

Cardiometabolic Benefits of Renal Diabetes and Obesity Medications

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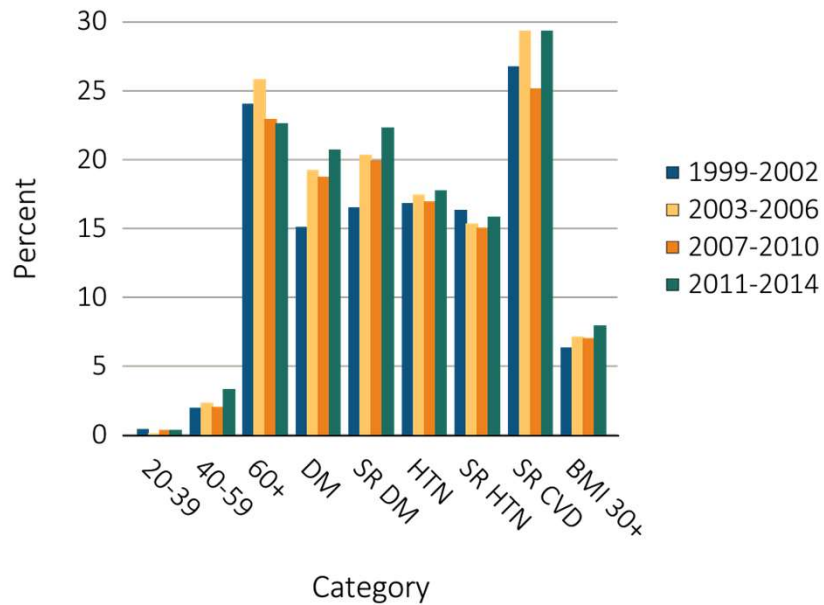
Learning Objectives

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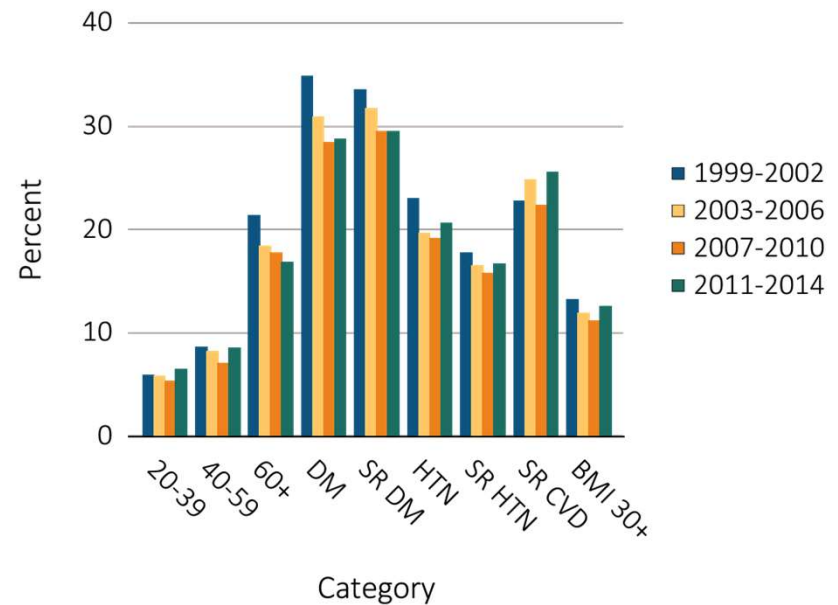
1. Pharmacological Interventions to reduce Cardiorenal Risk in Patients with DM2 and/or Chronic Kidney Diseases
2. Selecting Patients for Cardiorenal Risk Reduction

Diabetic CKD (DKD) is common...

- NHANES participants with eGFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m²

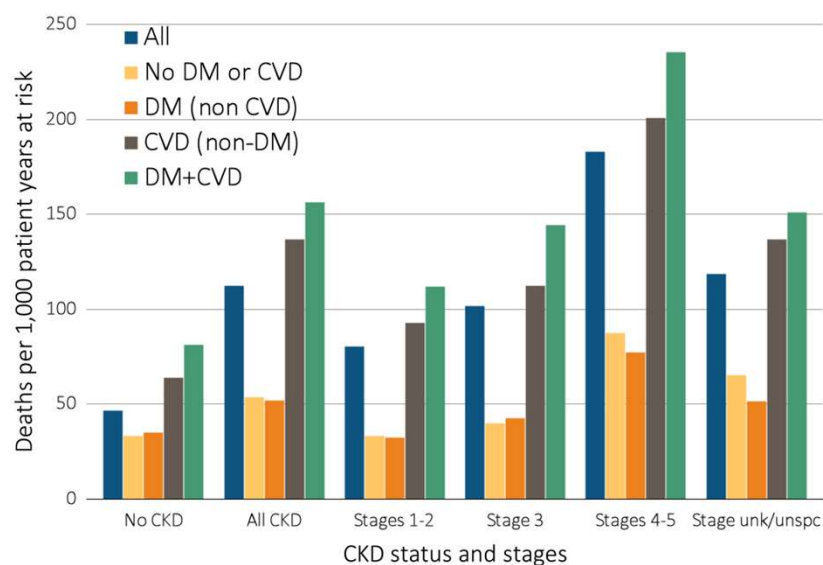


- NHANES participants with urine albumin/creatinine ratio ≥30 mg/g

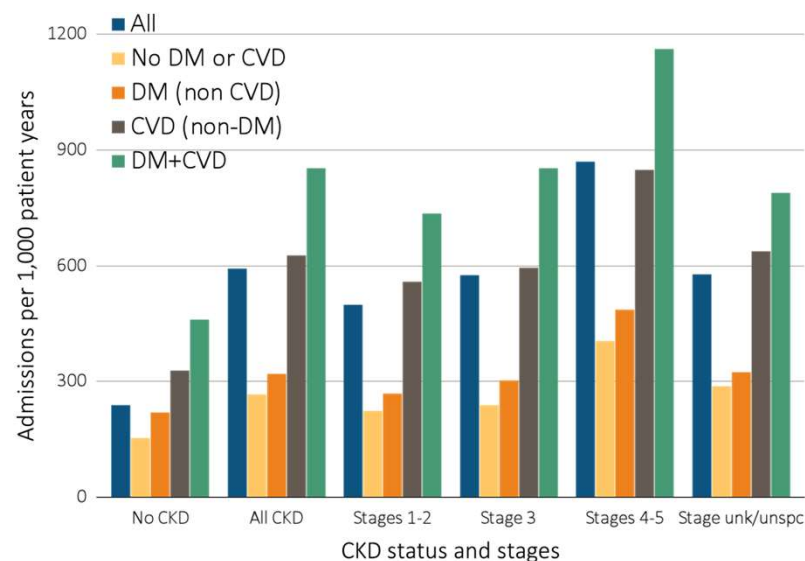


Diabetic CKD + Cardiovascular Disease = Hospitalization + Death

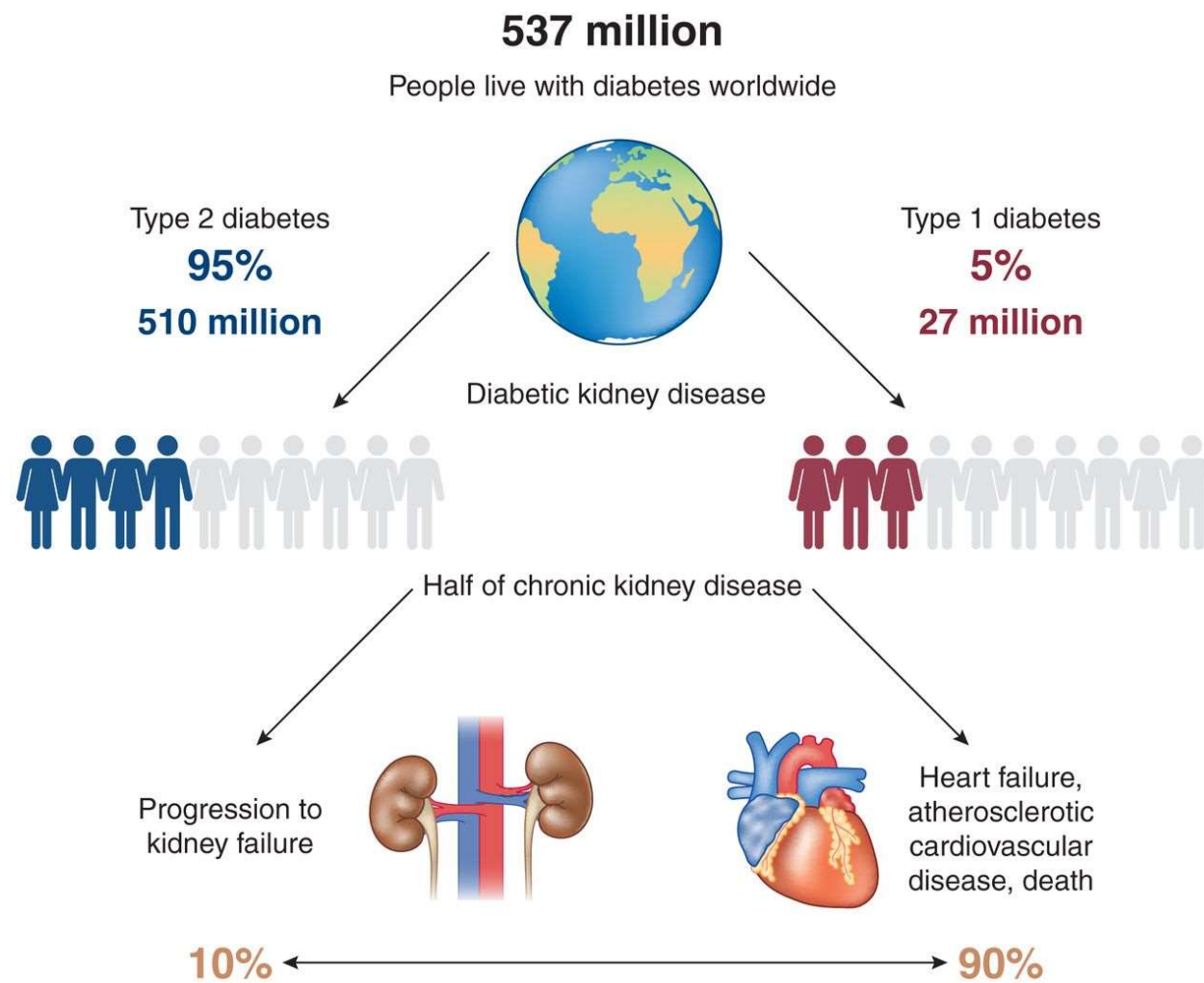
Death



Hospitalization



Data source: Medicare 5 percent sample. January 1, 2014 point prevalent patients aged 66 and older. Adj: age/sex/race. Ref: all patients, 2014. Abbreviations: CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; DM, diabetes mellitus.



Diagnosis of DKD & Cardiovascular Risk Stratification

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- Impaired eGFR (<60 ml/min/ 1.73m^2): kidney function
- Albuminuria (UACR > 30 mg/g creatinine): kidney damage
 - Spot sample to calculate the ratio of Albumin to Creatinine (morning sample preferred)
- Annual screening for DKD
 - 5 years after the diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes
 - Upon diagnosis of Type 2 diabetes

Both UACR and eGFR must be obtained in clinical practice

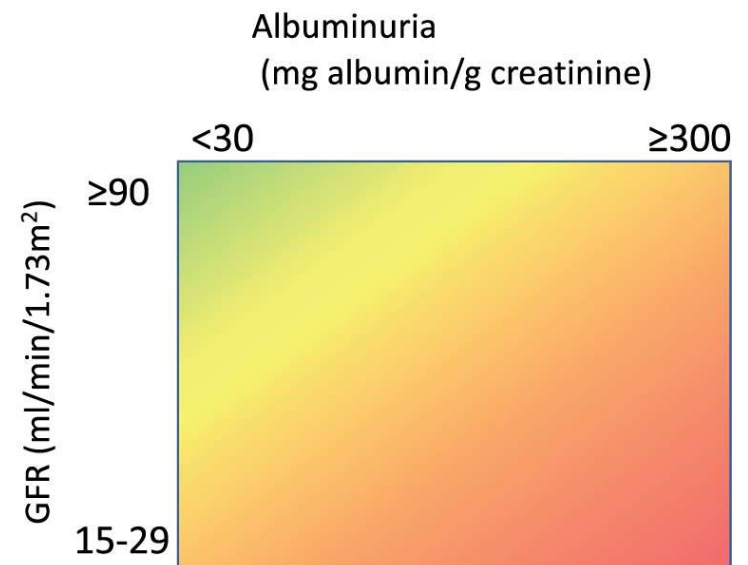
Why one should obtain BOTH eGFR and UACR in clinical practice: "the kidney cholesterol"

Risk defined in guidelines and trials

KDIGO risk			Albuminuria categories and range (mg albumin/g creatinine)		
Low risk			A1 Normal to mildly increased	A2 Moderately increased	A3 Severely increased
Moderate risk			<30	30 to <300	≥300
High risk					
Very high risk					

eGFR stages and range (mL/min/1.73 m ²)	G1	High and optimal	≥ 90			
	G2	Mild	60-89			
	G3a	Mild-moderate	45-59			
	G3b	Moderate-severe	30-44			
	G4	Severe	15-29			

Risk in patients



Urine Albumin to Creatinine Ratio: the Piss Prophet of Renal Risk in RENAAL

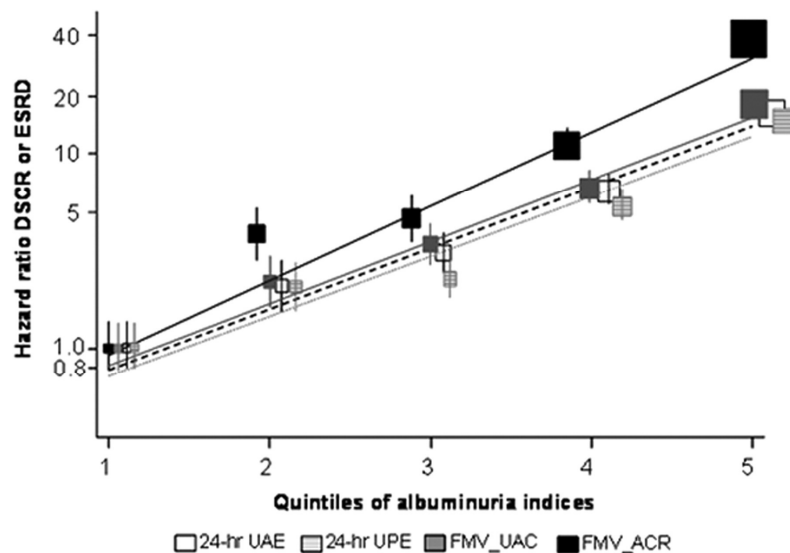


Table 2. Area under the ROC curve and 95% CIs for the prediction of the composite of doubling of serum creatinine or end-stage renal disease based on baseline proteinuria measures

