



Objectives:

- Case
- Brief review of kidney role in glucose homeostasis
- SGLT2 & SGLT2 inhibitors
- Efficacy Studies
- EMPA-REG OUTCOME
- EMPA-REG RENAL
- EMPEROR- Reduced
- Guidelines Recommendations
- Administration, Cautions, Side effects
- Conclusion

Case

- **Background**

- A **70** y/o man with **type 2 DM** diagnosed **7** years ago

- **Medical History**

- **Hypertension** since **15** years ago
- No history of ASCVD

- **Surgical History**

- Neg.

- **Social History**

- Retired pilot

- **Physical Exam**

- BMI: **26** kg/m²
- BP: **140/70** mmHg

Lab Summary		
Glycemia	HbA1c	7.5 %
	FBS	140 mg/dl
Lipid Profile	Total Chol	250 mg/dl
	HDL-C	60 mg/dl
	LDL-C	110 mg/dl
	TG	400 mg/dl
Renal Function	UACR	310 mg/gr
	eGFR	40 ml/min/1.73 m ²
	Cr	1.8 mg/dl
Current Medications	Metformin 2000 mg/daily	
	Amlodipine 5 mg/daily	

Case



What Is the Most Appropriate Treatment for Glycemic Control?

- A. Continue metformin therapy and add Empagliflozin
- B. Discontinue Metformin and Switch to Linagliptin 5mg once daily
- C. Discontinue Metformin and Switch to combination of Linagliptin and Empagliflozin
- D. Others

Patient History

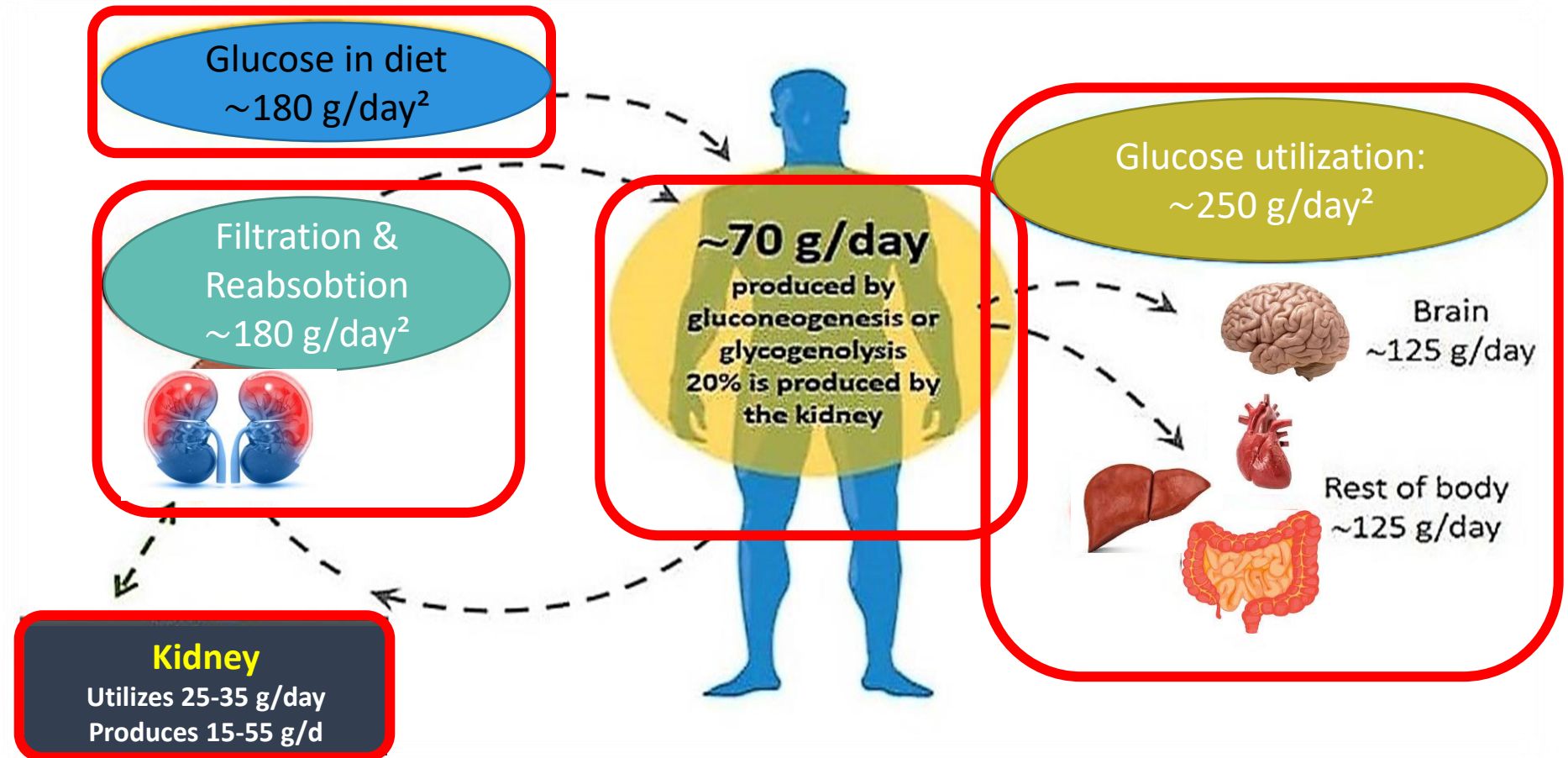
- **70** Y/O male, **T2DM**, **HTN**
- HbA1c: **7.5** %
- FBS: **140** mg/dl
- eGFR: **40** ml/min/1.73 m²
- UACR: **310** mg/g
- Cr: **1.8** mg/dl
- Total Chol: **250** mg/dl TG: **400** mg/dl
- HDL-C: **60** mg/dl LDL-C: **110** mg/dl
- Medications: **Metformin 2000 mg/daily;**
Amlodipine 5 mg/daily
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- BP: **140/70** mmHg

Kidney Plays a Significant Role in Glucose Balance

Reabsorption¹

Production¹
(Gluconeogenesis)

Utilization¹



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2-Wright EM et al., Active sugar transport in health and disease. Journal of internal medicine. 2007; 261(1):32-43.

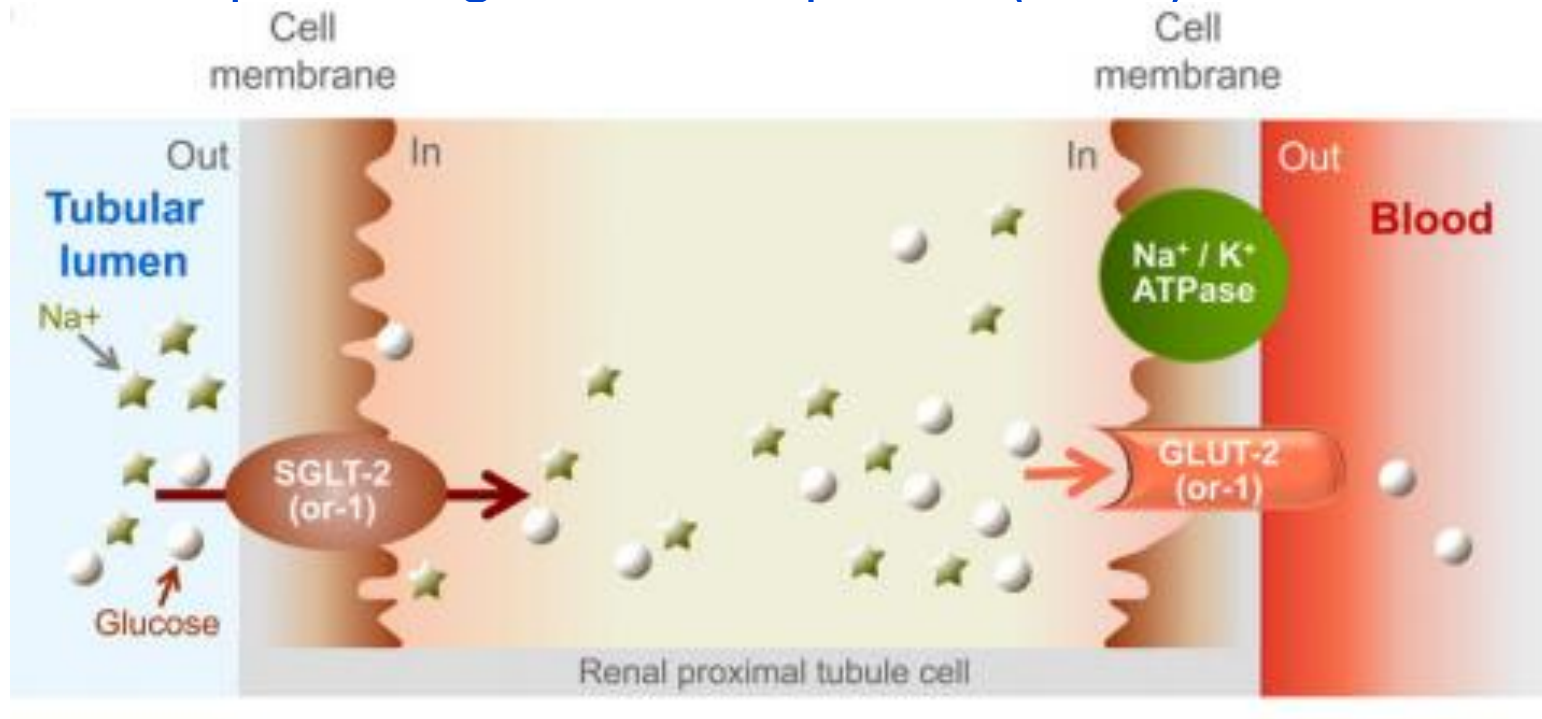
SGLT2 & SGLT2 inhibitors

Glucose Transporters

They are classified into two families^{1,2}:

facilitative glucose transporters (GLUTs)

sodium-dependent glucose transporters (SGLTs)



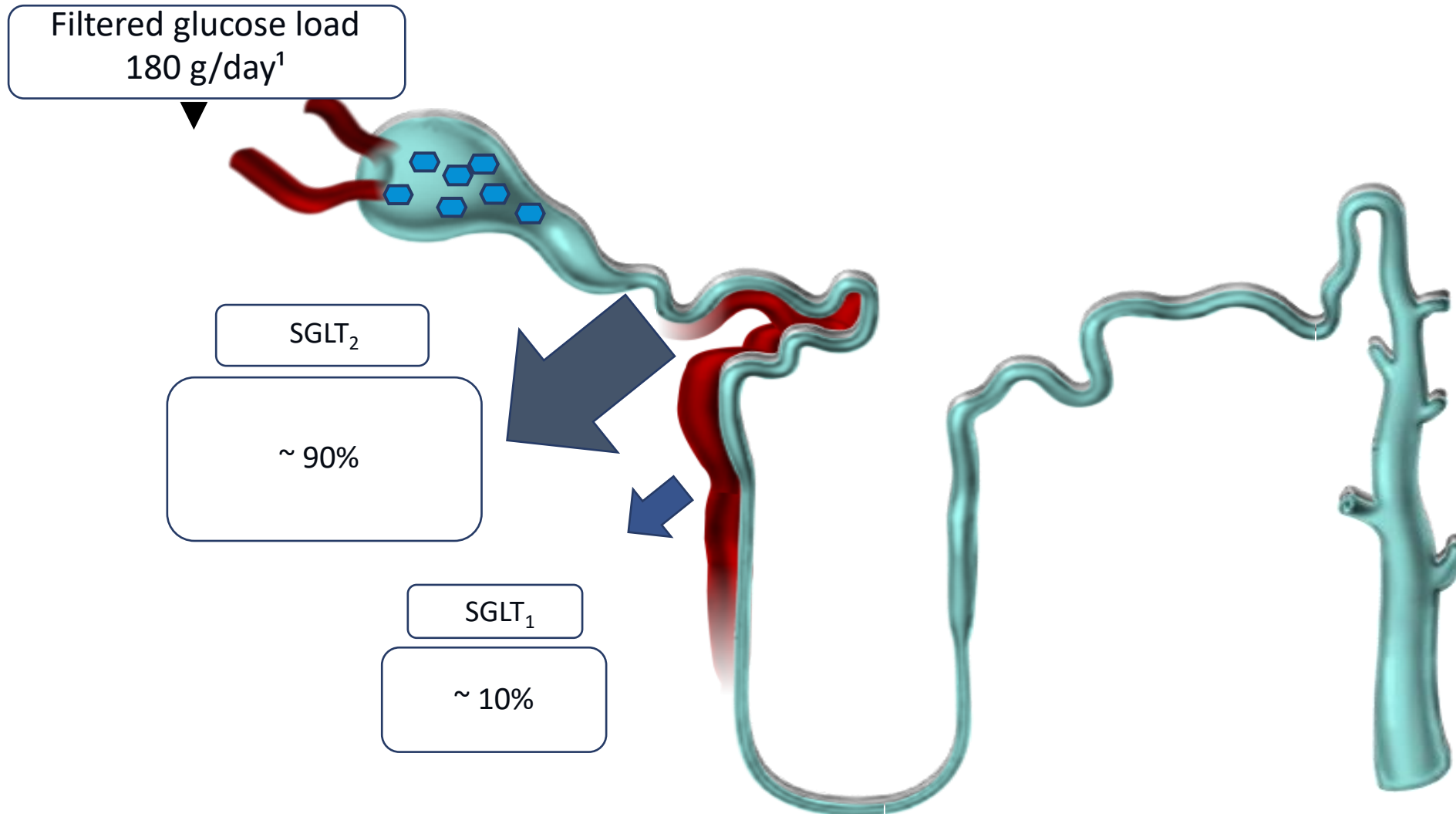
SGLT₁: low capacity, high affinity, mostly in intestine

SGLT₂: high capacity, low affinity, mostly in kidney

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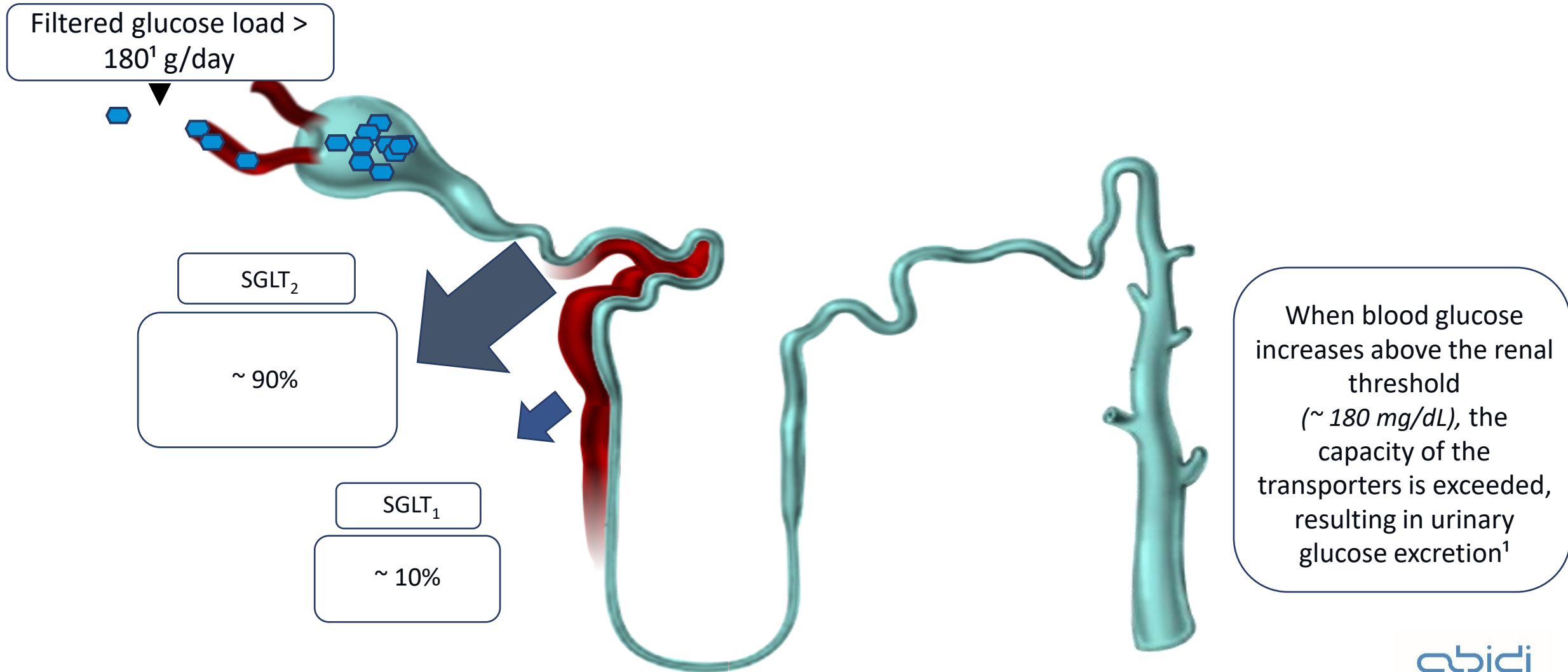
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Renal glucose re-absorption in healthy individuals

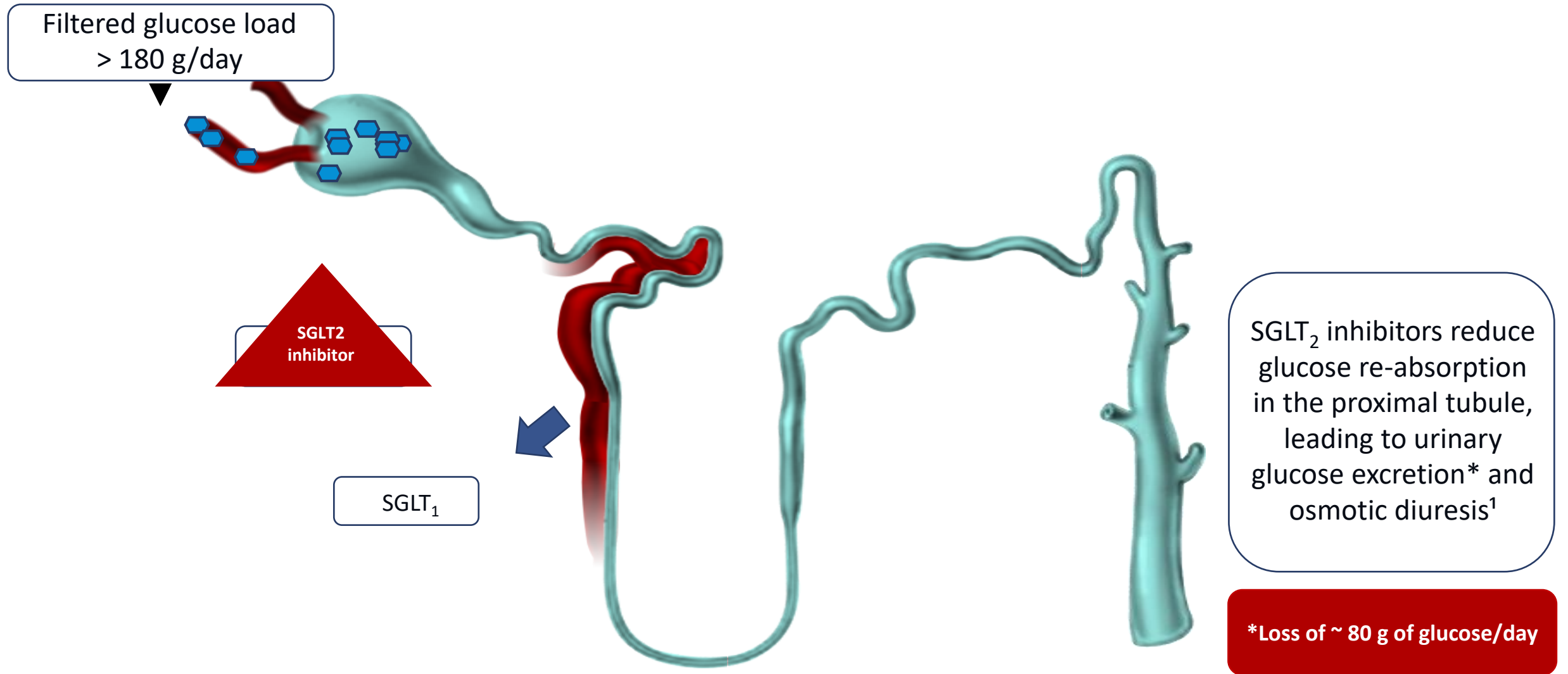


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Renal glucose re-absorption in patients with diabetes

