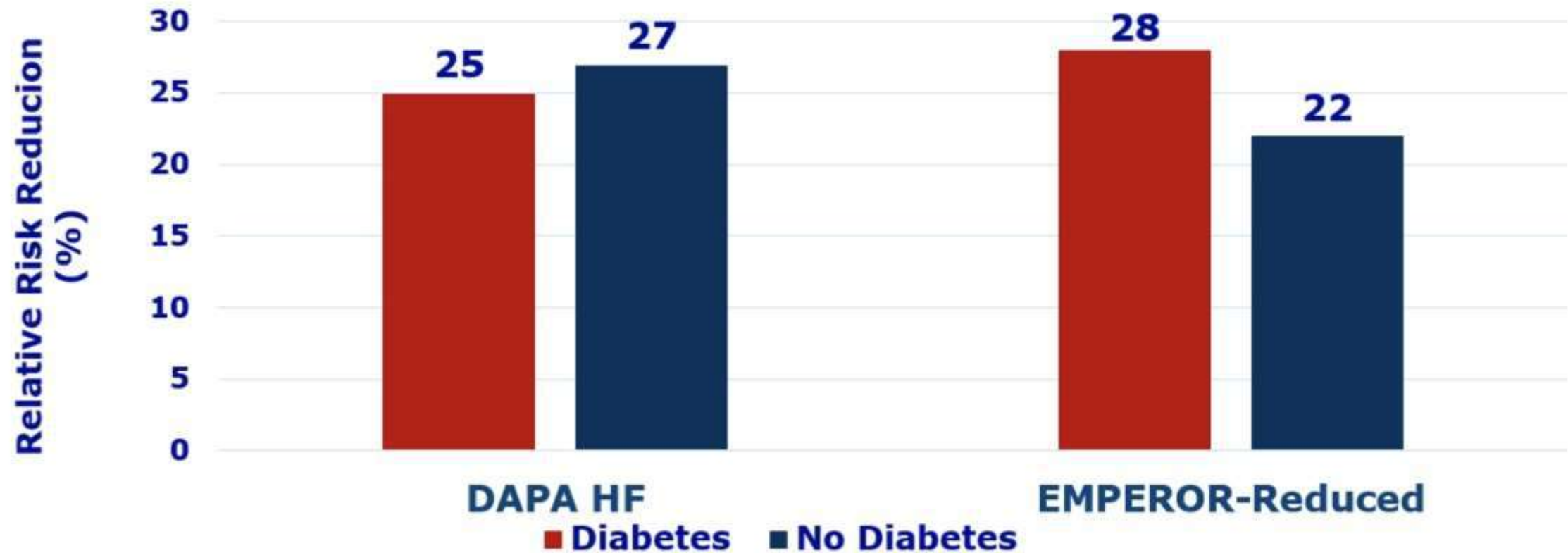


## Second Secondary Endpoint

Slope of decline in glomerular filtration rate over time

**P < 0.001**  
**(50% ↓ in renal events)**

# SGLT2 inhibitors in HFrEF with or without Diabetes: Effects on primary composite outcomes





# RCT Protocol

## Dapagliflozin and prevention of adverse outcomes in chronic kidney disease (DAPA-CKD)

Rationale and trial protocol

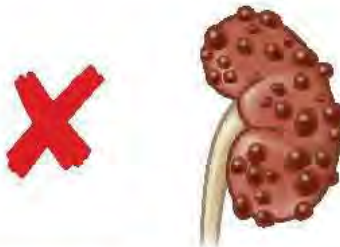


Multicentre ~ 400  
Target n = 4300  
Patients with and without type 2 diabetes



18+

≥ 18 years  
25–75 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>  
uACR ≥ 200 mg/g



Polycystic kidney disease  
Lupus nephritis  
ANCA vasculitis  
Type I diabetes

### Interventions



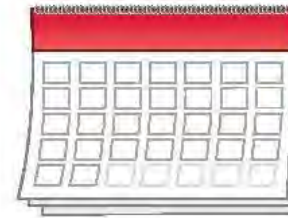
Dapagliflozin  
10 mg

1:1



Placebo

### Follow-up



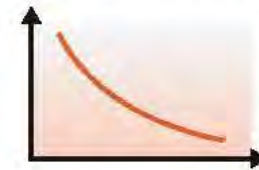
~ 45 months



Event-driven  
(681 events)

### Primary outcome

Composite renal endpoint



≥ 50% decline  
in eGFR



End-stage  
kidney disease



Renal or  
cardiovascular  
death

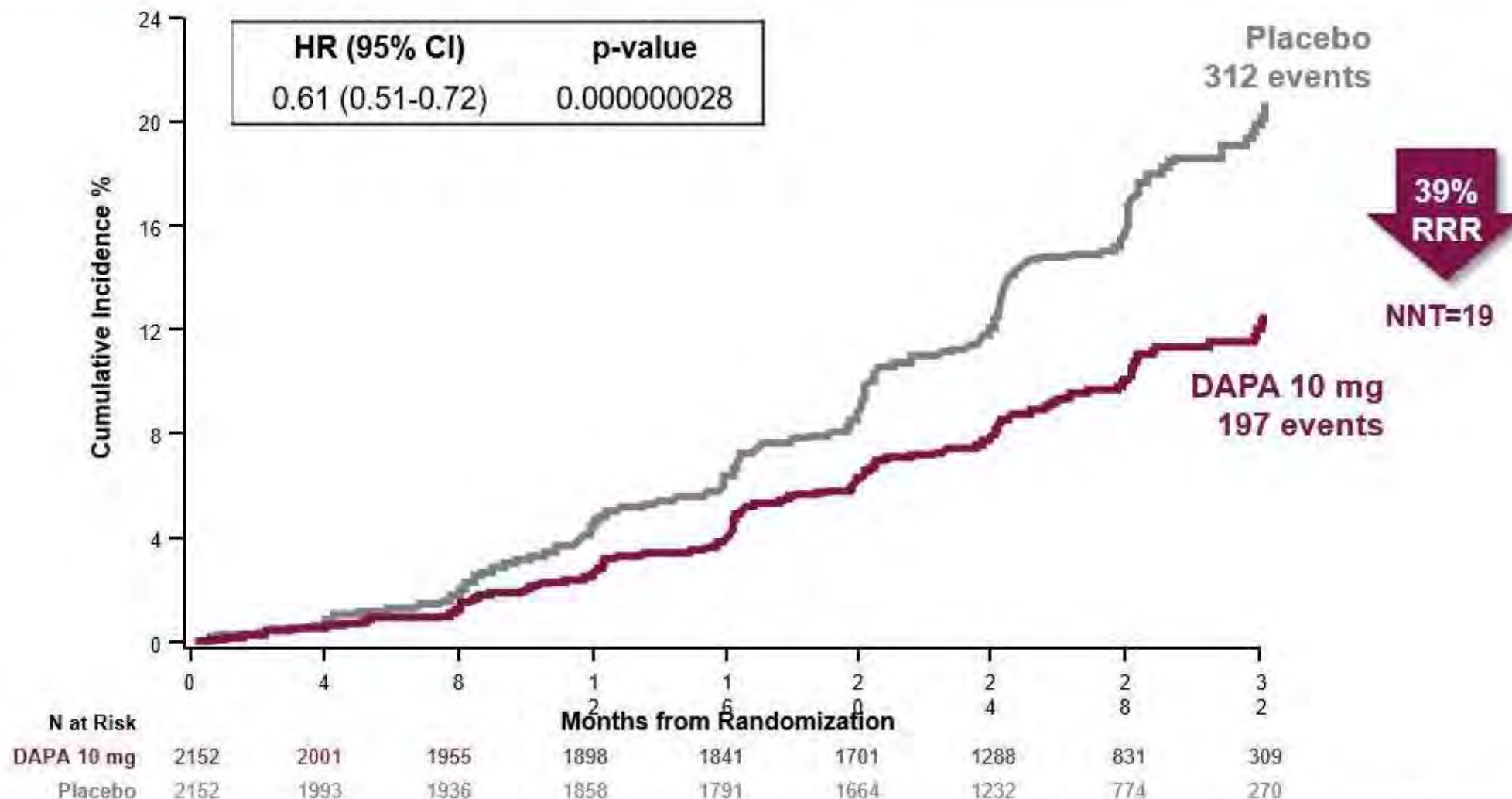
# AstraZeneca Stops DAPA-CKD Phase 3 trial Early After Dapagliflozin Shows Efficacy in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease



*Farxiga Phase III DAPA-CKD trial will be stopped early after overwhelming efficacy in patients with chronic kidney disease*

# Primary Composite Outcome: Sustained $\geq 50\%$ eGFR Decline, ESKD, Renal or CV Death (similar in T2D vs. non-T2D)

Heerspink HJL et al. NEJM 2020;383:1436-1446



<sup>a</sup>ESKD defined as the need for maintenance dialysis (peritoneal or hemodialysis) for at least 28 days and renal transplantation or sustained eGFR  $<15\text{mL}/\text{min}/1.73\text{m}^2$  for at least 28 days. Renal death was defined as death due to ESKD when dialysis treatment was deliberately withheld for any reason.<sup>2</sup> CV = cardiovascular; DAPA = dapagliflozin; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; HR = hazard ratio; ; NNT = number needed to treat; RRR = relative risk reduction.

1. Heerspink HJL. Presented at: ESC Congress – The Digital Experience; August 29 - September 1, 2020. 2. Heerspink HJL et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant*. 2020;35:274–282.

# SGLT2i and CKD

## Renal-related Composite Outcomes

HR (95% CI)

**EMPA-REG OUTCOME<sup>1</sup>**

Doubling of the serum creatinine level, initiation of renal-replacement therapy, or death from renal disease

**0.54**  
**(0.40, 0.75)**

**CANVAS Program<sup>2</sup>**

Sustained 40% reduction in eGFR, renal-replacement therapy (dialysis or transplantation), or death from renal causes

**0.60**  
**(0.47, 0.77)**

**DECLARE-TIMI 58<sup>3</sup>**

Sustained  $\geq 40\%$  decrease in eGFR to  $< 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and/or end-stage renal disease and/or renal or CV death

**0.53**  
**(0.43, 0.66)**

**VERTIS CV<sup>4</sup>**

Renal death, dialysis/transplant, or doubling of serum creatinine from baseline

**0.81**  
**(0.64, 1.03)**

**CREDESCENCE<sup>5</sup>**

Sustained doubling of serum creatinine level and/or end-stage renal disease and or renal or cardiovascular death

**0.70**  
**(0.59, 0.82)**

**DAPA-CKD<sup>6</sup>**

Sustained  $\geq 50\%$  eGFR decline and/or end-stage renal disease and or renal or cardiovascular death

**0.61**  
**(0.51, 0.72)**

CV, cardiovascular; CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HR, hazard ratio.