	Subjects/Events	Doubling of Serum Creatinine or End-Stage Renal Disease			
		24-Hour Urine		First-Morning Void	
		UAE (mg/24 h)	UPE (mg/24 h)	UAC (mg/L)	ACR (mg/g)
Overall	701/202	0.78 [0.74, 0.82]	0.78 [0.75, 0.82]	0.79 [0.75 to 0.83]	0.82 [0.79, 0.86] ^{a,b,c}
Subgroups					
Gender					
men	436/107	0.76 [0.71, 0.81]	0.76 [0.70, 0.81]	0.77 [0.72, 0.82]	0.79 [0.73, 0.84]
women	265/95	0.81 [0.76, 0.87]	0.83 [0.77, 0.88]	0.82 [0.77, 0.87]	0.86 [0.82, 0.91] ^{a,c}
Age					
≤61.0 years	351/120	0.78 [0.72, 0.83]	0.79 [0.74, 0.84]	0.80 [0.75, 0.85]	0.84 [0.79, 0.88] ^{a,b,c}
>61.0 years	350/82	0.77 [0.71, 0.83]	0.76 [0.70, 0.83]	0.77 [0.71, 0.83]	0.80 [0.75, 0.86]
Race					
Caucasian	323/75	0.76 [0.70, 0.82]	0.77 [0.71, 0.83]	0.79 [0.73, 0.85]	0.79 [0.74, 0.85]
African American	144/33	0.75 [0.64, 0.86]	0.76 [0.65, 0.86]	0.77 [0.68, 0.87]	0.83 [0.74, 0.91]
Hispanic	192/78	0.78 [0.71, 0.85]	0.78 [0.71, 0.85]	0.78 [0.71, 0.85]	0.82 [0.75, 0.88] ^{a,b}
Gender, age, and race adjusted	701/202	0.79 [0.75, 0.83]	0.79 [0.75, 0.83]	0.80 [0.76 to 0.83]	0.82 [0.79, 0.86] ^{a,b,c}

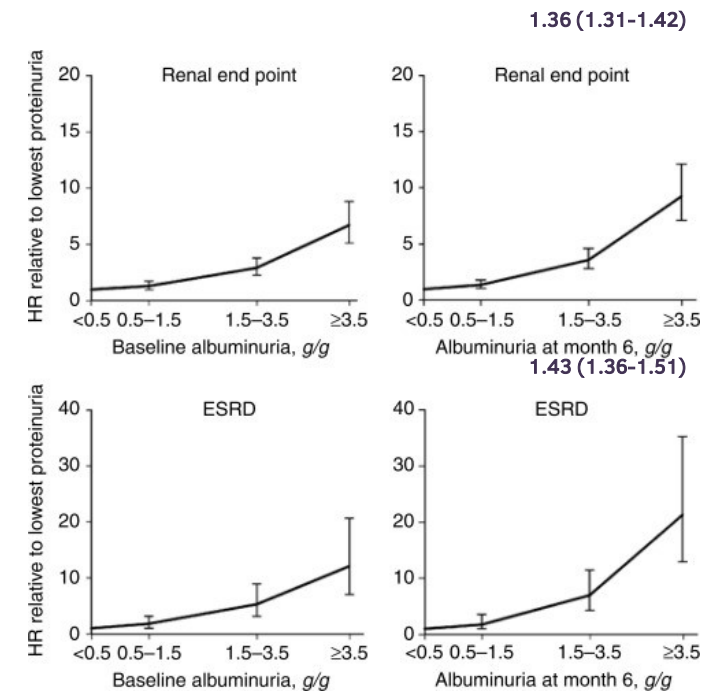
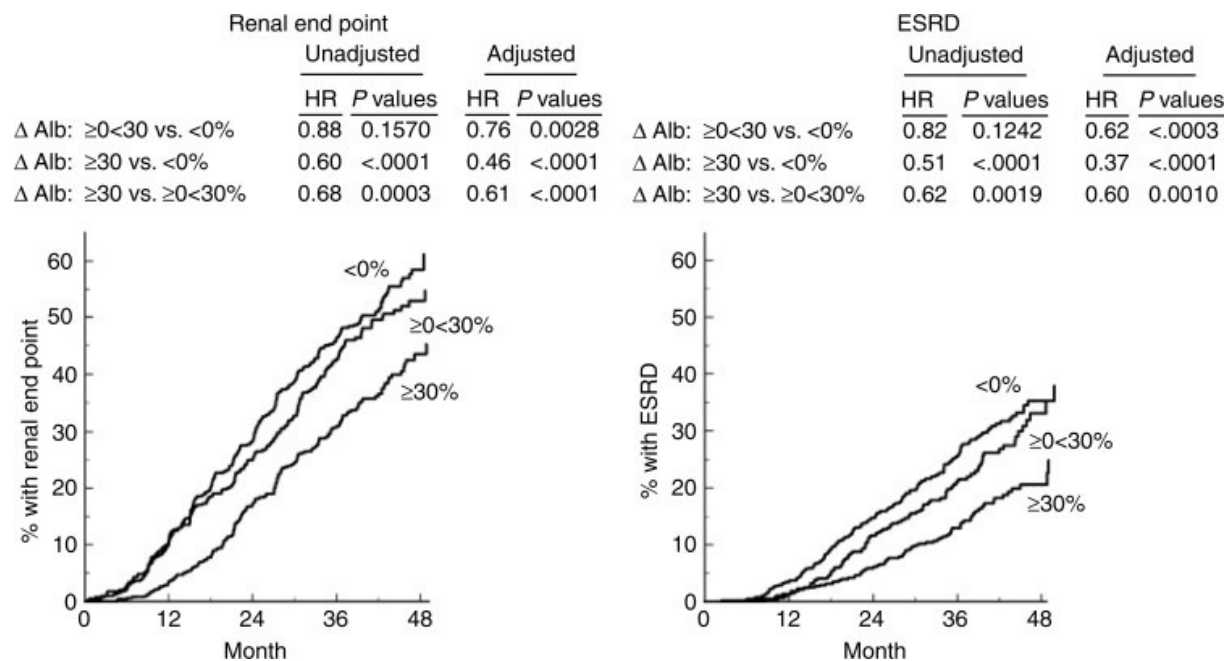
Bonferroni correction was applied in AUC comparison to adjust for multiple testing. ACR, first-morning void albumin:creatinine ratio; AUC, area under the ROC curve; UAE, 24-hour urinary albumin excretion; UPE, 24-hour urinary protein excretion.

^aP < 0.01 versus UAE.

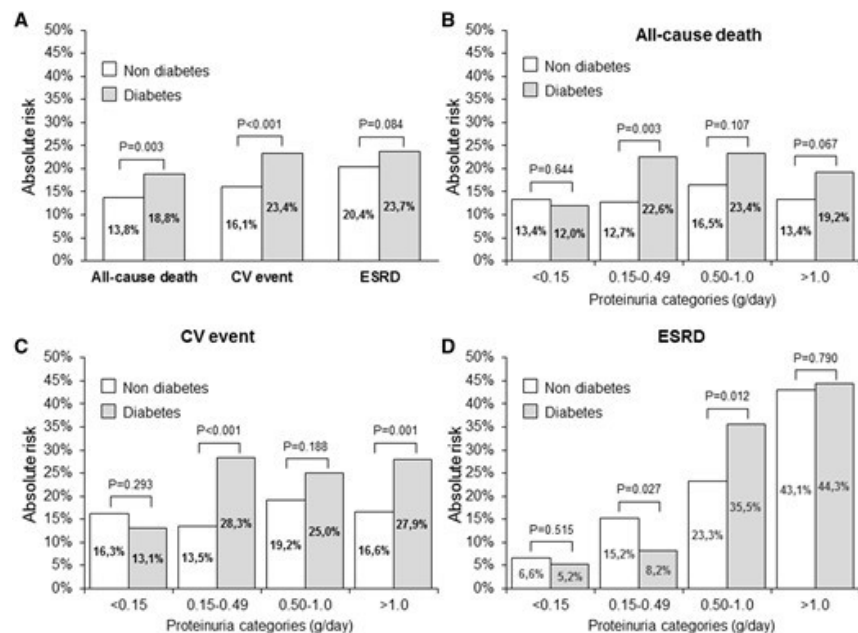
^bP < 0.01 versus UPE.

^cP < 0.01 versus UAC.

Residual albuminuria, Albuminuria Delta after ARB predict kidney outcomes



Residual Proteinuria (after RAASi) is associated with increased cardiovascular risk



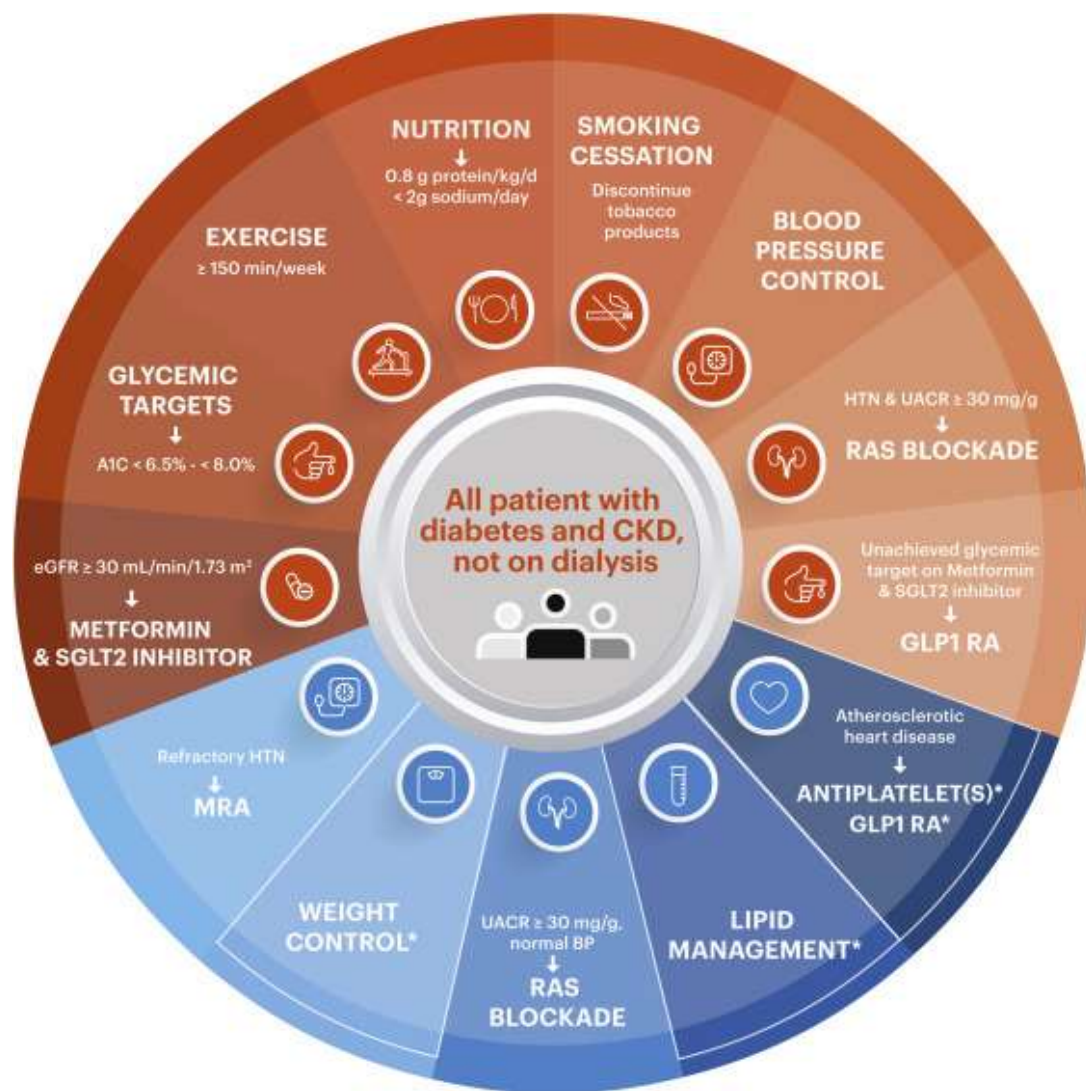
	Proteinuria categories (g/day)							
	<0.15		0.15-0.49		0.50-1.00		>1.00	
	Events/patients (n/N)	HR (95% CI)	Events/patients (n/N)	HR (95% CI)	Events/patients (n/N)	HR (95% CI)	Events/patients (n/N)	HR (95% CI)
All-cause mortality								
Non-diabetic CKD	63/471	Reference	51/401	1.17 (0.79-1.71)	44/266	1.60 (1.07-2.40)	46/343	1.69 (1.20-2.55)
Diabetic CKD	23/191	0.81 (0.50-1.32)	36/159	1.92* (1.25-2.95)	29/124	1.99 (1.26-3.15)	42/219	1.98 (1.28-3.06)
CV events								
Non-diabetic CKD	77/471	Reference	54/401	0.95 (0.66-1.35)	51/266	1.33 (0.92-1.92)	57/343	1.51 (1.04-2.19)
Diabetic CKD	25/191	0.78 (0.49-1.23)	45/159	1.80* (1.23-2.63)	31/124	1.60 (1.04-2.46)	61/219	1.92 (1.32-2.80)
ESRD								
Non-diabetic CKD	31/471	Reference	61/401	1.31 (0.84-2.04)	62/266	1.85 (1.18-2.88)	148/343	2.69 (1.77-4.10)
Diabetic CKD	10/191	0.79 (0.38-1.64)	13/159	0.82 (0.43-1.59)	44/124	1.80 (1.11-2.91)	97/219	2.70 (1.75-4.17)

Cox models were stratified by cohort and adjusted for age, gender, smoking, BMI, history of CV disease, systolic BP, total cholesterol, triglycerides, phosphate, albumin, haemoglobin and GFR.

*P < 0.05 versus non-diabetic CKD. Values in bold indicate significant HRs.

KDOQI US Commentary on the KDIGO 2020 Clinical Practice Guideline for Diabetes Management in CKD

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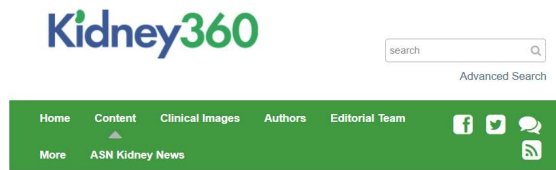


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The cardiovascular outcomes, heart failure and kidney disease trials tell that the time to use Sodium Glucose Cotransporter 2 inhibitors is now

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Perspective

Are the protective effects of SGLT2 inhibitors a "class-effect" or are there differences between agents?

