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La Sindrome Cardio-Nefro- Metabolica: Un Connubio Mortale

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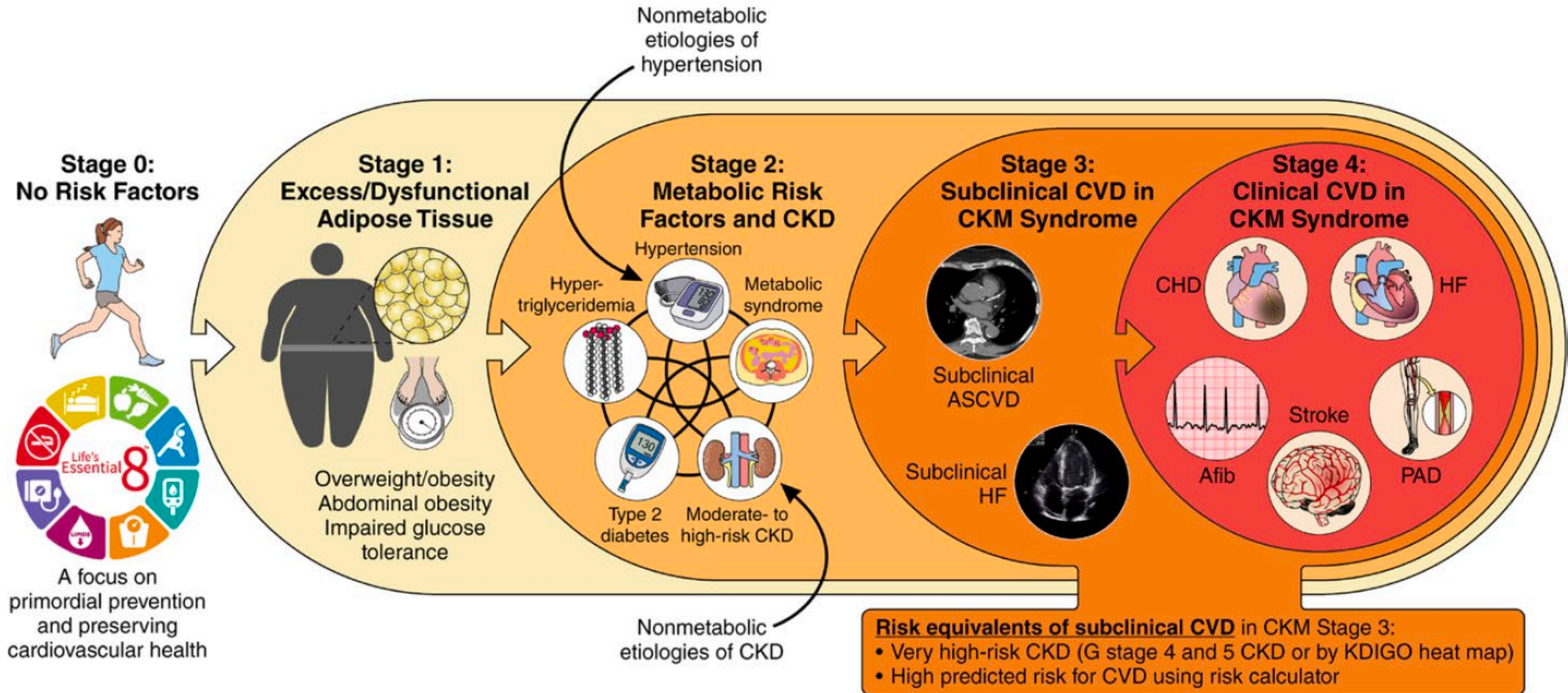
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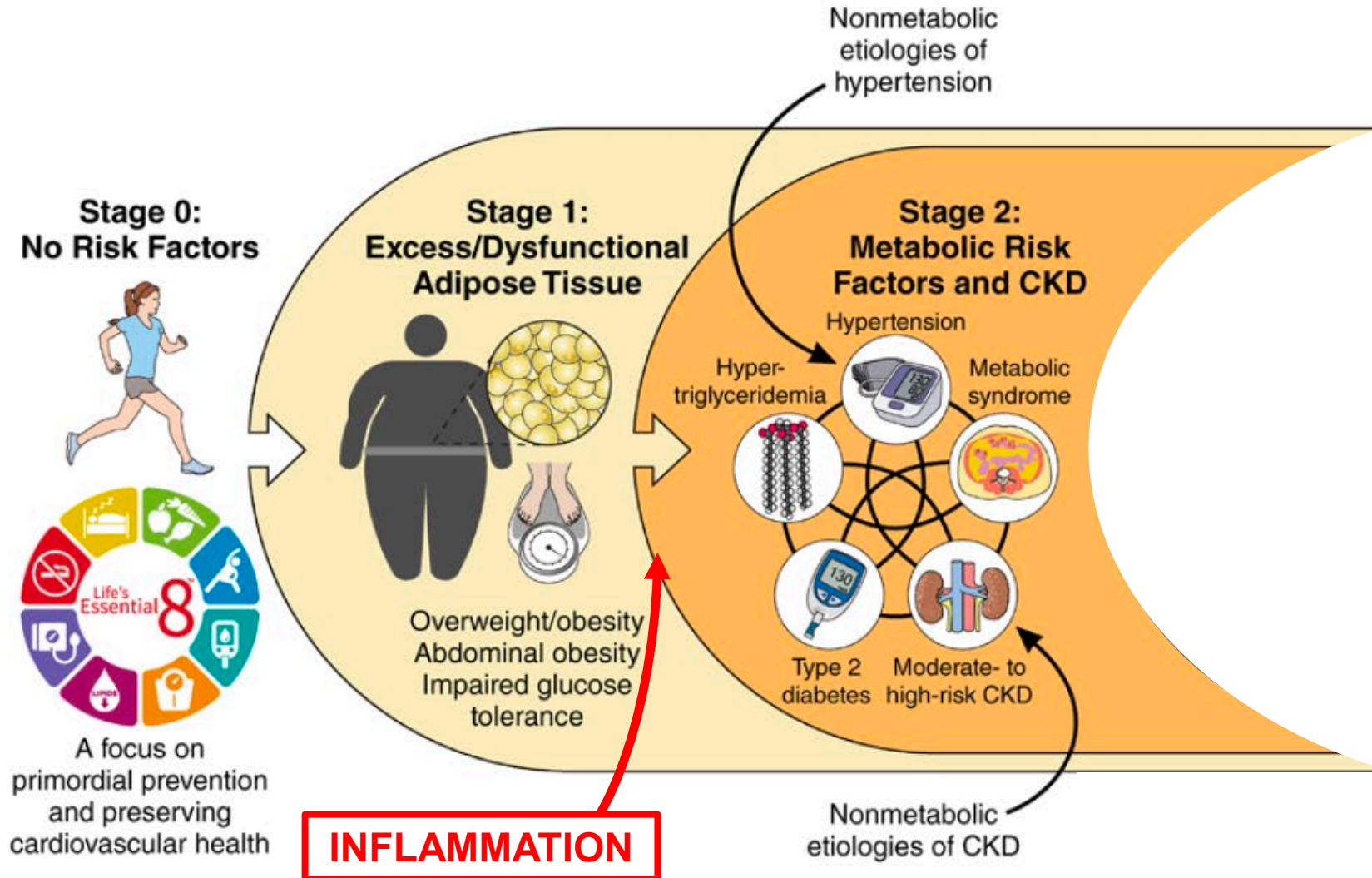
Stages of the CKM Syndrome



Definition of the CKM Syndrome Stages (I)

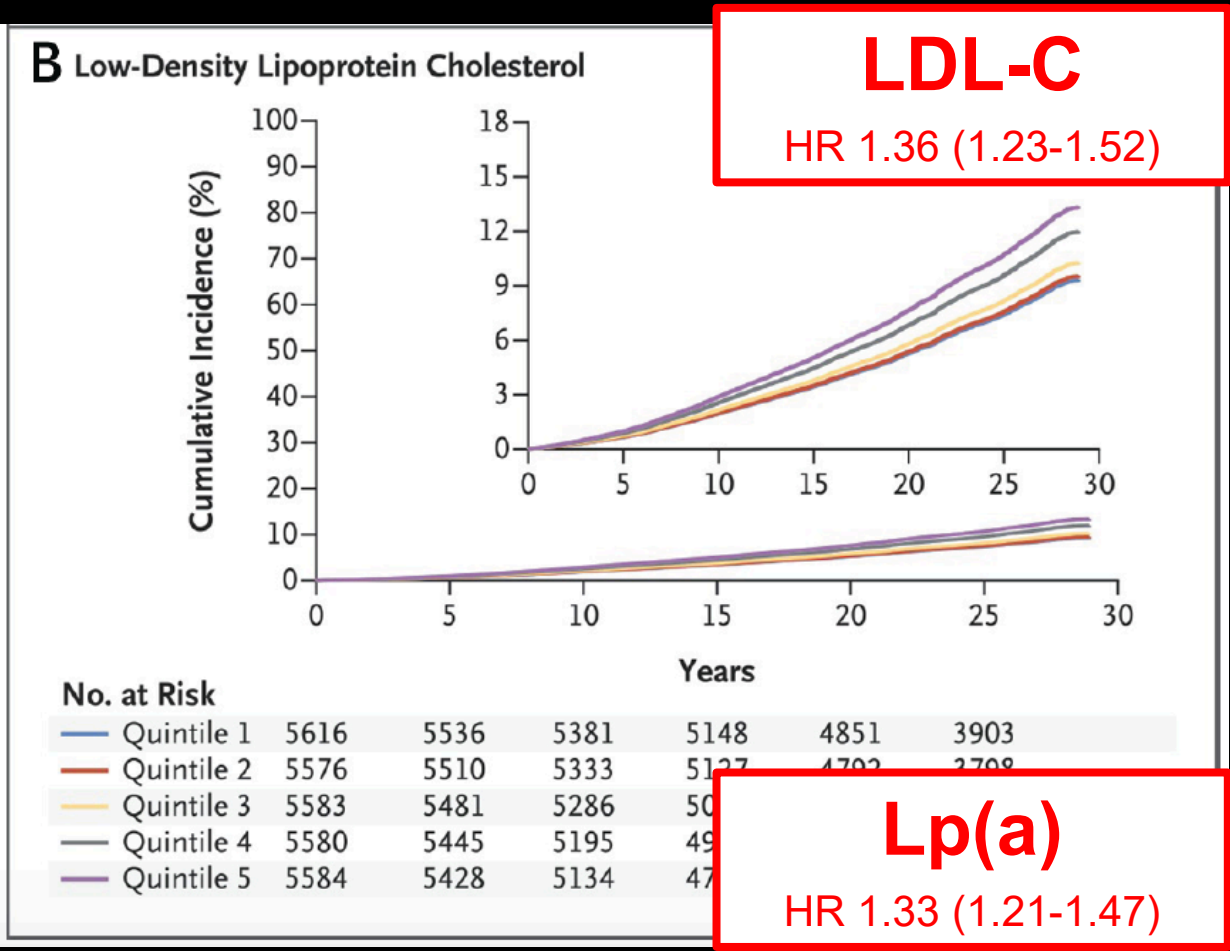
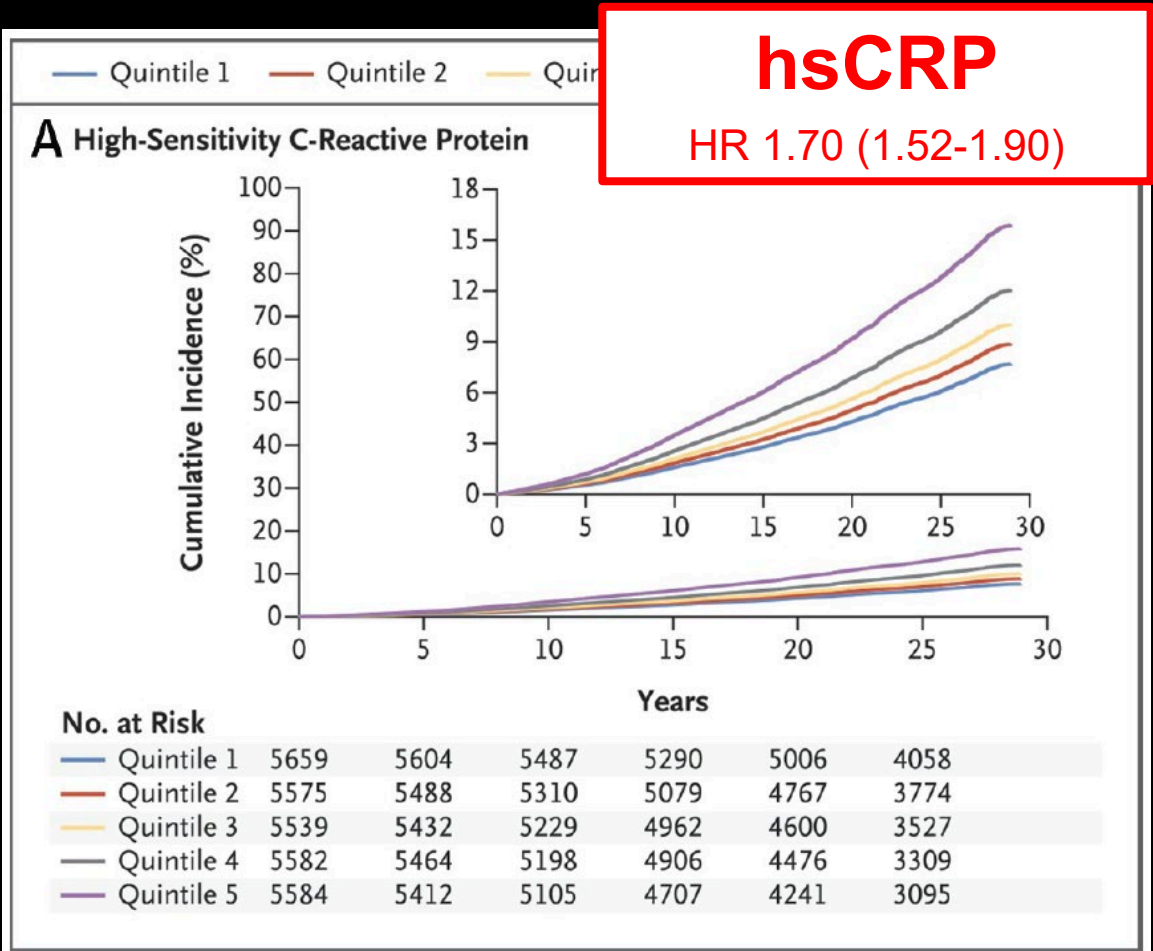
CKM syndrome stages	Definition
Stage 0: No CKM risk factors	Individuals with normal BMI and waist circumference, normoglycemia, normotension, a normal lipid profile, and no evidence of CKD or subclinical or clinical CVD
Stage 1: Excess or dysfunctional adiposity	Individuals with overweight/obesity, abdominal obesity, or dysfunctional adipose tissue, without the presence of other metabolic risk factors or CKD BMI ≥ 25 kg/m ² (or ≥ 23 kg/m ² if Asian ancestry), Waist circumference $\geq 88/102$ cm in women/men (or if Asian ancestry $\geq 80/90$ cm in women/men), or Fasting blood glucose ≥ 100 – 124 mg/dL or HbA1c between 5.7% and 6.4%*