1. Wanner C et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016. 2. Neal B et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017. 3. Wiviott SD et al. *N Engl J Med* 2019. 4. Mc Murray J. et al. Presented at the American Diabetes Association 2020; 5. Perkovic V. et al *N Engl J Med* 2019. 6. Heerspink H. et al. *N Engl J Med* 2020

# Ongoing Large HF & CKD Trials with SGLT2 Inhibitors

**Empagliflozin Outcome Trial in Patients with Chronic Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction (EMPEROR-Preserved)**

- Chronic HF (NYHA II-IV)
- LVEF >40%
- ↑ NT-proBNP
- eGFR >20
- N=5988
- 1°: HHF / CV death
- Est. completion: 2021

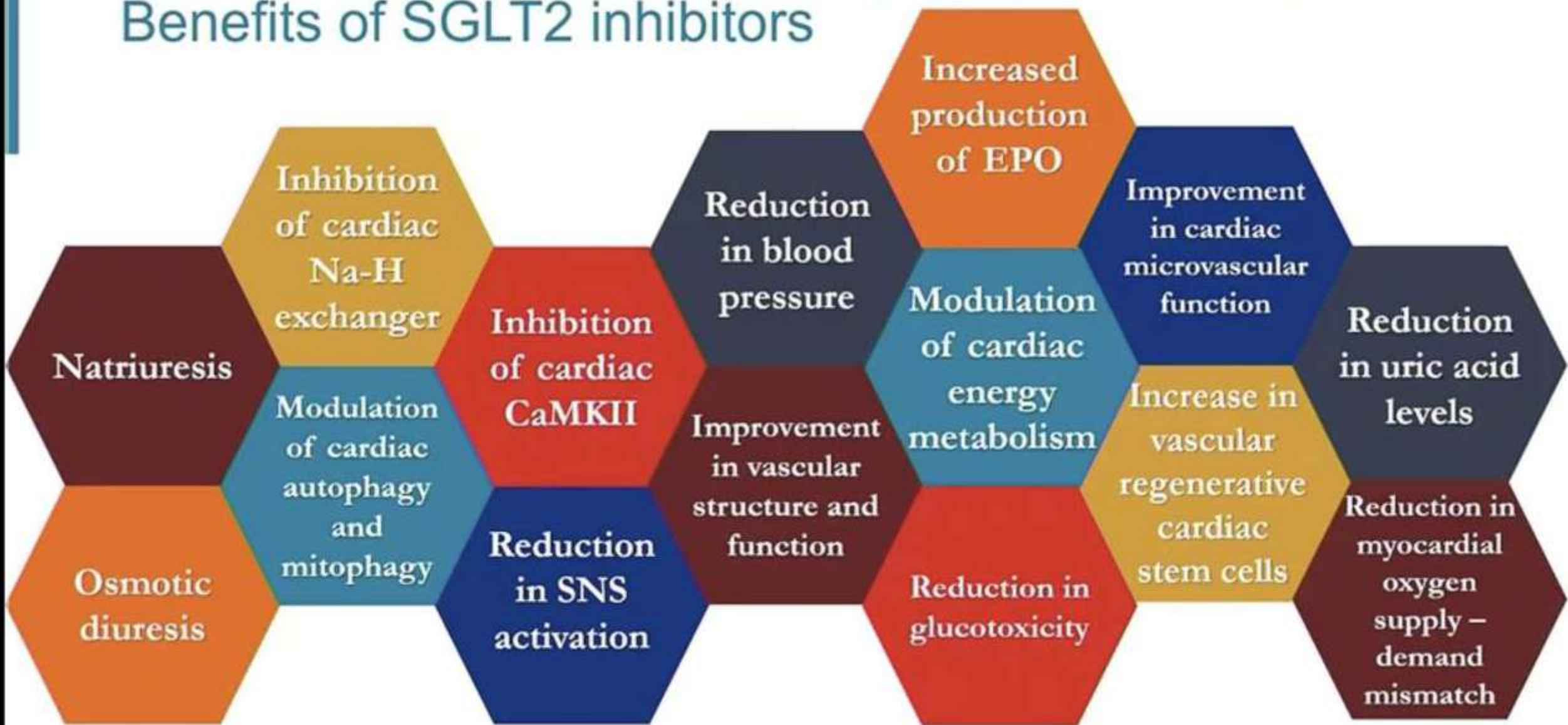
**Dapagliflozin Evaluation to Improve the Lives of Patients with Preserved Ejection Fraction HF (DELIVER)**

- Chronic HF (NYHA II-IV)
- LVEF >40%
- ↑ NT-proBNP
- eGFR >25
- N=6100
- 1°: Worsening HF/CV death
- Completion: 2021

**EMPA-KIDNEY (The Study of Heart and Kidney Protection With Empagliflozin)**

- eGFR 20-45 or 45-90 + UACR >500
- N=6000
- Outcome: ESKD, renal or CV death or 40% ↓ in eGFR
- Completion: 2022