Darren W. Schmidt, Christos Argyropoulos and Namita Singh
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Payment Coverage and Health Economics of SGLT2 inhibitors

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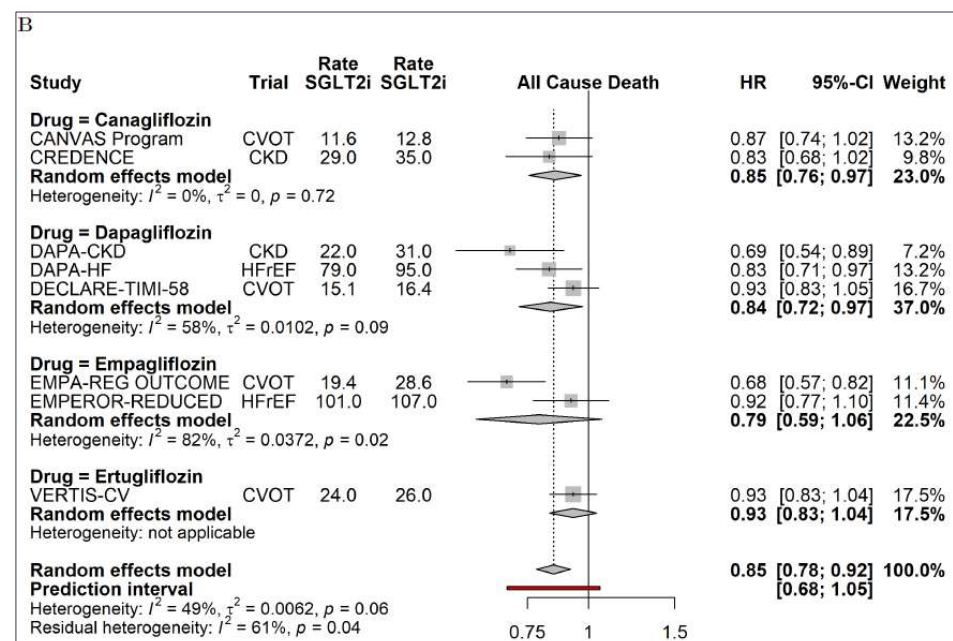
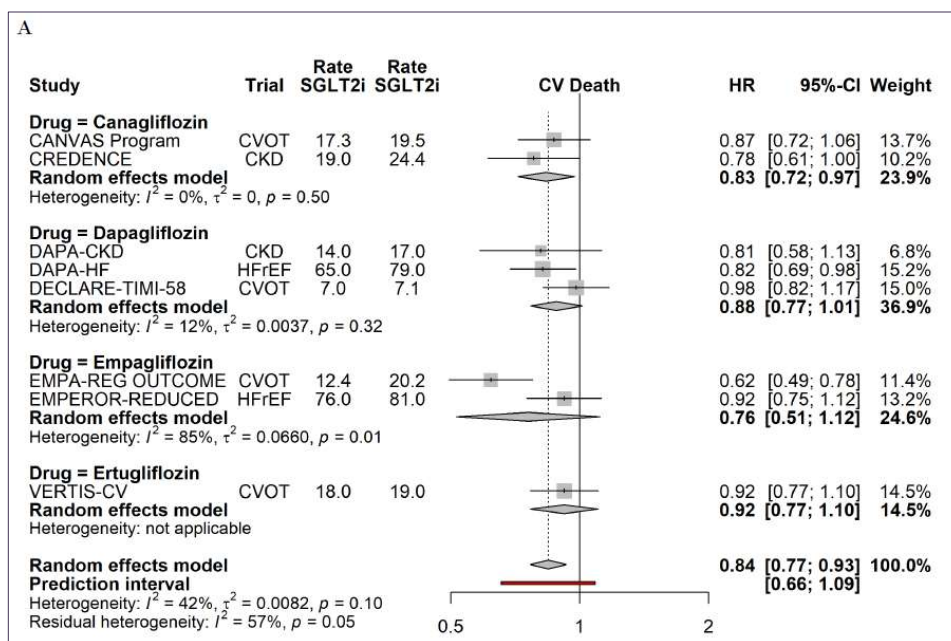
Snapshot of the SGLT2i trials pre-2022

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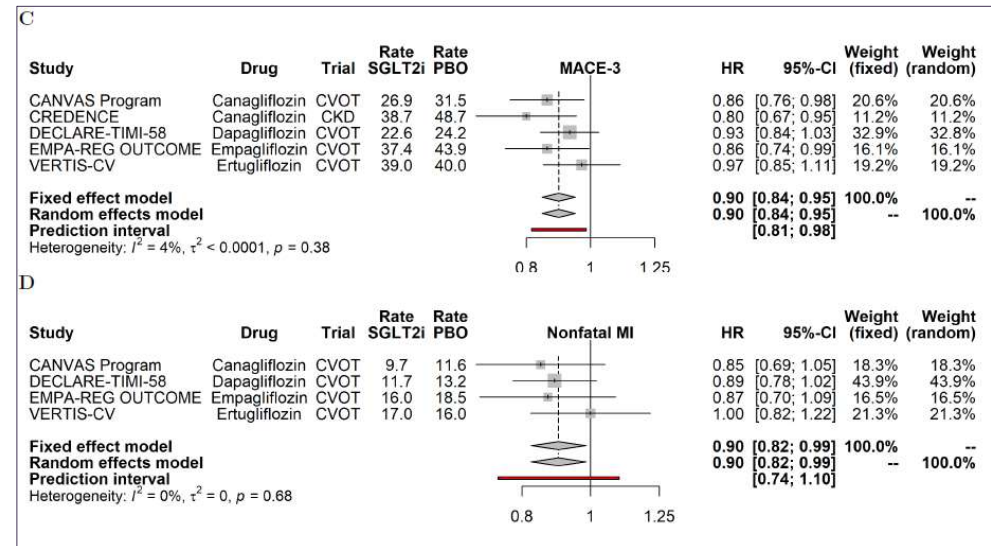
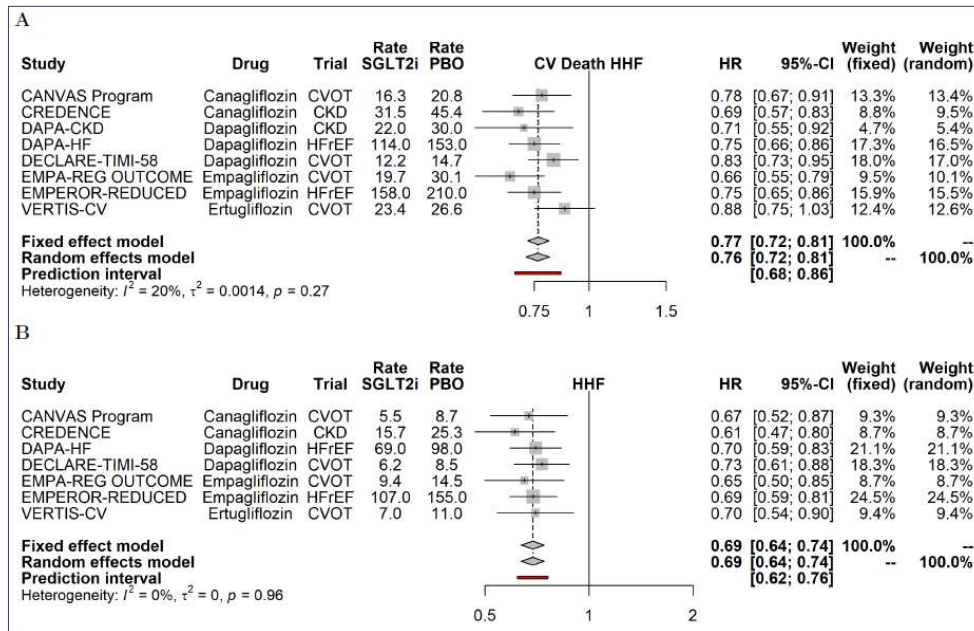
	Empagliflozin		Canagliflozin		Dapagliflozin			Ertugliflozin
	EMPA-REG Outcome ^{10,14,31}	EMPEROR - REDUCED ¹⁶	CANVAS Program ¹¹	CREDENCE ^{17,32}	DECLARE-TIMI 58 ^{2,33}	DAPA-HF ¹⁵	DAPA-CKD ¹⁸	VERTIS-CV ¹³
Primary Outcome	MACE-3	CV Death/HHF	MACE-3	WKD/ESKD/CV Death/Renal Death	MACE-3	WHF / CV Death	WKD/ESKD/CV Death/Renal Death	MACE-3
N of participants	7020	3730	10 142	4401	17 160	4744	4304	8246
Median follow up (y)	3.1	1.3	2.4	2.6	4.2	1.52	2.4	3.0
Region								
Europe	2885 (41.1)	1353 (36.3)	NR	864 (19.6)	7629 (44.5)	2154 (45.4)	1233 (28.6)	4637 (56.2)
North America	1394 (19.9)	425 (11.4)	NR	1182 (26.9)	5468 (31.9)	677 (14.3)	813 (18.9)	1813 (22)
Asia	1347 (19.2)	493 (13.2)	NR	NR	2186 (12.7)	1096 (23.1)	1346 (31.3)	523 (6.3)
Latin America	1081 (15.4)	1286 (34.5)	NR	941 (21.4)	1877 (10.9)	817 (17.2)	912 (21.2)	723 (8.8)
Rest of the world	313 (4.5)	173 (4.6) ^a	NR	1414 (32.1)	None	None	None	550 (6.7) ^b
Women	2004 (28.5)	3730 (23.9)	3633 (35.8)	1494 (33.9)	6422 (37.4)	1109 (23.4)	1425 (33.1)	2477 (30.0)
Age (y)	63.1 ± 8.6	66.8 ± 11	63.3 ± 8.3	63.0 ± 9.2	63.9 ± 6.8	66.3 ± 10.9	61.9 ± 12.1	64.4 ± 8.1
Race/ethnicity								
White	5081 (72.4)	2629 (70.5)	7944 (78.3)	2931 (79.6)	13 653 (79.6)	3333 (70.3)	2290 (53.2)	7240 (87.8)
Asian	1517 (21.3)	672 (18)	1284 (12.7)	877 (19.9)	2303 (13.4)	1116 (23.5)	1467 (34.1)	498 (6.0)
Black	357 (5.1)	257 (6.9)	336 (3.3)	224 (5.1)	603 (3.5)	226 (4.8)	191 (4.4)	235 (2.8)
Other/NA	65 (0.9)	172 (4.6)	587 (5.7)	369 (8.4)	601 (3.5)	69 (1.5)	356 (8.3)	273 (3.3)
Diabetes (%)	100%	49.8%	100%	100%	100%	41.8%	67.7%	100%
Hb A1c	8.1 ± 0.8	NR	8.2 ± 0.9	8.3 ± 1.3	8.3 ± 1.2	NR	NR	8.2 ± 1.0
Duration of diabetes	57% > 10 y	NR	13.5 ± 7.8	15.7 ± 8.7	11.9 ± 7.8	NR	NR	13.0 ± 8.3
Cardiac/cardiovascular diseases								
Coronary artery disease	5308 (75.6)	1929 (51.7) ^c	5721 (56.4)	1313 (29.8)	5648 (32.9)	2674 (56.4) ^c	1710 (39.7) ^d	6256 (75.9)
Cerebrovascular disease	1637 (23.3)	NR	1958 (19.3)	700 (15.9)	1301 (7.6)	NR		1889 (22.9)
Peripheral arterial disease	1461 (20.8)	NR	7324 (72.2)	47.5 (1.1)	1025 (6)	NR		1541 (18.7)

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Renal status								
eGFR	74 ± 21.4	62 ± 21.6	76.5 ± 20.5	56.2 ± 18.2	85.3 ± 15.9	65.8 ± 19.5	43.1 ± 12.3	76 ± 20.9
eGFR ≥90	1538 (21.9) ^a	NR	2476 (24.4)	211 (4.8)	8162 (47.6)	8162 (47.6)	None	NR
eGFR 60–90	3661 (52.2) ^a	NR	5625 (55.5)	1558 (35.4)	7732 (45.1)	7732 (45.1)	454 (10.5)	NR
eGFR <60	1819 (25.9) ^a	906 (12.9)	2039 (20.1)	2631 (59.8)	1265 (7.4)	1265 (7.4)	3850 (89.5)	1807 (21.9)
Mild albuminuria	4171 (60.0) ^a	NR	7007 (69.1)	31 (0.7)	11 644 (69.1)	11 644 (69.1)	NR	NR
Moderate albuminuria	2013 (29.0) ^a	NR	2266 (22.3)	496 (11.3)	4029 (23.9)	4029 (23.9)	NR	NR
Severe albuminuria	769 (11.1) ^a	NR	760 (7.5)	3874 (88)	1169 (6.9)	1169 (6.9)	2079 (48.3)	NR
Medications								
RASi	5712 (81.4)	2600 (69.7)	8116 (80)	4395 (99.9)	13 950 (81.3)	3968 (83.6)	4224 (98.1)	6686 (81.1)
Beta-blockers	4554 (64.9)	3533 (94.7)	5421 (53.5)	1770 (40.2)	9030 (52.6)	4558 (96.1)	NR	5692 (69)
Antiplatelet agents ²	6293 (89.6)	NR	7466 (73.6)	2624 (59.6)	10 487 (61.1)	NR	NR	6978 (84.6)
Statins	5403 (77)	NR	7599 (74.9)	3036 (69)	12 868 (75)	2794 (58.9)	2794 (64.9)	6747 (81.8)
MRA	441 (6.3)	2661 (71.3)	NR	NR	NR	3370 (71)	NR	674 (8.2)
Diuretics	3035 (43.2)	NR	4490 (44.3)	2057 (46.7)	6967 (40.6)	4433 (93.4)	1882 (43.7)	3542 (43)
ARNi	NR	727 (19.5)	NR	NR	NR	508 (10.7)	NR	NR
Insulin	3387 (48.2)	NR	5095 (50.2)	2884 (65.5)	7013 (40.9)	510 (11.4)	NR	3900 (47.3)
Metformin	5193 (74.0)	NR	7825 (77.2)	2545 (57.8)	14 068 (82)	1016 (21.4)	NR	6292 (76.3)
Sulfonylureas	3006 (42.8)	NR	4361 (43)	1268 (28.8)	7322 (42.7)	438 (9.2)	NR	3390 (41.1)
DPP4i	796 (11.3)	NR	1261 (12.4)	751 (17.1)	2888 (16.8)	310 (6.5)	NR	911 (11)
GLP1-RA	196 (2.8)	NR	407 (4)	183 (4.2)	750 (4.4)	21 (0.4)	NR	278 (3.4)

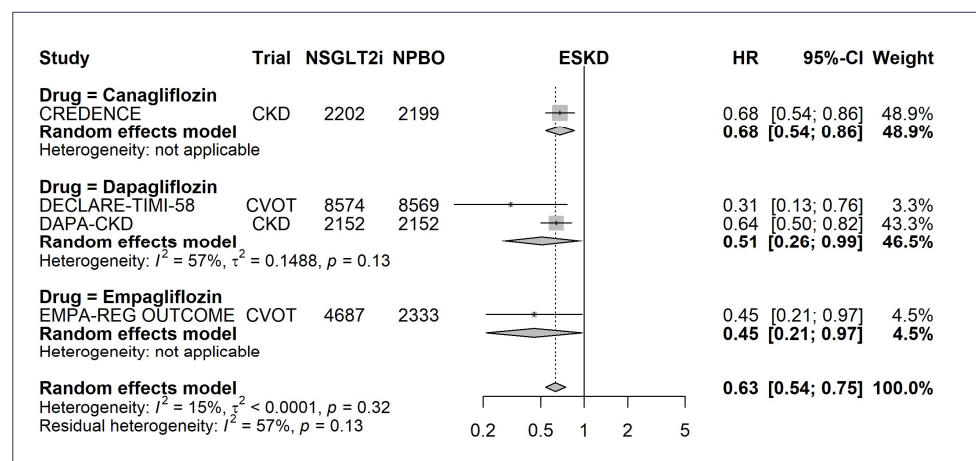
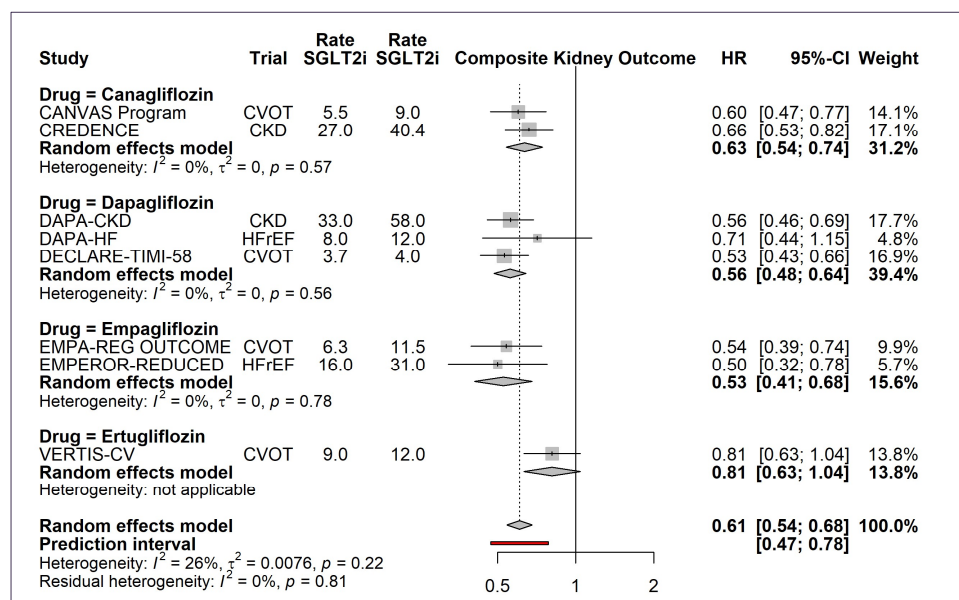
SGLT2i reduce all cause and cardiovascular death by 15%