Subclinical, chronic inflammation as key mediator along the CKM continuum

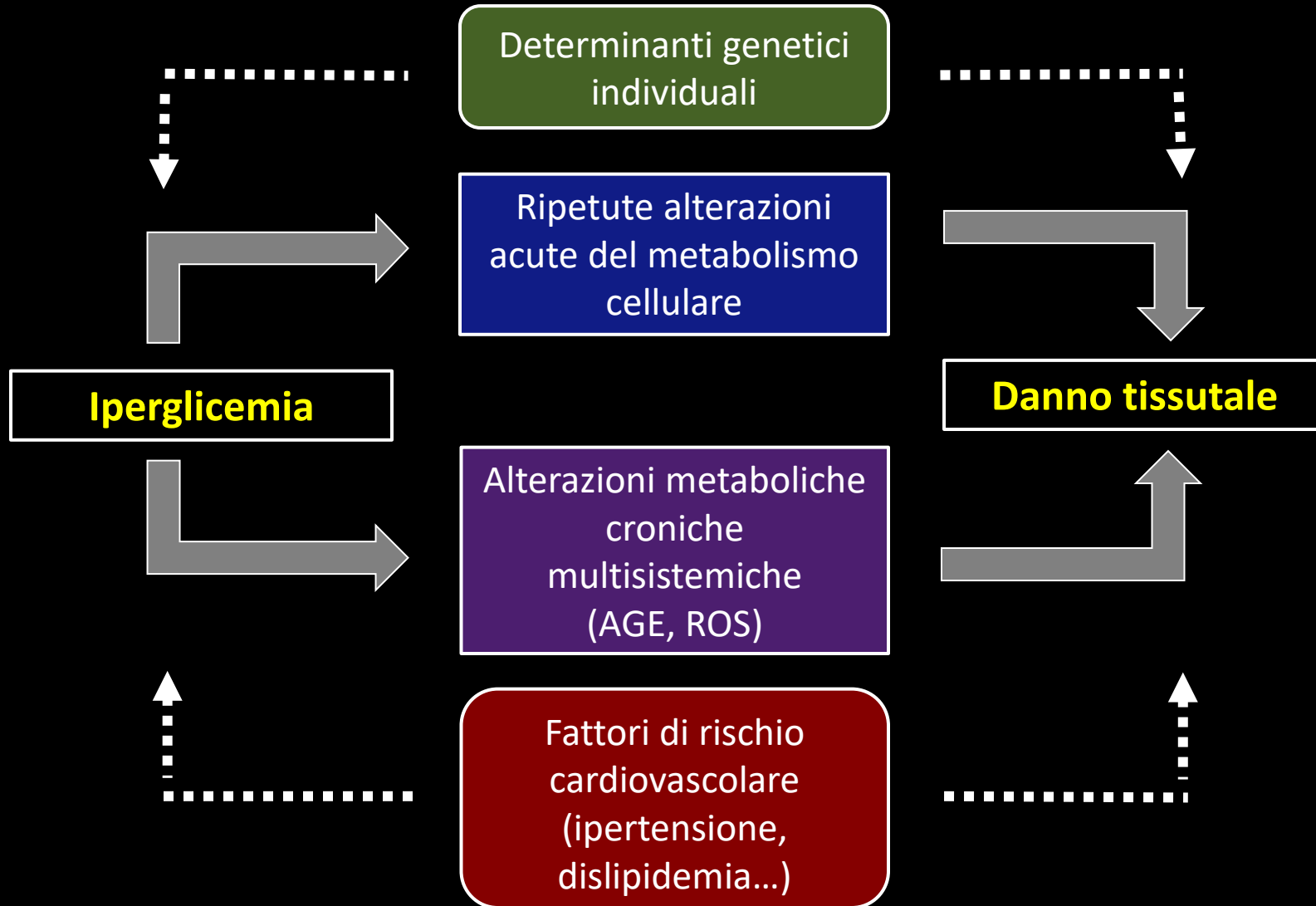


Cumulative Incidence of First Major Cardiovascular Events According to Baseline Levels of hsCRP and LDL-C

30-year HRs and cumulative incidence for first major adverse cardiovascular events among 27,939 initially healthy American women



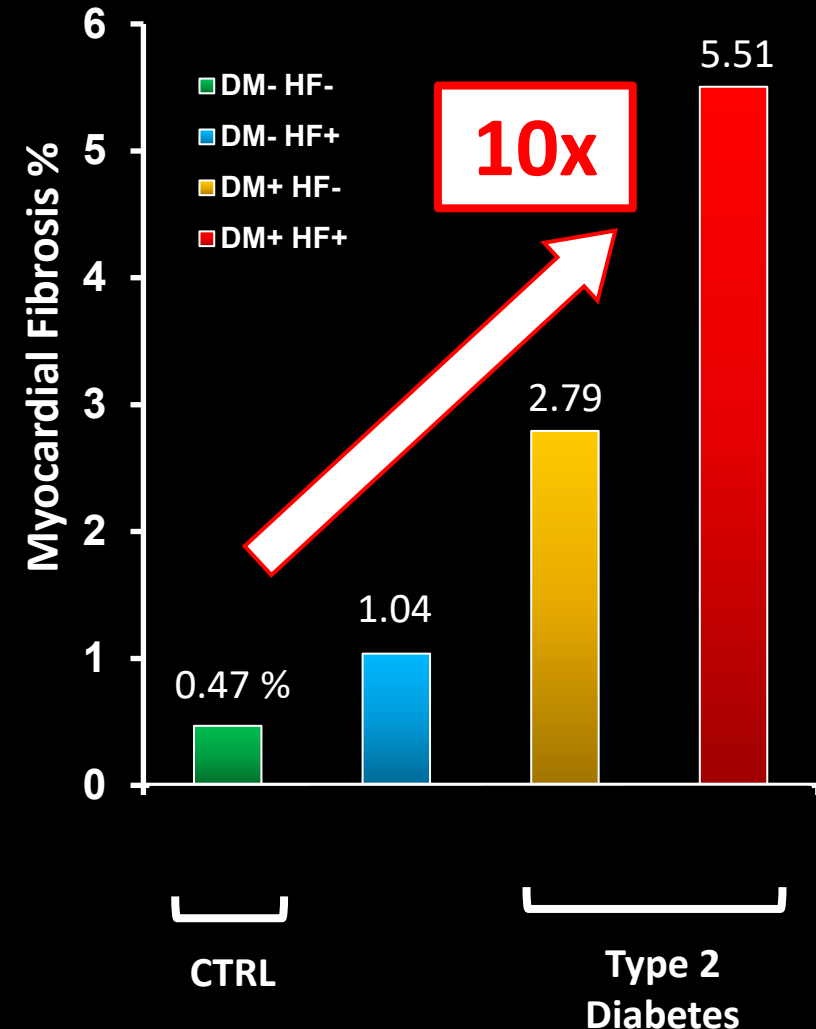
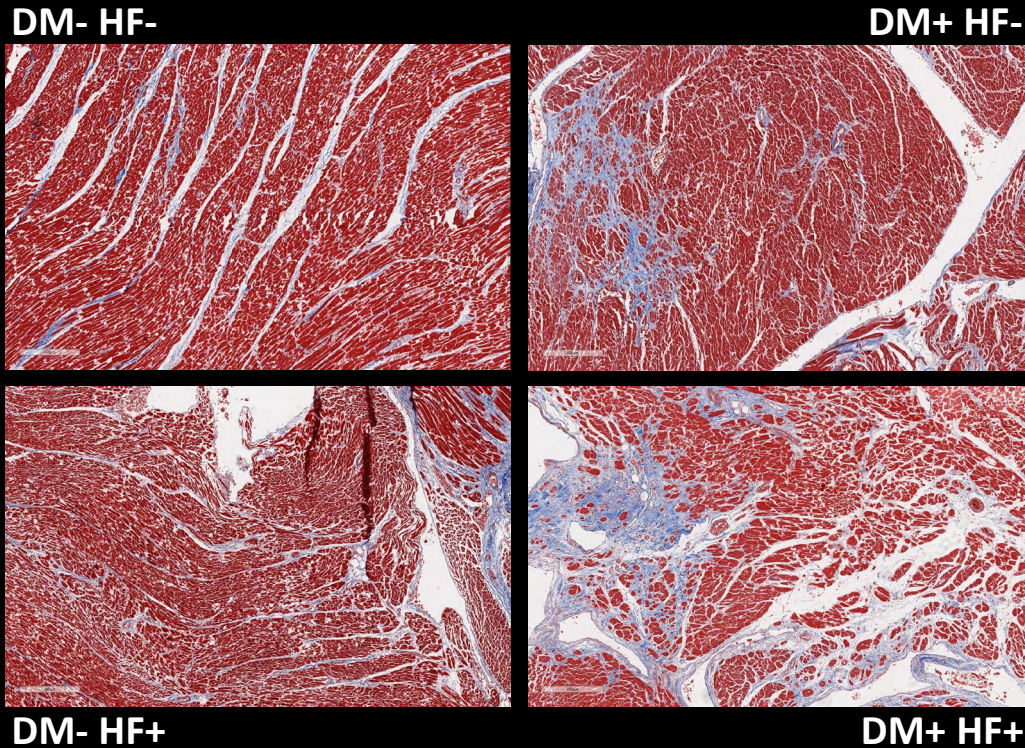
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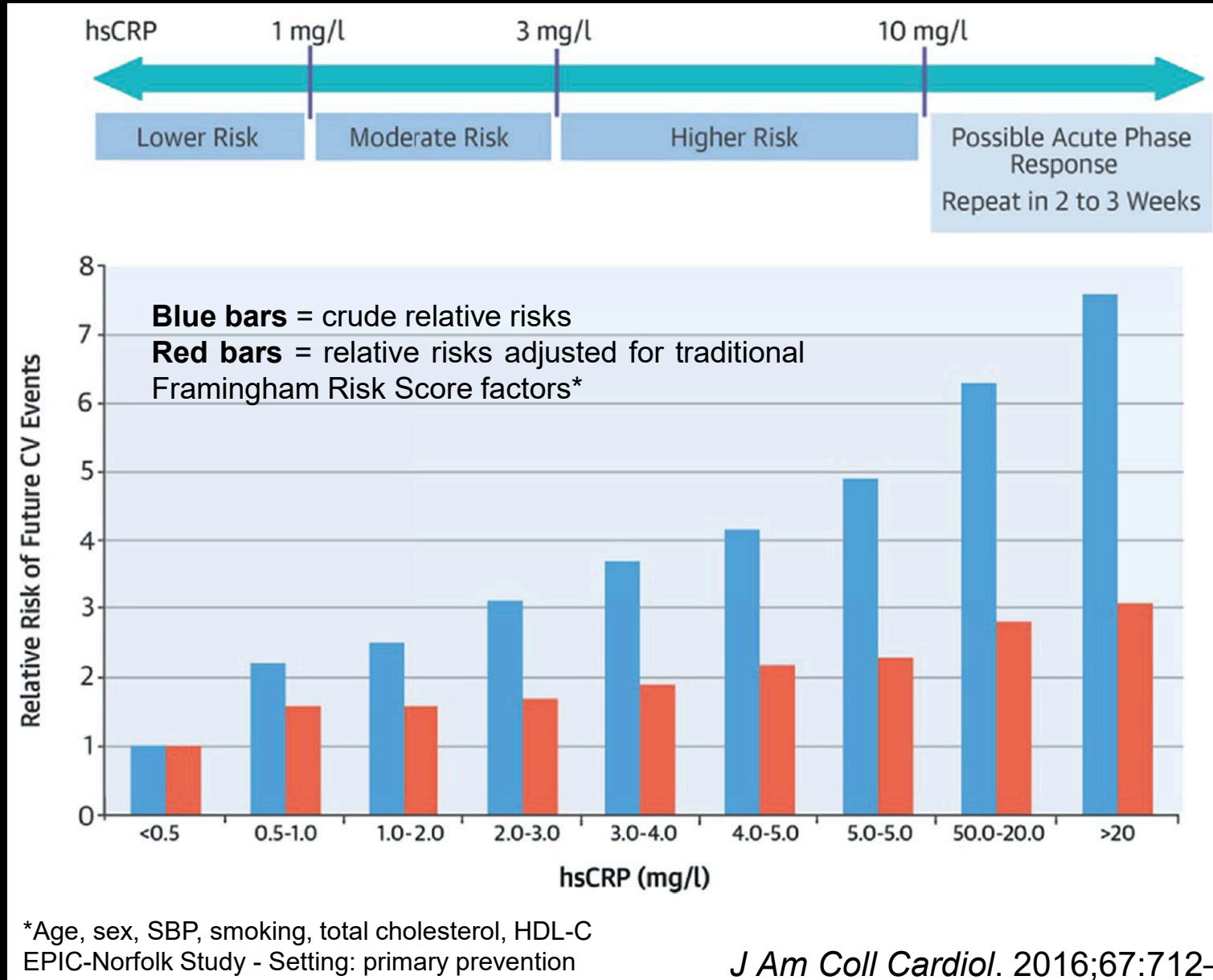
Structural and Functional Changes Occur in the Failing Heart