# Proposed Mechanisms Underlying the Heart Failure Benefits of SGLT2 inhibitors



## What's likely off the table 2020

**Glucose lowering**

**Plaque regression**

**Blood pressure**

**Increased ketone  
oxidation**

**Weight reduction**

**Just a diuretic**

# What's on the table 2020

**Sustained natriuresis  
and differential diuresis**

**Cardiac energetics**

**EPO**

**SNS inhibition**

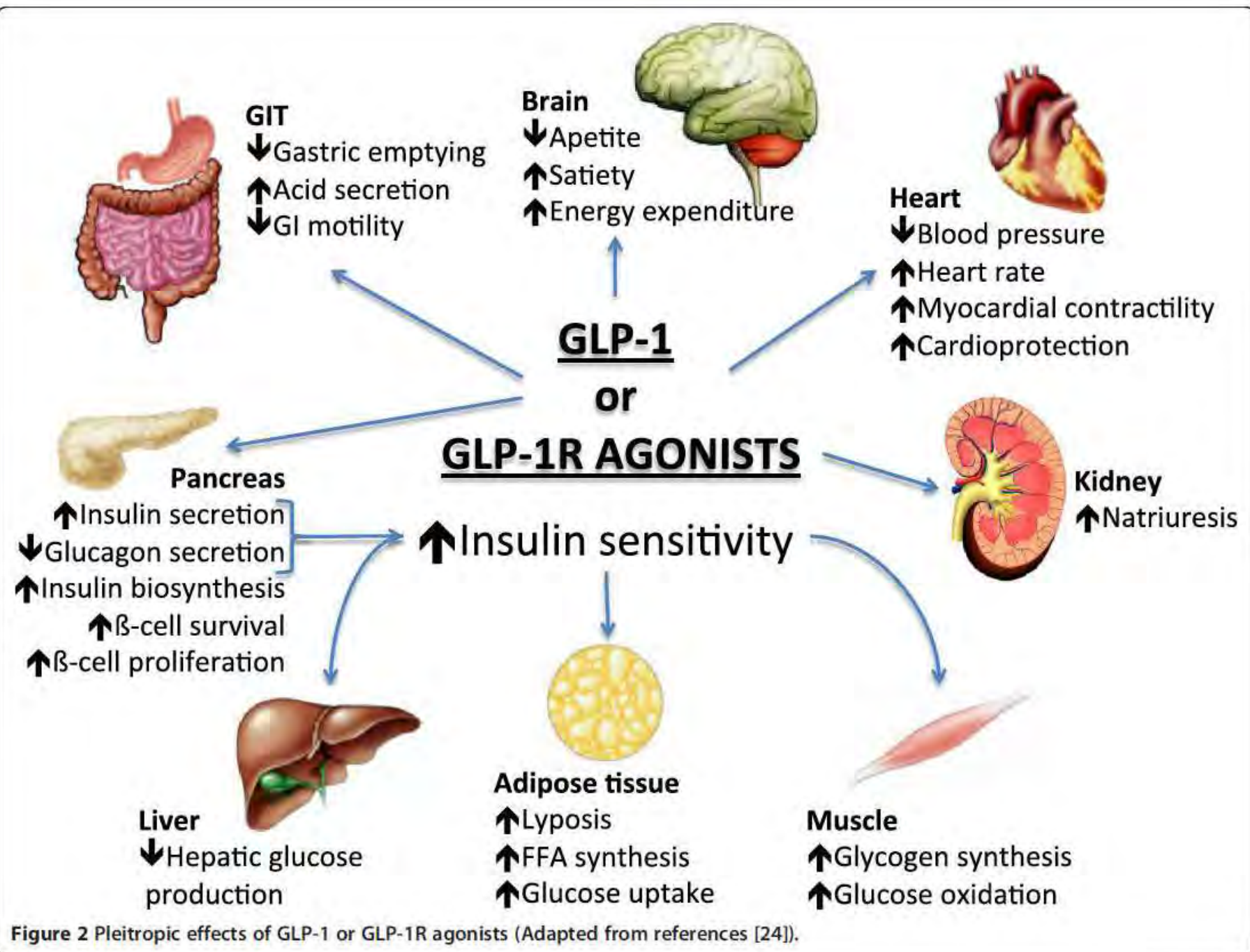
**NHE-1 and NLRP3**

**2\* to renal function**



**Cardiovascular Outcome Trials**

# **GLP-1 Receptor Agonists**

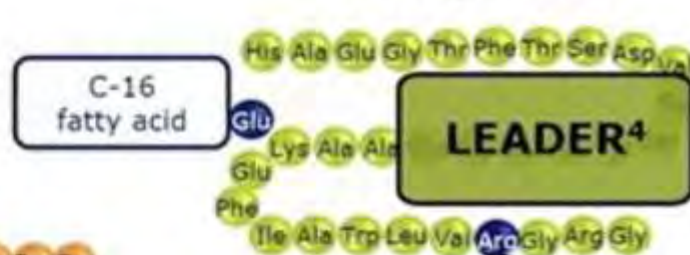


# GLP-1RAs have different structures

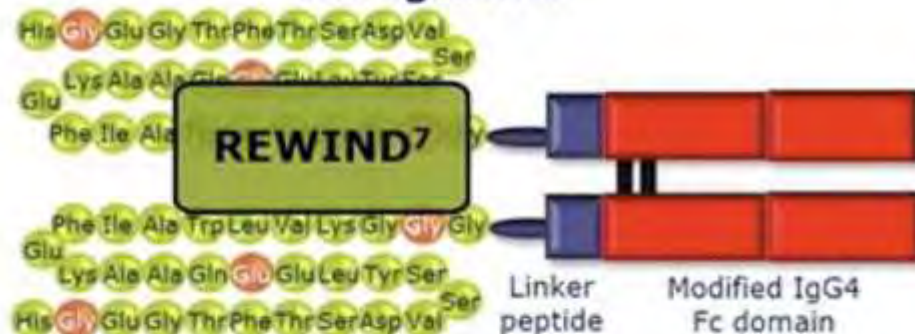
## Exenatide



## Liraglutide



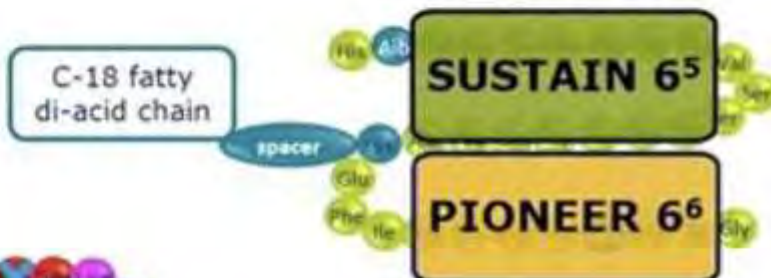
## Dulaglutide



## Lixisenatide



## Semaglutide



## Albiglutide



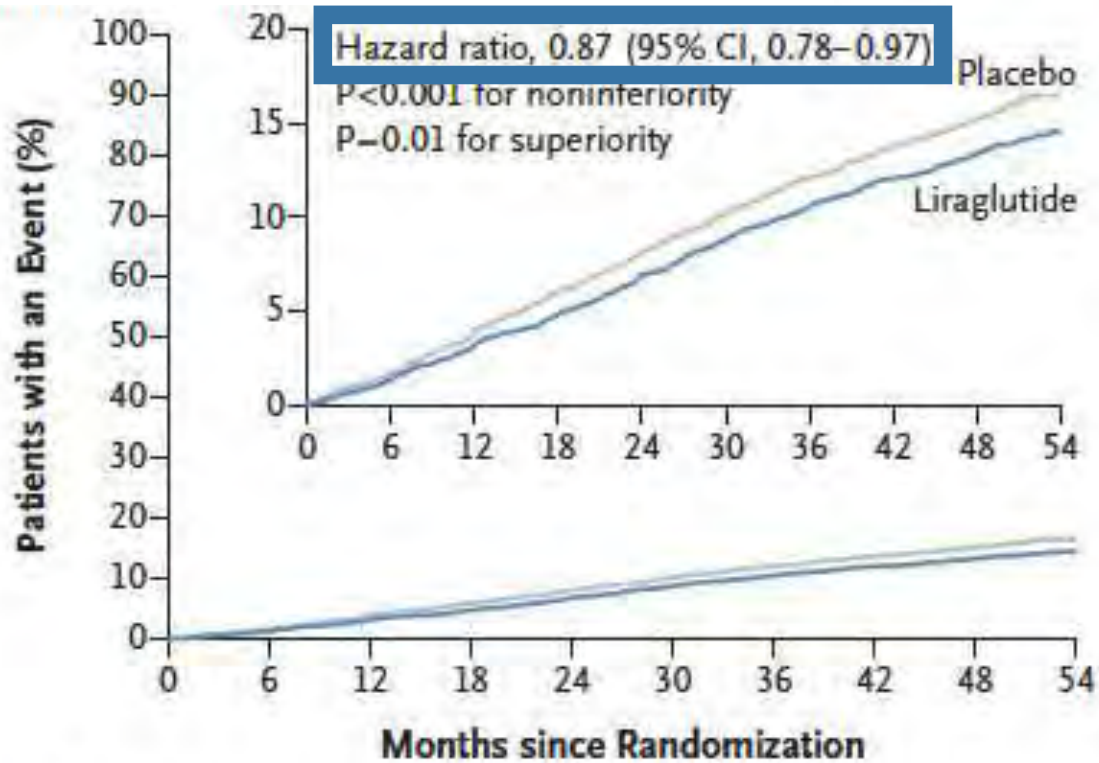
CV non-inferiority

CV benefit

# LEADER TRIAL

## Liraglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in T2D

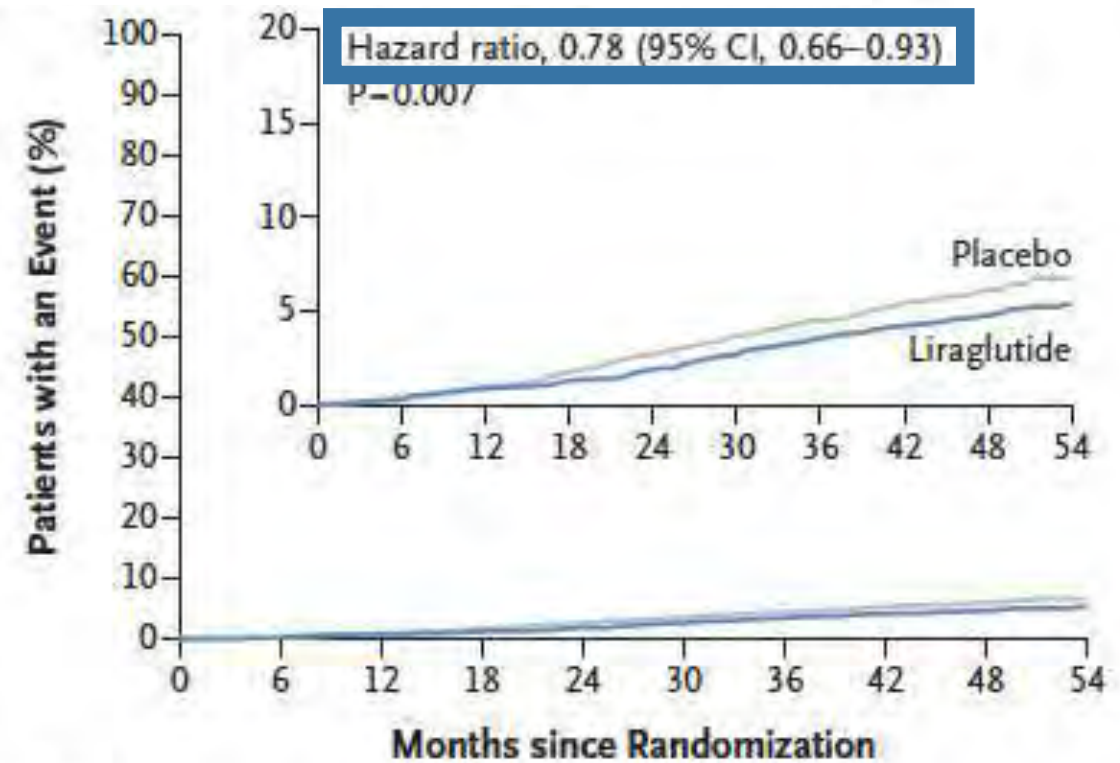
### MACE: primary outcome



#### No. at Risk

Liraglutide	4668	4593	4496	4400	4280	4172	4072	3982	1562	424
Placebo	4672	4588	4473	4352	4237	4123	4010	3914	1543	407

### Death from Cardiovascular causes



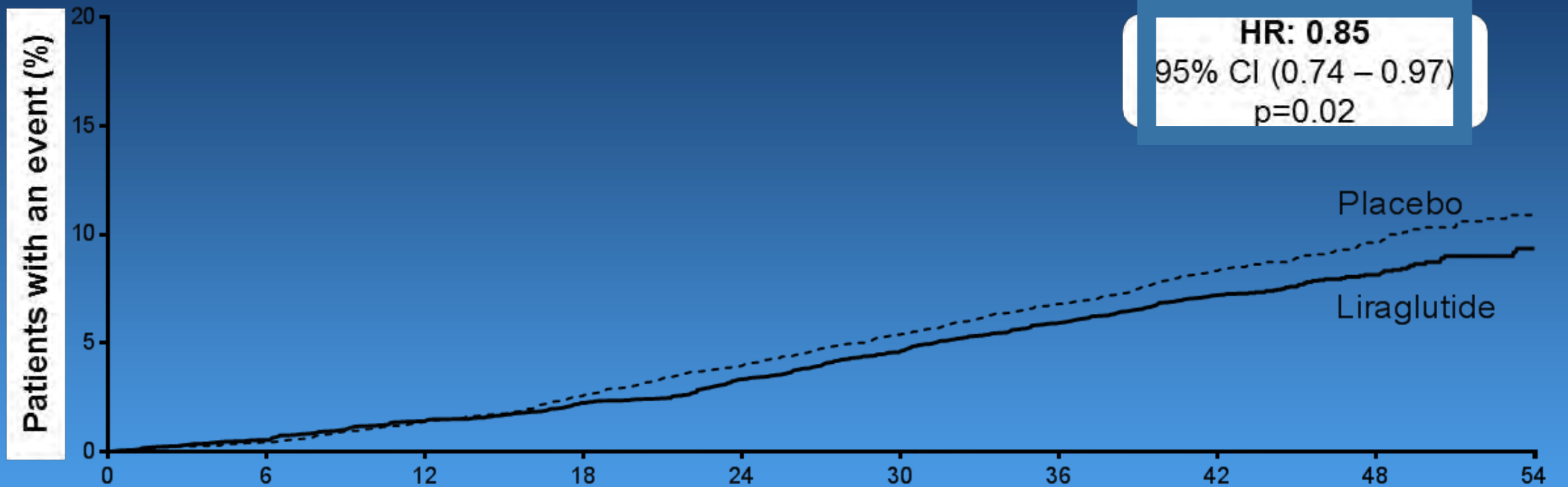
#### No. at Risk

Liraglutide	4668	4641	4599	4558	4505	4445	4382	4322	1723	484
Placebo	4672	4648	4601	4546	4479	4407	4338	4267	1709	465

Primary outcome: first occurrence of death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke

# All-cause death

**LEADER<sup>®</sup>**



## Patients at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
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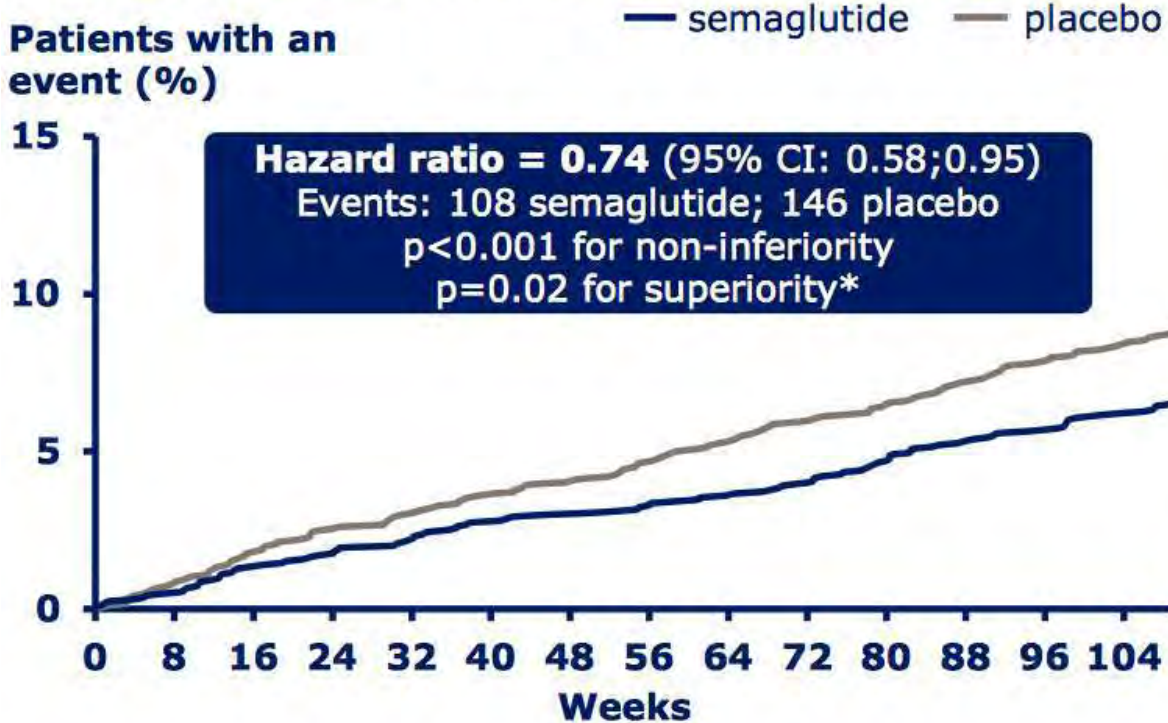
## Liraglutide (Victoza) Indications

as an adjunct to diet and exercise **to improve glycemic control** in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus, and

