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Semaglutide

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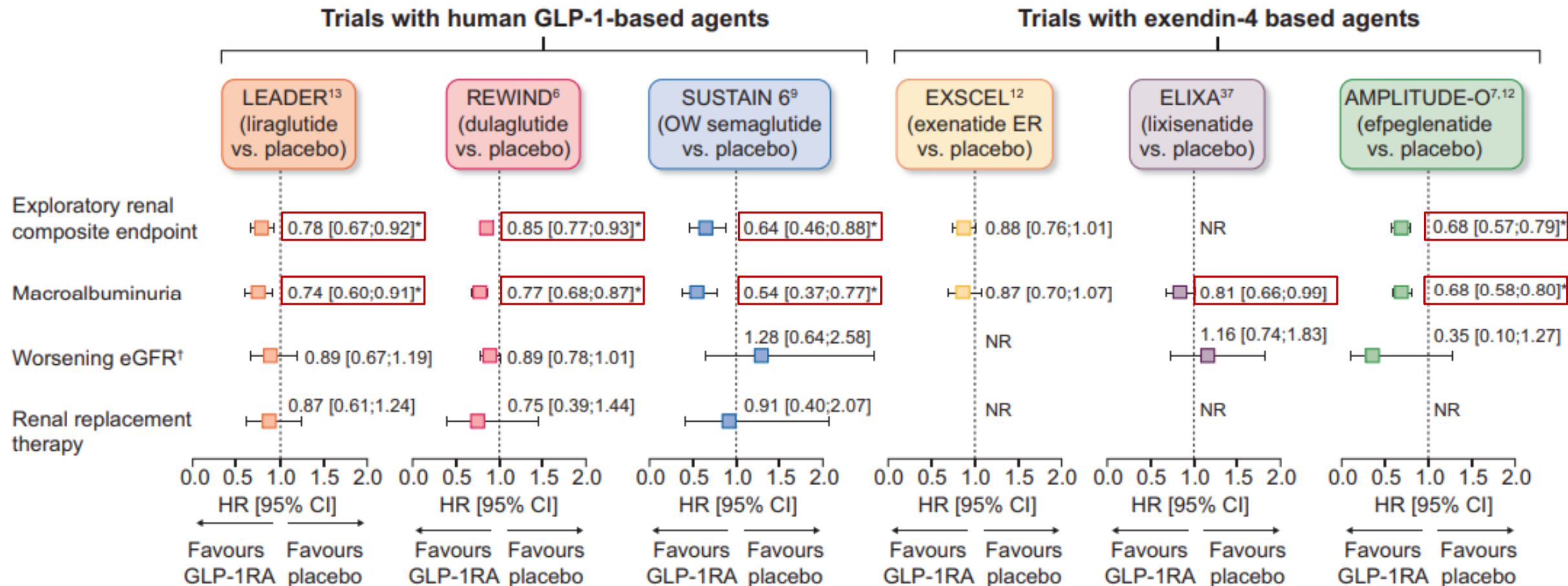
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- ❖ Renal outcomes in CV outcome trials with GLP-1 receptor agonists
- ❖ Renal outcomes in the FLOW renal outcome trial with semaglutide
- ❖ Renal outcomes in trials with dual/triple incretin receptor agonists
- ❖ Semaglutide in the treatment algorithm of diabetic kidney disease

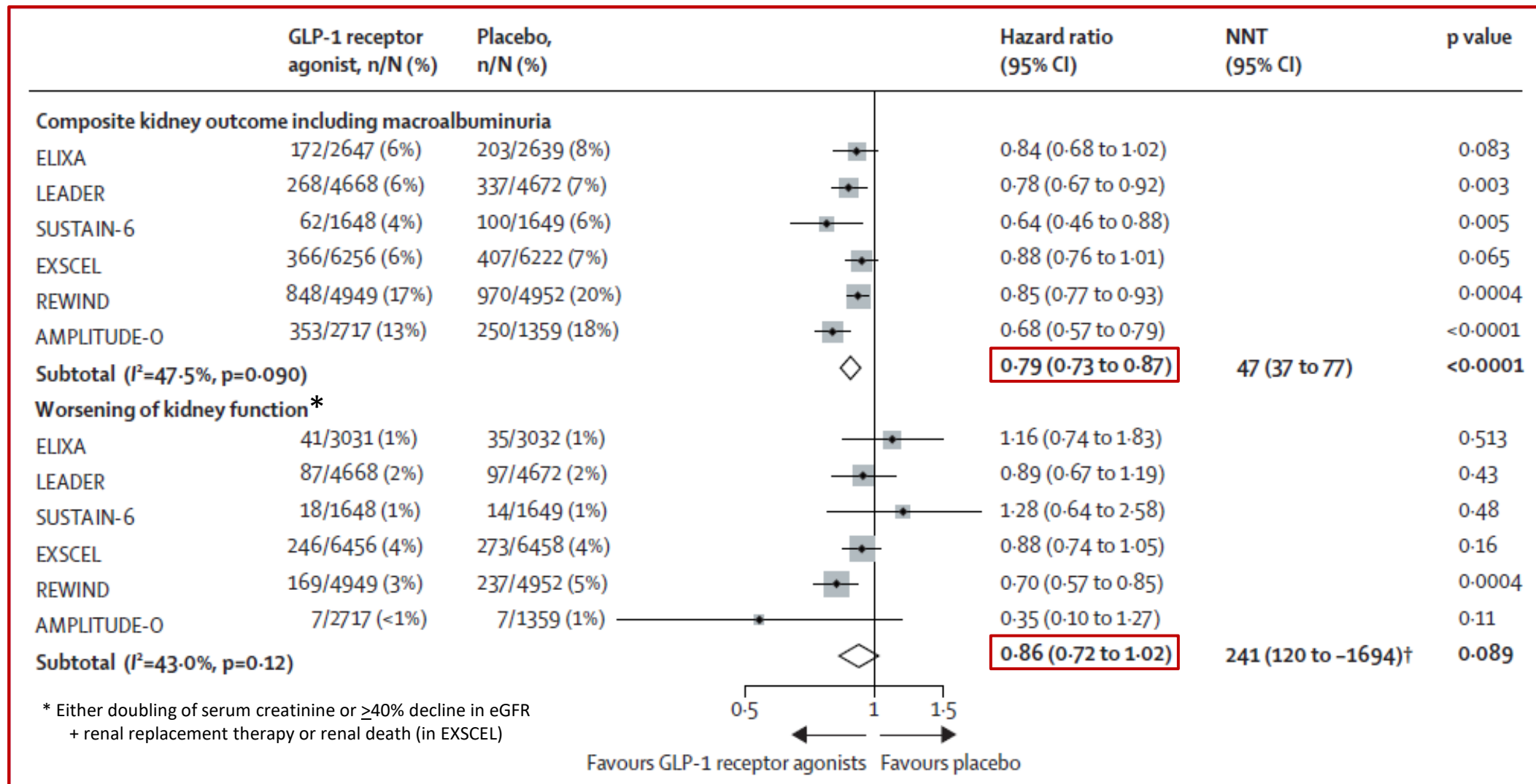
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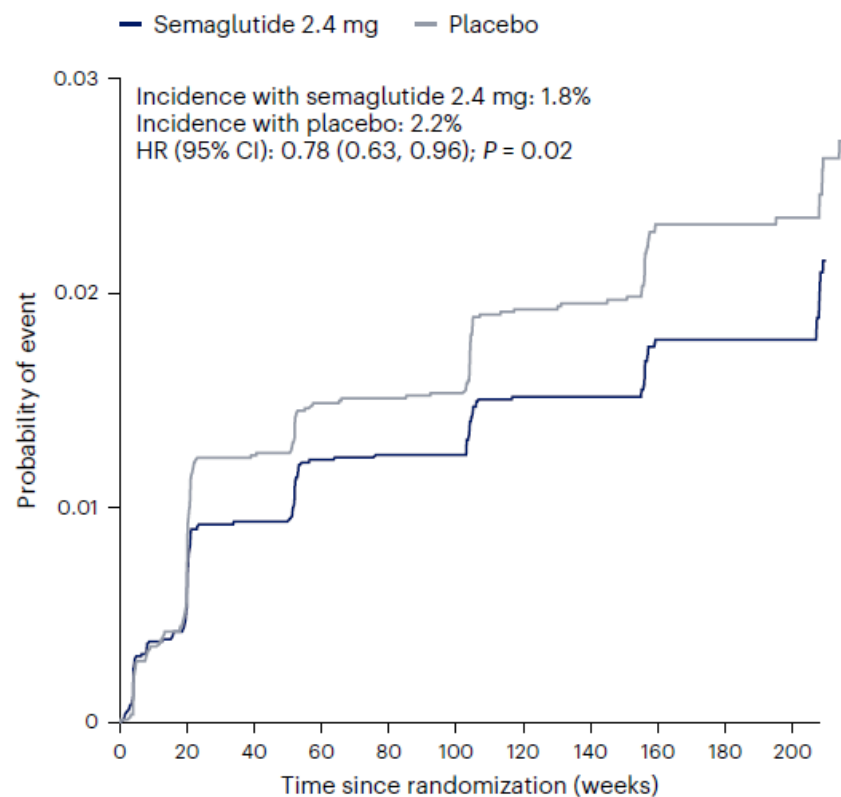
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Meta-analysis



The Semaglutide Effects on Cardiovascular Outcomes in People with Overweight or Obesity (SELECT) trial



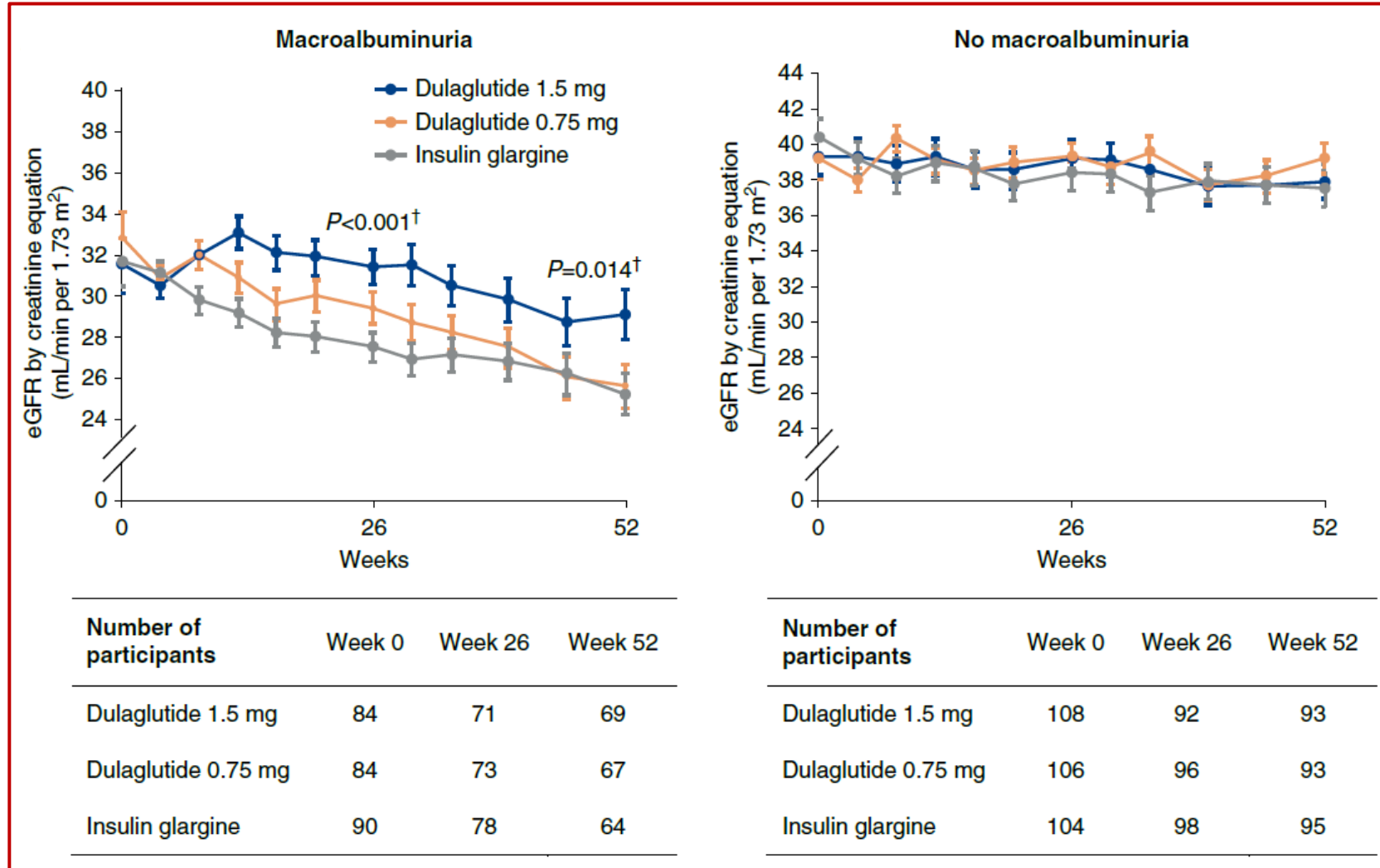
Patients at risk											
Semaglutide 2.4 mg	8,803	8,716	8,623	8,536	8,464	8,390	7,904	6,747	5,813	4,540	2,643
Placebo	8,801	8,699	8,573	8,483	8,392	8,321	7,842	6,665	5,734	4,456	2,576

	Semaglutide 2.4 mg (N = 8,803), n (%)	Placebo (N = 8,801), n (%)	HR (95% CI); P value
5-component kidney composite endpoint	155 (1.8)	198 (2.2)	0.78 (0.63, 0.96); 0.02
Death due to kidney disease	0	0	N/A
Initiation of chronic kidney replacement therapy ^a	4 (0.0)	6 (0.1)	0.66 (0.17, 2.32); 0.52
Onset of persistent eGFR <15 ml min ⁻¹ 1.73 m ⁻²	5 (0.1)	4 (0.0)	1.24 (0.33, 5.02); 0.74
Onset of persistent ≥50% reduction in eGFR	12/8,724 ^b (0.1)	21/8,742 ^b (0.2)	0.57 (0.27, 1.14); 0.11
Onset of persistent macroalbuminuria	144 (1.6)	179 (2.0)	0.80 (0.64, 1.00); 0.05

Renal outcomes in registrative trials with GLP-1 RA in people with type 2 diabetes



A Study Comparing Dulaglutide With Insulin Glargine on Glycemic Control in Participants With Type 2 Diabetes [T2D] and Moderate or Severe Chronic Kidney Disease [CKD] (AWARD-7 trial) post hoc analysis