Proportion of Myocardial Fibrosis Area*
according to Diabetes Status and Clinical HF Diagnosis



***NOTE:** estimates of cardiac fibrosis are calculated on the entire heart slide as the ratio of Masson-stained fibrosis area-to-total myocardium area with Photoshop CS5 (Adobe Systems Inc.)

Clinical Interpretation of hsCRP for Cardiovascular Risk Prediction



Inflammation and Cardiovascular Disease: 2025 ACC Scientific Statement

A Report of the American College of Cardiology

Evaluation and Risk Assessment Biomarkers

- Because clinicians will not treat what they do not measure, universal screening of hsCRP in both primary and secondary prevention patients, in combination with cholesterol, represents a major clinical opportunity and is therefore recommended.
- Other inflammatory biomarkers such as serum amyloid A, IL-6, fibrinogen, white blood cell count, neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio, and EPA/AA ratio also predict cardiovascular risk; however, routine evaluation of these adds little to hsCRP and only hsCRP is recognized by regulatory agencies and has consistently been used in major cardiovascular outcome trials.

Imaging biomarkers

- Imaging biomarkers to detect vascular inflammation are promising in research but should not be used in routine clinical settings.

hsCRP screening and inflammation inhibition in primary prevention

- A single measurement of hsCRP (>3 mg/L) can be used in routine clinical practice to identify individuals at increased inflammatory risk if the patient is not acutely ill.
- In individuals with increased inflammatory burden, an early initiation of lifestyle interventions is recommended to reduce inflammatory risk.
- In primary prevention, the finding of a persistently elevated hsCRP level should lead to consideration of initiation or intensification statin therapy, irrespective of LDL cholesterol.

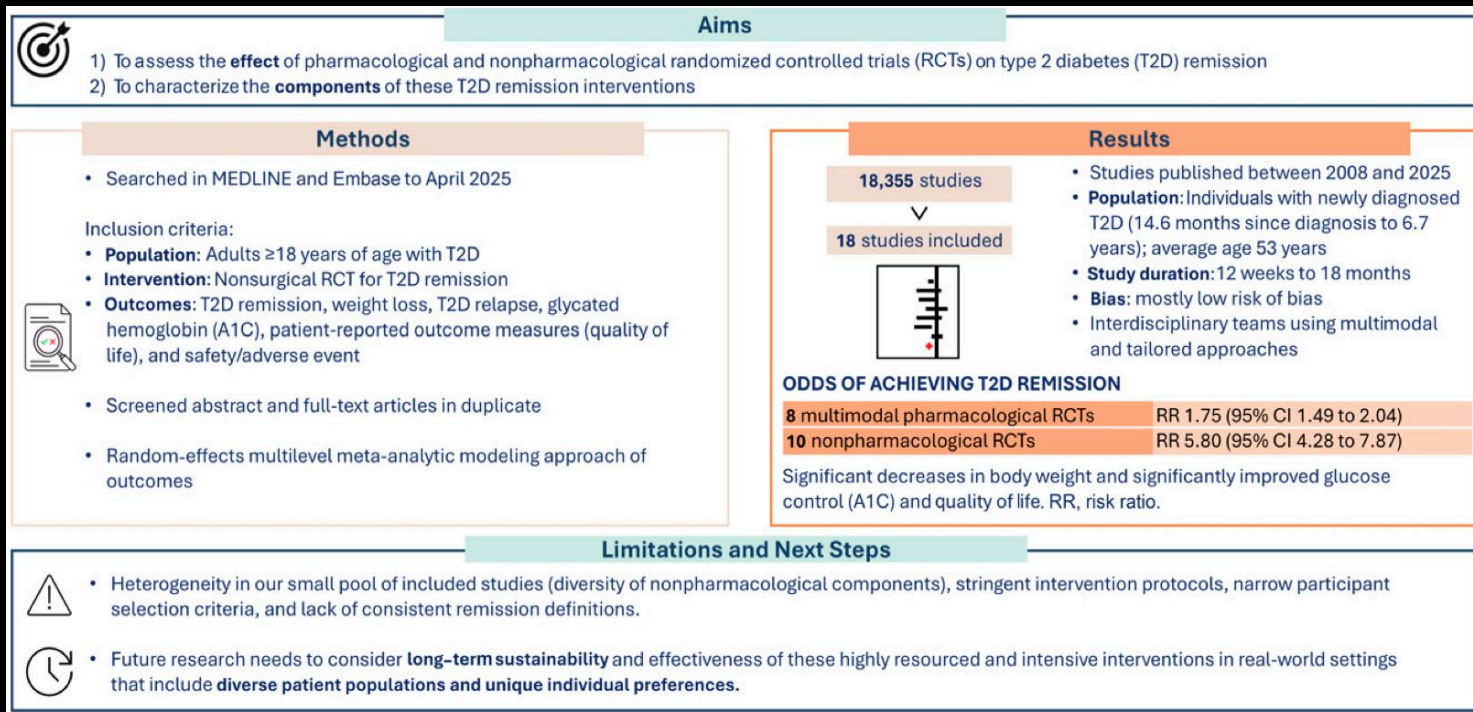
hsCRP screening and anti-inflammatory approaches in secondary prevention

- Among individuals with known cardiovascular disease both treated and not treated with statins, hsCRP is at least as powerful a predictor of recurrent vascular events as that of LDL cholesterol, demonstrating the importance of "residual inflammatory risk" in contemporary practice.
- Among individuals taking statin therapy, consideration should be given to increase dosage into the higher intensity range if hsCRP levels remain >2 mg/L, irrespective of LDL cholesterol.
- Low-dose colchicine reduces cardiovascular events among individuals with chronic stable atherosclerosis and is the first FDA approved anti-inflammatory agent for this purpose.
- Low-dose colchicine is intended to be used as an adjunct to lipid lowering; however, colchicine has not proven effective when initiated at the time of acute ischemia and should be avoided among individuals with significant liver or renal disease.
- Several novel anti-inflammatory agents, including IL-6 inhibitors, are now being evaluated in ongoing randomized trials in the settings of chronic kidney disease, dialysis, HFpEF, and acute coronary syndrome.

Type 2 Diabetes Remission: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Nonsurgical Randomized Controlled Trials

Diana T. Sherifali, Megan E. Racey, Michelle K. Greenway, Paige E. Alliston, Muhammad U. Ali, and Hertz C. Gerstein, on behalf of the Integrated Knowledge Translation (iKT) Type 2 Diabetes Remission Advisory Team

Diabetes Care 2025;48(00):1–11 | <https://doi.org/10.2337/dc25-0562>



Diabetes Remission Strategies

Pharmacological RCTs

RR 1.75 (95%CI 1.49 – 2.04)

Non pharmacological RCTs

RR 5.80 (95%CI 4.28 – 7.87)*

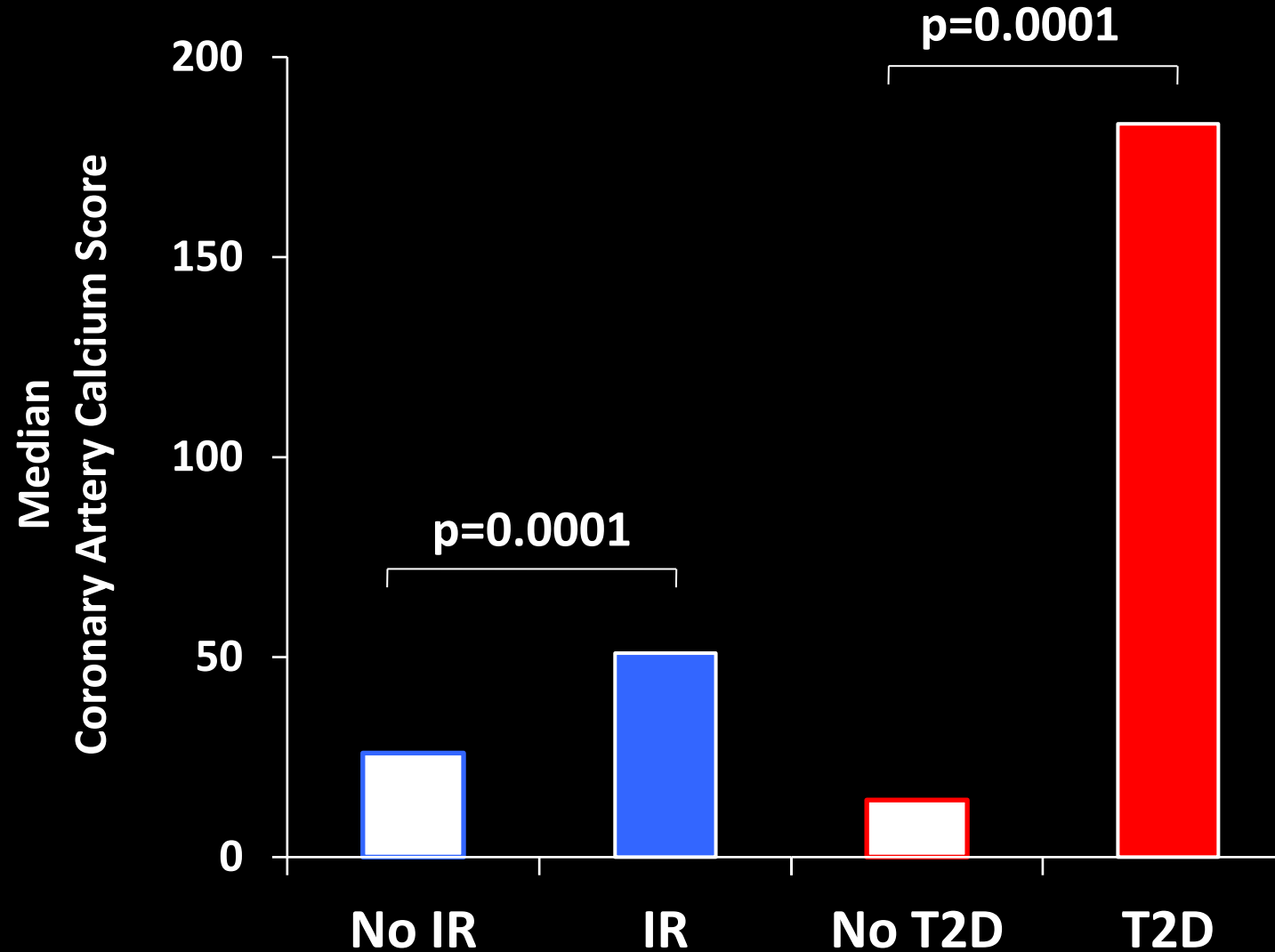
- (*) newly-diagnosed diabetes
- Average age 53 years
- treatment duration between 3 and 18 months