- to reduce the risk of **major adverse cardiovascular events** (CV death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke) in adults with **type 2 diabetes mellitus and established CV disease**

# Semaglutide significantly reduced the risk of major cardiovascular events in the SUSTAIN 6 trial

**Semaglutide demonstrated 26% reduction in composite CV outcome compared with placebo**

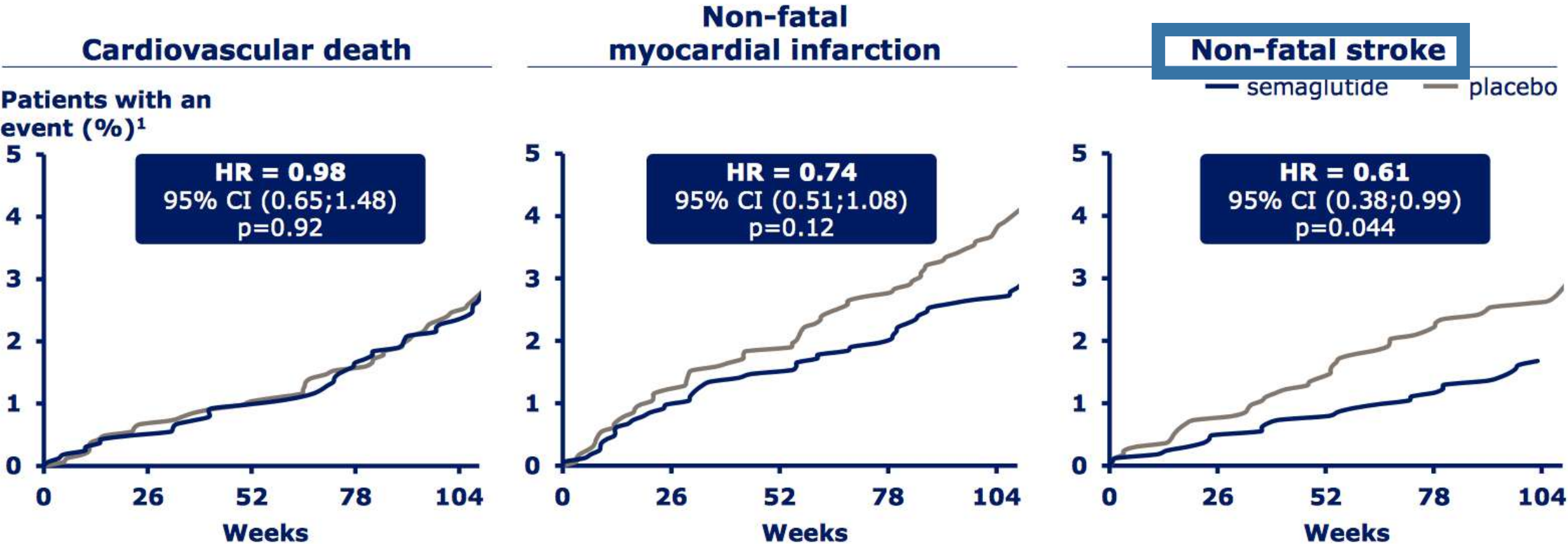


## Key results

- Non-inferiority of semaglutide compared to placebo was confirmed for time to first MACE
- Semaglutide reduced the risk of composite cardiovascular outcome, ie time from randomisation to first occurrence of CV death, non-fatal MI or non-fatal stroke, by 26% compared to placebo
- The result was consistent across sensitivity analyses

Note: p-value is two-sided, pooled data reported for both semaglutide and placebo  
MACE: Major adverse cardiovascular event; 3-point MACE comprises cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction and non-fatal stroke; CI: Confidence interval  
\* No adjustment for multiple tests  
Source: Marso SP, Bain SC, Consoli A, et al. Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes. *The New England journal of medicine*. 2016

# The MACE risk reduction was driven by non-fatal MI and non-fatal stroke in the SUSTAIN 6 trial







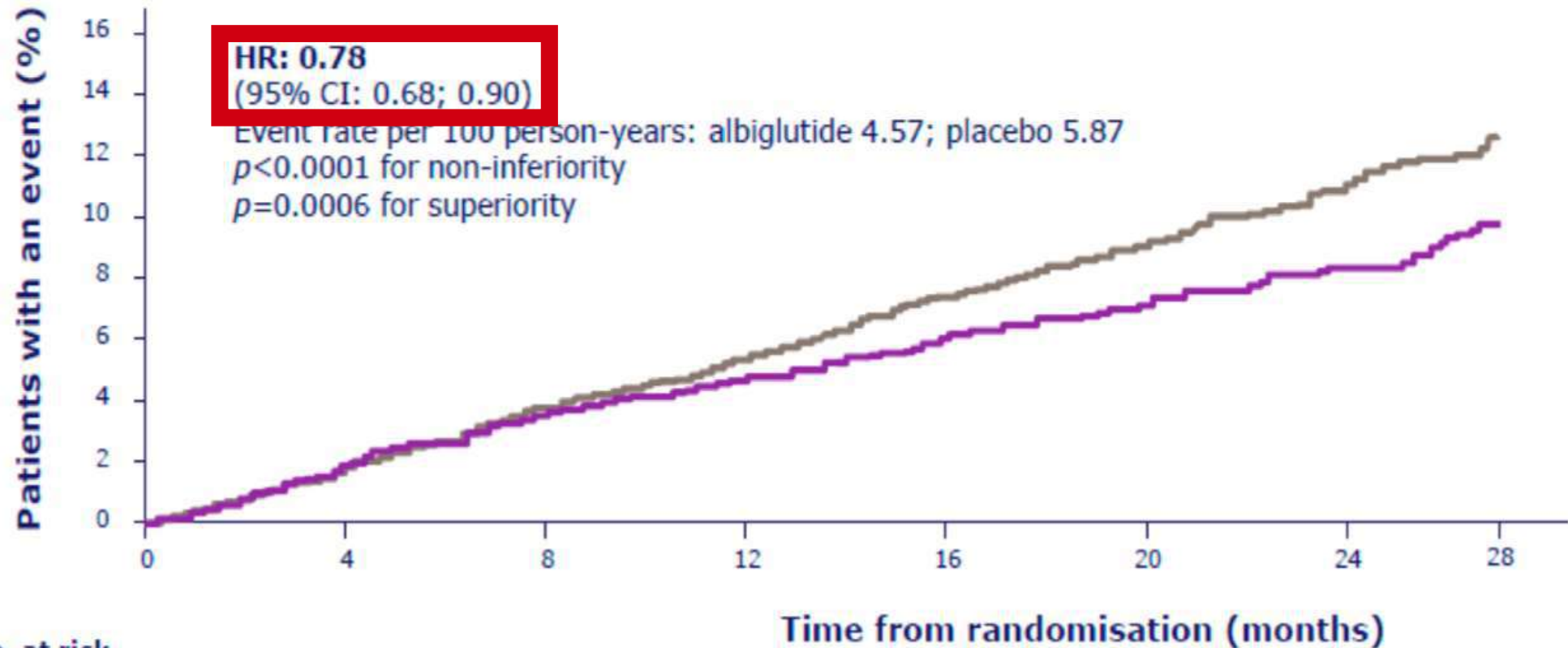
# Semaglutide (Ozempic<sup>®</sup>) Indications

- As an adjunct to diet and exercise to **improve glycemic control** in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM)
- To reduce risk of **major adverse cardiovascular events** (cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke) in adults with **T2DM and established cardiovascular disease**

# Albiglutide: HARMONY outcomes

2018

Time to first occurrence of CV death, MI or stroke



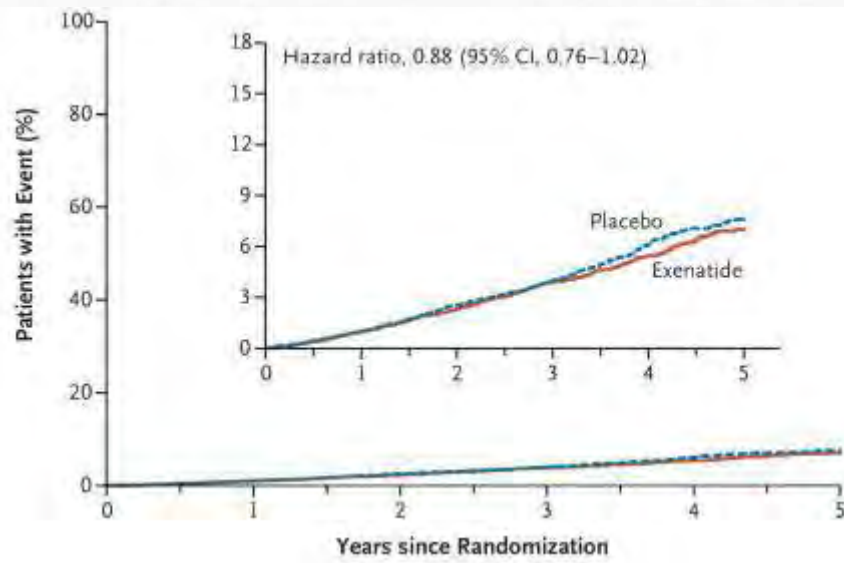
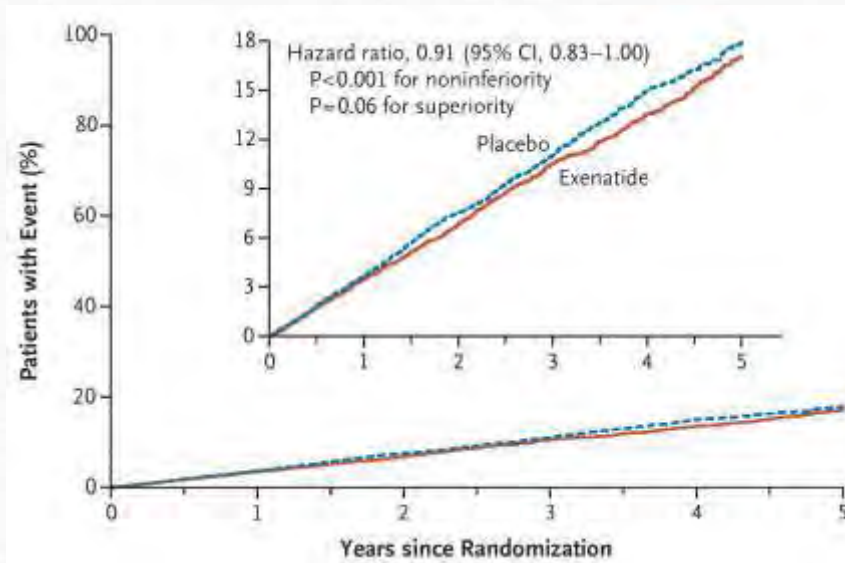
No. at risk

Albiglutide	4731	4613	4503	4239	3148	2142	1064	-
Placebo	4732	4603	4460	4208	3074	2077	1030	-

