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**CONTROLLO METABOLICO E CARDIONEFROPROTEZIONE IN DIABETOLOGIA TRA NOTA 100
E LINEE GUIDA: L' EFFICACIA DEGLI SGLT2i**

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Dichiarazione dei conflitti d'interesse

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DI NON AVERE CONFLITTI DI INTERESSE

Retrospective analysis of data from >1.1 million patients with T2D

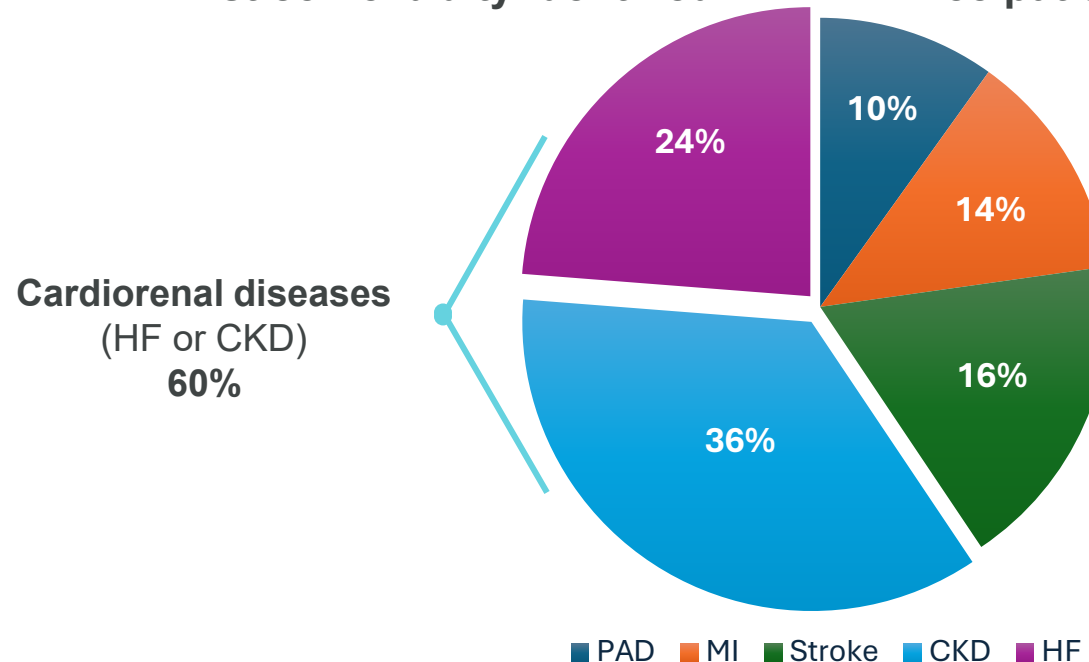
Initially, the majority (66%) of patients were CVRD-free



Mean follow-up: 4.5 years

137,081 patients (18% of total CVRD-free patient population) developed a CVRD manifestation

First comorbidity identified in CVRD-free patients with T2D

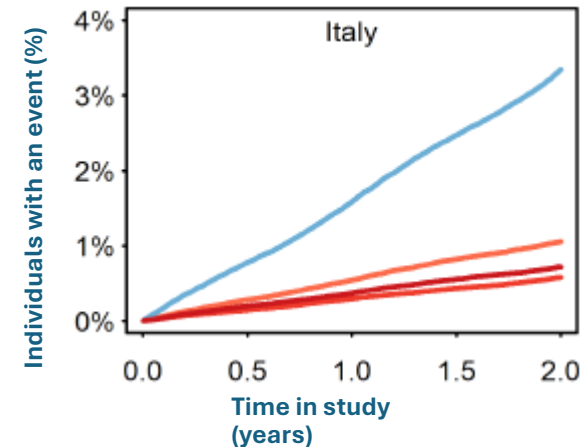
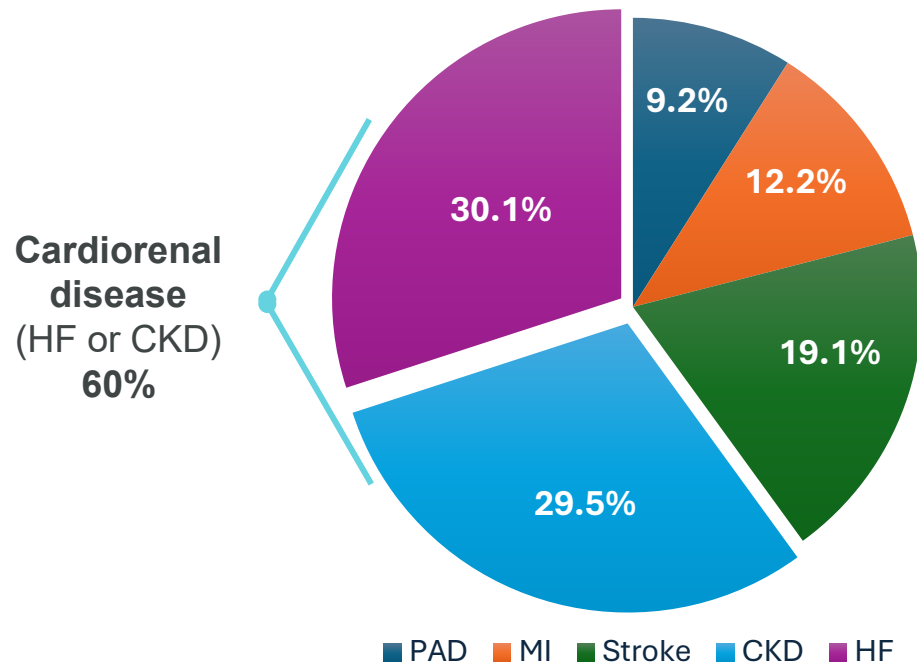


Compared with comorbidity-free patients with T2D, **cardiorenal disease was associated with a greater risk of mortality** than stroke, PAD and MI

T2D and cardiorenal disease are interlinked

Italy is no exception, and the costs reflect the onset of comorbidities

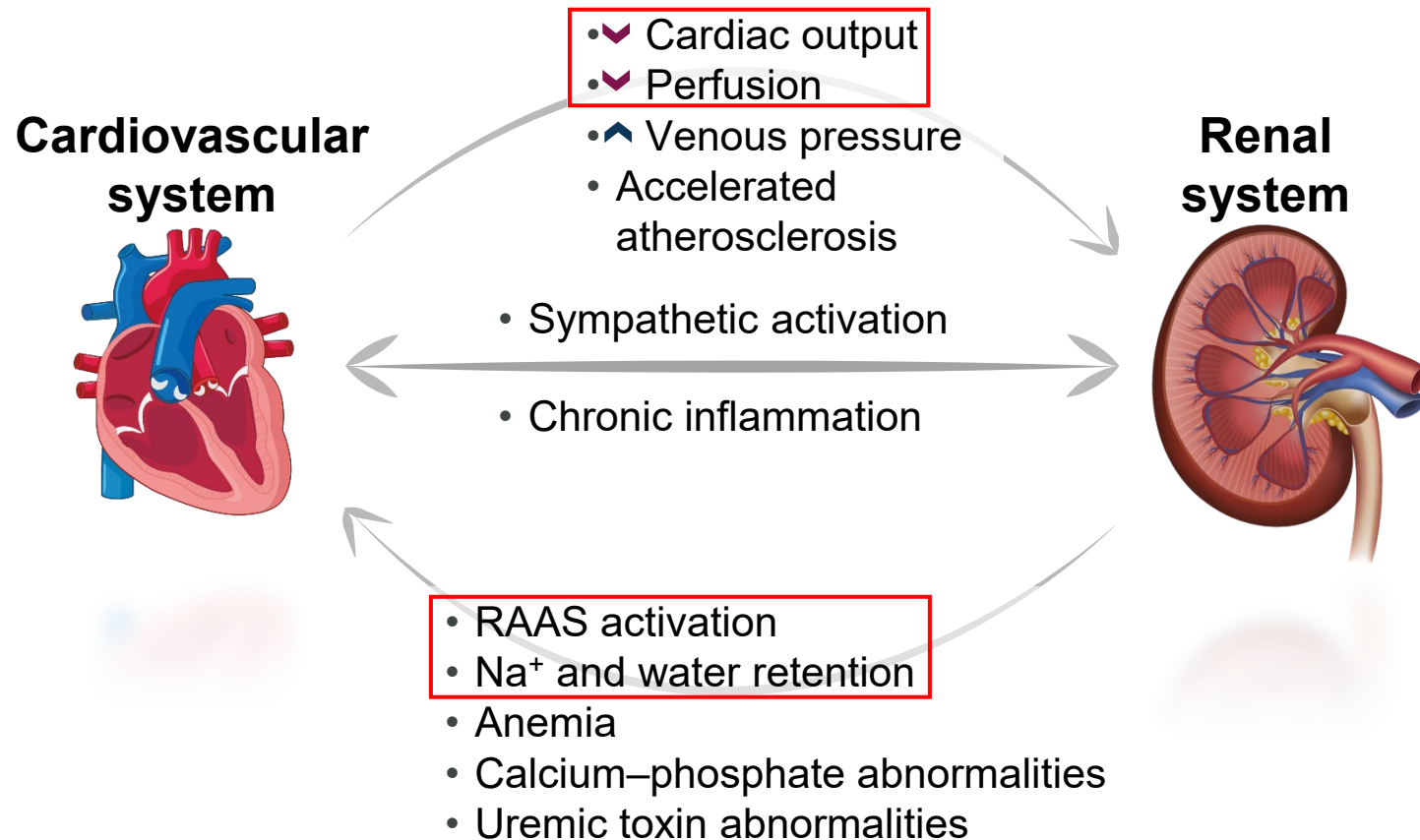
**Distribution of
1.1 billion USD CVRD health care cost**



Cumulative incidence of cardiovascular and renal disease in 295,940 individuals with type 2 diabetes, initially free from any prior cardiovascular and renal disease.