Definition of the CKM Syndrome Stages (II)

Ndumele CE, *Circulation*. 2023;148:1606–1635

CKM syndrome stages	Definition
Stage 2: Metabolic risk factors and CKD	Individuals with metabolic risk factors (hypertriglyceridemia ≥ 135 mg/dL, hypertension, MetS, [†] diabetes), or CKD
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Atherosclerosis is higher in T2D but also in intermediate, Insulin Resistant (IR) phenotype



The Framingham Offspring Study



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Stage 4: Clinical CVD in CKM

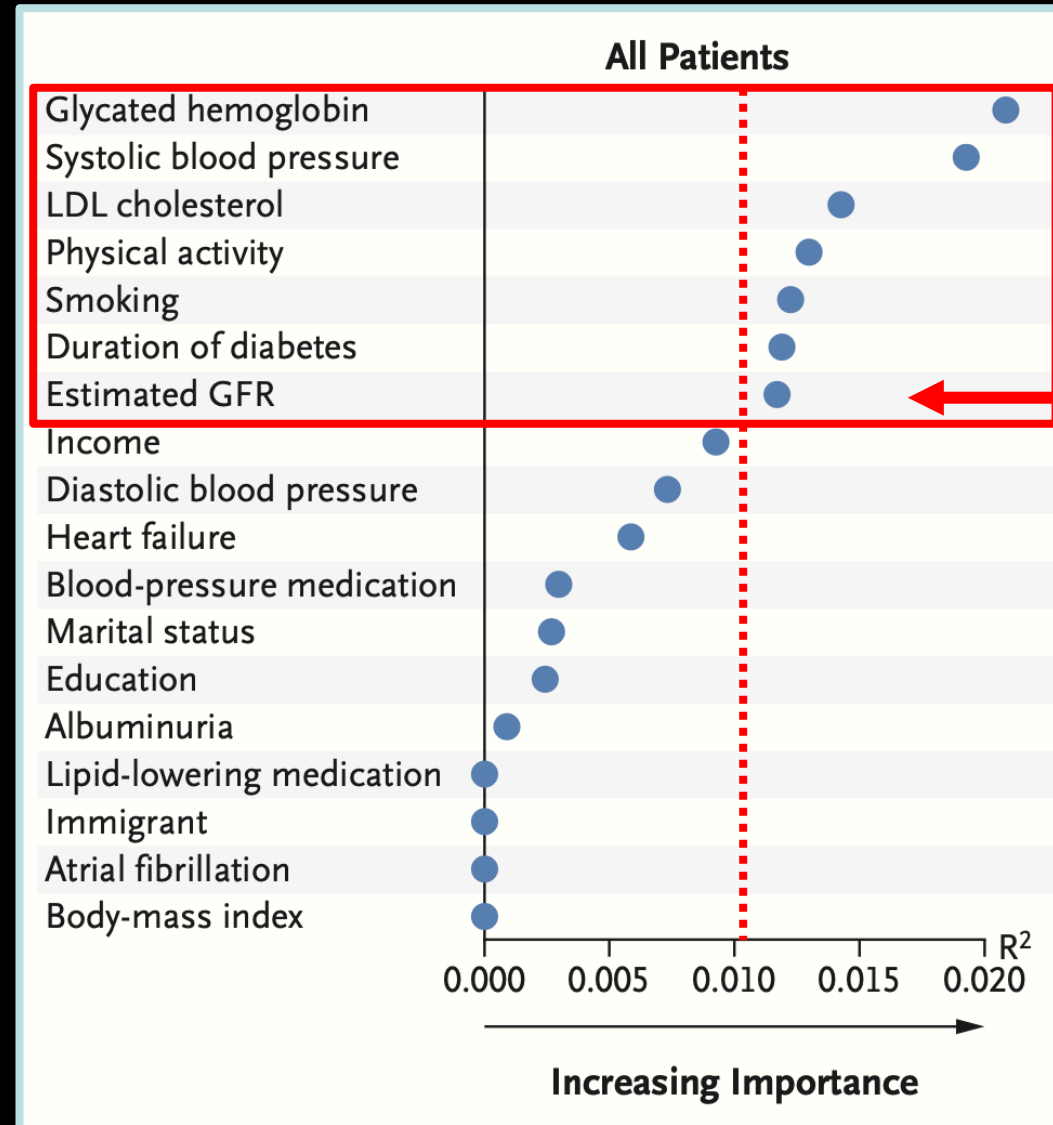
Clinical CVD (coronary heart disease, HF, stroke, peripheral artery disease, atrial fibrillation) among individuals with excess/dysfunctional adiposity, other CKM risk factors, or CKD

Stage 4a: no kidney failure

Stage 4b: kidney failure present

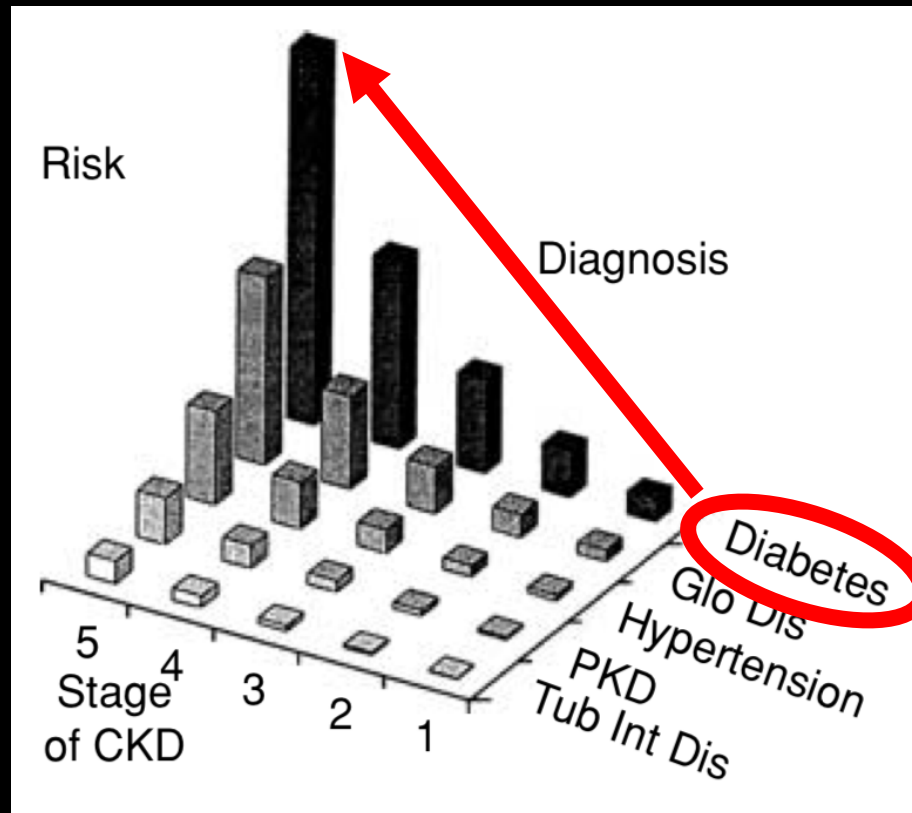
Relative importance of risk factors in predicting myocardial infarction mortality in subjects with type 2 diabetes

In a cohort study, were included 271,174 patients with type 2 diabetes who were registered in the Swedish National Diabetes Register and matched them with 1,355,870 controls on the basis of age, sex, and county.

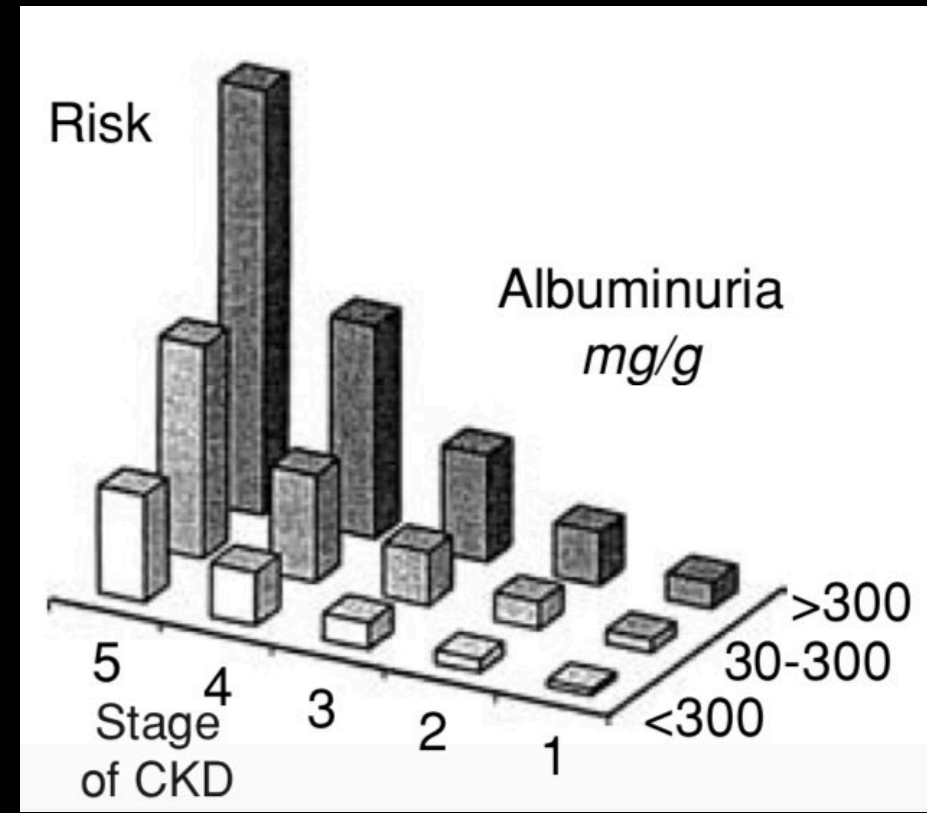


STRATIFICAZIONE DEL RISCHIO DI MALATTIA RENALE CRONICA*

*progressione, mortalità e comorbidità



A.



B.

KDIGO heatmap for CKD classification and referral

CKD is classified based on: Cause (C)* GFR (G)[†] Albuminuria (A)[†]				Albuminuria categories		
				Description and range		
				A1	A2	A3
				Normal to mildly increased <30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	Moderately increased 30–299 mg/g 3–29 mg/mmol	Severely increased ≥300 mg/g ≥30 mg/mmol
GFR categories (mL/min per 1.73 m ²) Description and range	G1	Normal or high	≥90	Screen 1	Treat 1	Treat and refer 3
	G2	Mildly decreased	60–89	Screen 1	Treat 1	Treat and refer 3
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45–59	Treat 1	Treat 2	Treat and refer 3
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30–44	Treat 2	Treat and refer 3	Treat and refer 3
	G4	Severely decreased	15–29	Treat and refer [†] 3	Treat and refer [†] 3	Treat and refer 4+
	G5	Kidney failure	<15	Treat and refer 4+	Treat and refer 4+	Treat and refer 4+

Low risk (if no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD)

Moderately increased risk

High risk

Very high risk

ONCE UPON A TIME

(early in the GWAS era)

the question was ...

Which risk engines are best to assess
CVD risk in diabetes?

NATURE REVIEWS | ENDOCRINOLOGY

Ray K. K. & Sattar, N. *Nat. Rev. Endocrinol.* 5, 302–303 (2009).

Chamnan P. , Simmons R.K. & Griffin S.J., *Nat. Rev. Endocrinol.* 6, Feb (2010).