# EXSCEL Trial: Weekly Exenatide

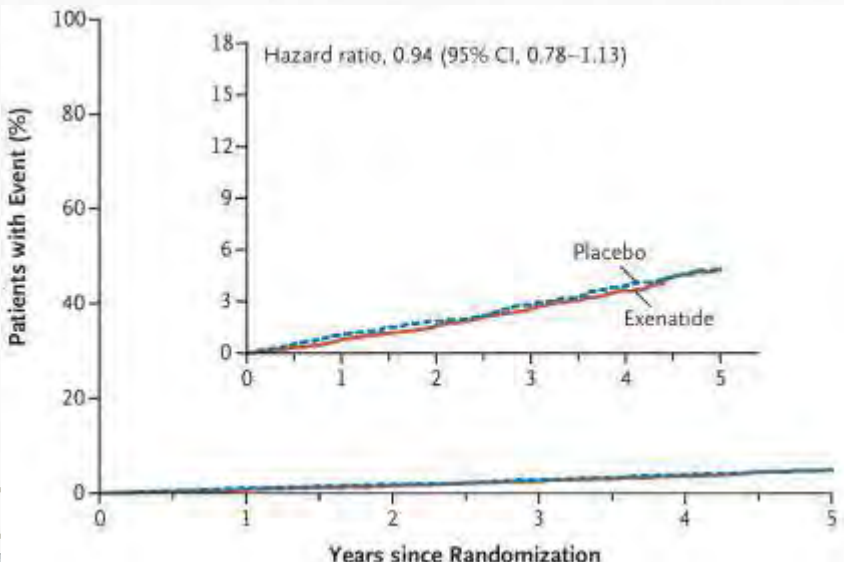
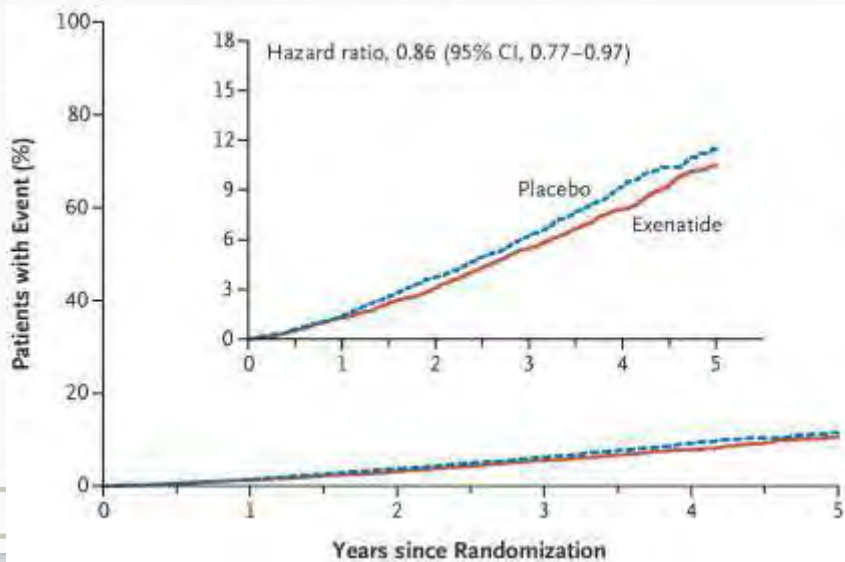
Primary CV outcome

CVDeath



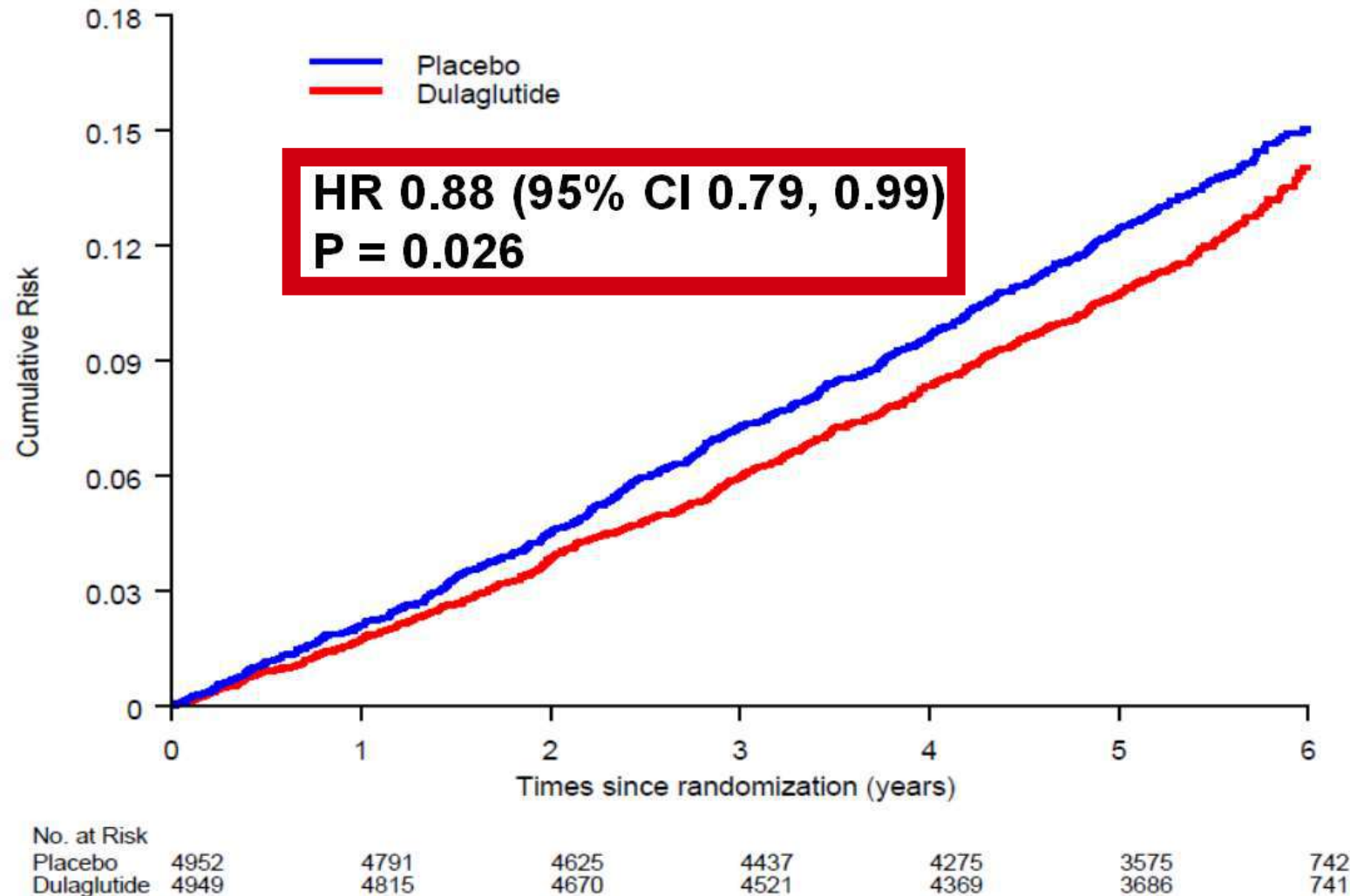
Death from Any Cause

Hospitalization for Heart Failure



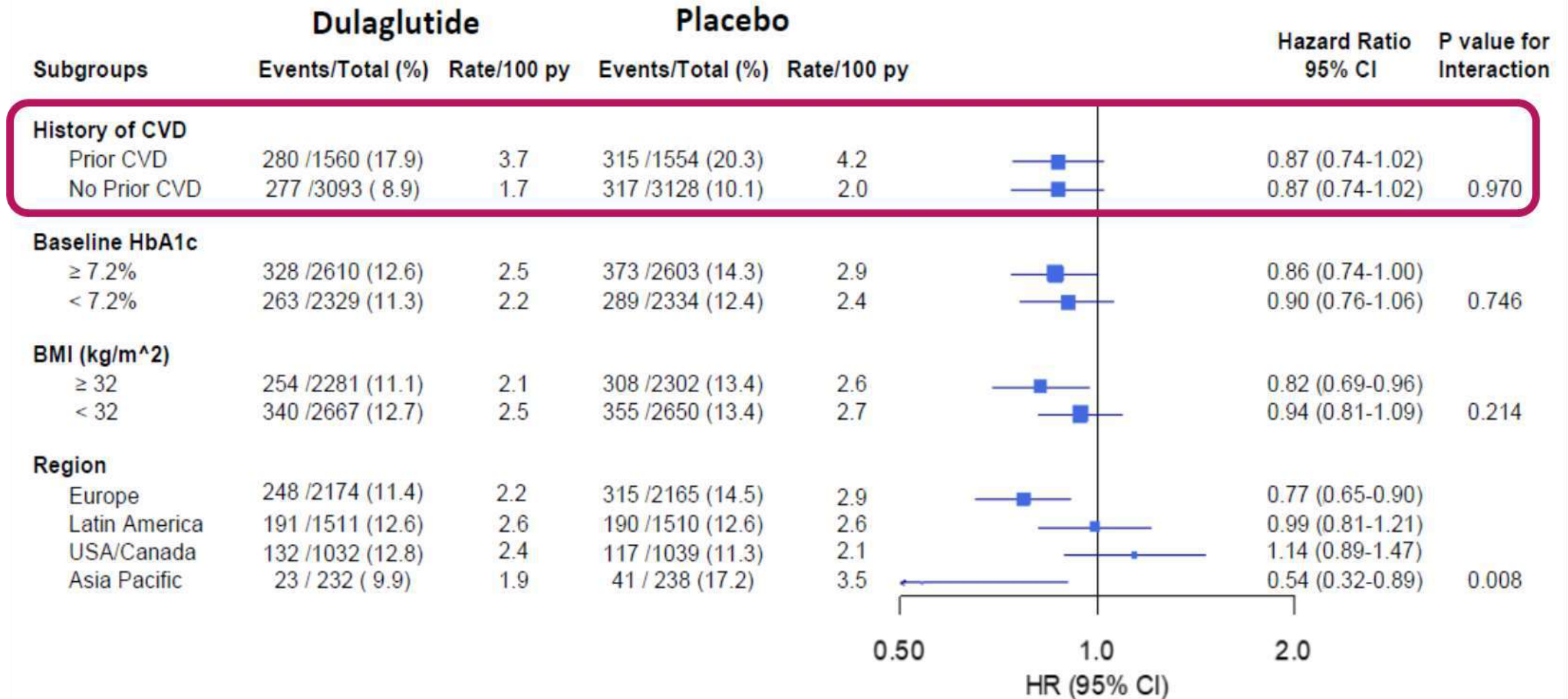
# Dulaglutide Effect on the CV Composite

Primary Outcome: 1st Occurrence of Nonfatal MI, Nonfatal Stroke, CV Death







# REWIND (Dulaglutide)

## CV Composite in Prespecified Subgroups



# Implications of the REWIND Findings

	ELIXA	LEADER	SUSTAIN 6	EXSCEL	HARMONY	REWIND
<b>N</b>	6068	9340	3297	14752	9463	9901
<b>Drug Tested</b>	Lixi/d	Lira/d	Sema/wk	Exena/d	Albig/wk	Dula/wk
<b>Prior CVD</b>	10%					31% 
<b>Mean Age</b>	60					66 y 
<b>Women</b>	30%					46% 
<b>Median F/U</b>	2.1					5.4 y
<b>DM Duration</b>	9.2					10.5 y
<b>Baseline A1c</b>	7.7%					7.3% 
<b>Baseline eGFR</b>	76	~75	~75	76	79	77
<b>Insulin Use</b>	39%	45%	58%	46%	59%	24%