HF and CKD are notable drivers of disease progression in one another



**Multinational observational cohort study in 772,336 complication-free T2D patients
(mean follow-up of 4.5 years)**

HF

- ↑ CV death risk (HR 2.76)
- ↑ All-cause death risk (HR 2.30)

CKD

- ↑ CV death risk (HR 1.79)
- ↑ All-cause death risk (HR 1.88)

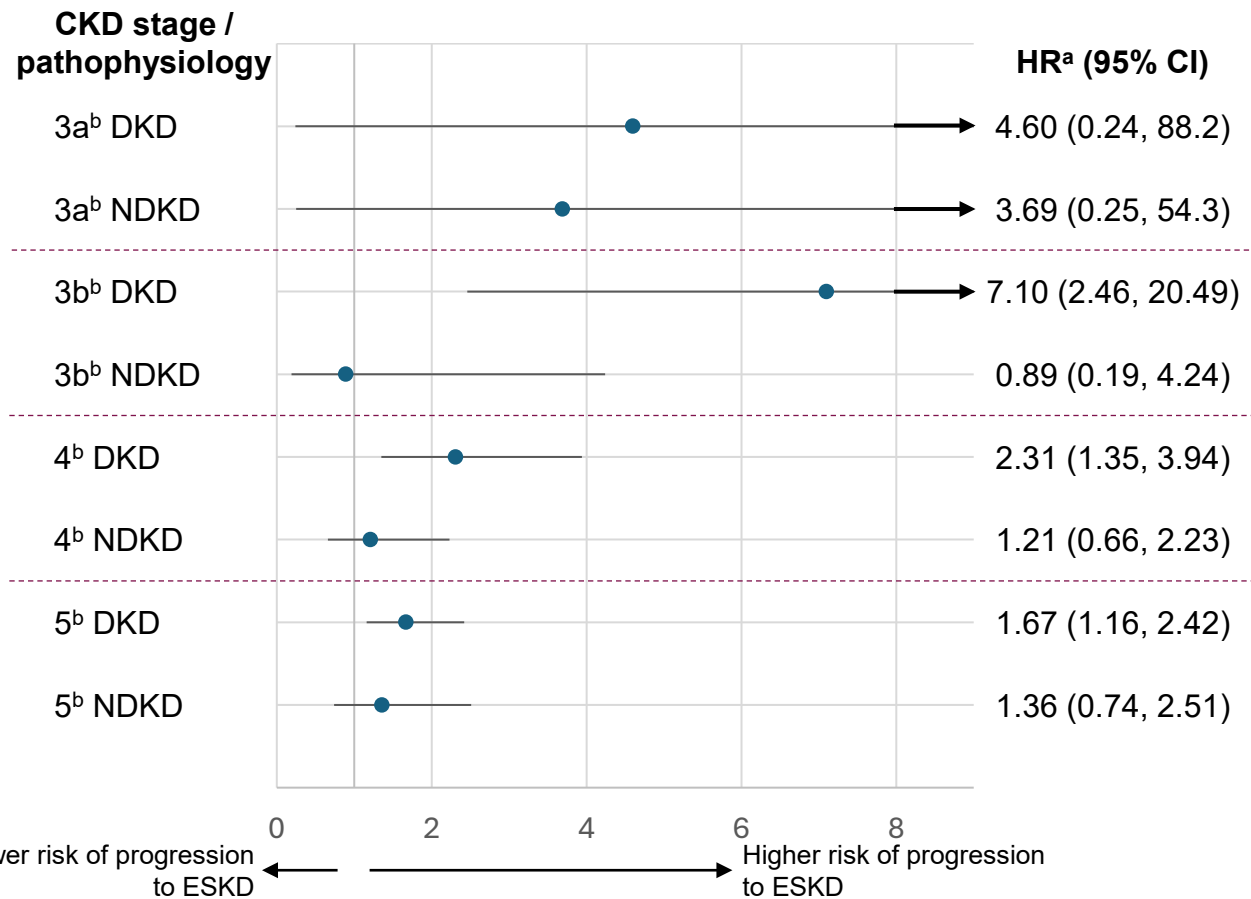
HF or CKD

- ↑ CV death risk (HR 2.05)
- ↑ All-cause death risk (HR 2.02)

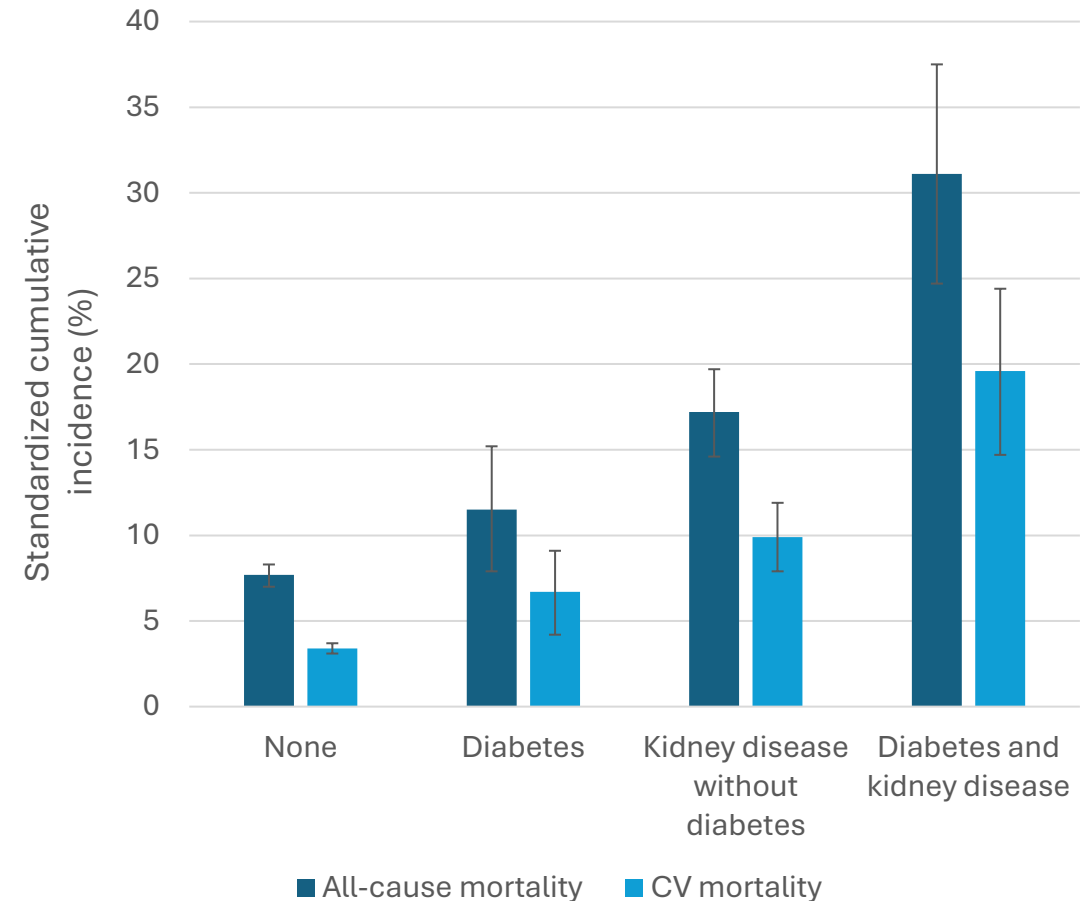
HF and CKD

- ↑ CV death risk (HR 3.91)
- ↑ All-cause death risk (HR 3.14)

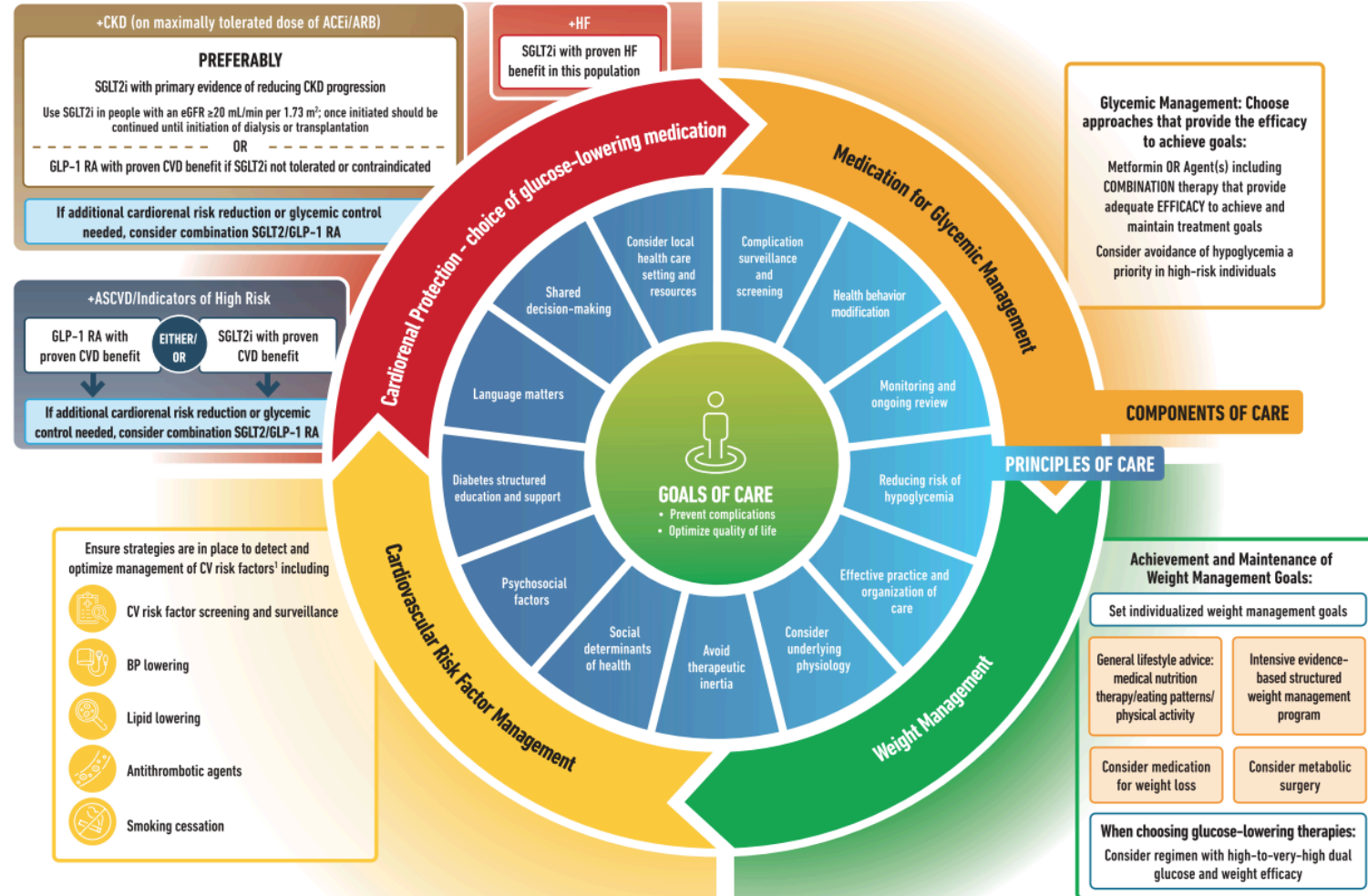
Risk for progression to ESKD in patients with diabetes and DKD versus NDKD

