

Empagliflozin

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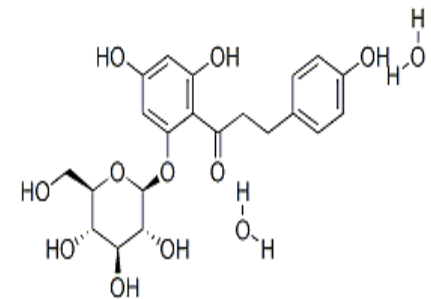
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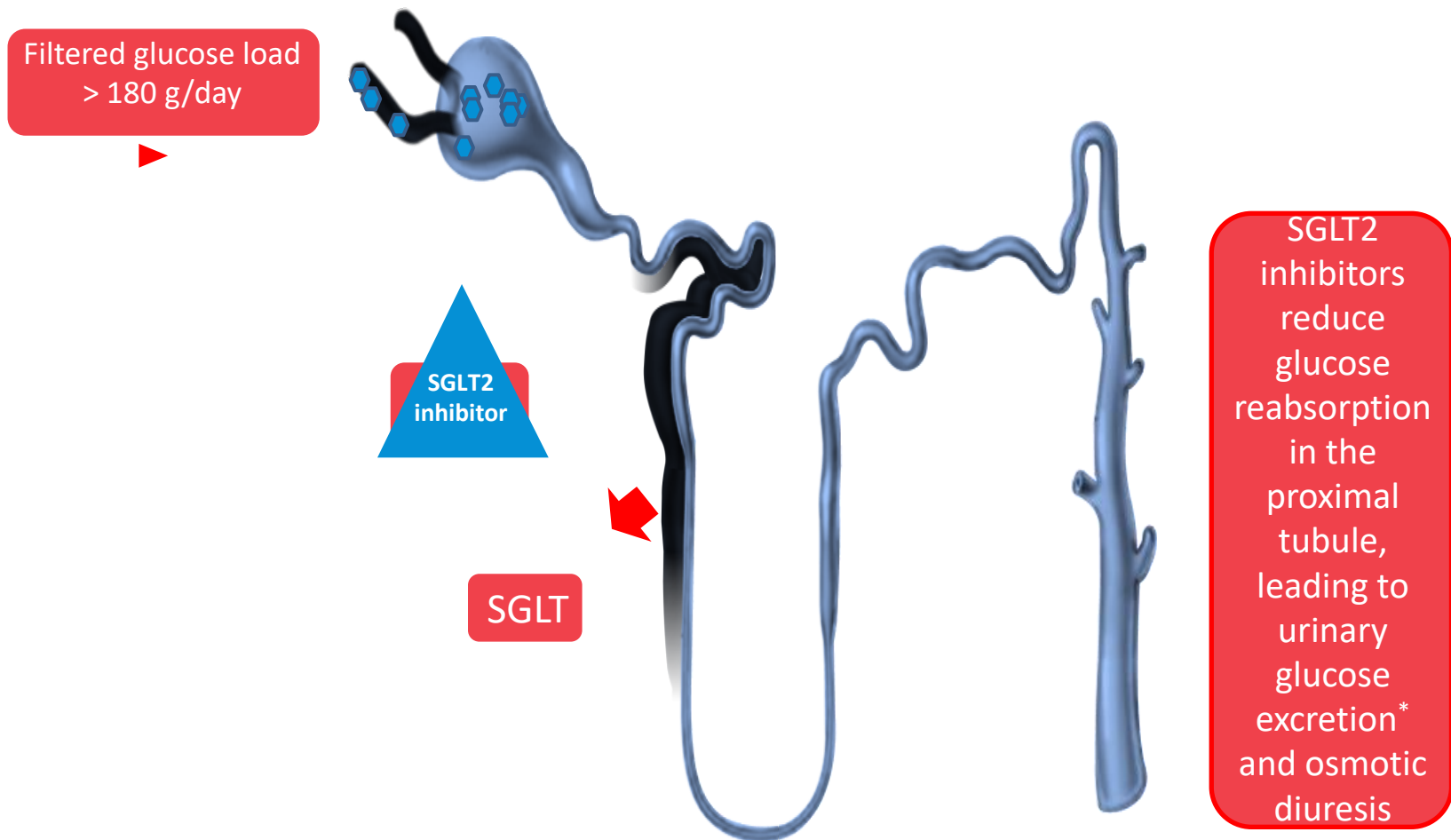
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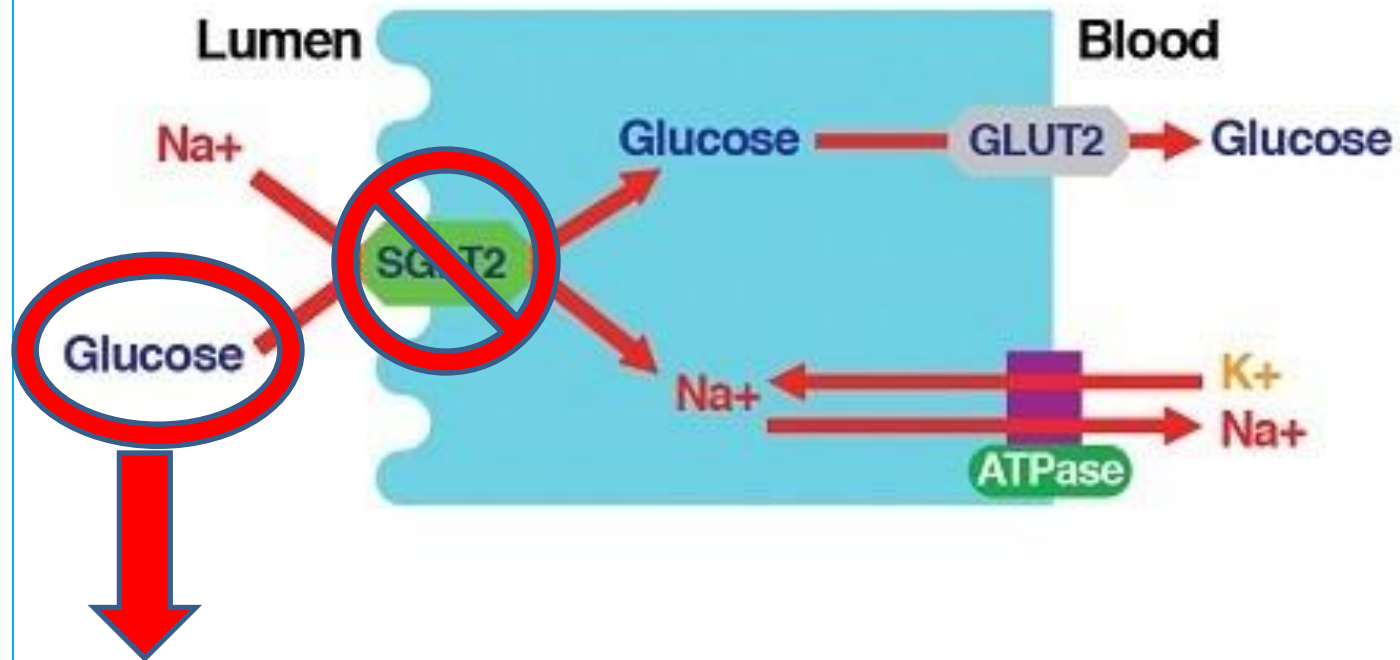
Evolution of clinical use of SGLT2i

- **1835**: French chemists isolated a substance, **phlorizin**, from the **bark of apple trees**.
- **1856**: German scientist Joseph von Mering demonstrated that **phlorizin caused glucosuria**.
- Patients/families described with familial renal glucosuria
- 90's: The human SGLT2 cloned and protein characterized



SGLT2 Inhibitors Mechanism of Action





DM

Start with Monotherapy unless:

A1C is greater than or equal to 9%, **consider Dual Therapy**.

A1C is greater than or equal to 10%, blood glucose is greater than or equal to 300 mg/dL, or patient is markedly symptomatic, **consider Combination Injectable Therapy** (See Figure 8.2).

Monotherapy

Metformin

Lifestyle Management

EFFICACY*	high
HYPO RISK	low risk
WEIGHT	neutral/loss
SIDE EFFECTS	GI/lactic acidosis
COSTS*	low

If A1C target not achieved after approximately 3 months of monotherapy, proceed to 2-drug combination (order not meant to denote any specific preference — choice dependent on a variety of patient- & disease-specific factors):

Dual Therapy

Metformin +

Lifestyle Management

	Sulfonylurea	Thiazolidinedione	DPP-4 inhibitor	SGLT2 inhibitor	GLP-1 receptor agonist	Insulin (basal)
EFFICACY*	high	high	intermediate	intermediate	high	highest
HYPO RISK	moderate risk	low risk	low risk	low risk	low risk	high risk
WEIGHT	gain	gain	neutral	loss	loss	gain
SIDE EFFECTS	hypoglycemia	edema, HF, fxs	rare	GU, dehydration, fxs	GI	hypoglycemia
COSTS*	low	low	high	high	high	high

If A1C target not achieved after approximately 3 months of dual therapy, proceed to 3-drug combination (order not meant to denote any specific preference — choice dependent on a variety of patient- & disease-specific factors):

Triple Therapy

Metformin +

Lifestyle Management

Sulfonylurea +	Thiazolidinedione +	DPP-4 inhibitor +	SGLT2 inhibitor +	GLP-1 receptor agonist +	Insulin (basal) +
TZD	SU	SU	SU	SU	TZD
or DPP-4-i	or DPP-4-i	or TZD	or TZD	or TZD	or DPP-4-i
or SGLT2-i	or SGLT2-i	or SGLT2-i	or DPP-4-i	or SGLT2-i	or SGLT2-i
or GLP-1-RA	or GLP-1-RA	or Insulin*	or GLP-1-RA	or Insulin*	or GLP-1-RA
or Insulin*	or Insulin*		or Insulin*		

SGLT2 inhibitors have been shown to impact CV risk factors in patients with T2DM

SGLT2i with background Metformin	Empagliflozin 10 mg ¹	Canagliflozin 100 mg ²	Dapagliflozin 10 mg ³
HbA1c, %	-0.70	-0.73	-0.84
Weight, kg	-2.08	-3.3	-2.9
Systolic Blood Pressure, mmHg	-4.5	-3.5	-5.1
Diastolic Blood Pressure, mmHg	-2.1	-1.8	-1.8

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Is there any **cardiovascular benefit** of SGLT2 inhibitor therapy?

EMPA-REG Trial

EMPA-REG OUTCOME was
presented at EASD 2015



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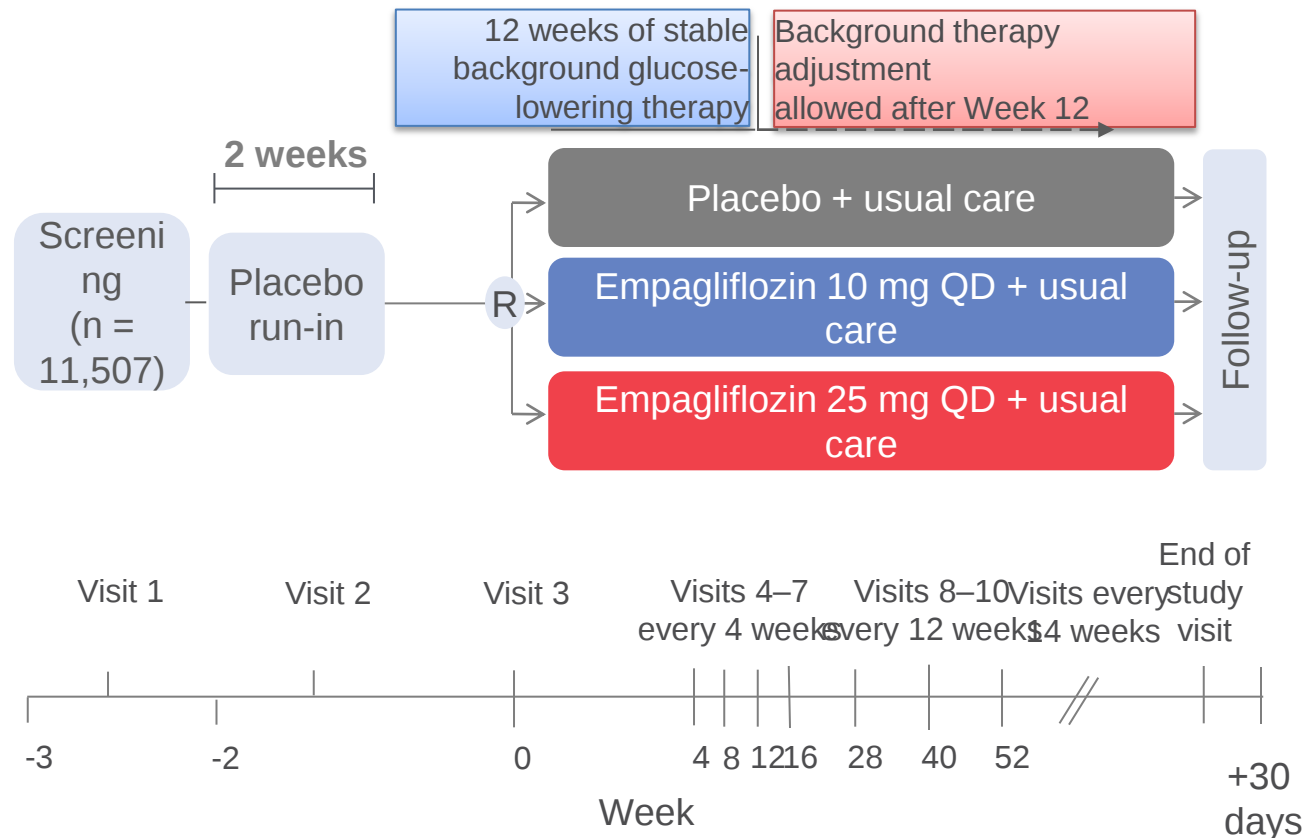


EMPA-REG OUTCOME[®]: Study design

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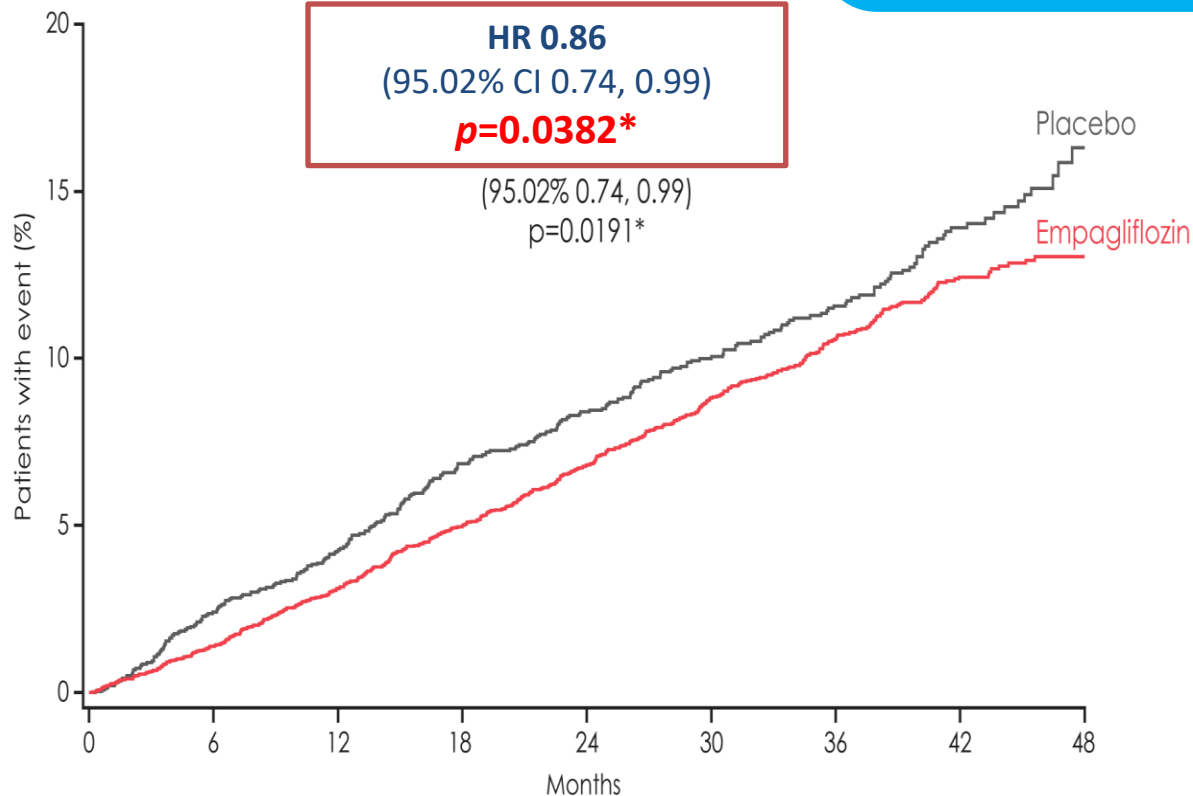
To determine **CV safety** of empagliflozin vs placebo + usual care for **glycaemic control** and CV risk in patients with **T2D and high CV risk**

Compound-specific



Primary outcome: 3-point MACE

- Composite of death from
 - cardiovascular causes,
 - nonfatal MI,
 - nonfatal CVA



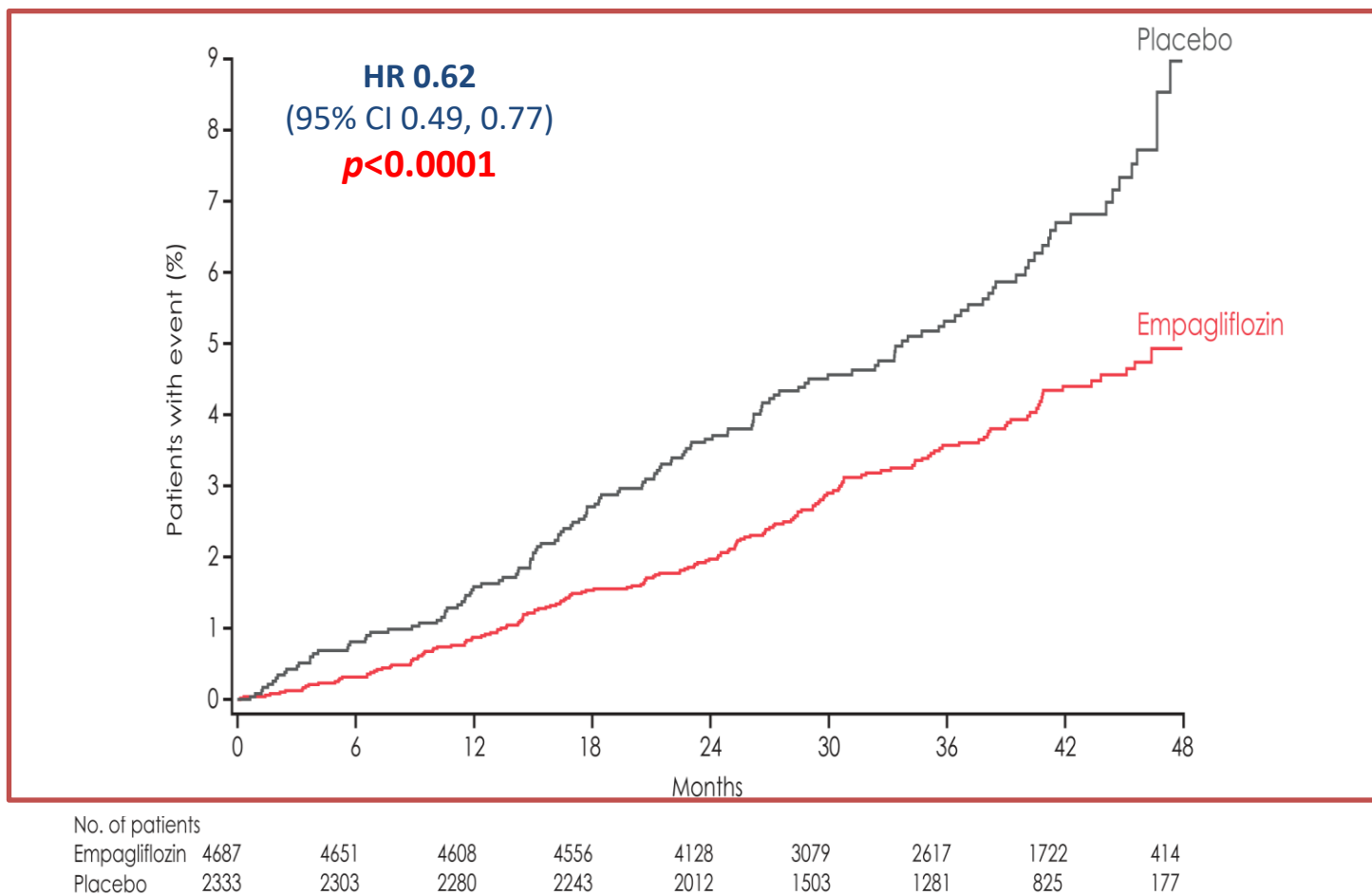
No. of patients

Empagliflozin	4687	4580	4455	4328	3851	2821	2359	1534	370
Placebo	2333	2256	2194	2112	1875	1380	1161	741	166

Cumulative incidence function. MACE, Major Adverse Cardiovascular Event; HR, hazard ratio.