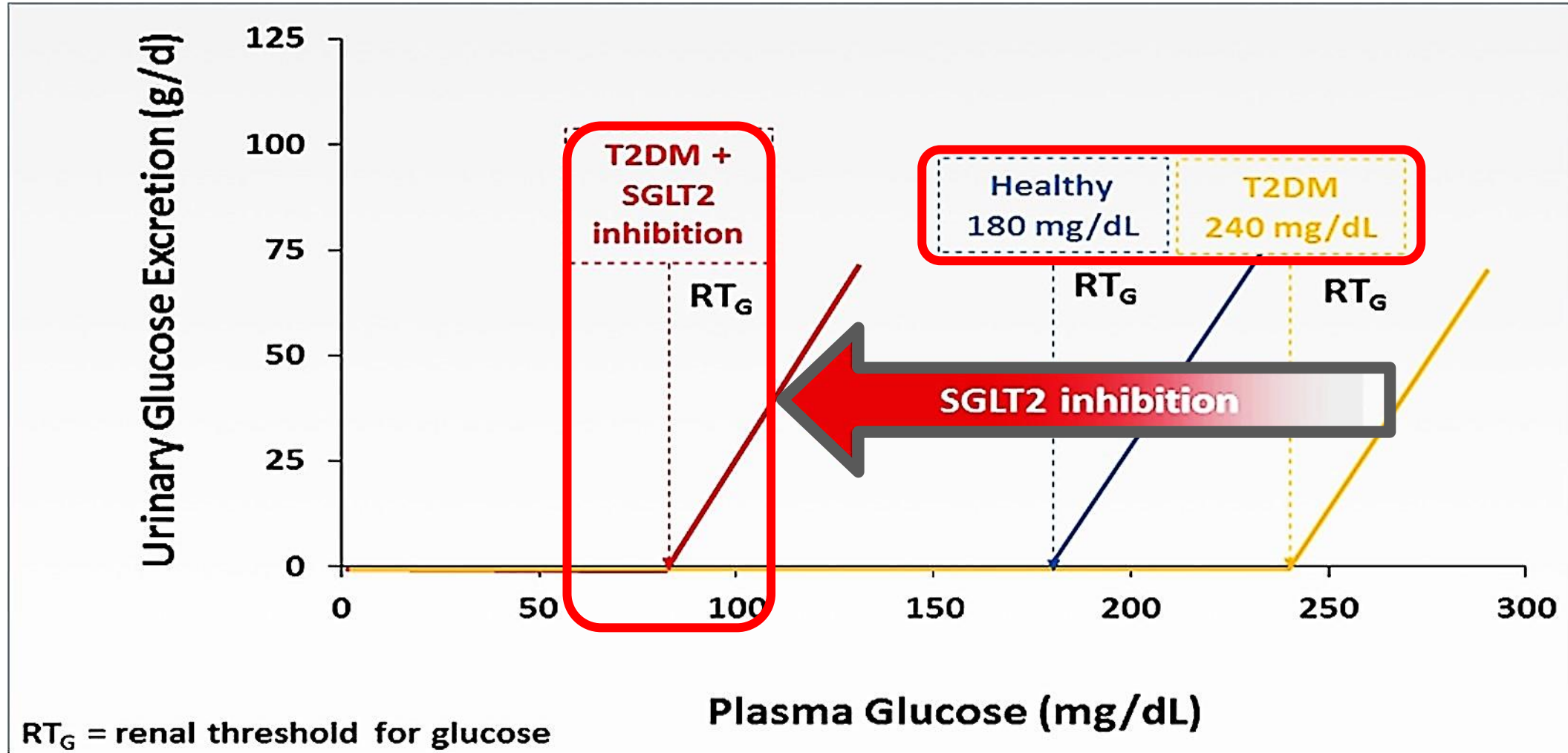


Urinary glucose excretion via SGLT2 inhibition



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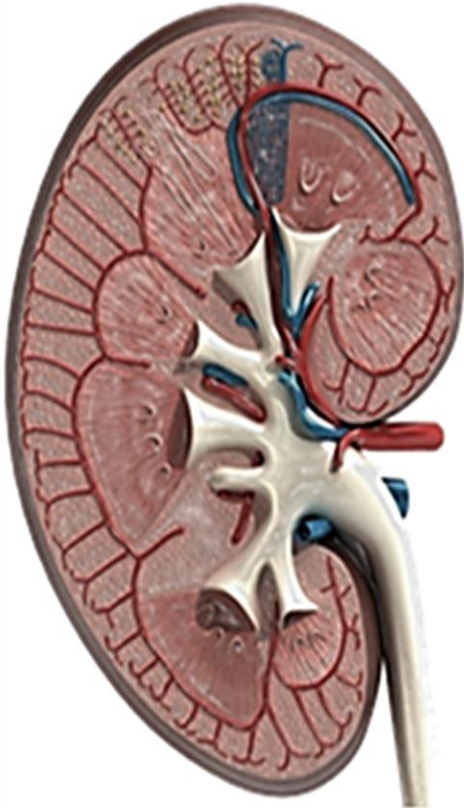
SGLT2i lowers renal threshold for glucose excretion^{1,2}



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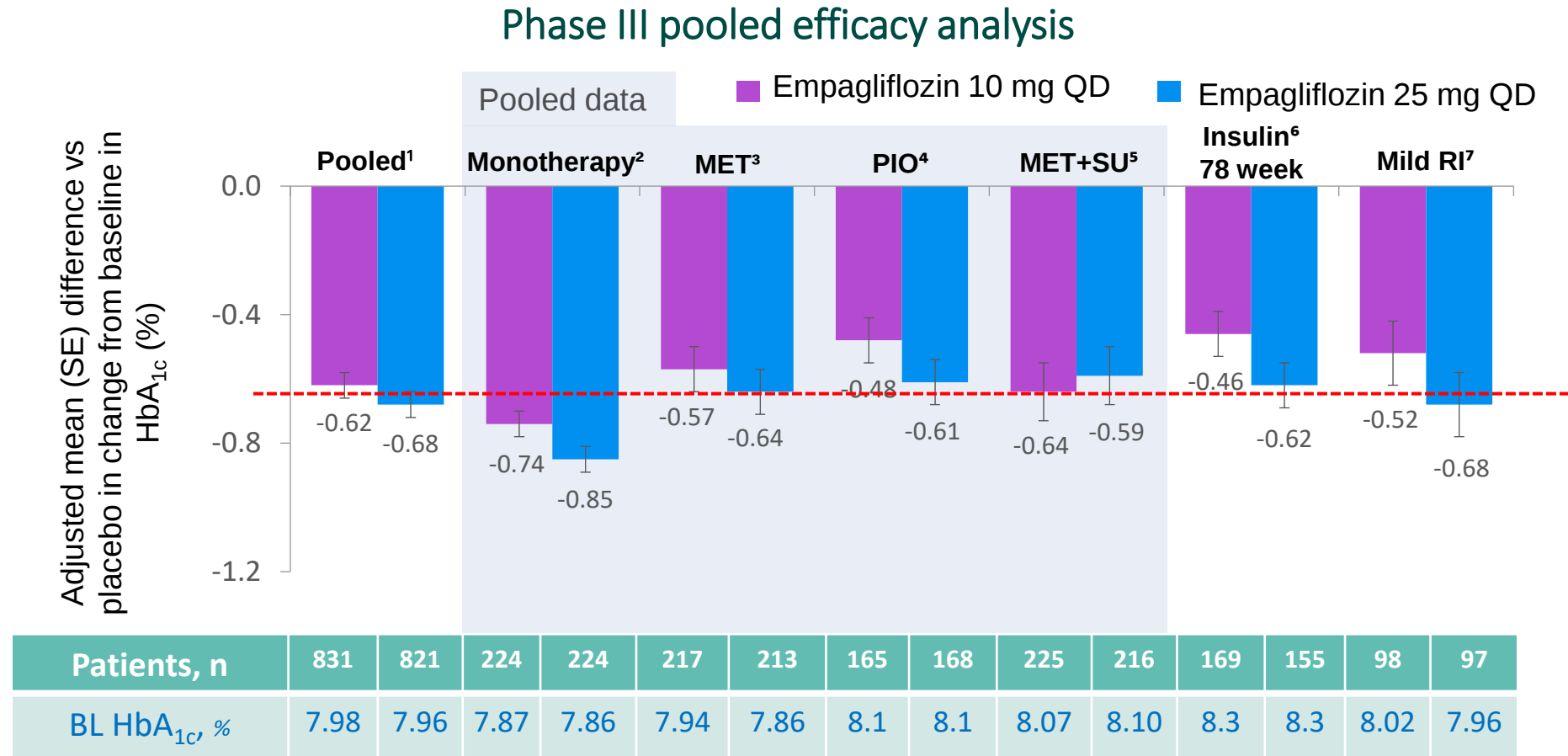
Expected Clinical Effects of SGLT2 Inhibition¹



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Efficacy Studies

Δ HbA1c Across Different Background Therapy Empagliflozin vs. Placebo*



BL, baseline; MET, metformin; PIO, pioglitazone; QD, once daily; RI, renal impairment; SE, standard error; SU, sulphonylurea.

* All data are placebo-corrected and statistically significant unless otherwise marked

1-Hach T, et al. *Diabetes*. 2013;62(suppl 1A):A21 (P69-LB);

4-Kovacs C, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2014;16(2):147–158;

Barnett A, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol*. 2014; doi:10.1016/S2213-8587(13)70208-0.

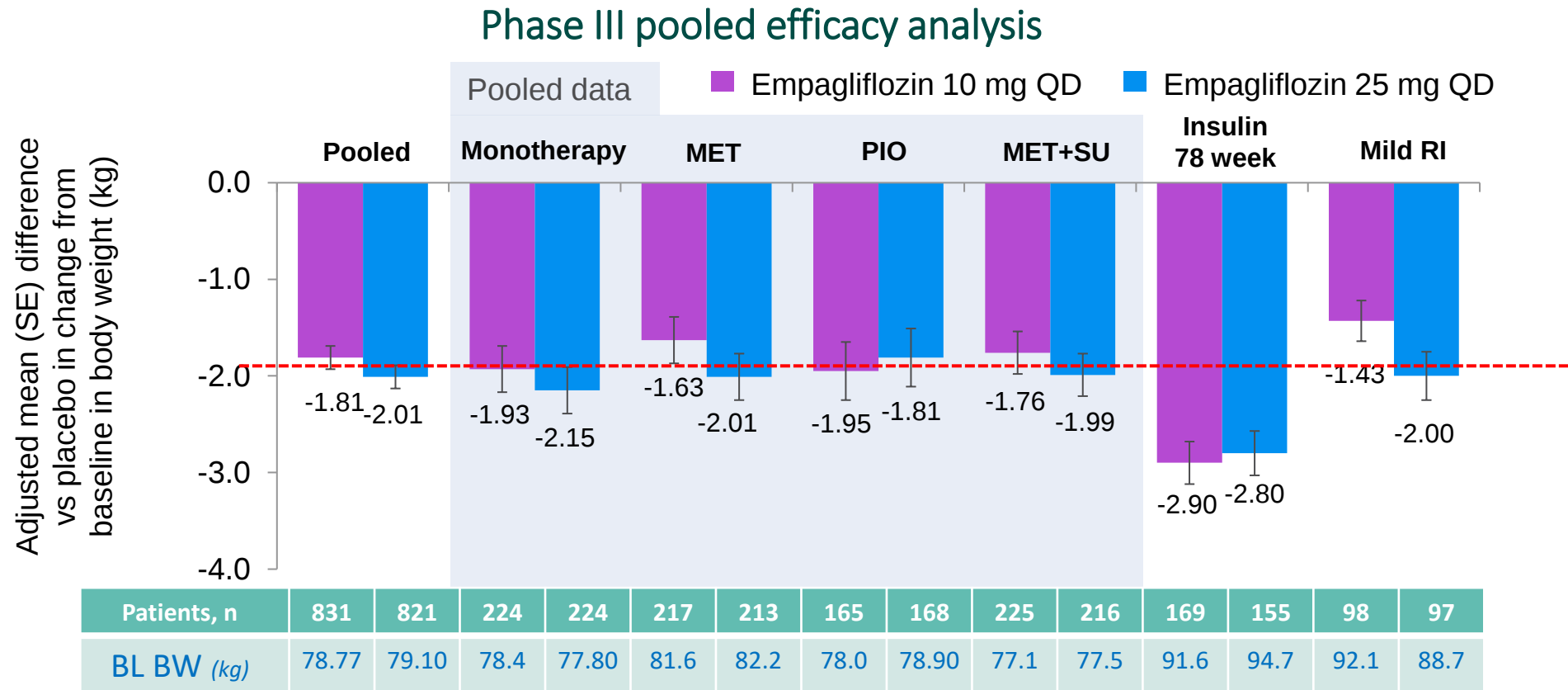
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6- Rosenstock J, et al. *Diabetologia*. 2013;56(suppl 1):S372 (P931);

Δ Body Weight Across Different Background Therapy Empagliflozin vs. Placebo*



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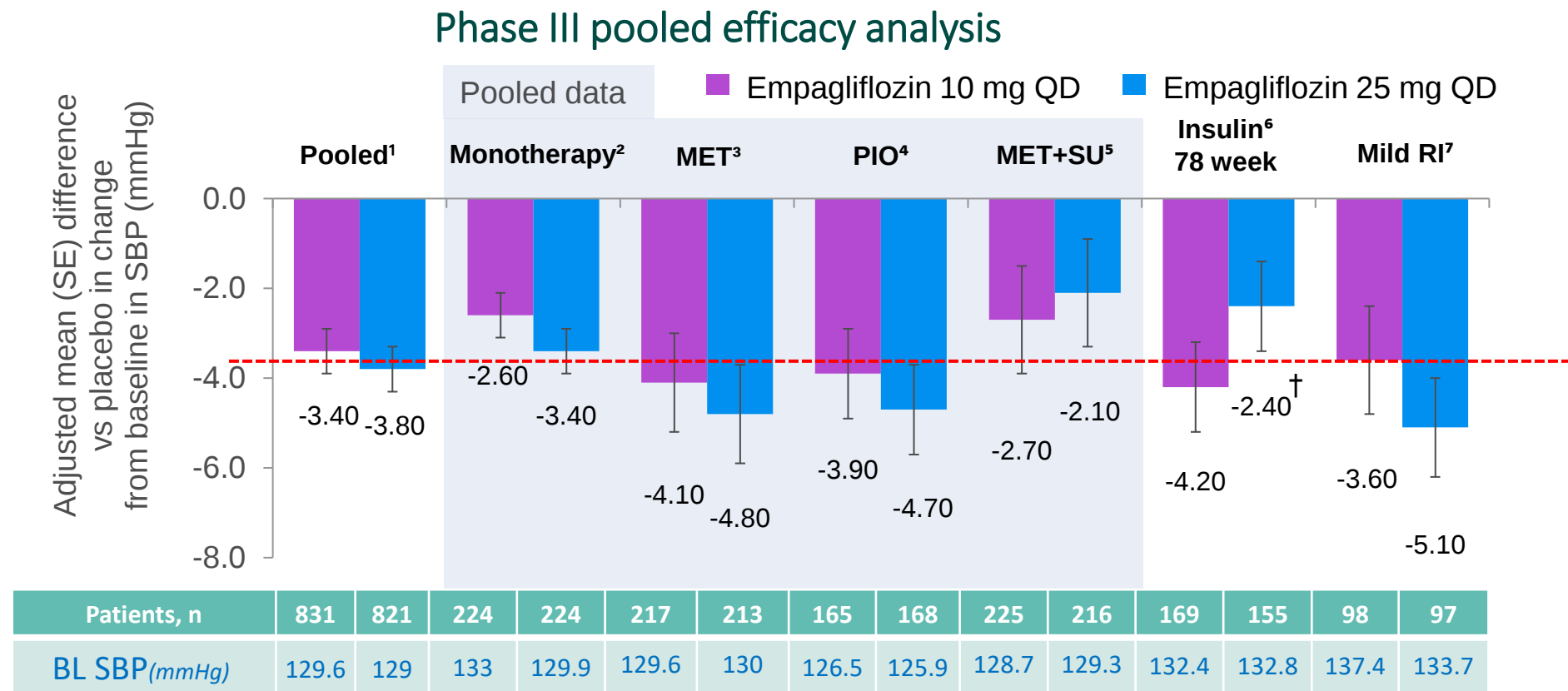
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Δ SBP Across Different Background Therapy Empagliflozin vs. Placebo*