Participants were similar to the sorts of ambulatory patients with type 2 DM & CV risk factors who are routinely seen in clinical practice



## Dulaglutide (Trulicity®) Indications

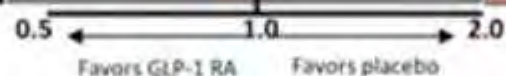
as an adjunct to diet and exercise to **improve glycemic control** in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus

- to reduce the risk of **major adverse cardiovascular events** (cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke) in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who have **established cardiovascular disease** **or** **multiple cardiovascular risk factors**

# Meta-analysis of GLP-1Ra Trials: 3P-MACE Updated Analysis

Study	GLP-1 RA	Placebo	Point Estimate CI	HR (95% CI)	P value
ELIXA (n=6068)	400/3034 (13%)	392/3034 (13%)		1.02 (0.89, 1.17)	0.776
LEADER (n=9340)	608/4668 (13%)	694/4672 (15%)		0.87 (0.78, 0.97)	0.015
SUSTAIN 6 (n=3327)	108/1648 (7%)	146/1649 (9%)		0.74 (0.58, 0.95)	0.016
EXSCEL (n=14,752)	839/7356 (11%)	905/7396 (12%)		0.91 (0.83, 1.00)	0.061
HARMONY (n=9463)	333/4731	428/4732		0.75 (0.61-0.90)	0.003
REWIND (n=9901)	594 (4949)	663 (4952)		0.88 (0.79-0.99)	0.026
PIONEER 6 (n=3183)	61/1591	76/1592		0.79 (0.59-1.11)	P=0.02
<b>Overall (n=42,950)</b>				<b>0.84 (0.82, 0.94)</b>	<b>P&lt;0.001</b>

3P-MACE: composite of cardiovascular mortality, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke; 3P-MACE, 3-pPIONoPOint major adverse cardiac events; CI, confidence interval; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio



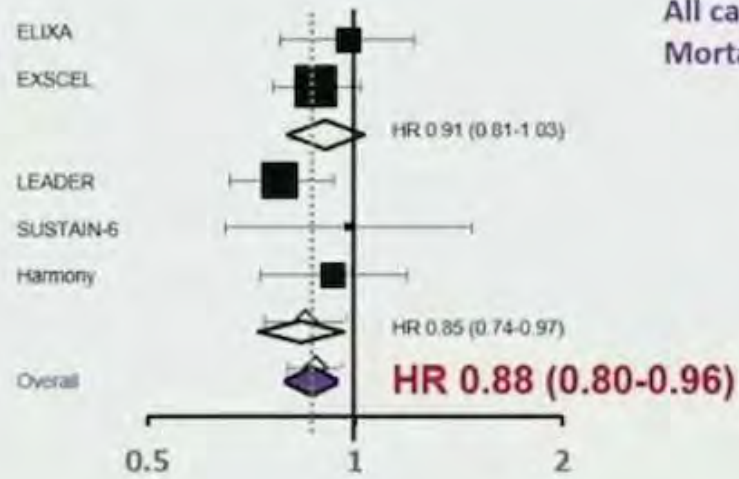
**16% RR in MACE with GLP-1Ra**

Heterogeneity;  $I^2=46.61\%$ ;  $H^2=1.87$

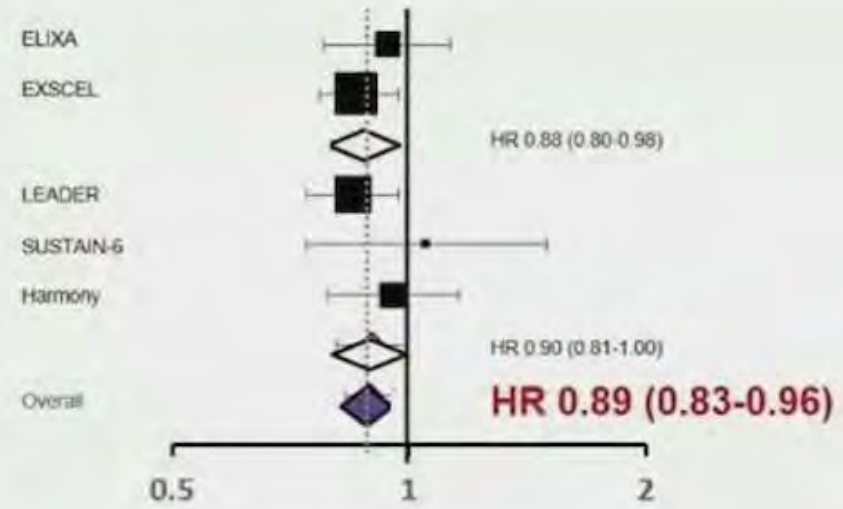


# GLP-1R Agonist CV Outcome Trials: [0.88 (0.82 to 0.94) MACE]

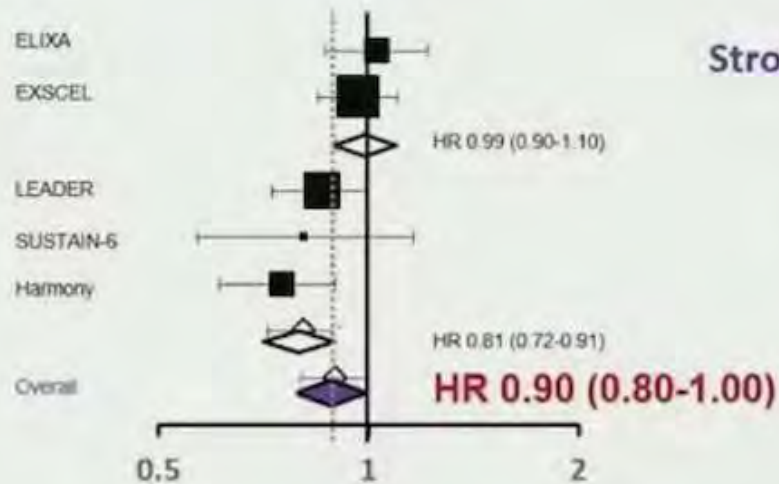
## CV Mortality



## All cause Mortality



## Myocardial Infarction



## Stroke

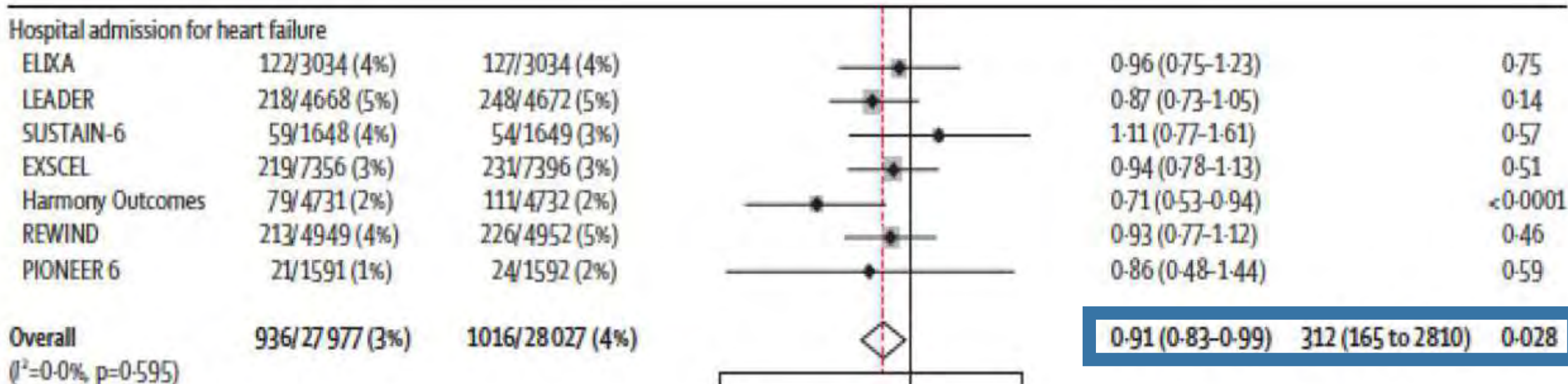


# Cardiovascular, mortality, and kidney outcomes with GLP-1 receptor agonists in patients with type 2 diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis of cardiovascular outcome trials



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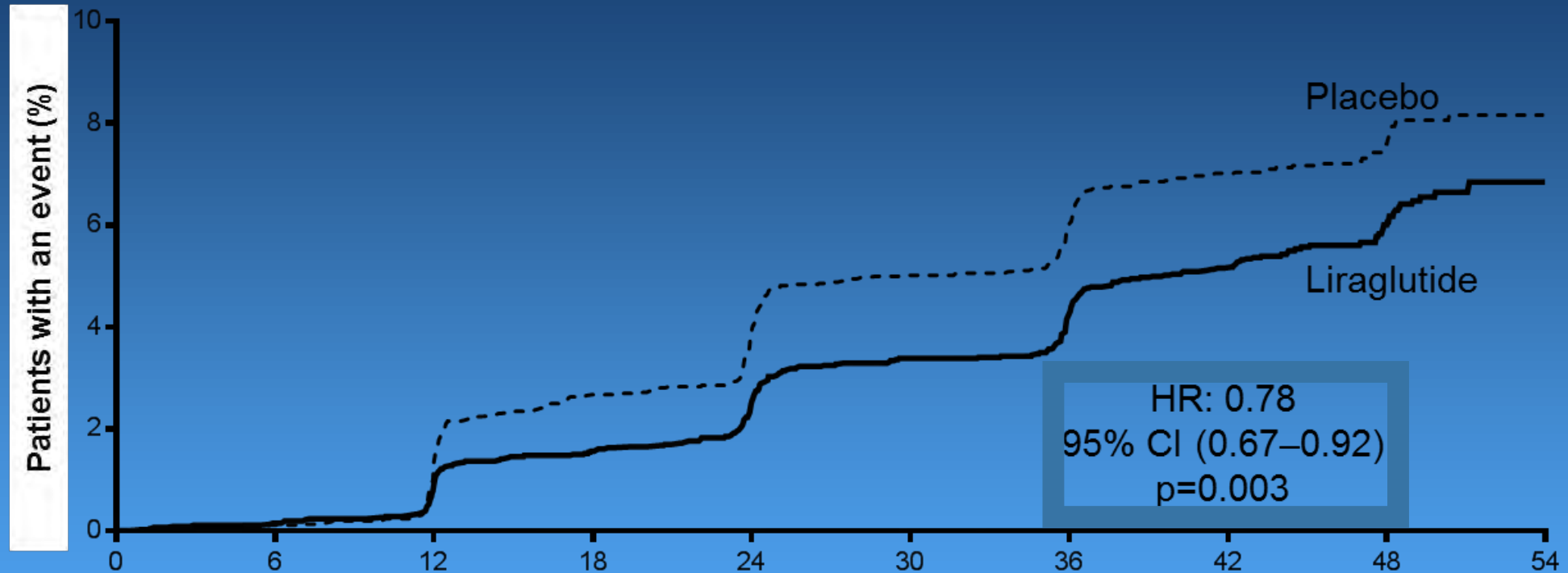
## GLP-1 RA and Hospitalizations for Heart Failure