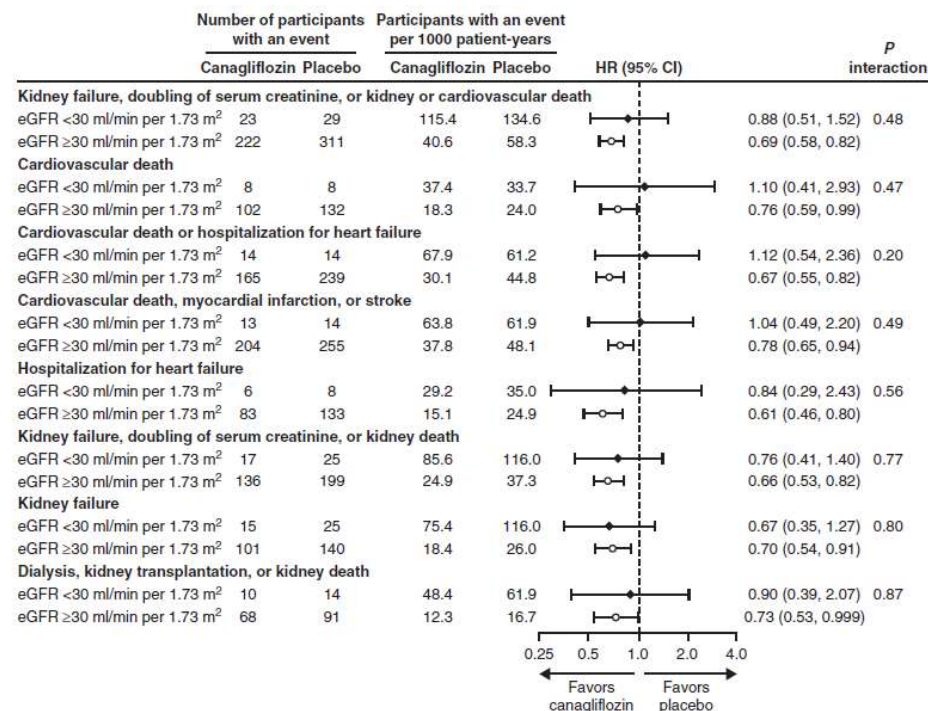
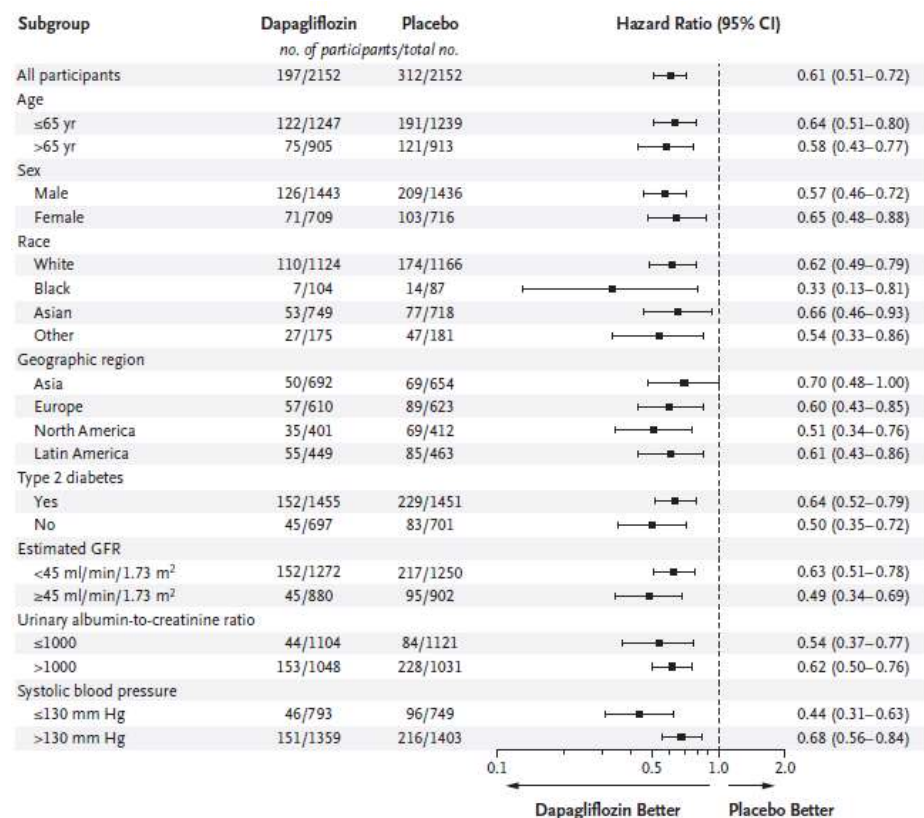
SGLT2i reduce major cardiovascular events by 10% and heart failure events by 30%



SGLT2i reduced rates of ESKD by 37% and the composite kidney outcome of worsening kidney function/ESKD by 39%



Renal benefits of SGLT2i are observed across demographics and levels of eGFR



Renal benefits
of SGLT2i are
observed
irrespective of
the presence
of diabetes
type 2





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a Kidney outcome











Study ID

HR (95% CI)

No diabetes

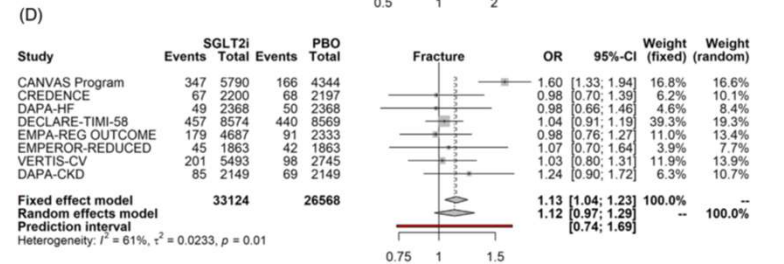
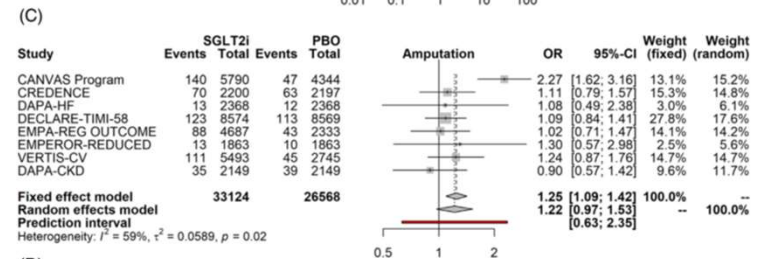
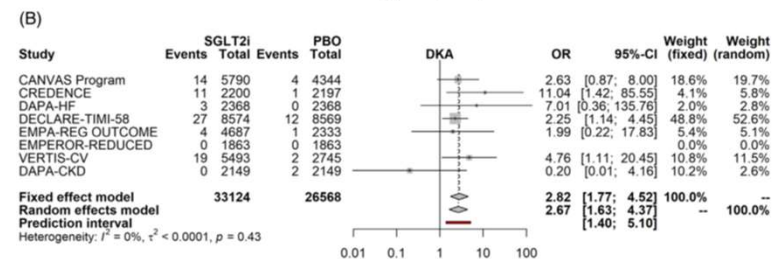
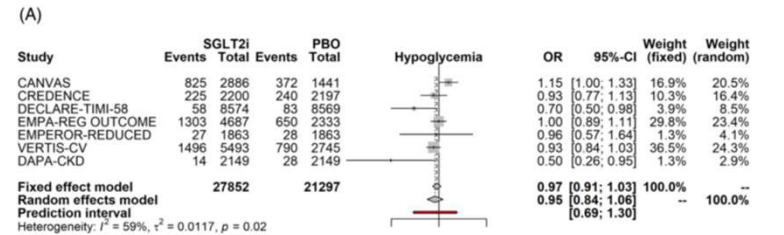
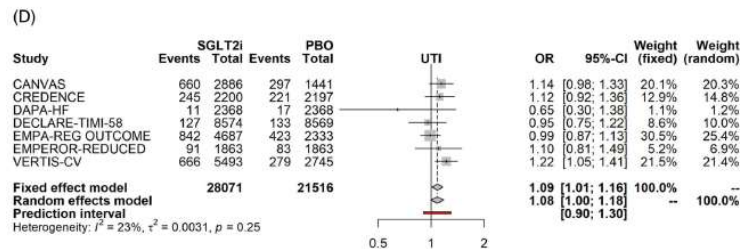
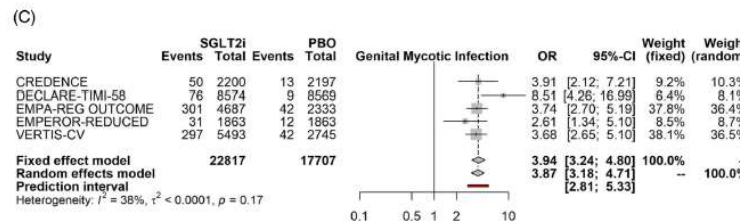
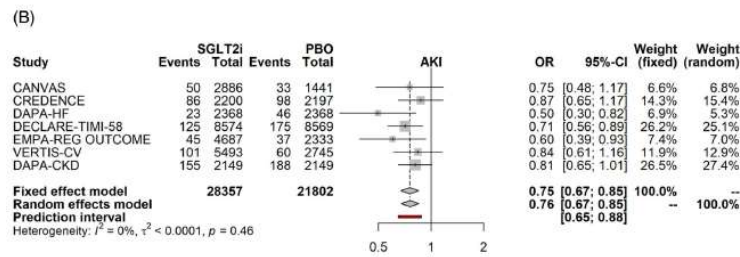
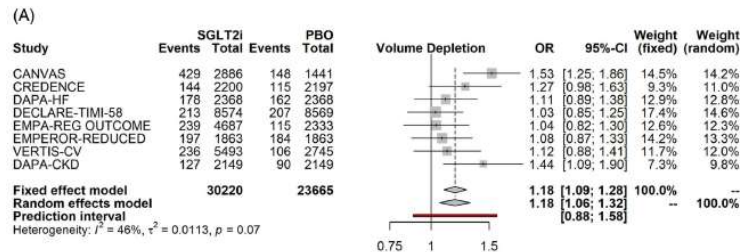
DAPA-HF		0.67 (0.30–1.49)
EMPEROR-Reduced		0.42 (0.19–0.97)
DAPA-CKD		0.50 (0.35–0.72)
Subtotal ($I^2 = 0.0\%$, $P = 0.714$)		0.51 (0.38–0.69)

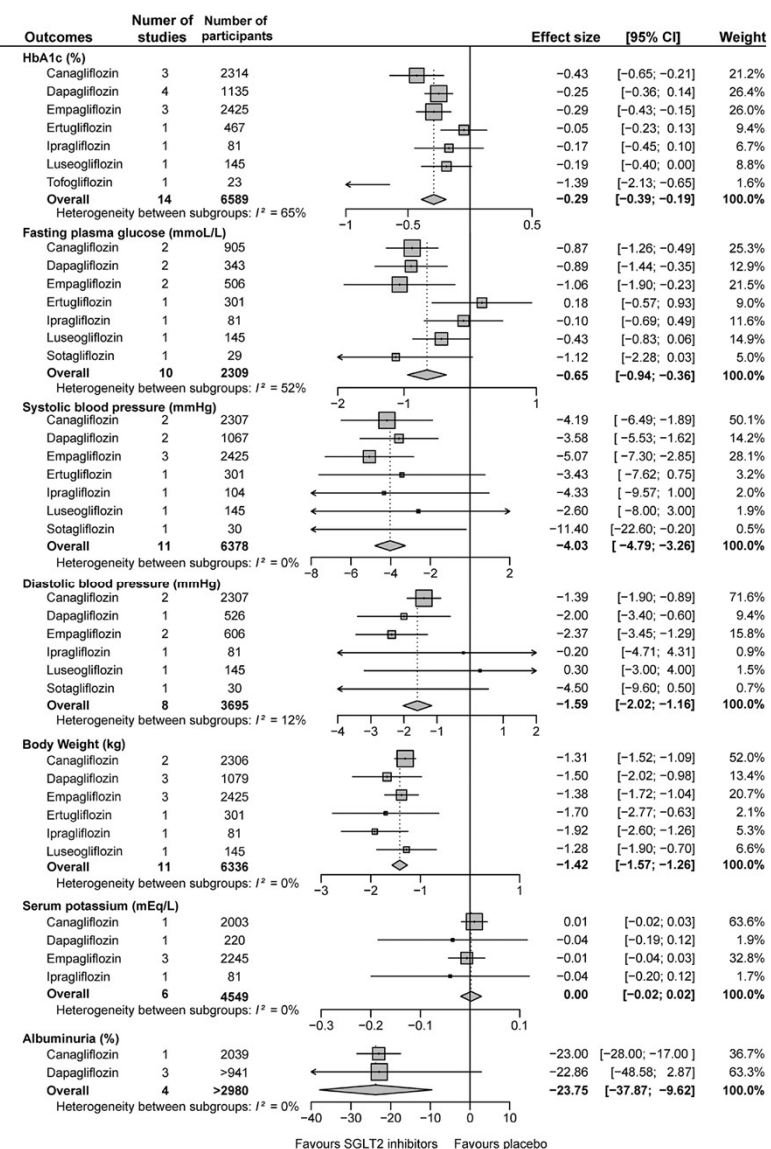
Diabetes

DAPA-HF		0.73 (0.39–1.34)
EMPEROR-Reduced		0.53 (0.31–0.90)
DAPA-CKD		0.64 (0.52–0.79)
CANVAS		0.60 (0.47–0.77)
CREDENCE		0.66 (0.53–0.81)
EMPA-Reg		0.54 (0.40–0.75)
DECLARE-TIMI		0.53 (0.43–0.66)
VERTIS-CV		0.81 (0.63–1.04)
SCORED		0.71 (0.46–1.08)
Subtotal ($I^2 = 6.6\%$, $P = 0.380$)		0.63 (0.57–0.69)

Overall ($I^2 = 0.0\%$, $P = 0.450$)		0.62 (0.57–0.67)
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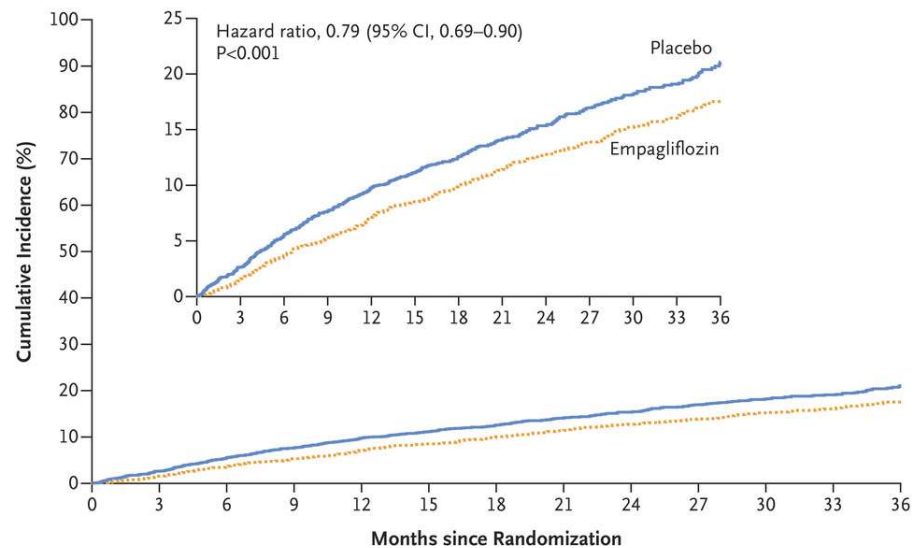