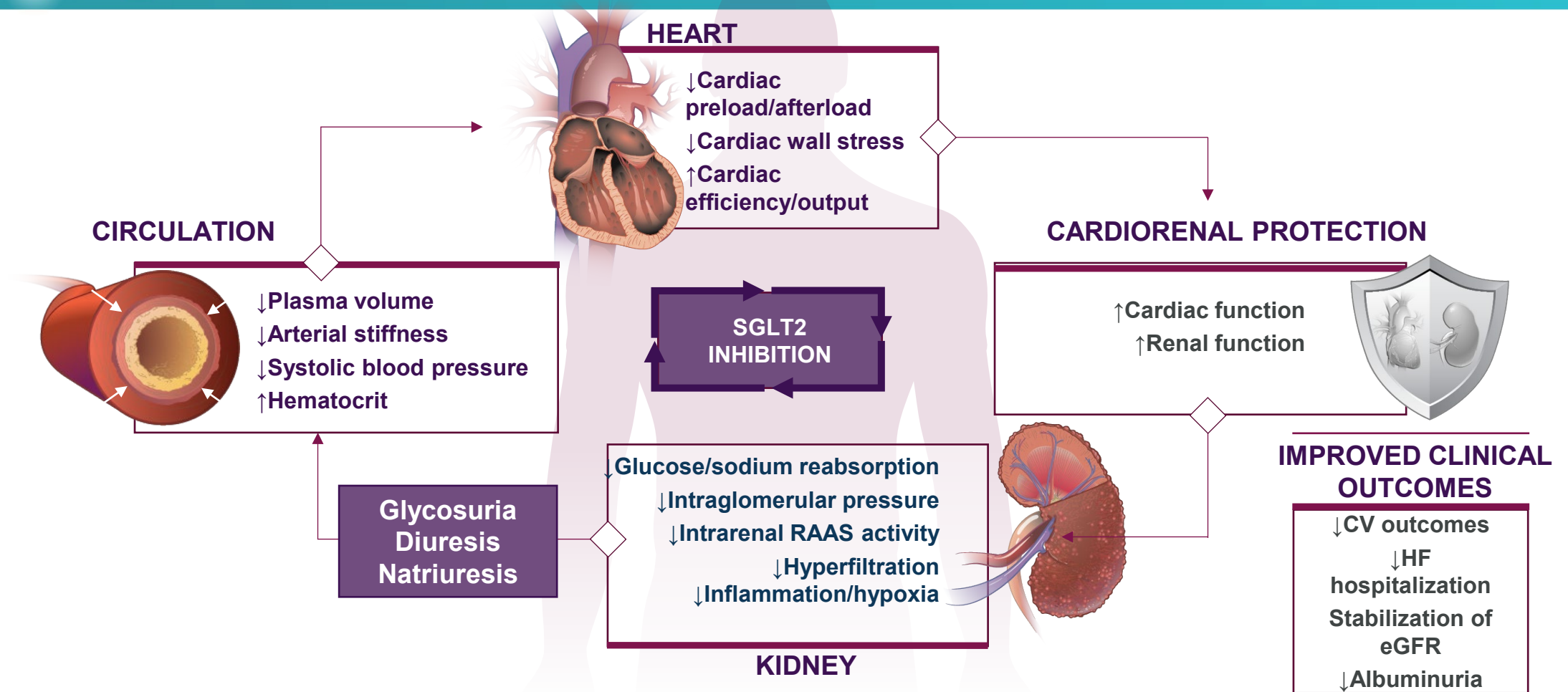


10-year standardized all-cause and CV mortality, by diabetes and kidney disease status



HOLISTIC PERSON-CENTERED APPROACH TO T2DM MANAGEMENT





The legacy effect of hyperglycemia and early use of SGLT-2 inhibitors: a cohort study with newly-diagnosed people with type 2 diabetes

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A delay in reaching the target HbA1c in patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes (T2D) is associated with an increased long-term risk of developing cardiovascular disease (CVD), a phenomenon referred to as a **LEGACY EFFECT**.

UKPDS demonstrated that intensive blood glucose treatment in the early stages of type 2 diabetes significantly reduces the risk of microvascular and cardiovascular complications, highlighting the importance of legacy effect in early blood glucose control.

More recent clinical studies have shown that SGLT-2i not only lower blood glucose, but significantly reduce cardiovascular mortality, the risk of heart failure and the progression of diabetic nephropathy



251,339 newly-diagnosed T2D patients without baseline CVD

Inclusion criteria

- Newly diagnosed T2D,
- No baseline CVD
- Follow-up data availability.

Exclusion criteria

- Existing CVD at baseline,
- Missing data for glycemic control measurements.

Study Period:

- Baseline to early exposure periods of **1, 2, or 3 years**.
- Follow-up: Average 4.6 ± 2.9 years.

The population was then stratified into three categories based on HbA1c level

- **HbA1c $\leq 7\%$**
- **HbA1c between 7,1-8%**
- **HbA1c $> 8\%$**

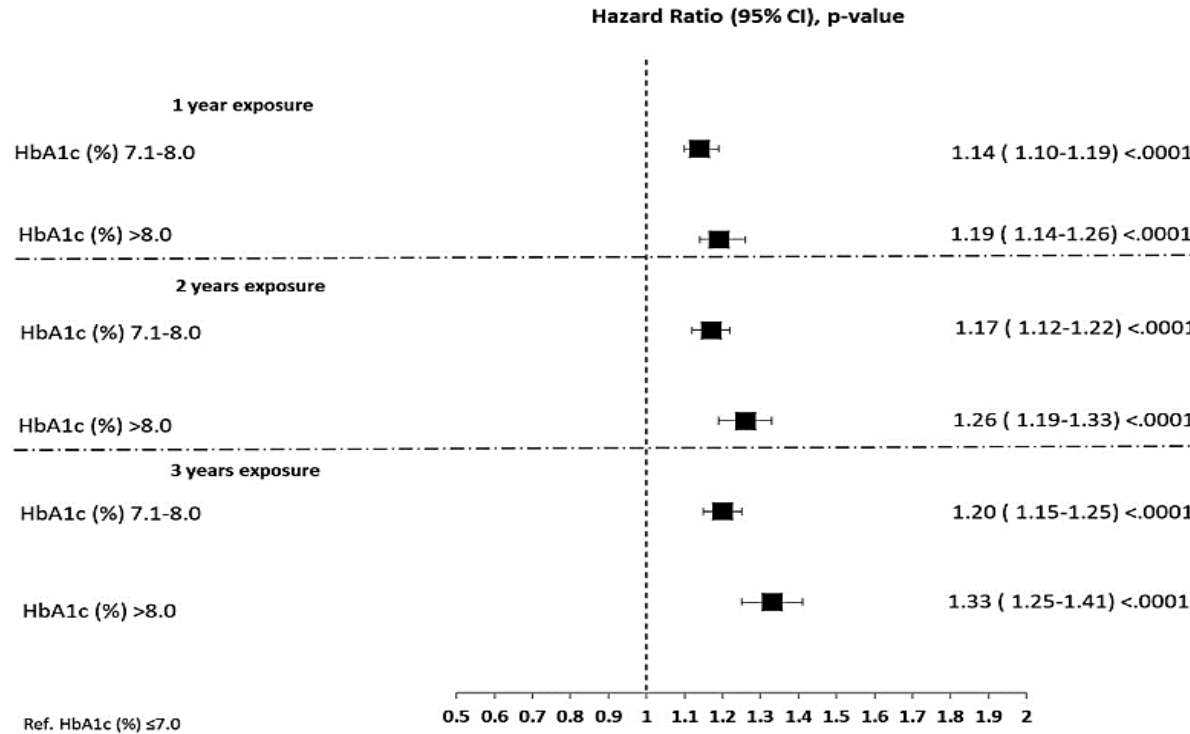
The study used the Italian clinical database **Annali AMD**, which collects detailed information on patients with type 2 diabetes treated in **230 Italian diabetes clinics from 2004 to 2021**

Endpoints

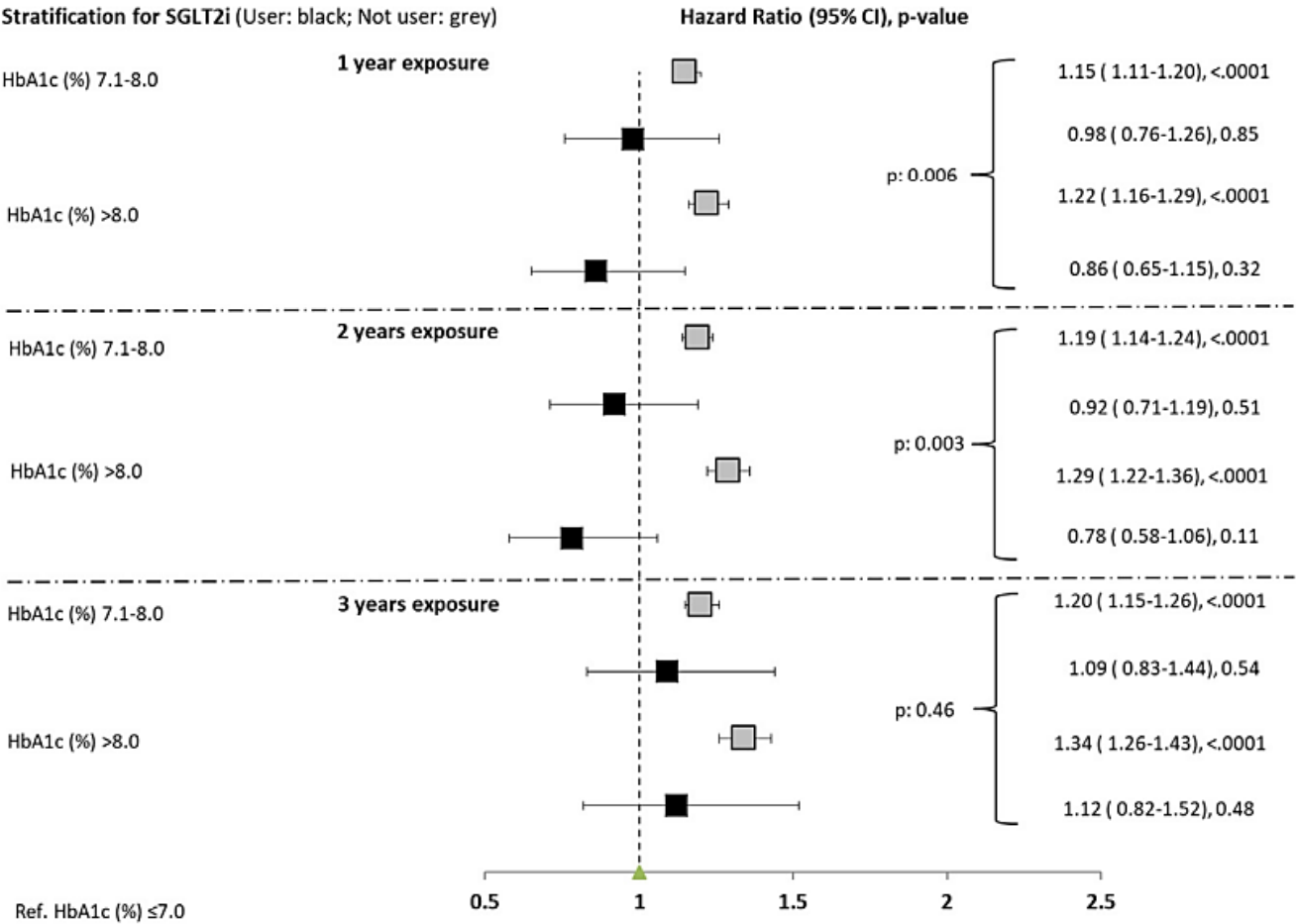
1: Evaluate the development of major cardiovascular events, as assessed through a **composite of myocardial infarction, ischaemic stroke, coronary or peripheral revascularization and coronary or peripheral bypass graft**.