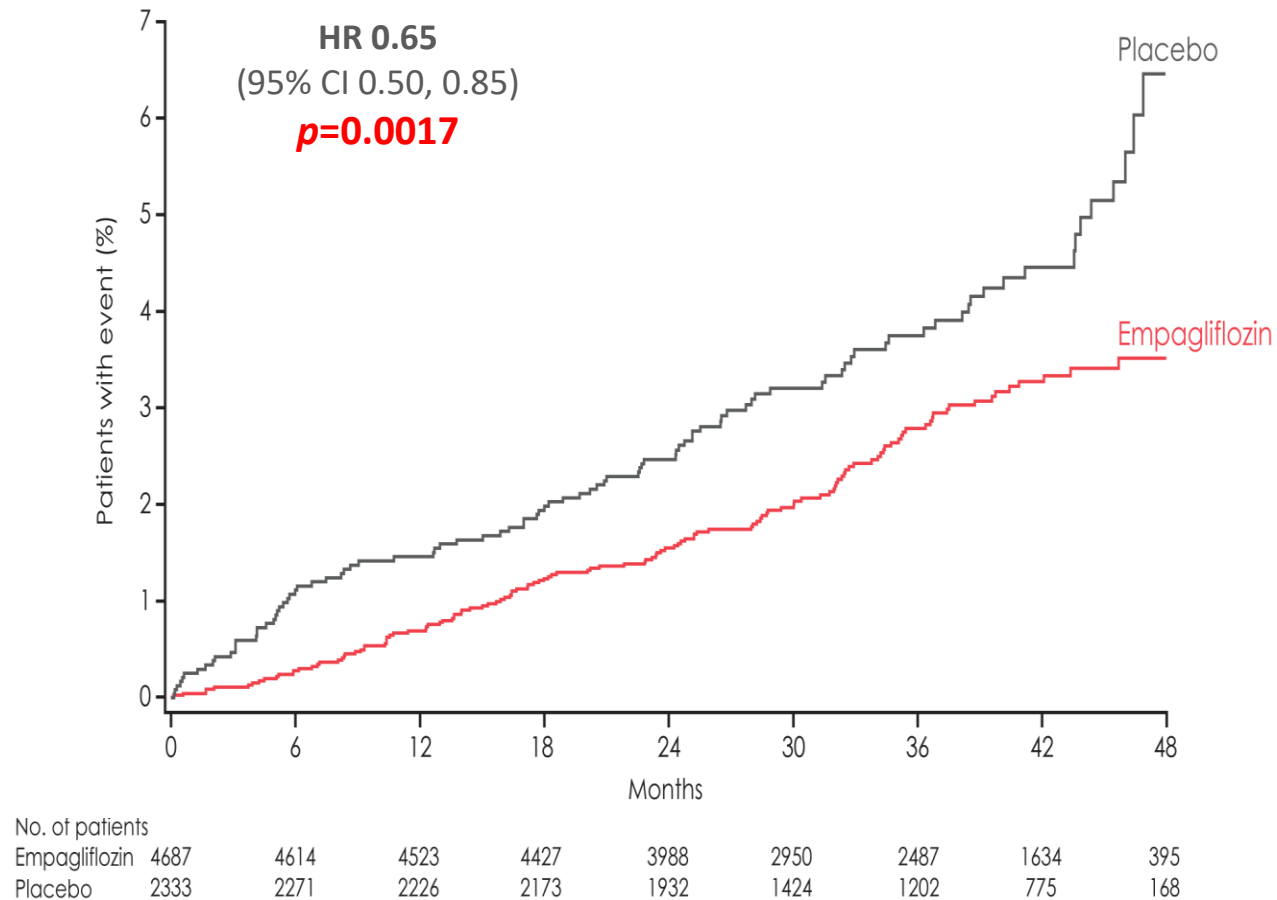
* Two-sided tests for superiority were conducted (statistical significance was indicated if $p \leq 0.0498$)

CV death



Cumulative incidence function. HR, hazard ratio

Hospitalization for heart failure



Cumulative incidence function. HR, hazard ratio

EMPA-REG OUTCOME[®]: Therapeutic considerations

- Empagliflozin, as used in this trial, for 3 years in 1,000 patients with type 2 diabetes at high CV risk:
 - 25 lives saved (82 vs 57 deaths)
 - 22 fewer CV deaths (59 vs 37)
 - 14 fewer hospitalizations for heart failure (42 vs 28)
 - 53 additional genital infections (22 vs 75)

Summary

- SGLT2 Inhibitors were developed as T2DM therapies with a novel glucose lowering mechanism
- In addition to improving glucose control they were associated with weight reduction and no increased risk of hypoglycemia
- Cardiovascular safety studies demonstrated not only CV safety but remarkable CV outcome benefit

ACCUMULATED CV DATA FROM SGLT2I OUTCOMES TRIAL

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Research

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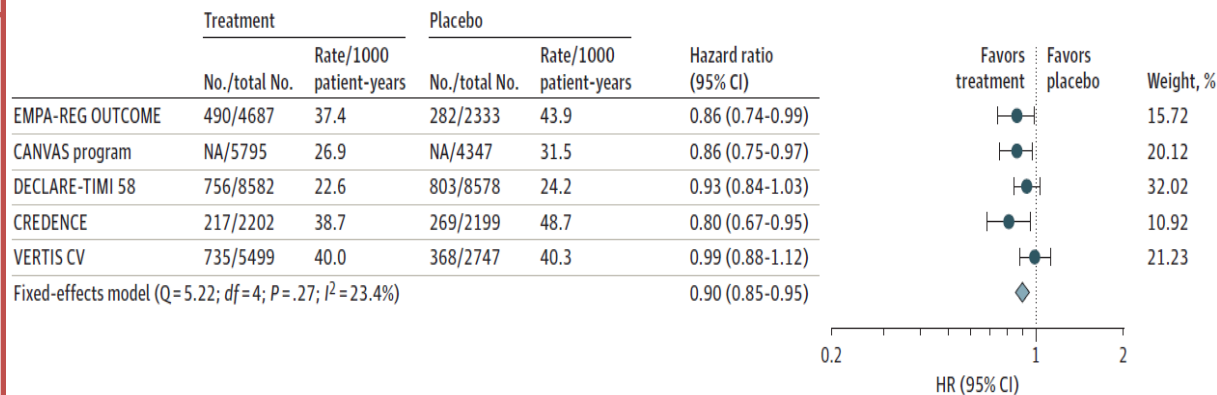
Association of SGLT2 Inhibitors With Cardiovascular and Kidney Outcomes in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes A Meta-analysis

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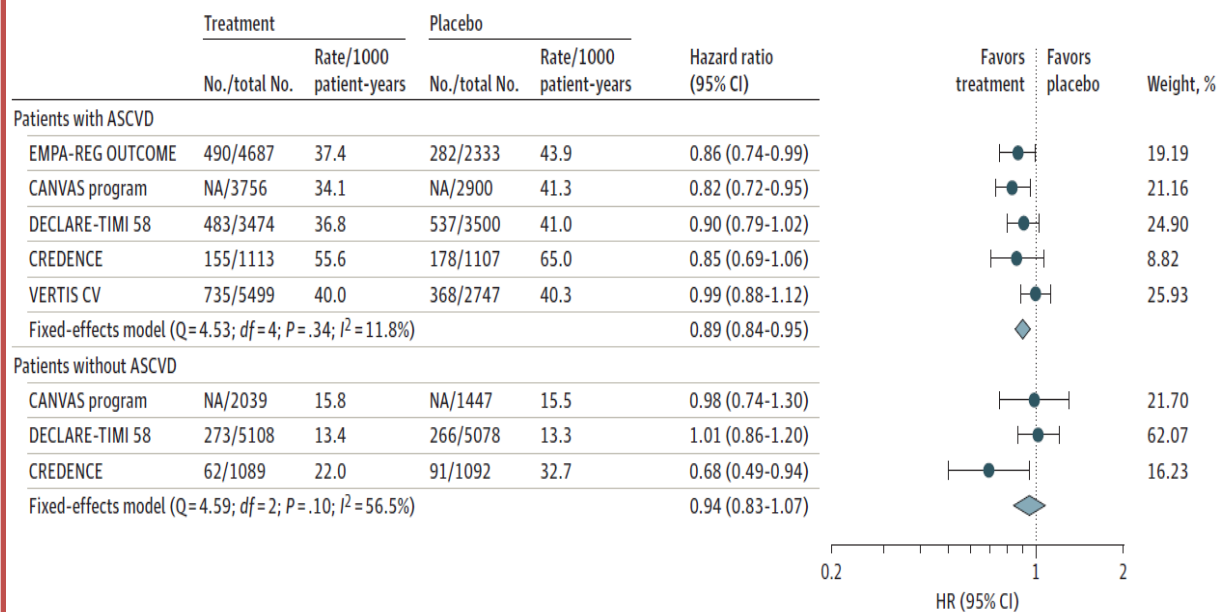
Effects of SGLT2 Inhibitors on Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events—Composite of Myocardial Infarction, Stroke, or Cardiovascular Death

Ertugliflozin

A Overall MACEs

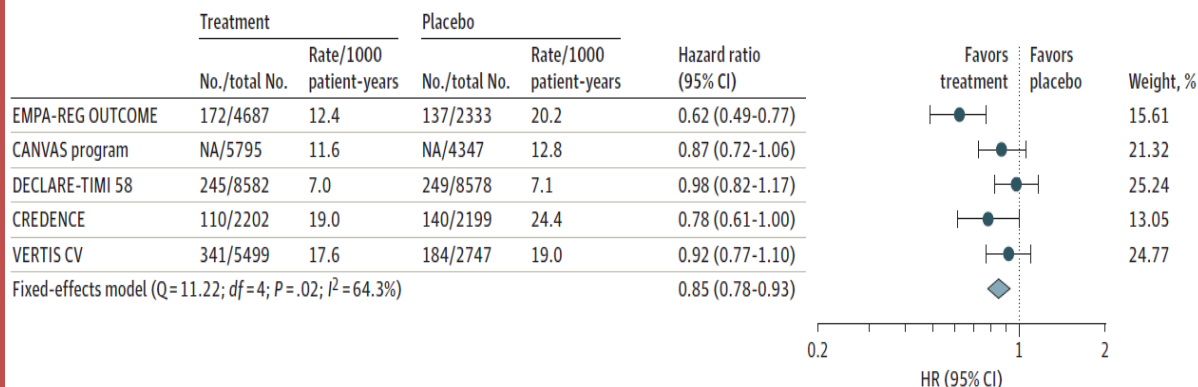


B MACEs by ASCVD status

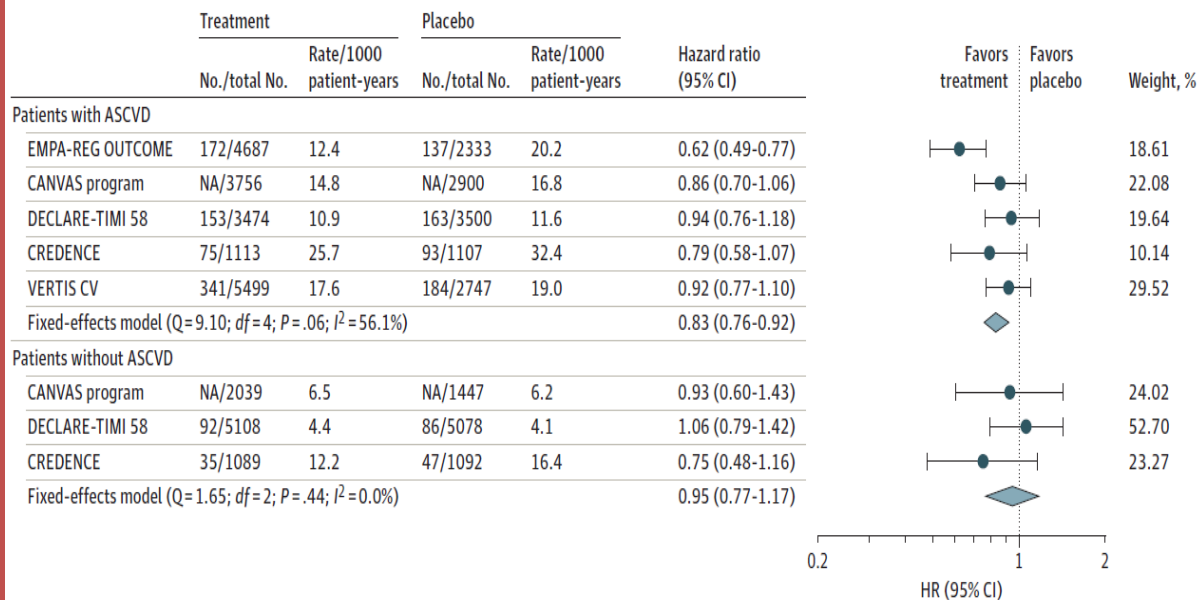


Effects of SGLT2 Inhibitors on Cardiovascular Death

A Overall CV death

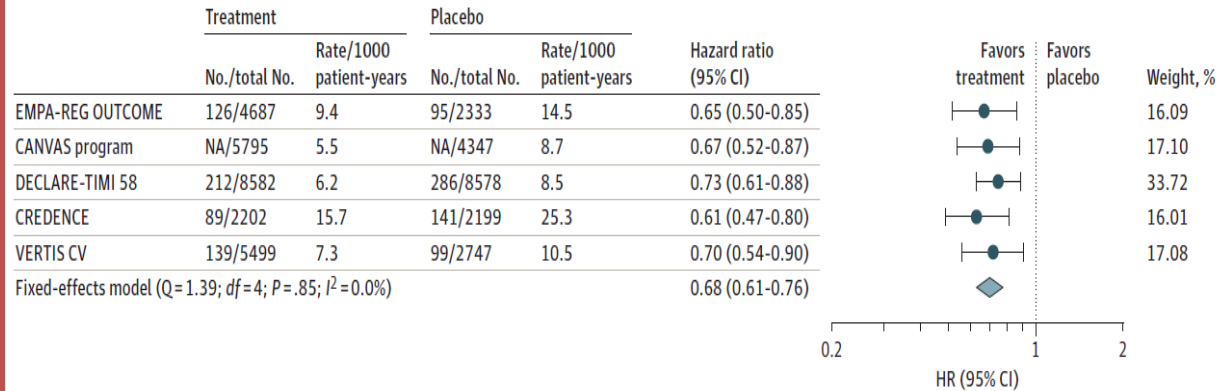


B CV death by ASCVD status

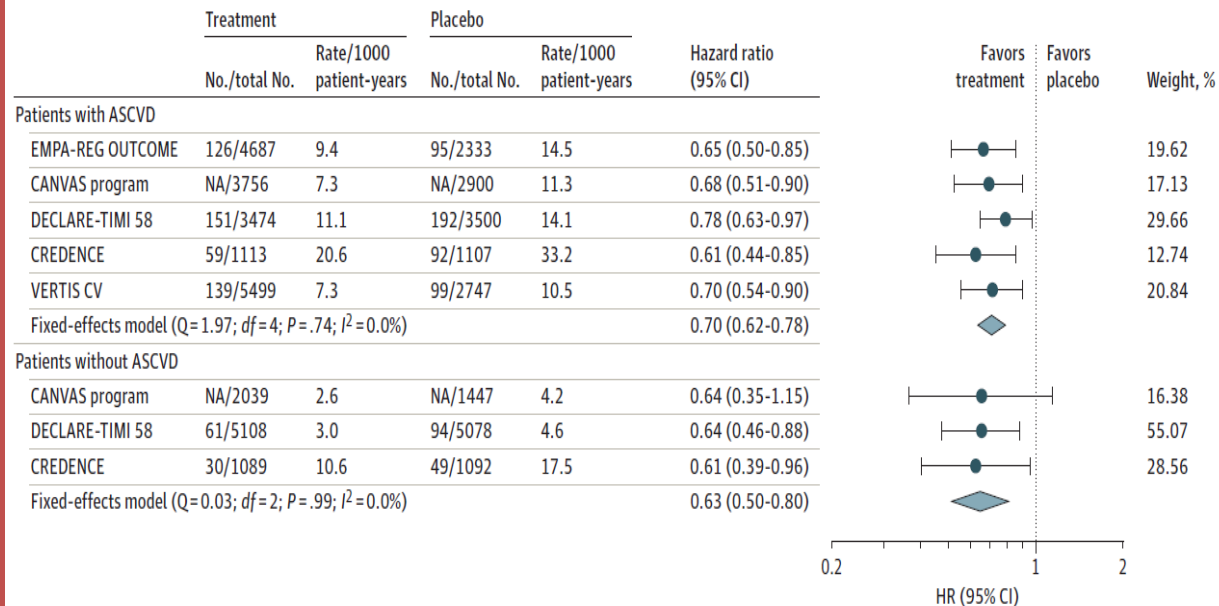


Effects of SGLT2 Inhibitors on Hospitalization for Heart Failure

A Overall HHF

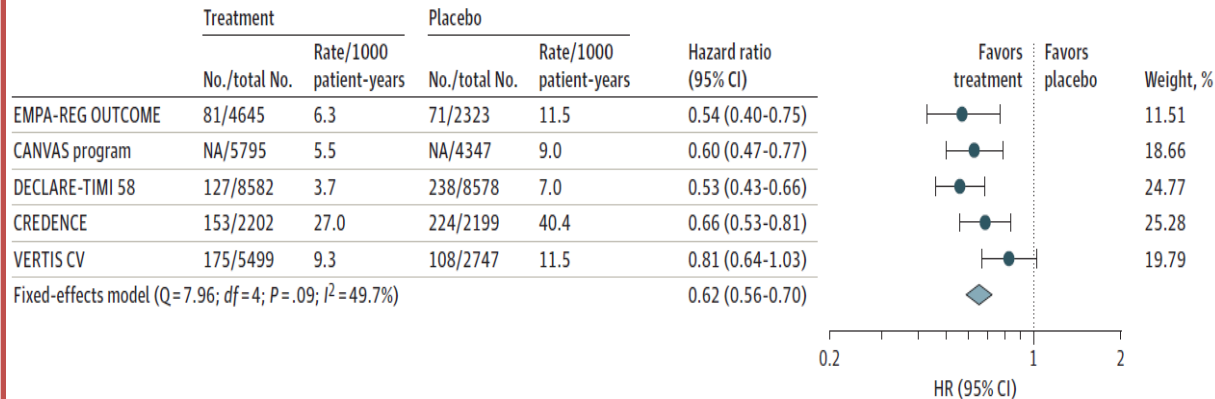


B HHF by ASCVD status

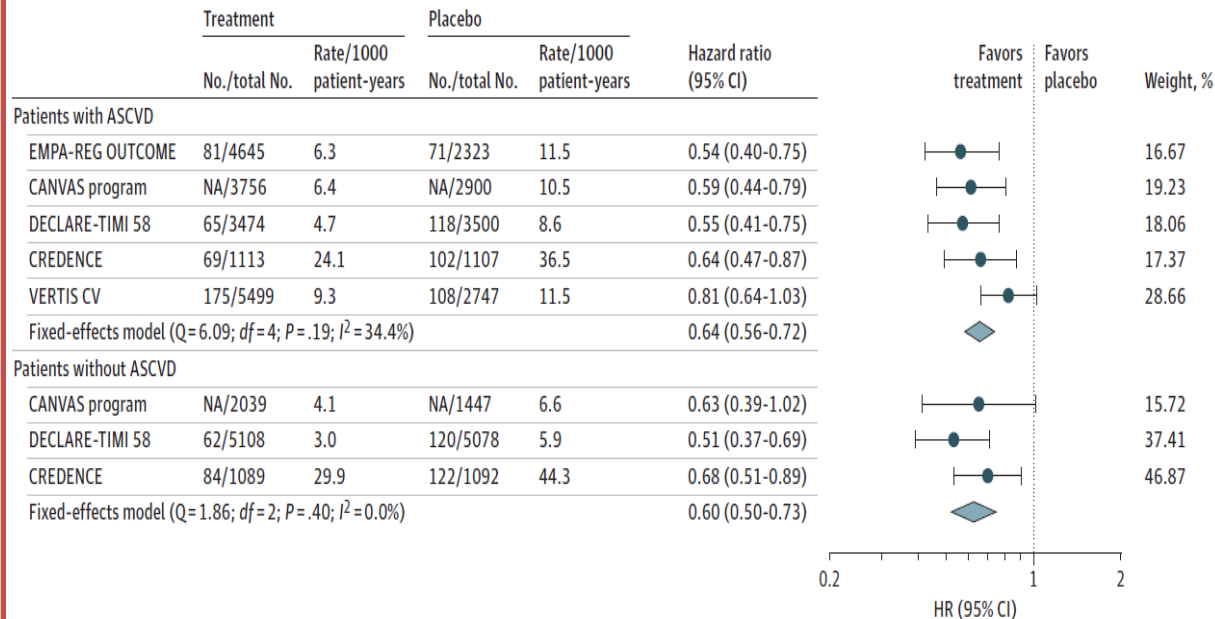


Effects of SGLT2 Inhibitors on Kidney-Related Outcomes

A Overall kidney outcomes



B Kidney outcomes by ASCVD status



Conclusion

- Study results suggest that:
 - The SGLT2 inhibitor class of medications favorably affects **risk for CV outcomes** in patients with T2D
 - Empagliflozin is associated with **reduced risk for CV death**
 - Across the class, there are robust and consistent associations with **reduction in risk for HHF**, independent of baseline ASCVD status or kidney function.
 - These data support contemporary society recommendations to prioritize the **use of SGLT2 inhibitors** with demonstrated outcomes, independent of glucose control considerations, in patients with **T2D with or at high risk for CV and kidney complications.**

What is the explanation for the reduction in CV death?

No difference in rates of MI or CVA

Only 10% with HF at baseline

Diuretics (excepting aldosterone antagonists) have not been shown to reduce mortality

What is the explanation for the reduction in CV death?

Related to modest BP reduction (~ 4 mmHg)?

Related to modest weight loss (~ 2 kg)?