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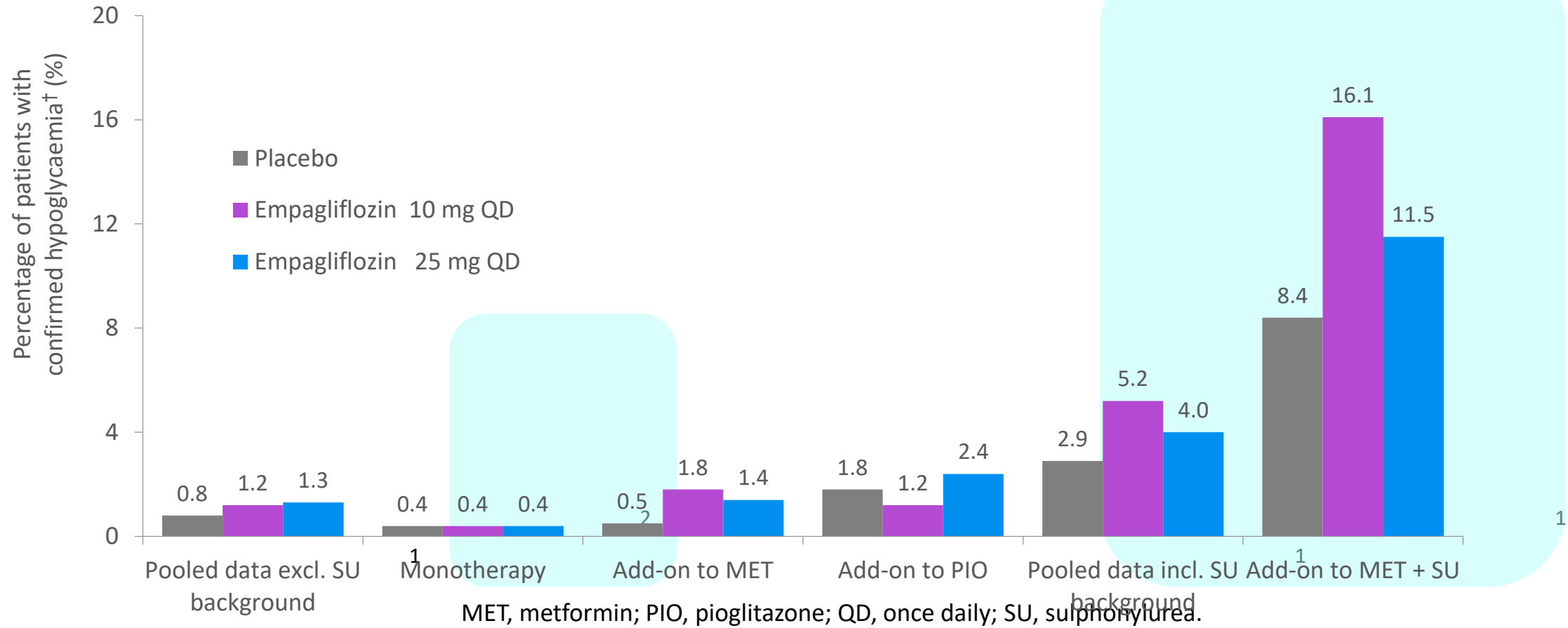
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Hypoglycemic Events

- Phase III safety and tolerability analysis



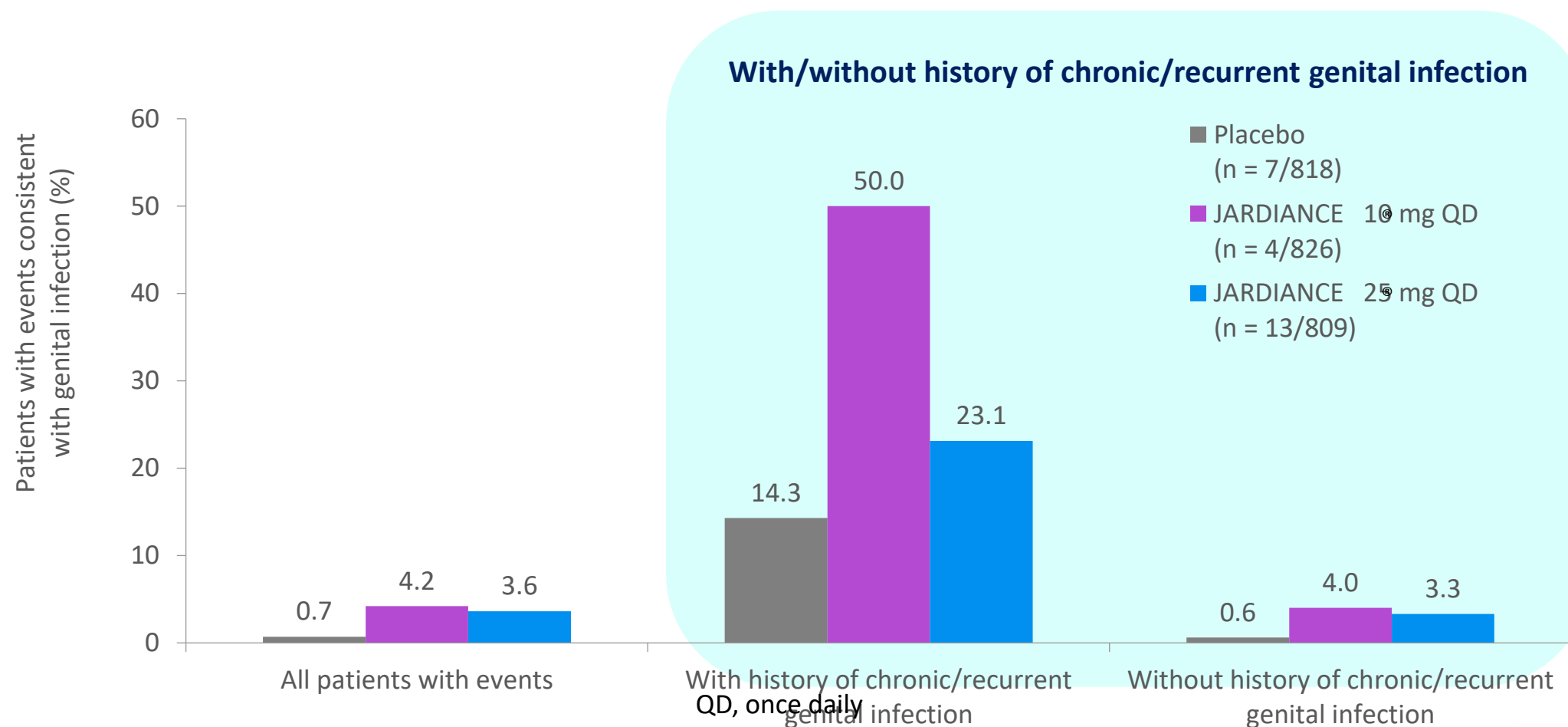
†Confirmed events; plasma glucose ≤ 70 mg/dL and/or requiring assistance

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Genital infection stratified by previous history

Phase III pooled[†] safety and tolerability analysis

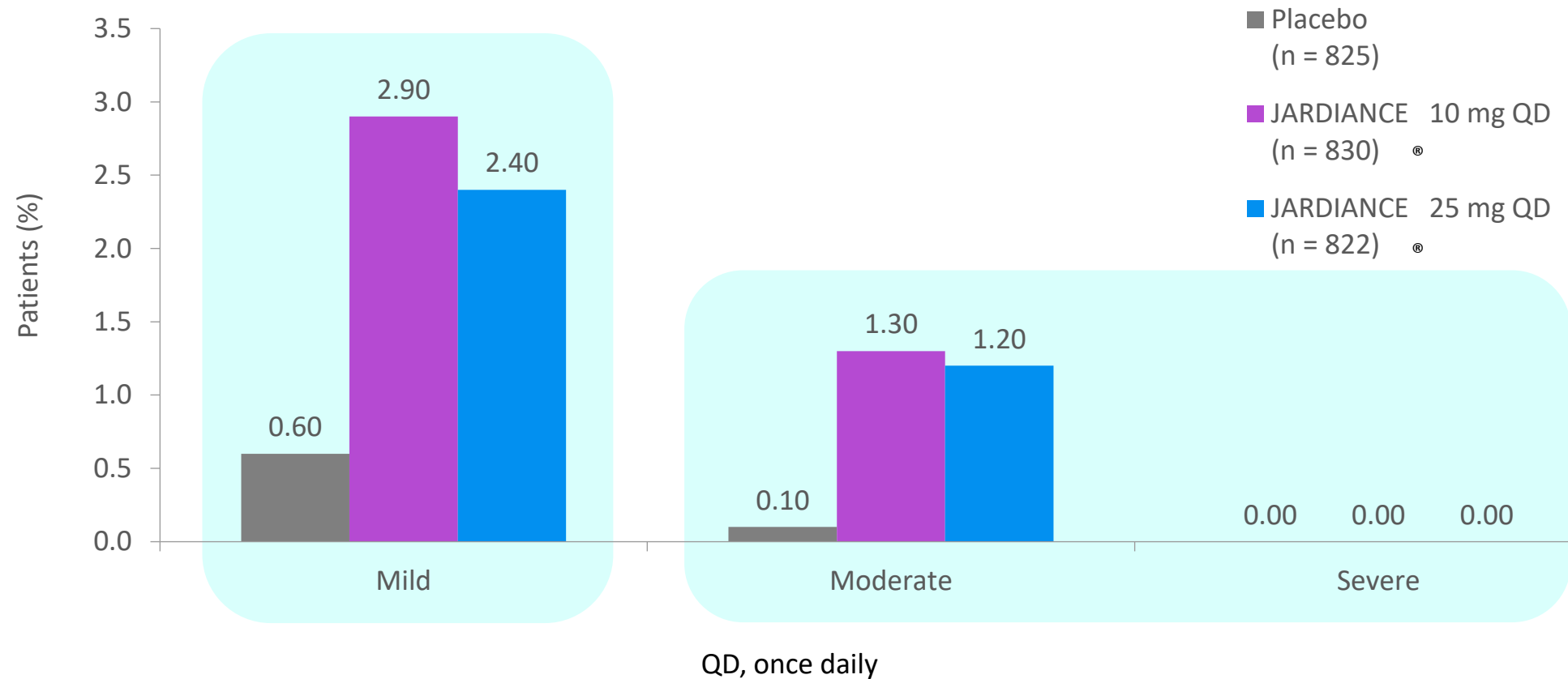


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Genital infection distribution of events severity

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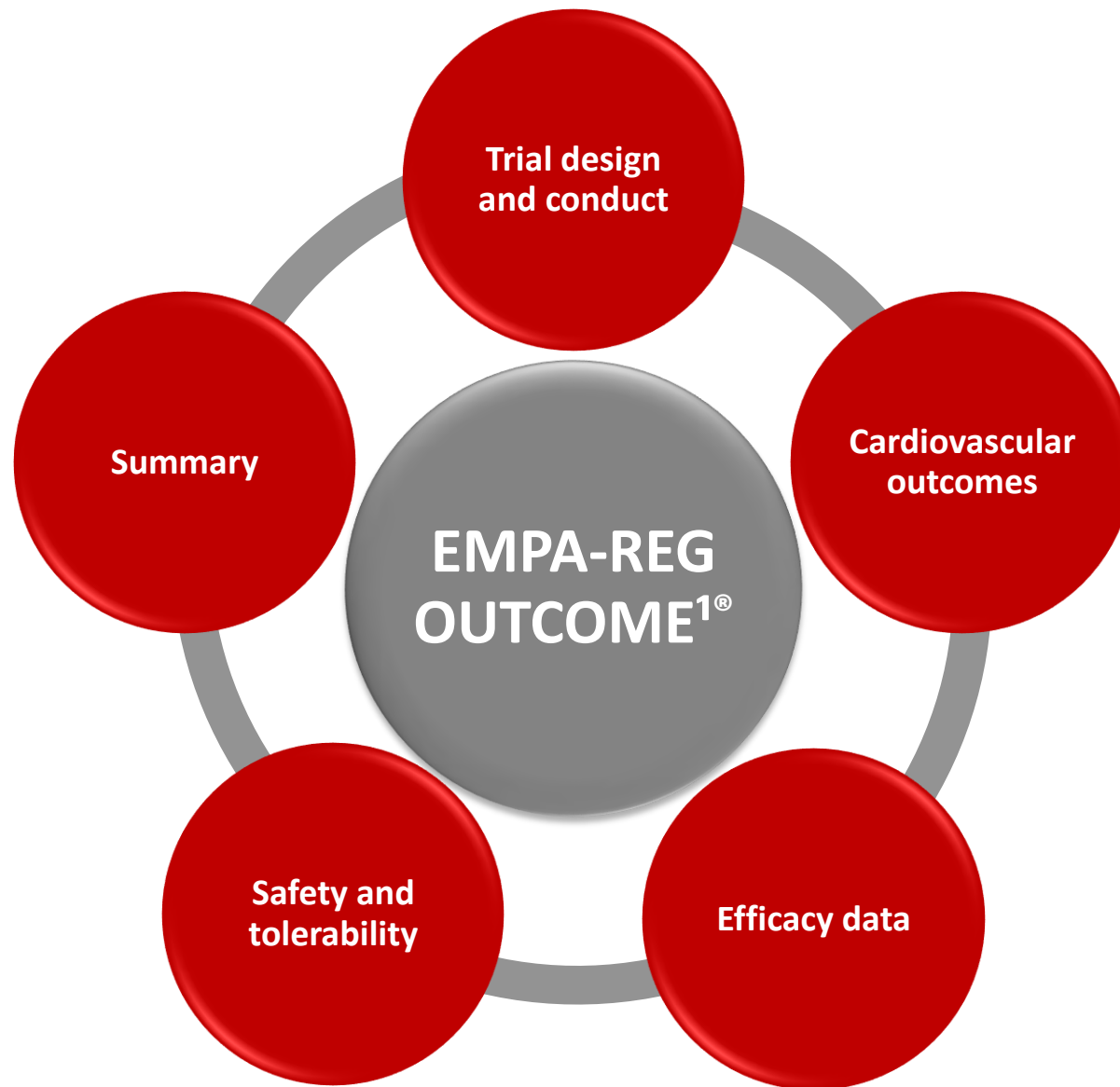
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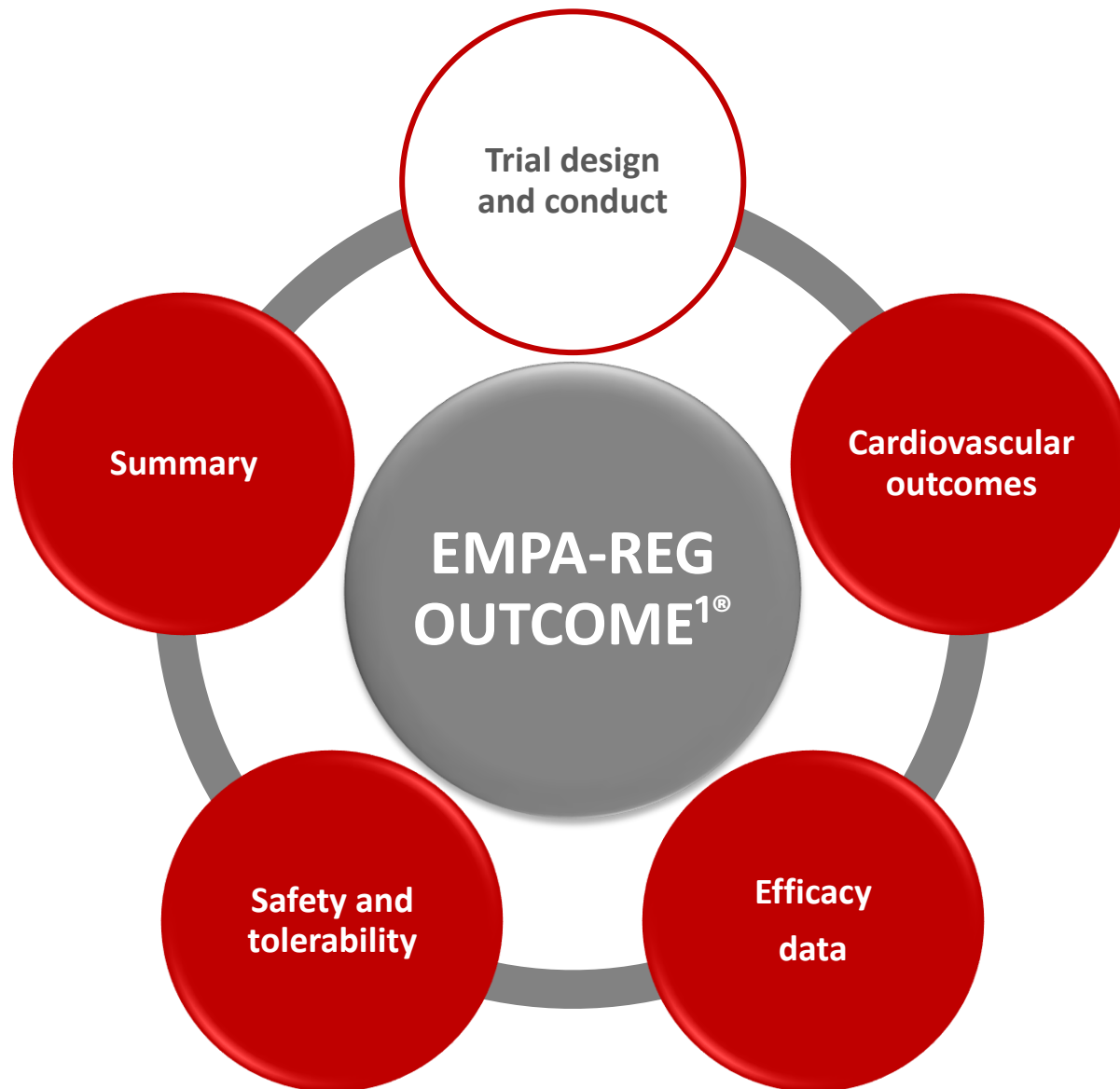
Empagliflozin, Cardiovascular Outcomes, and Mortality in Type 2 Diabetes

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Objective¹

To examine the long-term effects of empagliflozin versus placebo, in addition to standard of care, on CV morbidity and mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes and high risk of CV events





Trial Design¹



- **Design**

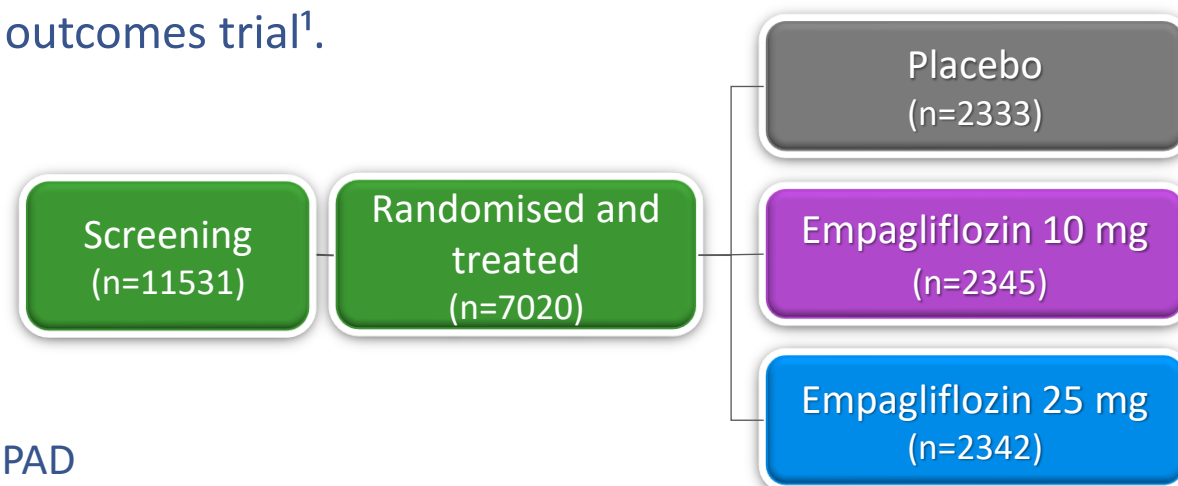
- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled CV outcomes trial¹.