2: To investigate whether early introduction of sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 (**SGLT 2i**) inhibitors may mitigate the legacy effect

3: Understand if there is an optimal time to start SGLT2i therapy in order to obtain long-term benefit on CVDs



Inadequate Glycemic Control: In the early years following T2D diagnosis, inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c > 7%) is associated with a significant increase in cardiovascular risk.



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The results of this study confirm the bound effect in type 2 diabetes, showing **that inadequate glycaemic control in the early years after diagnosis is linked to an increased long-term cardiovascular risk.**

2

Early use of **SGLT-2 inhibitors can eliminate the association with increased cardiovascular risk.** This suggests that these drugs may alter the disease's natural progression and prevent the irreversible vascular damage of **the legacy effect**

3

SGLT-2 inhibitors are most effective against cardiovascular risks if used within two years of a type 2 diabetes diagnosis.

 Reduced risk

	CANVAS Program ^{2,3} (canagliflozin)	DECLARE-TIMI 58 ⁴ (dapagliflozin)	EMPA-REG OUTCOME ^{5,6} (empagliflozin)	VERTIS CV ⁷⁻⁹ (ertugliflozin)	CREDENCE ^{*10} (canagliflozin)
	T2D + ASCVD or ≥2 CV risk factors	T2D + established ASCVD or multiple risk factors	T2D + CVD	T2D + established ASCVD	T2D + albuminuric CKD
 3P-MACE[†]	14% RRR (95% CI 0.75, 0.97; $p=0.02$)	7% RRR (95% CI 0.84, 1.03; $p=0.17$)	14% RRR (95% CI 0.74, 0.99; $p=0.04$)	3% RRR (95.6% CI 0.85, 1.11; $p<0.001$ for non-inferiority)	20% RRR (95% CI 0.67, 0.95; $p=0.01$)
 CV death or HHF[‡]	22% RRR[§] (95% CI 0.67, 0.91; $p=0.002$)	17% RRR[¶] (95% CI 0.73, 0.95 $p=0.005$)	34% RRR[§] (95% CI 0.55, 0.79; $p<0.001$)	12% RRR (95.8% CI 0.75, 1.03; $p=0.11$)	31% RRR (95% CI 0.57, 0.83; $p<0.001$)
 CV death[‡]	13% RRR ^{**} (95% CI 0.72, 1.06)	2% RRR ^{**} (95% CI 0.82, 1.17)	38% RRR[§] (95% CI 0.49, 0.77; $p<0.001$)	8% RRR ^{**} (95.8% CI 0.77, 1.11)	22% RRR (95% CI 0.61, 1.00; $p=0.05$)
 HHF[‡]	33% RRR[§] (95% CI 0.52, 0.87; $p=0.002$)	27% RRR ^{**} (95% CI 0.61, 0.88)	35% RRR[§] (95% CI 0.50, 0.85; $p=0.002$)	30% RRR (95.8% CI 0.54, 0.90)	39% RRR (95% CI 0.47, 0.80; $p<0.001$)
 Composite kidney outcome^{‡,††}	40% RRR^{‡,**,§} (95% CI 0.47, 0.77)	47% RRR^{‡,**,§} (95% CI 0.43, 0.66)	39% RRR^{‡§} (95% CI 0.53, 0.70; $p<0.001$)	34% RRR^{‡†} (95% CI 0.50, 0.88; $p<0.01$)	30% RRR^{§§} (95% CI 0.59, 0.82; $p=0.00001$)

Comparison of studies should be interpreted with caution due to differences in study design, populations and methodology

% values represent relative risk reduction; values in parentheses are HR. Values in bold are associated with a p -value <0.05 . *CREDENCE was a kidney outcomes trial; [†]Primary endpoint was 3P-MACE in EMPA-REG OUTCOME and CANVAS Program (co-primary endpoint in DECLARE-TIMI 58), p -values are for superiority, except for 3P-MACE in VERTIS CV, which is for non-inferiority; [‡]Secondary or exploratory endpoints as defined in the study protocols; [§]Nominal p -value <0.05 ; [¶]Co-primary endpoint in DECLARE-TIMI 58;

^{**} p -value not reported in publication; ^{††}Composite kidney endpoints were defined differently across trials; ^{‡‡}Prespecified exploratory kidney composite outcome in VERTIS CV; ^{§§}Primary endpoint in CREDENCE

3P-MACE, 3-point major adverse cardiovascular events; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HF, heart failure; HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; RRR, relative risk reduction; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2; T2D, type 2 diabetes

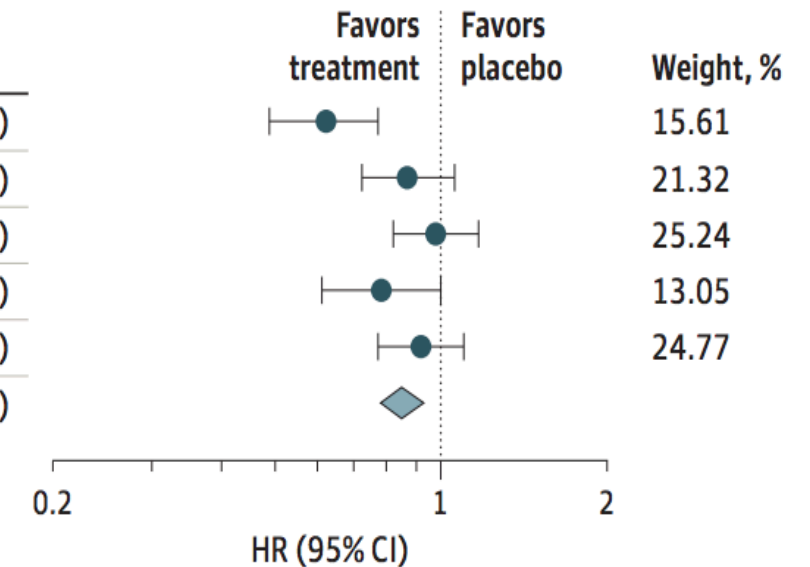
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Effects of Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter 2 Inhibitors on Cardiovascular Death

A Overall CV death

	Treatment		Placebo		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
	No./total No.	Rate/1000 patient-years	No./total No.	Rate/1000 patient-years	
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	172/4687	12.4	137/2333	20.2	0.62 (0.49-0.77)
CANVAS program	NA/5795	11.6	NA/4347	12.8	0.87 (0.72-1.06)
DECLARE-TIMI 58	245/8582	7.0	249/8578	7.1	0.98 (0.82-1.17)
CREDENCE	110/2202	19.0	140/2199	24.4	0.78 (0.61-1.00)
VERTIS CV	341/5499	17.6	184/2747	19.0	0.92 (0.77-1.10)
Fixed-effects model ($Q = 11.22$; $df = 4$; $P = .02$; $I^2 = 64.3\%$)					0.85 (0.78-0.93)

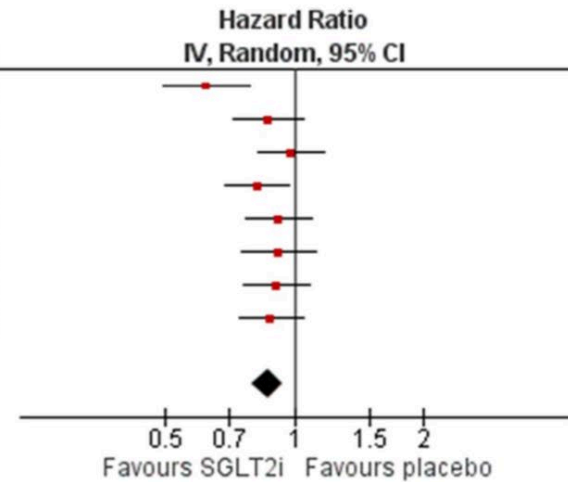


Study or Subgroup	log[Hazard Ratio]	SE	Weight	Hazard Ratio IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
EMPA REG 2015	-0.478	0.1201	9.1%	0.62 [0.49, 0.78]	2015
Canvas 2017	-0.1393	0.0966	12.3%	0.87 [0.72, 1.05]	2017
DECLARE TIMI 58 2018	-0.0202	0.0909	13.3%	0.98 [0.82, 1.17]	2018
DAPA HF 2019	-0.1985	0.0881	13.8%	0.82 [0.69, 0.97]	2019
VERTIS CV 2020	-0.0834	0.0908	13.3%	0.92 [0.77, 1.10]	2020
EMPEROR reduced 2020	-0.0834	0.1042	11.2%	0.92 [0.75, 1.13]	2020
EMPOROR Preserved 2021	-0.0943	0.0919	13.1%	0.91 [0.76, 1.09]	2021
DELIVER 2022	-0.1278	0.0884	13.8%	0.88 [0.74, 1.05]	2022

Total (95% CI) 100.0% 0.87 [0.80, 0.94]

Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.01; Chi² = 11.04, df = 7 (P = 0.14); I² = 37%

Test for overall effect: Z = 3.34 (P = 0.0008)



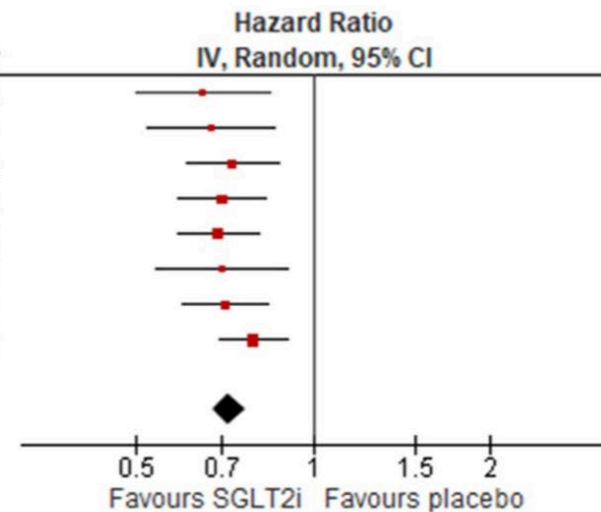
Deaths due to Cardiovascular causes.