Effects of SGLT2i on biomarkers and clinical variables (meta-analysis)

SGLT2i DELIVER in HFpEF and become the EMPEROR of this Final Frontier

• EMPEROR-PRESERVED

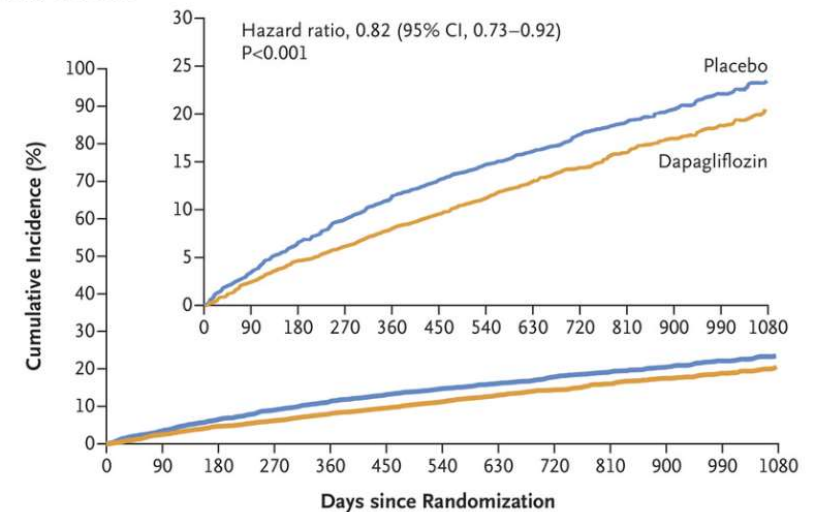


No. at Risk														
Placebo	2991	2888	2786	2706	2627	2424	2066	1821	1534	1278	961	681	400	
Empagliflozin	2997	2928	2843	2780	2708	2491	2134	1858	1578	1332	1005	709	402	

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• DELIVER

A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk																			
Placebo	3132	3007	2896	2799	2710	2608	2318	2080	1923	1554	1140	772	383						
Dapagliflozin	3131	3040	2949	2885	2807	2716	2401	2147	1982	1603	1181	801	389						

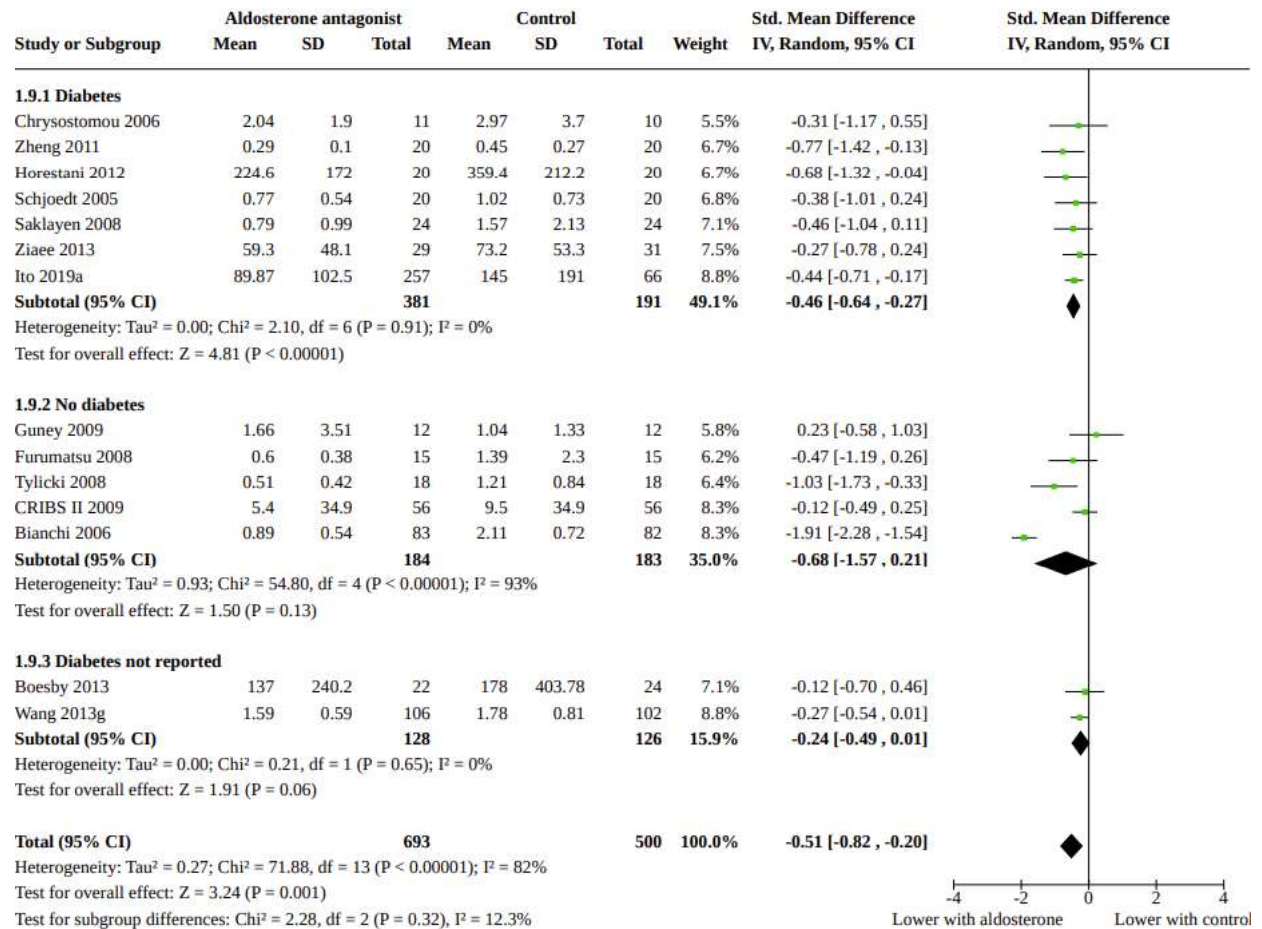
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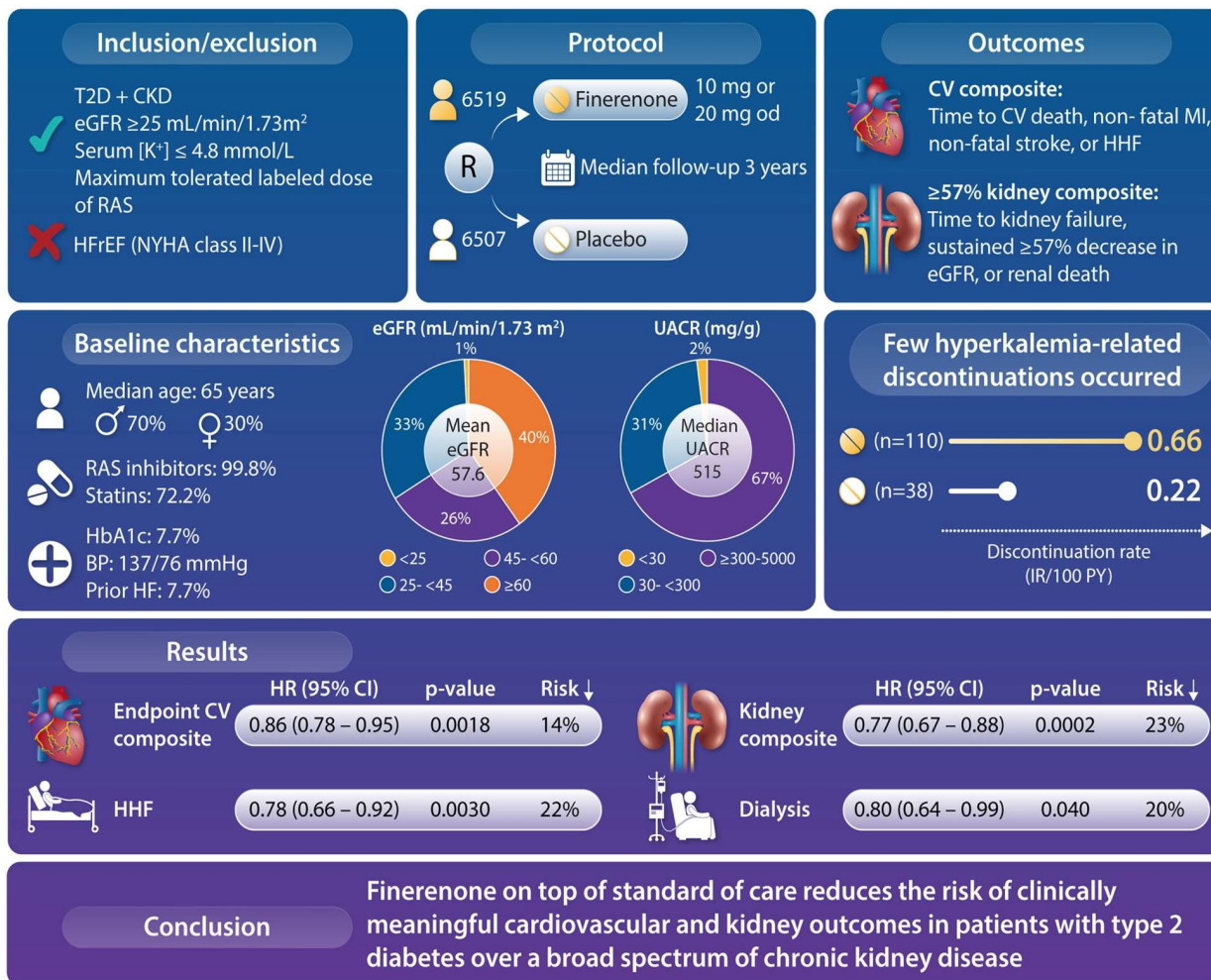
MRA improves proteinuria in CKD

- Uncertain effects on:
 - Kidney failure
 - Death
 - CV events
- MRA may decrease blood pressure: MD -4.98 mmHg, 95% CI -8.22 to -1.75, I² = 87%

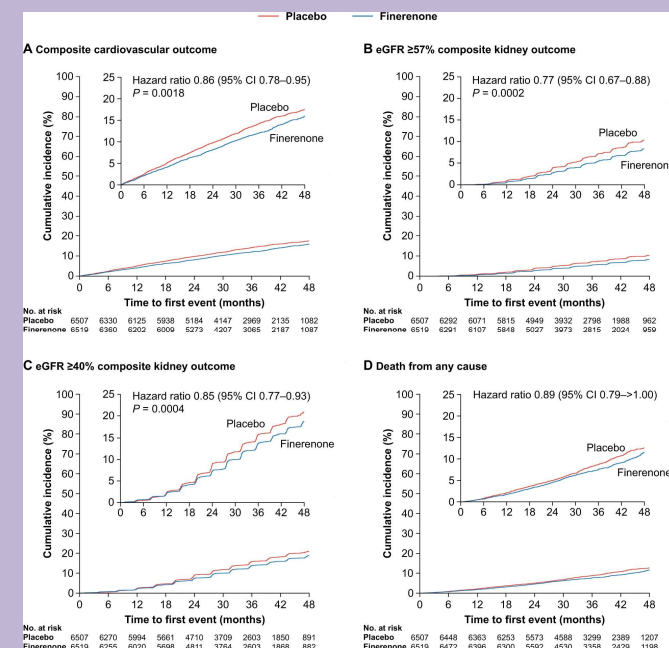
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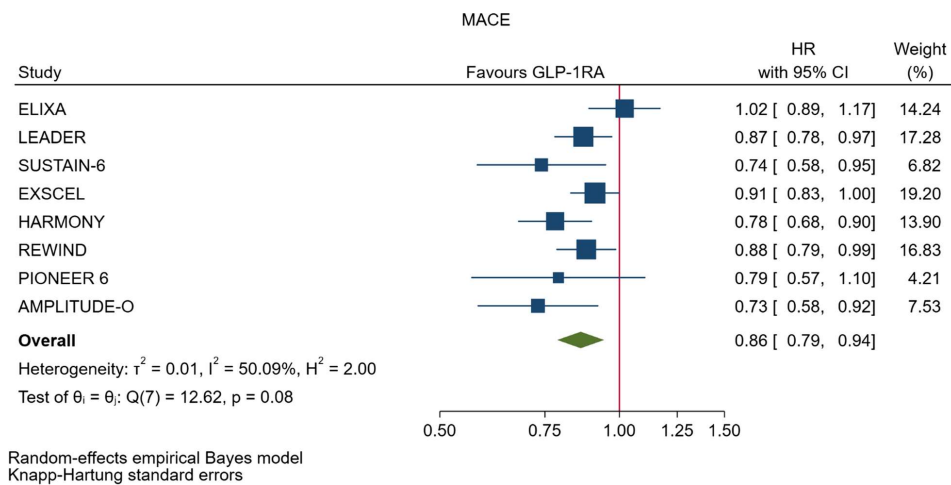
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Cardiovascular and kidney outcomes with finerenone in patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease: the FIDELITY pooled analysis

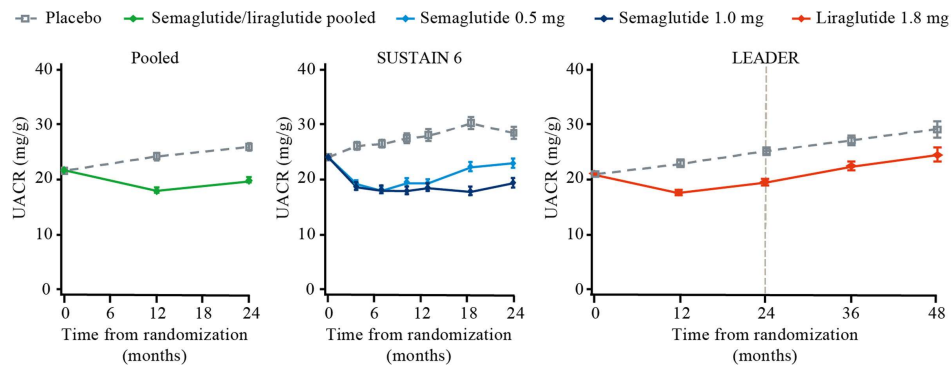


GLP1 RA improve Cardiovascular Outcomes in patients with DM2

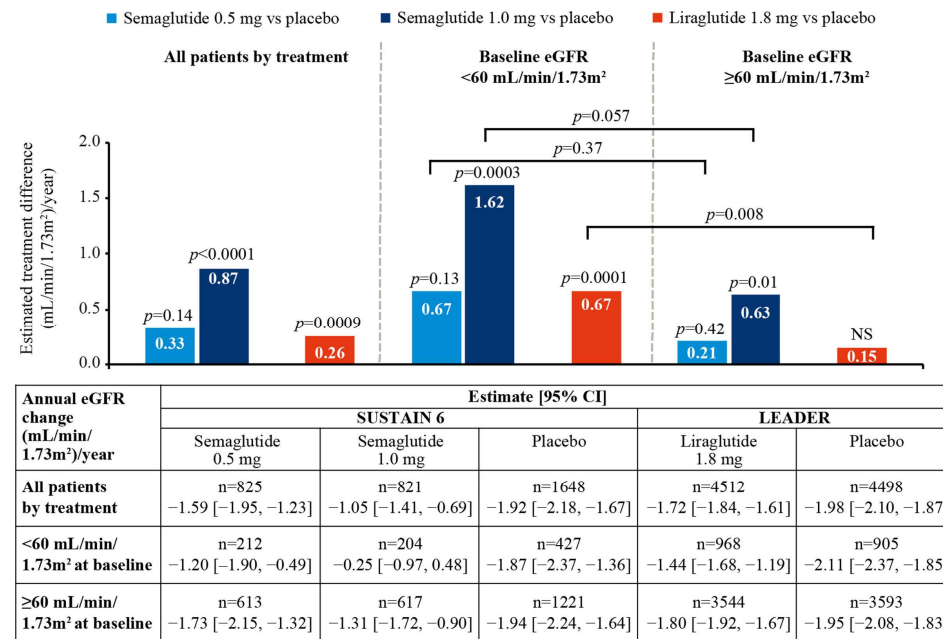


Outcome	Trials (n)	Estimate (HR)	95% CI	P value of HR	I ² (%)	P value of I ²
MACE						
All	8	0.86	0.79–0.94	0.006	50.0	0.080
Prior CVD	6	0.84	0.79–0.90	< 0.001	6.1	0.370
No prior CVD	6	0.94	0.83–1.06	0.330	0.0	0.420
CV mortality	8	0.87	0.78–0.96	0.016	18.7	0.330
Non-fatal MI	8	0.91	0.81–1.01	0.078	34.6	0.170
Non-fatal stroke	8	0.84	0.76–0.94	0.007	0.0	0.580
Heart failure	8	0.90	0.83–0.98	0.023	0.0	0.670
All-cause mortality	8	0.88	0.80–0.96	0.012	26.3	0.350
Renal endpoints	6	0.83	0.73–0.94	< 0.012	36.5	0.280
New macro	6	0.74	0.67–0.82	< 0.001	11.0	0.370