Renal outcomes in CVOTs with GLP-1 RAs in people with type 2 diabetes

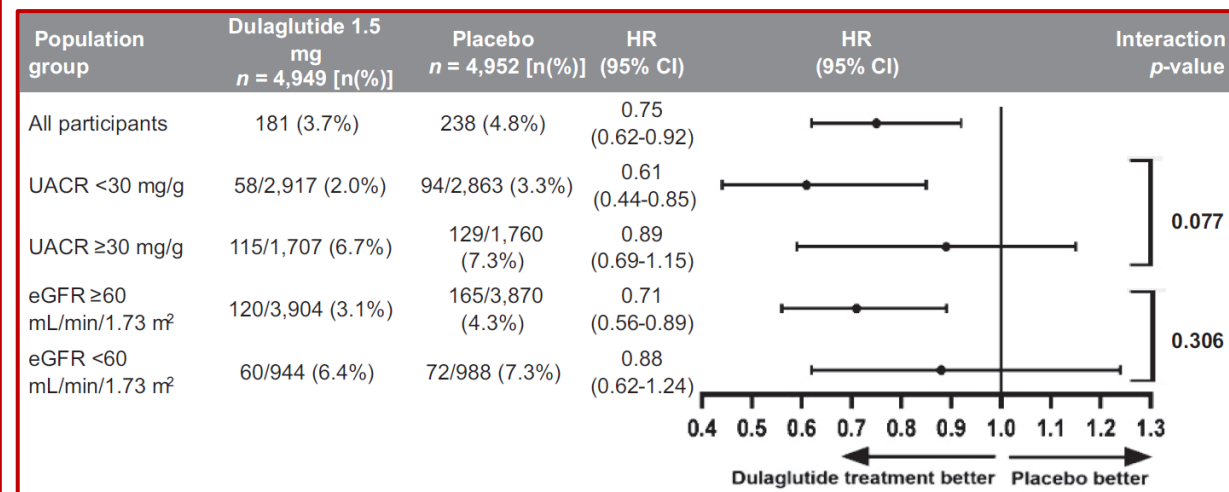
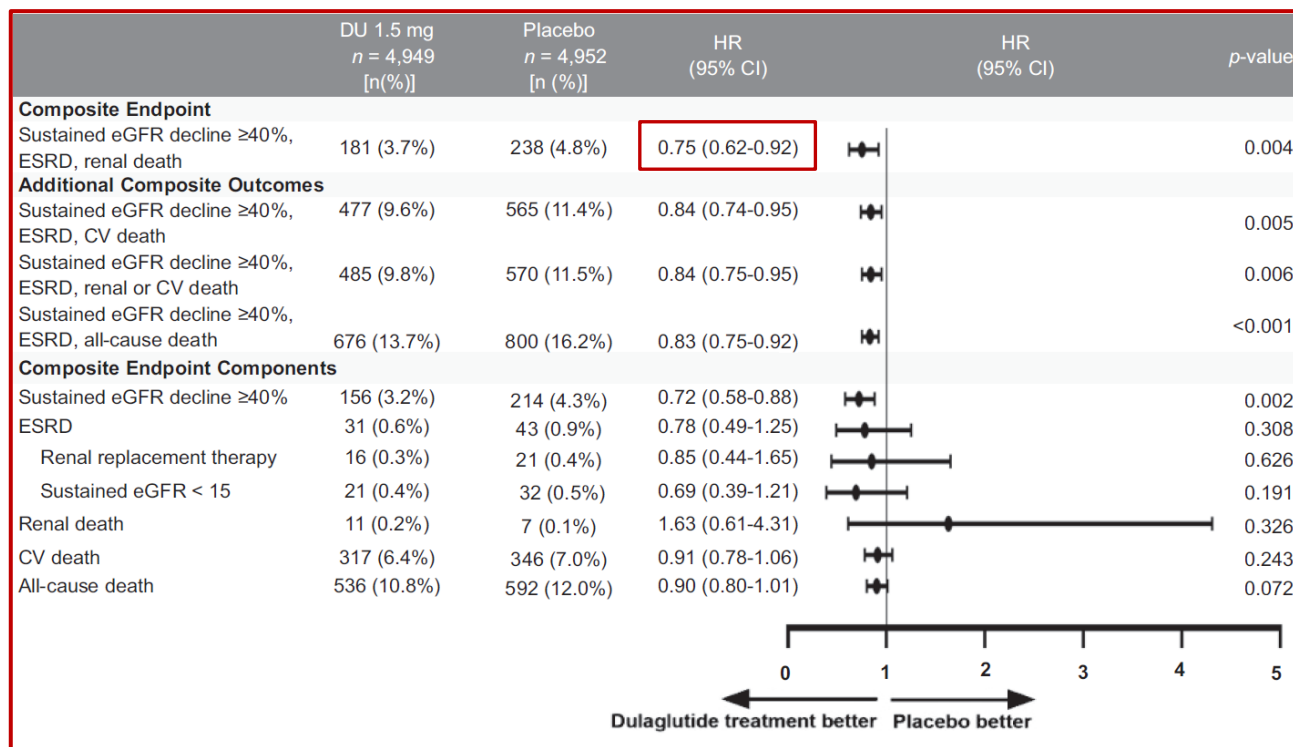


	Dulaglutide (n=4949)		Placebo (n=4952)		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p value
	Number of patients (%)	Incidence rate (number of events per 100 person- years)	Number of patients (%)	Incidence rate (number of events per 100 person- years)		
Main analyses of renal effect						
Composite renal outcome	848 (17.1%)	3.47	970 (19.6%)	4.07	0.85 (0.77–0.93)	0.0004
Components of composite renal outcome						
New macroalbuminuria	441 (8.9%)	1.76	561 (11.3%)	2.29	0.77 (0.68–0.87)	<0.0001
Sustained decline in eGFR of ≥30%	453 (9.2%)	1.79	500 (10.1%)	2.00	0.89 (0.78–1.01)	0.066
Chronic renal replacement therapy	16 (0.3%)	0.06	21 (0.4%)	0.08	0.75 (0.39–1.44)	0.39
Serious renal adverse event*	84 (1.7%)	0.32	93 (1.9%)	0.36	0.90 (0.67–1.20)	0.46
Sensitivity analyses of renal effect						
Sustained decline in eGFR of ≥40%	169 (3.4%)	0.66	237 (4.8%)	0.93	0.70 (0.57–0.85)	0.0004
Composite renal outcome with this decline	587 (11.9%)	2.36	751 (15.2%)	3.10	0.76 (0.68–0.84)	<0.0001
Sustained decline in eGFR of ≥50%	61 (1.2%)	0.24	108 (2.2%)	0.42	0.56 (0.41–0.76)	0.0002
Composite renal outcome with this decline	496 (10.0%)	1.99	649 (13.1%)	2.66	0.74 (0.66–0.84)	<0.0001
eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate. *Based on a search of the REWIND database for any reported adverse event linked to acute renal failure.						
Effect of treatment allocation on renal outcomes						

Renal outcomes in CVOTs with GLP-1 RAs in people with type 2 diabetes



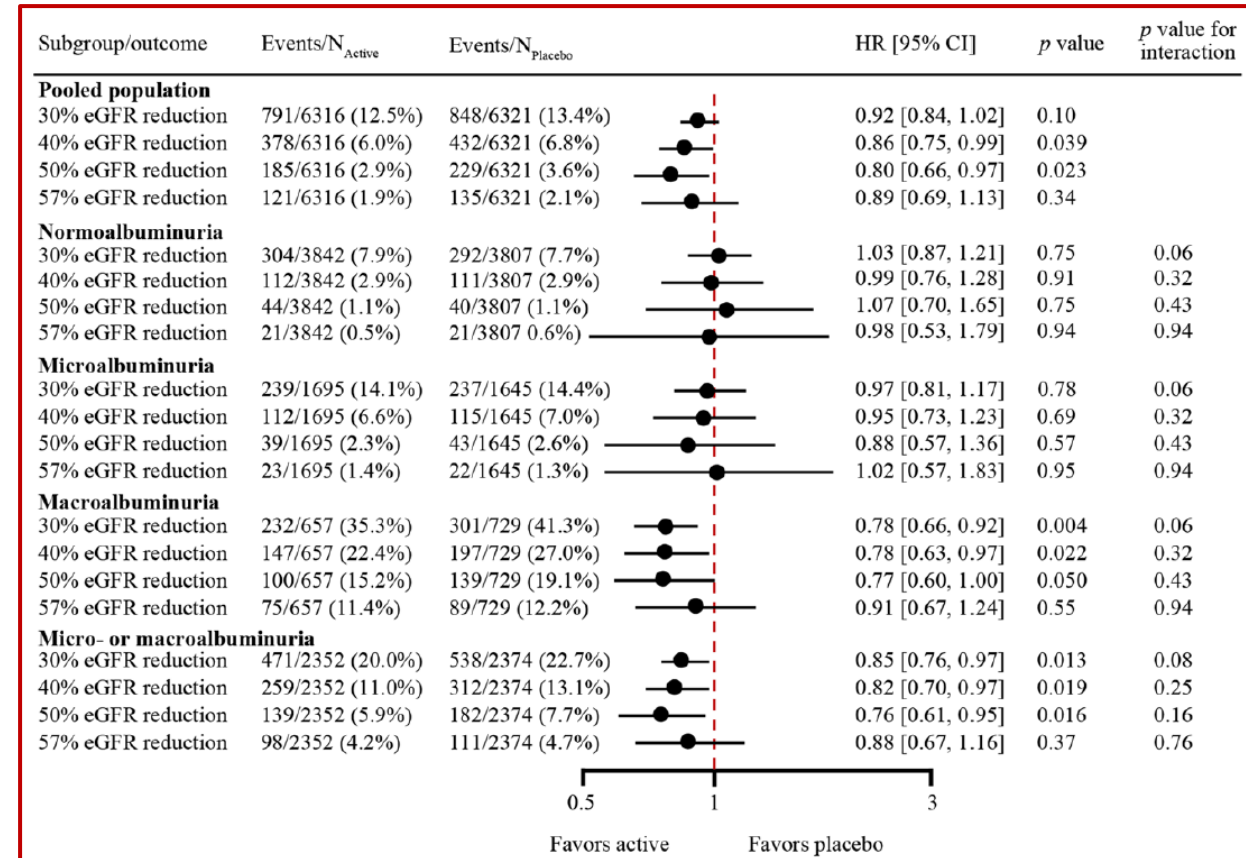
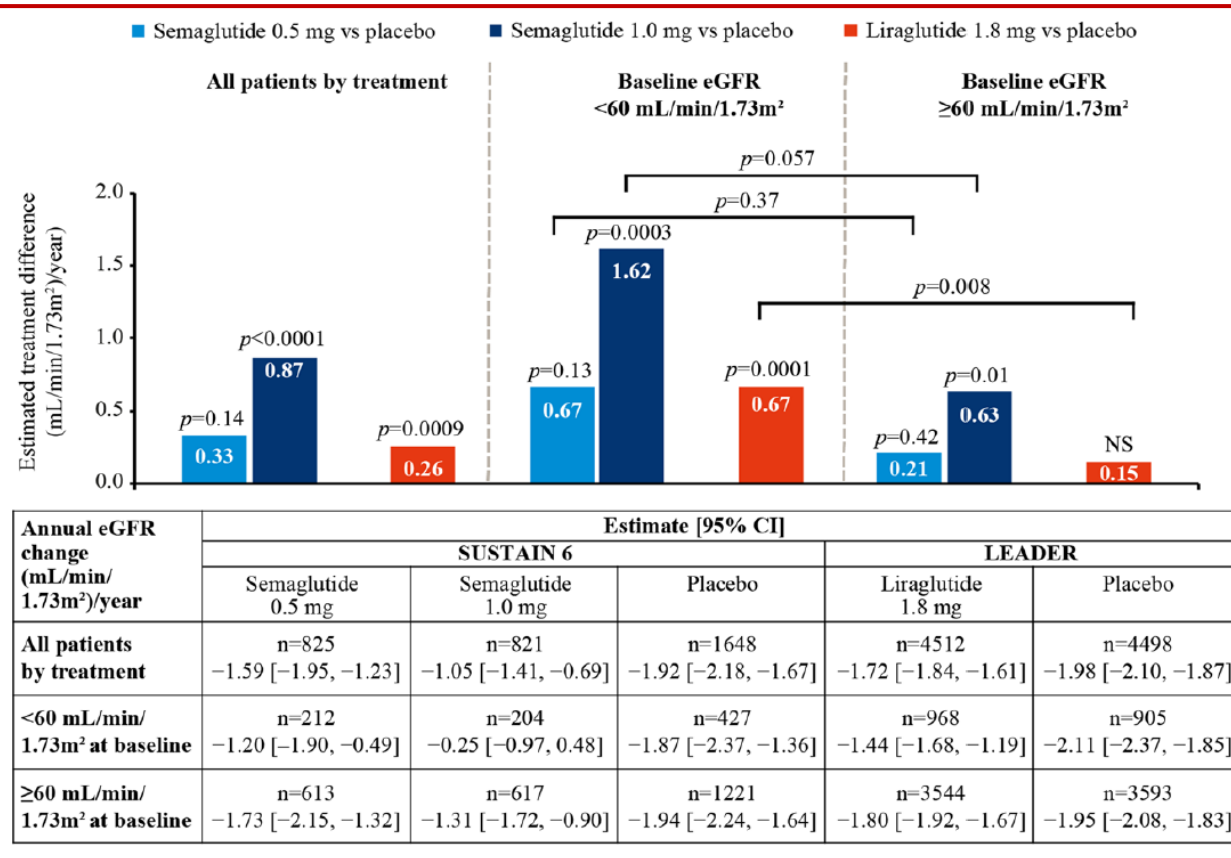
Post hoc analysis