Study or Subgroup	log[Hazard Ratio]	SE	Weight	Hazard Ratio IV, Random, 95% CI	Year
EMPA REG 2015	-0.4308	0.1339	6.0%	0.65 [0.50, 0.85]	2015
Canvas 2017	-0.4005	0.1293	6.5%	0.67 [0.52, 0.86]	2017
DECLARE TIMI 58 2018	-0.3147	0.0916	12.9%	0.73 [0.61, 0.87]	2018
DAPA HF 2019	-0.3567	0.0872	14.2%	0.70 [0.59, 0.83]	2019
EMPEROR reduced 2020	-0.3711	0.0799	16.9%	0.69 [0.59, 0.81]	2020
VERTIS CV 2020	-0.3567	0.1324	6.2%	0.70 [0.54, 0.91]	2020
EMPOROR Preserved 2021	-0.3425	0.0859	14.7%	0.71 [0.60, 0.84]	2021
DELIVER 2022	-0.2357	0.0691	22.6%	0.79 [0.69, 0.90]	2022

Total (95% CI) 100.0% 0.72 [0.67, 0.77]

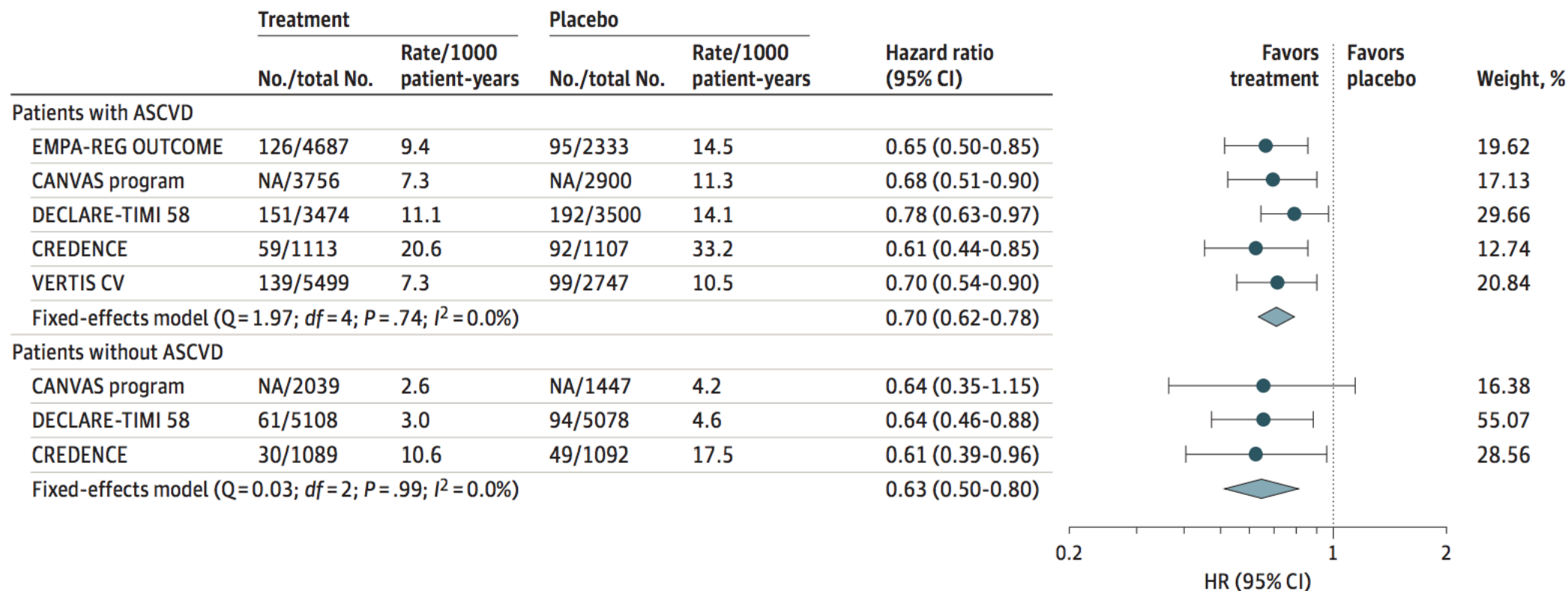
Heterogeneity: Tau² = 0.00; Chi² = 3.17, df = 7 (P = 0.87); I² = 0%

Test for overall effect: Z = 10.08 (P < 0.00001)



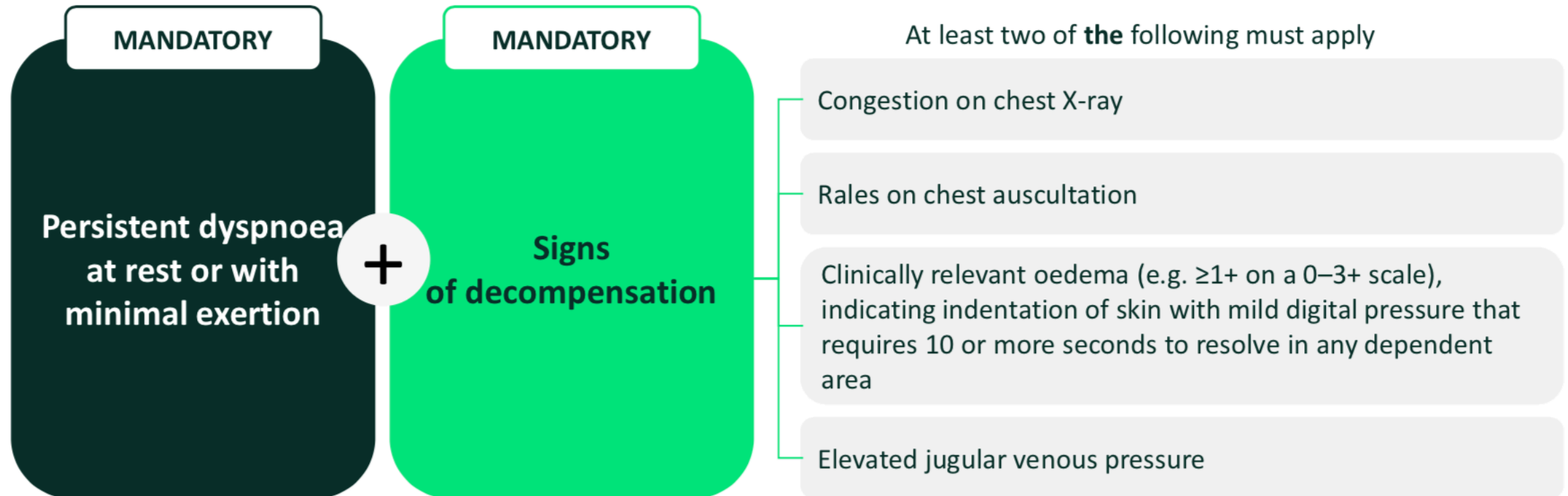
Hospitalisations due to heart failure.

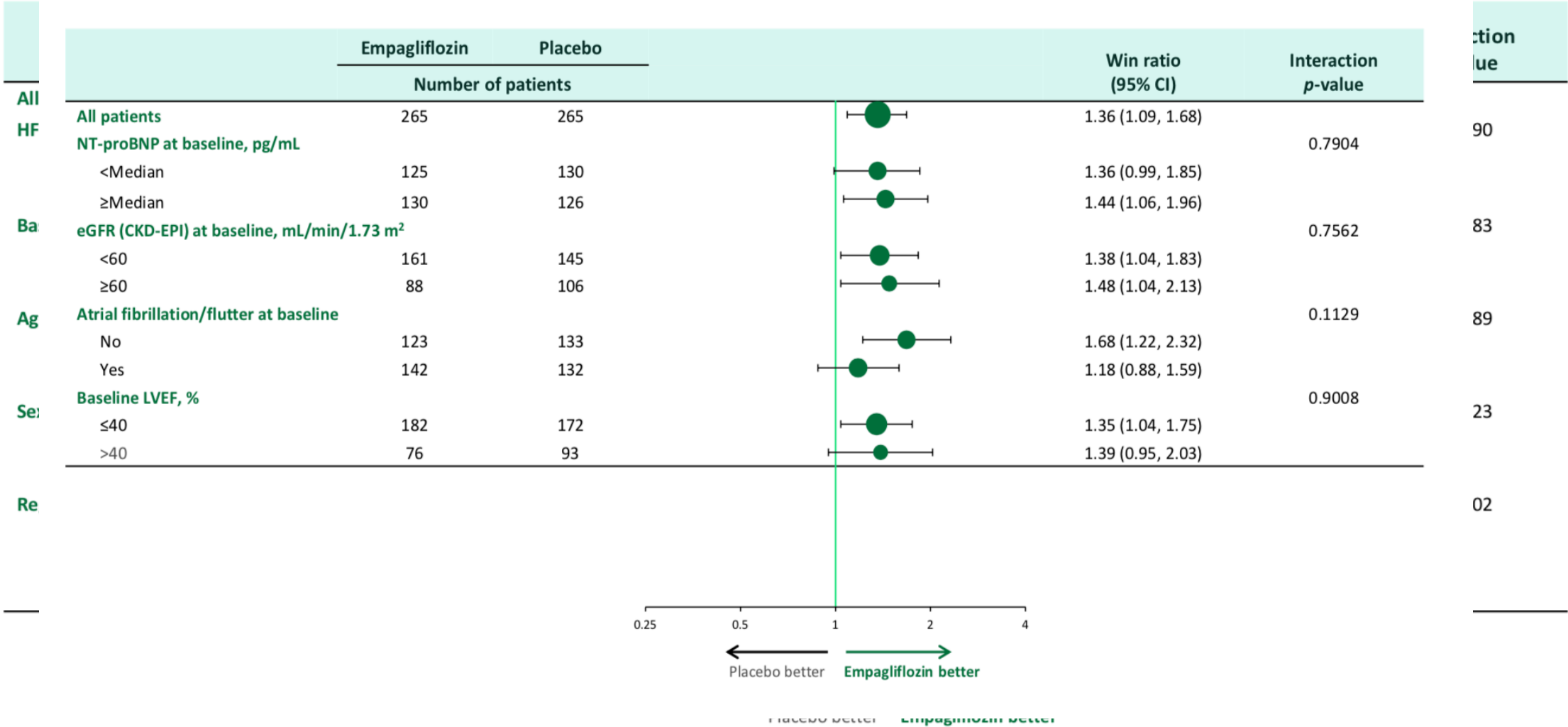
B HHF by ASCVD status



EMPULSE: studied the effect of empagliflozin in patients hospitalized for acute heart failure

**Patients hospitalized due to HF must have
HF symptoms at the time of hospital admission**





c) First hospitalisation for heart failure or cardiovascular death

	SGLT2i no. with event/no. of patients (%)	Placebo no. of patients (%)	HR (95% CI)
EMPEROR-Reduced	361/1863 (19.4)	462/1867 (24.7)	0.75 (0.62, 0.91)
DAPA-HF	386/2373 (16.3)	502/2371 (21.2)	0.74 (0.62, 0.88)
Total			0.74 (0.62, 0.88)

Test for overall treatment effect, $p < 0.0001$

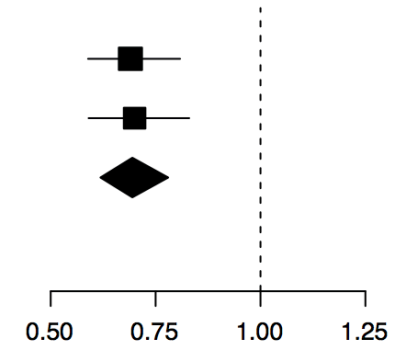
Test for heterogeneity of effect, $p = 0.89$

d) First hospitalisation for heart failure

	SGLT2i no. with event/no. of patients (%)	Placebo no. of patients (%)	HR (95% CI)
EMPEROR-Reduced	246/1863 (13.2)	342/1867 (18.3)	0.69 (0.59, 0.81)
DAPA-HF	231/2373 (9.7)	318/2371 (13.4)	0.70 (0.59, 0.83)
Total			0.69 (0.62, 0.78)