ESC CVD Risk Calculation

For healthcare professionals

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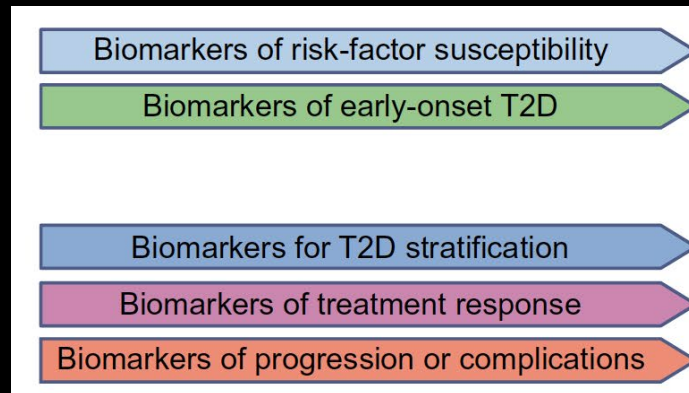
TODAY

(amidst the GWAS wave and at the beginning of metabolomics)

the question is ...

“What can we reasonably add on top of clinical predictors to improve CVD risk assessment?”

Precision medicine for type 2 diabetes



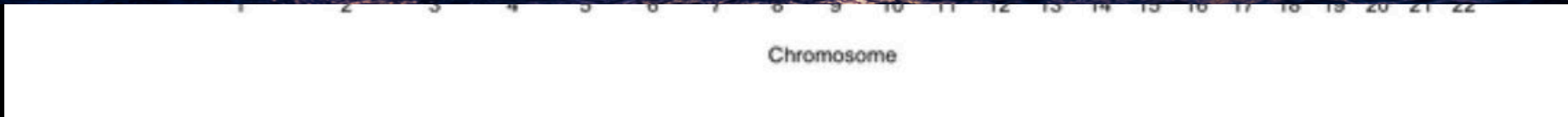
Bringing genome-wide association findings into clinical use

Teri A. Manolio

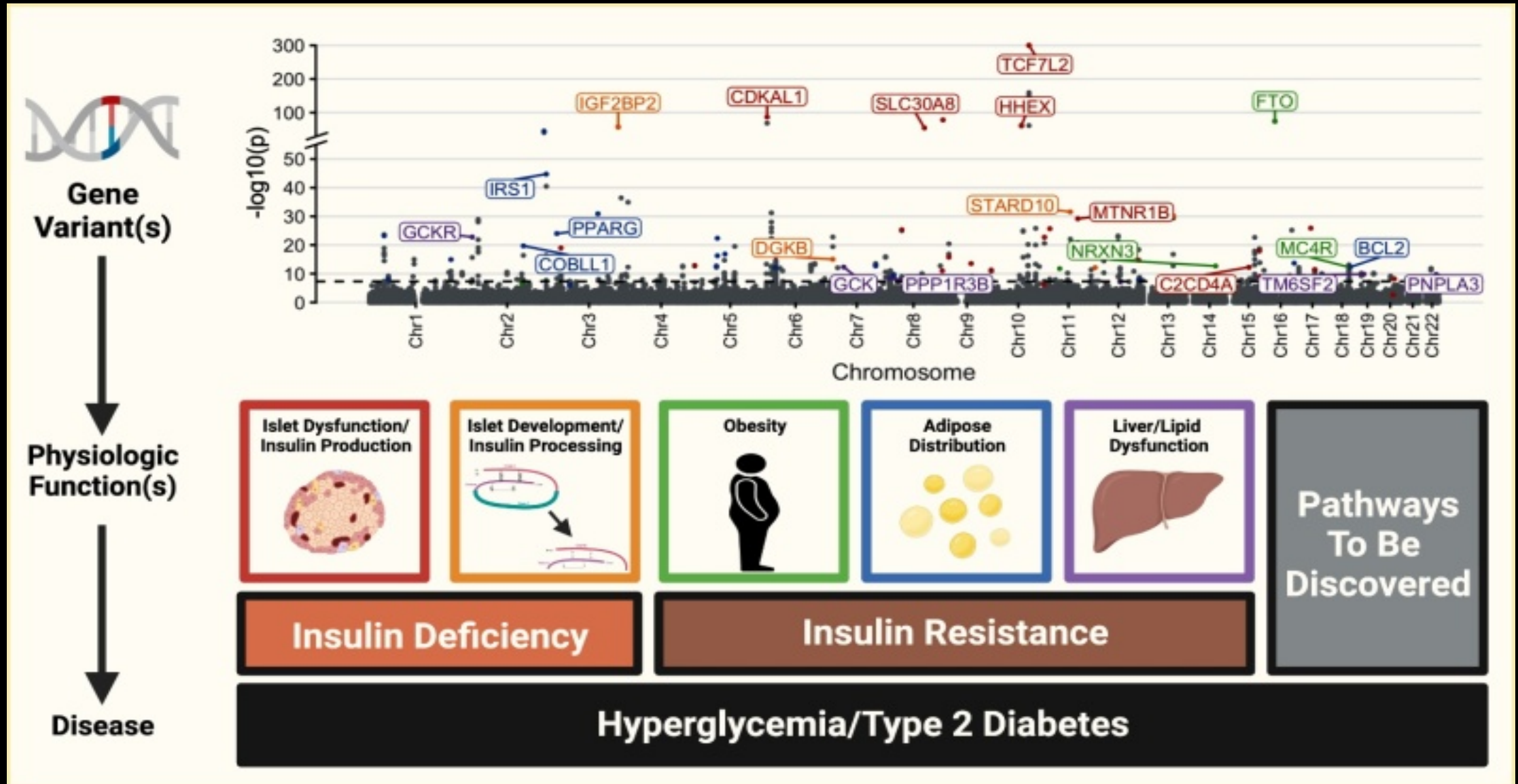
NATURE REVIEWS | GENETICS



Manhattan Plot & Q-Q Plot



Type 2 Diabetes Loci Can Be Grouped Into Clusters That Appear to Capture Mechanisms of Disease.



Metabolic Pleiotropy on Display

nature genetics



Article

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A genetic map of human metabolism across the allele frequency spectrum

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KEY MESSAGES

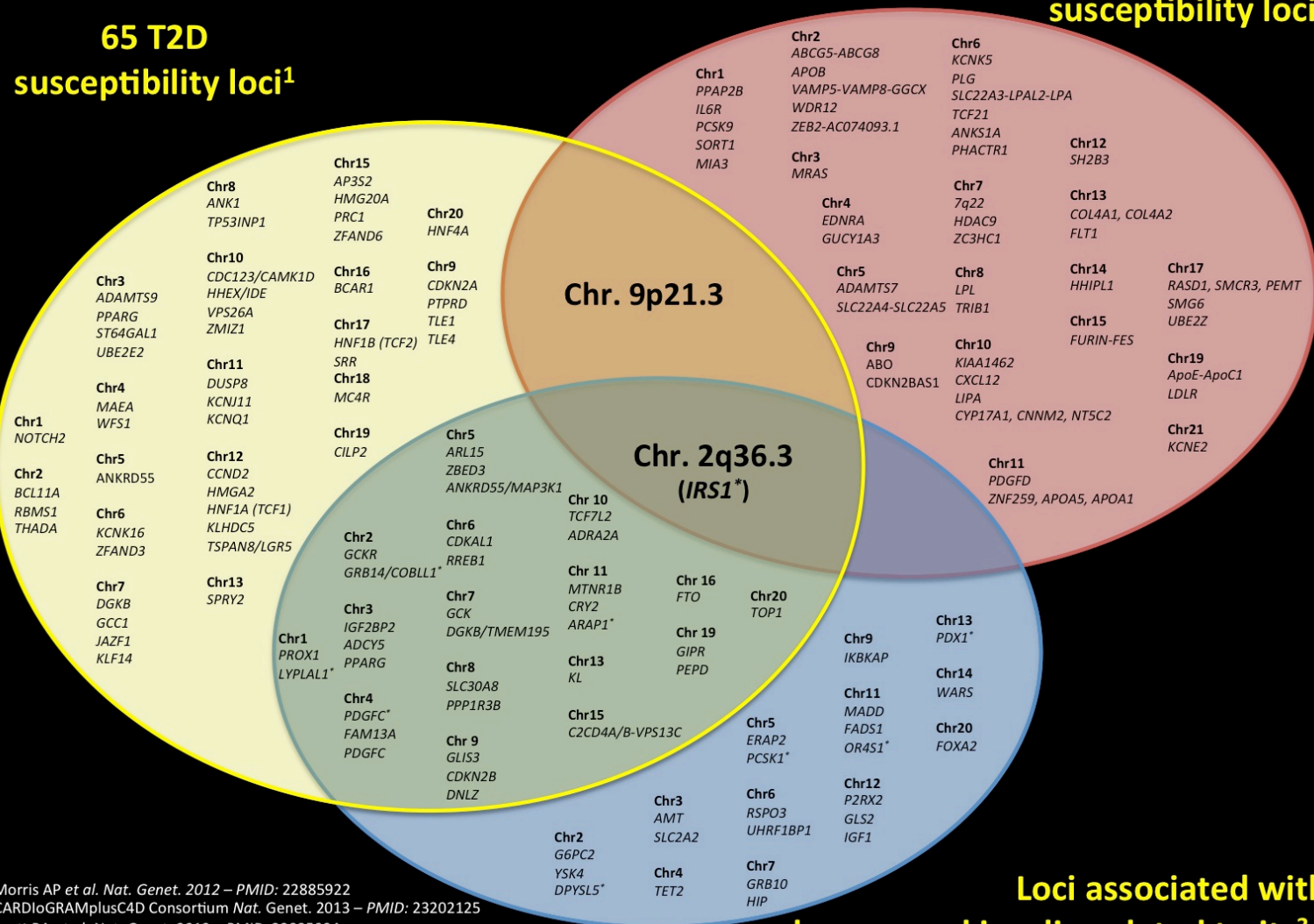
- Genetic regulation of circulating small molecules and lipoprotein characteristics (249 traits) in 500K UK Biobank individuals is shown
- The same variant associates with multiple metabolites in a coherent or divergent manner
- VEGFA appears a potential target to mitigate risk for CVD

There is evidence for overlapping associations among currently known T2D, CHD and glycaemic quantitative trait susceptibility loci from recent GWAS.

Dauriz & Meigs, *Curr. Cardio. Risk Rep.* 2014

65 T2D
susceptibility loci¹

45 CAD
susceptibility loci²



¹Morris AP et al. *Nat. Genet.* 2012 – PMID: 22885922

²CARDIoGRAMplusC4D Consortium *Nat. Genet.* 2013 – PMID: 23202125

³Scott RA et al. *Nat. Genet.* 2012 – PMID: 22885924

⁴Manning AK et al. *Nat. Genet.* 2012 – PMID: 22581228 (*)

The impact of supplementing traditional risk information with polygenic risk score concerning type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease on health behavior: a randomized controlled trial

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RCT STUDY DESIGN:

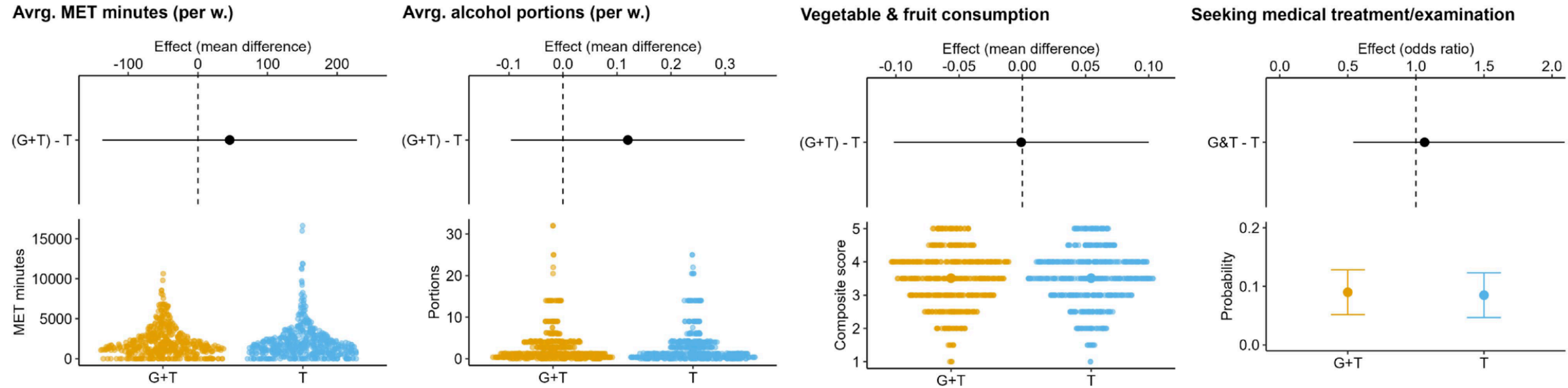
The experimental group (n = 216) received risk estimates based on traditional risk and PRS, and the control group (n= 216) based solely on traditional risk factors.