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Pooled analysis

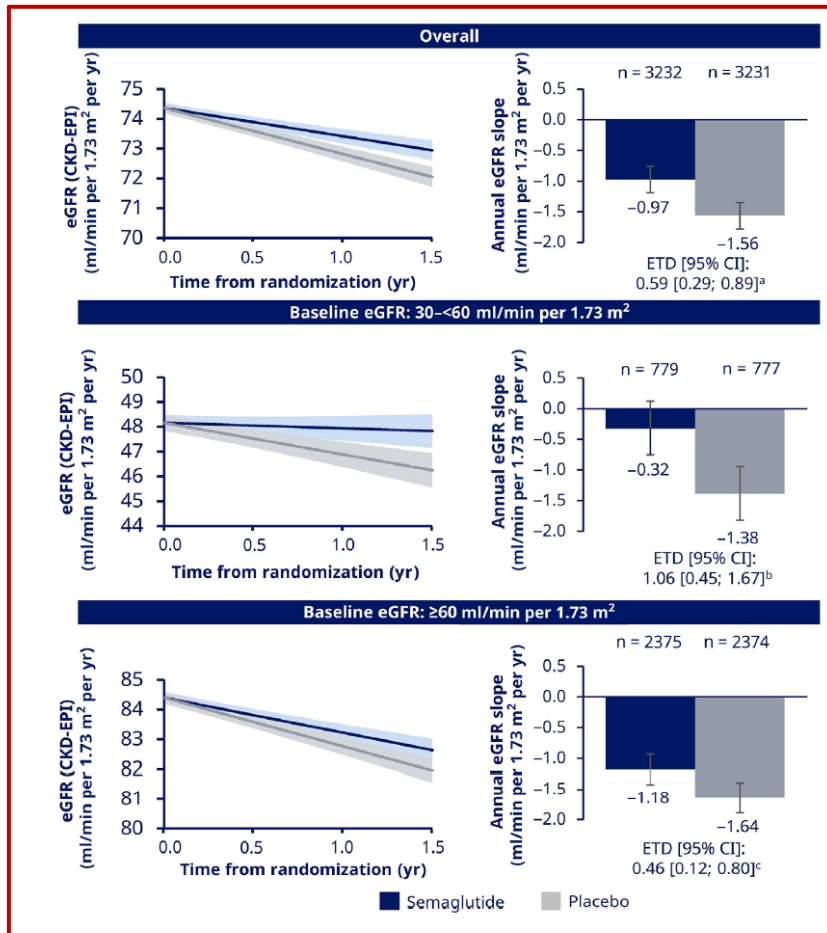


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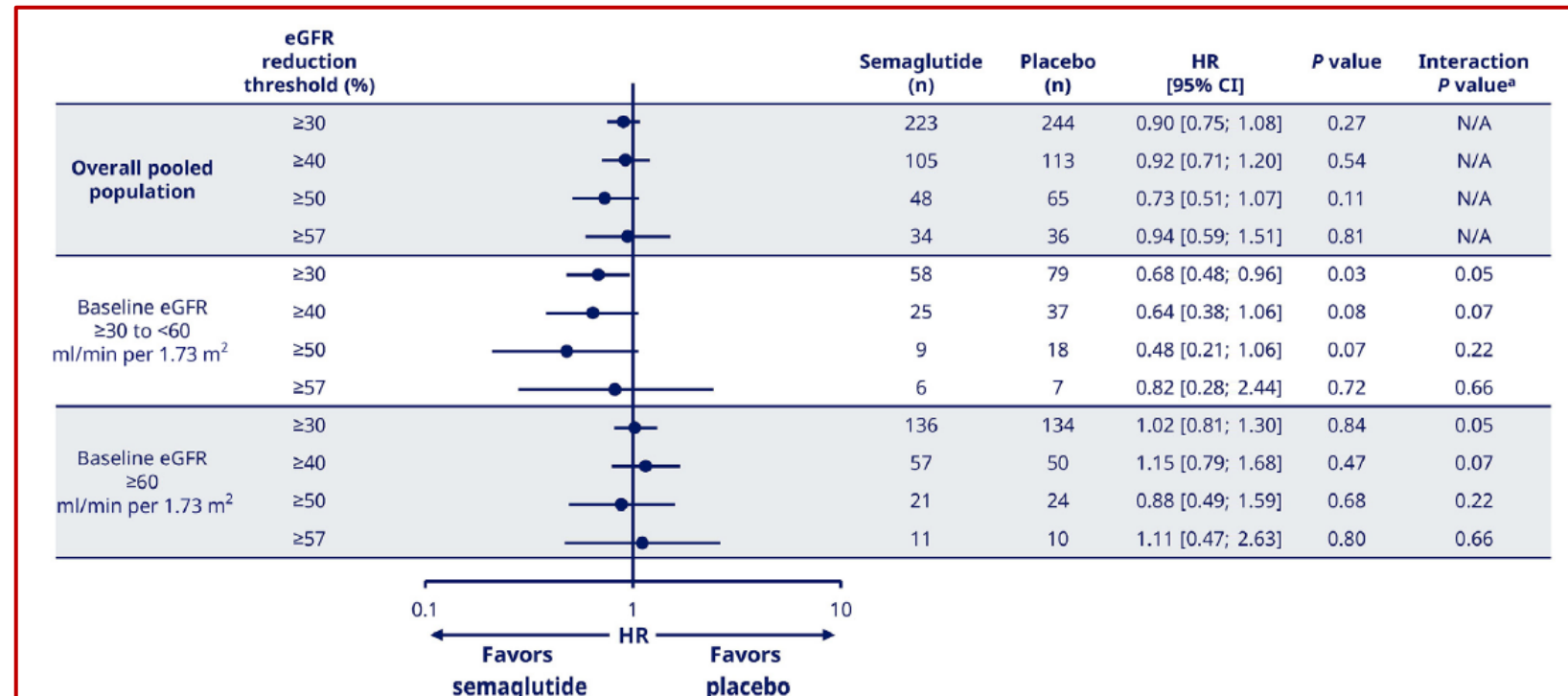


Pooled analysis

Annual eGFR change



Time to onset of persistent eGFR reductions



The rationale, design and baseline data of FLOW, a kidney outcomes trial with once-weekly semaglutide in people with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease

Background

Evidence has emerged of potential kidney-protective effects of GLP-1 RAs in people with T2D. FLOW is a dedicated kidney outcomes trial to assess semaglutide in a population with CKD and T2D at high risk of kidney disease progression.

Methods

Participants:

- Adults with T2D
- eGFR ≥ 50 to ≤ 75 ml/min/1.73 m² and UACR >300 to <5000 mg/g OR
- eGFR ≥ 25 to <50 ml/min/1.73 m² and UACR >100 to <5000 mg/g

Composite primary endpoint:

- Time to first occurrence of:
 - Kidney failure (persistent eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m² or initiation of CKRT);
 - Persistent $\geq 50\%$ reduction in eGFR; or
 - Death from kidney or CV causes

Baseline characteristics

68.2% at very high risk for CKD progression according to KDIGO categorisation, eGFR of 47.0 (15) ml/min/1.73 m²; median UACR of 568 (range: 2–11 852) mg/g

Advanced type 2 diabetes:
Mean age 66.6 years
Mean diabetes duration 17.4 years
Mean HbA_{1c} 7.8%

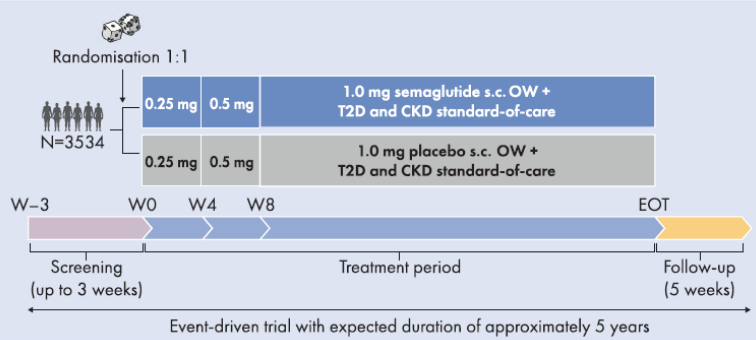
15.5% receiving SGLT-2is

Conclusion

FLOW will evaluate the effect of semaglutide on kidney outcomes in participants with CKD and T2D, and is expected to complete in late 2024.



Rossing, P., et al. NDT (2023)
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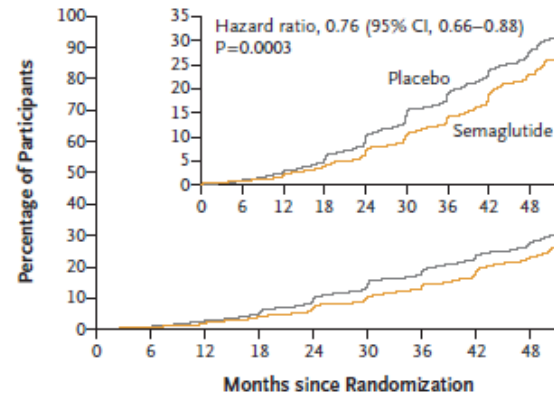
eGFR categories (ml/min/1.73 m²)

	UACR categories (mg/g)		
	<30	≥ 30 to <300	≥ 300
≥ 90	1 (<0.1)	7 (0.2)	23 (0.6)
≥ 60 to <90	24 (0.7)	173 (4.9)	491 (13.9)
≥ 45 to <60	37 (1.0)	324 (9.2)	650 (18.1)
≥ 30 to <45	40 (1.1)	414 (11.7)	905 (25.6)
≥ 15 to <30	7 (0.2)	87 (2.5)	306 (8.6)

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eGFR 47

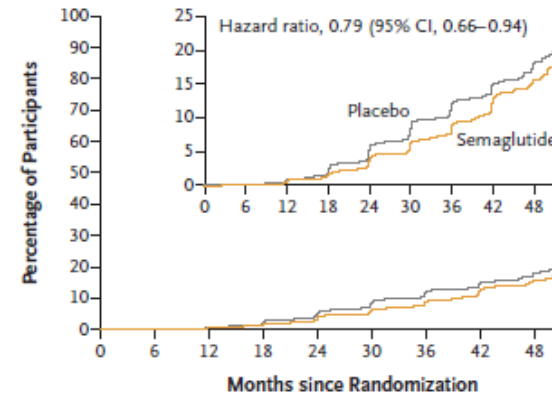
Low risk n=25 (0.7%)	High risk n=878 (24.8%)
Moderate risk n=217 (6.1%)	Very high risk n=2413 (68.2%)

A First Major Kidney Disease Event



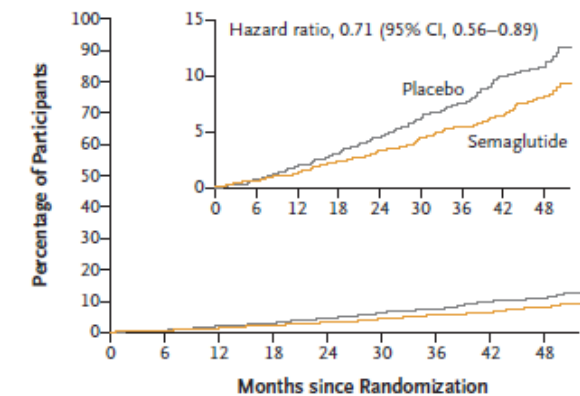
No. at Risk	Placebo	1766	1736	1682	1605	1516	1408	1048	660	354
Semaglutide	1767	1738	1693	1640	1572	1489	1131	742	392	

B First Kidney-Specific Component Event



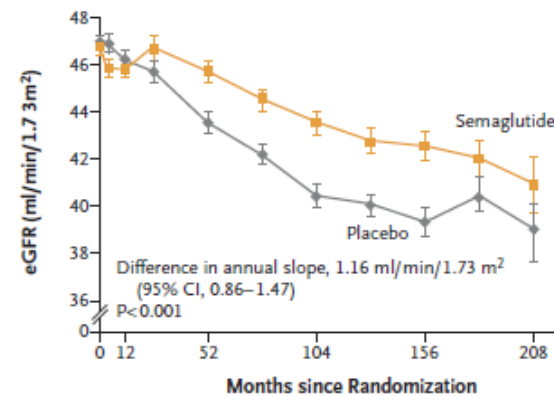
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C Death from Cardiovascular Causes



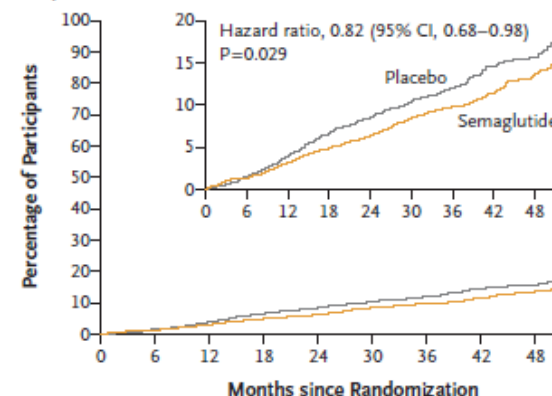
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D Total eGFR Slope



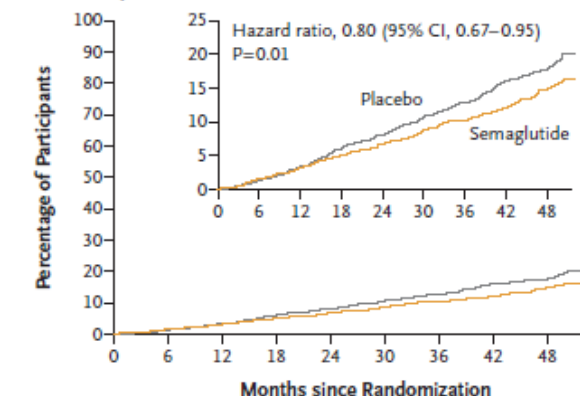
No. at Risk	Placebo	1766	1663	1573	1609	1490	1441	1284	876	609	199
Semaglutide	1766	1665	1590	1606	1521	1468	1345	952	651	218	

E First Major Cardiovascular Event



No. at Risk	Placebo	1766	1721	1663	1583	1535	1478	1133	731	418
Semaglutide	1767	1725	1672	1622	1575	1515	1176	793	430	