- **Key inclusion criteria**

- Adults with T₂DM
- BMI ≤ 45 kg/m²
- HbA_{1c} 7–10%*
- Established cardiovascular disease
 - Prior MI, CAD, stroke, unstable angina or occlusive PAD

- **Key exclusion criteria**

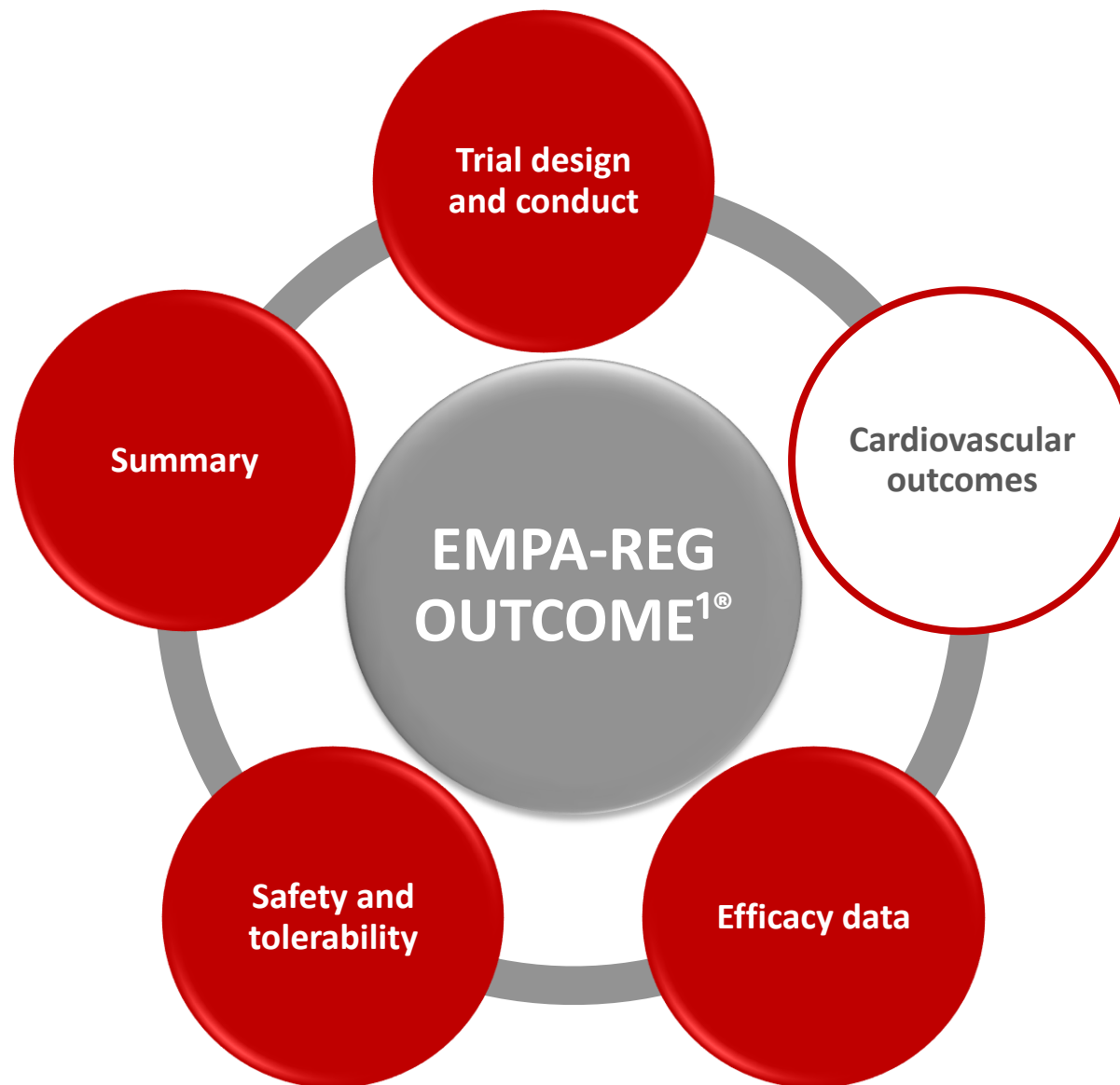
- eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m² (MDRD)



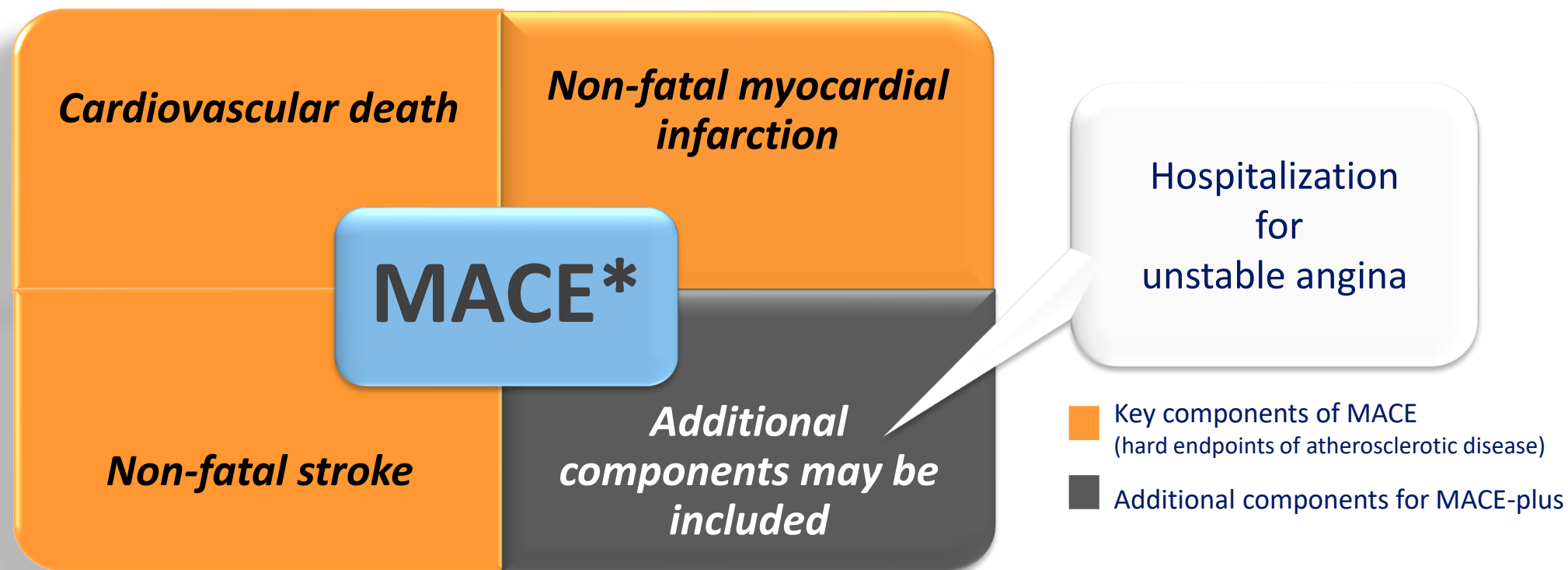
✓ The trial was to continue until at least 691 patients experienced an adjudicated primary outcome event.

BMI, body mass index; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; MDRD, Modification of Diet in Renal Disease

*No glucose-lowering therapy for ≥ 12 weeks prior to randomisation or no change in dose for ≥ 12 weeks prior to randomisation or, in the case of insulin, unchanged by $> 10\%$ compared to the dose at randomisation

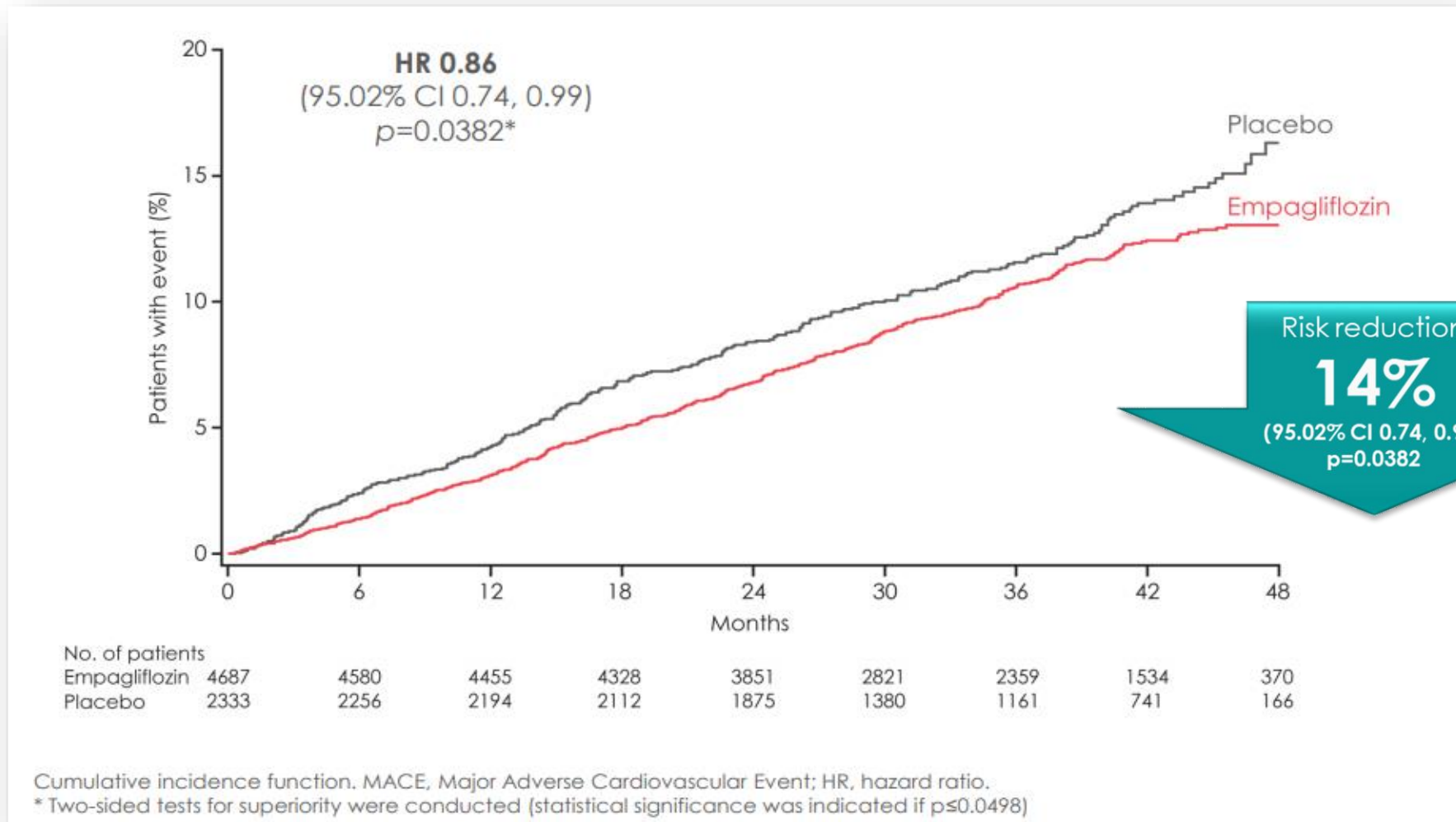


Pre-specified primary and key secondary outcomes¹

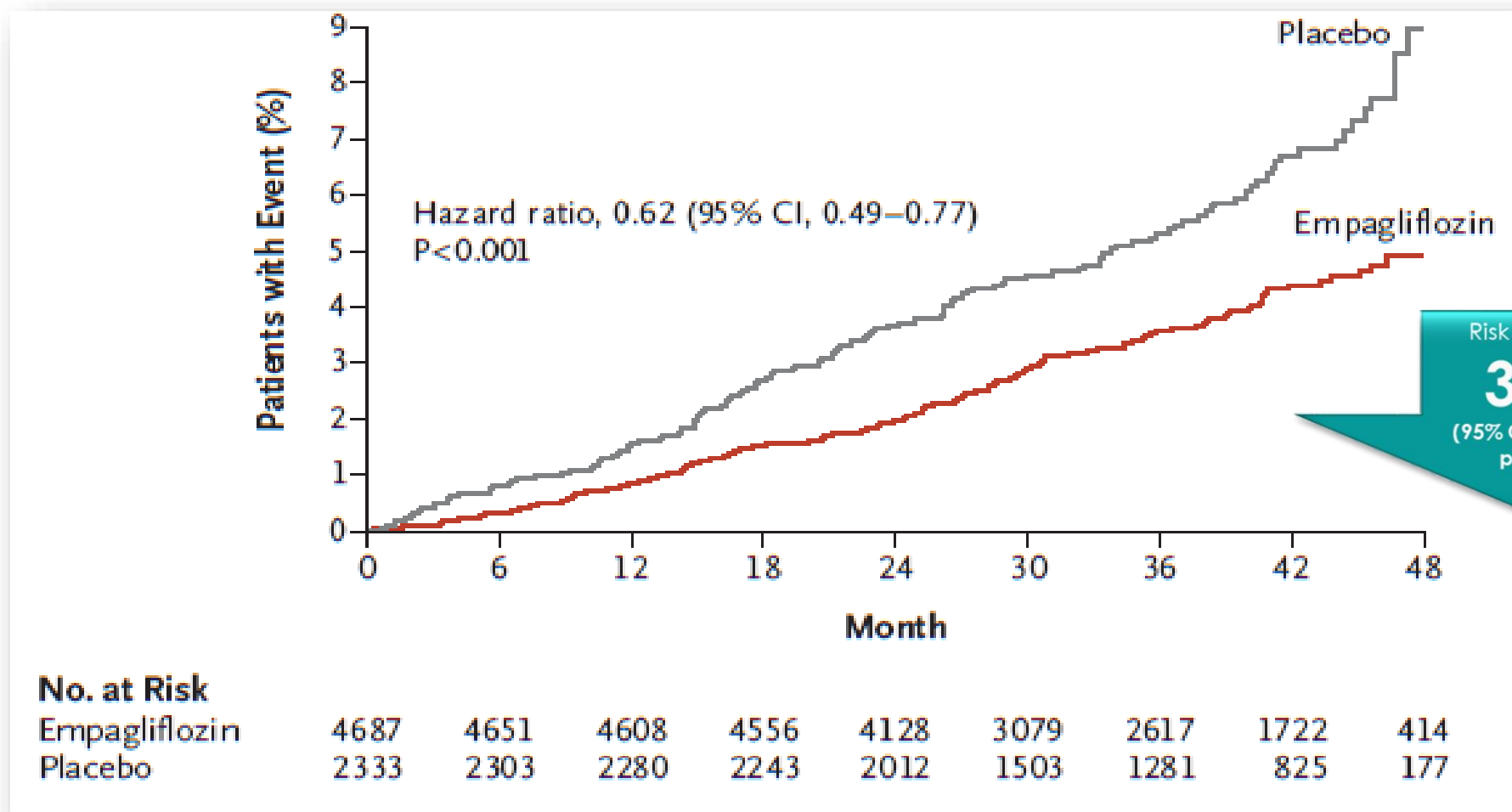


*Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events

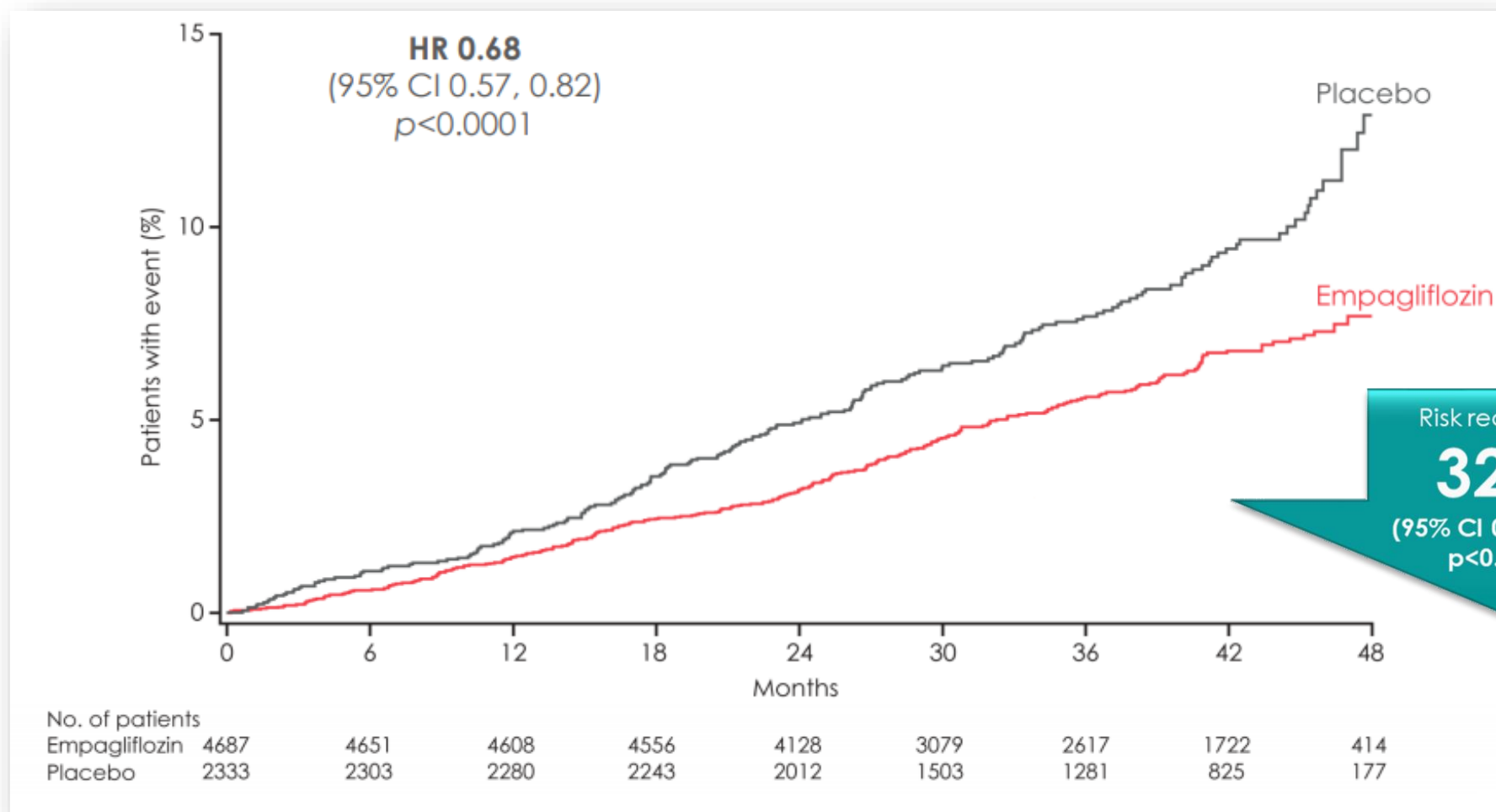
Primary Outcome: 3-point MACE (CV death, Nonfatal MI, Nonfatal stroke)¹