Unidentified mechanism?

whether **glycemic status** influences
the magnitude of their benefits on **heart failure** and **renal** events



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ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE



Effect of Empagliflozin on Cardiovascular and Renal Outcomes in Patients With Heart Failure by Baseline Diabetes Status

Results From the EMPEROR-Reduced Trial

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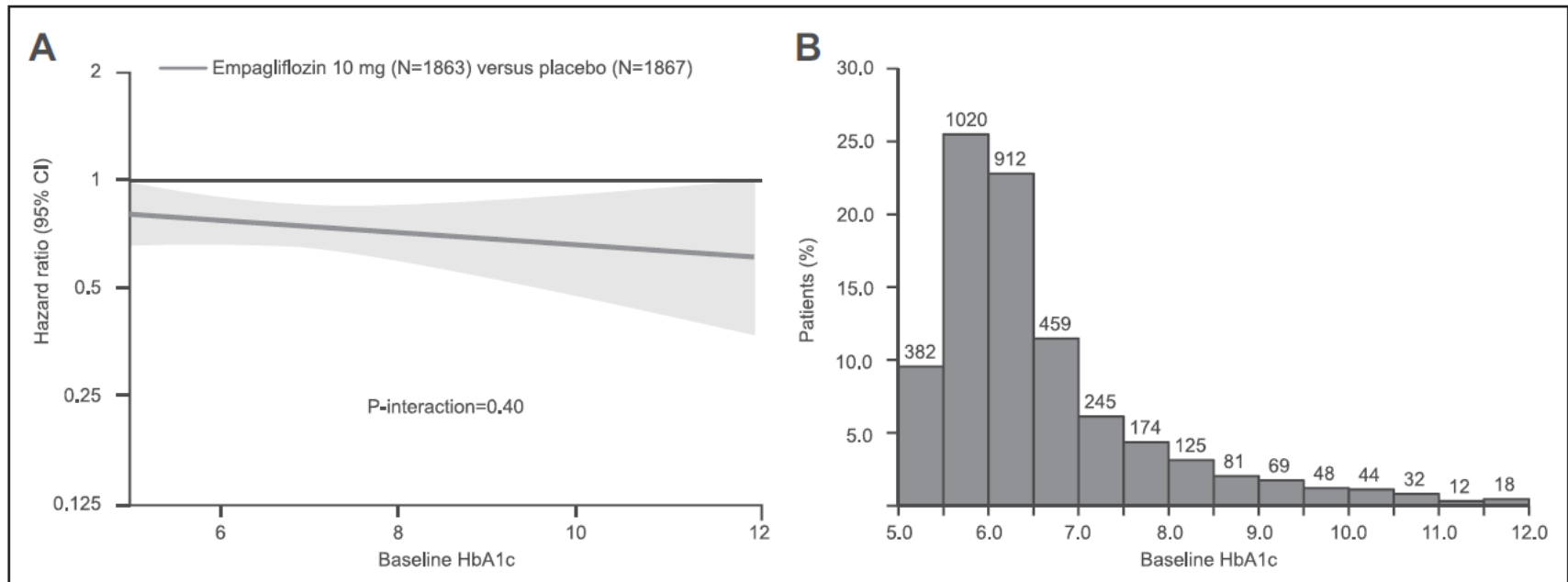
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Effect of empagliflozin on the primary outcome of EMPEROR-Reduced



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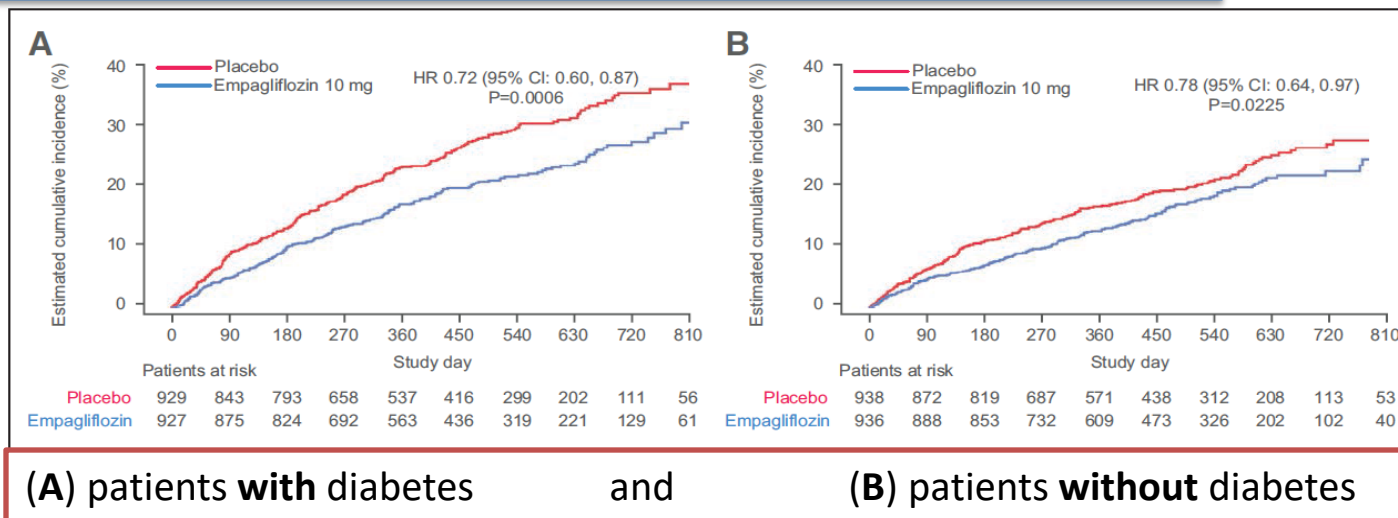
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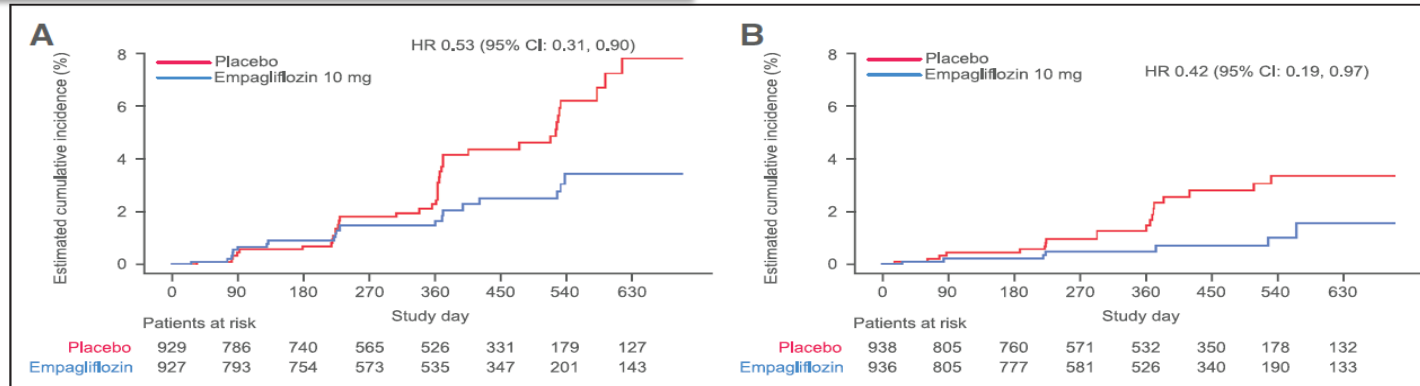
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first event of either cardiovascular death or heart failure hospitalization



Effect of empagliflozin on renal composite



improved
cardiovascular and renal outcomes
In patients with **HFrEF**,
independent of baseline **DM** status and across the continuum of **HbA1c**.

EMPEROR-Reduced

Empagliflozin → HFrEF +/- DM

- reduced cardiovascular death
- heart failure (HF) hospitalization
- total HF hospitalizations,
- slowed the progressive decline in kidney function in patients with

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assess the effect of empagliflozin in nondiabetic HFrEF patients

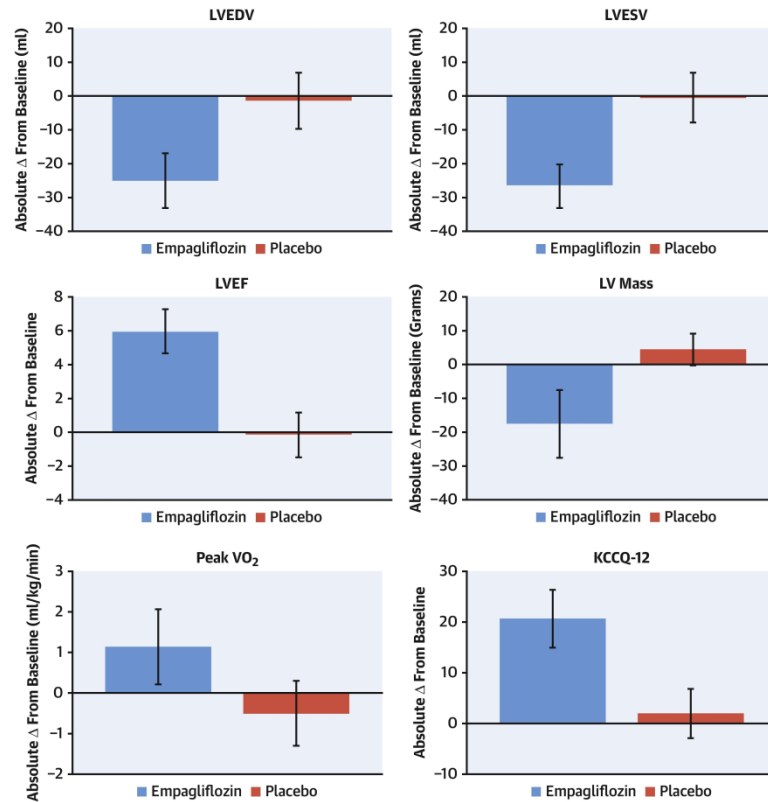
- left ventricular (LV) function and volumes,
- functional capacity,
- quality of life (QoL)

- double-blind, placebo-controlled trial,
- nondiabetic HFrEF patients (n = 84)
- randomized to empagliflozin 10 mg daily or placebo for 6 months.

Endpoint:

- LV end-diastolic and -systolic volume (CMR). changes in LV mass,
- LV ejection fraction,
- peak oxygen consumption in the cardiopulmonary exercise test,
- 6-min walk test,
- quality of life.

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Empagliflozin in Nondiabetic Patients With Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction Improves Cardiac Function, Adverse Remodeling, and Exercise Capacity: A Randomized Control Trial



Santos-Gallego, C.G. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2021;77(3):243-55.

- significant reduction of LV end-diastolic volume (-25.1 ± 26.0 ml vs. -1.5 ± 25.4 ml; $p < 0.001$)
- LV end-systolic volume (-26.6 ± 20.5 ml vs. -0.5 ± 21.9 ml for ; $p < 0.001$).
- reductions in LV mass (-17.8 ± 31.9 g vs. 4.1 ± 13.4 g, for ; $p < 0.001$)
- LV sphericity,
- improvements in LV ejection fraction (6.0 ± 4.2 vs. -0.1 ± 3.9 ; $p < 0.001$).
- improvements in peak O_2 consumption (1.1 ± 2.6 ml/min/kg vs. -0.5 ± 1.9 ml/min/kg for empagliflozin vs. placebo, respectively; $p = 0.017$), oxygen uptake efficiency slope (111 ± 267 vs. -145 ± 318 ; $p < 0.001$),
- 6-min walk test (81 ± 64 m vs. -35 ± 68 m; $p < 0.001$)
- quality of life (Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire-12: 21 ± 18 vs. 2 ± 15 ; $p < 0.001$).

Conclusions

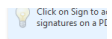
Empagliflozin administration to nondiabetic HFrEF patients significantly improves

- LV volumes,
- LV mass,
- LV systolic function,
- functional capacity,
- quality of life

the effect of the drug on
inpatient and outpatient events that reflect worsening heart failure

reduced the risk and total number of **inpatient and outpatient**
worsening heart failure events,
with benefits seen **early** after initiation of treatment
and sustained for the **duration** of double-blind therapy.

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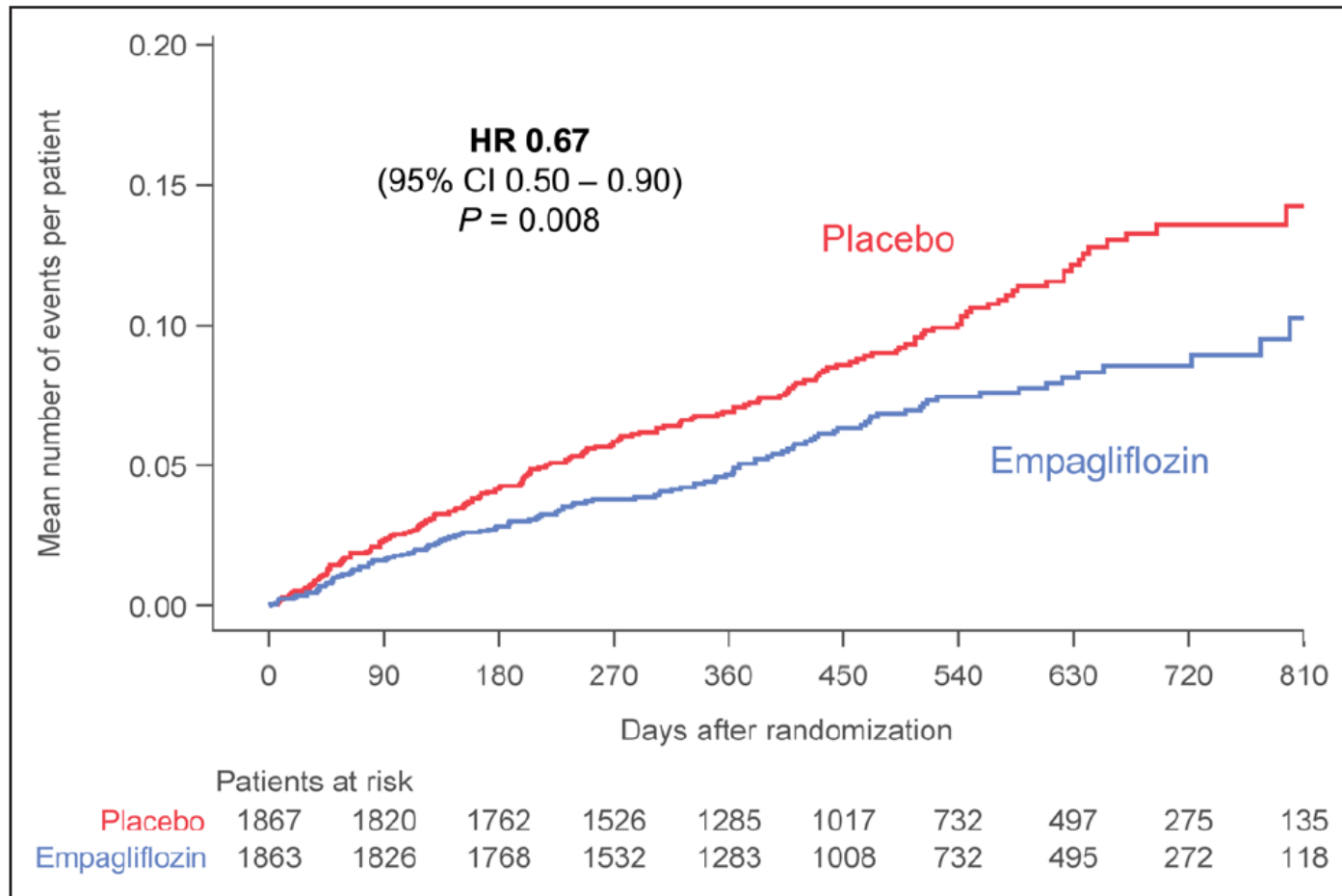
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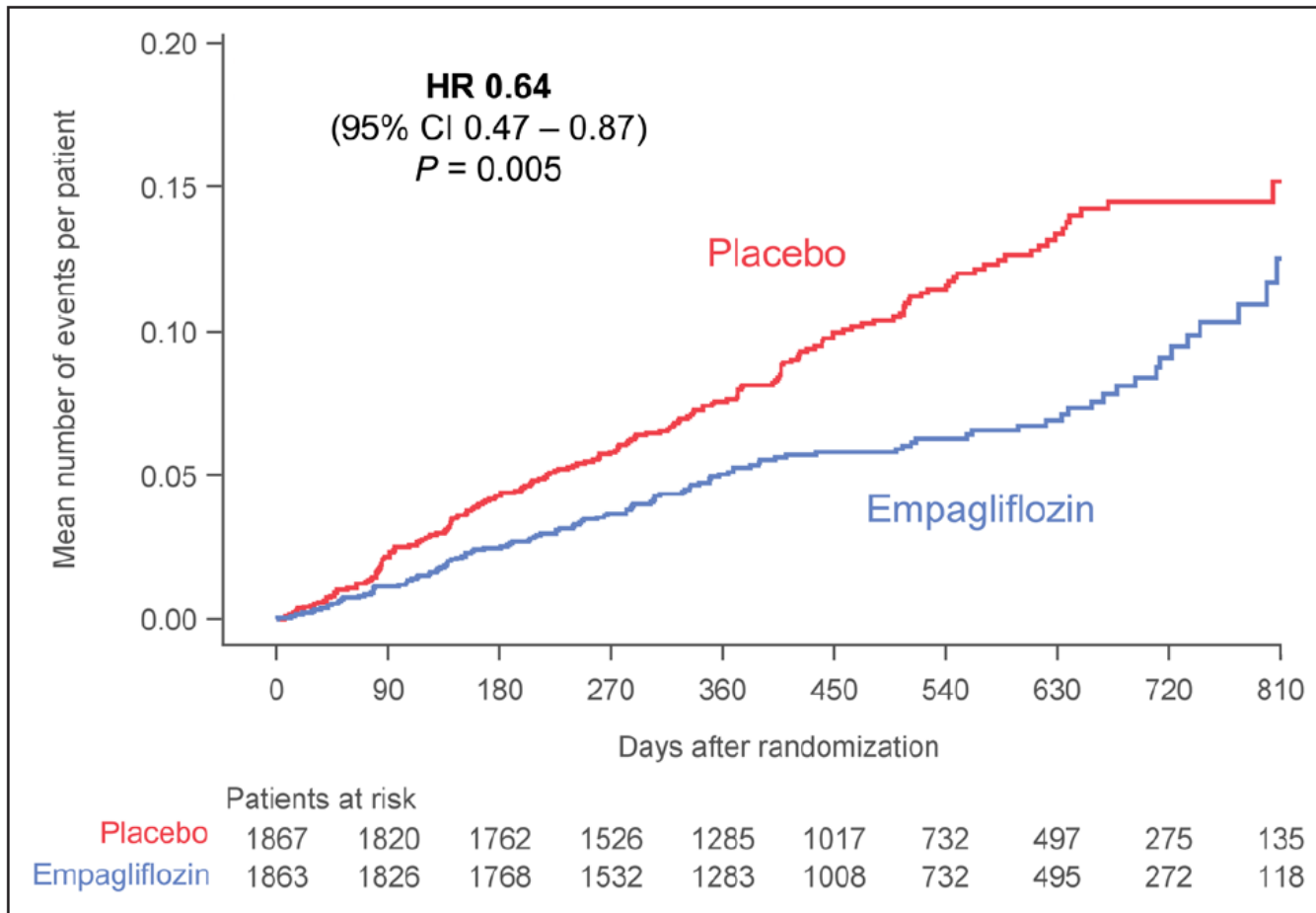
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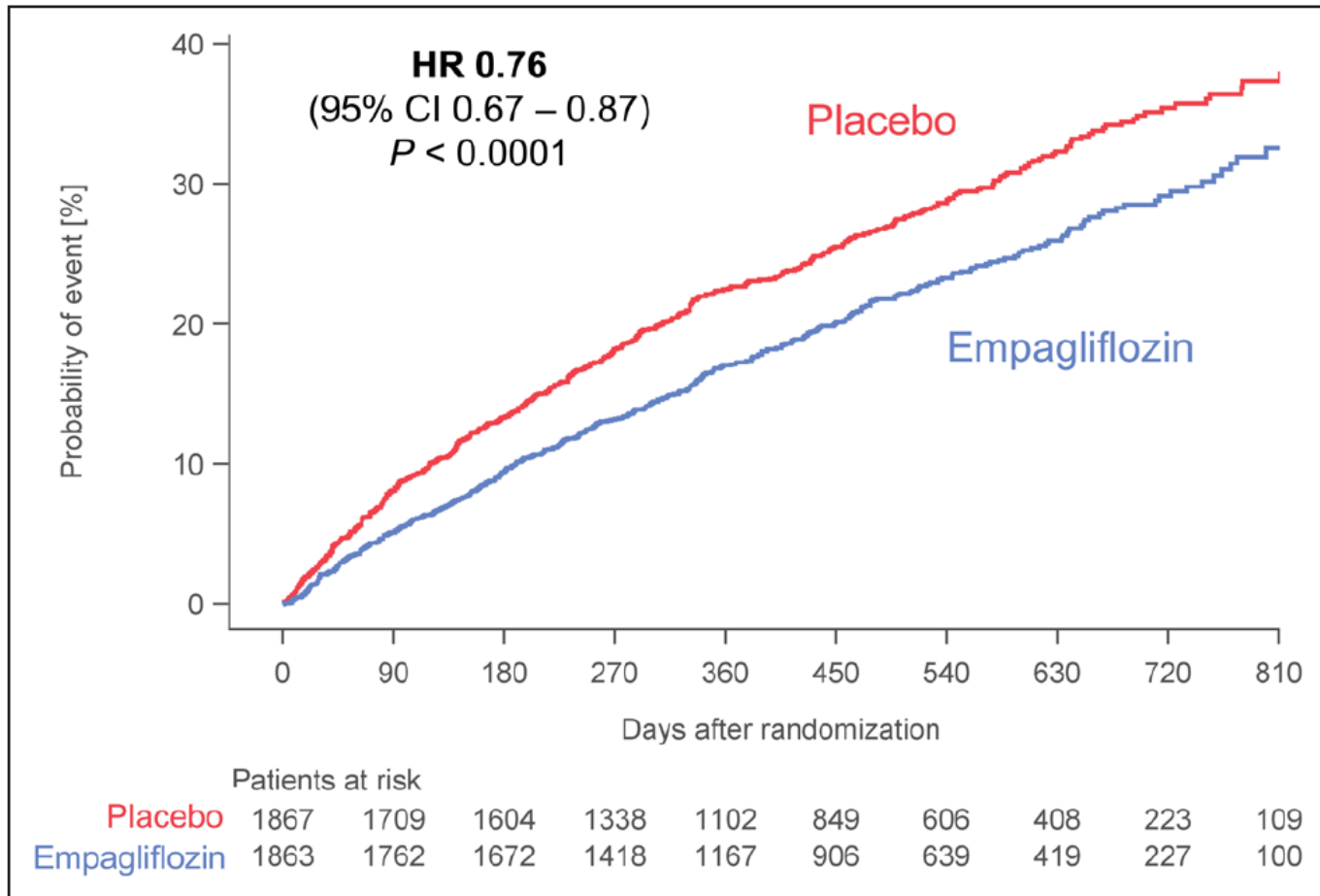
Total (first and recurrent) adjudicated heart failure hospitalizations requiring admission to CCU/ ICU