F Death from Any Cause



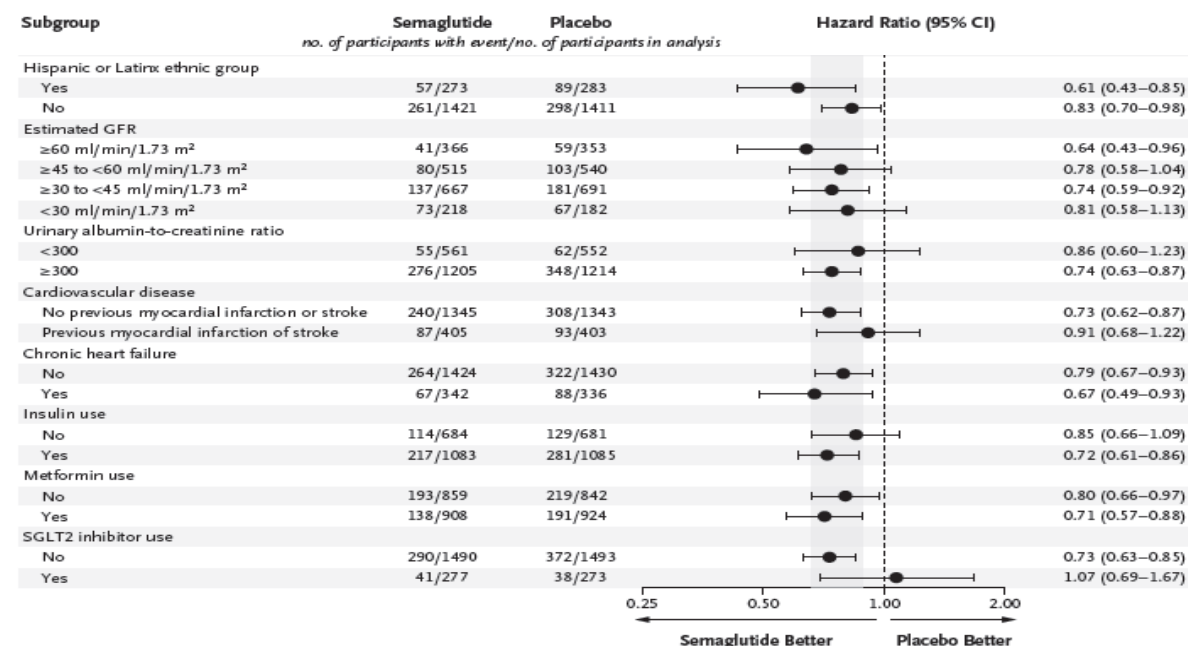
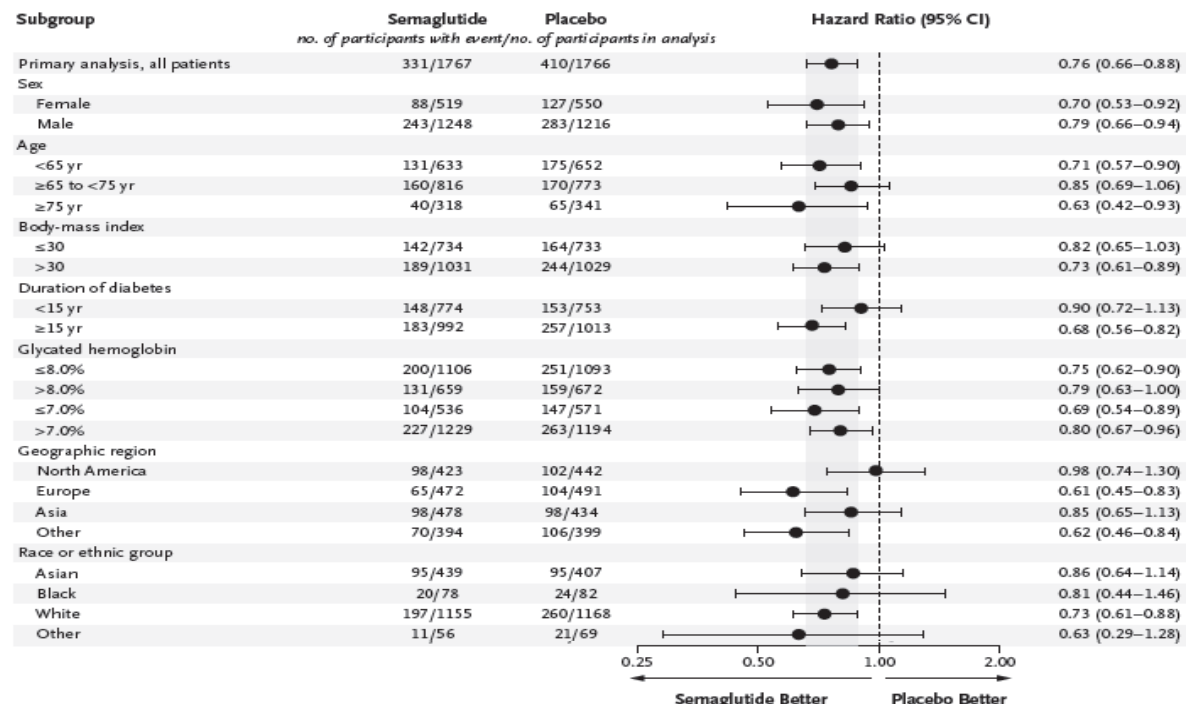
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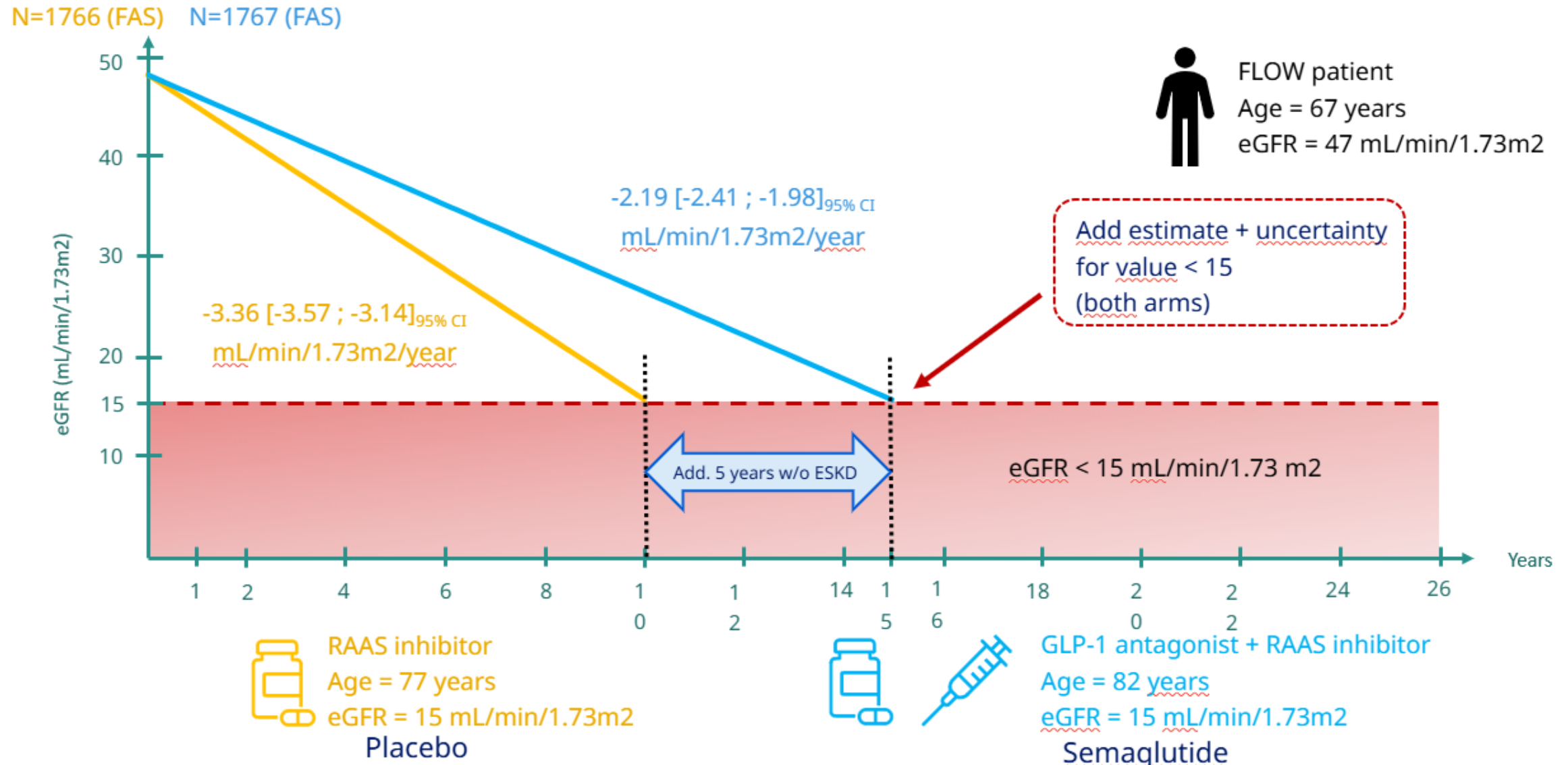
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Outcome	Semaglutide (N=1767)	Placebo (N=1766)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	Estimated Difference (95% CI)	P Value
Primary outcome: major kidney disease events — no. (%) [†]	331 (18.7)	410 (23.2)	0.76 (0.66 to 0.88)	—	0.0003
Components of primary outcome — no. (%)					
Persistent $\geq 50\%$ reduction from baseline in eGFR	165 (9.3)	213 (12.1)	0.73 (0.59 to 0.89)	—	—
Persistent eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m ²	92 (5.2)	110 (6.2)	0.80 (0.61 to 1.06)	—	—
Initiation of kidney-replacement therapy	87 (4.9)	100 (5.7)	0.84 (0.63 to 1.12)	—	—
Death from kidney-related causes	5 (0.3)	5 (0.3)	0.97 (0.27 to 3.49)	—	—
Death from cardiovascular causes	123 (7.0)	169 (9.6)	0.71 (0.56 to 0.89)	—	—
Composite of kidney-specific components of the primary outcome	218 (12.3)	260 (14.7)	0.79 (0.66 to 0.94)	—	—
Confirmatory secondary outcomes					
Mean annual rate of change in eGFR — ml/min/1.73 m ²	-2.19	-3.36	—	1.16 (0.86 to 1.47)	<0.001
Major cardiovascular events — no. (%)	212 (12.0)	254 (14.4)	0.82 (0.68 to 0.98)	—	0.029
Death from cardiovascular causes	123 (7.0)	169 (9.6)	0.71 (0.56 to 0.89)	—	—
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	52 (2.9)	64 (3.6)	0.80 (0.55 to 1.15)	—	—
Nonfatal stroke	63 (3.6)	51 (2.9)	1.22 (0.84 to 1.77)	—	—
Death from any cause — no. (%)	227 (12.8)	279 (15.8)	0.80 (0.67 to 0.95)	—	0.01
Supportive secondary outcomes					
Ratio of urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio at week 104 to urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio at baseline	0.60	0.88	0.68 (0.62 to 0.75) [‡]	—	—
Mean change in body weight from baseline to week 104 — kg	-5.55	-1.45	—	-4.10 (-4.56 to -3.65)	—
Mean change in glycated hemoglobin level from baseline to week 104 — percentage points	-0.87	-0.06	—	-0.81 (-0.90 to -0.72)	—
Mean change in systolic blood pressure from baseline to week 104 — mm Hg	-3.79	-1.55	—	-2.23 (-3.33 to -1.13)	—
Mean change in diastolic blood pressure from baseline to week 104 — mm Hg	-0.23	-1.01	—	0.78 (0.16 to 1.41)	—
Mean change in eGFR from baseline to week 12 — ml/min/1.73 m ²	-1.07	-1.05	—	-0.03 (-0.56 to 0.51)	—
Mean annual rate of change in eGFR from week 12 to end of trial — ml/min/1.73 m ²	-2.36	-3.30	—	0.94 (0.62 to 1.26)	—
Mean change in eGFR by the cystatin C equation from baseline to week 104 — ml/min/1.73 m ²	-2.01	-5.41	—	3.39 (2.63 to 4.15)	—

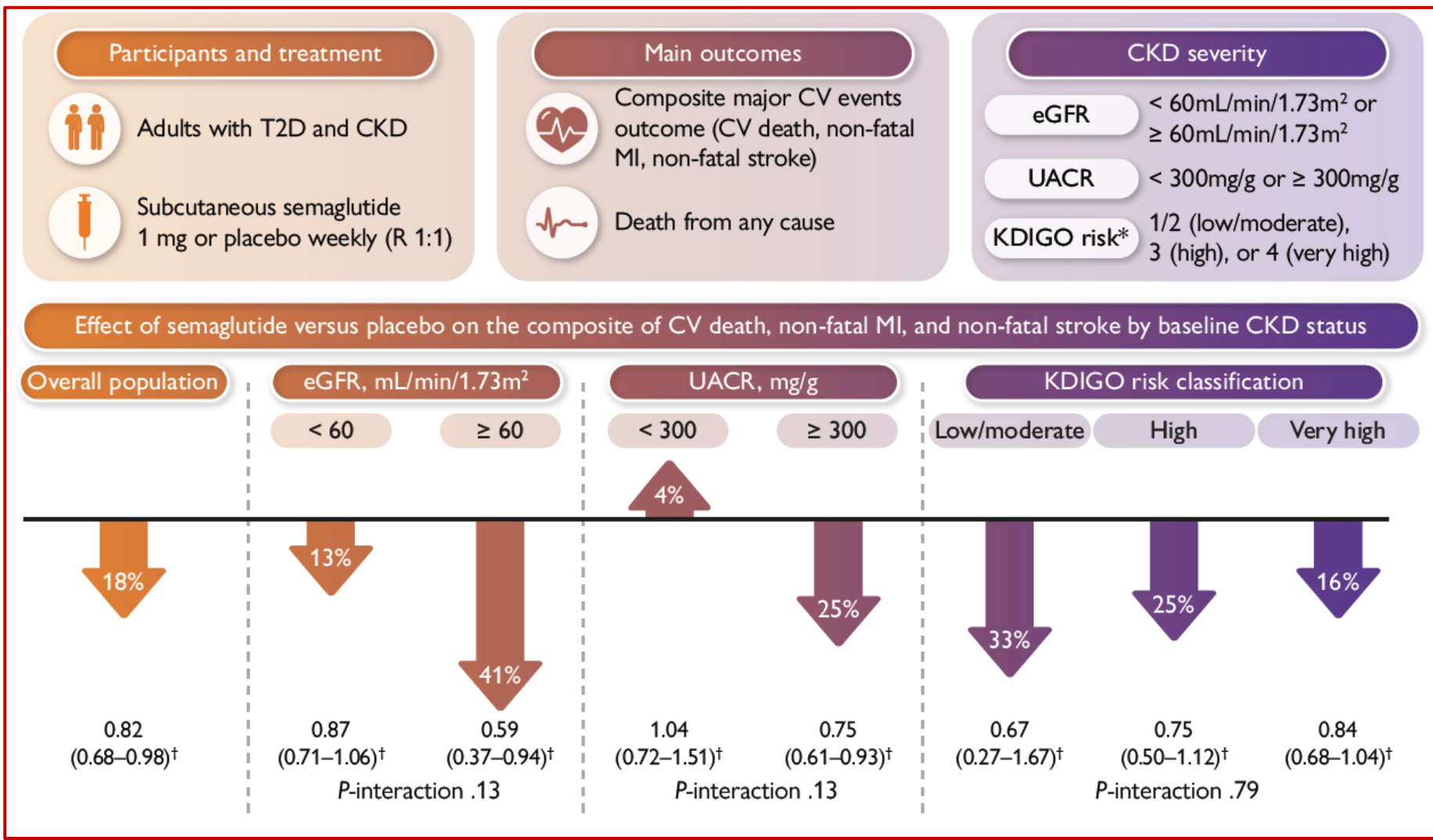
Renal outcomes in the FLOW ROT with semaglutide in people with type 2 diabetes and CKD



Long-term renal protection with semaglutide in people with type 2 diabetes and CKD