GLP1 RA may decrease rate of loss of kidney function & markers of kidney damage



Estimated treatment ratio at 2 years (treatment vs placebo) [95% CI]; <i>p</i> value*			
Overall pooled trial population	SUSTAIN 6		LEADER
	Semaglutide 0.5 mg	Semaglutide 1.0 mg	Liraglutide 1.8 mg
	0.80 [0.72, 0.90]; <i>p</i> <0.001	0.67 [0.60, 0.76]; <i>p</i> <0.001	0.77 [0.73, 0.82]; <i>p</i> <0.001
Estimated treatment ratio at 2 years (by-treatment comparisons) [95% CI]; <i>p</i> value			
Liraglutide 1.8 mg vs semaglutide 0.5 mg	0.96 [0.85, 1.09]; <i>p</i> =0.53	Liraglutide 1.8 mg vs semaglutide 1.0 mg	1.15 [1.02, 1.31]; <i>p</i> =0.024



Annual eGFR change (mL/min/1.73m²)/year	Estimate [95% CI]				
	SUSTAIN 6		LEADER		
	Semaglutide 0.5 mg	Semaglutide 1.0 mg	Placebo	Liraglutide 1.8 mg	Placebo
All patients by treatment	n=825 -1.59 [-1.95, -1.23]	n=821 -1.05 [-1.41, -0.69]	n=1648 -1.92 [-2.18, -1.67]	n=4512 -1.72 [-1.84, -1.61]	n=4498 -1.98 [-2.10, -1.87]
<60 mL/min/1.73m² at baseline	n=212 -1.20 [-1.90, -0.49]	n=204 -0.25 [-0.97, 0.48]	n=427 -1.87 [-2.37, -1.36]	n=968 -1.44 [-1.68, -1.19]	n=905 -2.11 [-2.37, -1.85]
≥60 mL/min/1.73m² at baseline	n=613 -1.73 [-2.15, -1.32]	n=617 -1.31 [-1.72, -0.90]	n=1221 -1.94 [-2.24, -1.64]	n=3544 -1.80 [-1.92, -1.67]	n=3593 -1.95 [-2.08, -1.83]

GLP1/GIP dual agonists and kidney disease in SURPASS-4

Incidence composite kidney endpoint

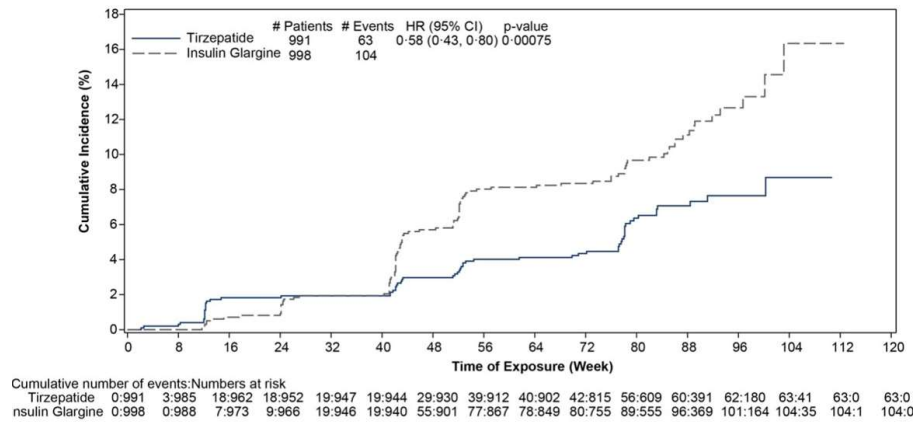


Table. Kidney endpoints in pooled tirzepatide (5, 10, 15 mg) and insulin glargine treatment arms of SURPASS-4.

Population	Treatment	Composite endpoint 1 ^a		Composite endpoint 2 ^b		eGFR decline ≥40% from baseline		Renal death		Progression to ESRD		New onset macroalbuminuria	
		n (%)	HR (95% CI)	n (%)	HR (95% CI)	n (%)	HR (95% CI)	n (%)	HR (95% CI)	n (%)	HR (95% CI)	n (%)	HR (95% CI)
SURPASS-4 population	TZP N=995	64 (6.4)	0.59 (0.43,0.80)*	39 (3.9)	0.80 (0.53,1.22)	38 (3.8)	0.86 (0.56,1.33)	1 (0.1)	0.99 (0.06,15.80)	0 (0.0)	-	25 (2.5)	0.41 (0.26,0.66)*
	iGlar N=1000	105 (10.5)		48 (4.8)		45 (4.5)		1 (0.1)		5 (0.5)		61 (6.1)	
SGLT2i use at baseline	TZP N=245	15 (6.1)	0.66 (0.34,1.26)	7 (2.9)	0.90 (0.33,2.47)	7 (2.9)	0.93 (0.34,2.55)	0 (0.0)	-	0 (0.0)	-	8 (3.3)	0.54 (0.23,1.27)
	iGlar N=256	23 (9.0)		8 (3.1)		8 (3.1)		0 (0.0)		1 (0.4)		15 (5.9)	
No SGLT2i use at baseline	TZP N=750	49 (6.5)	0.57 (0.40,0.81)*	32 (4.3)	0.78 (0.49,1.23)	31 (4.1)	0.85 (0.53,1.37)	1 (0.1)	0.98 (0.06,15.64)	0 (0.0)	-	17 (2.3)	0.37 (0.21,0.65)*
	iGlar N=744	82 (11.0)		40 (5.4)		37 (5.0)		1 (0.1)		4 (0.5)		46 (6.2)	
Albuminuria ≥30 mg/g	TZP N=358	35 (9.8)	0.47 (0.31,0.71)*	20 (5.6)	0.70 (0.39,1.25)	19 (5.3)	0.75 (0.41,1.37)	1 (0.3)	0.96 (1.06,15.31)	0 (0.0)	-	15 (4.2)	0.33 (0.18,0.61)*
	iGlar N=349	65 (18.6)		27 (7.7)		24 (6.9)		1 (0.3)		3 (0.9)		39 (11.2)	
Albuminuria <30 mg/g	TZP N=621	27 (4.3)	0.70 (0.43,1.14)	19 (3.1)	0.92 (0.49,1.71)	19 (3.1)	0.97 (0.52,1.80)	0 (0.0)	-	0 (0.0)	-	8 (1.3)	0.42 (0.18,0.94)*
	iGlar N=630	39 (6.2)		21 (3.3)		21 (3.3)		0 (0.0)		2 (0.3)		21 (3.3)	
Moderate or severely reduced kidney function ^c	TZP N=176	12 (6.8)	0.46 (0.23,0.93)*	5 (2.8)	0.37 (0.13,1.02)	4 (2.3)	0.40 (0.13,1.27)	1 (0.6)	-	0 (0.0)	-	7 (4.0)	0.68 (0.26,1.74)
	iGlar N=166	24 (14.5)		13 (7.8)		11 (6.6)		0 (0.0)		2 (1.2)		11 (6.6)	
High risk for kidney related outcomes ^d	TZP N=92	10 (10.9)	0.59 (0.27,1.29)	6 (6.5)	0.51 (0.19,1.35)	5 (5.4)	0.62 (0.21,1.84)	1 (1.1)	1.05 (0.07,16.85)	0 (0.0)	-	4 (4.3)	0.91 (0.24,3.38)
	iGlar N=94	17 (18.1)		12 (12.8)		9 (9.6)		1 (1.1)		2 (2.1)		5 (5.3)	

Data are from the mITT population (efficacy analysis set), including on-treatment data prior to the use of rescue therapy. Cox proportional-hazards model was used to estimate the HR and 95% CI for pooled TZP compared with iGlar for the endpoints. HR estimate with CI is not calculated when either the TZP or iGlar arm has no event. ^aeGFR decline ≥40% from baseline, renal death, progression to ESRD, and new onset macroalbuminuria. ^beGFR decline ≥40% from baseline, renal death, and progression to ESRD. ^ceGFR <60 CKD-EPI mL/min per 1.73 m². ^deGFR <75 CKD-EPI mL/min per 1.73 m² and macroalbuminuria, or eGFR <45 CKD-EPI mL/min per 1.73 m². TZP 5 mg, 10 mg, and 15 mg arms pooled for analysis. *P<.05 versus iGlar. CI=confidence interval; CKD-EPI=Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; ESRD=end stage renal disease; eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate; HR=hazard ratio; iGlar=insulin glargine; mITT=modified intention-to-treat; N=number of patients in population; n=number of patients with event; SGLT2i=sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitors; TZP=tirzepatide; UACR=urine albumin-creatinine ratio.

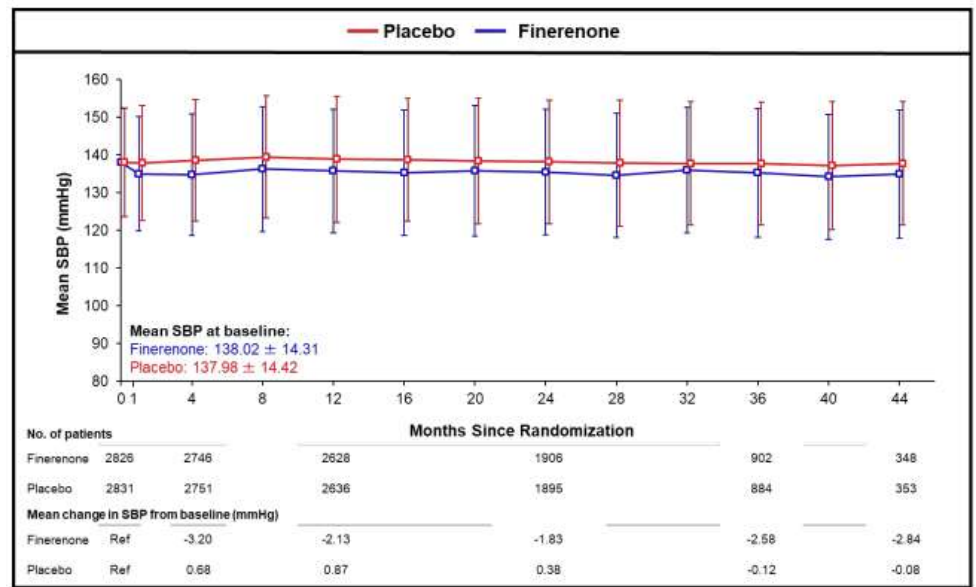
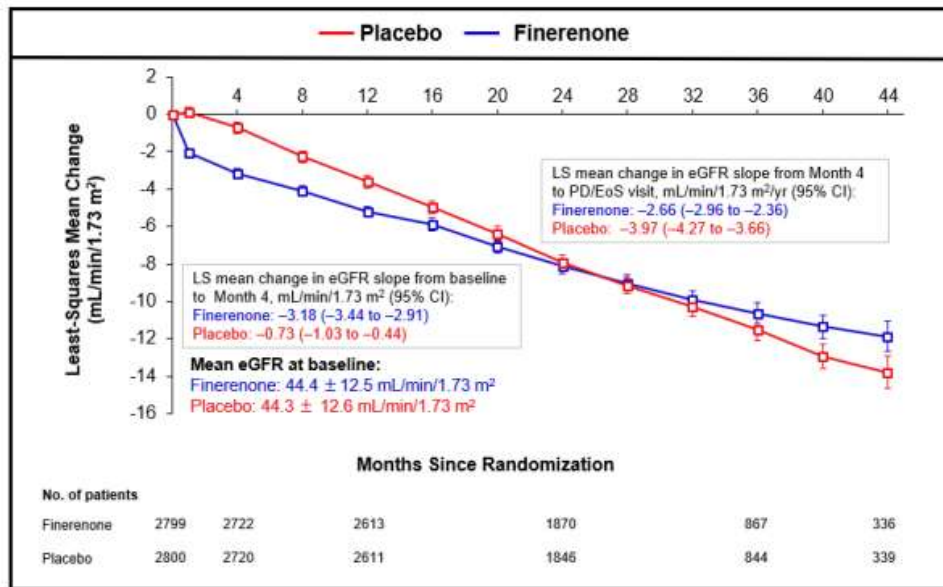
If you are only
going to retain
one slide...