**Total (first and recurrent) adjudicated hospitalization for heart failure
requiring intravenous **vasopressor** or positive **inotropic** drug**



Time-to-first-event analysis of **all-cause mortality, heart failure **hospitalization**, or **emergent/urgent care** visit for worsening heart failure**



Management of HFrEF

To reduce mortality - for all patients

ACE-I/ARNI

BB

MRA

SGLT2i

To reduce HF hospitalization/mortality - for selected patients

Volume overload

Diuretics

SR with LBBB ≥ 150 ms

CRT-P/D

SR with LBBB 130–149 ms or non LBBB ≥ 150 ms

CRT-P/D

Ischaemic aetiology

ICD

Non-ischaemic aetiology

ICD

Atrial fibrillation

Anticoagulation

Atrial fibrillation

Digoxin

PVI

Coronary artery disease

CABG

Iron deficiency

Ferric carboxymaltose

Aortic stenosis

SAVR/TAVI

Mitral regurgitation

TEE MV Repair

Heart rate SR >70 bpm

Ivabradine

Black Race

Hydralazine/ISDN

ACE-I/ARNI intolerance

ARB

For selected advanced HF patients

Heart transplantation

MCS as BTT/BTC

Long-term MCS as DT

To reduce HF hospitalization and improve QOL - for all patients

Exercise rehabilitation

Multi-professional disease management



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2021 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure



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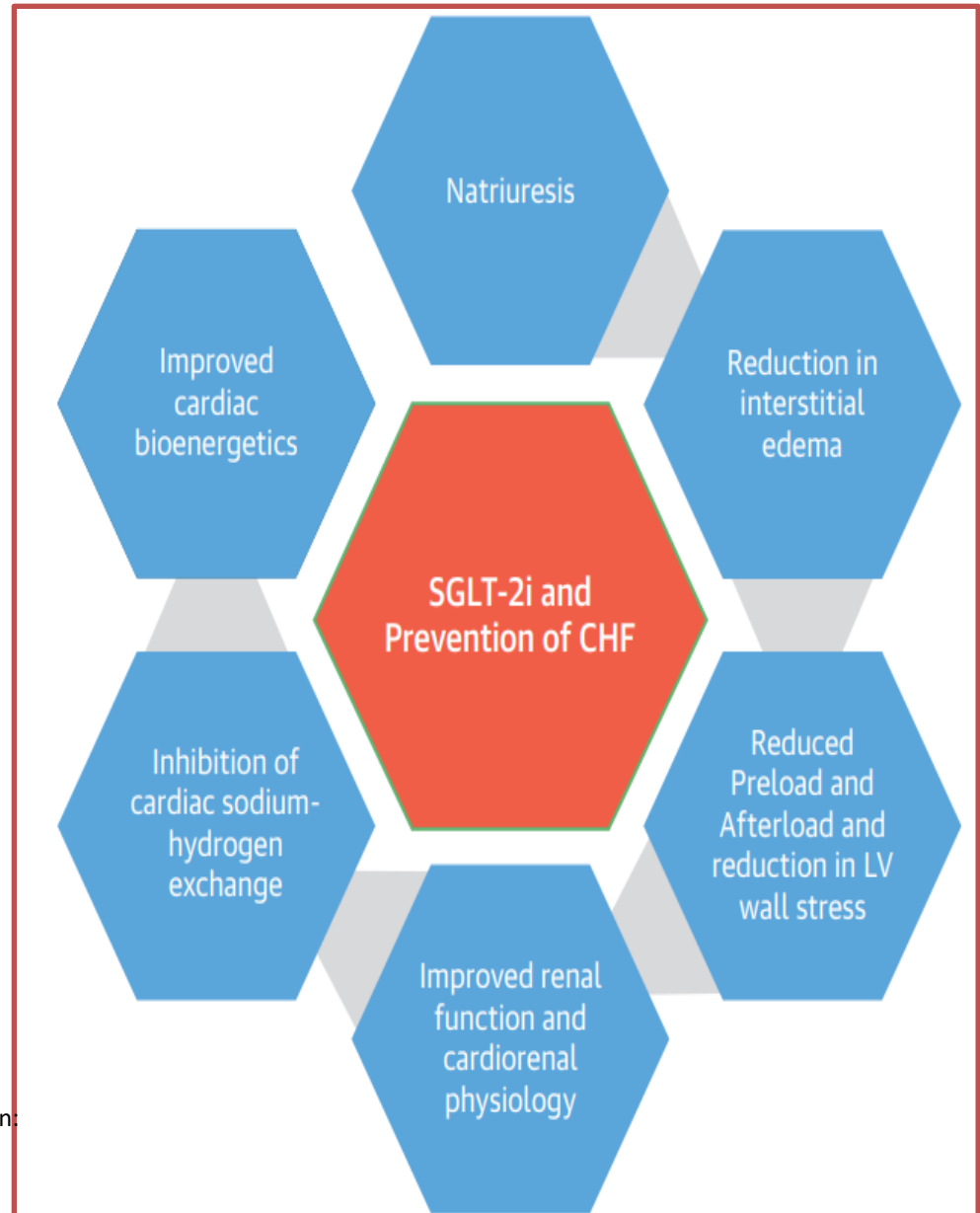


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MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS FOR CV BENEFITS

Summary of mechanistic insights for CV benefits of SGLT2i

Proposed Mechanisms of Benefit of SGLT-2i in Heart Failure



(Empagliflozin Evaluation by Measuring Impact on Hemodynamics in Patients With Heart failure)

- improve **outcomes** in those with HF and reduced ejection fraction(+/- DM).
- prevent heart failure (HF) **hospitalizations** in patients with type 2 diabetes.

**Mechanisms of HF benefits remain unclear.
effects on hemodynamics (filling pressures) ?**

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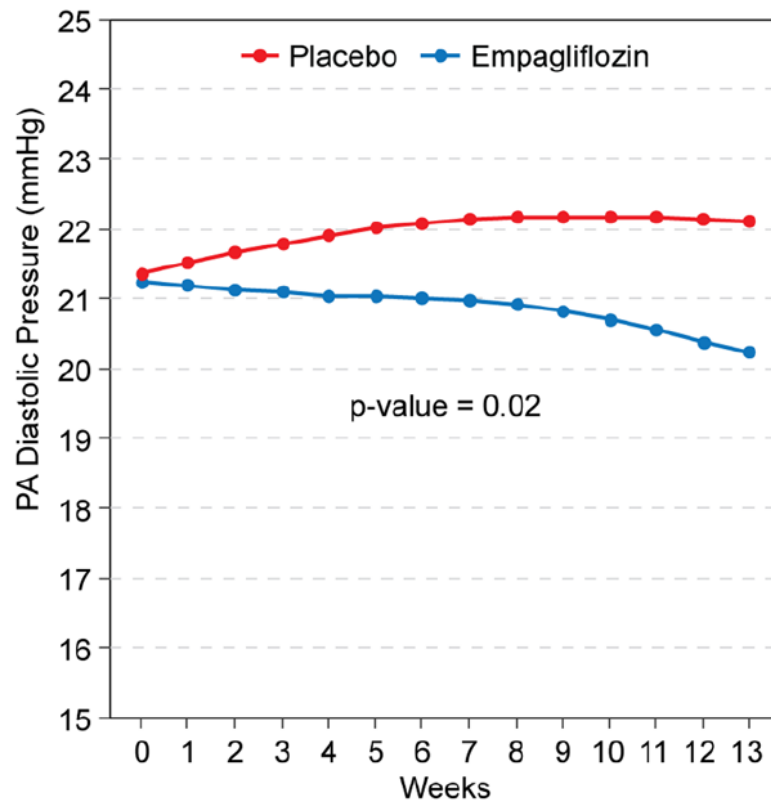


Empagliflozin Effects on Pulmonary Artery Pressure in Patients With Heart Failure

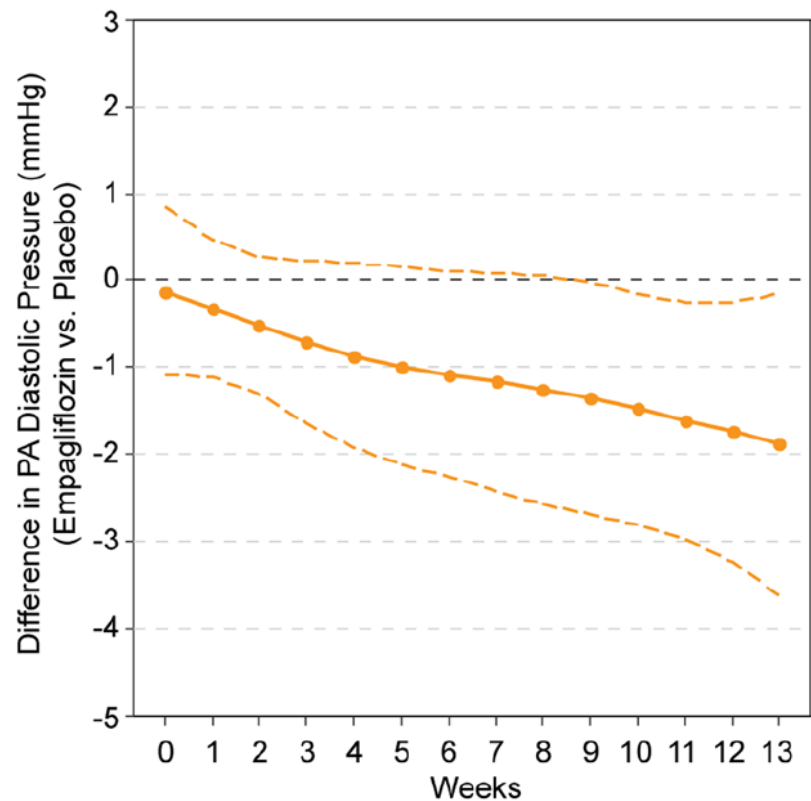
Results From the EMBRACE-HF Trial

Effects of empagliflozin vs placebo on the primary end point of PA diastolic pressure.

A Effects of Empagliflozin vs. Placebo on Pulmonary Artery Diastolic Pressure



B Difference in Pulmonary Artery Diastolic Pressure between Empagliflozin and Placebo over Time

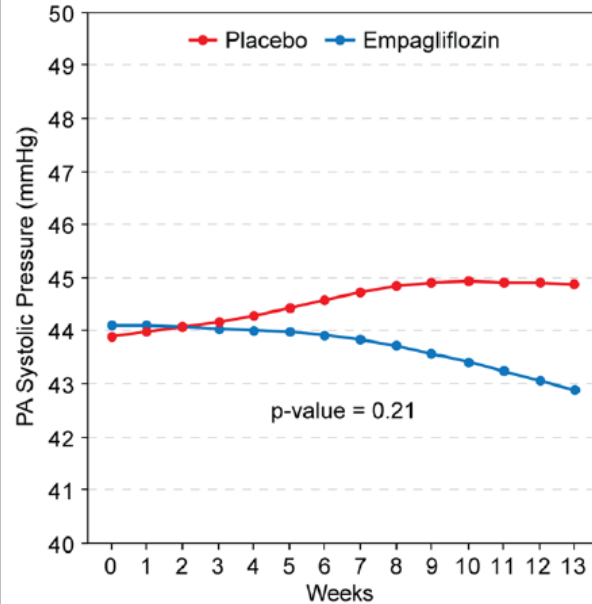


secondary end points of

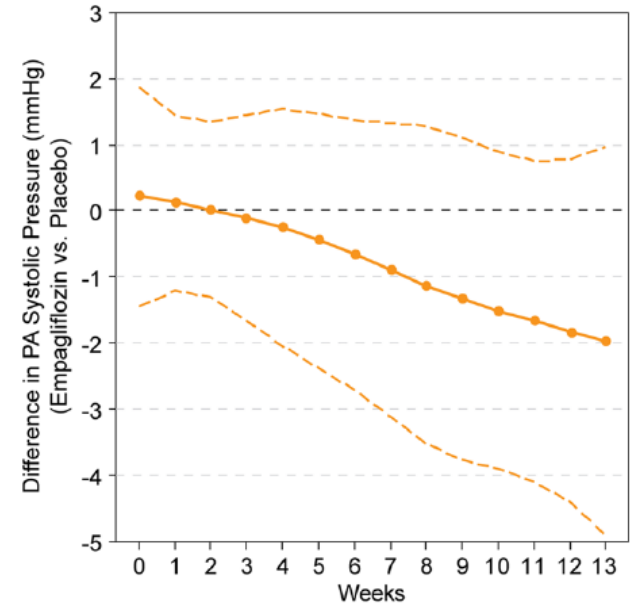
PA systolic pressures

Mean-PA pressures.

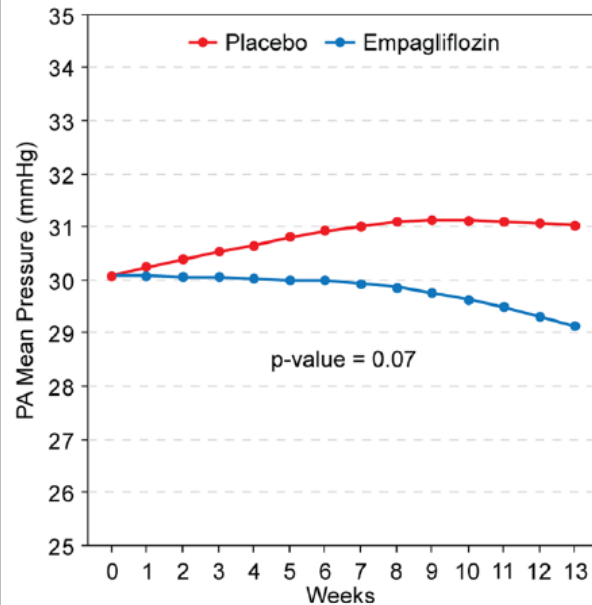
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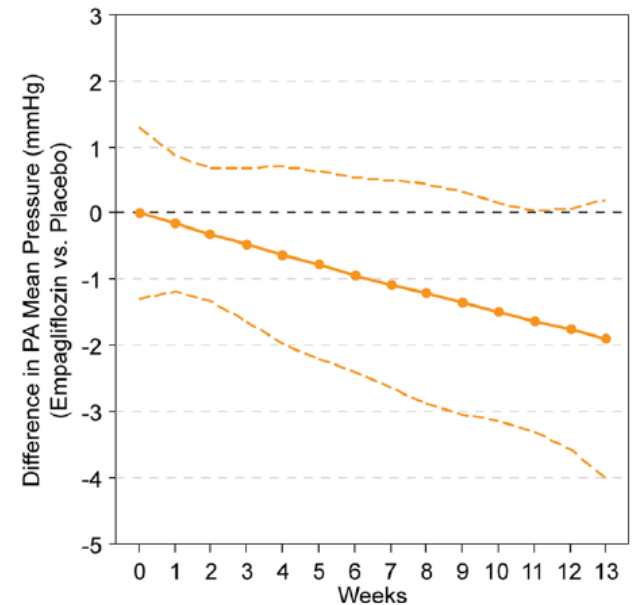
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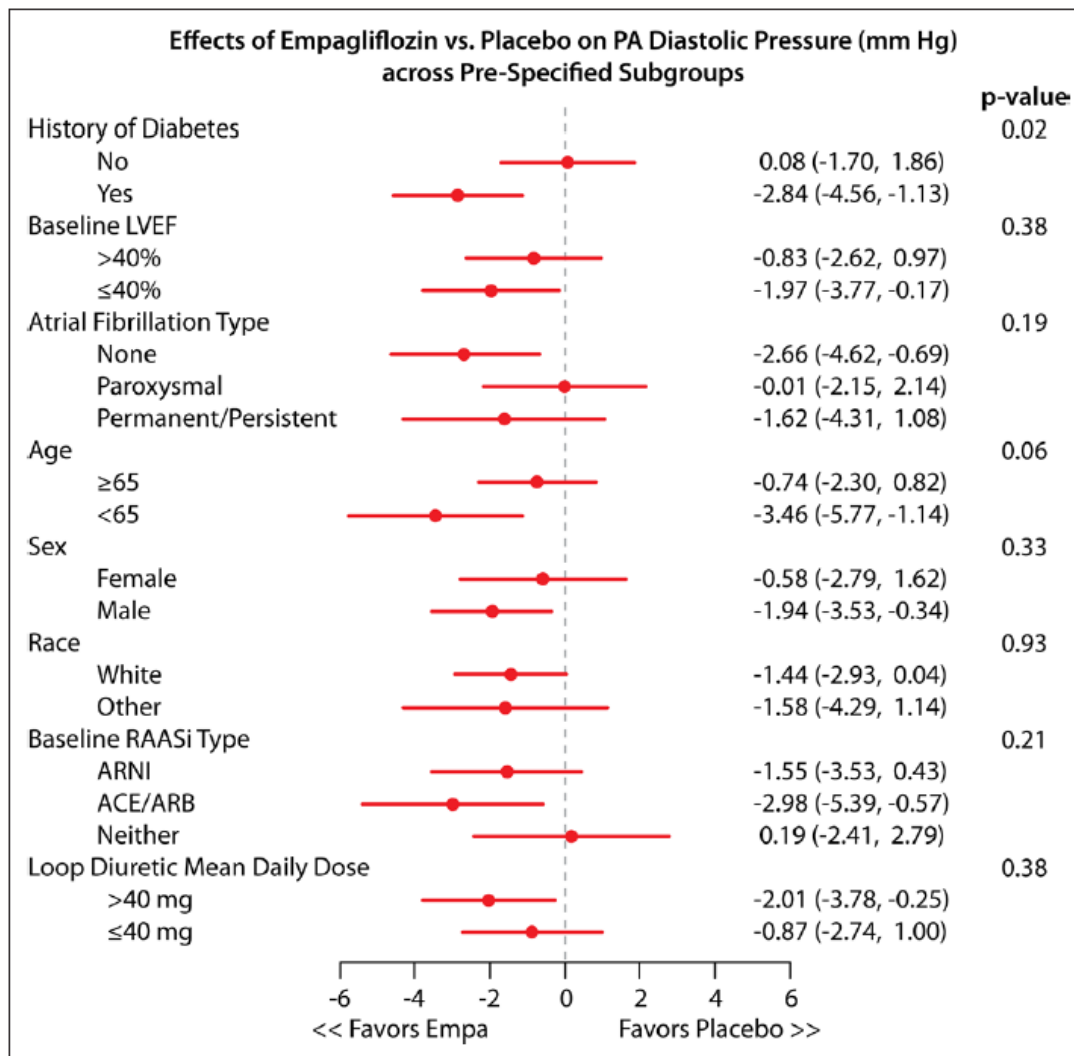


C Effects of Empagliflozin vs. Placebo on Pulmonary Artery Mean Pressure



D Difference in Pulmonary Artery Mean Pressure between Empagliflozin and Placebo over Time





Empagliflozin → rapid reductions in PA pressures that were amplified over time and appeared to be independent of loop diuretic management.