Test for overall treatment effect, $p < 0.0001$

Test for heterogeneity of effect, $p = 0.90$

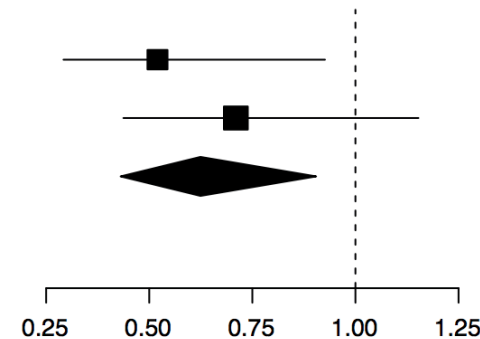


e) First kidney composite*

	SGLT2i no. with event/no. of patients (%)	Placebo no. of patients (%)	HR (95% CI)
EMPEROR-Reduced	18/1863 (1.0)	33/1867 (1.8)	0.52 (0.29, 0.92)
DAPA-HF	28/2373 (1.2)	39/2371 (1.6)	0.71 (0.44, 1.16)
Total			0.62 (0.43, 0.90)

Test for overall treatment effect, $p = 0.0128$

Test for heterogeneity of effect, $p = 0.42$



a) Diabetes status

	SGLT2i	Placebo	HR (95% CI)
	no. with event/no. of patients (%)		
With diabetes			
EMPEROR–Reduced	200/927 (21.6)	265/929 (28.5)	0.72 (0.60, 0.87)
DAPA–HF	215/1075 (20.0)	271/1064 (25.5)	0.75 (0.63, 0.90)
Subtotal			0.74 (0.65, 0.84)

Test for overall treatment effect, $p<0.0001$

Test for heterogeneity of effect, $p=0.76$

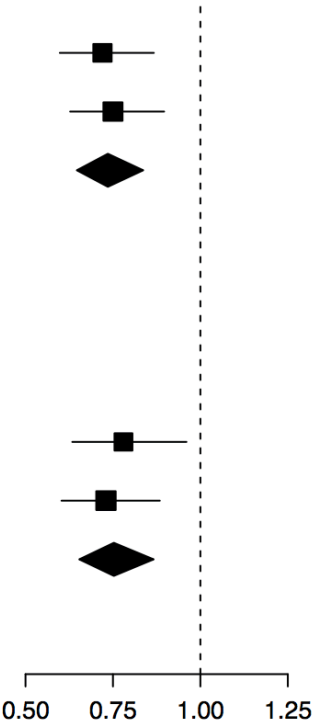
Without diabetes

EMPEROR-Reduced	161/936 (17.2)	197/938 (21.0)	0.78 (0.64, 0.97)
DAPA-HF	171/1298 (13.2)	231/1307 (17.7)	0.73 (0.60, 0.88)
Subtotal			0.75 (0.65, 0.87)

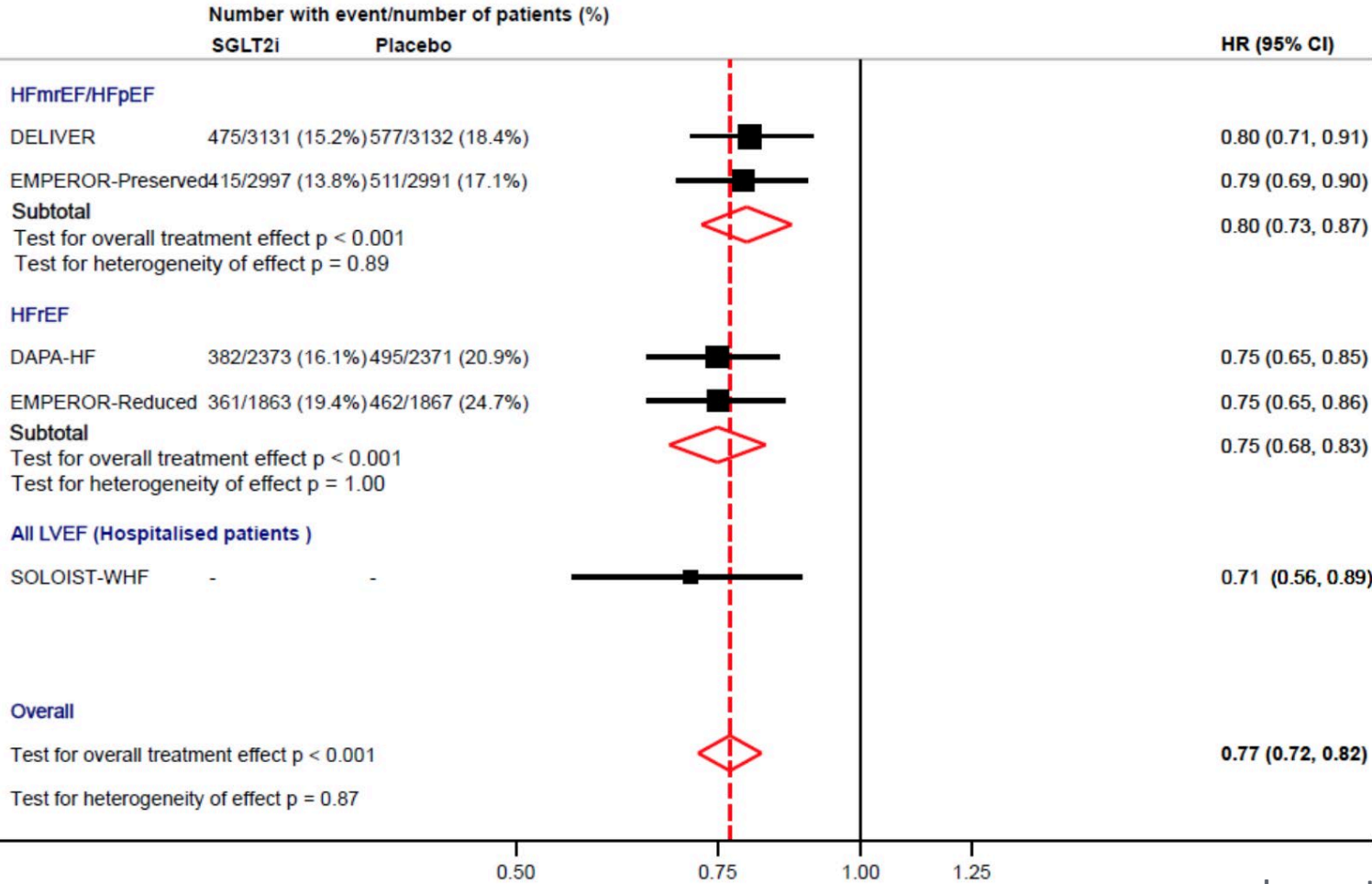
Test for overall treatment effect, $p<0.0001$

Test for heterogeneity of effect, $p=0.65$

Test for treatment by subgroup interaction, $p=0.81$



Cardiovascular Death or HF Hospitalisation



Prognosis of CKD by eGFR and albuminuria categories²

 Low risk*
 Moderately increased risk
 High risk
 Very high risk

Albuminuria stage, description and range (mg/g)

A1

A2

A3

Normal to mildly
increased

Moderately increased

Severely increased

<30

30–300

>300

eGFR category range
(mL/min/1.73m²)

G1

≥90

G2

60–89

G3a

45–59

G3b

30–44

G4

15–29

G5

<15

EMPA-KIDNEY population¹

Patients with or without diabetes and eGFR ≥45 to <90 mL/min/1.73m² and UACR ≥200 mg/g or eGFR ≥20 to <45 mL/min/1.73m²

CREDESCENCE population³

Patients with T2D and CKD and eGFR ≥30 to <90 mL/min/1.73m² and UACR >300 mg/g

DAPA-CKD population⁴

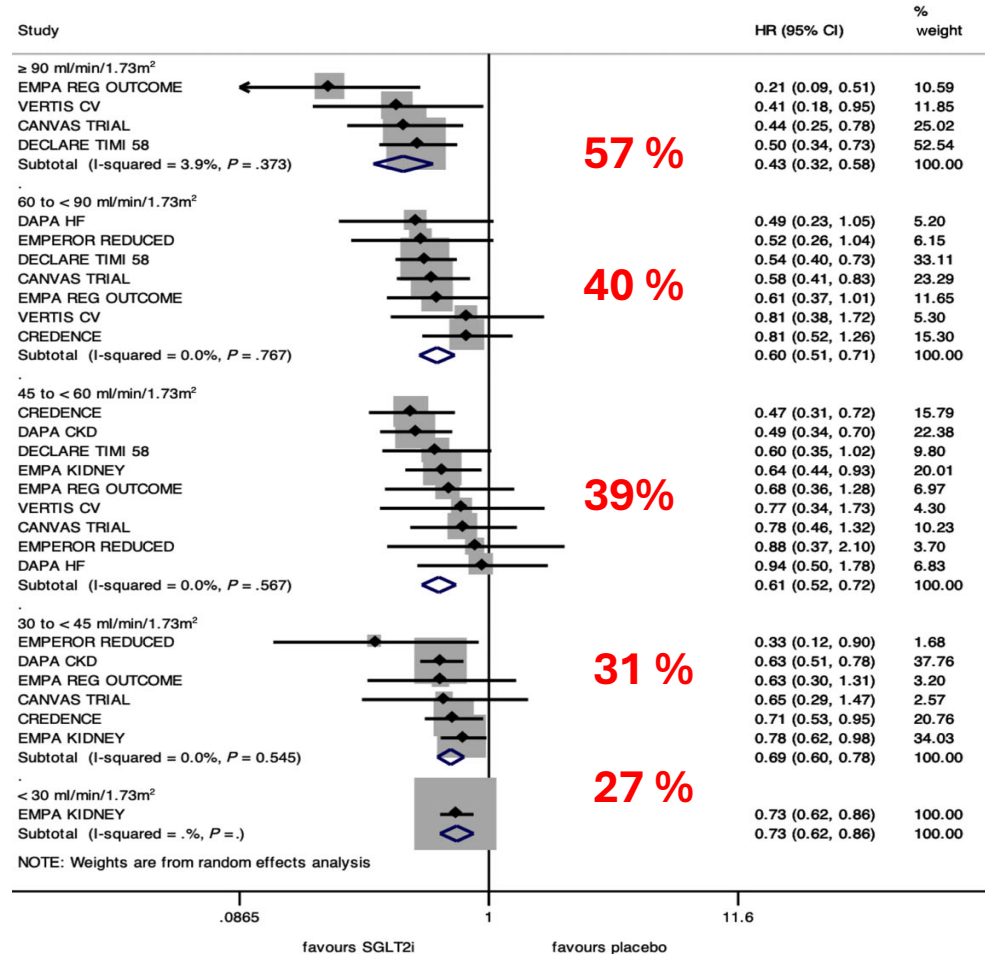
Patients with or without T2D and eGFR ≥25 to ≤75 mL/min/1.73m² and UACR ≥200 mg/g

*If no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD.

CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; UACR, urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

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Renal composite outcome



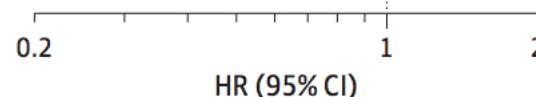
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- 41,9% eGFR 60-90 ml/min/1,73 m²
- 21,7% eGFR > 90 ml/min/1,73 m²
- Ridotto rischio di esiti renali in tutte le categorie di eGFR
- Maggiori benefici se iniziati ad un eGFR più elevato

A Overall kidney outcomes

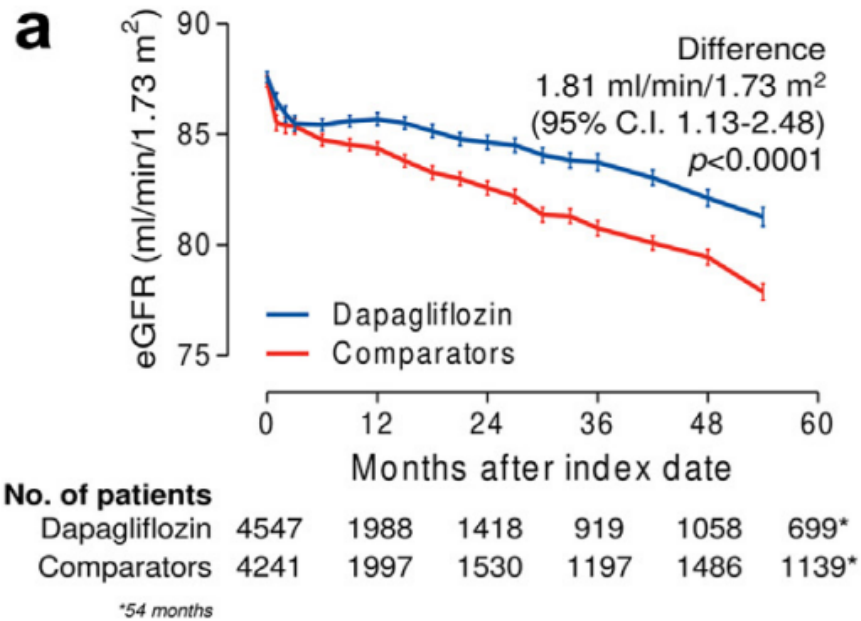
	Treatment		Placebo		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	Favors treatment	Favors placebo	Weight, %
	No./total No.	Rate/1000 patient-years	No./total No.	Rate/1000 patient-years				
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	81/4645	6.3	71/2323	11.5	0.54 (0.40-0.75)			11.51

B Kidney outcomes by ASCVD status

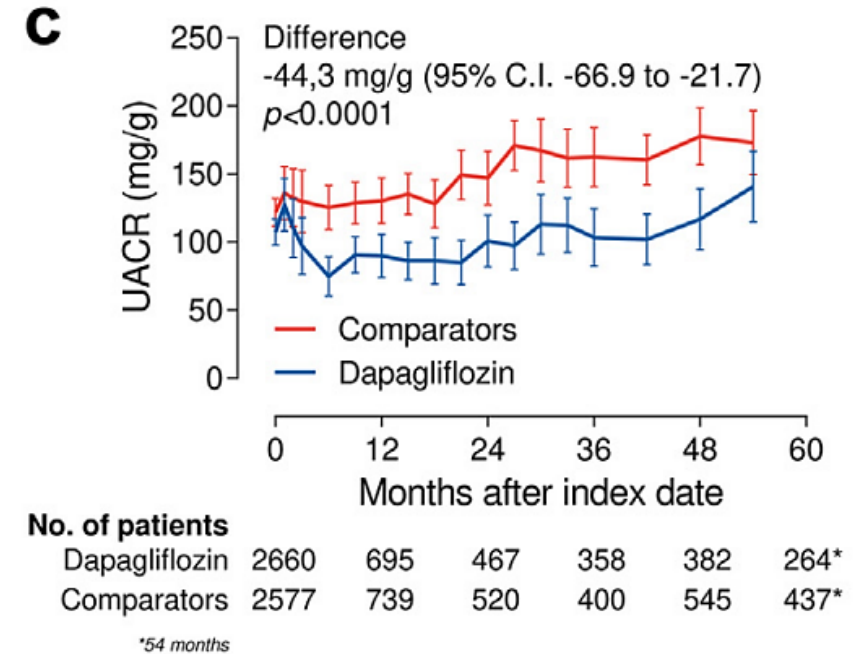
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Patients with ASCVD									
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	81/4645	6.3	71/2323	11.5	0.54 (0.40-0.75)				16.67
CANVAS program	NA/3756	6.4	NA/2900	10.5	0.59 (0.44-0.79)				19.23
DECLARE-TIMI 58	65/3474	4.7	118/3500	8.6	0.55 (0.41-0.75)				18.06
CREDENCE	69/1113	24.1	102/1107	36.5	0.64 (0.47-0.87)				17.37
VERTIS CV	175/5499	9.3	108/2747	11.5	0.81 (0.64-1.03)				28.66
Fixed-effects model (Q = 6.09; df = 4; P = .19; I ² = 34.4%)					0.64 (0.56-0.72)				
Patients without ASCVD									
CANVAS program	NA/2039	4.1	NA/1447	6.6	0.63 (0.39-1.02)				15.72
DECLARE-TIMI 58	62/5108	3.0	120/5078	5.9	0.51 (0.37-0.69)				37.41
CREDENCE	84/1089	29.9	122/1092	44.3	0.68 (0.51-0.89)				46.87
Fixed-effects model (Q = 1.86; df = 2; P = .40; I ² = 0.0%)					0.60 (0.50-0.73)				



**Primary outcome:
Change in eGFR over time**

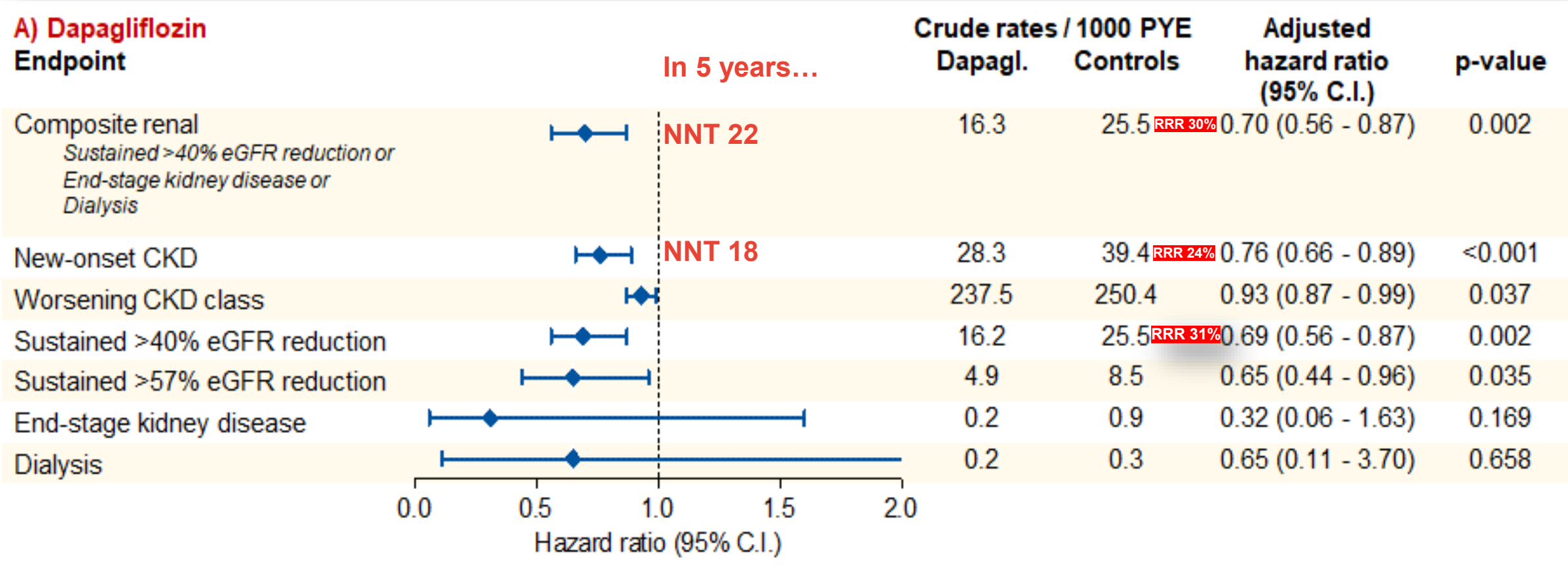


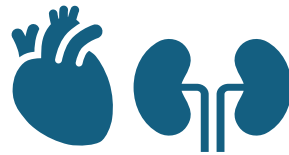
**Secondary outcome:
Change in albuminuria over time**



- ✓ Difference in eGFR = +1.8 in favor of Dapa($p<0,0001$)
- ✓ Annual slope = -1.2 in Dapa vs -1.8 for the comparators($p<0,0001$)