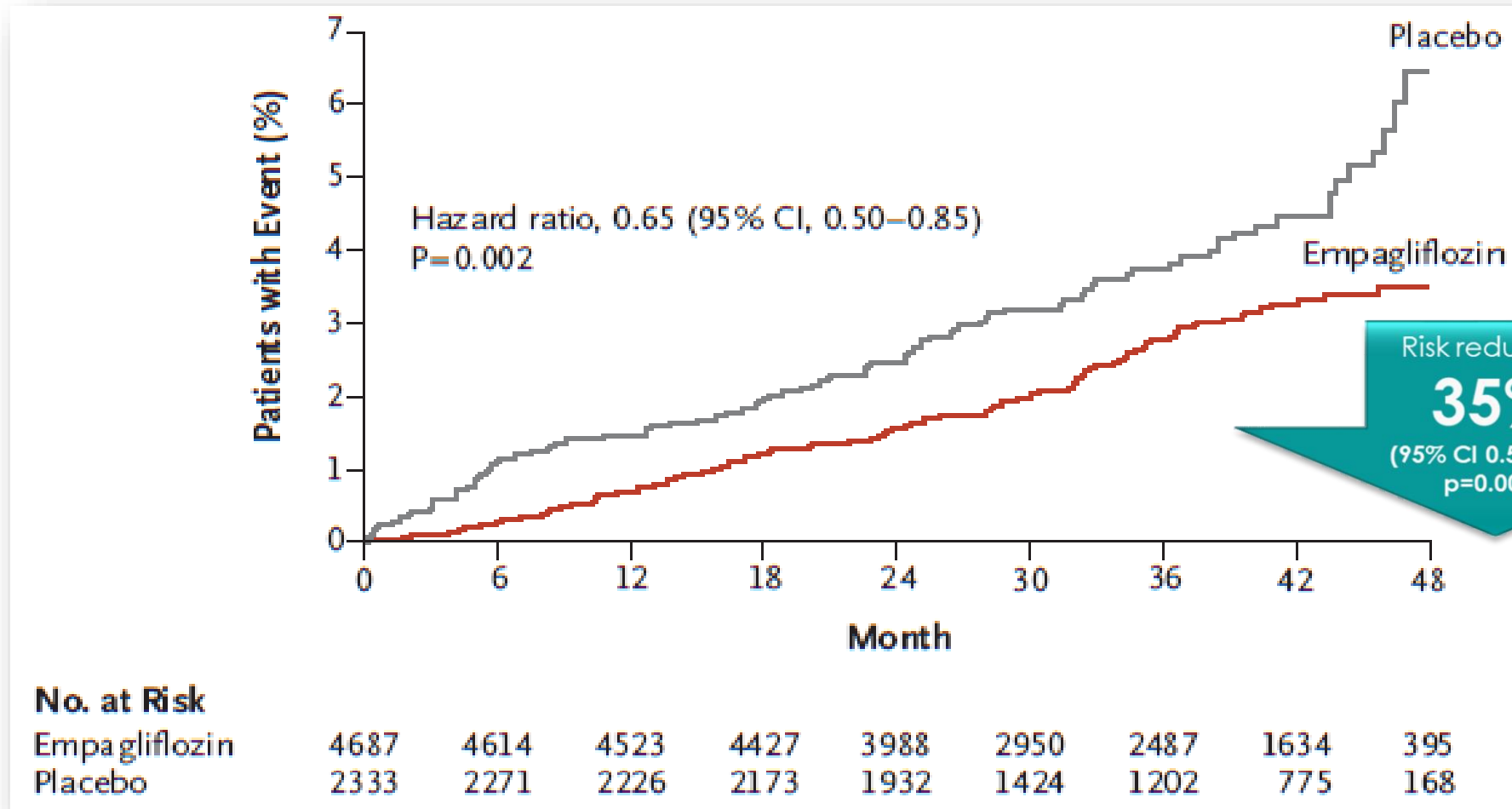
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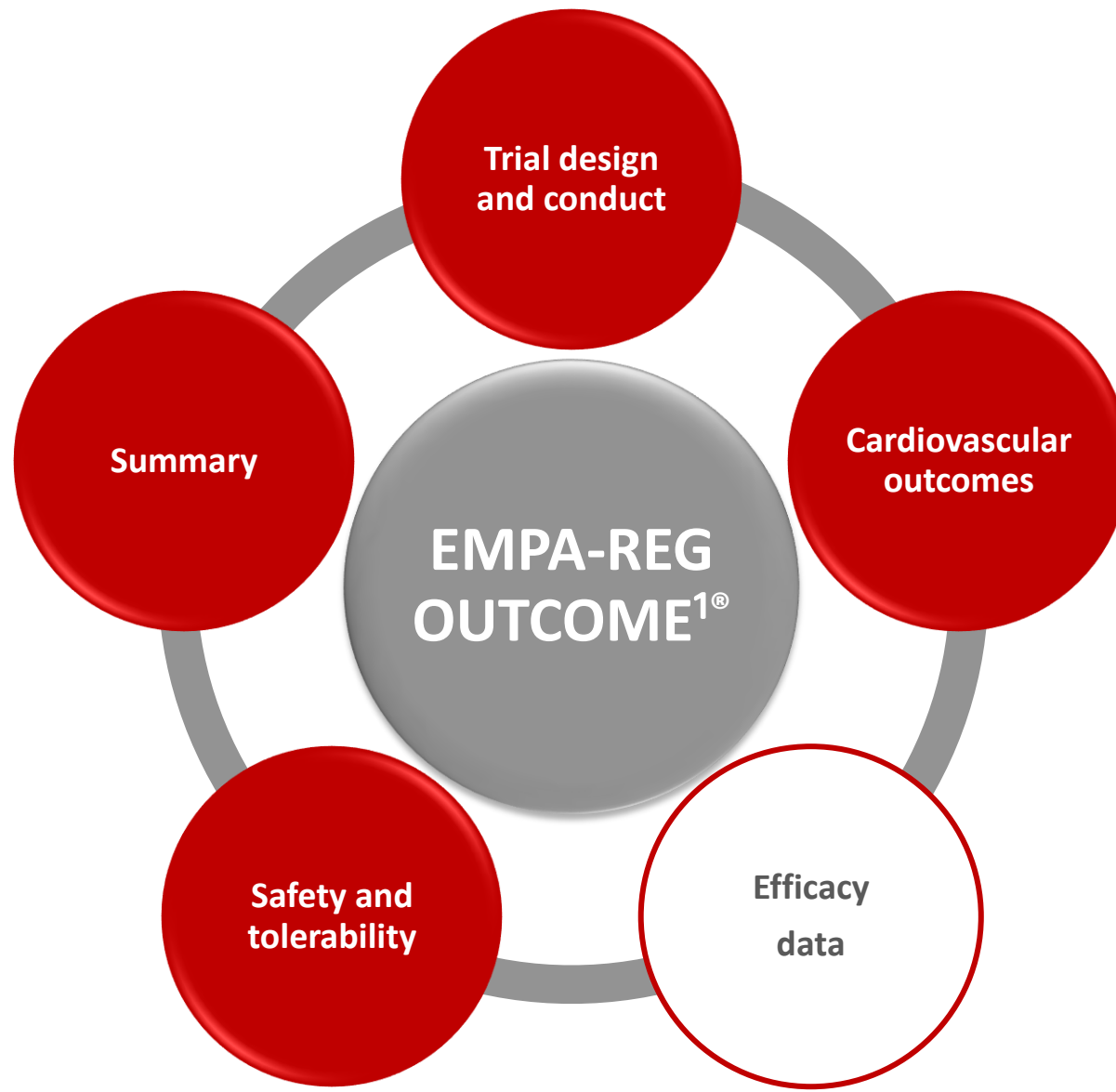


EMPA-REG OUTCOME® All-cause Mortality¹

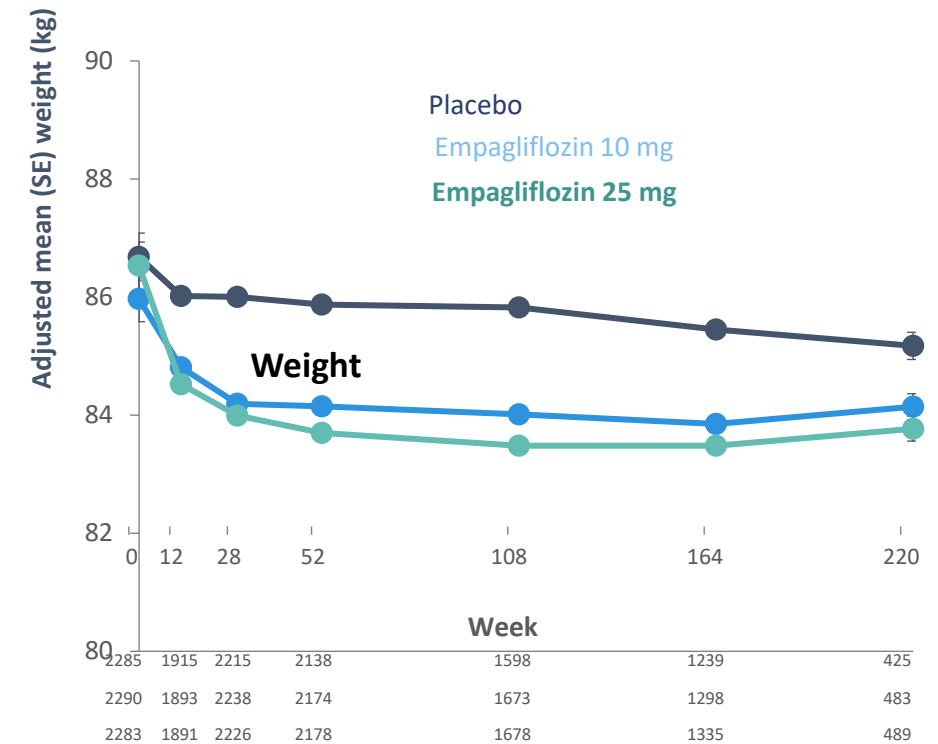
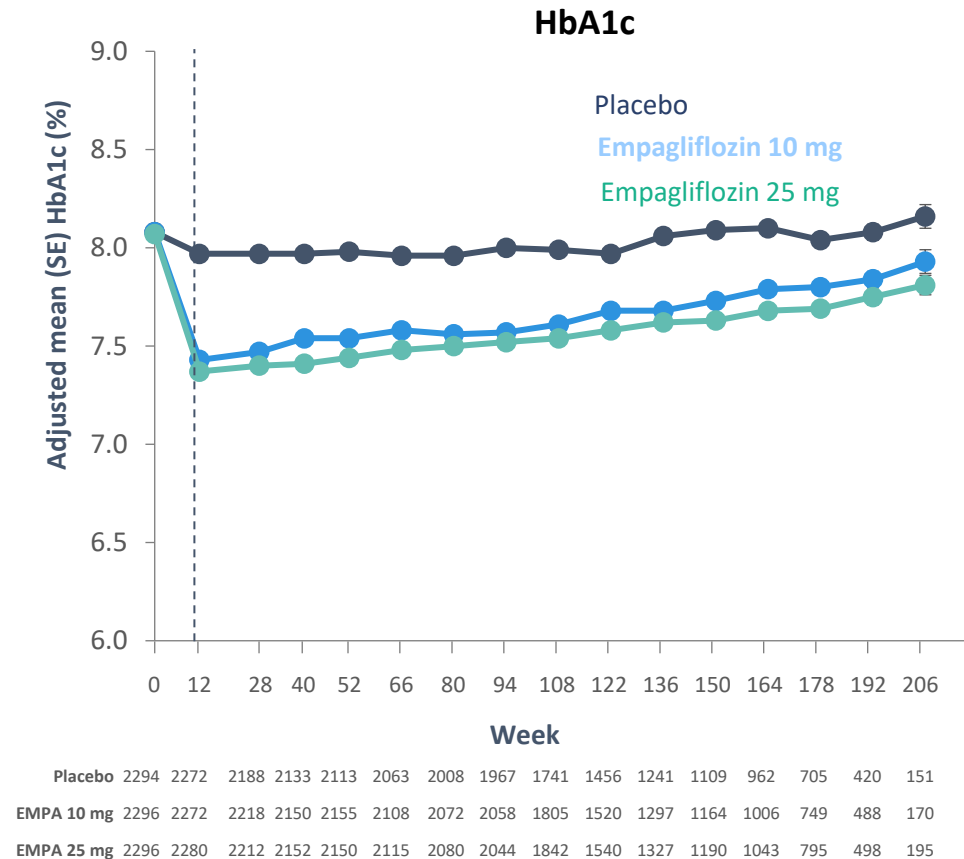


EMPA-REG OUTCOME® Hospitalization for Heart Failure¹





Mean adjusted HbA1c and weight parameters¹

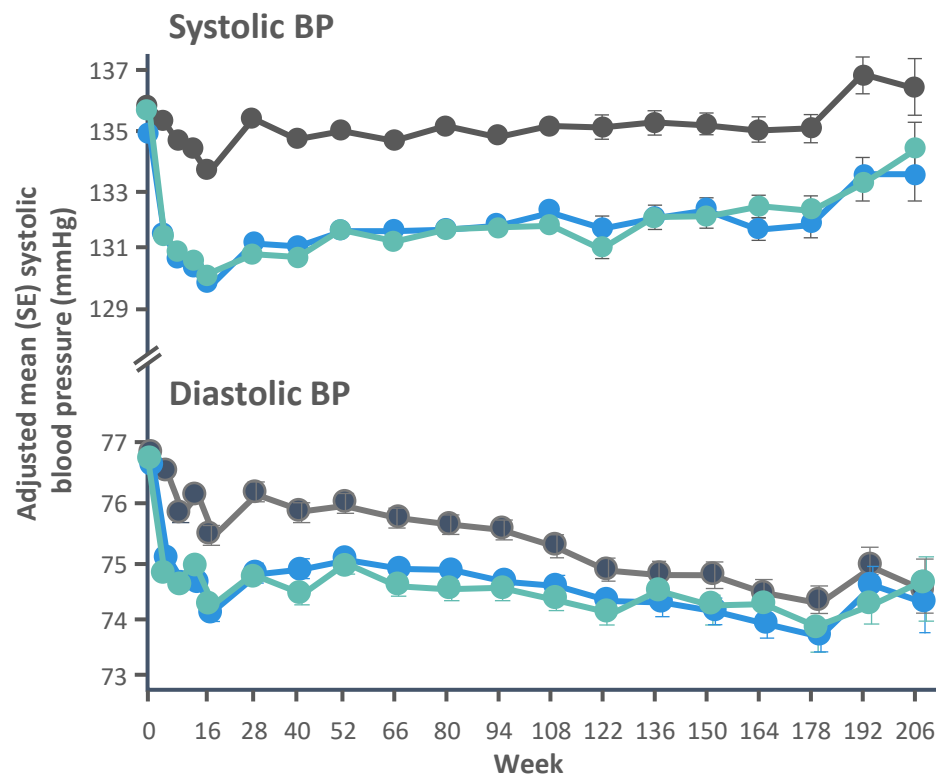


All patients (including those who discontinued study drug or initiated new therapies) were included in this mixed model repeated measures analysis (intent to treat)

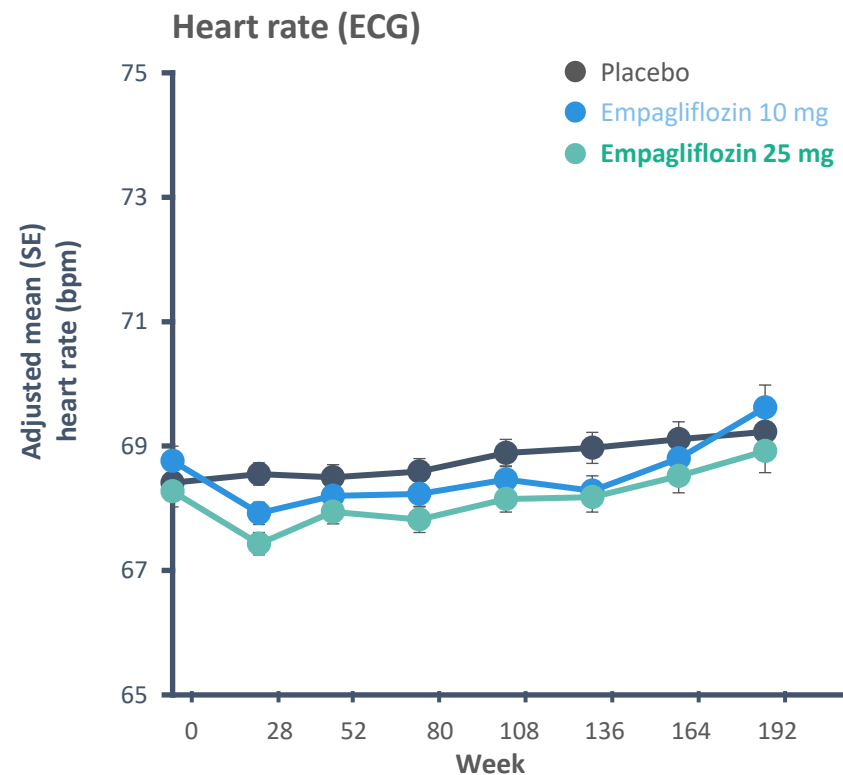
X-axis: time points with reasonable amount of data available for prescheduled measurements

EMPA, empagliflozin; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin

Mean adjusted blood pressure parameters¹



Placebo	2322	2235	2203	2161	2133	2073	2024	1974	1771	1492	1274	1126	981	735	450	171
EMPA 10 mg	2322	2250	2235	2193	2174	2125	2095	2072	1853	1556	1327	1189	1034	790	518	199
EMPA 25 mg	2322	2247	2221	2197	2169	2129	2102	2066	1878	1571	1351	1212	1070	842	528	216



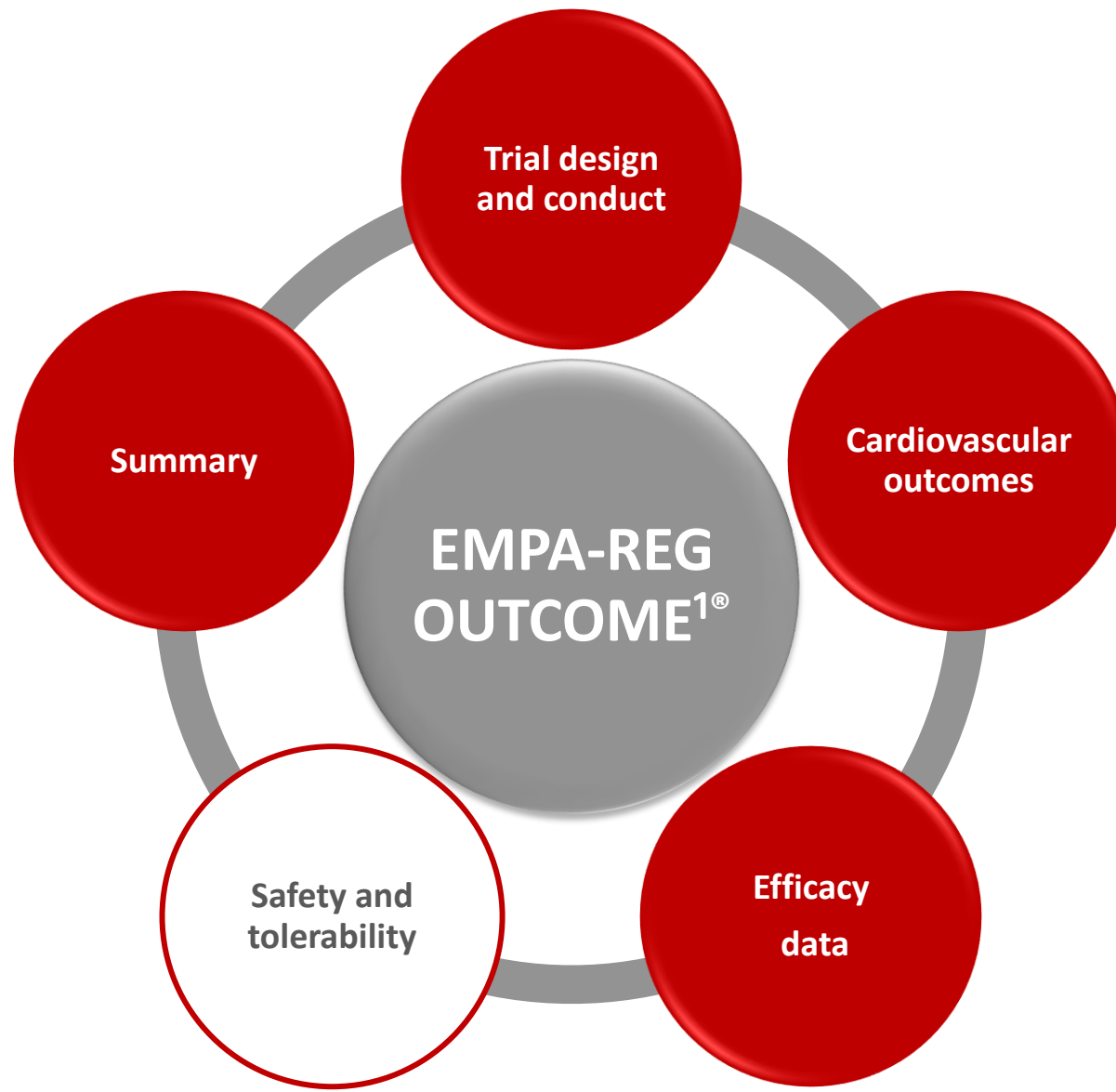
Placebo	2174	2127	2032	1928	1796	1300	1002	552
EMPA 10 mg	2205	2137	2064	2006	1877	1366	1045	597
EMPA 25 mg	2192	2127	2066	2006	1907	1383	1086	633