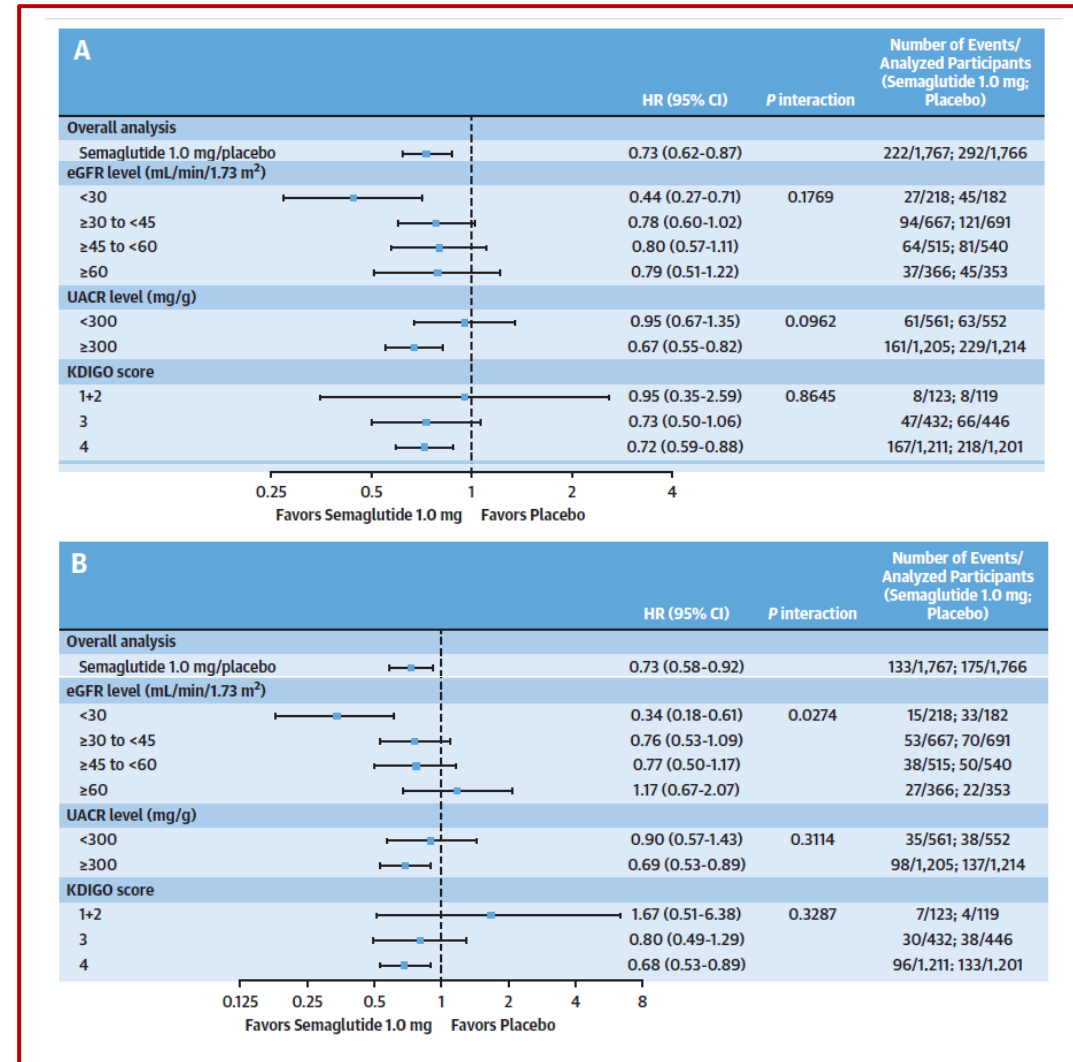
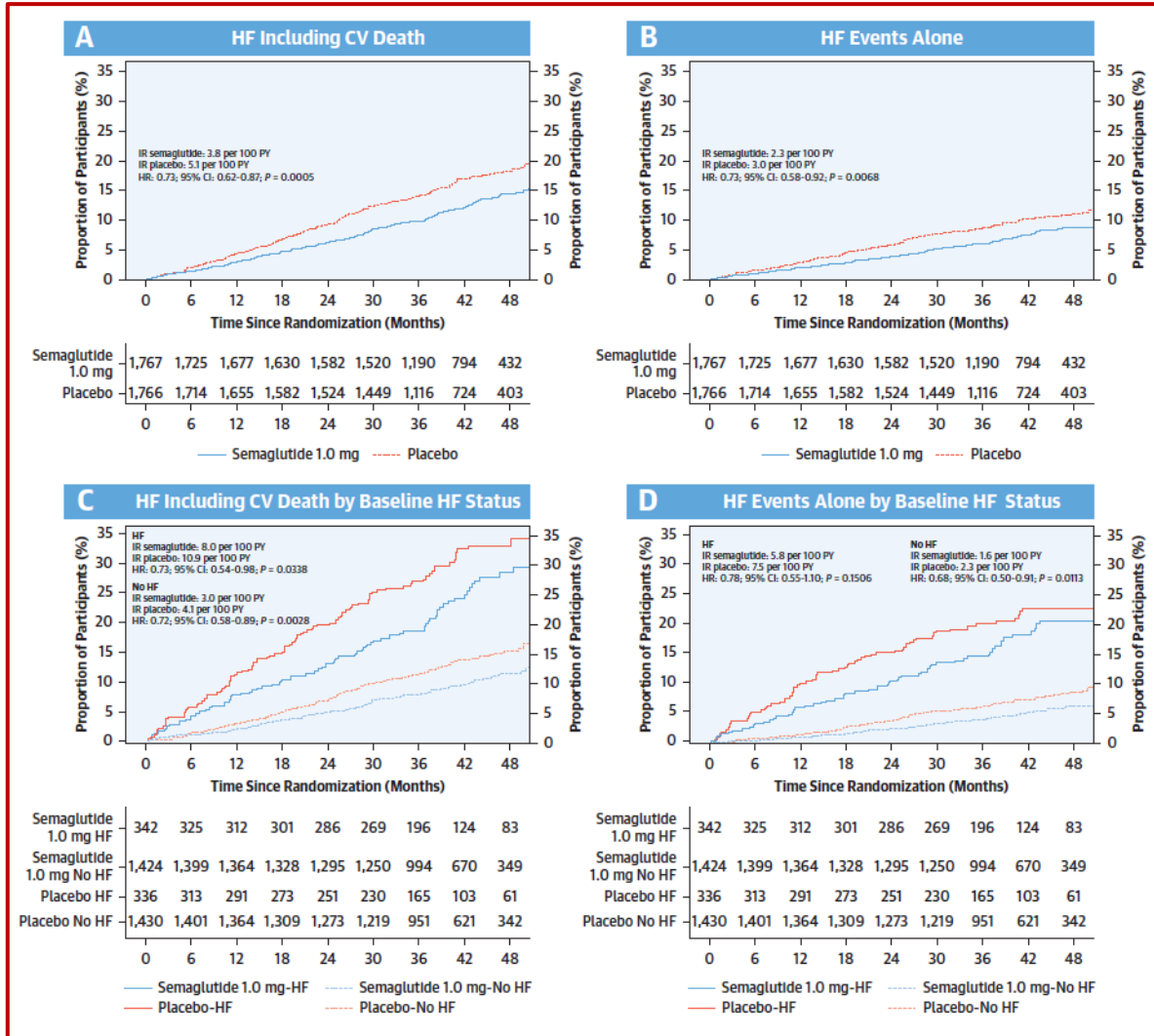
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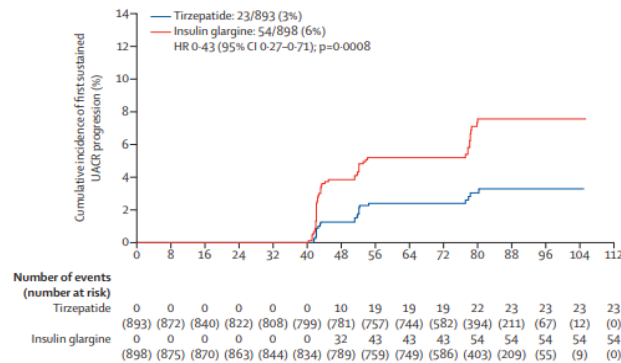
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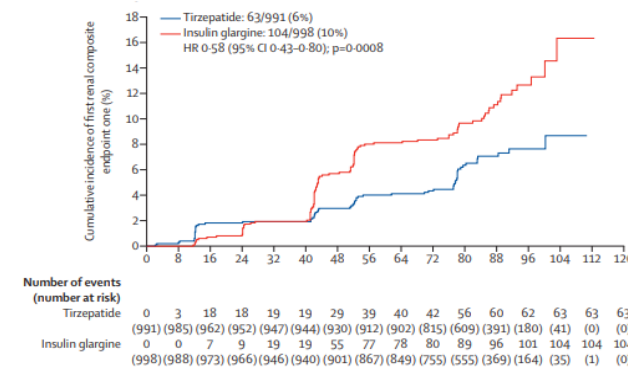
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Efficacy and Safety of Tirzepatide Once Weekly Versus Insulin Glargine in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Increased Cardiovascular Risk

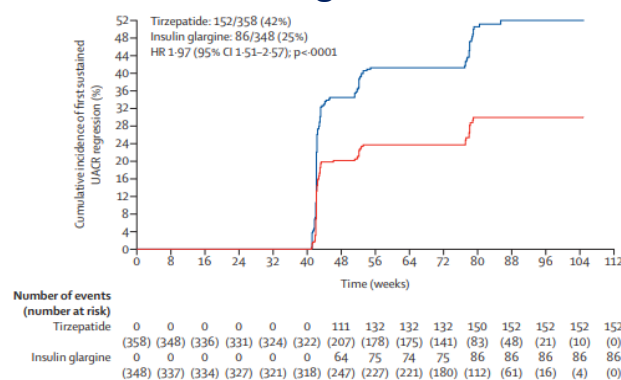
Time to first sustained UACR progression



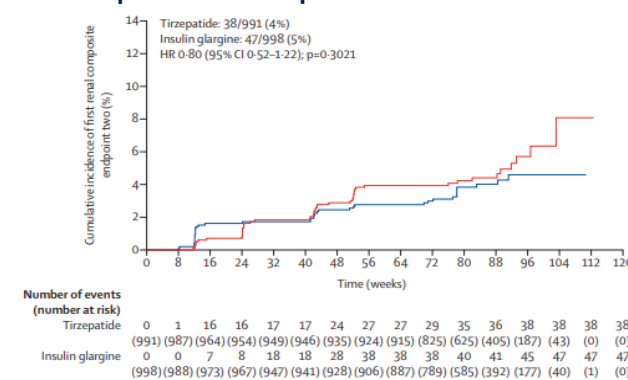
Time to first occurrence of renal composite endpoint with macroalb



Time to first sustained UACR regression



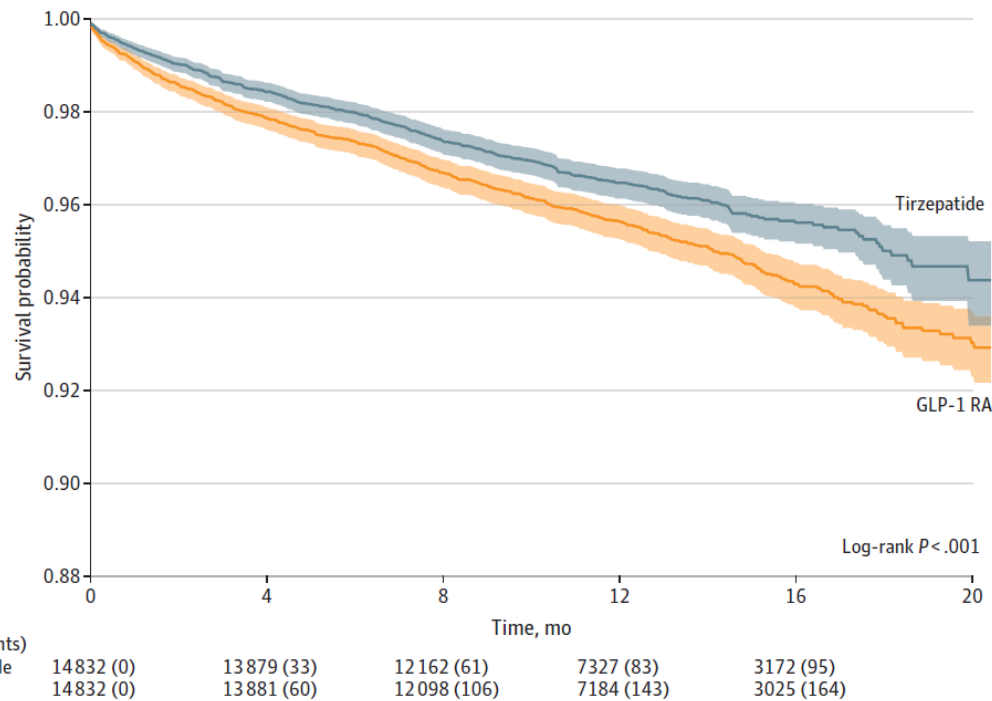
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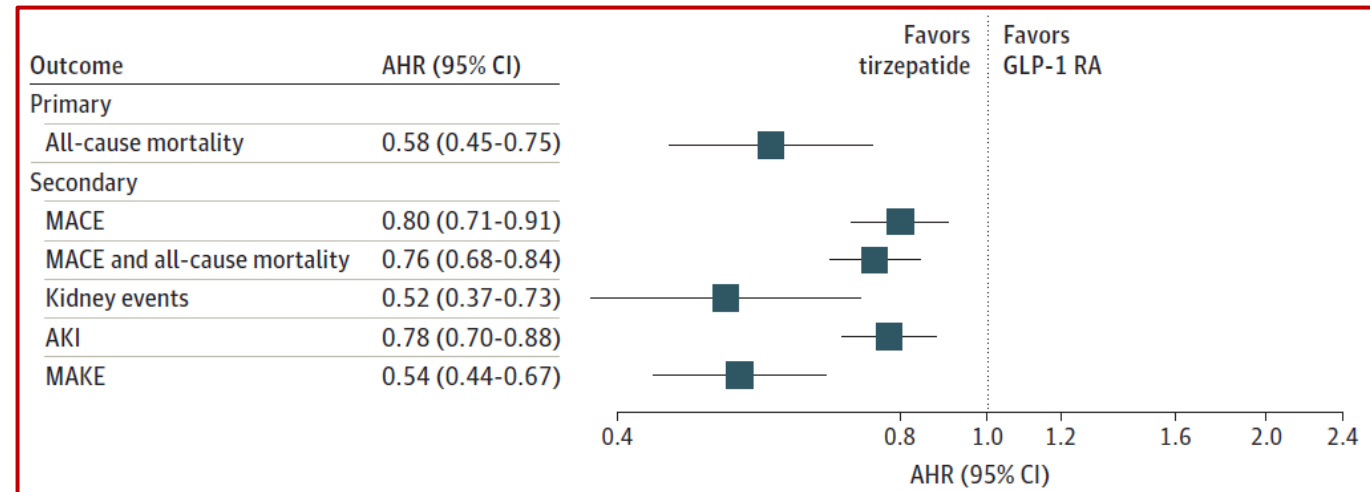
Cardio-renal outcomes with dual vs single incretin agonists in people with type 2 diabetes



Retrospective cohort study using the US Collaborative Network of TriNetX data



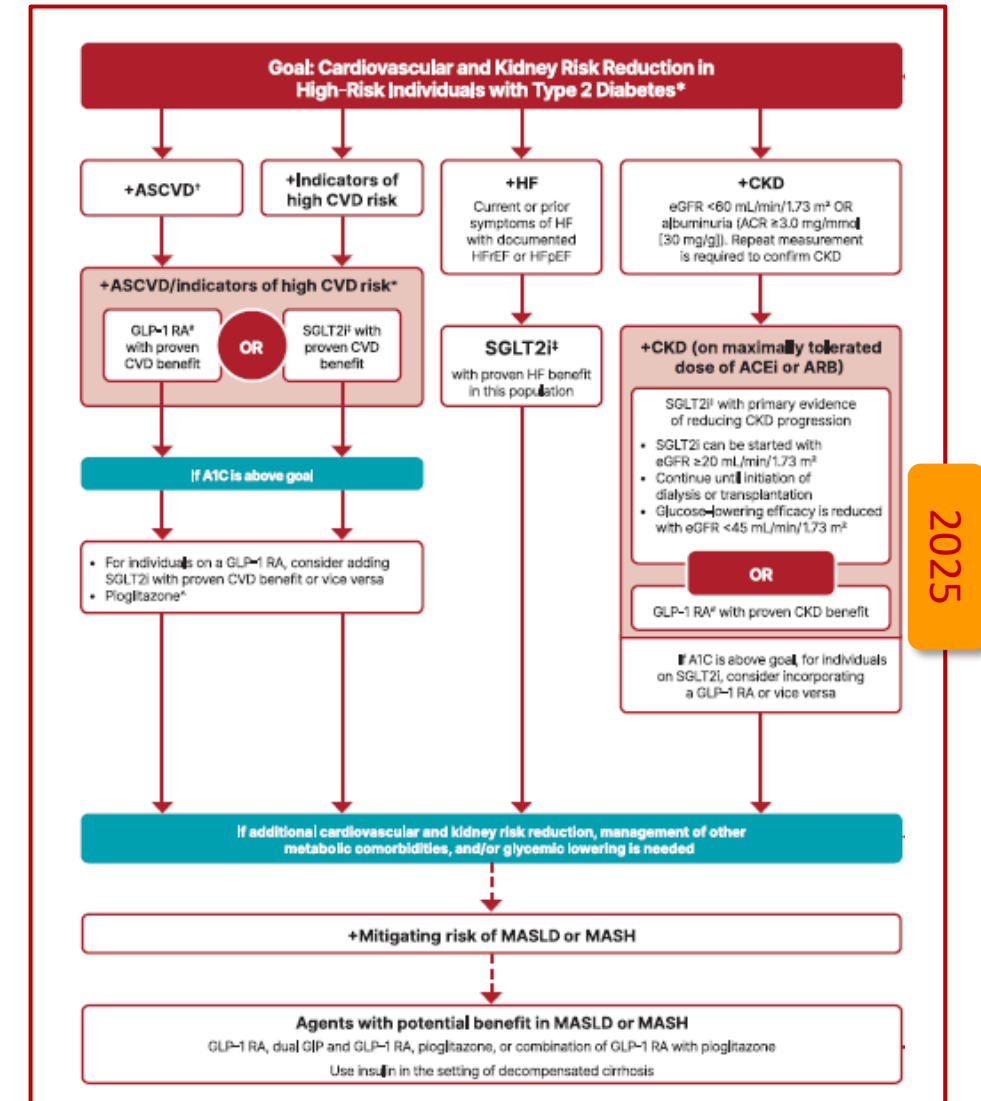
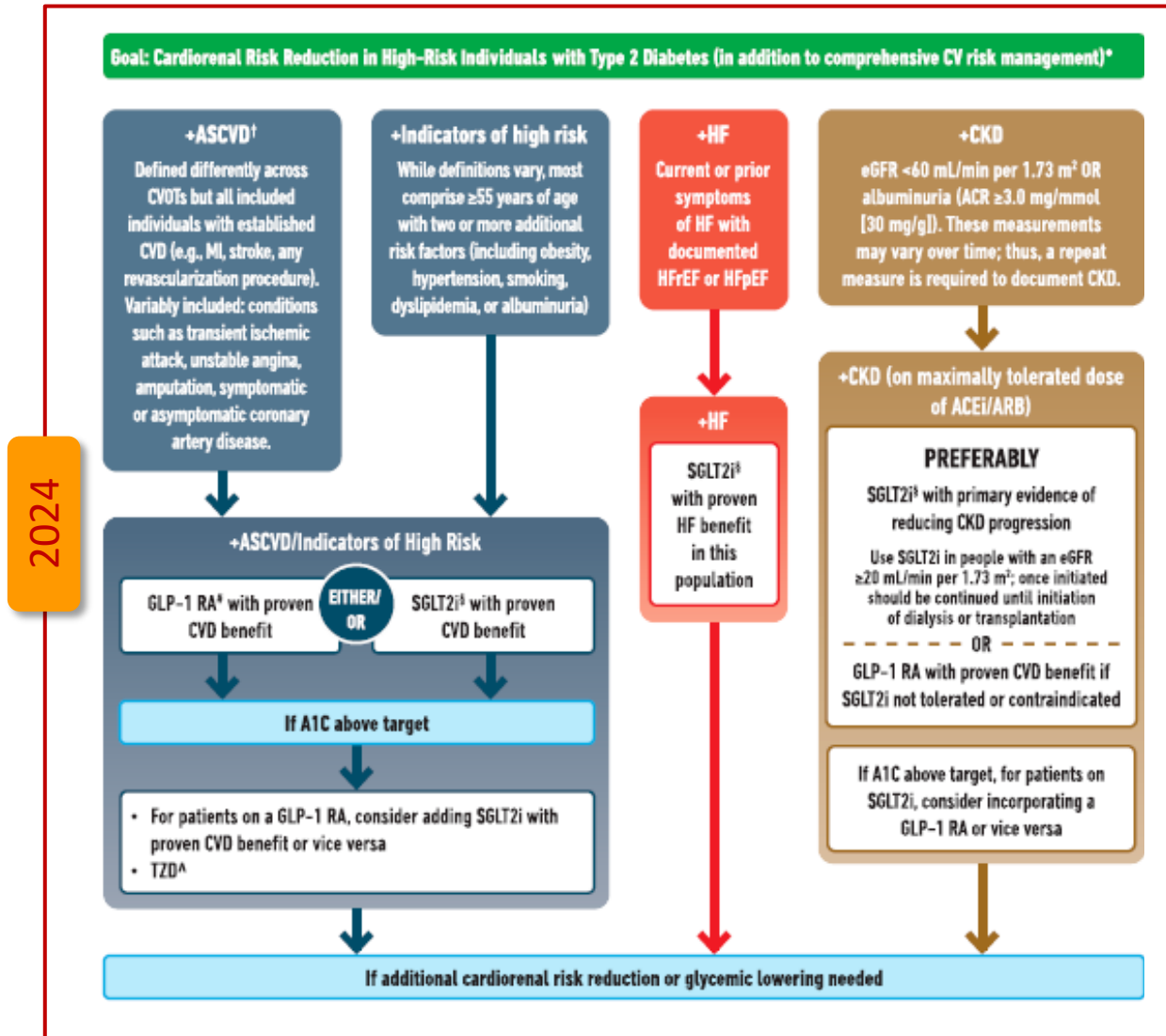
Outcome	No. of patients with outcome		AHR (95% CI)	P value	E-value (E-value for the upper limit of CI)
	Tirzepatide (n = 14 832)	GLP-1 RA (n = 14 832)			
Primary outcome					
All-cause mortality	95	166	0.58 (0.45-0.75) ^a	<.001 ^b	2.82 (1.99)
Secondary outcomes					
MACEs	472	589	0.80 (0.71-0.91) ^a	<.001 ^b	1.79 (1.44)
MACE and all-cause mortality	543	721	0.76 (0.68-0.84) ^a	<.001 ^b	1.98 (1.65)
Kidney events	53	102	0.52 (0.37-0.73) ^a	<.001 ^b	3.24 (2.09)
Acute kidney injury	506	652	0.78 (0.70-0.88) ^a	<.001 ^b	1.87 (1.53)
MAKES	129	241	0.54 (0.44-0.67) ^a	<.001 ^b	3.11 (2.35)