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1. Patients may be selected for further therapies based on UACR
2. SGLT2i have broad cardiovascular, renal and heart failure benefits
3. Cardiorenal benefits of SGLT2i are likely to be class, rather than agent specific
4. Effects of SGLT2i on CKD don't differ between diabetic and non-diabetic forms of CKD
5. Selective, non-steroidal MRAs have the same effects on cardiorenal outcomes as SGLT2i
6. Associate the letter "G" with the GLP1 (/GIP1) rather than Glipizide
7. We still don't know if we have to aim for the trifecta: SGLT2i/MRA/GLP1(/GIP1) on our patients

Backup

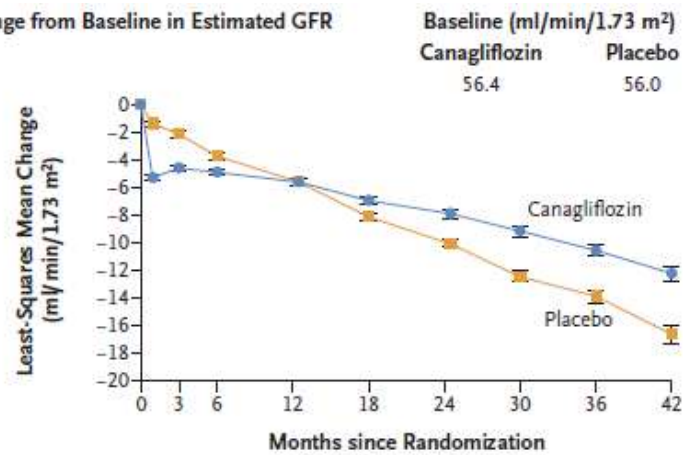
Effects of Finerenone reduced loss of eGFR and had modest effects on BP



Change in SBP < 3 mmHg
throughout FIDELIO-CKD

Canagliflozin (CREDESCENCE)

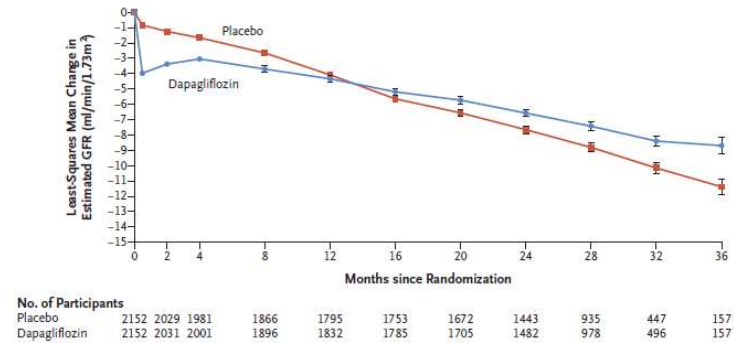
B Change from Baseline in Estimated GFR



No. of Patients								
Placebo	2178	1985	1882	1720	1536	1006	583	210
Canagliflozin	2179	2005	1919	1782	1648	1116	652	241

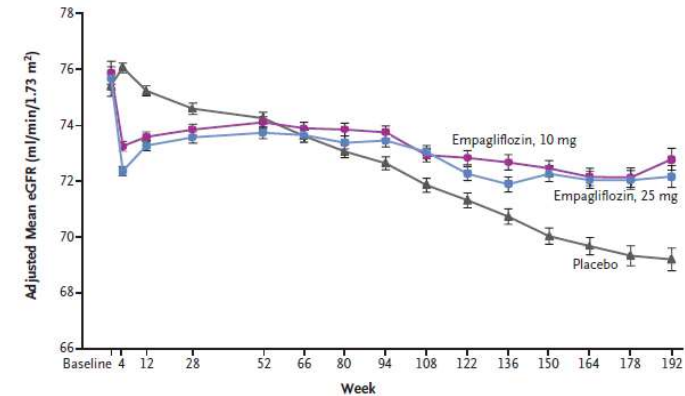
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Empagliflozin (EMPA-REG)



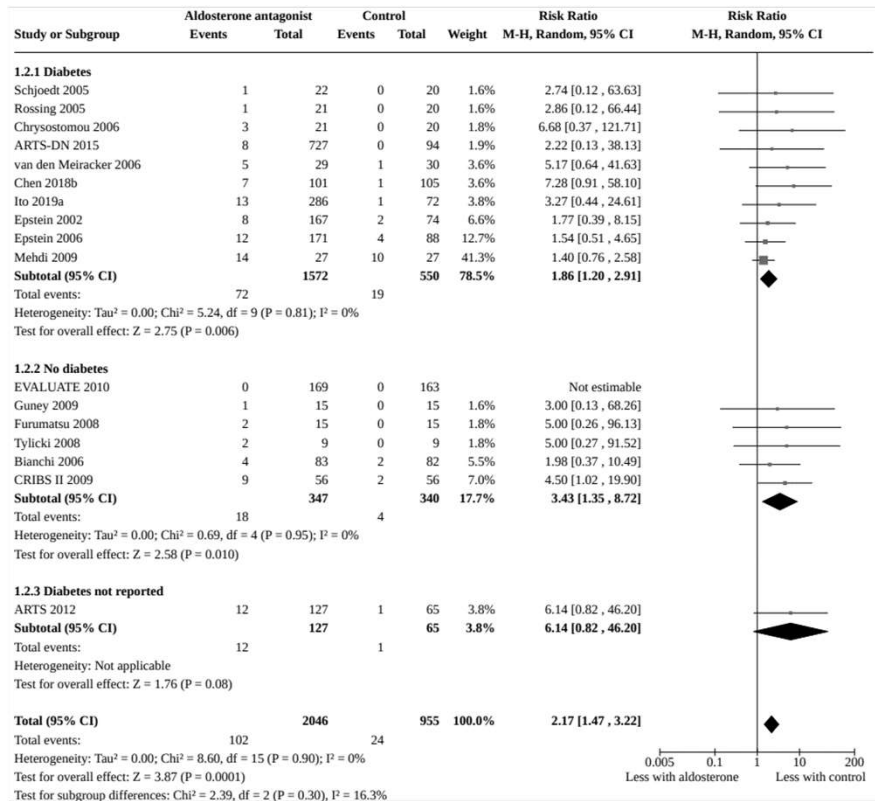
Dapagliflozin (DAPA-CKD)

A Change in eGFR over 192 Wk

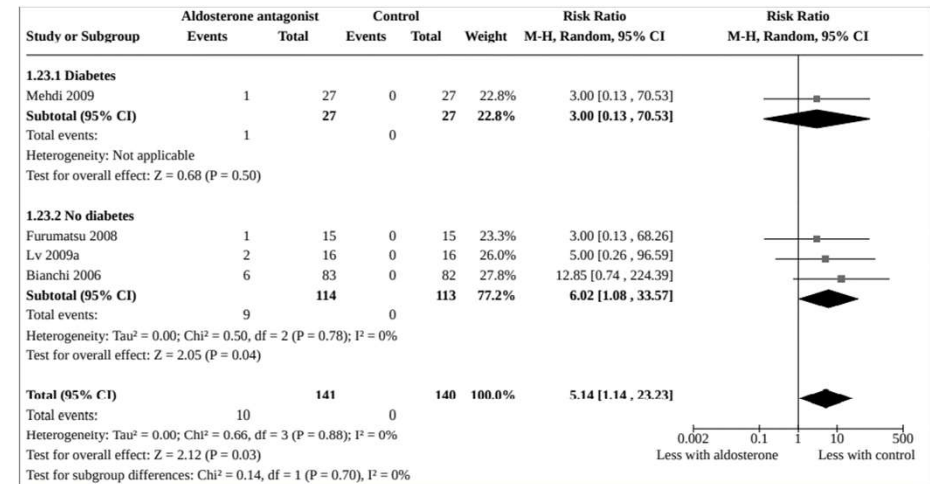


Nonselective MRA is associated with hyperkalemia and gynecomastia

Hyperkalemia



Gynecomastia

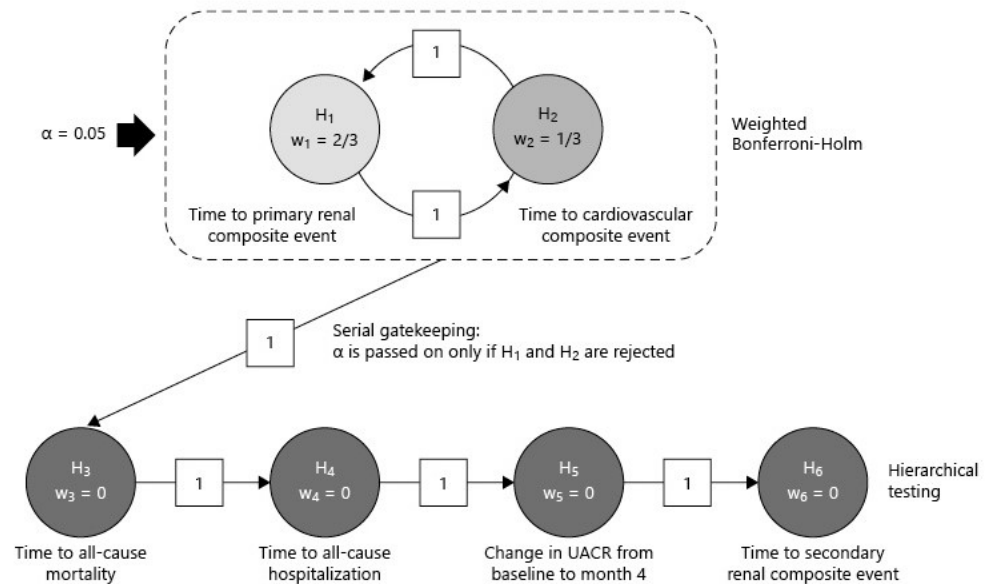


Numbers Needed To Harm

Hyperkalemia	Gynecomastia
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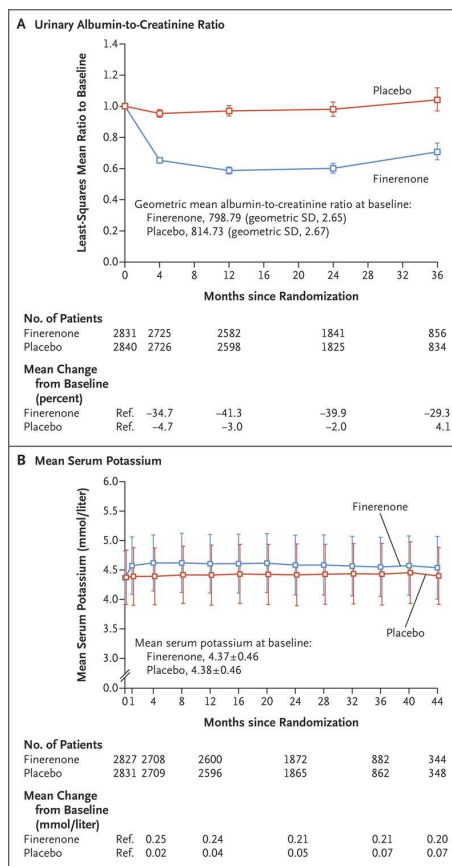
FIDELIO CKD: Inclusion, exclusion, & statistical analysis

- Pts with T2D and CKD :
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 - UACR in 30-300 mg/g & eGFR in 25-60 ml/min/1.73m²
- Serum potassium level ≤ 4.8 meq/l
- Prior treatment with ACEi or ARB
- Excluded pts currently receiving eplerenone/spironolactone/renin inhibitor/K-sparing diuretic
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- Dialysis dependent AKI within 12 wks of study run-in visit
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- NYHA Class II-IV or indication 1A for MRA



Finerenone reduces hard kidney and cardiovascular outcomes in moderate DKD

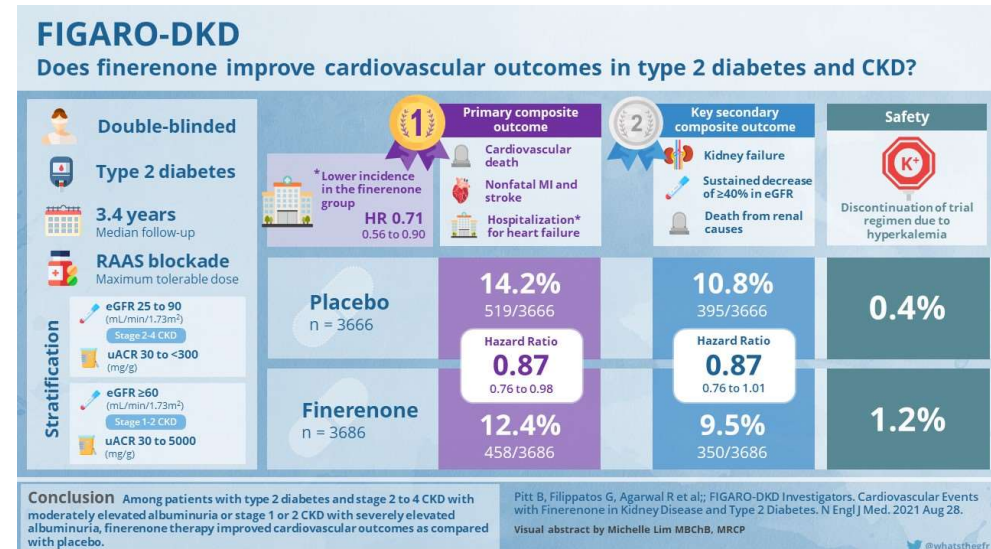
Outcome	Finerenone (N=2833) no. of patients with event (%)	Placebo (N=2841) no. of patients with event (%)	Finerenone (N=2833) no. of patients with event per 100 patient-yr	Placebo (N=2841) no. of patients with event per 100 patient-yr	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Primary composite outcome	504 (17.8)	600 (21.1)	7.59	9.08	0.82 (0.73–0.93)	0.001
Kidney failure	208 (7.3)	235 (8.3)	2.99	3.39	0.87 (0.72–1.05)	—
End-stage kidney disease	119 (4.2)	139 (4.9)	1.60	1.87	0.86 (0.67–1.10)	—
Sustained decrease in eGFR to <15 ml/min/1.73 m ²	167 (5.9)	199 (7.0)	2.40	2.87	0.82 (0.67–1.01)	—
Sustained decrease of ≥40% in eGFR from baseline	479 (16.9)	577 (20.3)	7.21	8.73	0.81 (0.72–0.92)	—
Death from renal causes	2 (<0.1)	2 (<0.1)	—	—	—	—
Key secondary composite outcome	367 (13.0)	420 (14.8)	5.11	5.92	0.86 (0.75–0.99)	0.03
Death from cardiovascular causes	128 (4.5)	150 (5.3)	1.69	1.99	0.86 (0.68–1.08)	—
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	70 (2.5)	87 (3.1)	0.94	1.17	0.80 (0.58–1.09)	—
Nonfatal stroke	90 (3.2)	87 (3.1)	1.21	1.18	1.03 (0.76–1.38)	—
Hospitalization for heart failure	139 (4.9)	162 (5.7)	1.89	2.21	0.86 (0.68–1.08)	—
Death from any cause	219 (7.7)	244 (8.6)	2.90	3.23	0.90 (0.75–1.07)	—
Hospitalization for any cause	1263 (44.6)	1321 (46.5)	22.56	23.87	0.95 (0.88–1.02)	—
Secondary composite kidney outcome	252 (8.9)	326 (11.5)	3.64	4.74	0.76 (0.65–0.90)	—
Sustained decrease of ≥57% in eGFR from baseline	167 (5.9)	245 (8.6)	2.41	3.54	0.68 (0.55–0.82)	—



Event	Finerenone (N=2827)	Placebo (N=2831)
no. of patients (%)		
Any adverse event	2468 (87.3)	2478 (87.5)
Adverse event related to trial regimen	646 (22.9)	449 (15.9)
Adverse event leading to discontinuation of trial regimen	207 (7.3)	168 (5.9)
Any serious adverse event	902 (31.9)	971 (34.3)
Serious adverse event related to trial regimen	48 (1.7)	34 (1.2)
Serious adverse event leading to discontinuation of trial regimen	75 (2.7)	78 (2.8)
Investigator-reported hyperkalemia	516 (18.3)	255 (9.0)
Hyperkalemia related to trial regimen	333 (11.8)	135 (4.8)
Serious hyperkalemia	44 (1.6)	12 (0.4)
Hospitalization due to hyperkalemia	40 (1.4)	8 (0.3)
Permanent discontinuation of trial regimen due to hyperkalemia	64 (2.3)	25 (0.9)
Investigator-reported hypokalemia	28 (1.0)	61 (2.2)
Investigator-reported renal-related adverse events		
Acute kidney injury	129 (4.6)	136 (4.8)
Hospitalization due to acute kidney injury	53 (1.9)	47 (1.7)
Discontinuation of trial regimen due to acute kidney injury	5 (0.2)	7 (0.2)
Hospitalization due to acute renal failure	70 (2.5)	71 (2.5)
Discontinuation of trial regimen due to acute renal failure	31 (1.1)	36 (1.3)
Adverse events affecting ≥5% of patients in either group		
Hyperkalemia	446 (15.8)	221 (7.8)
Nasopharyngitis	241 (8.5)	250 (8.8)
Hypertension	212 (7.5)	273 (9.6)
Anemia	209 (7.4)	191 (6.7)
Peripheral edema	186 (6.6)	304 (10.7)
Diarrhea	184 (6.5)	189 (6.7)
Upper respiratory tract infection	181 (6.4)	189 (6.7)
Glomerular filtration rate decreased	179 (6.3)	133 (4.7)
Urinary tract infection	179 (6.3)	192 (6.8)
Back pain	175 (6.2)	175 (6.2)
Hypoglycemia	151 (5.3)	194 (6.9)
Dizziness	146 (5.2)	153 (5.4)
Arthralgia	142 (5.0)	149 (5.3)
Bronchitis	134 (4.7)	151 (5.3)
Constipation	131 (4.6)	163 (5.8)
Pneumonia	128 (4.5)	181 (6.4)