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BP, blood pressure; ECG, electrocardiogram; EMPA, empagliflozin

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Adverse events^{1,2}

	Placebo (n=2333)		Empagliflozin 10 mg (n=2345)		Empagliflozin 25 mg (n=2342)	
	n (%)	Rate	n (%)	Rate	n (%)	Rate
One or more AE ¹	2139 (91.7)	178.67	2112 (90.1)	150.34	2118 (90.4)	148.36
One or more drug-related* AE ²	549 (23.5)	11.33	666 (28.4)	14.15	643 (27.5)	13.38
One or more AE leading to discontinuation ¹	453 (19.4)	8.26	416 (17.7)	7.28	397 (17.0)	6.89
One or more serious AE ¹	988 (42.3)	22.34	876 (37.4)	18.20	913 (39.0)	19.39

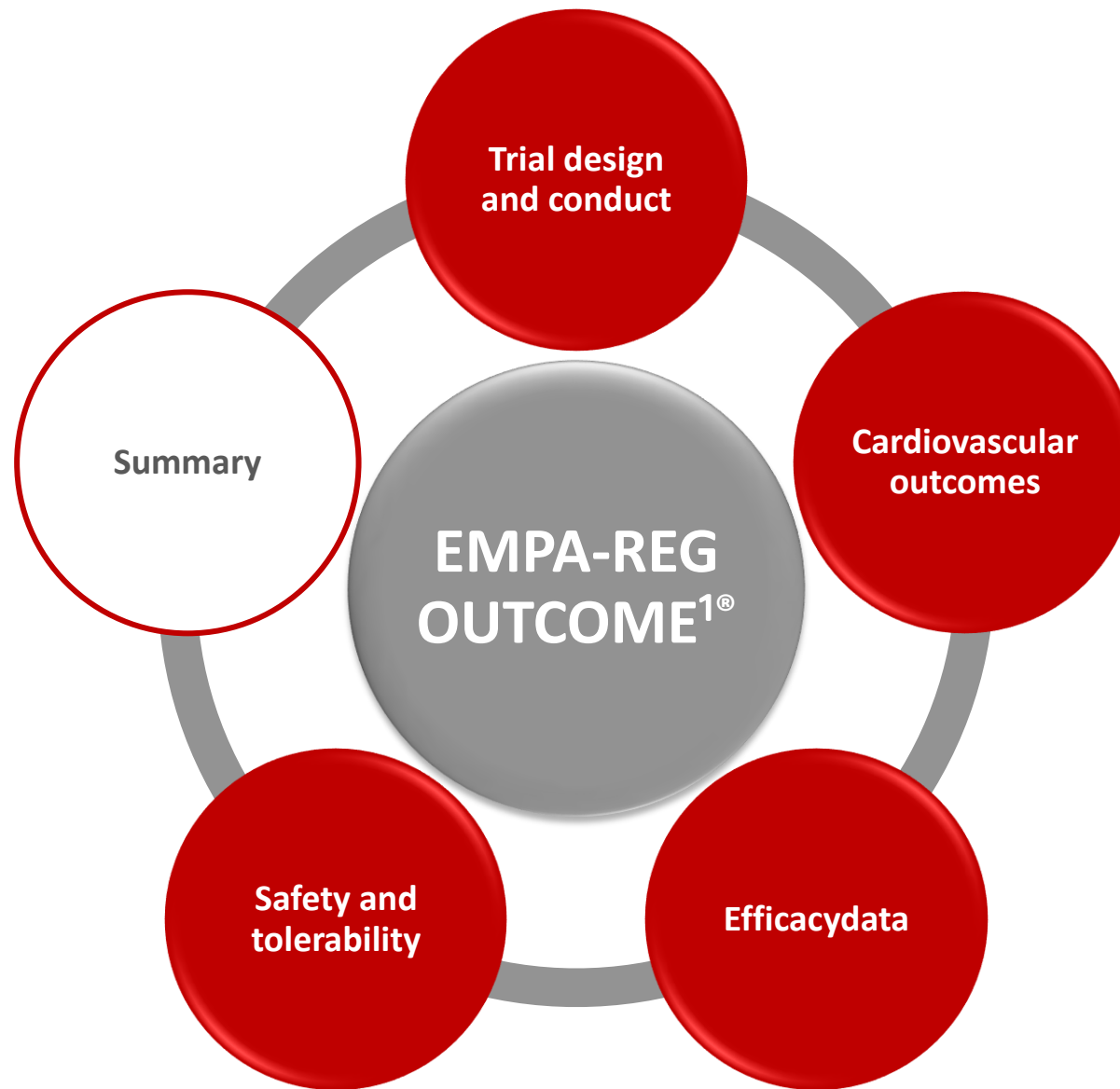
Rate = per100 patient-years

*As reported by the investigator

Patients treated with ≥1 dose of study drug

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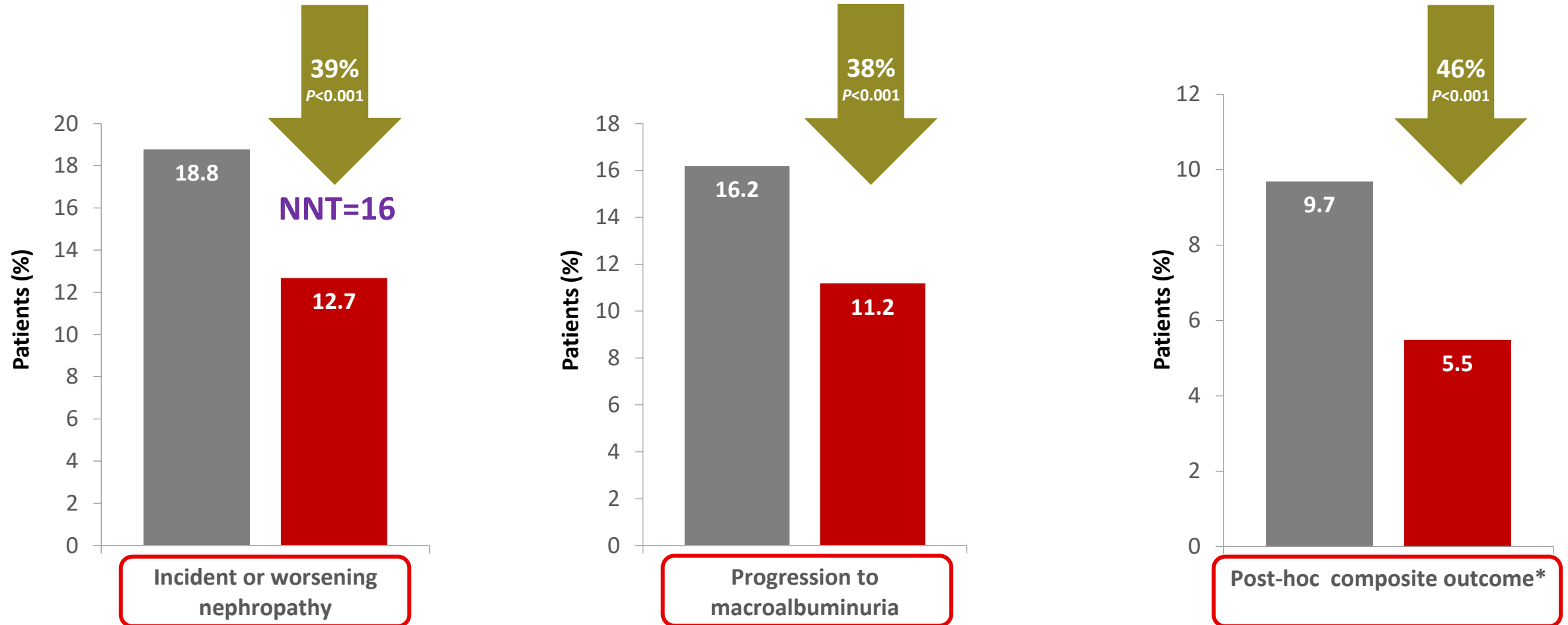
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Empagliflozin and Progression of Kidney Disease in Type 2 Diabetes

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Renal Outcomes with Empagliflozin over 3.2 Years (EMPA-REG RENAL)¹

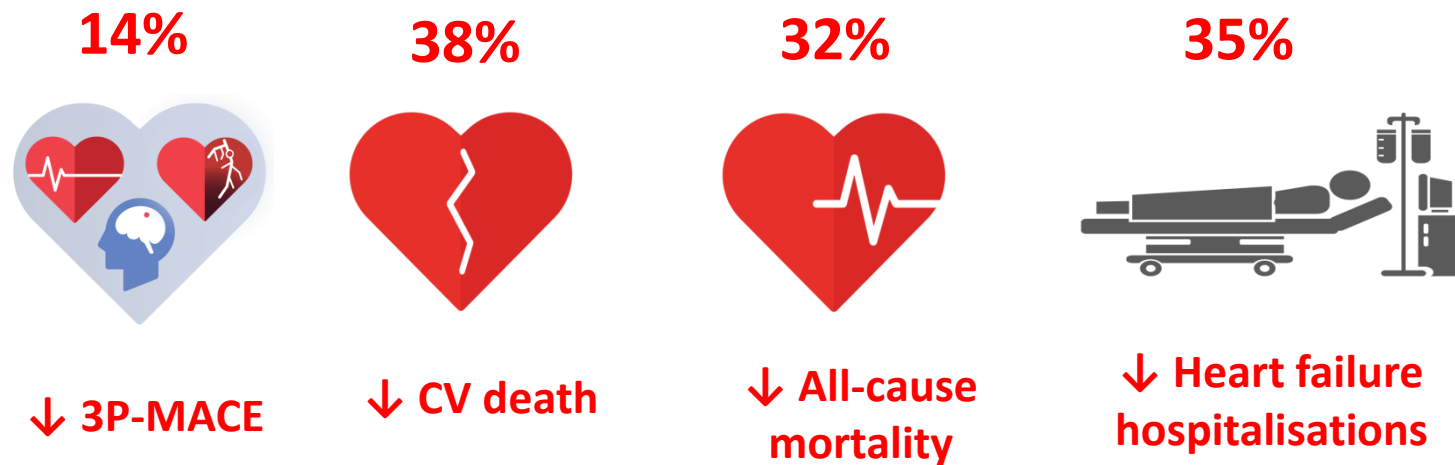


Arrows = relative risk reduction

*Doubling of SCr + eGFR ≤ 45 mL/min/1.73 m², initiation of renal replacement therapy, or death from renal disease.

EMPA-REG OUTCOME®: Summary

Empagliflozin in addition to standard of care reduced CV risk and improved overall survival in adults with T2D at high CV risk¹



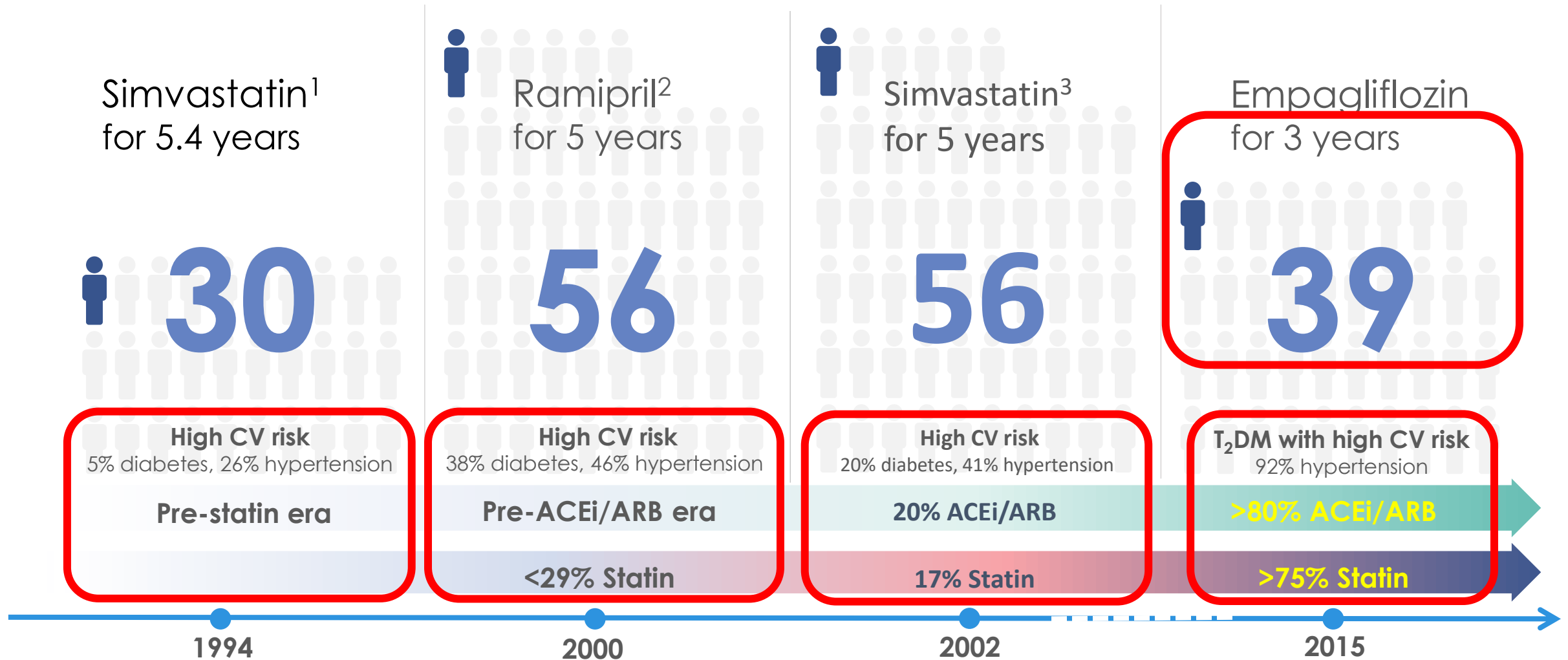
The overall safety profile of empagliflozin was consistent with previous clinical trials and current label information¹

3P-MACE, 3-point major adverse cardiovascular events

Empagliflozin is not indicated for CV risk reduction. CV, cardiovascular; T2D, type 2 diabetes

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NNT to Prevent One Death Across Major Trials in Patients with High CV Risk



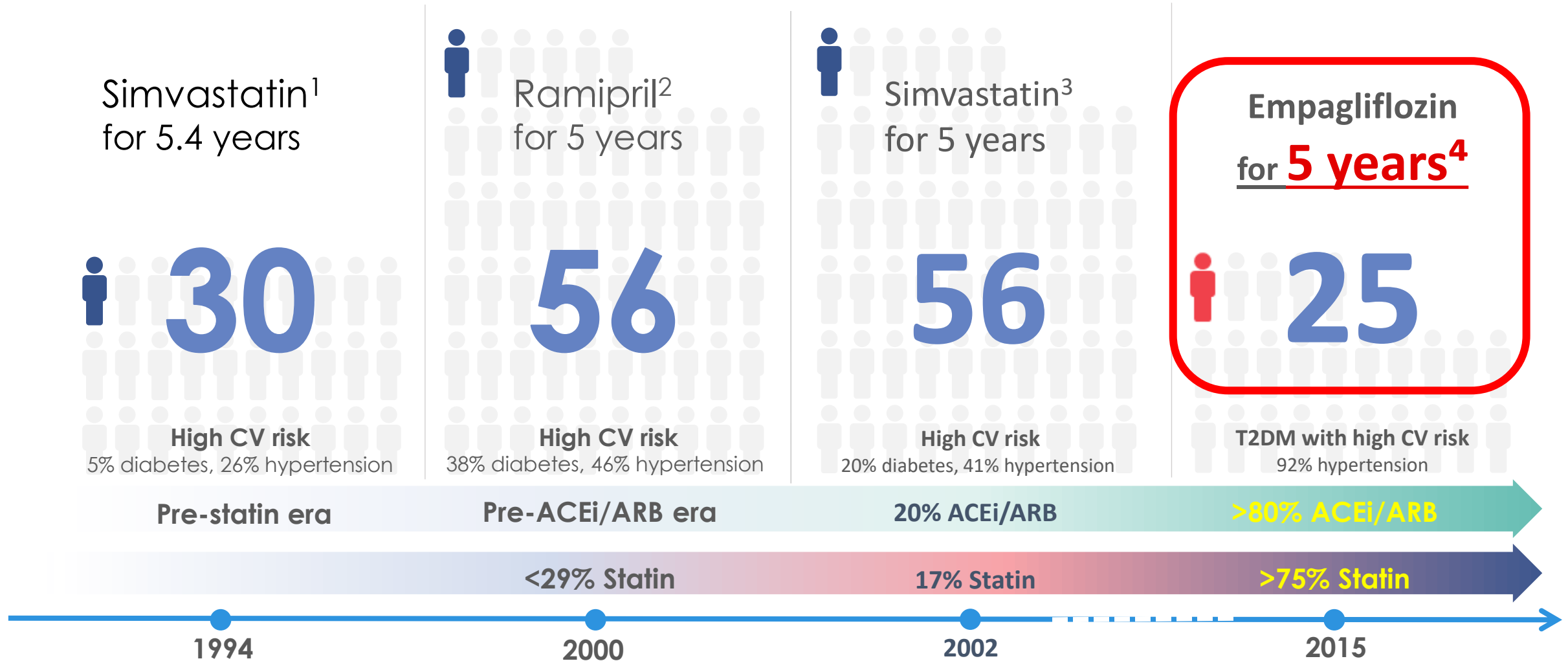
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EMPEROR-Reduced trial