Guidelines for the management of hyperglycemia in people with type 2 diabetes



American Diabetes Association (ADA) Standards of Care



Nei pazienti con diabete di tipo 2 e CKD, i GLP-1 RAs determinano una riduzione dell'endpoint composito renale senza macroalbuminuria:

- A. Simile a quella di SGLT-2 inibitori e MRA non steroidei
- B. Inferiore a quella di SGLT-2 inibitori e MRA non steroidei
- C. Inferiore a quella di SGLT-2 inibitori e superiore a quella di MRA non steroidei
- D. Inferiore a quella di SGLT-2 inibitori e simile a quella di MRA non steroidei

Renal outcomes in ROTs with SGLT-2 inhibitors and GLP-1 RAs



Trial	(1) 	(2) 	(3) 	(4) 	(5) 
Drug	Canagliflozin	Dapagliflozin	Empagliflozin	Finerenone	Semaglutide
Participants, n	4,401	4,304	6,609	5,734	3,533
Follow-up, years	2.6	2.4	2.0	2.6	3.4
GFR impairment, %	60.0	89.5	>80	88.8	79.6
Albuminuria (macro), %	99.3 (87.9)	~100 (>80)	79.9 (51.7)	99.5 (87.2)	97.1 (68.2)
Doubling of serum creatinine	0.60 (0.48–0.76)	NA	NA	NA	NA
eGFR reduction	NA	0.53 (0.42–0.67)*	0.70 (0.61–0.81)†	0.81 (0.72–0.92)†	0.73 (0.59–0.89)*
ESRD / need for RRT	0.68 (0.54–0.86)	0.64 (0.50–0.82)	0.67 (0.52–0.85)	0.86 (0.67–1.10)	0.84 (0.63–1.12)
Renal death	NA	NA	0.90 (0.22–3.66)	NA	0.97 (0.27–3.49)
Cardiovascular death	0.78 (0.61–1.00)	0.81 (0.58–1.12)	0.84 (0.60–1.19)	0.86 (0.68–1.08)	0.71 (0.56–0.89)
Composite cardiorenal outcome	0.70 (0.59–0.82)	0.61 (0.51–0.72)	0.72 (0.64–0.82)	NA	0.76 (0.66–0.88)
Composite kidney outcome	0.66 (0.53–0.81)	0.56 (0.45–0.68)	NA	0.82 (0.73–0.93)	0.79 (0.66–0.94)

* $\geq 50\%$ eGFR reduction; † $\geq 40\%$ eGFR reduction

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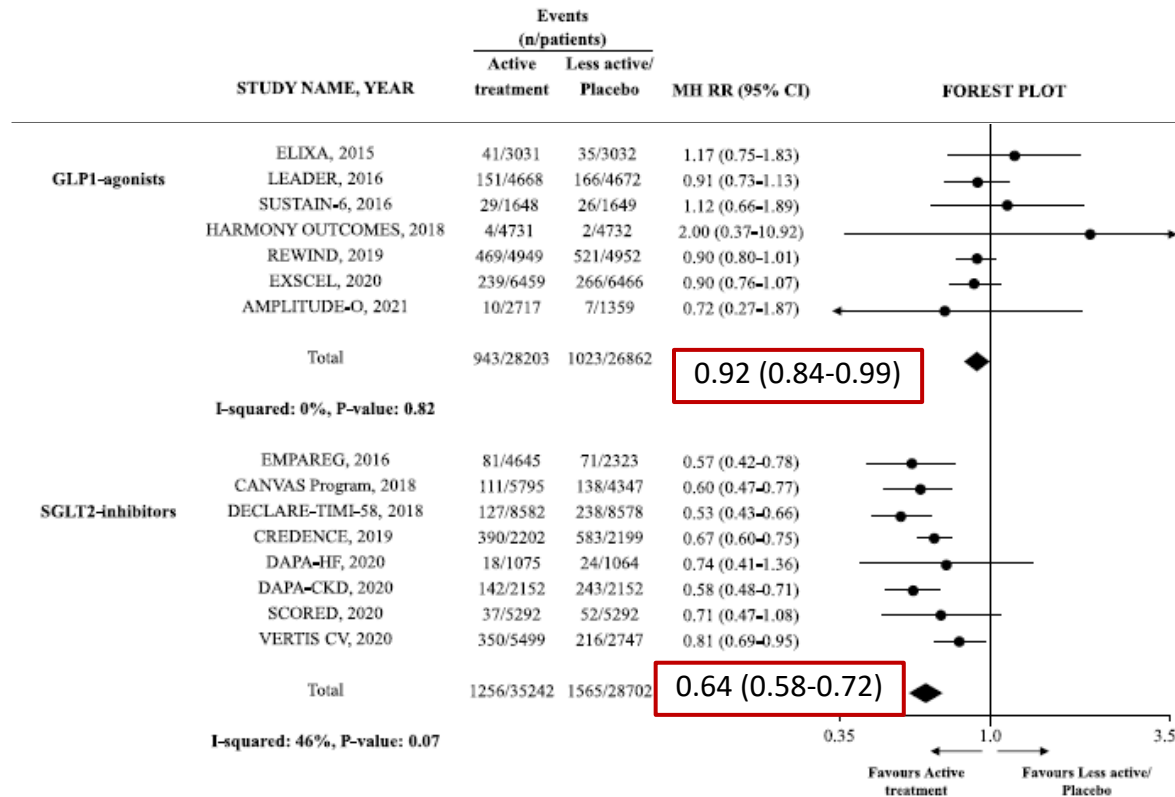
Renal outcomes in trials with GLP-1 RAs vs SGLT-2 inhibitors



Meta-analysis

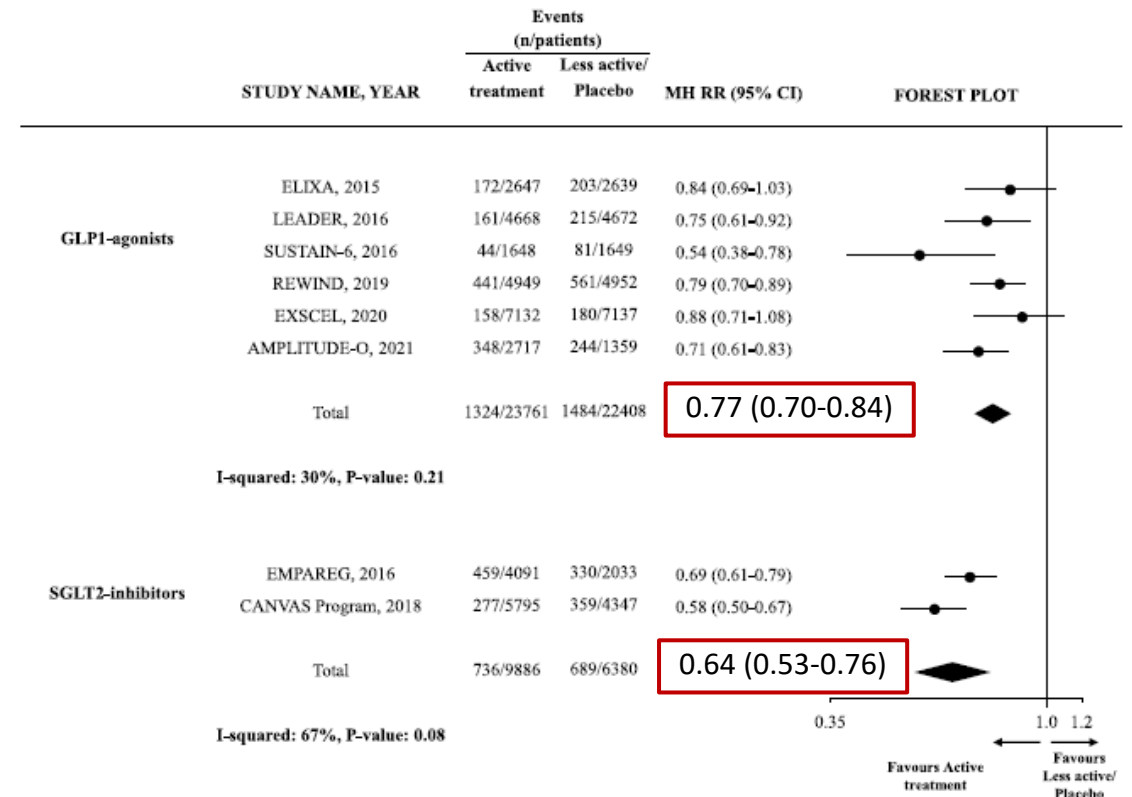
Worsening of kidney function

(doubling of serum creatinine or $\geq 30\%$ GFR reduction 30%, renal death, ESRD, renal dialysis or renal transplantation)



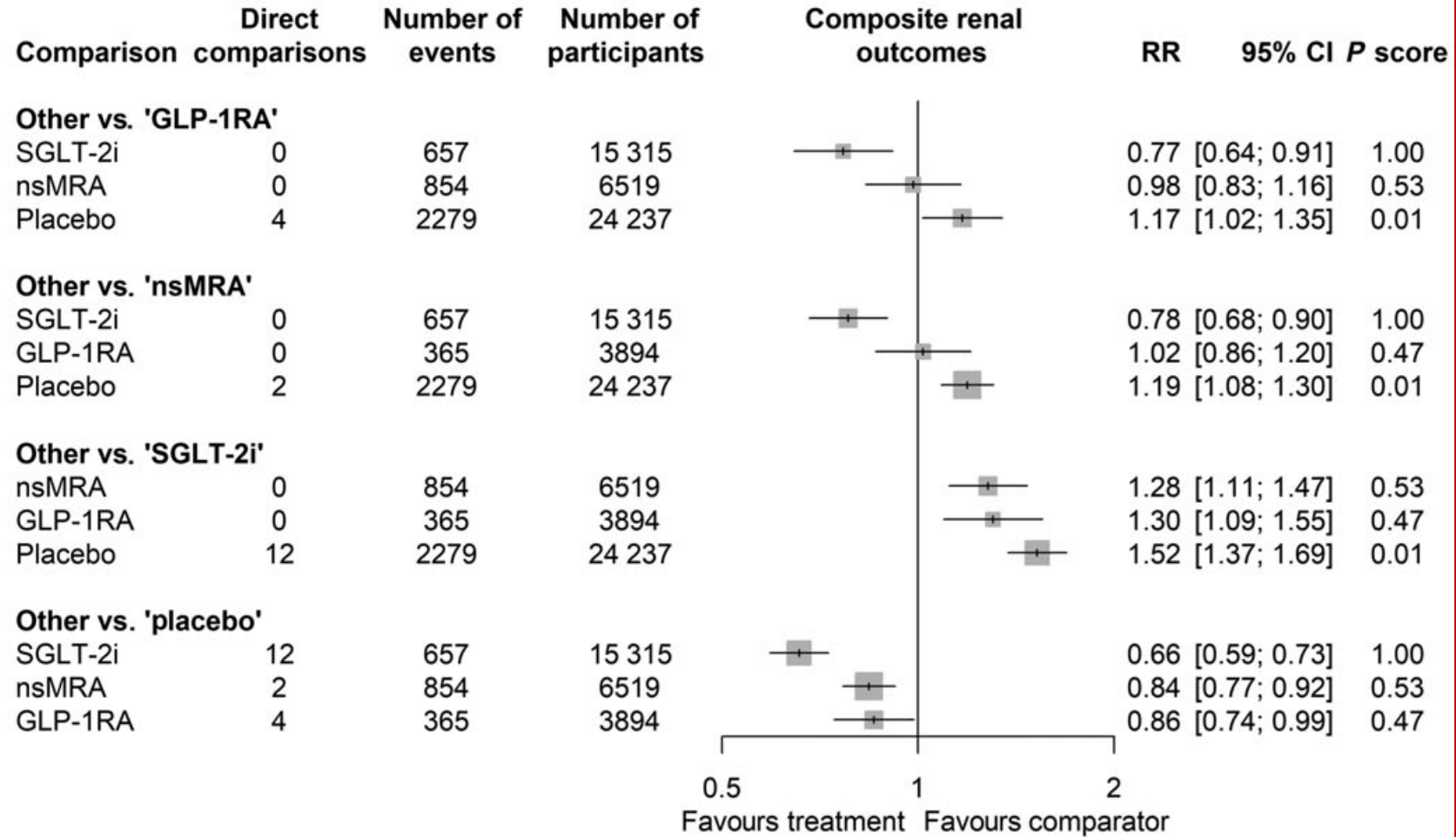
Incident macroalbuminuria

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Network meta-analysis

Composite renal outcome: doubling of serum creatinine or
≥40% GFR reduction, ESRD or renal death