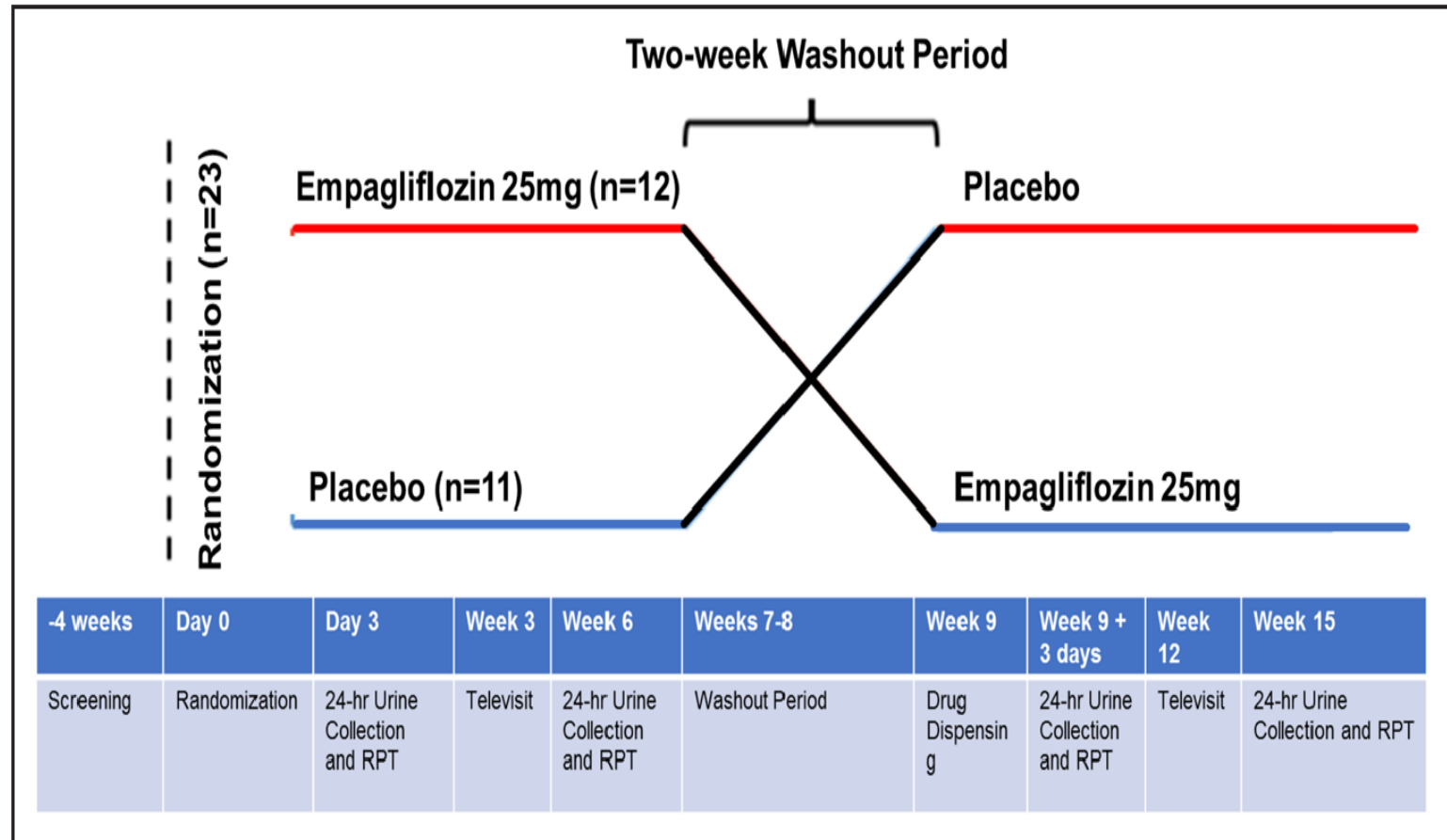
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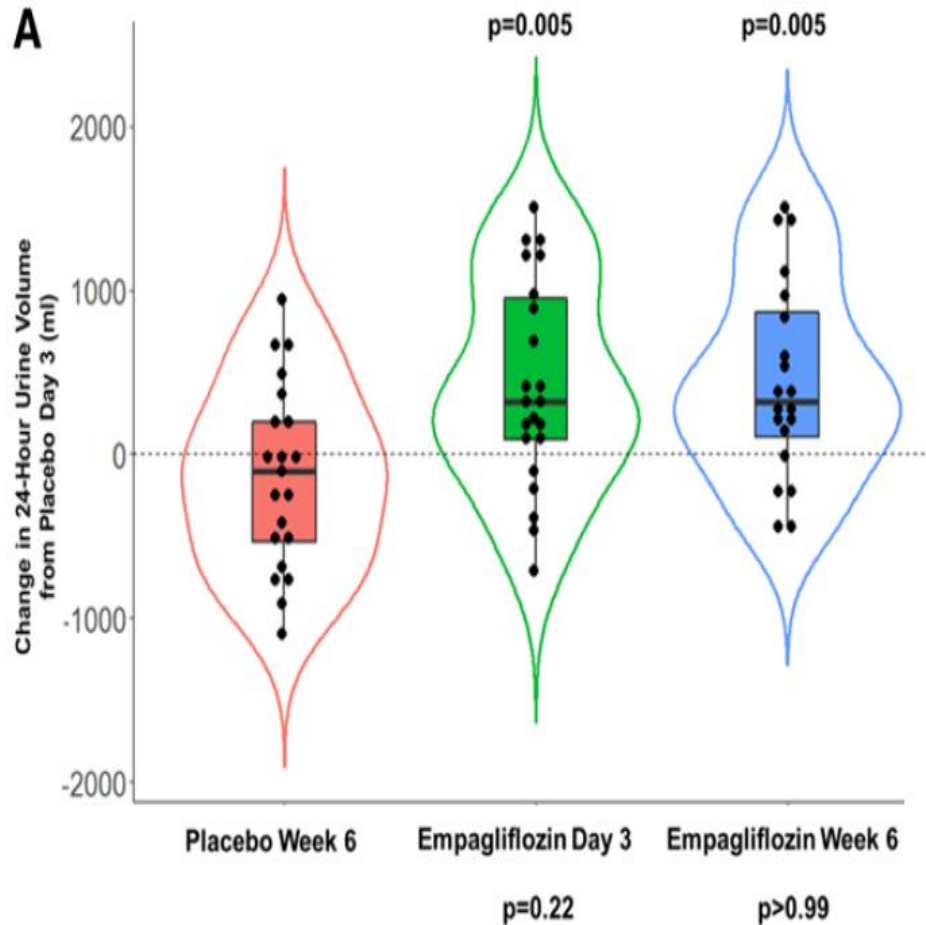
**Renal and Cardiovascular Effects of SGLT2 Inhibition
in Combination With Loop Diuretics in Patients With
Type 2 Diabetes and Chronic Heart Failure**

The RECEDE-CHF Trial

The RECEDE-CHF (SGLT2 Inhibition in Combination With Diuretics in Heart Failure) study design



Change in urine volume



RECEDE-CHF Trial Conclusion

- In patients with T2DM and HF taking regular furosemide, 6 weeks of treatment with empagliflozin caused a significant increase in 24-hour urine volume without an increase in urinary sodium compared with placebo.
- Empagliflozin also caused a significant increase in electrolyte-free water clearance, significant weight loss, and reduced loop diuretic requirement.
- These findings, combined with a reduction in serum uric acid and no significant renal impairment or electrolyte disturbance, provide further insight into the mechanism of the diuretic effect of empagliflozin and suggest that the combination of loop diuretic and SGLT2 inhibition could have a beneficial role in HF.

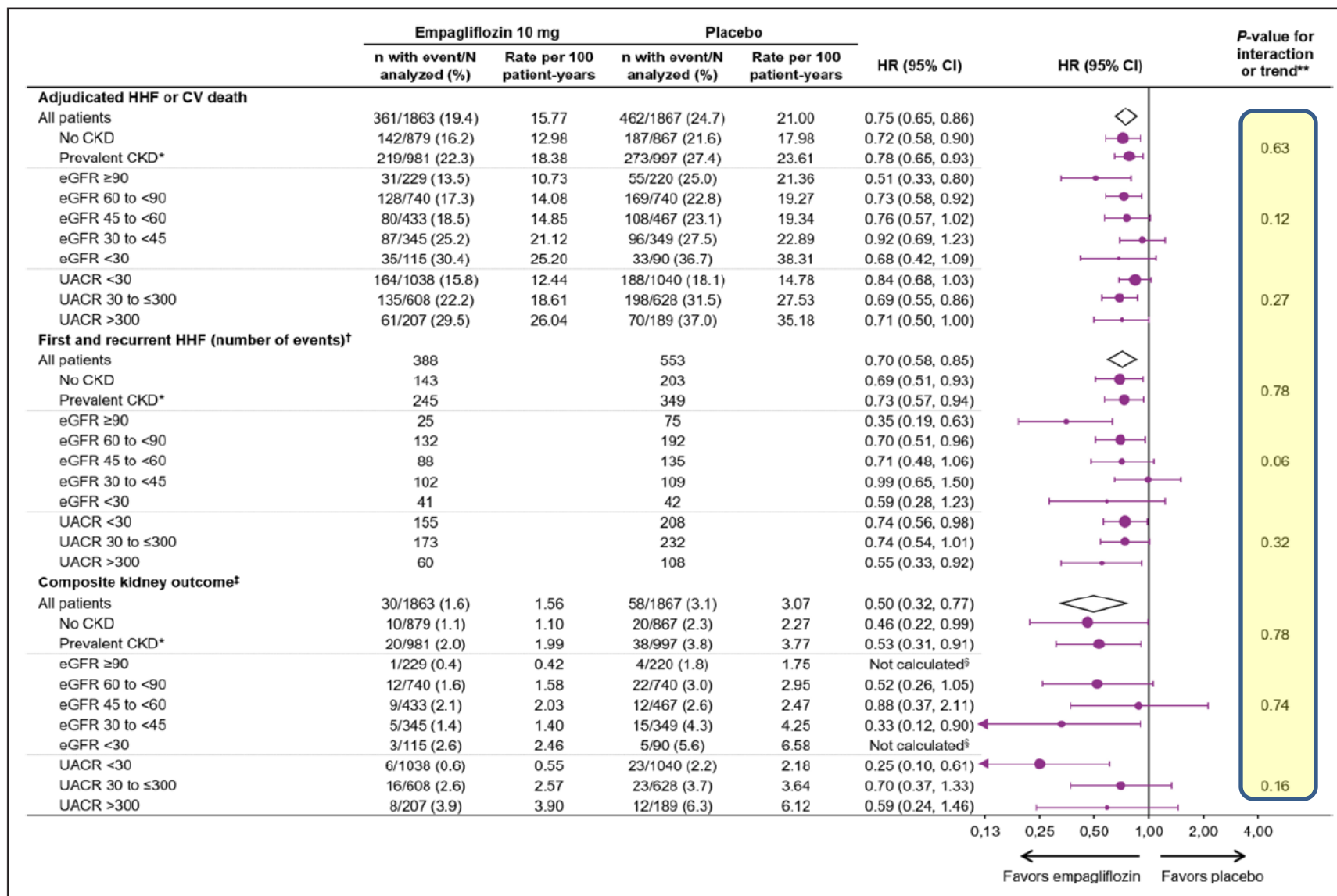


Cardiac and Kidney Benefits of Empagliflozin in Heart Failure Across the Spectrum of Kidney Function

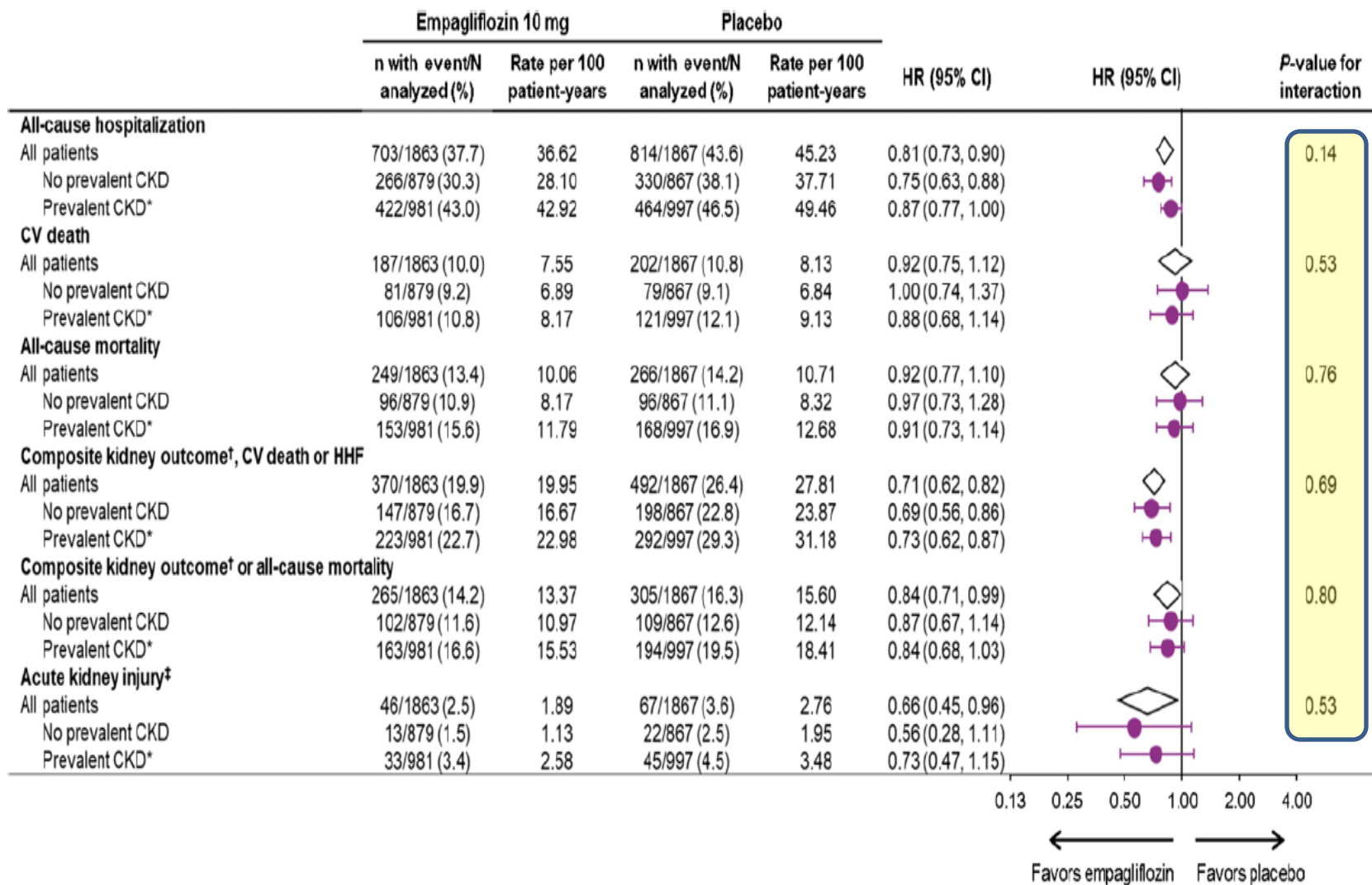
Insights From EMPEROR-Reduced

aim to study the effect of empagliflozin
on cardiovascular and kidney outcomes
across the spectrum of kidney function.

Clinical outcomes in patients by CKD status , eGFR , urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio



Additional clinical outcomes by CKD status



eGFR Slope Analyses by CKD Status, eGFR, and UACR Categories at Baseline

Slope of change in eGFR per year*, mean±SE	Empagliflozin	Placebo	Absolute difference (95% CI)	P Value	P value for interaction
All patients (N=3726)	−0.55±0.23	−2.28±0.23	1.73 (1.10–2.37)	<0.001	
By prevalent CKD status†					
No prevalent CKD (n=1744)	−0.93±0.33	−3.33±0.33	2.41 (1.49–3.32)	<0.001	0.045
Prevalent CKD (n=1976)	−0.22±0.32	−1.33±0.32	1.11 (0.23–1.98)	0.013	
By eGFR (CKD-EPI) category, mL/(min·1.73 m²)					P Value for trend
≥90 (n=449)	−2.20±0.63	−4.17±0.66	1.96 (0.16–3.76)	0.033	0.033
60 to <90 (n=1478)	−0.72±0.36	−3.21±0.36	2.49 (1.49–3.49)	<0.001	
45 to <60 (n=900)	0.03±0.47	−1.59±0.45	1.62 (0.35–2.89)	0.013	
30 to <45 (n=693)	0.05±0.54	−0.38±0.54	0.43 (−1.06 to 1.93)	0.57	
<30 (n=204)	−0.17±0.92	−0.80±1.18	0.63 (−2.31 to 3.56)	0.68	
By UACR category, mg/g					P Value for trend
Normoalbuminuria (<30) (n=2076)	−0.04±0.30	−2.13±0.31	2.09 (1.24–2.93)	<0.001	0.29
Microalbuminuria (30 to ≤300) (n=1235)	−1.12±0.40	−2.35±0.40	1.23 (0.14–2.33)	0.028	
Macroalbuminuria (>300) (n=396)	−1.47±0.71	−2.87±0.72	1.40 (−0.58 to 3.37)	0.166	

Empagliflozin had a beneficial effect on the

- key efficacy outcomes and slowed the rate of kidney function decline
- in patients with and without CKD,
- regardless of the severity of kidney impairment at baseline.



Effect of Empagliflozin on Left Ventricular Volumes in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes, or Prediabetes, and Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction (SUGAR-DM-HF)

reduce the risk of heart failure hospitalization and cardiovascular death in HFrEF

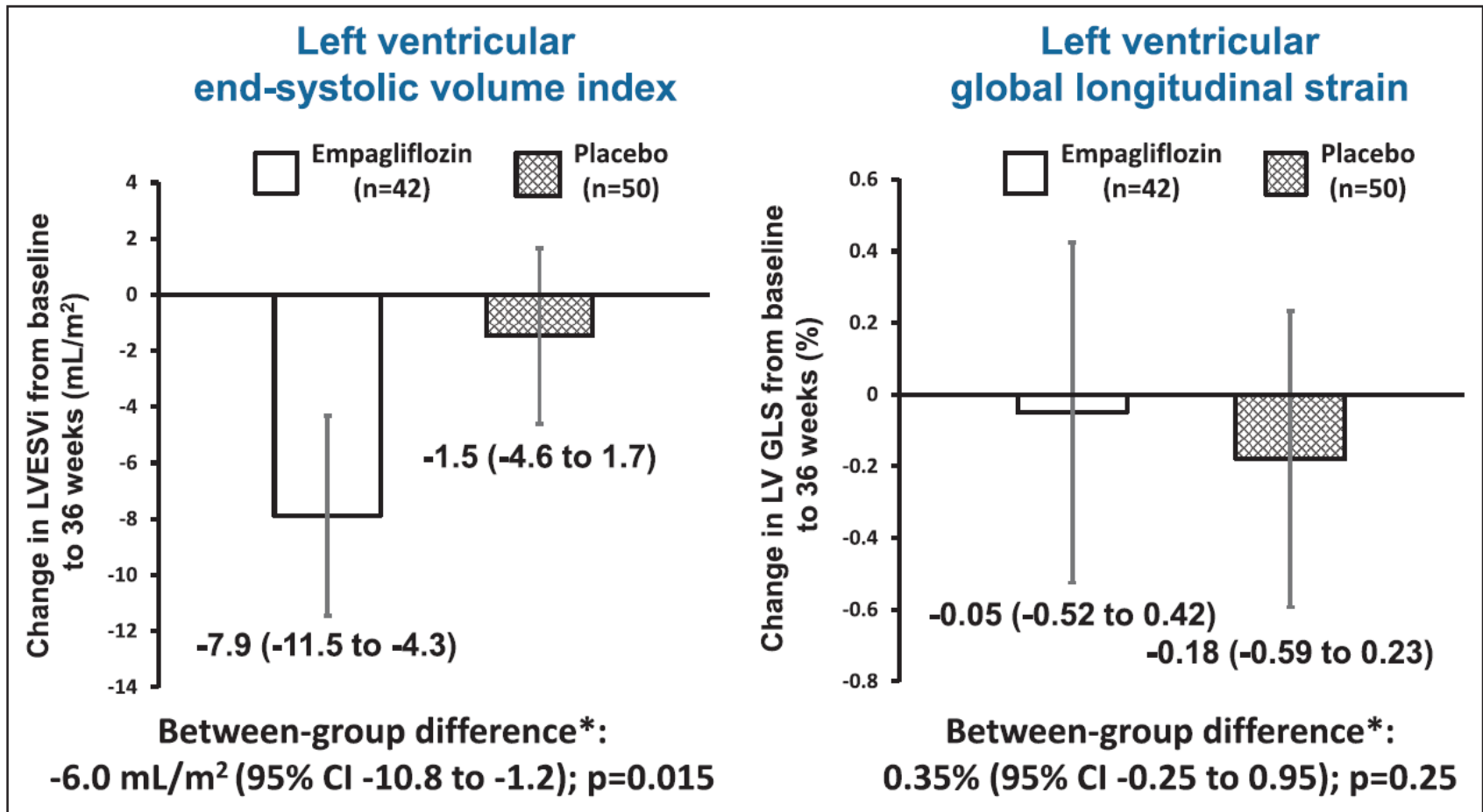
- effects on cardiac **structure** and **function** in HFrEF ?

- double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (the SUGAR-DM-HF trial
- Diabetes Mellitus, or Prediabetes,
- HF + NYHA functional class II to IV with a LVEF $\leq 40\%$
- randomly assigned 1:1 to empagliflozin 10 mg once daily or placebo,
- The primary outcomes were change from baseline to 36 weeks in
- LV end-systolic volume
- indexed to body surface area and LV global longitudinal strain both measured using
- cardiovascular magnetic resonance. Secondary efficacy outcomes included other
- cardiovascular magnetic resonance measures (LV end-diastolic volume index, LV
- ejection fraction), diuretic intensification, symptoms (Kansas City Cardiomyopathy
- Questionnaire Total Symptom Score, 6-minute walk distance, B-lines on lung
- ultrasound, and biomarkers (including N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide

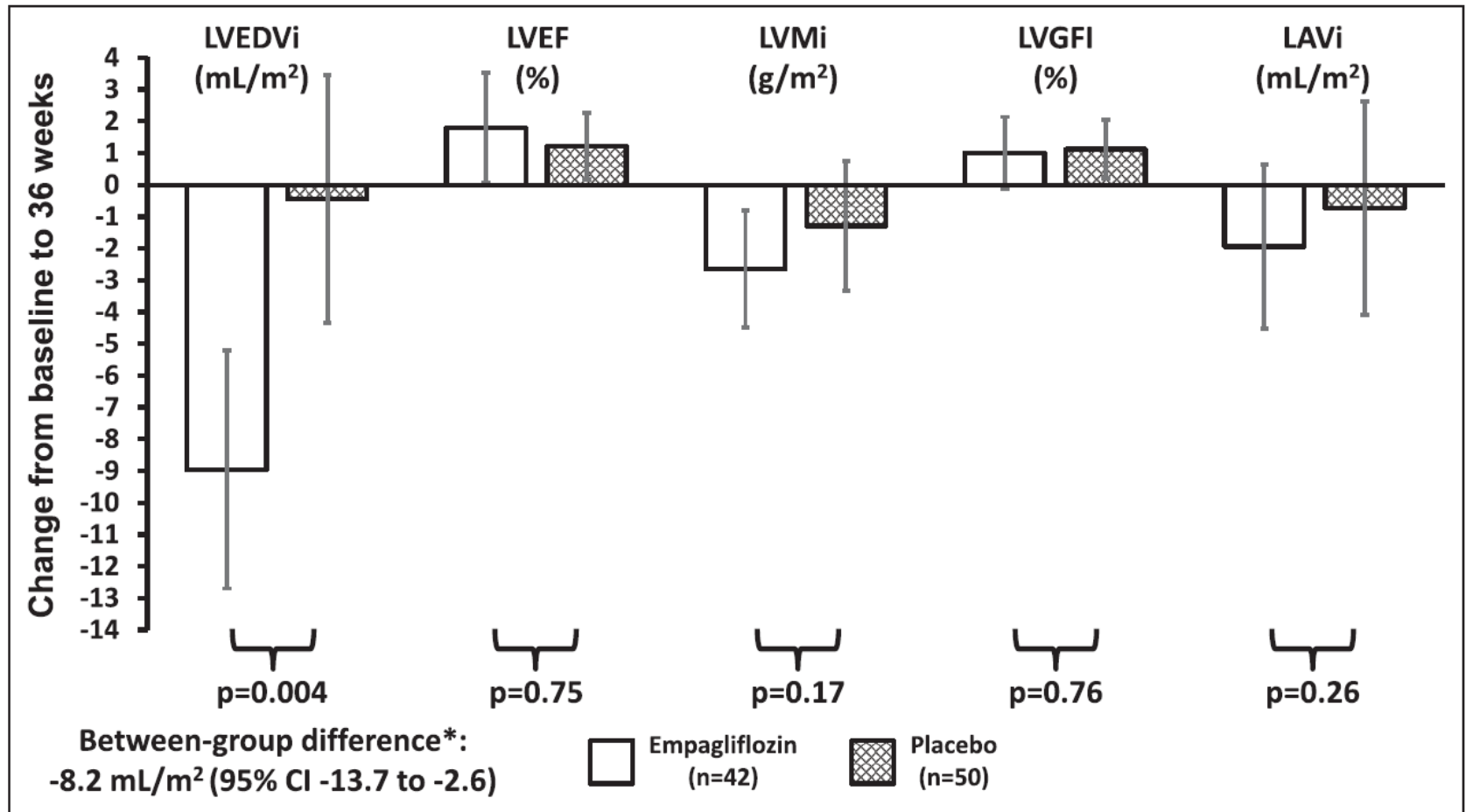
Table 2. Change in CMR Parameters with Empagliflozin 10 mg/d or Placebo From Baseline to Week 36