STUDY HYPOTHESIS:

Supplementing risk estimates of type 2 diabetes and coronary heart disease based on traditional risk factors with PRS influences respondents' self-reported physical activity, alcohol and fruit/vegetable consumption or prompts the respondents to seek medical treatment / examination.

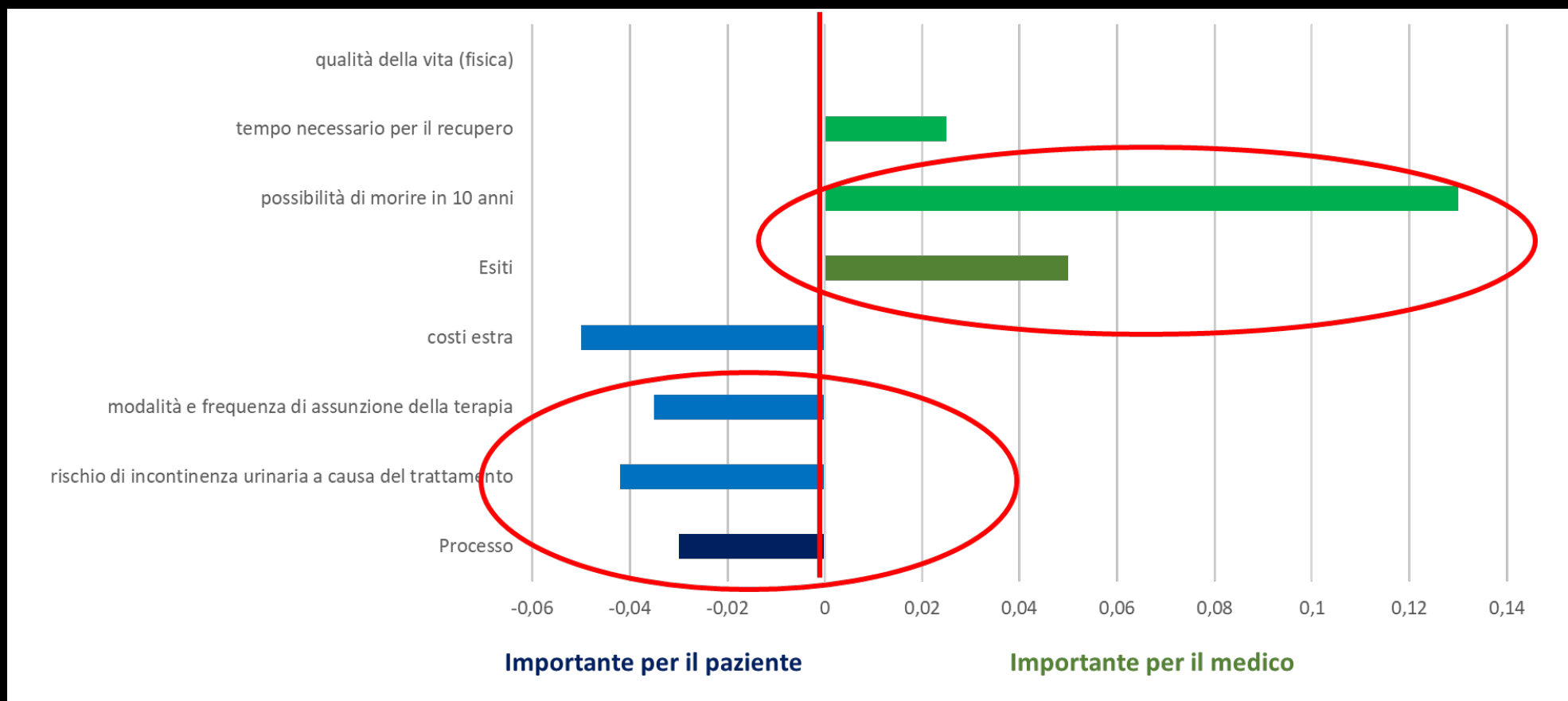
RESULTS:

After approximately 80 days between risk disclosure and outcome measurements, the study found no significant difference between the groups regarding health behavior or likelihood of seeking medical treatment/examination).

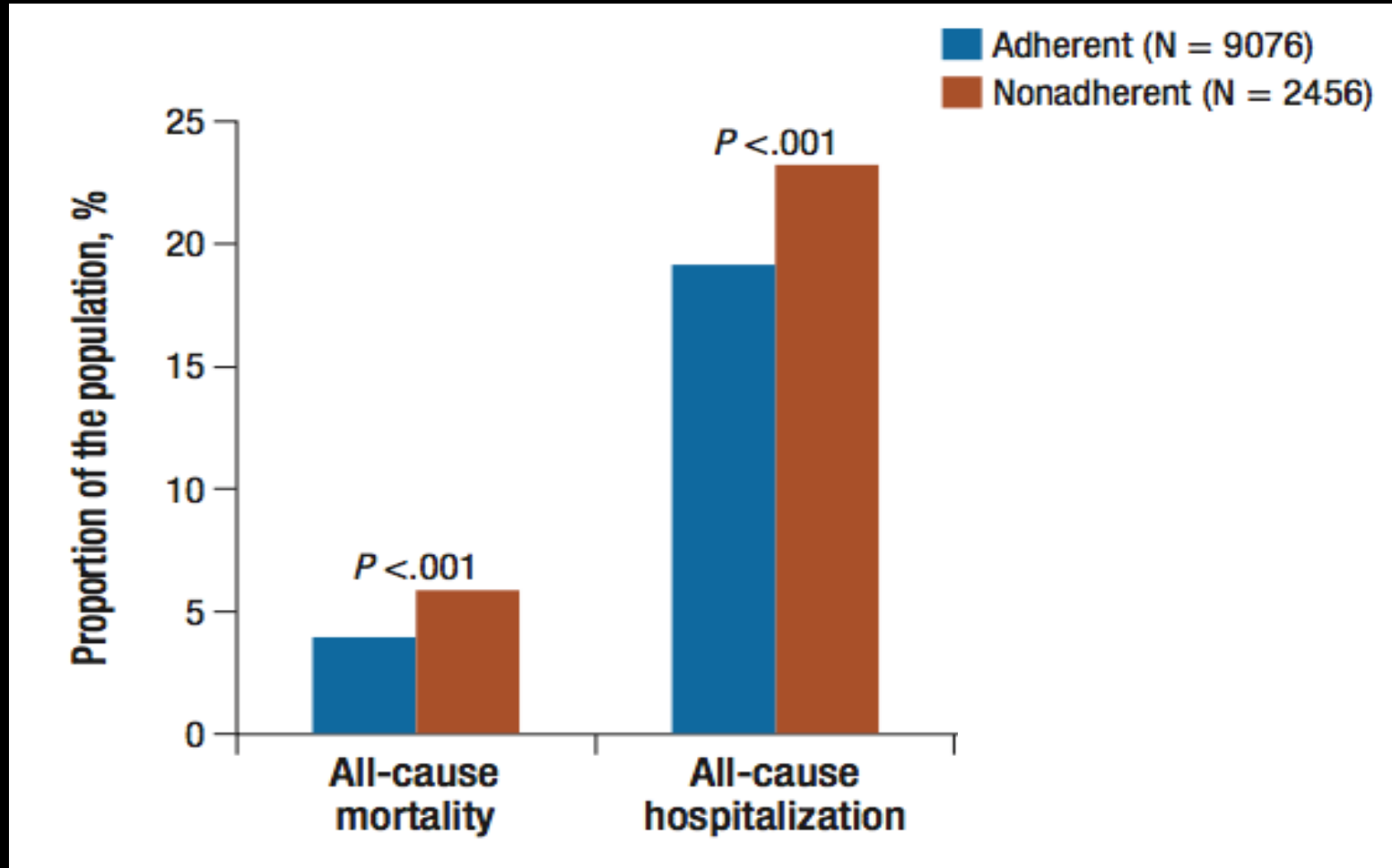


Differenza di importanza di alcuni attributi del trattamento tra medico e paziente: non sempre sono in accordo

Molto spesso il paziente valuta maggiormente importante l'impatto della terapia sulla sua quotidianità rispetto agli esiti clinici

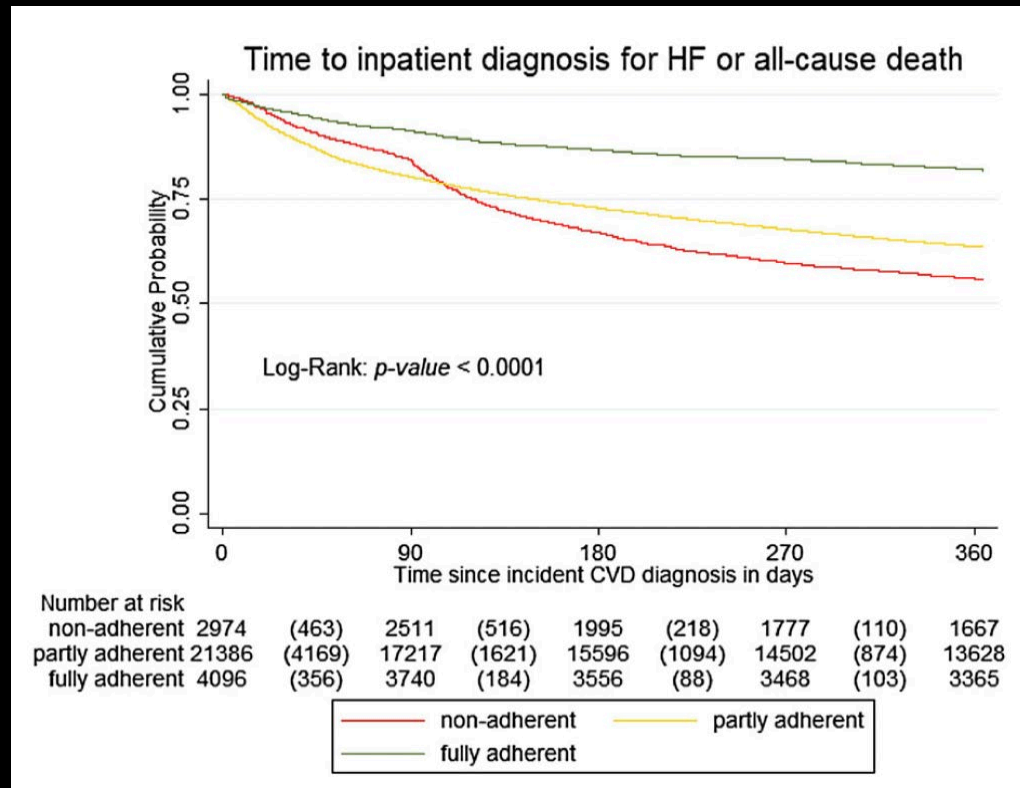


Impatto dell'aderenza sulla mortalità per tutte le cause e sull'ospedalizzazione nel T2DM



Guideline Adherence in Germany (II)