Test of heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0$; $I^2 = 0\%$; $P = .792$

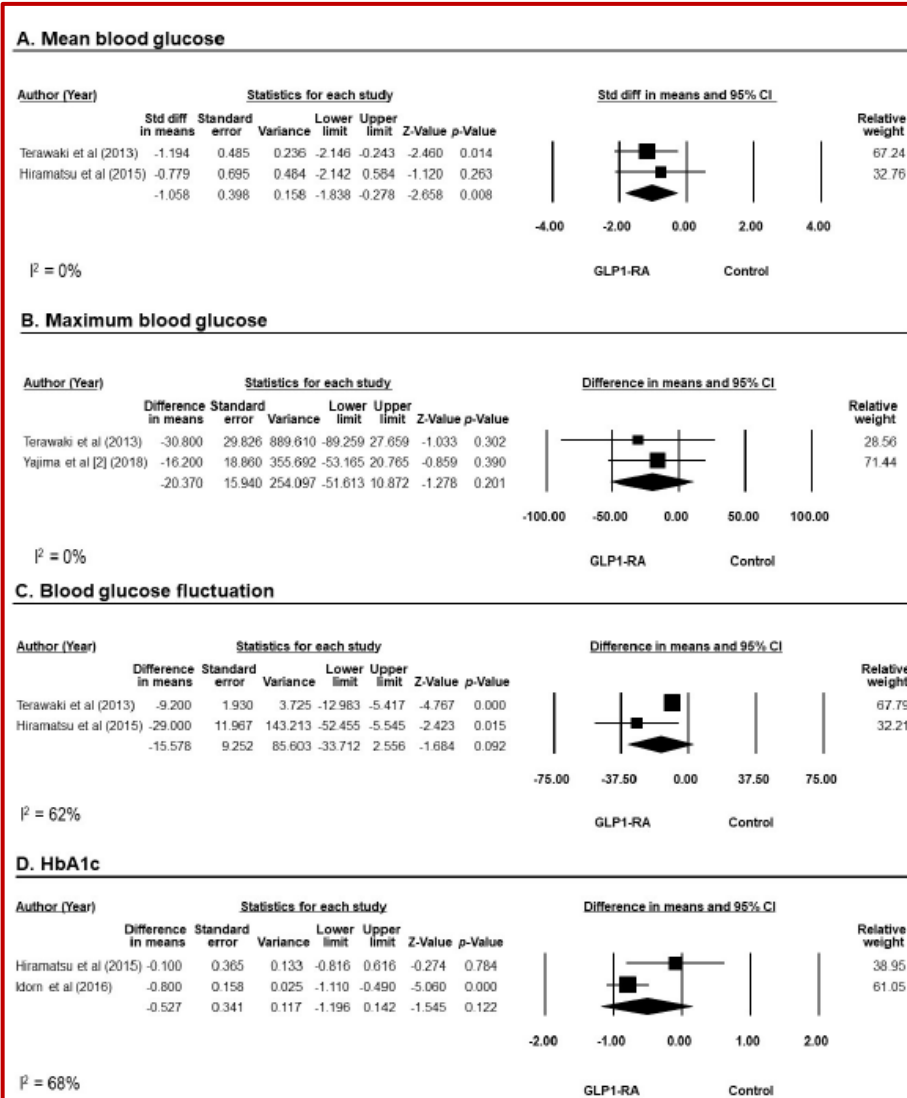
Use of GLP-1 RAs according to renal function



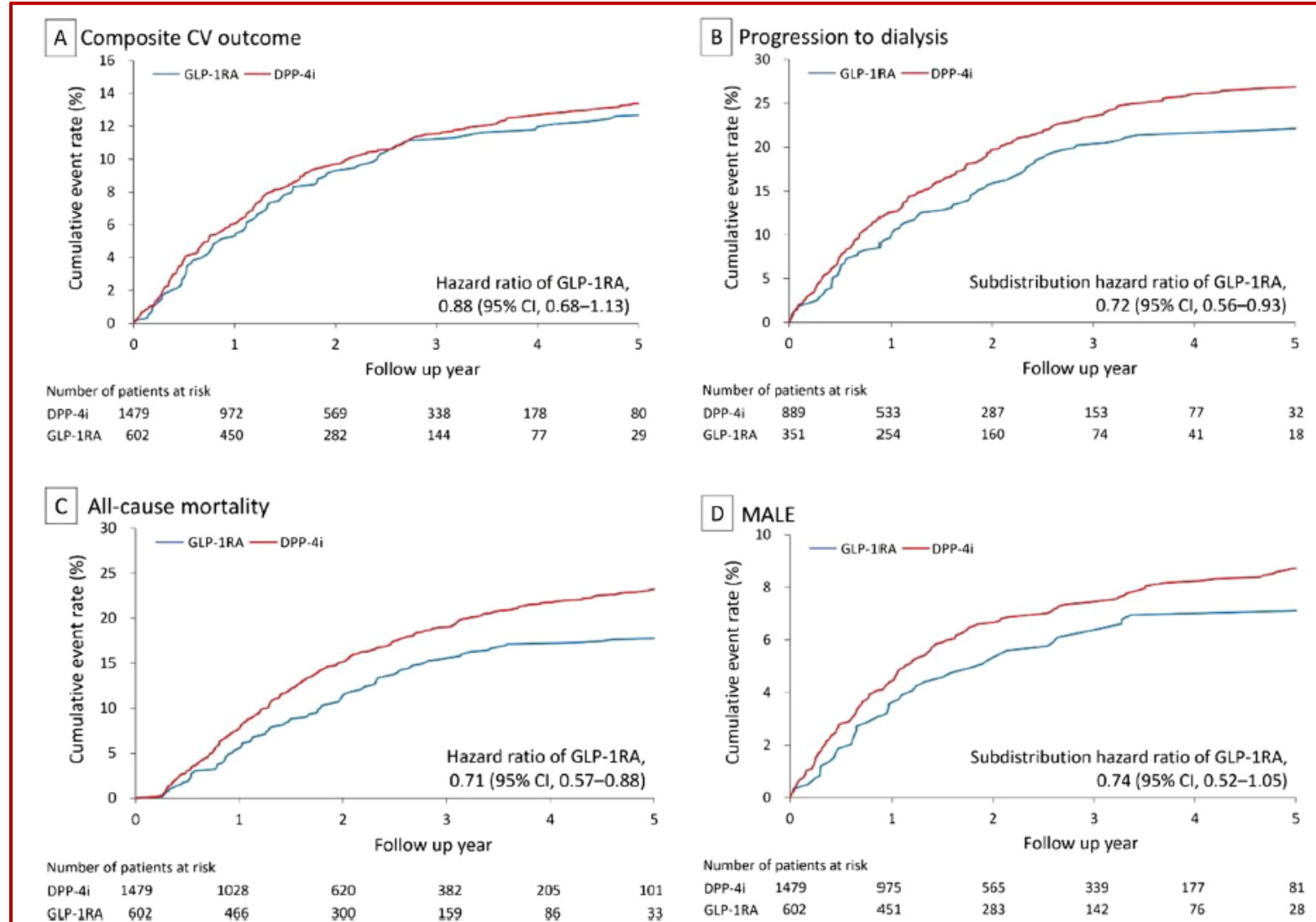
Joint position statement of the Italian Diabetes Society and the Italian Society of Nephrology

eGFR (ml/min/1.73m²)	90	85	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
Exenatide										Caution								
Liraglutide																		
Lixisenatide																		
Dulaglutide																		
Semaglutide																		

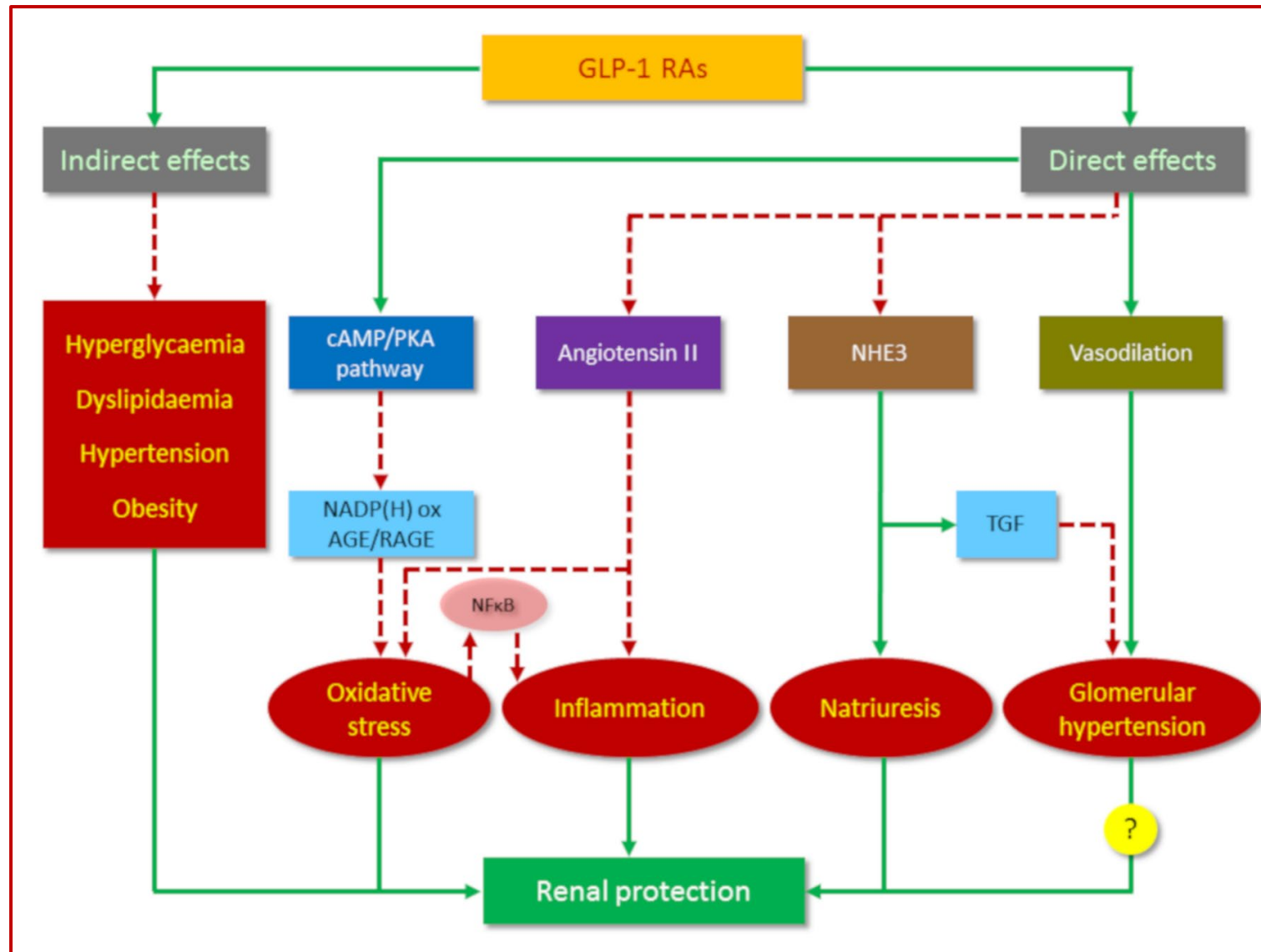
Meta-analysis



Prospective cohort study using the Chang Gung Research Database



Mechanisms underlying renal protection by GLP-1 RAs



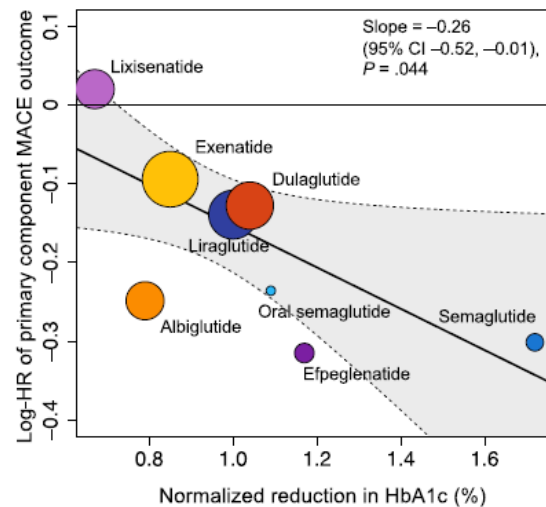
Qual è risultato essere il **principale determinante della protezione cardiorenale con GLP-1 RAs** in analisi di mediazione?

- A. Calo ponderale
- B. Riduzione di HbA_{1c}
- C. Incremento della natriuresi
- D. Attenuazione dell'inflammazione

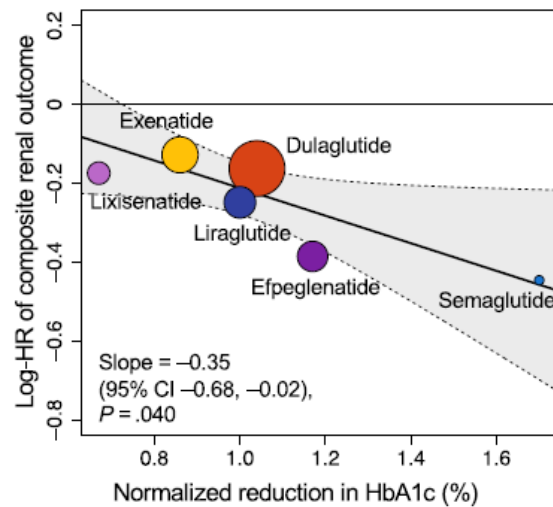
Meta-regression analysis

HbA_{1c} reduction

Primary composite CV outcome
(MACE: CV death, stroke, and myocardial infarction)

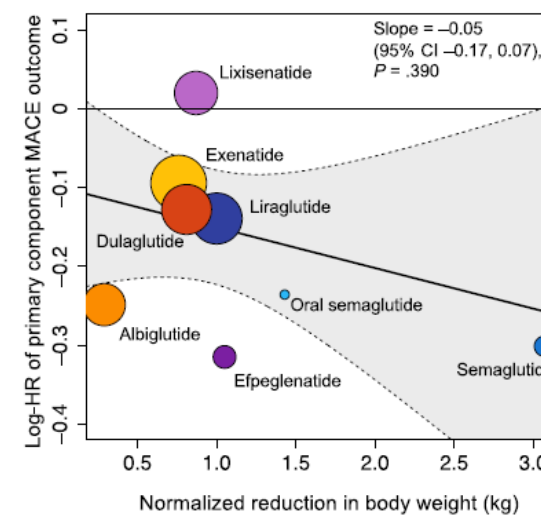


Secondary composite renal outcome
(including macroalbuminuria and worsening eGFR))