Cardiovascular Outcomes of Finerenone in less severe Diabetic Kidney Disease: the FIGARO-DKD trial

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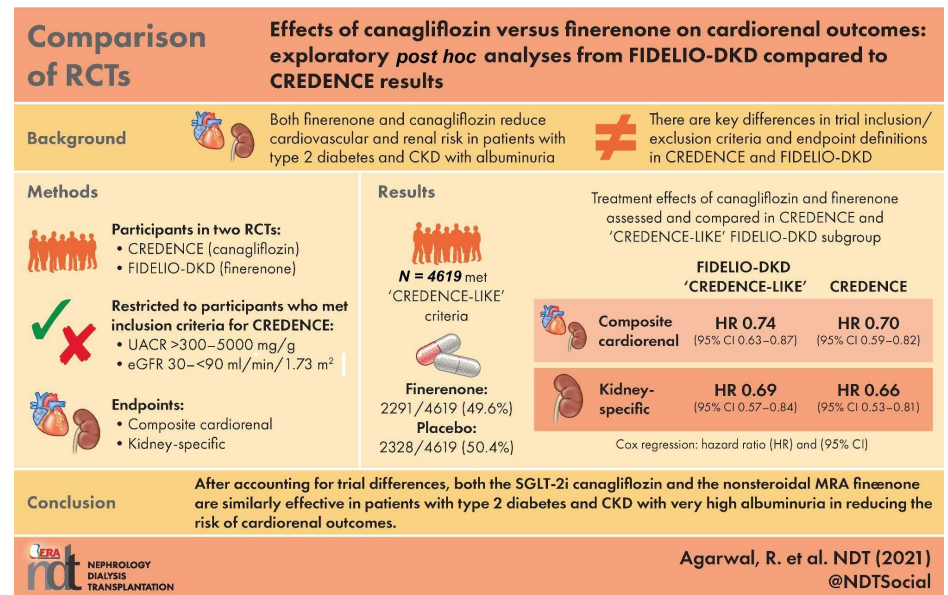
- SAE: 31.4% (Finerenone) vs 33.2% (placebo)
- Incidence of hyperkalemia was higher with finerenone than with placebo (10.8% vs. 5.3%)

MRA v.s. SGLT2i in the management of CKD

ARE MRAS LESS POTENT?

- Eye-balling HRs
- Network meta-analysis (statistical eye-balling) SGLT2i vs MRA:
 1. Kidney Failure Progression: HR 0.78, 95% CI 0.67–0.90
 2. HHF: HR 0.71, 95% CI 0.55–0.92
 3. MACE: HR 0.95, 95% CI 0.71–1.27

OR DID THE TRIALS JUST RECRUIT PATIENTS WITH SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT RISK PROFILES ?



Role of combination MRA/SGLT2i in CKD?

Of Rodents...

Cardio-renal effects of mono and combination therapy with Finerenone and Empagliflozin in preclinical model of Hypertension induced end organ damage

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Intervention	Outcome parameters	Survival (Relative mortality & severe morbidity)	Change in Proteinuria	Blood Pressure (mm Hg)	Cardiac & Renal Histology
Placebo		53%	100%	202 ±6.8	
Finerenone 1mg		85%	-27%	170 ±9.0	
Finerenone 3mg		86%	-87%	164 ±4.7	
Empagliflozin 3mg		71%	-38%	199 ±10.4	
Empagliflozin 10mg		62%	-64%	188 ±8.7	
Finerenone 1mg + Empagliflozin 3mg		93%	-86%	173 ±7.7	

Hypertensive, proteinuric, L-NAME treated, renin-transgenic (mRen2)27 rats.

Dose dependent Improvement in cardiac & renal histopathology parameters with maximum benefit with low dose combination therapy

Conclusion: Combination of nonsteroidal MR antagonist by finerenone and SGLT2 inhibition by empagliflozin confer CV protection in preclinical hypertension-induced cardiorenal disease indicating a strong potential for combined clinical use.

Kolkhof P, Hartmann E, Freyberger A, Pavlovic M, Mathari I, Sandner P, Droebecker K, Joseph A, Hüser J, Eitner F: Effects of Finerenone Combined with Empagliflozin in a Model of Hypertension-Induced End-Organ Damage. Am J Nephrol DOI: 10.1159/000516213

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And Humans...

A Study to Learn How Well the Treatment Combination of Finerenone and Empagliflozin Works and How Safe it is Compared to Each Treatment Alone in Adult Participants With Long-term Kidney Disease (Chronic Kidney Disease) and Type 2 Diabetes (CONFIDENCE)

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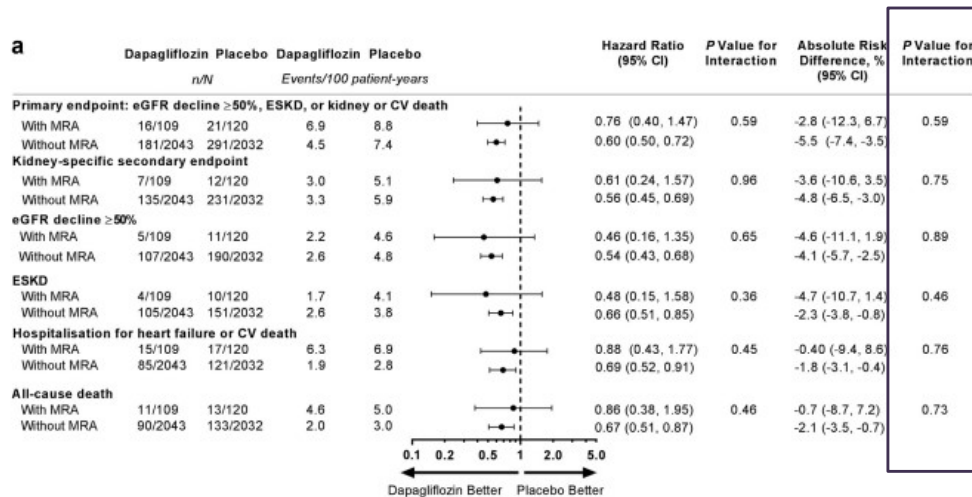
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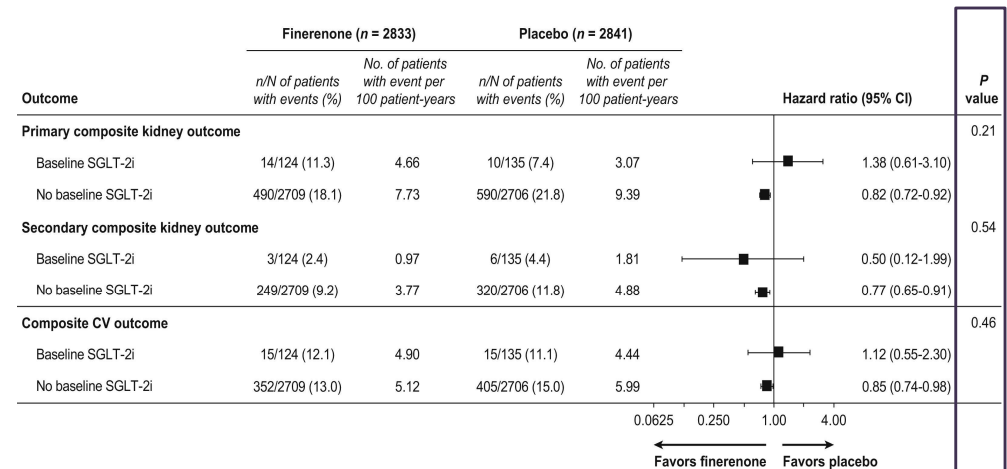
Empa vs
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Empa+Finerenone

Do MRA/SGLT2i interfere with each other?

MRA IN DAPA-CKD



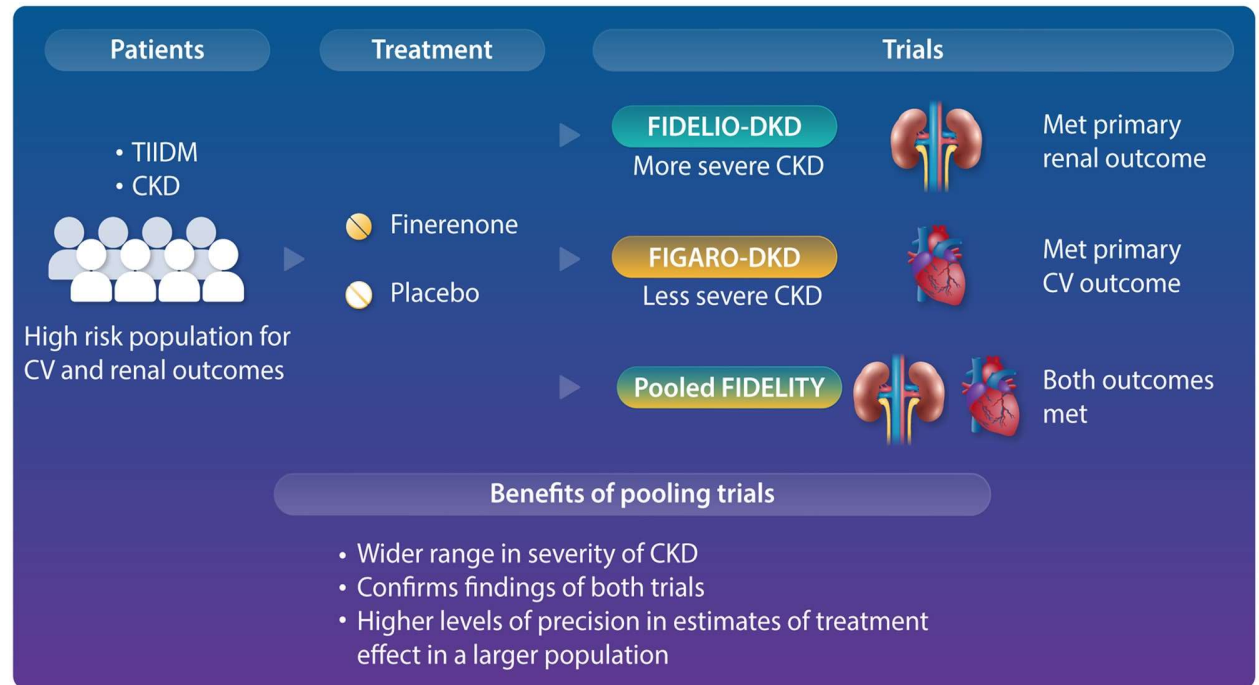
SGLT2I IN THE FIDELIO-DKD TRIAL



No evidence of effect modification based on limited and subject to selection effect post hoc subgroup data

Aldosteronism Antagonism (MRA) for the reduction of cardiorenal risk across the spectrum of DKD

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Hyperkalemia will occur with ACEi/ARB and MRAs

Hyperkalemia will occur irrespective of the diabetic (or not) nature of CKD

Management of hyperkalemia will allow the safe use of ACEi/ARB/MRAs

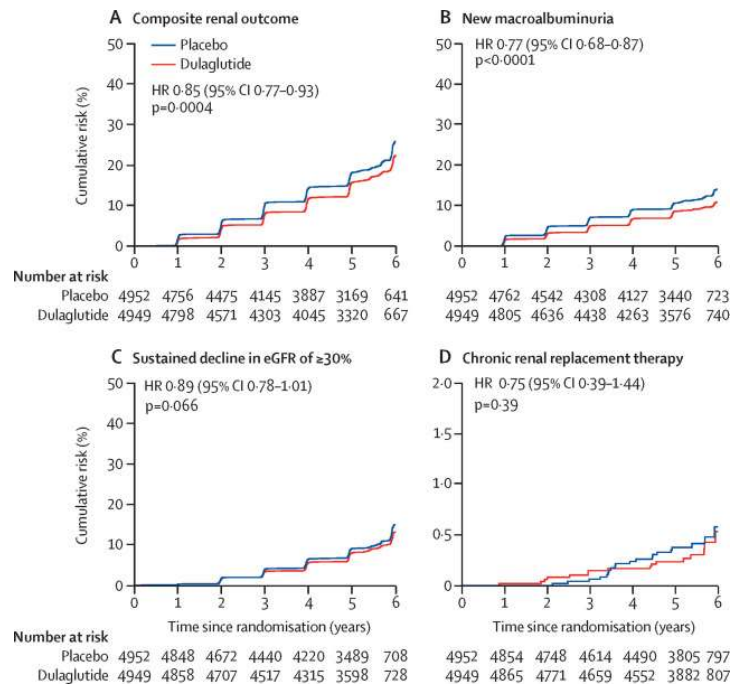
Continued use of these agents is required to deliver their cardiovascular and kidney benefits

Potential strategies to manage the hyperkalemia risk by *any* RAASi are:

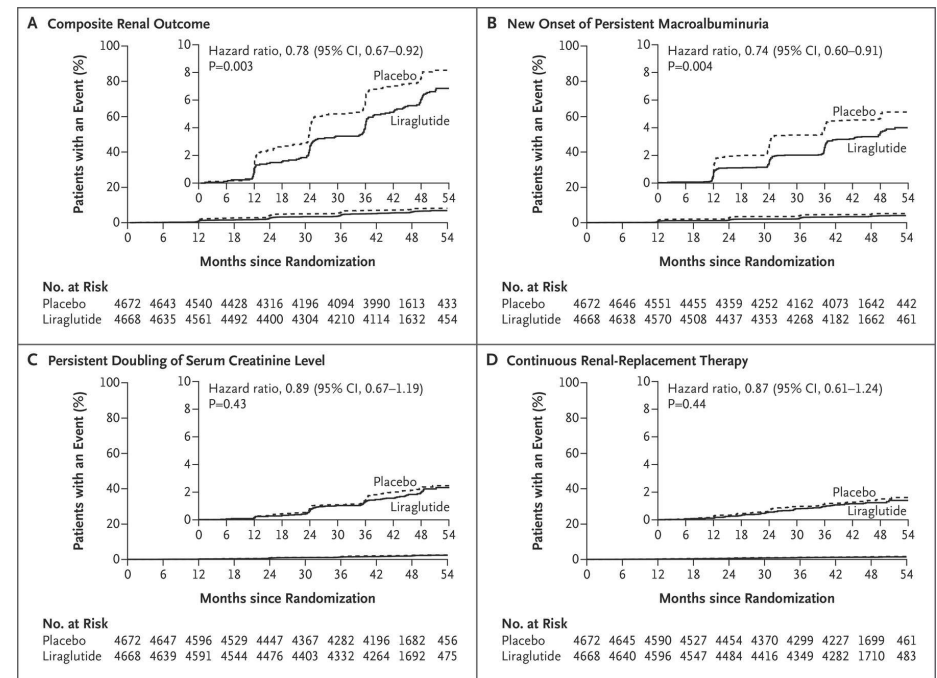
- Measure the potassium (it never makes sense to “stop the count”)
- Stop the RAASi or reduce the dose (temporarily)
- “Convince” the kidneys to get rid of potassium (diuretics/SGLT2 inhibitors)
- Use a potassium binder (patiromer/ZS9)

GLP1RA in Diabetic Kidney Disease

Duaglutide



Liraglutide



Dulaglutide and renal outcomes in type 2 diabetes: an exploratory analysis of the REWIND randomised, placebo-controlled trial - The Lancet

Liraglutide and Renal Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes | NEJM

Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes | NEJM

Semaglutide:

Composite Kidney HR 0.64 (95% CI 0.46 – 0.88) mostly driven by progression to macroalbuminuria: HR 0.54 95% CI (0.37 – 0.77)

Are MRAs our next weapon in managing cardiorenal risk?