# Time to first renal event

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Macroalbuminuria, doubling of serum creatinine, ESRD, renal death

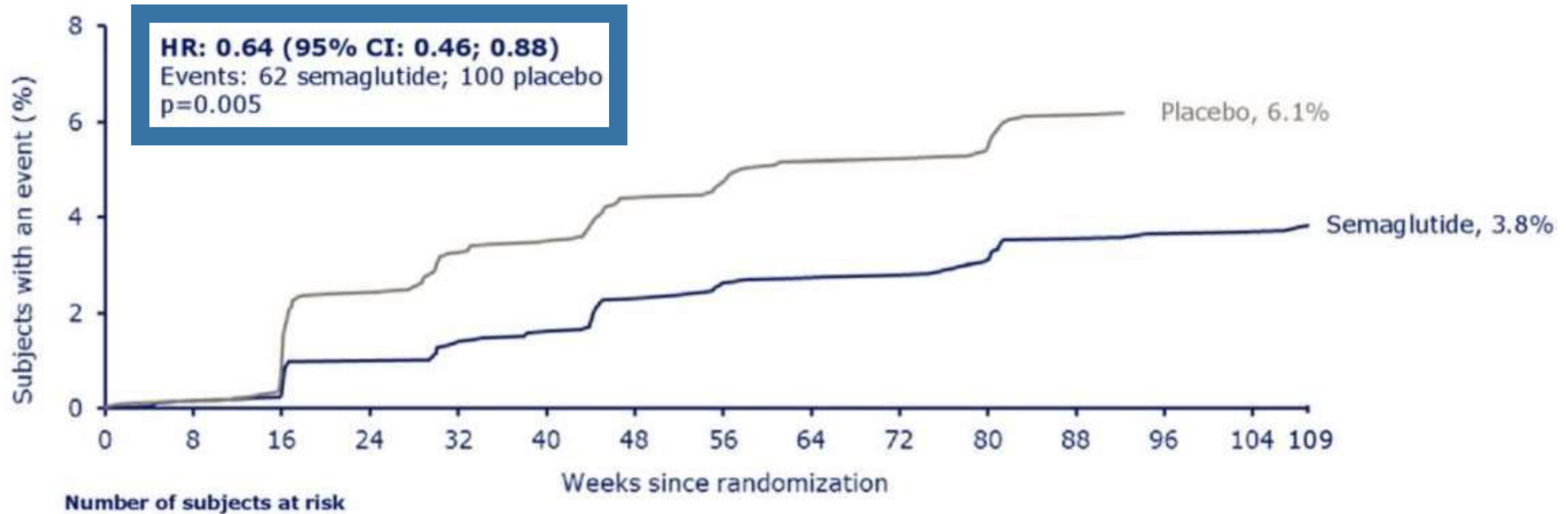


## Patients at risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
Liraglutide	4668	4635	4561	4492	4400	4304	4210	4114	1632	454
Placebo	4672	4643	4540	4428	4316	4196	4094	3990	1613	433

The cumulative incidences were estimated with the use of the Kaplan–Meier method, and the hazard ratios with the use of the Cox proportional-hazard regression model. The data analyses are truncated at 54 months, because less than 10% of the patients had an observation time beyond 54 months. CI: confidence interval; ESRD: end-stage renal disease; HR: hazard ratio.

# SUSTAIN 6: New or worsening nephropathy

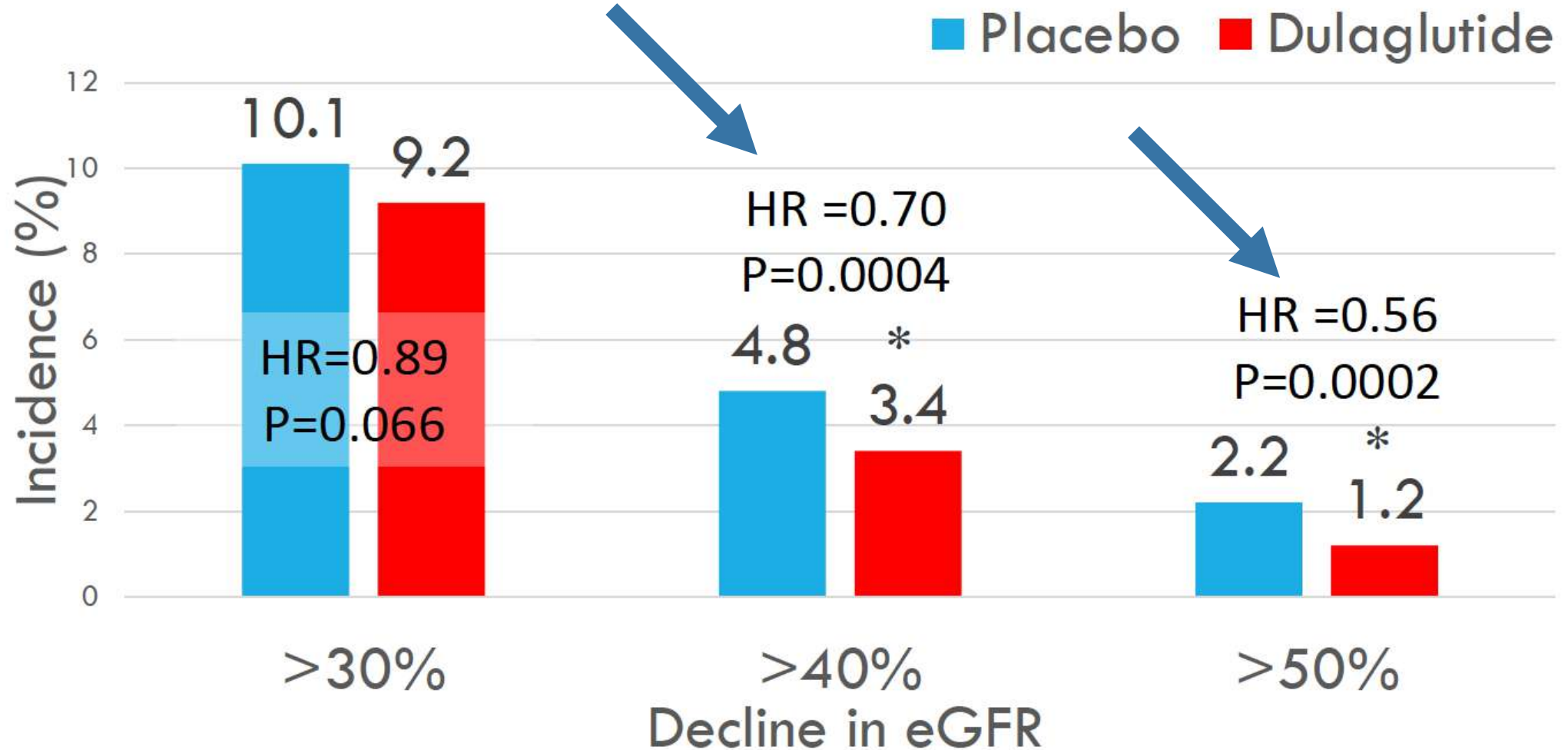


Semaglutide	1648	1630	1605	1580	1563	1541	1525	1518
Placebo	1649	1629	1570	1545	1518	1498	1471	1465

Kaplan-Meier plot for time from randomization to first (external) event adjudication committee-confirmed new or worsening nephropathy using "in-trial" data from subjects in the full analysis set. HR is from a proportional hazard model.  
 Harso SP et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375(19):1834-1844.  
 HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