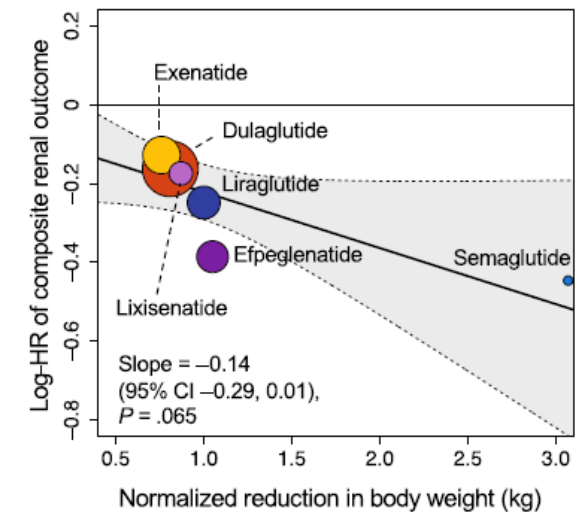


Body weight reduction

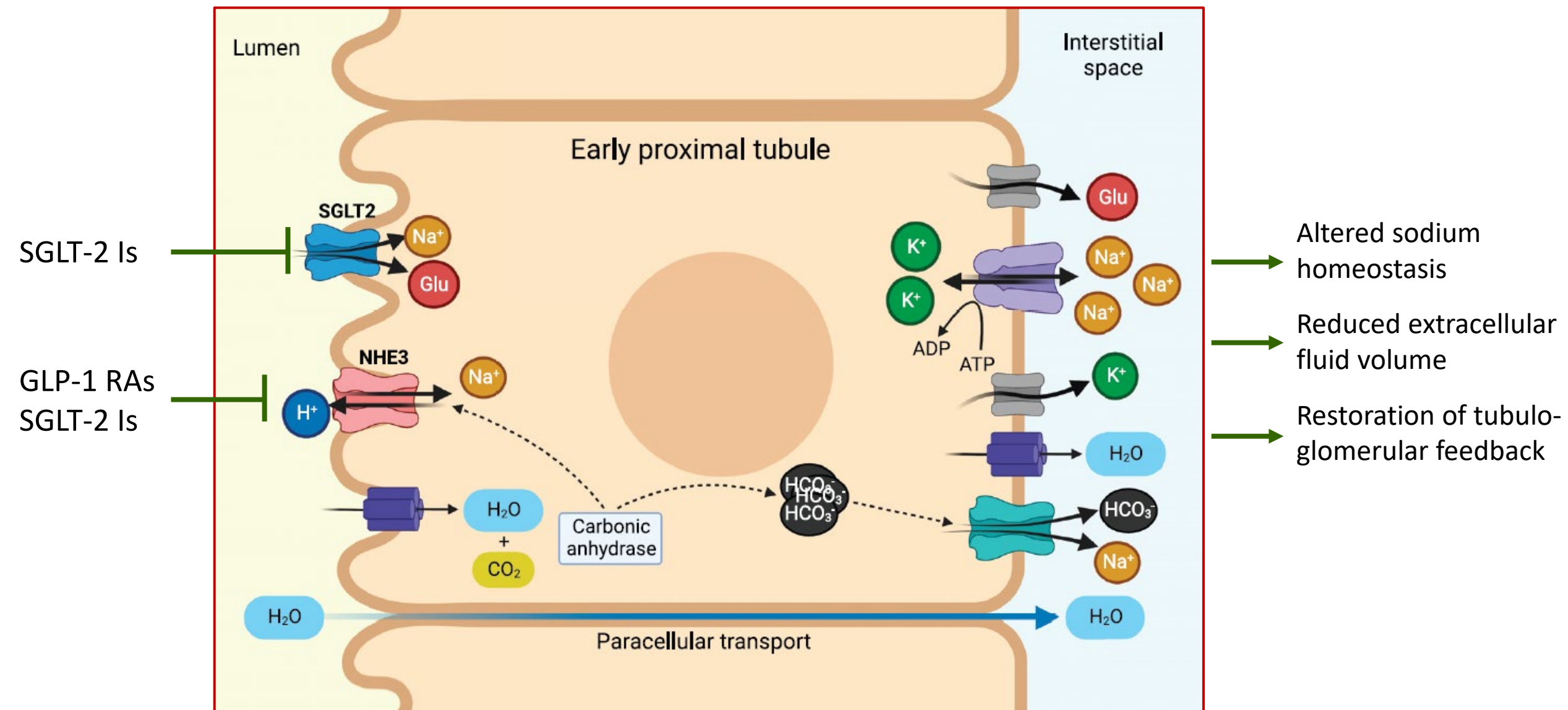
Primary composite CV outcome
(MACE: CV death, stroke, and myocardial infarction)



Secondary composite renal outcome
(including macroalbuminuria and worsening eGFR))



Mechanisms of reduction of hyperfiltration by GLP-1RAs vs SGLT-2 inhibitors





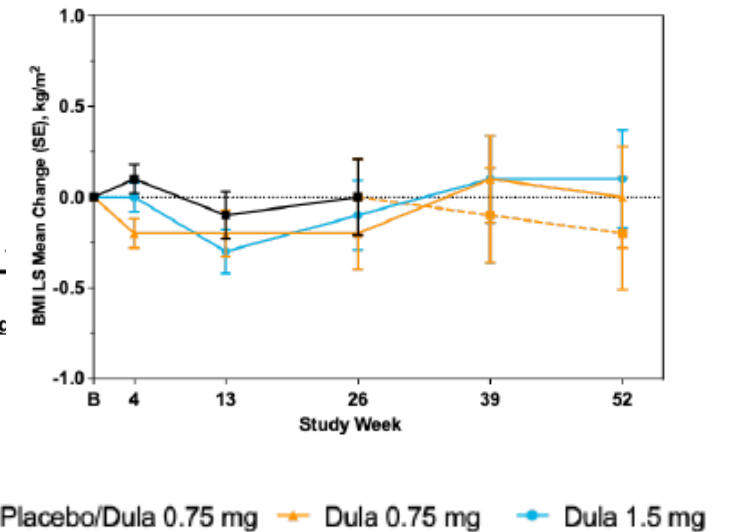
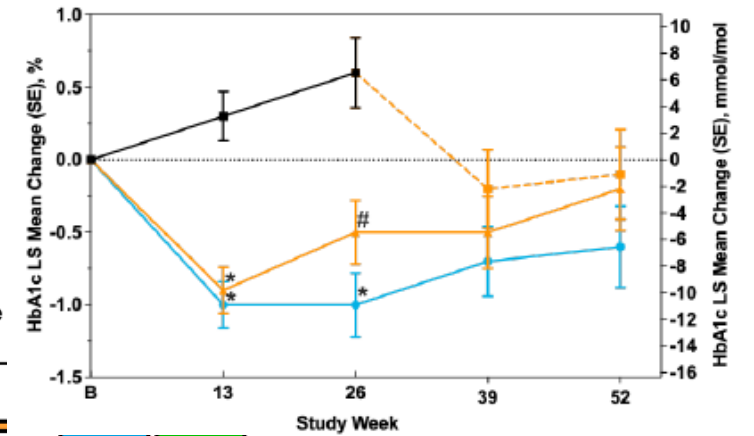
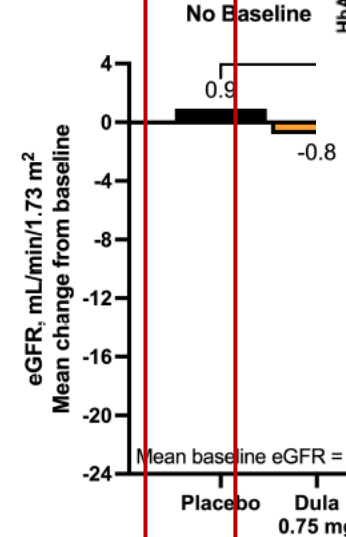
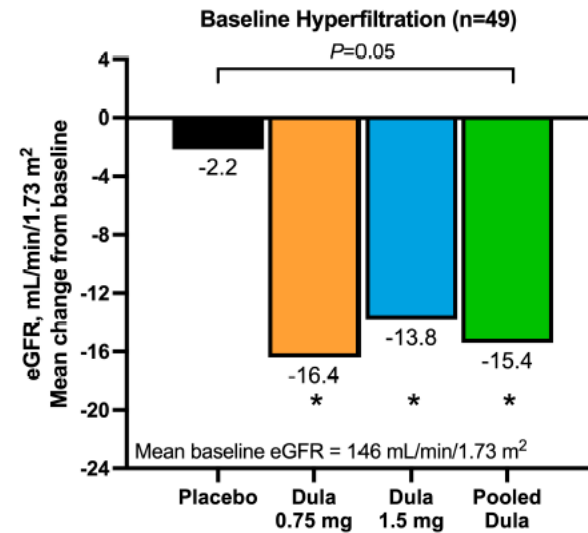
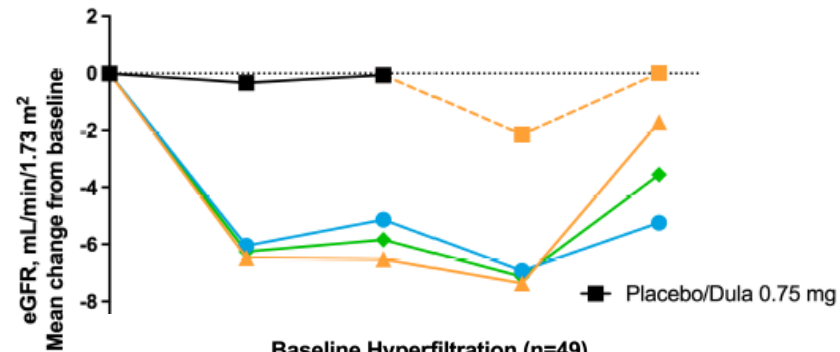
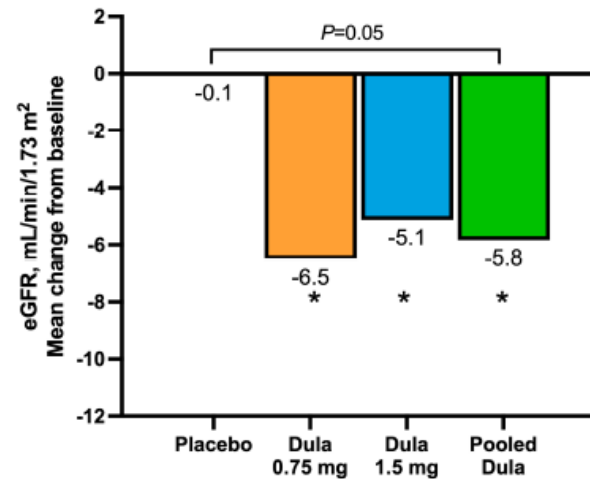
I GLP-1 RA hanno un **effetto di riduzione sull'iperfiltrazione?**

- A. Sì, attraverso l'inibizione di NHE3
- B. Sì, attraverso l'inibizione del RAS
- C. No, sono neutri
- D. No, l'aumentano

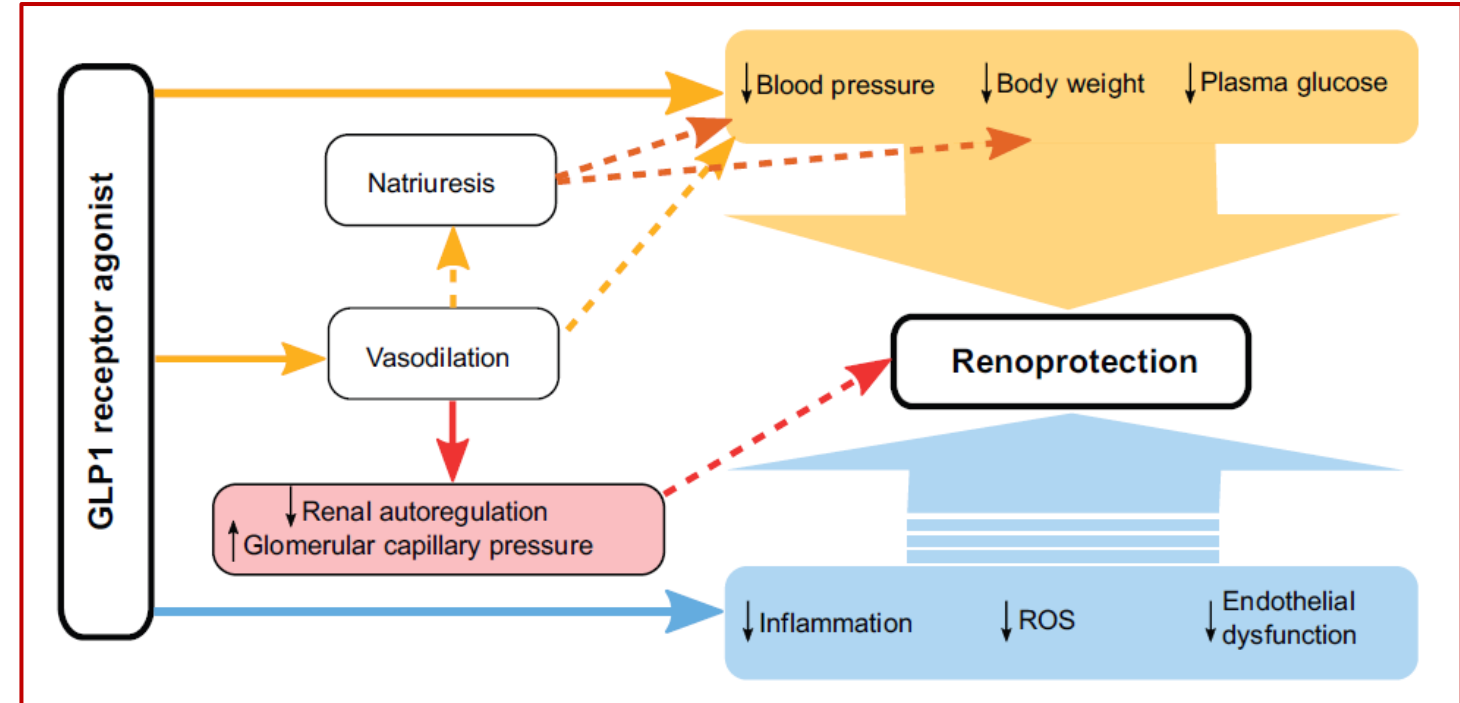
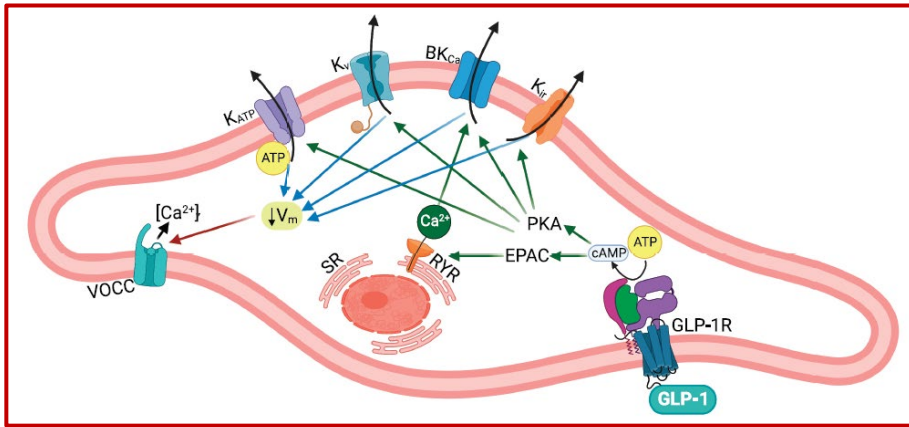
Effect on hyperfiltration of GLP-1 RAs



Post hoc analysis of the AWARD-PEDS Study



No effect on hyperfiltration of GLP-1 RAs



- ❖ Renal outcomes in CV outcome trials with GLP-1 receptor agonists
- ❖ Renal outcomes in the FLOW renal outcome trial with semaglutide
- ❖ Renal outcomes in trials with dual/triple incretin receptor agonists
- ❖ Semaglutide in the treatment algorithm of diabetic kidney disease