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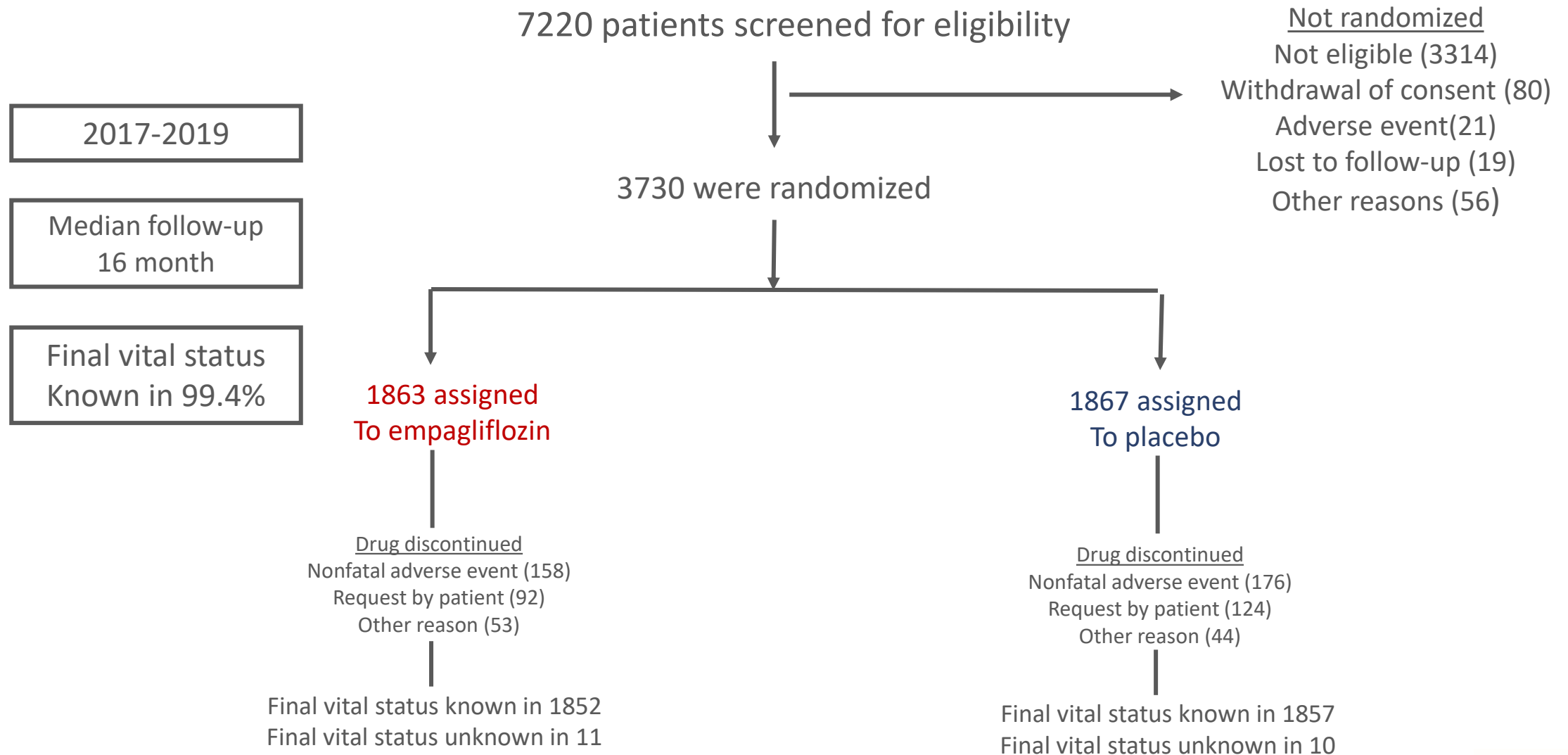
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Objective¹:

The **EMPEROR-Reduced trial** was designed to evaluate the effects of empagliflozin 10 mg once daily (as compared with placebo) in patients with heart failure and a **reduced** ejection fraction, with or without diabetes, who were already receiving all appropriate treatments for heart failure.

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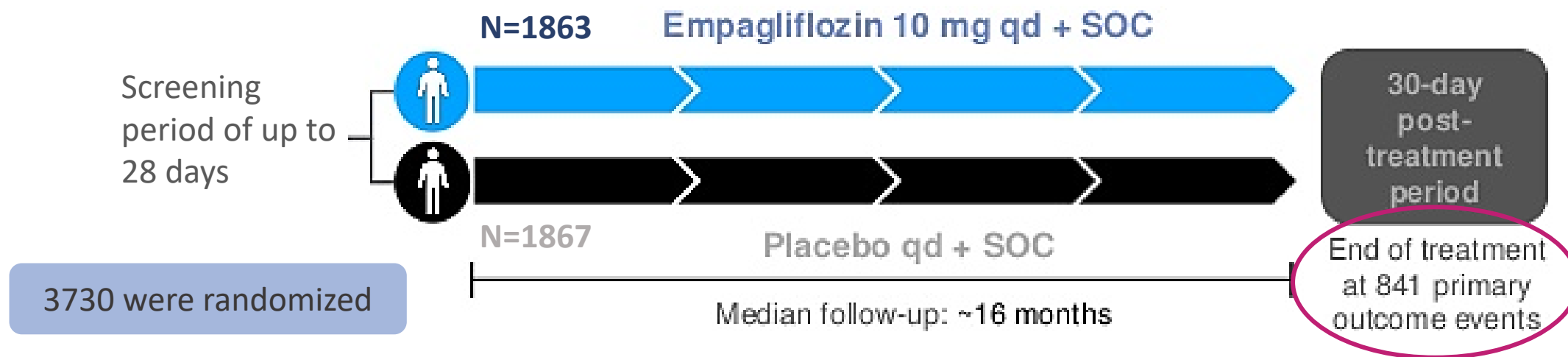
EMPEROR-Reduced: Patient Disposition¹



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Trial Design¹

Patients must be receiving all appropriate treatments for HF



SOC; Standard Of Care

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EMPEROR-Reduced trial specified only three endpoints to be tested in hierarchical manner¹



- ✓ Primary End point
Composite of cardiovascular death Or heart failure hospitalization



- ✓ First Secondary End point
Total (first and recurrent) heart failure hospitalization



- ✓ Second Secondary End point
Slope of decline in glomerular Filtration rate over time

- ✓ Other pre-specific end points:
Composite renal endpoints, KCCQ clinical summary score, total number of hospitalization for any reason ,
all-cause mortality, new onset diabetes

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Inclusion criteria¹

The study included patients with **Chronic HF** with reduced ejection fraction

Key inclusion criteria:

- NYHA class II-IV
- Elevated NT-pro BNP
- Guideline recommendation medication stable ≥ 1 week prior to first visit
- eGFR ≥ 20 ml/min/1.73 m²

EF%	NT-proBNP (pg/ml) Patients without AF	NT-proBNP (pg/ml) Patients with AF
≥ 36 to ≤ 40	≥ 2500	≥ 5000
≥ 31 to ≤ 35	≥ 1000	≥ 2000
≤ 30	≥ 600	≥ 1200
> 40+HHF within 12 months	≥ 600	≥ 1200

NYHA; New York Heart Association

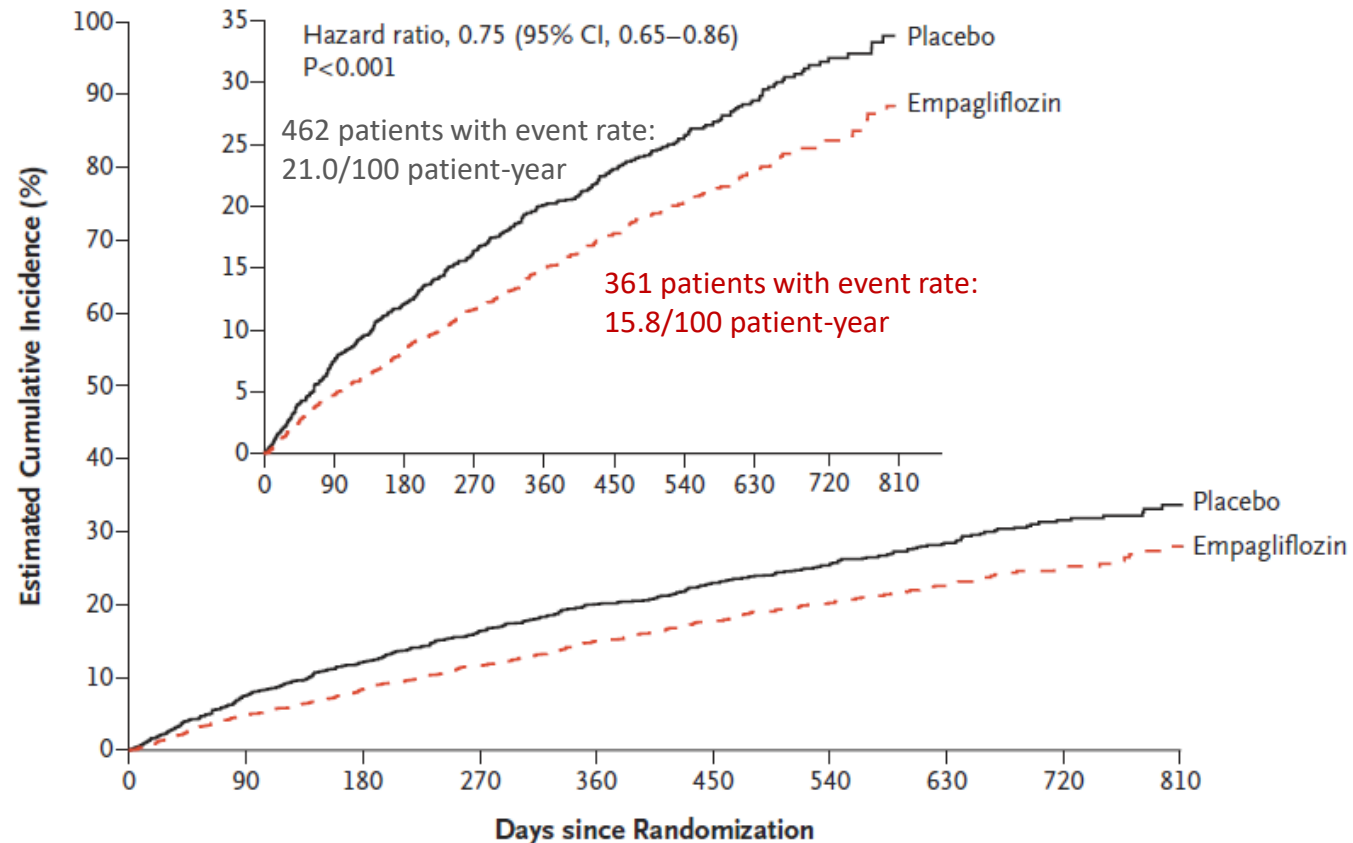
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Base-Line Characteristic of Patients¹

Characteristic	Empagliflozin (N= 1863)	Placebo (N= 1867)
NYHA functional class — no. (%)		
II	1399 (75.1)	1401 (75.0)
III	455 (24.4)	455 (24.4)
IV	9 (0.5)	11 (0.6)
Left ventricular ejection fraction		
Mean value	27.7±6.0	27.2±6.1
Value of ≤30% — no. (%)	1337 (71.8)	1392 (74.6)
Cardiovascular history — no. (%)		
Hospitalization for heart failure in ≤12 mo	577 (31.0)	574 (30.7)
Atrial fibrillation	664 (35.6)	705 (37.8)
Diabetes mellitus	927 (49.8)	929 (49.8)
Hypertension	1349 (72.4)	1349 (72.3)
NT-proBNP		
Median value (IQR) — pg/ml	1887 (1077–3429)	1926 (1153–3525)
Value of ≥1000 pg/ml — no./total no. (%)	1463/1862 (78.6)	1488/1866 (79.7)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate		
Mean value — ml/min/1.73 m ²	61.8±21.7	62.2±21.5
Value of <60 ml/min/1.73 m ² — no./total no. (%)	893/1862 (48.0)	906/1866 (48.6)
Heart failure medication — no. (%)		
Renin–angiotensin inhibitor§		
Without neprilysin inhibitor	1314 (70.5)	1286 (68.9)
With neprilysin inhibitor	340 (18.3)	387 (20.7)

Empagliflozin Group Had Lower Incidence of Cardiovascular Death or Hospitalization for Heart Failure¹

A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

Placebo	1867	1715	1612	1345	1108	854	611	410	224	109
Empagliflozin	1863	1763	1677	1424	1172	909	645	423	231	101



25% RRR

$p < 0.001$

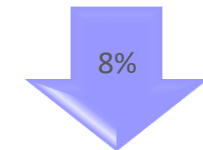
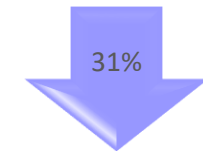
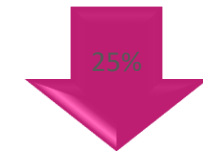
19.4% vs 24.7%

HR = 0.75 (0.65-0.86)

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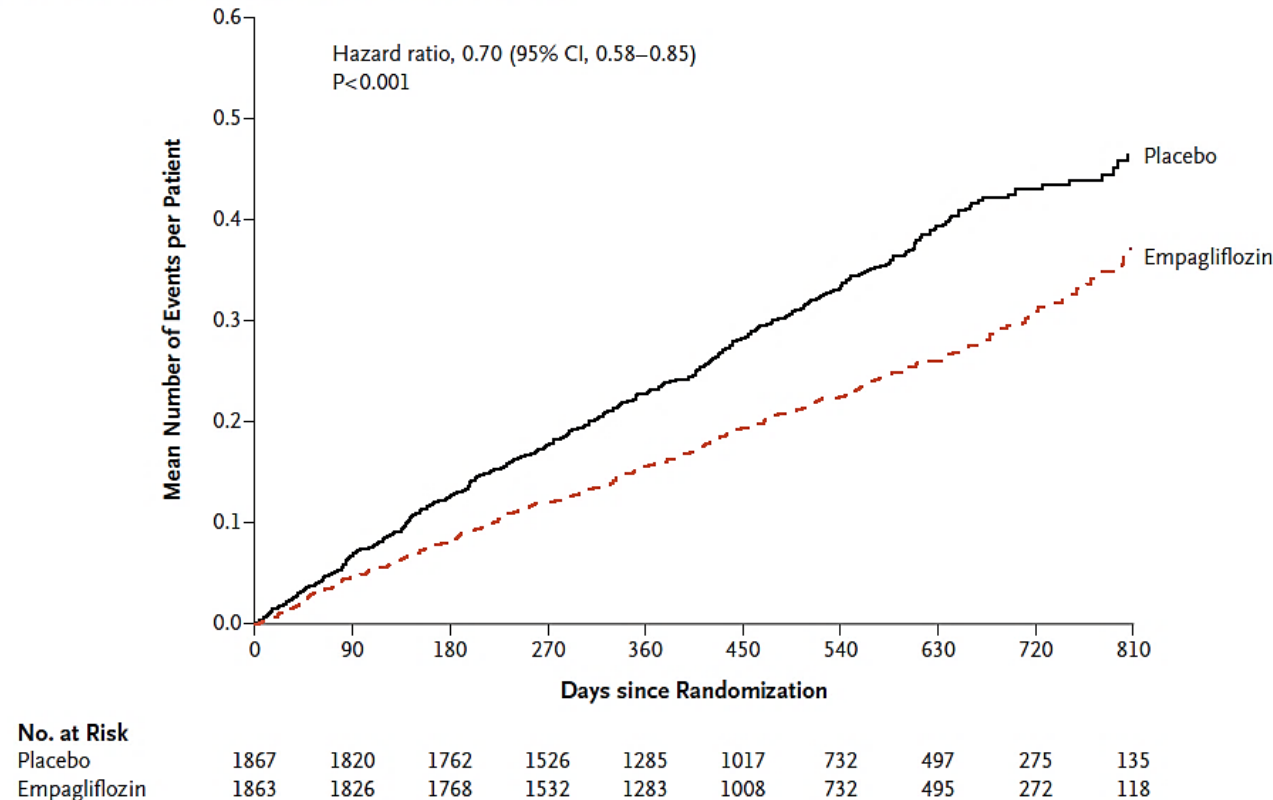
Effect on individual components of the primary endpoint¹

	Empagliflozin (n=1863)		Placebo (n=1867)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P value
	Number of events (%)	Events/100 patient-yr	Number of events (%)	Events/100 patient-yr		
Primary composite outcome	361 (19.4%)	15.8	462 (24.7%)	21.0	0.75 (0.65 – 0.86)	<0.001
First hospitalization for heart failure	246 (13.2%)	10.7	342 (18.3%)	15.5	0.69 (0.59 – 0.81)	
Cardiovascular death	187 (10.0%)	7.6	202 (10.8%)	8.1	0.92 (0.75 – 1.12)	



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Empagliflozin-Treated Patients Had lower Risk of Hospitalization for Heart Failure¹



30% RRR

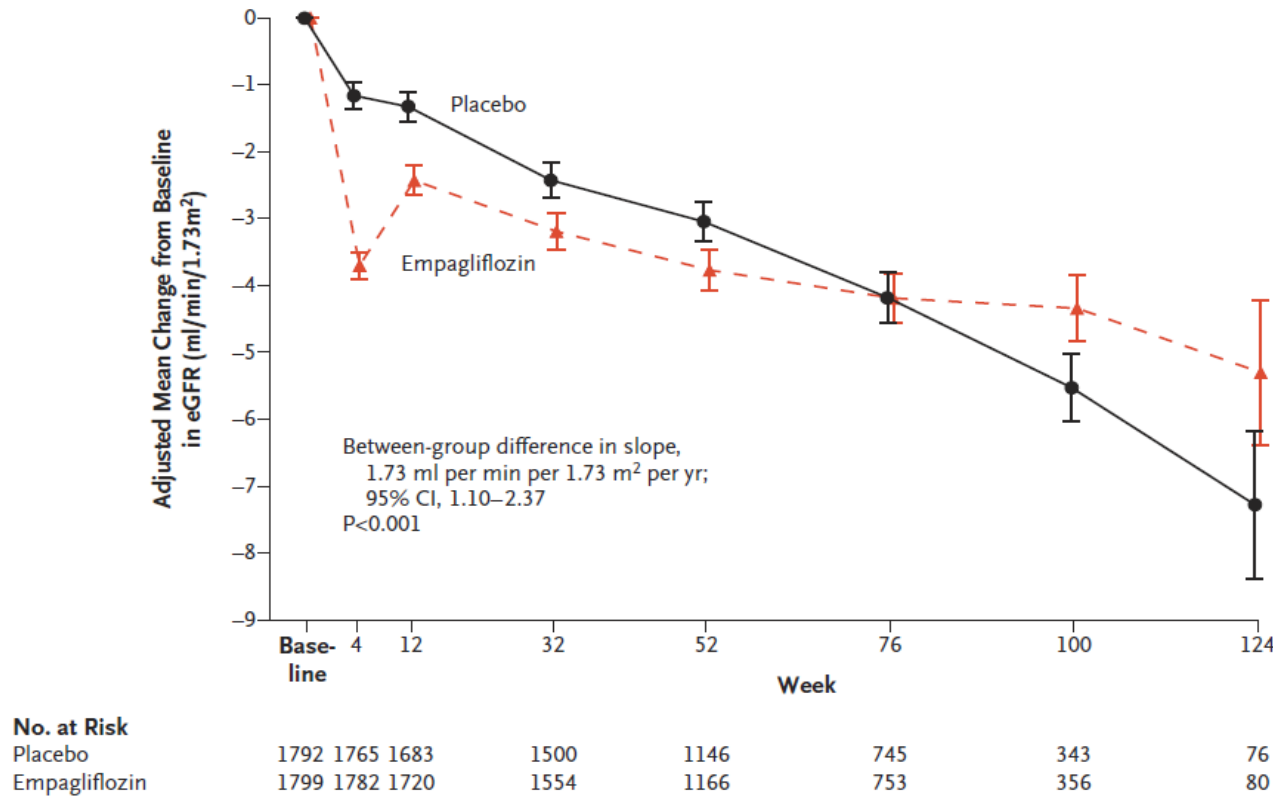
$p < 0.001$

388 Vs 553

HR=0.70 (0.58-0.85)

- ✓ The total number of hospitalizations for heart failure was lower in the empagliflozin group than in the placebo group, with 388 events and 553 events, respectively (hazard ratio, 0.70; 95% CI, 0.58 to 0.85; P<0.001)

Empagliflozin Decreased the Slope of eGFR Reduction Significantly Over the Time vs Placebo¹



–2.28 ml / min / 1.73 m² / year
On placebo

– 0.55 ml /min/1.73 m² / year
On Empagliflozin

1.73 ml / min / 1.73 m² / year

P < 0.001

- ✓ Empagliflozin was associated with a slower progressive decline in renal function in patients with chronic HF and a reduced EF, regardless of the presence or absence of diabetes².