Variable*	Empagliflozin				Placebo				Between-group difference (95% CI)†	P value
	n	Baseline	Week 36	Change	n	Baseline	Week 36	Change		
Coprimary CMR outcomes										
LV end-systolic volume index,‡ mL/m²	42	80.8 (37.2)	72.9 (37.0)	−7.9 (11.8)	50	76.6 (29.3)	75.2 (29.2)	−1.5 (11.3)	−6.0 (−10.8 to −1.2)	0.015
LV global longitudinal strain,§ %	42	−7.04 (2.11)	−7.09 (2.11)	−0.05 (1.57)	50	−7.79 (2.54)	−7.97 (2.31)	−0.18 (1.49)	0.35 (−0.25 to 0.95)	0.25
Secondary CMR outcomes										
LV end-diastolic volume index,‡ mL/m²	42	114.7 (37.0)	105.7 (37.6)	−9.0 (12.4)	50	111.4 (29.2)	110.9 (28.3)	−0.4 (14.1)	−8.2 (−13.7 to −2.6)	0.004
LV ejection fraction, %	42	31.7 (9.9)	33.5 (10.3)	1.8 (5.7)	50	33.0 (9.5)	34.2 (9.7)	1.2 (3.8)	0.3 (−1.7 to 2.3)	0.75
LV mass index,‡ g/m²	42	61.2 (16.1)	58.6 (16.2)	−2.7 (6.1)	50	65.4 (19.6)	64.1 (18.3)	−1.3 (7.3)	−1.9 (−4.7 to 0.8)	0.17
LV global function index, %	42	23.4 (7.7)	24.4 (7.9)	1.0 (3.8)	50	23.6 (7.4)	24.8 (7.5)	1.1 (3.3)	−0.2 (−1.7 to 1.2)	0.76
Left atrial volume index,‡ mL/m²	42	40.5 (13.3)	38.6 (13.5)	−1.9 (8.5)	50	43.7 (12.5)	43.0 (11.9)	−0.7 (12.1)	−2.4 (−6.5 to 1.8)	0.26
Myocardial blood flow, mL/g/min	32	0.80 (0.18)	0.81 (0.24)	0.01 (0.22)	37	0.85 (0.24)	0.93 (0.30)	0.08 (0.27)	−0.08 (−0.20 to 0.04)	0.17
Extracellular volume fraction, %	32	31.8 (4.5)	31.0 (4.7)	−0.8 (3.5)	36	31.6 (4.8)	31.0 (5.1)	−0.7 (3.5)	0.004 (−1.7 to 1.7)	1.00
Exploratory CMR outcomes										
LV end-systolic volume, mL	42	157.5 (68.1)	142.3 (70.9)	−15.1 (24.0)	50	152.9 (58.4)	150.1 (57.7)	−2.8 (23.7)	−11.9 (−21.9 to −1.9)	0.021
LV end-diastolic volume, mL	42	224.8 (72.2)	207.5 (75.3)	−17.3 (24.8)	50	222.7 (60.1)	222.1 (59.3)	−0.6 (29.2)	−16.4 (−27.8 to −5.0)	0.005
LV mass, g	42	121.2 (36.5)	116.1 (37.1)	−5.1 (12.7)	50	131.9 (44.9)	129.5 (42.9)	−2.5 (14.8)	−3.8 (−9.6 to 1.9)	0.19
Left atrial volume, mL	42	79.0 (24.3)	75.5 (26.3)	−3.5 (17.2)	50	87.9 (27.5)	86.3 (25.6)	−1.5 (24.1)	−5.1 (−13.4 to 3.2)	0.22

Change in primary cardiovascular magnetic resonance outcomes from baseline to week 36.



Change in secondary cardiovascular magnetic resonance outcomes from baseline to week 36.



empagliflozin

- reduced **LVESV-index by 6.0** (95% CI, -10.8 to -1.2) mL/m² ($P=0.015$).
- reduced **LVEDV-index by 8.2** (95% CI, -13.7 to -2.6) mL/m² ($P=0.0042$)
- reduced N-terminal **pro-BNP by 28%** (2%– 47%), $P=0.038$.

There was no difference in

- **LV global longitudinal strain.**
- other cardiovascular **magnetic resonance measures,**
- **diuretic intensification,**
- Kansas City Cardiomyopathy Questionnaire **Total Symptom Score,**
- **6-minute walk distance,**
- **B-lines.**

- Favorable **reverse LV remodeling** may be a mechanism reduce heart failure
- hospitalization and mortality in HFrEF

ACCUMULATED RENAL DATA FROM SGLT2I OUTCOMES TRIALS

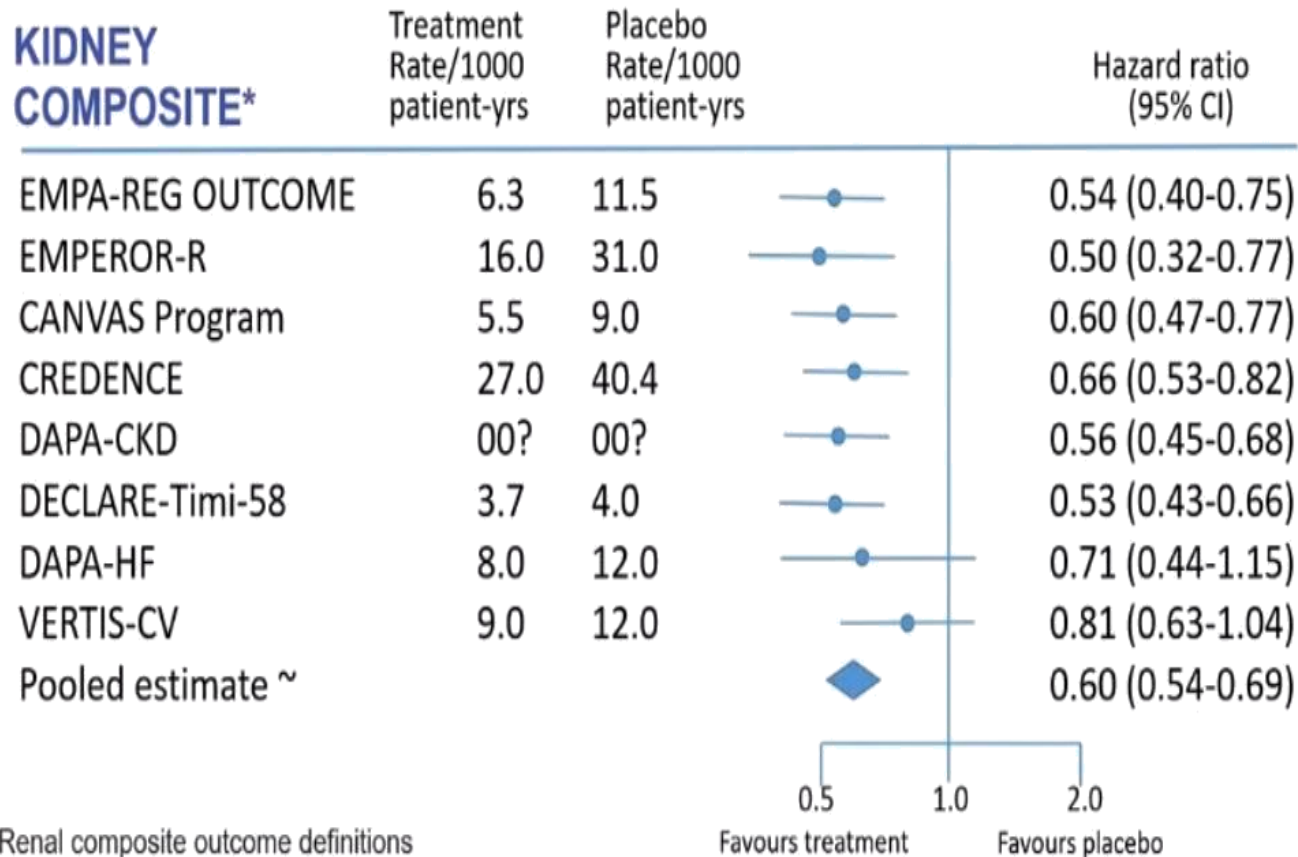
Kidney Outcomes in SGLT2 Inhibitor CV and Cardio-Renal Outcome Trials

EMPA-REG OUTCOME ^{*[a]} (empagliflozin)	CANVAS Program ^{*[b]} (canagliflozin)	DECLARE-TIMI 58 ^{*[c]} (dapagliflozin)	CREDENCE ^{†4} (canagliflozin)
Doubling of serum creatinine, [‡] RRT or death from kidney causes	Doubling of serum creatinine, ESKD or death from kidney causes	≥40% decrease in eGFR to <60 ml/min/1.73 m ² , ESKD or death from kidney causes	ESKD (RRT or sustained eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m ²), doubling of serum creatinine or death from kidney causes
46% <i>P</i> < .001 [§] 	47% 	47% <i>P</i> < .0001 	34% <i>p</i> < 0.001 

*Exploratory analyses; [‡]Prespecified outcome; [‡]Accompanied by eGFR ≤45 ml/min/1.73 m²; [§]Nominal *P* value.

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Time to first kidney composite outcome



Renal composite outcome definitions varied across trials

EMPEROR-Reduced Achieved All Three Hierarchically Specified Endpoints at $P < 0.001$



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
 $P < 0.001$

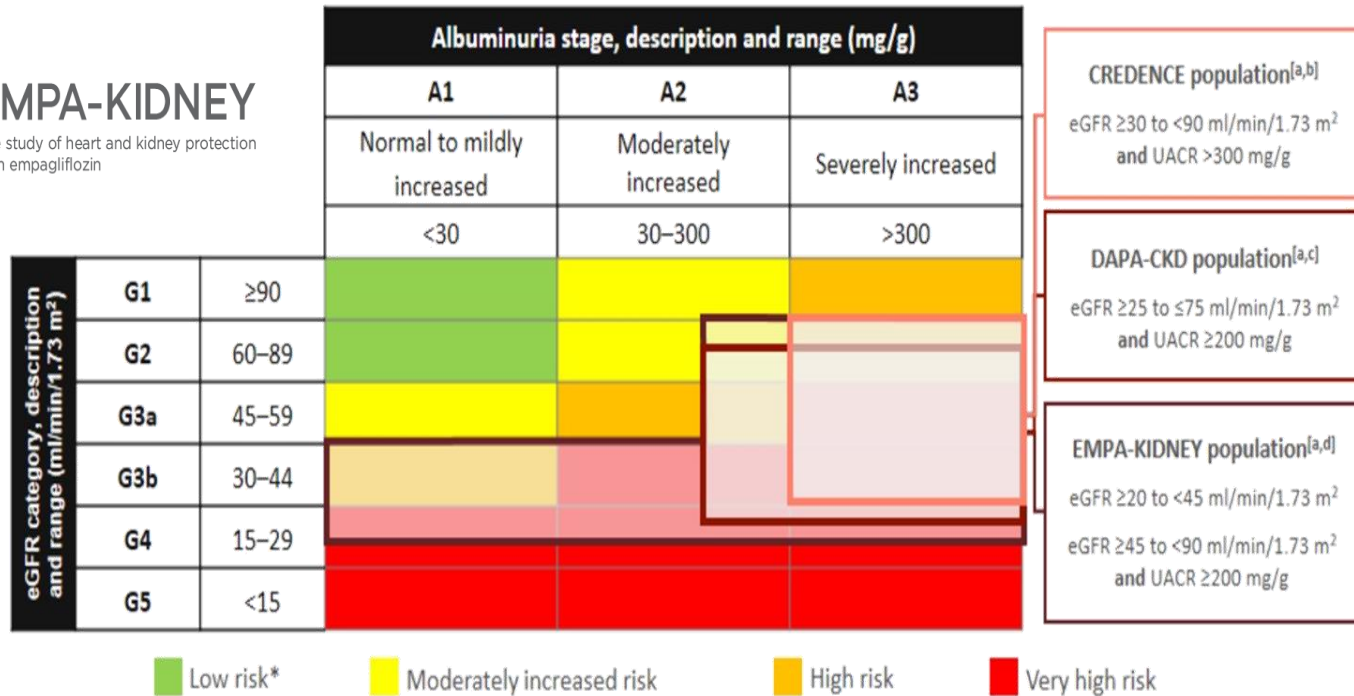
Also achieved success on composite renal endpoint, KCCQ clinical summary score, and total number of hospitalizations for any reason (all nominal $P < 0.01$)

EMPA-KIDNEY is enrolling a broad CKD population



EMPA-KIDNEY

The study of heart and kidney protection with empagliflozin



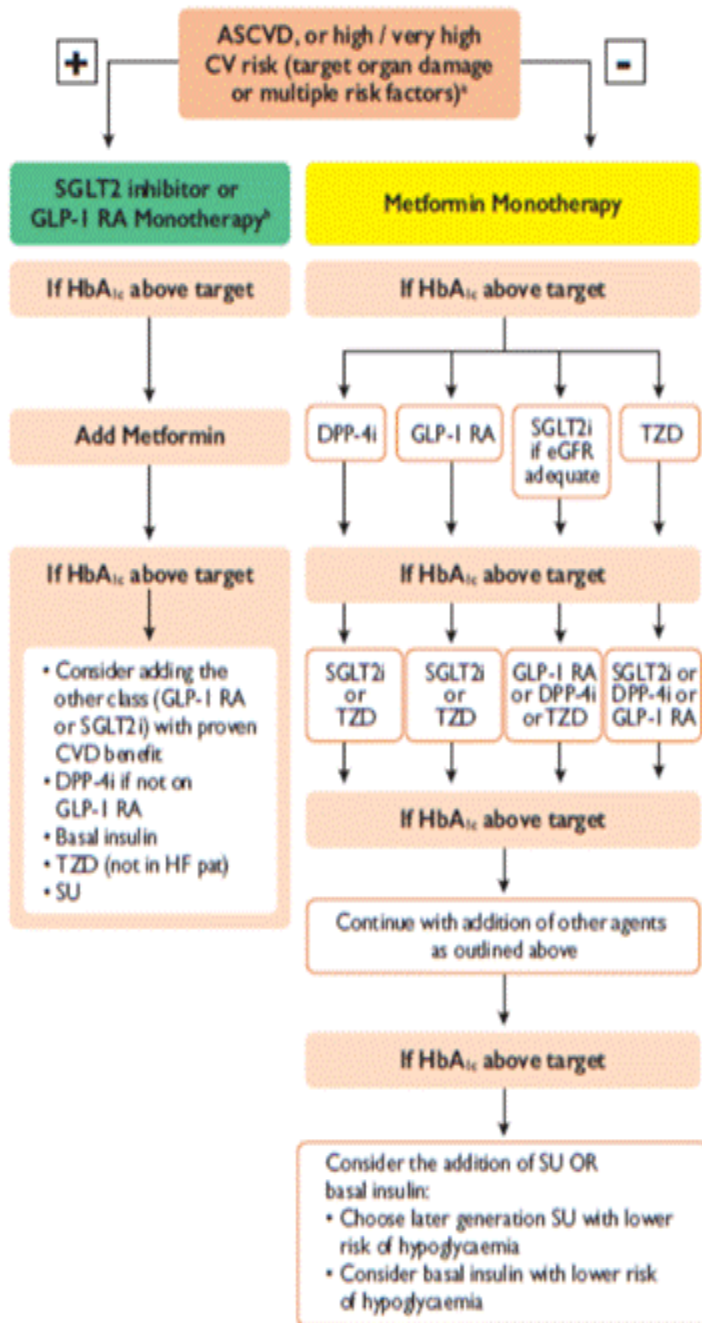
*If no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD.

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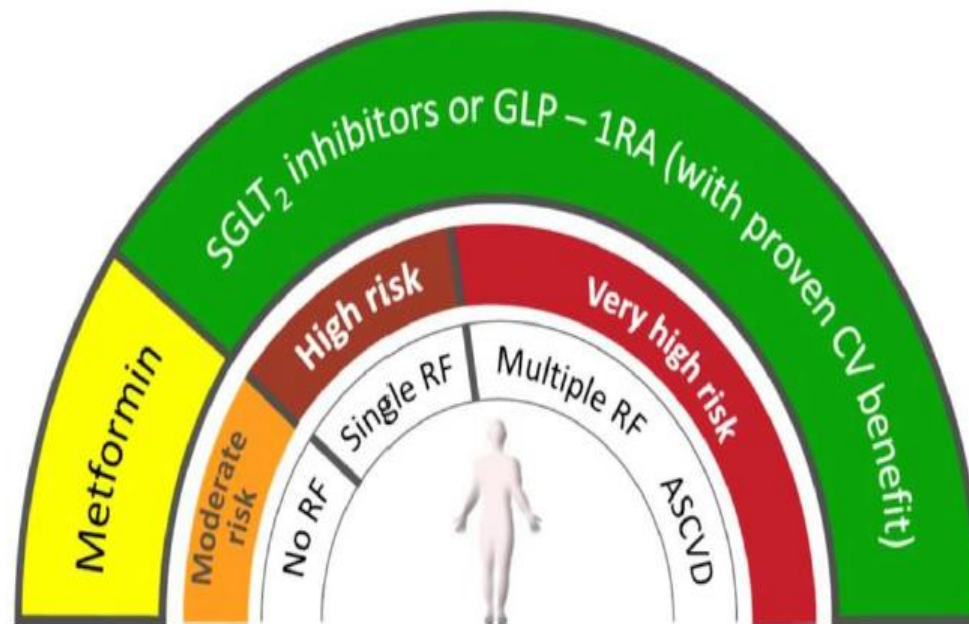
2019 ESC Guidelines on diabetes, pre-diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases

A Type 2 DM - Drug naïve patients



Treatment algorithm in patients with T2DM and ASCVD or high/very high CV risk - drug naïve

Cardiovascular risk stratification and baseline treatment recommendation to reduce cardiovascular risk in patients with T₂DM mellitus



Very high risk	Patients with DM and established CVD or other target organ damage ^b or three or more major risk factors or early onset T1DM of long duration (>20 years)
High risk	Patients with DM duration ≥10 years without target organ damage plus any other additional risk factor
Moderate risk	Young patients (T1DM aged <35 years or T2DM aged <50 years) with DM duration <10 years, without other risk factors

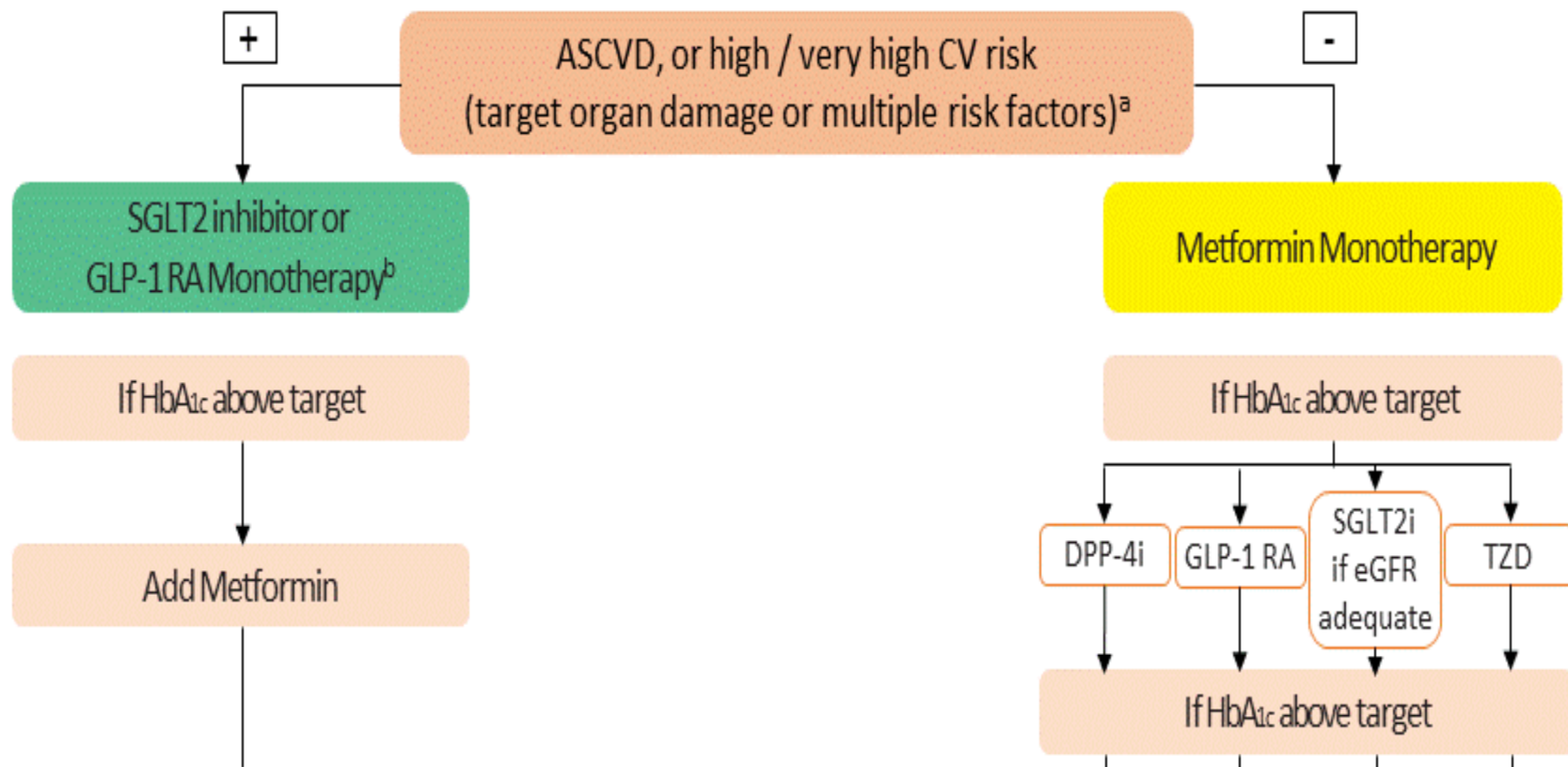
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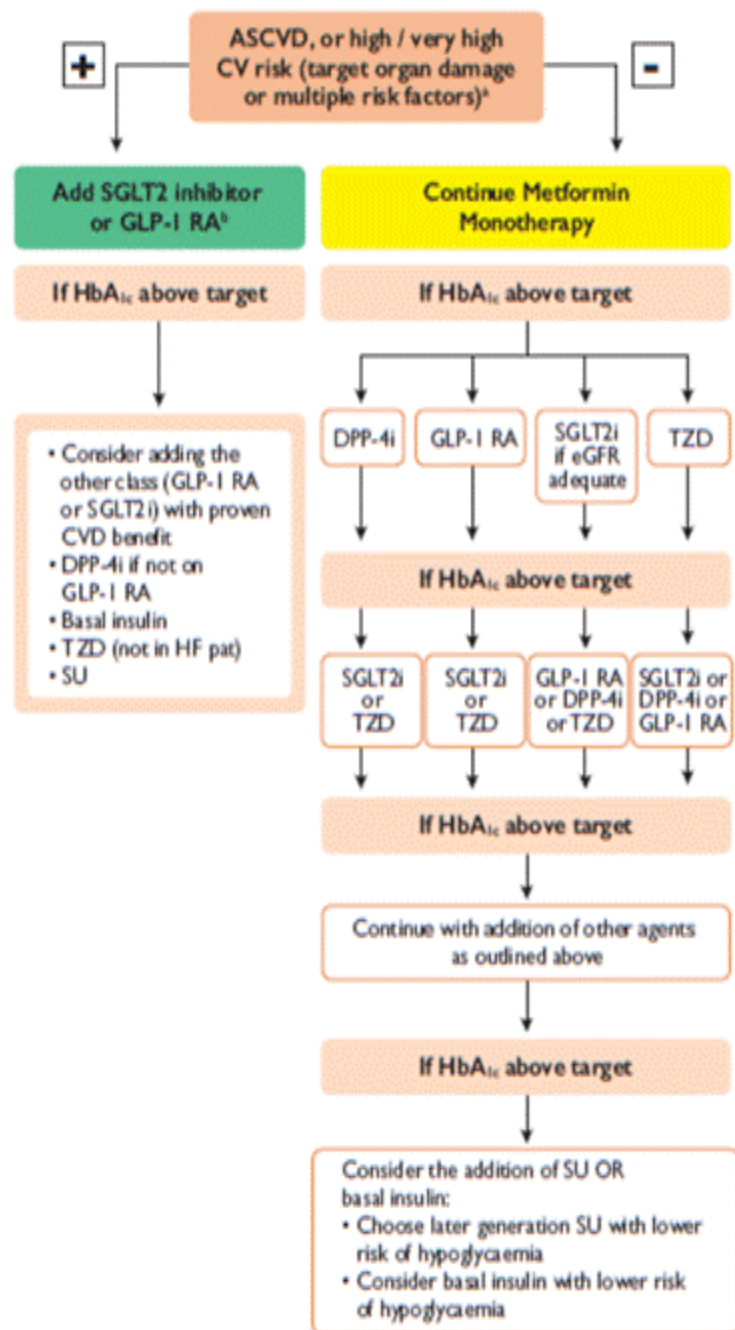
B: Proteinuria, renal impairment defined as eGFR<30 mL/min/1.73 m², left ventricular hypertrophy, or retinopathy.
C: Age, hypertension, dyslipidemia, smoking, obesity