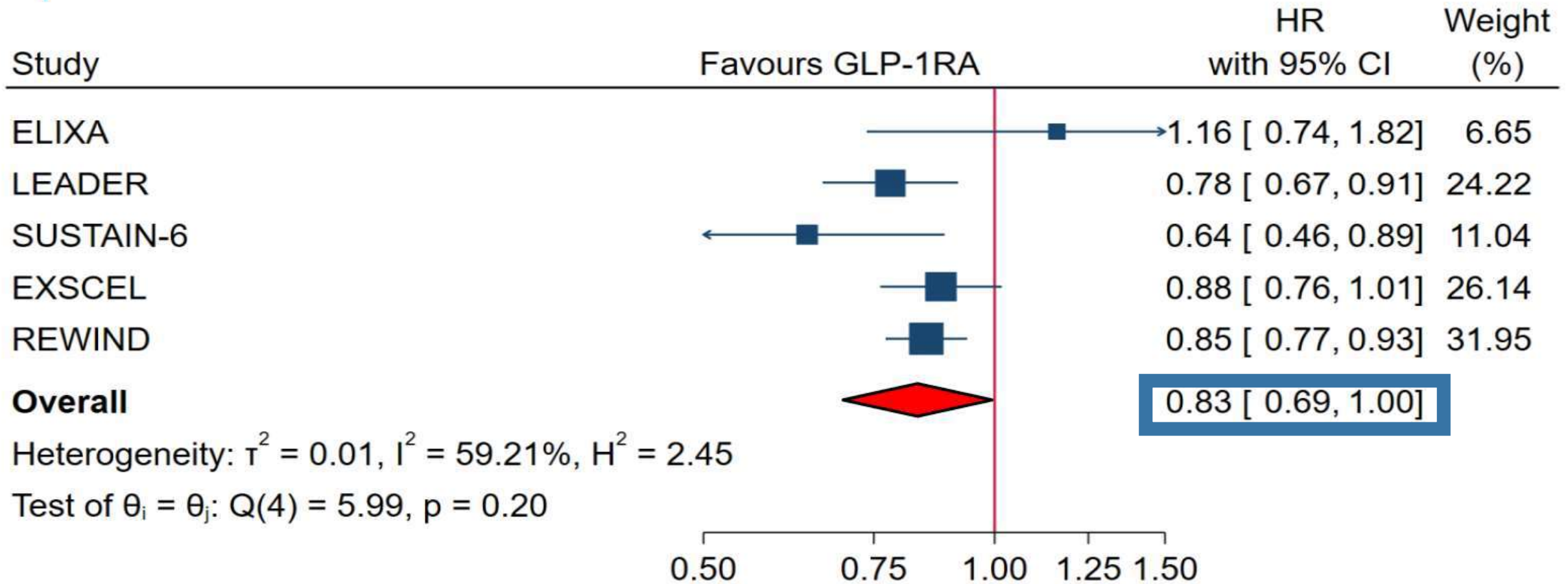


# Dulaglutide on renal decline\*



\*sensitivity analysis – exploratory

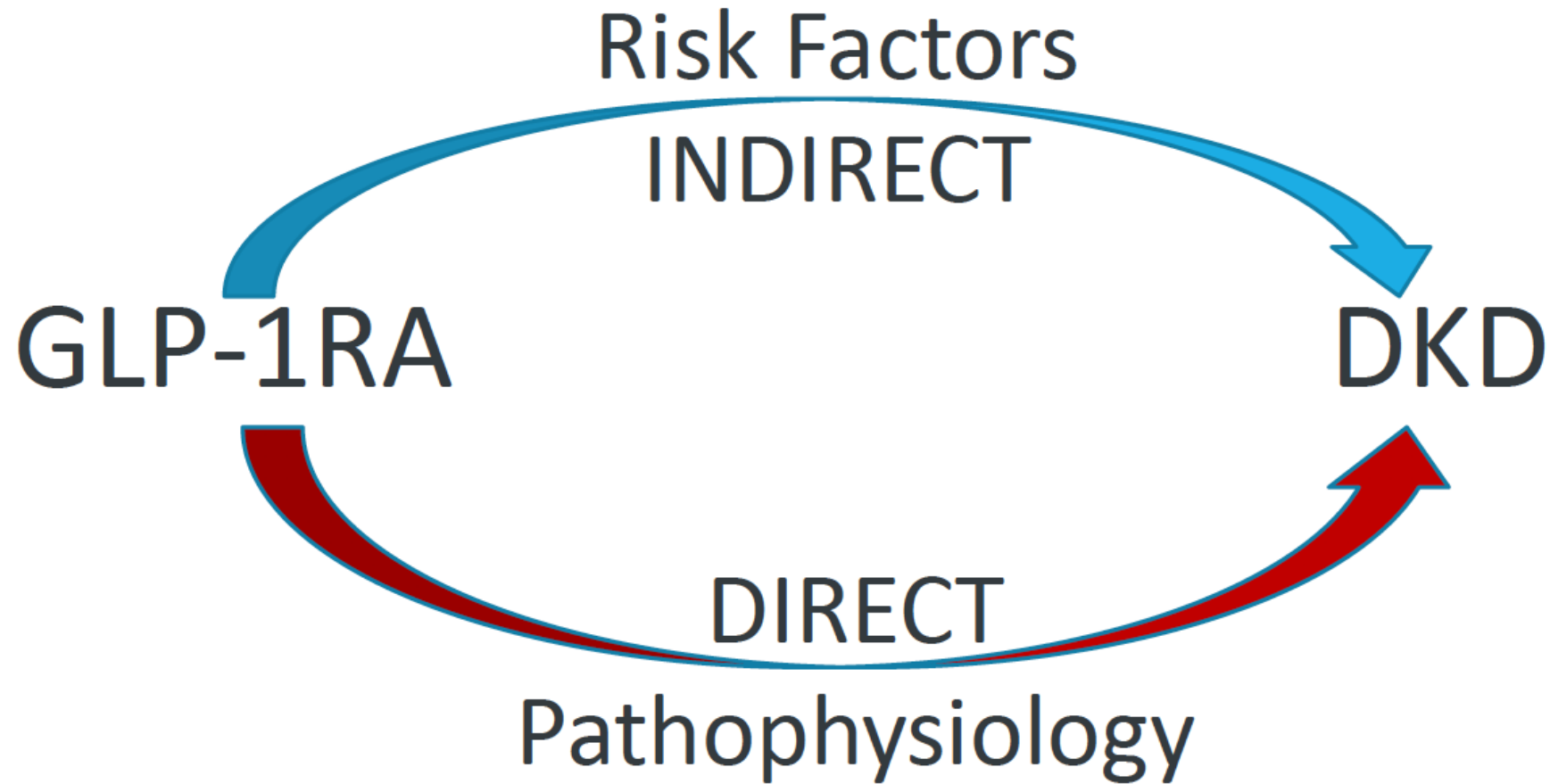
# RENAL ENDPOINTS INCLUDING $\Delta$ MACROALBUMINURIA



Random-effects empirical Bayes model  
 Knapp-Hartung standard errors

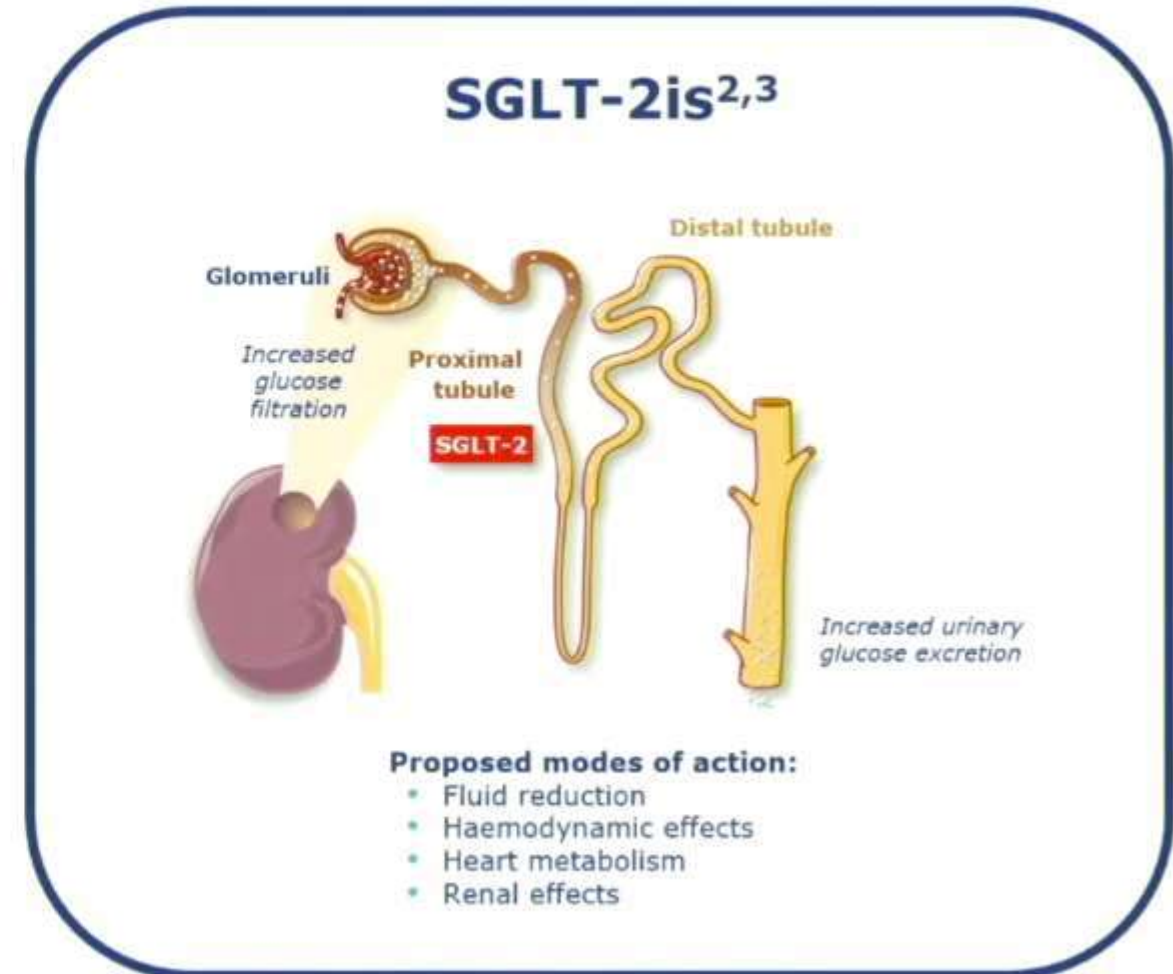
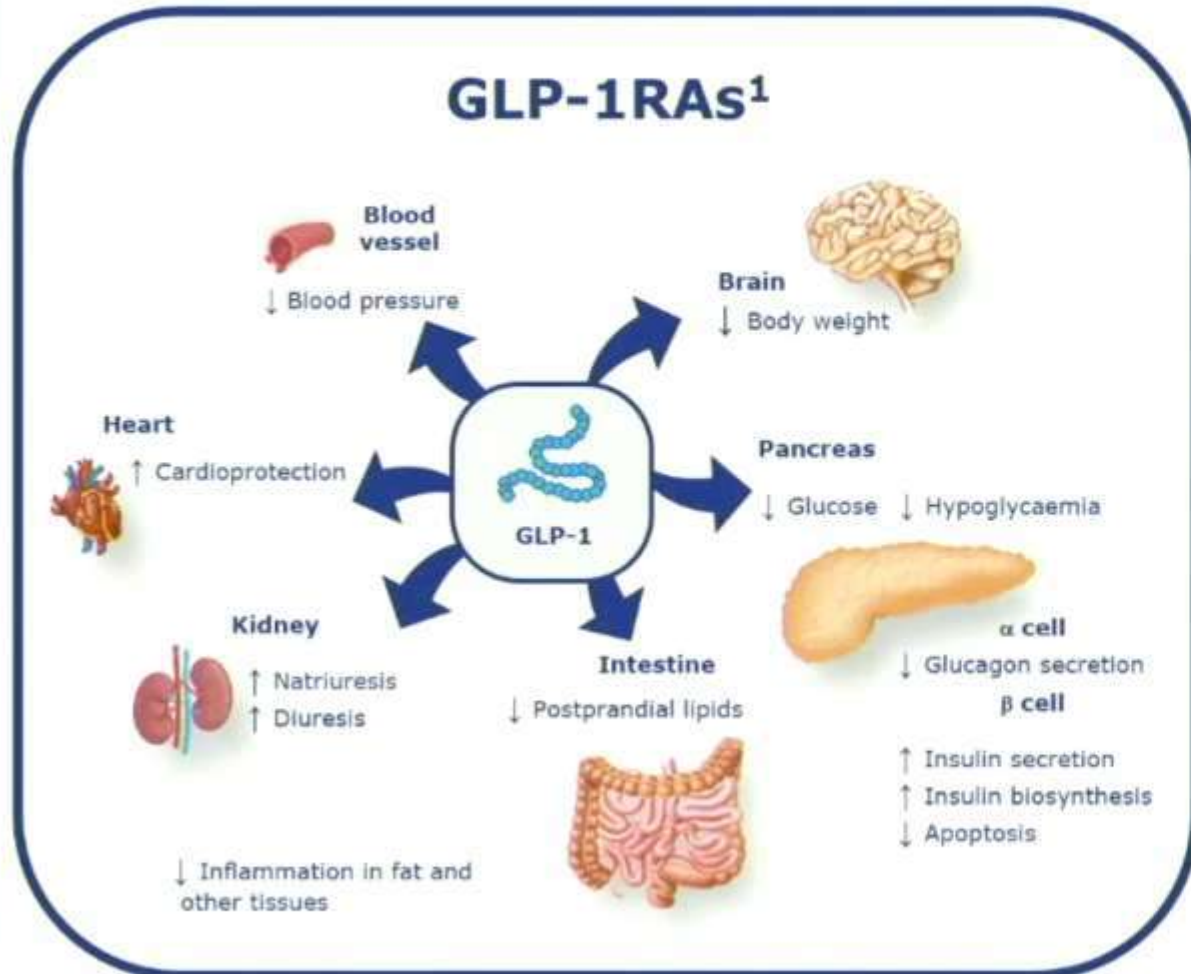
# HOW MIGHT GLP-1RA HAVE ACTIONS IN DKD?

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# Could Their Effects Be Synergistic or Additive?

## Mode of action of GLP-1RAs and SGLT-2is



Dark-blue arrows indicate main mode of action of GLP-1 analogues.

GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; SGLT-2, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor.

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