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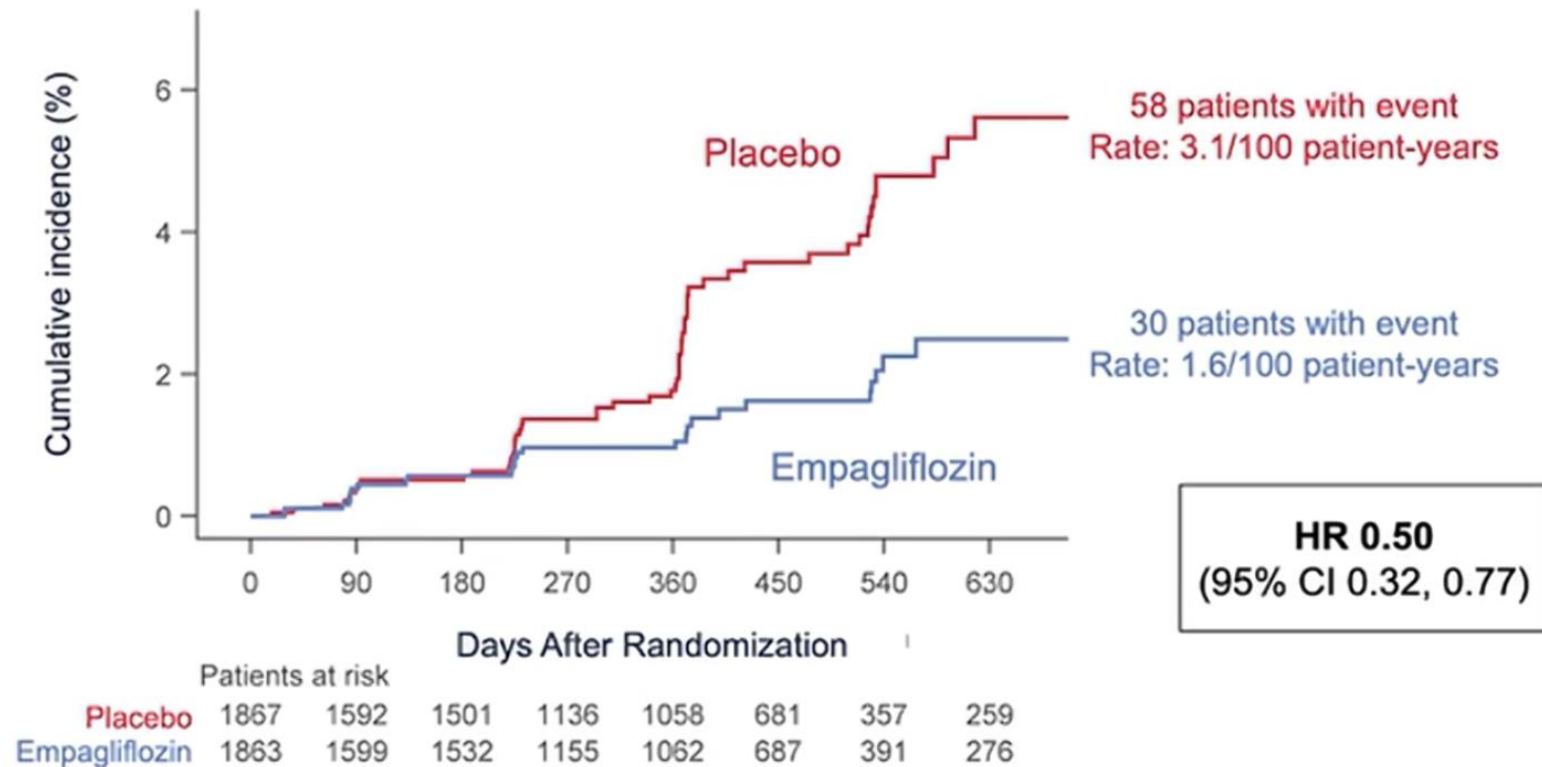
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EMPEROR-Reduced trial achieved all three hierarchically specified endpoints at $p < 0.001$ ¹

	Primary Endpoint Composite of cardiovascular death or heart failure hospitalization	Achieved $P < 0.001$
	First Secondary Endpoint Total (first and recurrent heart failure hospitalizations)	Achieved $P < 0.001$
	Second Secondary Endpoint Slope of decline in glomerular filtration rate over time	Achieved $P < 0.001$

Also achieved success on composite renal endpoint, KCCQ clinical summary score, and total number of hospitalizations for any reason (all nominal $P < 0.01$)

Empagliflozin reduced composite renal endpoint by 50%¹



50%
composite renal
endpoint
reduction

- ✓ a composite renal outcome (chronic dialysis or renal transplantation or a profound, sustained reduction in the estimated GFR) occurred in 30 patients (1.6%) in the empagliflozin group and in 58 patients (3.1%) in the placebo group (hazard ratio, 0.50; 95% CI, 0.32 to 0.77)

1-<https://www.radcliffecardiology.com/emperor-reduced-milton-packer-harriette-van-spall>

EMPEROR-Reduced: Adverse events¹

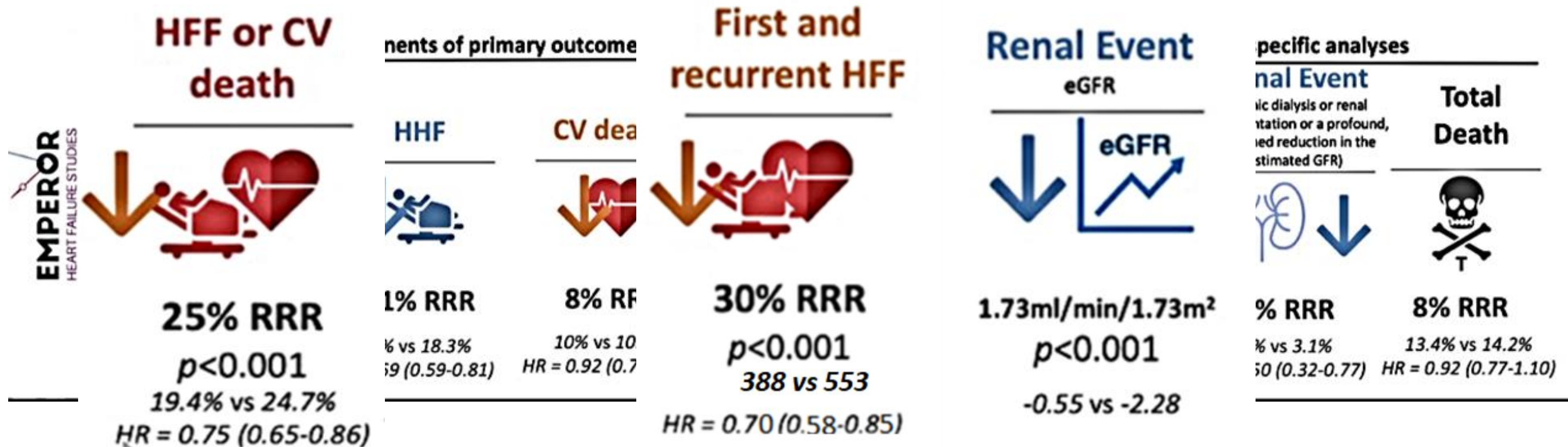
- ✓ Uncomplicated genital tract infection was reported more frequently with empagliflozin than with placebo².
- ✓ Safety concerns that have been seen with other drugs for heart Failure (e.g., hypotension, volume depletion, renal dysfunction, bradycardia, and hyperkalemia) were not evident with empagliflozin².

	Empagliflozin (n=1863)	Placebo (n=1863)
Serious adverse events	772 (41.4)	896 (48.1)
Related to cardiac disorder	500 (26.8)	634 (34.0)
Related to worsening renal function	59 (3.2)	95 (5.1)
<i>Selected adverse events of special interest</i>		
Volume depletion	197 (10.6)	184 (9.9)
Hypotension	176 (9.4)	163 (8.7)
Symptomatic hypotension	106 (5.7)	103 (5.5)
Hypoglycemia	27 (1.4)	28 (1.5)
Ketoacidosis	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Urinary tract infections	91 (4.9)	83 (4.5)
Genital tract infections	31 (1.7)	12 (0.6)
Bone fractures	45 (2.4)	42 (2.3)
Lower limb amputations	13 (0.7)	10 (0.5)

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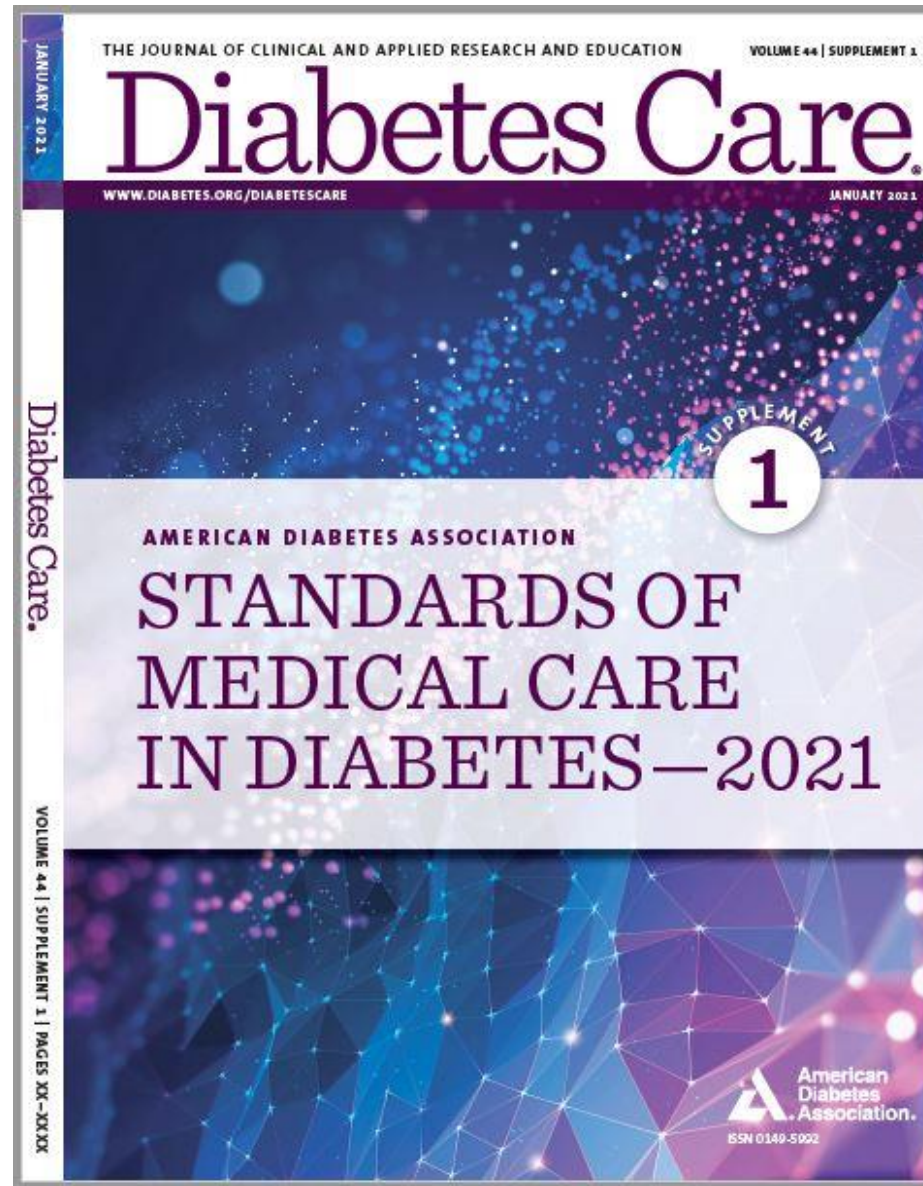
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Conclusion¹



- ✓ Overall, in this trial, empagliflozin was associated with a lower combined risk of cardiovascular death or hospitalization for heart failure than placebo and with a slower progressive decline in renal function in patients with chronic heart failure and a reduced ejection fraction, regardless of the presence or absence of diabetes.

Guidelines Recommendations



FIRST-LINE Therapy is Metformin and Comprehensive Lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)

INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF†

CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C, INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET, OR METFORMIN USE*

+ASCVD/Indicators of High Risk

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age ≥ 55 years with coronary, carotid, or lower-extremity artery stenosis $>50\%$, or LVH)

EITHER/ OR

- GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹
- SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹

If A1C above target

If further intensification is required or patient is unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV benefit and/or safety:

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit and vice versa¹
- TZD²
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin³
- SU⁴

+HF

Particularly HFrEF (LVEF $<45\%$)

SGLT2i with proven benefit in this population^{5,6,7}

+CKD

DKD and Albuminuria⁸

NO

PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression

OR

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing CKD progression in CVOTs^{5,6,8}

OR

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹ if SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated

For patients with T2D and CKD⁹ (e.g., eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²) and thus at increased risk of cardiovascular events

EITHER/ OR

- GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹
- SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit^{1,7}

NO

IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA

DPP-4i	GLP-1 RA	SGLT2i	TZD
If A1C above target	If A1C above target	If A1C above target	If A1C above target
SGLT2i OR TZD	SGLT2i OR TZD	GLP-1 RA OR DPP-4i OR TZD	SGLT2i OR DPP-4i OR GLP-1 RA

If A1C above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If A1C above target

Consider the addition of SU⁴ **OR** basal insulin:

- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia⁸

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS

EITHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss¹⁰

SGLT2i

If A1C above target

SGLT2i

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss¹⁰

If A1C above target

If quadruple therapy required, or SGLT2i and/or GLP-1 RA not tolerated or contraindicated, use regimen with lowest risk of weight gain

PREFERABLY

DPP-4i (if not on GLP-1 RA) based on weight neutrality

If DPP-4i not tolerated or contraindicated or patient already on GLP-1 RA, cautious addition of:
• SU⁴ • TZD² • Basal insulin

COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE^{11,12}

SU⁴

TZD¹²

If A1C above target

TZD¹²

SU⁴

If A1C above target

Insulin therapy basal insulin with lowest acquisition cost

OR

Consider other therapies based on cost

- Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events
- Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
- Degludec or U-100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety
- Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia; glimepiride has shown similar CV safety to DPP-4i
- Be aware that SGLT2i labelling varies by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
- Empagliflozin, canagliflozin, and dapagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and to reduce CKD progression in CVOTs. Canagliflozin and dapagliflozin have primary renal outcome data. Dapagliflozin and empagliflozin have primary heart failure outcome data.

- Proven benefit means it has label indication of reducing heart failure in this population
- Refer to Section 11: Microvascular Complications and Foot Care
- Degludec / glargine U-300 < glargine U-100 / detemir < NPH Insulin
- Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide
- If no specific comorbidities (i.e., no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycemia, and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)
- Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs are relatively more expensive and DPP-4i are relatively cheaper.

† Actioned whenever these become new clinical considerations regardless of background glucose-lowering medications.

* Most patients enrolled in the relevant trials were on metformin at baseline as glucose-lowering therapy.

Empagliflozin vs. Liraglutide

Agent	Ease of use	Cost	ASCVD	NNT in CVOTs	↓ CKD progression	Use in HF	eGFR<45 ml/min	Glycemic efficacy	Weight loss
Liraglutide ²									
Empagliflozin ¹									

1-Zinman B et al,. Empagliflozin, cardiovascular outcomes, and mortality in type 2 diabetes. New England Journal of Medicine. 2015; 26;373(22):2117-28.

2-Marso SP et al,. Liraglutide and cardiovascular outcomes in type 2 diabetes. New England Journal of Medicine. 2016; 28;375(4):311-22.

Administration, Cautions, Side effects, Safety profile

Convenience of a once-daily oral treatment¹

- ✓ Recommended starting dose 10 mg once daily
- ✓ Can be taken with/without food in the morning
- ✓ Dose may be increased to 25 mg once daily
- ✓ Can be used alone or in combination with other common therapies:
 - ✓ A lower dose of insulin or insulin secretagogues (eg, sulphonylureas) may be needed to reduce the risk of hypoglycaemia when empagliflozin is used in combination with these agents

1-Jardiance FDA label 2018. Reference ID: 4367802

Empagliflozin in Patients with Renal Impairment

- ✓ No dose adjustment is needed if $\text{eGFR} \geq 45 \text{ mL/min/1.73 m}^2$
- ✓ Empagliflozin should not be initiated in patients with an $\text{eGFR} < 45 \text{ mL/min/1.73 m}^2$
- ✓ Discontinue JARDIANCE if eGFR falls persistently below $45 \text{ mL/min/1.73 m}^2$
- ✓ Assess renal function prior to initiating SGLT2 inhibitor treatment and periodically thereafter

Empagliflozin Safety Profile¹

System organ class	Very common (≥1/10)	Common (≥1/100 to <1/10)	Uncommon (≥1/1,000 to <1/100)	Rare (≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000)
Infections and infestations		Vaginal moniliasis, vulvovaginitis, balanitis and other genital infection Urinary tract infection		
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Hypoglycaemia (when used with SU or insulin)			Diabetic Ketoacidosis*
Skin and subcutaneous disorders		Pruritis (generalised)		
Vascular disorders			Volume depletion	
Renal and urinary disorders		Increased urination	Dysuria	

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Summary

Favorable effects of empagliflozin:

- Weight loss
- HbA_{1c} lowering
- Reduced blood pressure
- Renal & cardiac protection
- Independent to insulin presence
- Mechanism complementary to other therapies
- Reduction of Heart failure hospitalisations in patients with T2D



Thank you