Treatment algorithm in patients with T2DM and ASCVD or high/very high CV risk - drug naïve (1)

a) Type 2 DM - Drug naïve patients



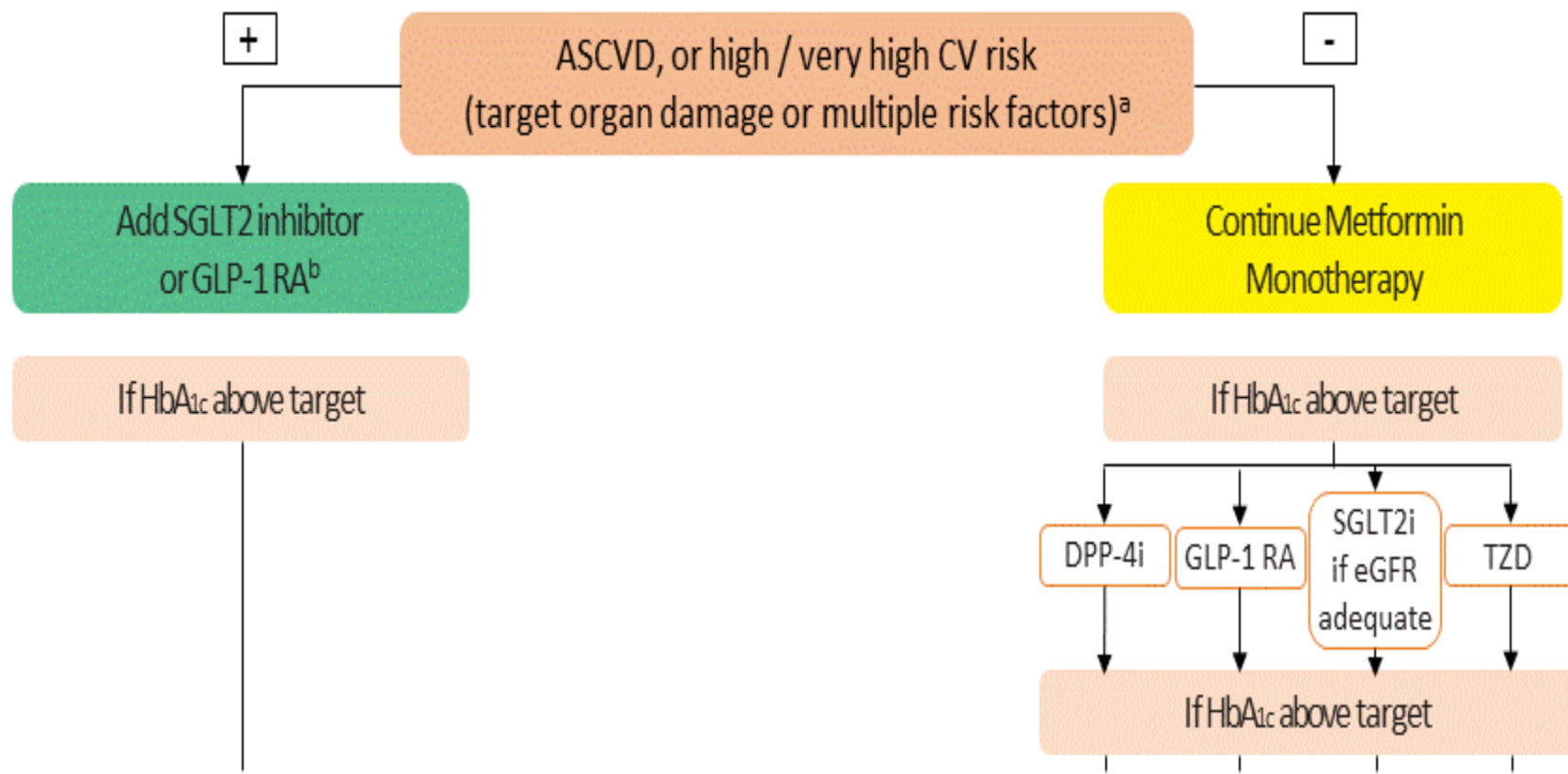
B Type 2 DM - On metformin



**Treatment algorithm in
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CV risk - metformin
treated**

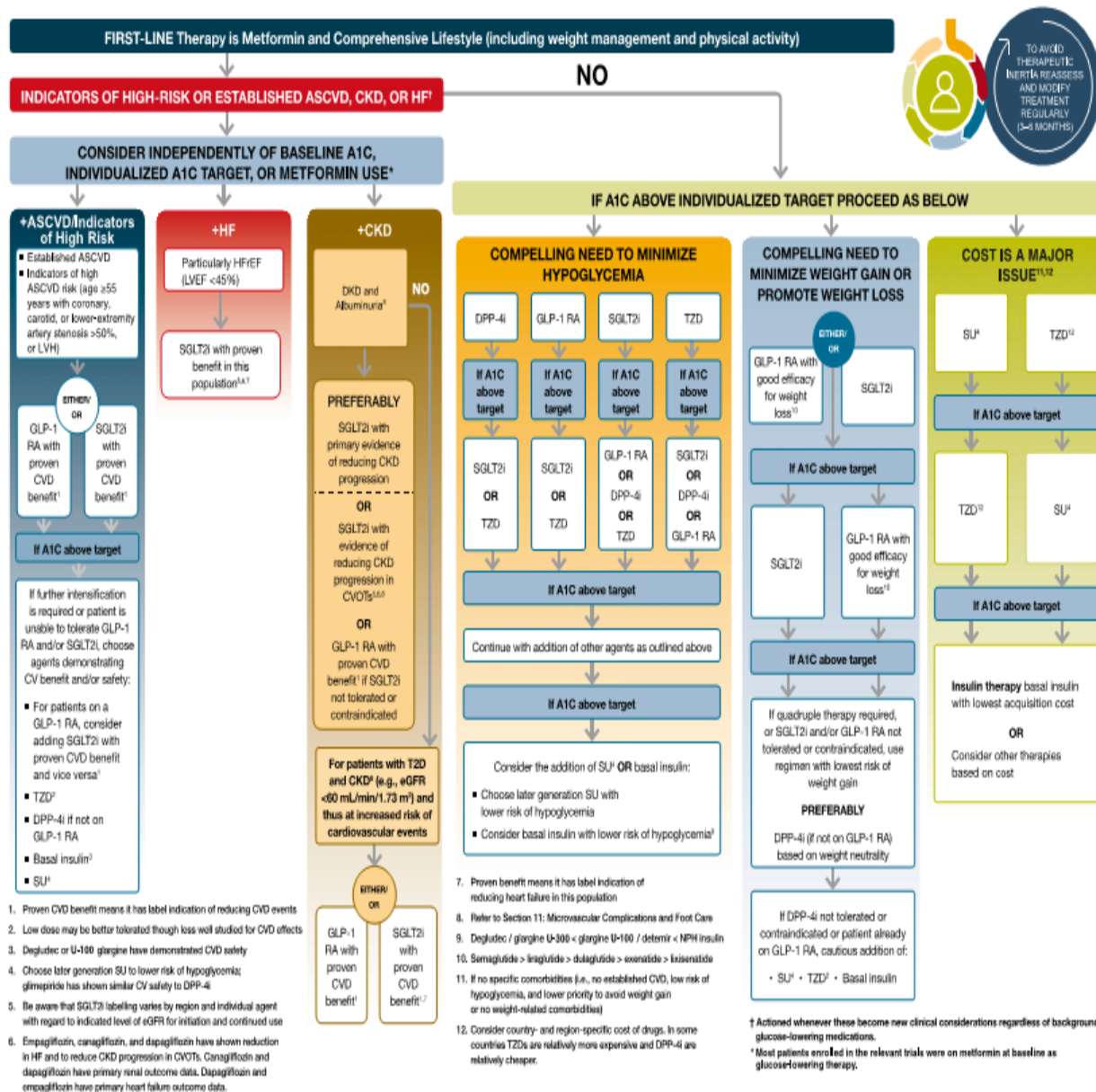
Treatment algorithm in patients with T2DM and ASCVD or high/very high CV risk - metformin treated (1)

b) Type 2 DM - On metformin





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INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF¹

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
Albuminuria¹

NO

PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression

OR

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing CKD progression in CVOTs^{8,9}

OR

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

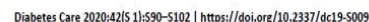
For patients with T2D and CKD⁸ (e.g., eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²) and thus at increased risk of cardiovascular events

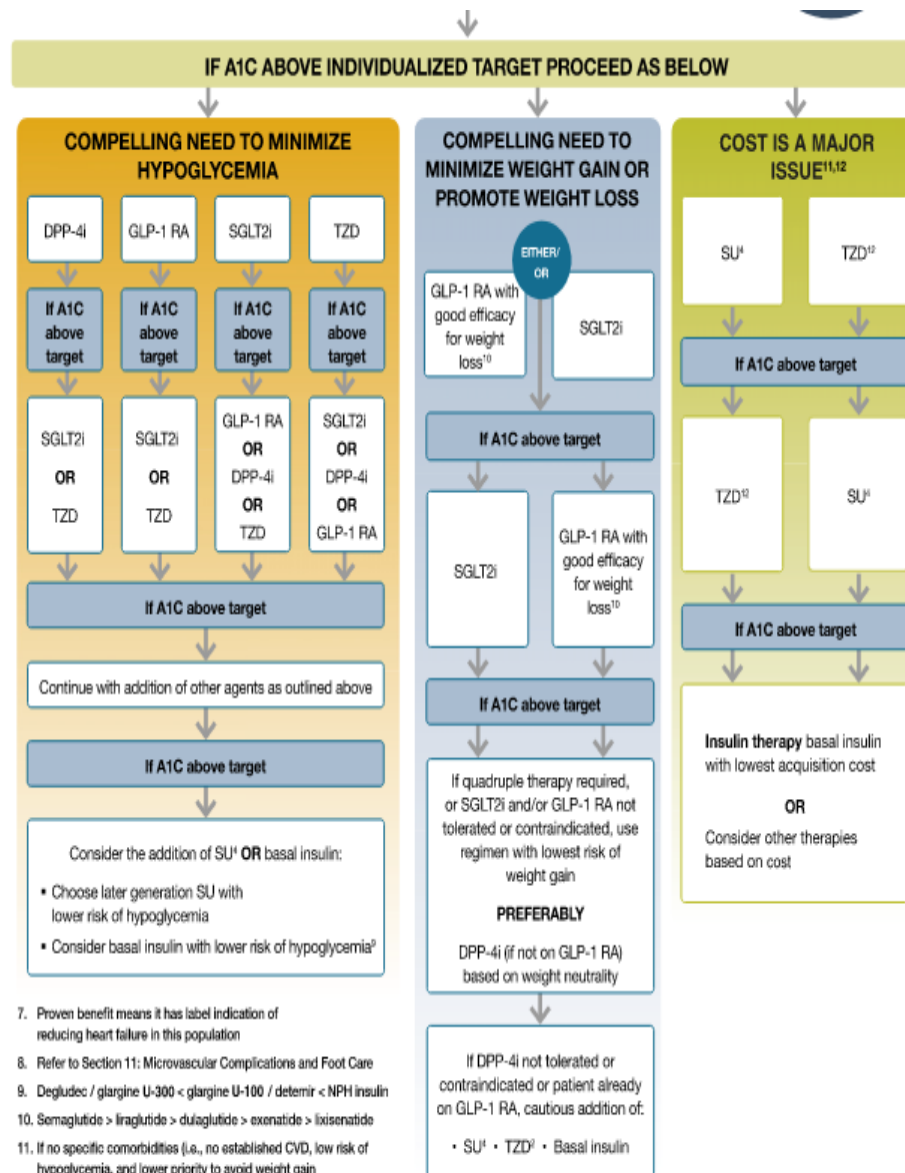
EITHER/
OR

GLP-1
RA with
proven
CVD
benefit¹

SGLT2i
with
proven
CVD
benefit^{1,7}

- 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.





7. Proven benefit means it has label indication of reducing heart failure in this population

8. Refer to Section 11: Microvascular Complications and Foot Care

9. Degludec / glargine U-300 < glargine U-100 / detemir < NPH insulin

10. Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide

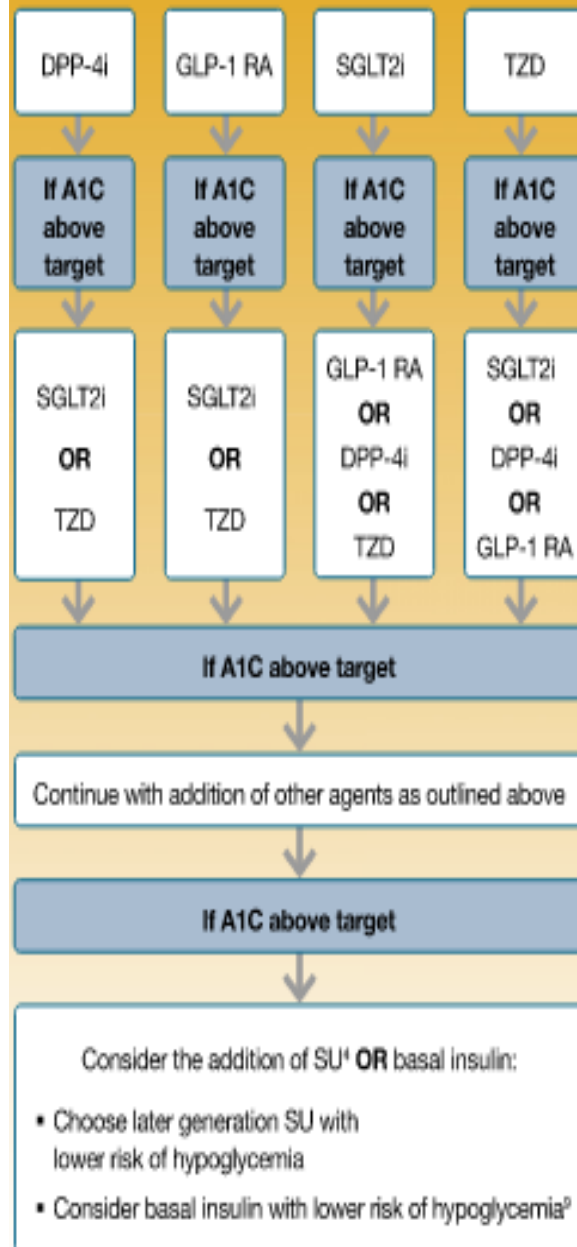
11. If no specific comorbidities (i.e., no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycemia, and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)

12. 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.

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA



**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:

• SU¹ • 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

EMPAVER - Highlights



- **Oral: in the morning, with or without food**
 - **10 mg once daily; may increase to 25 mg once daily**
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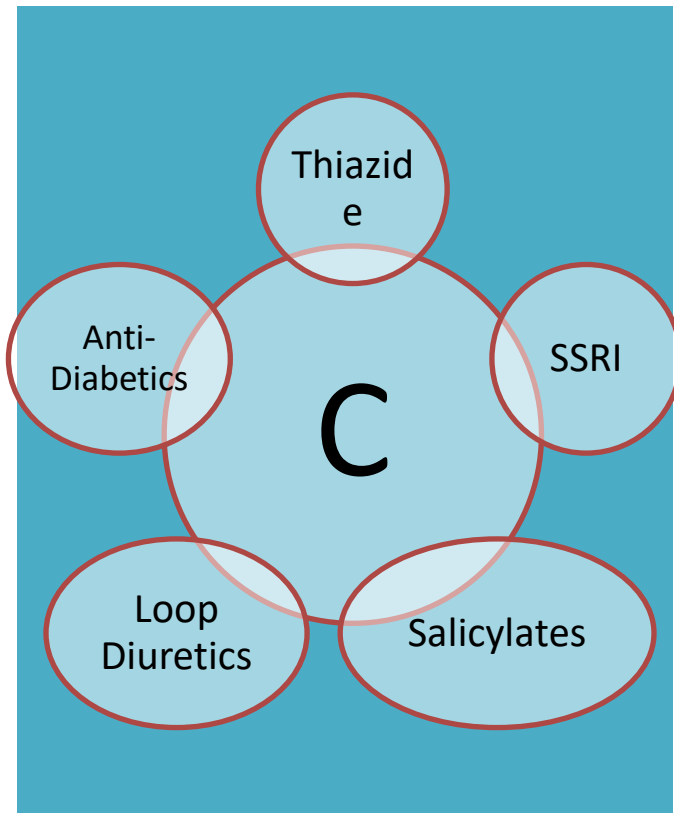
Dosing in Renal impairment

- **eGFR ≥ 45 :** No dosage adjustment necessary.
- **eGFR 30 to <45 :** Empagliflozin in diabetic patients with CVD and renal impairment (eGFR 30 to <60) may be associated with decreases in incident or worsening nephropathy as well as decreased cardiovascular mortality.
- **eGFR <30 :** Use is contraindicated.
- **ESRD, dialysis:** Use is contraindicated.