Impact on 1-year survival and complication outcomes



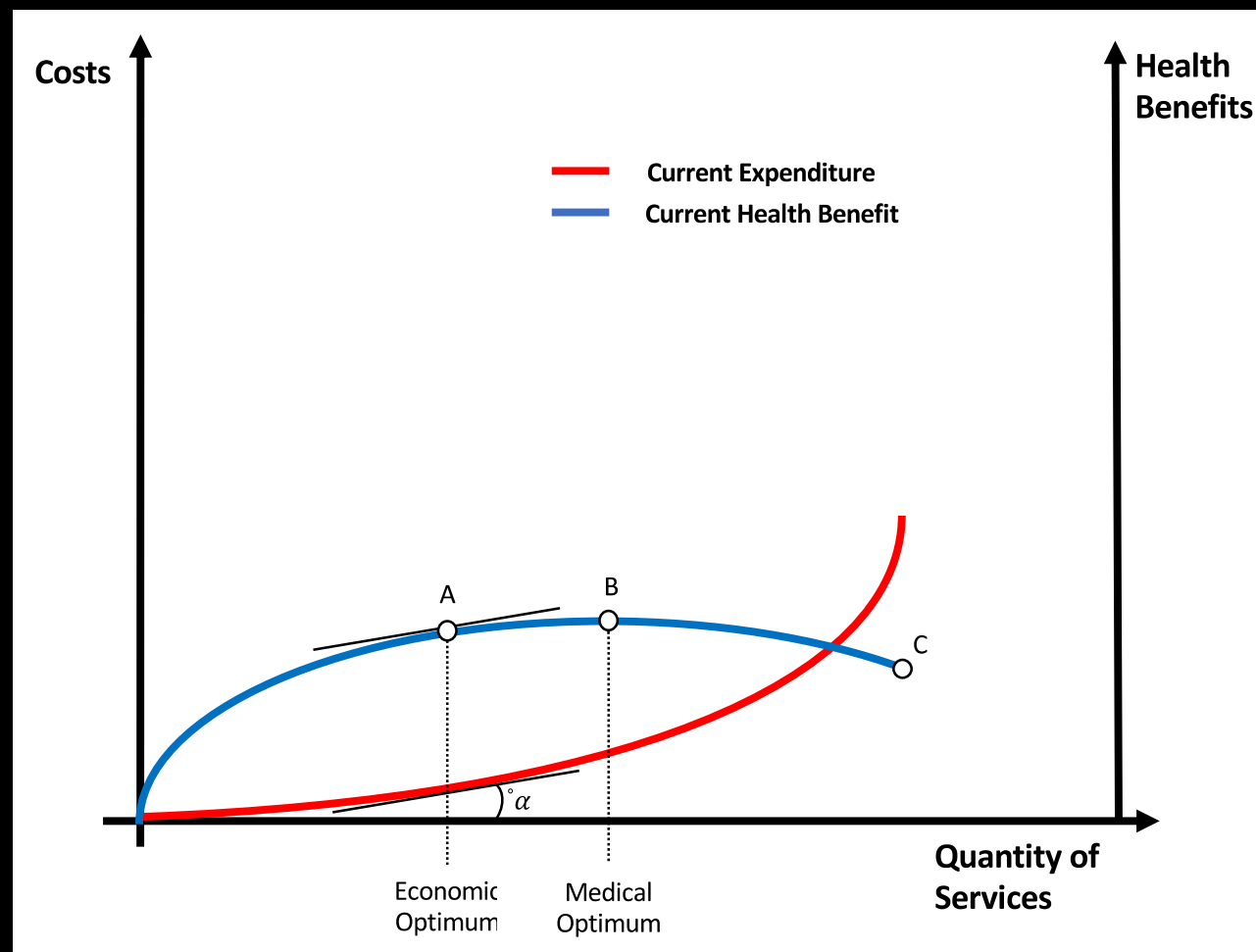
“green” → receiving at least 185 DDDs (defined daily doses) of each of the recommended agents per observed patient-year

“yellow” → received at least two prescriptions of at least one of the recommended agents

“red” → did not receive at least two prescriptions of any of the recommended agents

Patient characteristics ^a	Guideline adherence subgroups ^b		
	“Green” level of guideline adherence	“Yellow” level of guideline adherence	“Red” level of guideline adherence
N (%)	4096 (14.4%)	21,386 (75.2%)	2974 (10.5%)
With incident IS	1949 (42.6%)	2277 (49.8%)	346 (7.6%)
With incident MI	599 (21.2%)	2140 (75.8%)	83 (2.9%)
With incident HF	1982 (11.2%)	14,609 (82.7%)	1084 (6.1%)
With incident CAD	1561 (15.2%)	7898 (76.7%)	833 (8.1%)
Age (years)	71.9 ± 10.6	74.5 ± 10.8	75.6 ±

Canonical model (M_0) linking costs, health benefits and resource use (quantity of services)



Glycaemic control and macrovascular and microvascular outcomes:

A systematic review and meta-analysis of trials investigating intensive glucose-lowering strategies in people with type 2 diabetes (1998-2021)

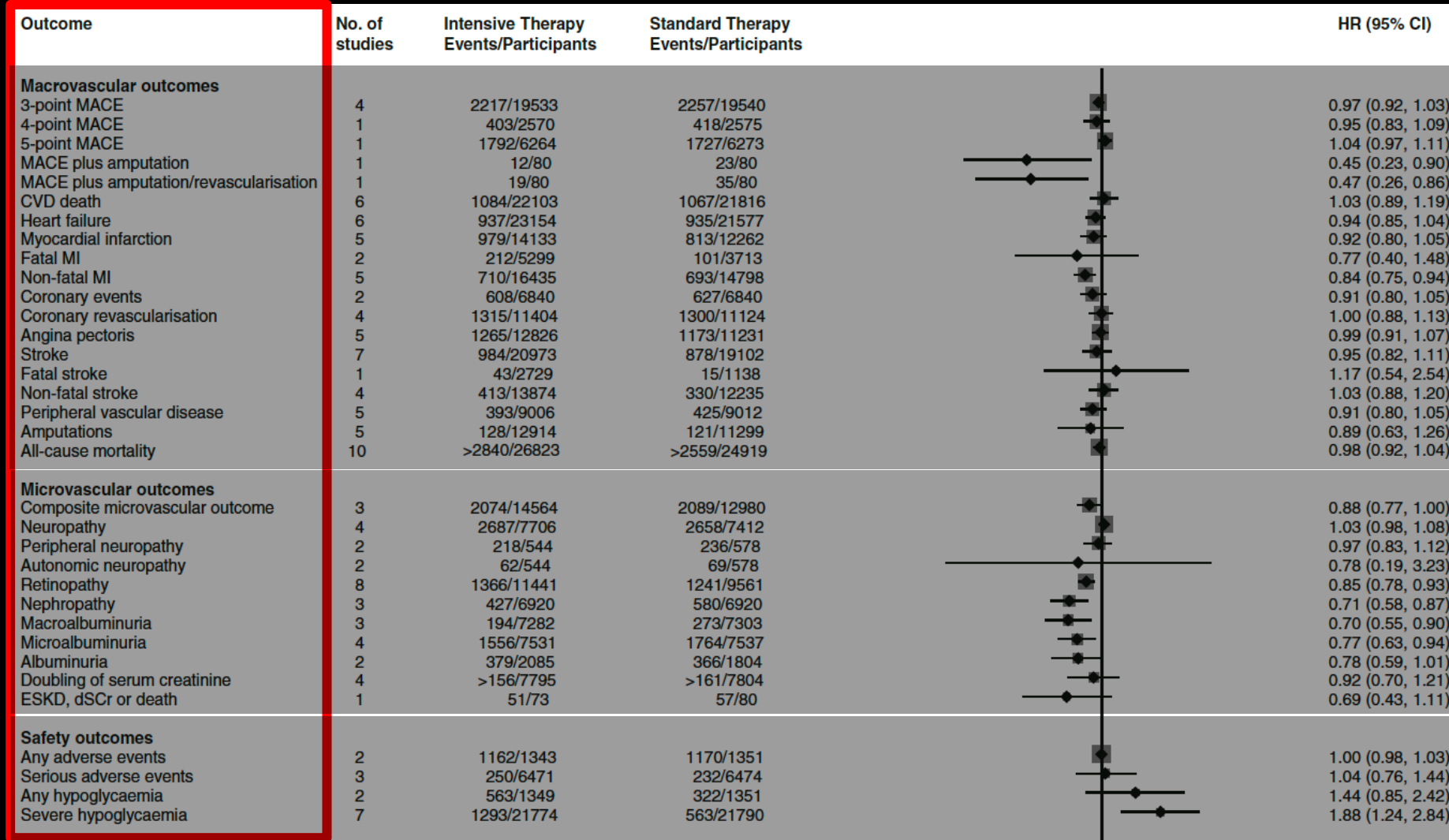
Kunutsor SK et al. - Diabetes Obes Metab. 2024;26:2069–2081

STUDY SELECTION and ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Eligible studies were CVOTs (open or blinded) of intensive glucose-lowering interventions of any duration in adult people with T2D that randomly assigned participants to intensive and standard glucose control and reported macrovascular and/or microvascular outcomes.
- These “strategy-driven trials” were designed to assess directly the impact of achieving higher versus lower levels of glycaemia on cardiovascular outcomes in patients with T2D.
- CVOTs of newer glucose-lowering agents were not included because designed to achieve ‘glycaemic equipoise’ to minimize the influence of different glucose levels between treatment and placebo groups.
- Only RCTs that targeted measures of glycaemia (HbA1c) and also reported their values at follow-up were considered

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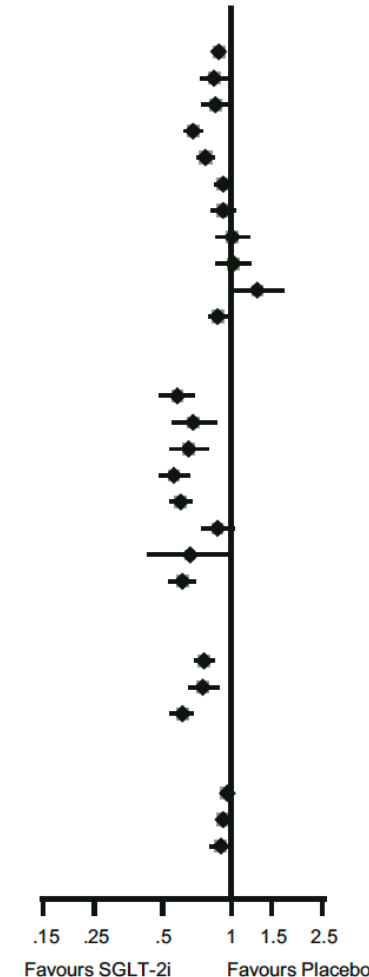
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SGLT-2is and Outcomes

Outcome	No. of studies	SGLT-2i Events / Participants	Placebo Events / Participants	HR (95% CI)
Macrovascular outcomes				
3-point MACE	6	2459 / 32051	2123 / 25494	0.88 (0.82, 0.94)
4-point MACE	3	1963 / 15478	1510 / 10372	0.84 (0.73, 0.97)
CVD death	6	1023 / 32057	880 / 25496	0.85 (0.74, 0.96)
Hospitalization for HF	6	>811 / 32057	>981 / 25496	0.68 (0.62, 0.75)
Hospitalization for HF or CVD death	6	>1705 / 32057	>1727 / 25496	0.77 (0.71, 0.84)
Myocardial infarction	4	>946 / 24563	>725 / 18005	0.92 (0.84, 1.00)
Nonfatal MI	3	>523 / 15981	>269 / 9427	0.92 (0.81, 1.05)
Fatal or nonfatal stroke	3	>2022 / 15981	>156 / 9427	1.01 (0.85, 1.21)
Nonfatal stroke	3	>307 / 15981	>138 / 9427	1.02 (0.85, 1.22)
Amputations	4	>307 / 22062	>221 / 17858	1.30 (0.99, 1.70)
All-cause mortality	6	>1685 / 32057	>1465 / 25496	0.87 (0.79, 0.96)
Microvascular outcomes				
Doubling of serum creatinine	3	>118 / 12642	>188 / 8869	0.58 (0.48, 0.69)
ESKD	2	>116 / 7997	>165 / 6546	0.68 (0.55, 0.86)
Composite of dSCr, ESKD, or death from renal causes	4	>409 / 18141	>403 / 11626	0.65 (0.54, 0.79)
Composite of 40% reduction in eGFR, ESKD, or death from renal causes	2	>211 / 14377	>238 / 12925	0.56 (0.48, 0.66)
Macroalbuminuria	2	459 / 9886	330 / 6380	0.60 (0.54, 0.67)
Albuminuria	2	1430 / 8574	703 / 5721	0.87 (0.74, 1.03)
RRT	2	89 / 6889	114 / 4532	0.66 (0.43, 1.00)
Nephropathy	1	525 / 4124	388 / 2061	0.61 (0.53, 0.70)
Combined micro and macrovascular outcomes				
Composite of 40% reduction in eGFR, ESKD, or death from renal or CV causes	2	>370 / 14377	>480 / 12925	0.76 (0.69, 0.84)
Composite of dSCr, ESKD, or death from renal or CV causes	2	>245 / 7997	>340 / 6546	0.75 (0.65, 0.88)
Nephropathy or CVD death	1	675 / 4170	497 / 2102	0.61 (0.54, 0.68)
Safety outcomes				
Any adverse events	3	10696 / 12380	6348 / 7275	0.96 (0.92, 1.00)
Serious adverse events	7	11507 / 40614	10315 / 34046	0.92 (0.90, 0.94)
Severe hypoglycaemia	4	458 / 24045	336 / 18933	0.90 (0.80, 1.01)