DARWIN RENAL: A REAL WORLD STUDY





Primary composite outcome^{1,a,b}

**36%
RRR**

**Patients
with T2D**

**50%
RRR**

**Patients
without T2D**



All-cause mortality^{1,c,d}

**26%
RRR**

**48%
RRR**



**Composite of
CV death or hHF^{1,c,e}**

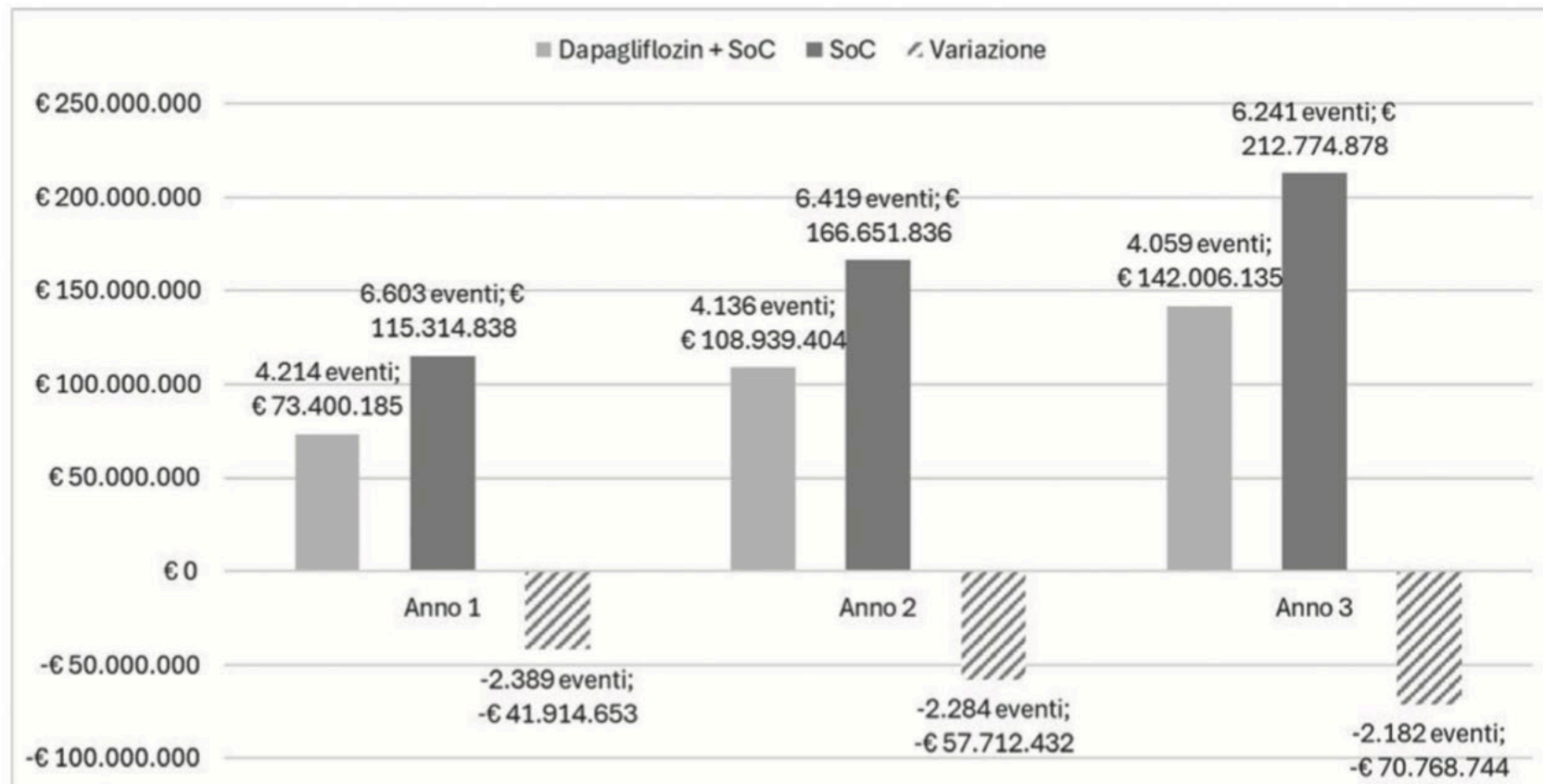
**30%
RRR**

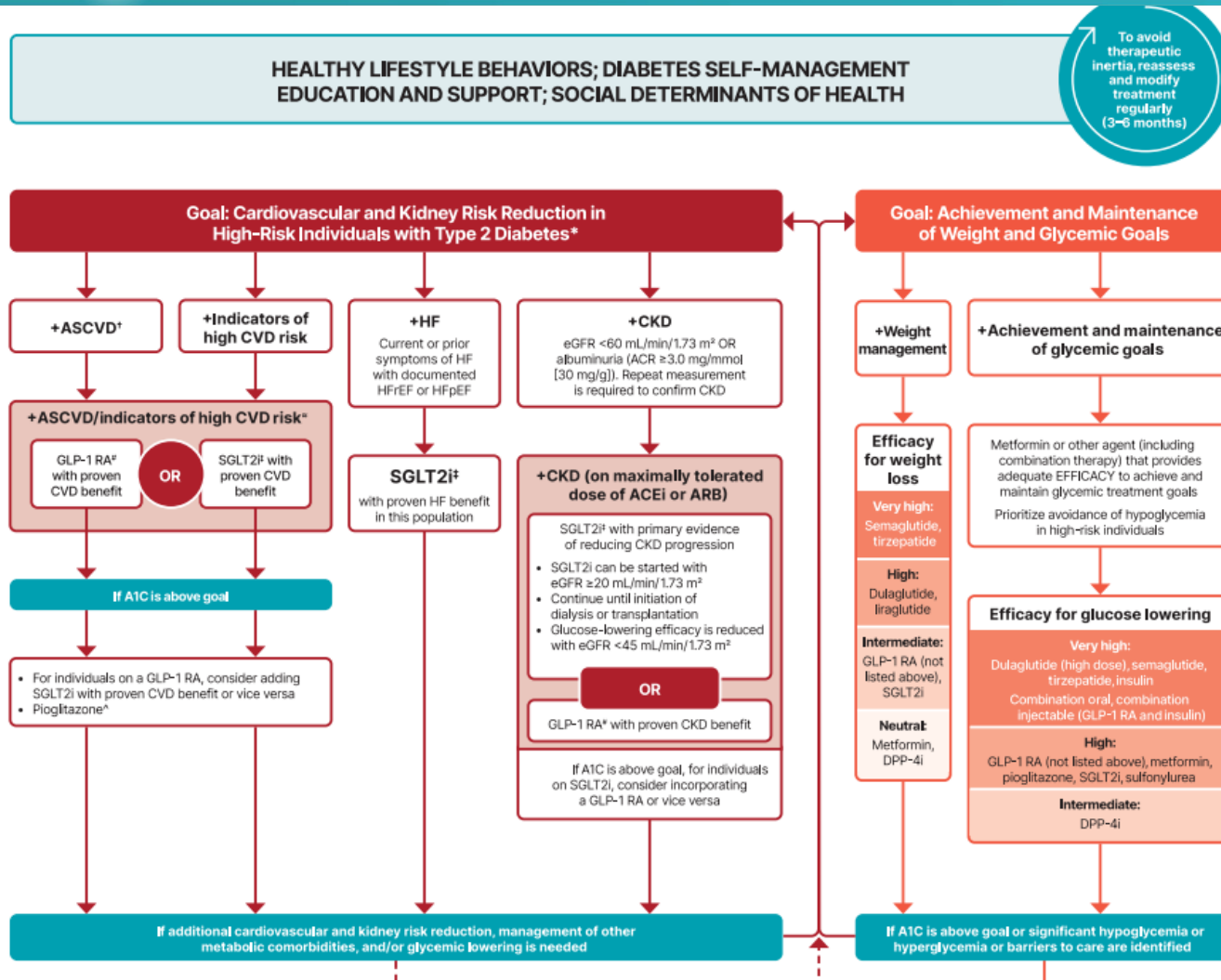
**21%
RRR**

^aSustained $\geq 50\%$ eGFR decline, ESKD, kidney or CV death; ^b p interaction=0.24; ^cSecondary endpoint; ^d p interaction=0.25; ^e p interaction=0.78.

1. Wheeler DC et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2021;9(1):22-31; 2. Garcia Sanchez JJ et al. *Adv Ther.* 2022;39(1):193-220.

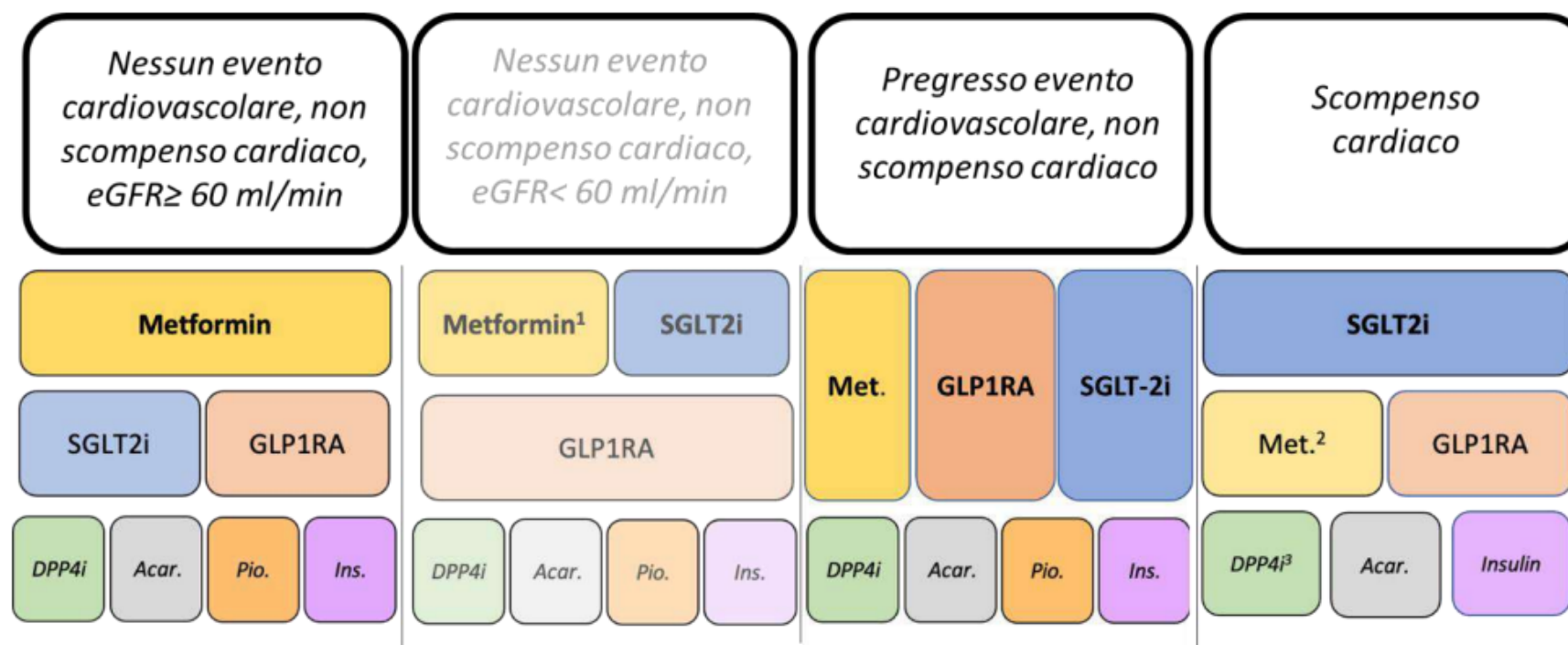
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2025 ADA Standards of Care in Diabetes

Use of Glucose-Lowering Medications in the Management of T2D



¹Se la metformina non è controindicata per ridotto eGFR.

²Se la metformina non è controindicata per ridotta funzione cardiaca.

³Eccetto saxagliptin che non è indicato in caso di scompenso cardiaco.

La raccomandazione sui pazienti con $eGFR < 60$ ml/min è debole per carenza di studi clinici effettuati su questa popolazione

Si raccomanda la deprescrizione di sulfanilurre e glinidi

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➤ **SGLT2i** is recommended in patients with T2D, CKD, and an eGFR ≥ 20 mL/min/1.73 m² (1A)

Practice Point:^{b,c}

- Once an SGLT2i is initiated, it is reasonable to continue an SGLT2i even if the eGFR falls below 20 mL/min/1.73 m², unless it is not tolerated or KRT is initiated
- It is reasonable to withhold SGLT2i during times of prolonged fasting, surgery, or critical medical illness (when people may be at greater risk for ketosis)

➤ **SGLT2i** is recommended in adults with CKD for the following (1A):

- eGFR ≥ 20 mL/min/1.73 m² with UACR ≥ 200 mg/g, or
- Heart failure, irrespective of level of albuminuria

Practice Point:

- SGLT2i initiation or use does not necessitate alteration of frequency of CKD monitoring and the reversible decrease in eGFR on initiation is generally not an indication to discontinue therapy

➤ **SGLT2i** is suggested in adults with eGFR ≥ 20 to 45 mL/min/1.73 m² with UACR < 200 mg/g (2B)

2024 KDIGO Evaluation and Management of CKD Guideline: Summary of SGLT2 Inhibitor Use



It's dapagliflozin
for T2DM with
high CVD risk to
decrease CVD

In T2DM with high
CVD but **without CKD**,
dapagliflozin and
empagliflozin may
prevent CKD