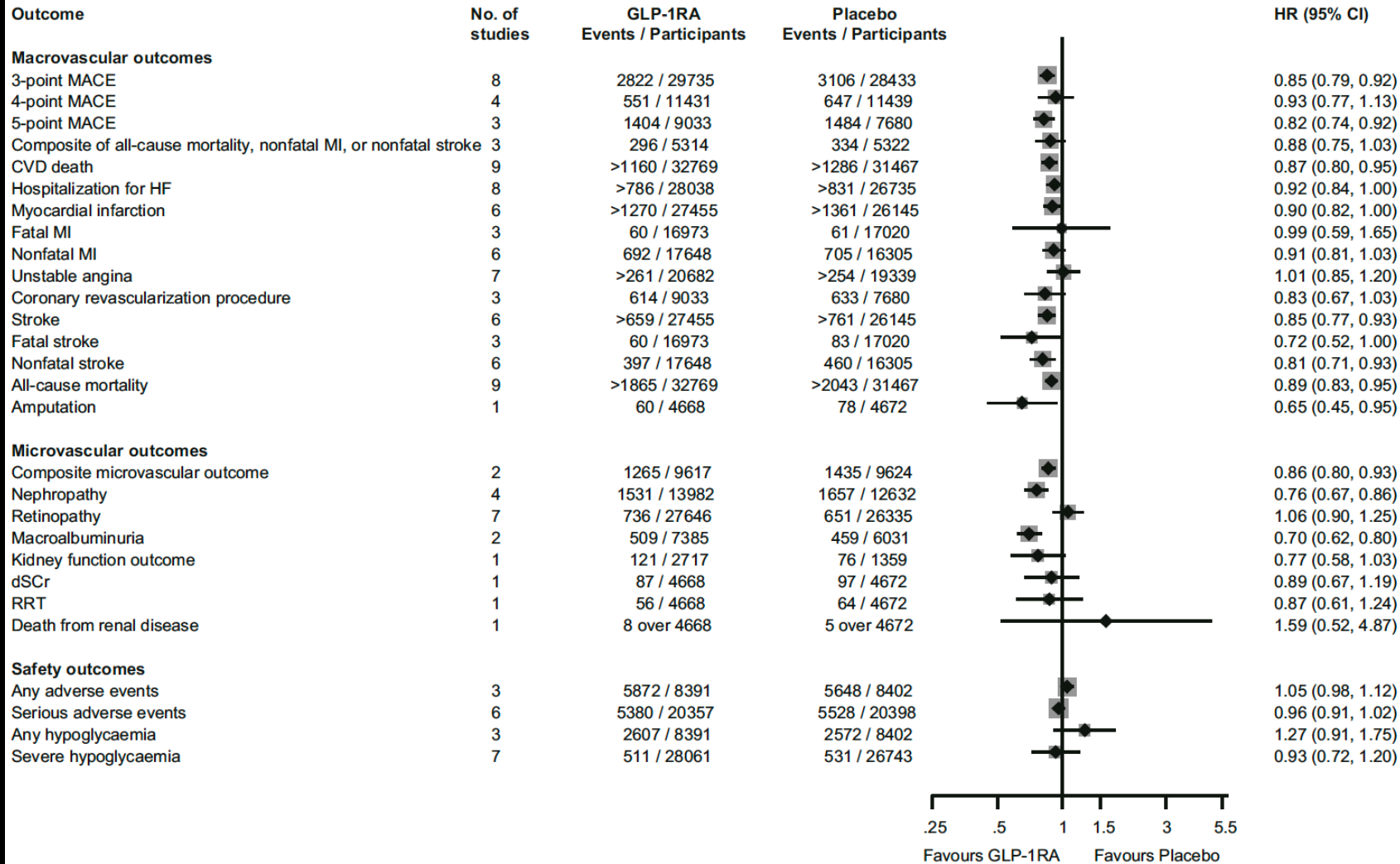
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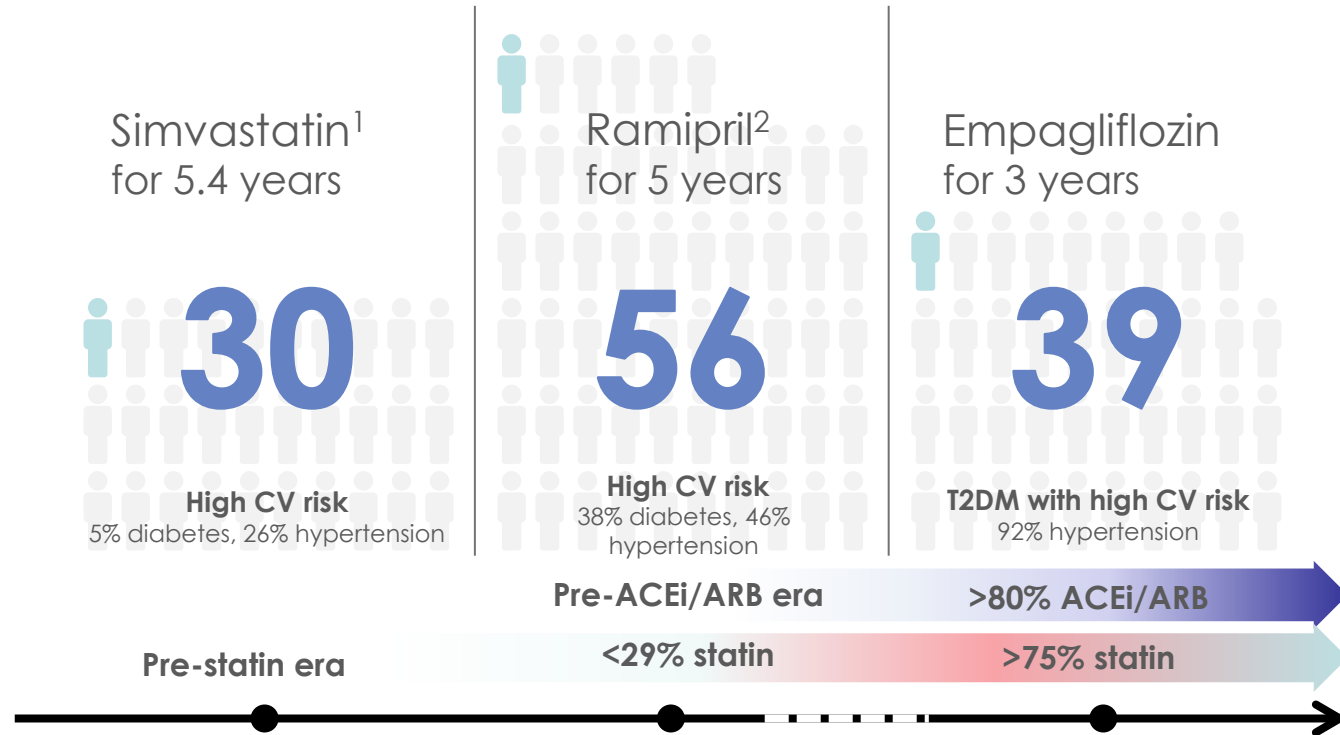
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GLP-1RAs and Outcomes



GLP1-RA

Number needed to treat (NNT) to prevent one death across landmark trials in patients with high CV risk (I)



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1. 4S investigator. Lancet 1994; 344: 1383-89, <http://www.trialresultscenter.org/study2590-4S.htm>;

2. HOPE investigator N Engl J Med 2000;342:145-53, <http://www.trialresultscenter.org/study2606-HOPE.htm>

Number needed to treat (NNT) to prevent one death across landmark trials in patients with high CV risk (II)

	Dulaglutide*	Semaglutide ^{\$}	Semaglutide**	Tirzepatide [§]
Trial name	REWIND	SUSTAIN-6	SELECT	SURPASS-CVOT^^
Follow-up duration	median 5.4 yrs	2.1 yrs	median 3.3 yrs	median 4 yrs
NNT	83	45	34	n/d
Condition	T2D	T2D	Overweight/obesity. No T2D	T2D with ASCVD
Setting	Primary prevention	Primary prevention	Secondary prevention	Primary and secondary prev.
Established CVD	31%	83%	100%	>90%
Statins	66%	77%	87%	>90%
ACEi/ARBs	81%	79%	75%	>80%

* Gerstein HC, Lancet 2019 Jul 13;394(10193):121-130

^{\$} Marso PM, NEJM 2016;375:1834-1844

** Lincoff MA, NEJM 2023;389:2221-2232

[§] 2025 EASD Scientific Meeting; Clinicaltrials.gov ID: NCT04255433

^^post-SGLT2i/GLP1-RA Era – active comparator, non-inferiority trial)

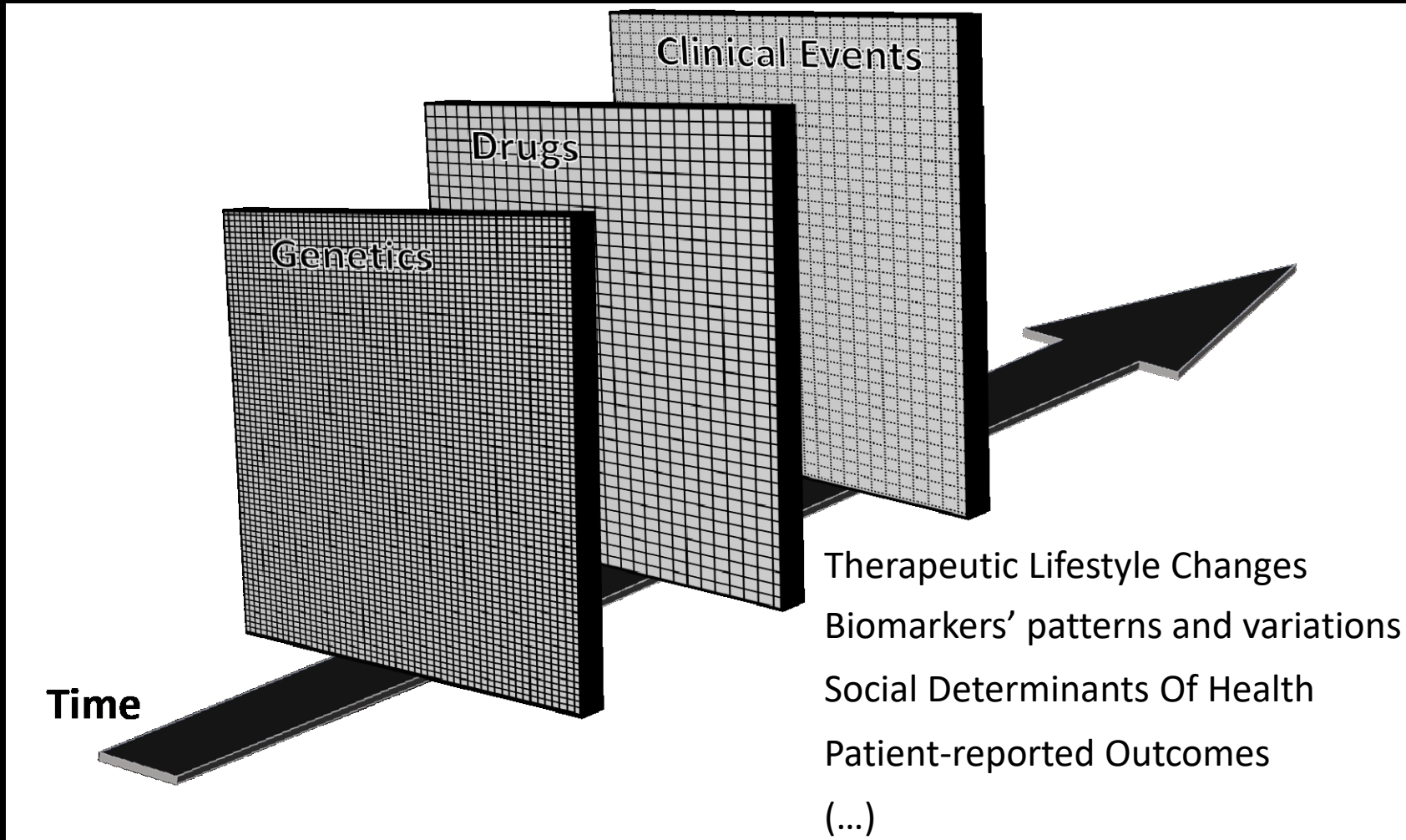
Relative risk reduction of renal endpoints and cardiovascular death across landmark trials in CKD patients with and without T2D

	Empagliflozin*	Dapagliflozin**
Trial name	EMPA-KIDNEY	DAPA-CKD
Key population	Individuals with CKD (eGFR $\geq$ 20 mL/min/BSA) with and without T2D	Similar CKD population with and without T2D
Key results	28% RRR (relative risk reduction) in the composite primary outcome (kidney disease progression or cardiovascular death).	39% RRR in the composite kidney and cardiovascular death outcome.

* NEJM 2023;388:117-127

** NEJM 2020;383:1436-1446

N-layer Structure of (binary) Variables along the Integrated Healthcare Records Continuum





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