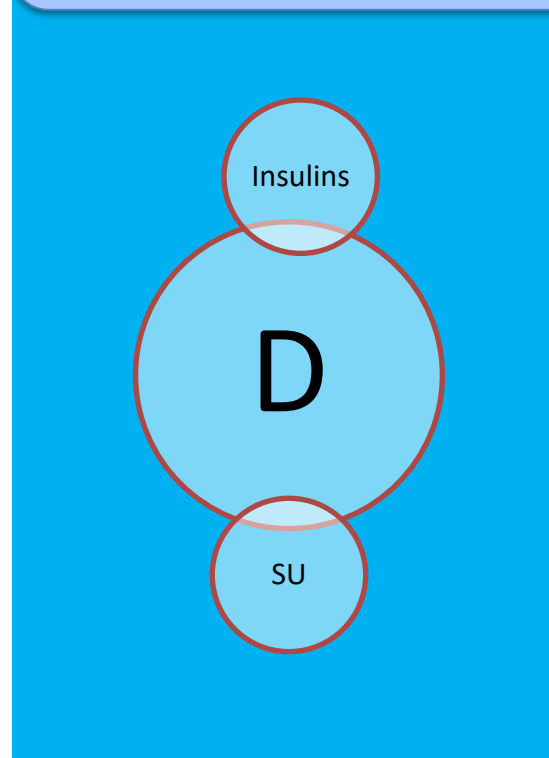
Dosing in Hepatic impairment

- No dose adjustment necessary

Drug interaction



Reduced dose of insulin and/or insulin secretagogues may be needed



Risk C: Monitor therapy Risk D: Consider therapy modification

Summary

- SGLT2 inhibitors were developed and approved:
 - As **T2D therapies** with a novel glucose lowering mechanism
 - For People with reasonably **good kidney function**
- The **EMPA-REG** OUTCOME was the first of a series of SGLT2i trials that **changed treatment guidelines** for **endocrinologists, cardiologists and nephrologists**
- Today ➔ SGLT2 inhibitors have moved:
 - **Reduce CV risk & Improve CV outcome**
 - **a solid kidney drug , “highly efficient”** in individuals with poor kidney function
- SGLT2 inhibitors have a **significant and clinically relevant** impact across the spectrum of **kidney function in DKD/CKD**

Thanks for your attention

Effects of empagliflozin on renal sodium and glucose handling in patients with acute heart failure

(EMPA-RESPONSE-AHF)

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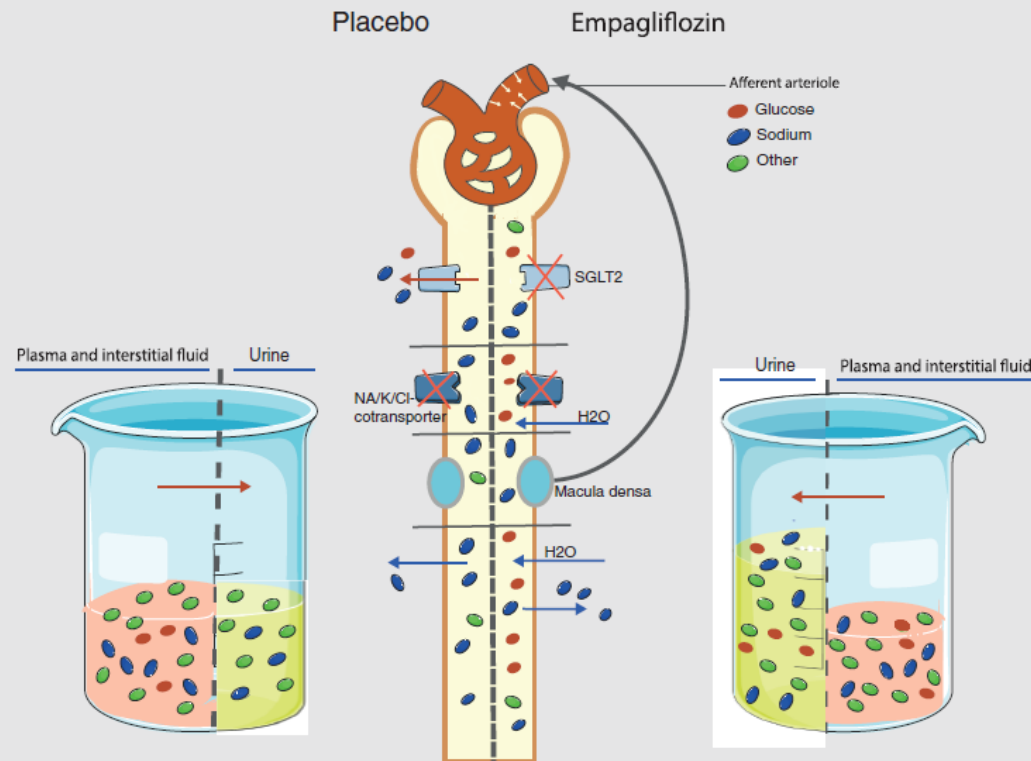
- This study was sub-study EMPA-RESPONSE-AHF.
- within 24 h of an acute HF admission to either empagliflozin
- 10 mg/day ($n = 40$) or placebo ($n = 39$) for 30 days.
- daily Na + Glu during the first 96 h and at day 30.
- 76 (range 38–89) years old , 33% had DM.
- Loop diuretics during the first 96 h was similar in both groups.

Empagliflozin

- increased **fractional glucose excretion** with a peak after 24 h
- without affecting **plasma glucose** concentration,
- fractional **Na and Cl excretion** and **urinary osmolality** remained unchanged ($P > 0.3$ for all).
- Increased **plasma osmolality** (delta osmolality at 72 h: 5 ± 8 vs. 2 ± 5 mOsm/kg; $P = 0.049$).
- there was an early decline in estimated **GFR** with empagliflozin vs. placebo which recovered within 30 days.

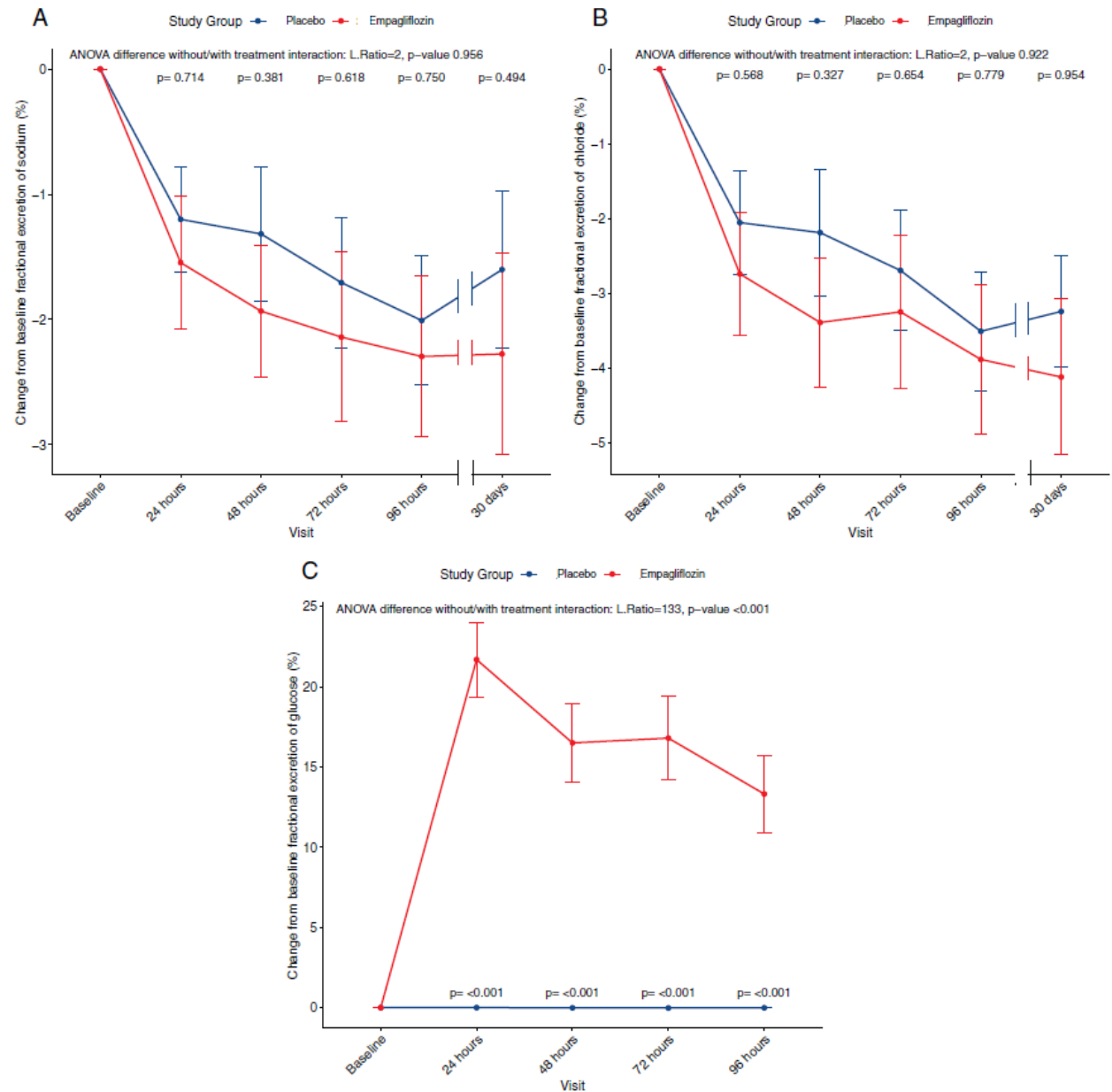
changes in urinary and plasma volume and osmolality

Graphical Abstract



SGLT2- inhibition → Glu + more water in nephrons → increased electrolyte free water Excretion → plasma osmolality increased + total volume of plasma and interstitial fluid is decreased.

excretion of
sodium (A),
chloride (B)
glucose (C)

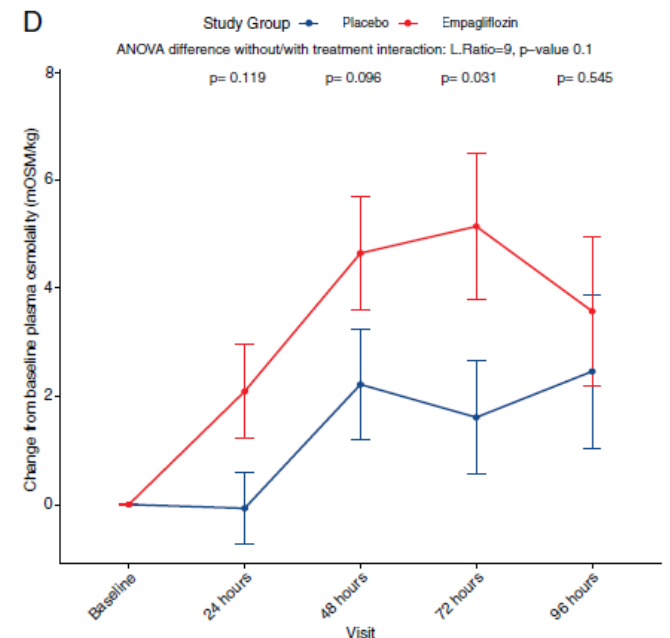
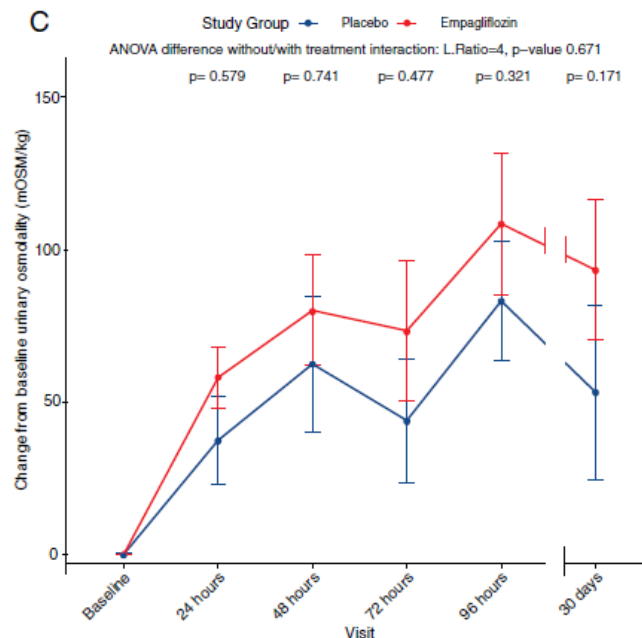
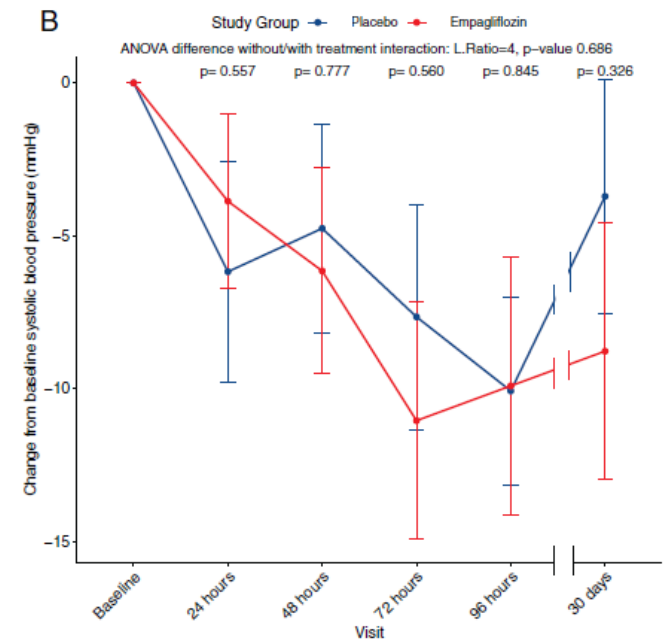
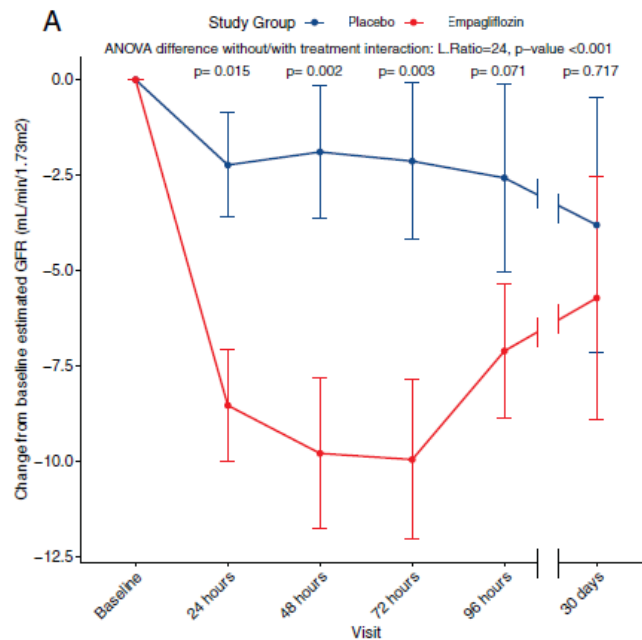


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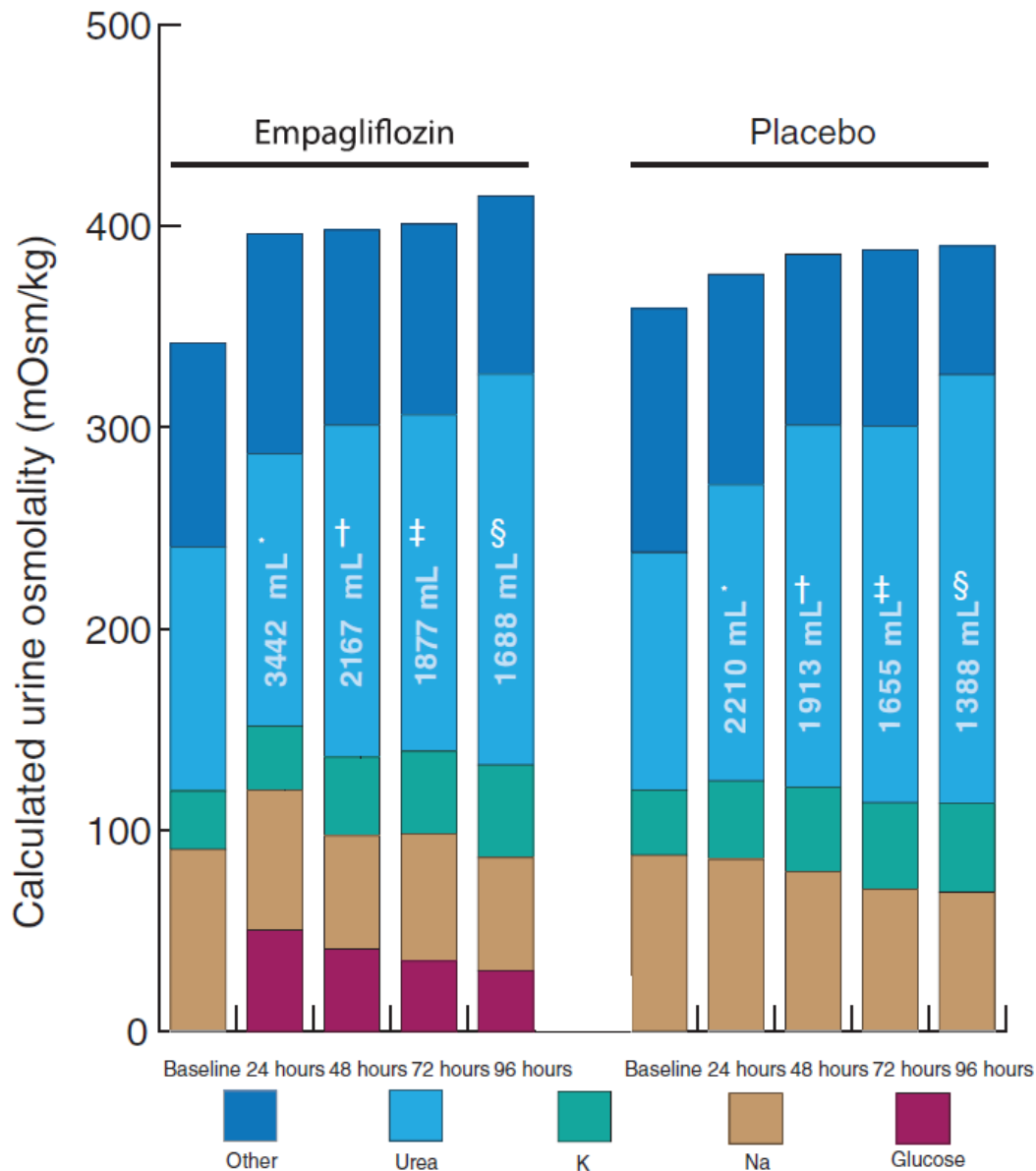
systolic BP (B),

urine osmolality (C)

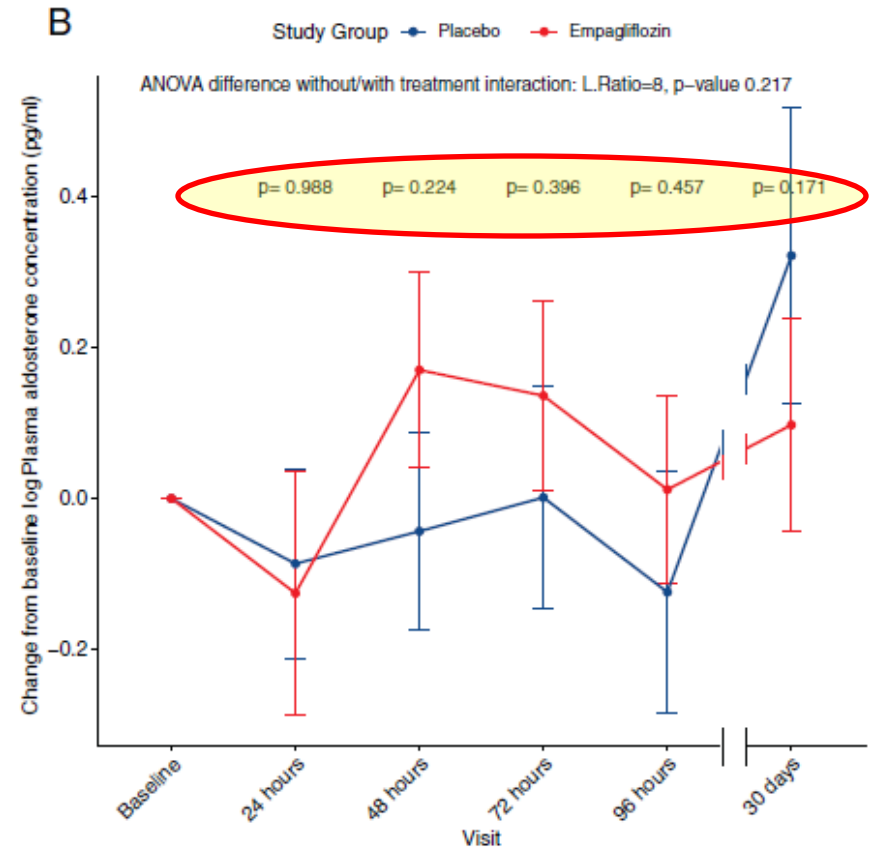
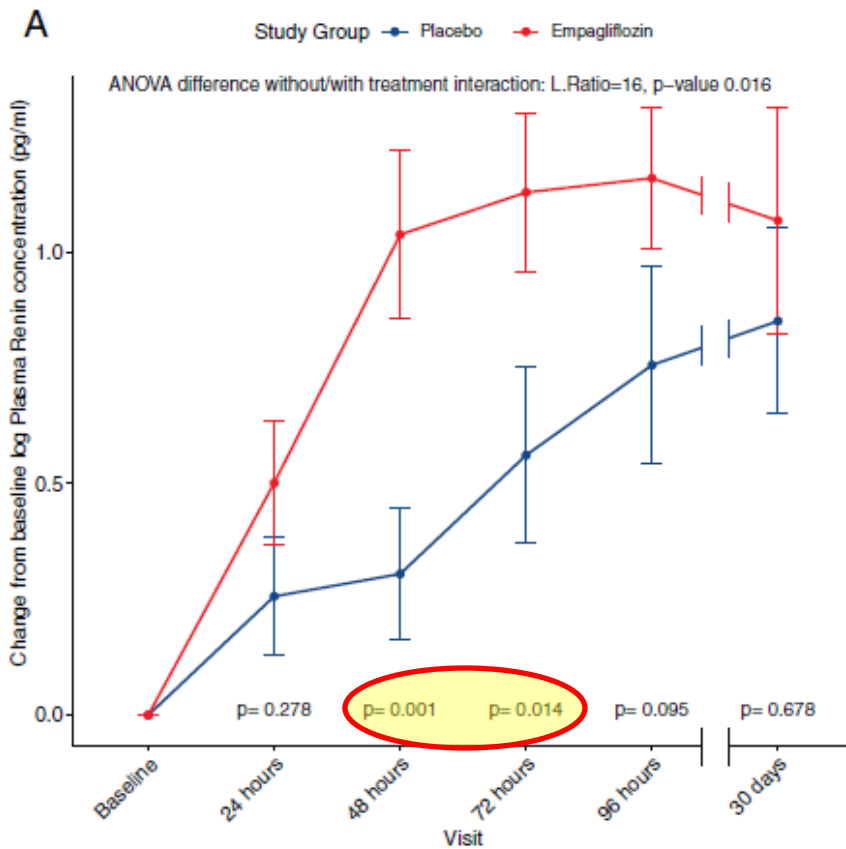
plasma osmolality (D)



Composites of urinary molecules making up osmolality



Delta renin (A) - Delta aldosterone (B)



In acute HF → empagliflozin

- increased fractional glucose excretion and plasma osmolality,
- without affecting fractional sodium excretion or urine osmolality
- temporary decline in estimated glomerular filtration rate.

empagliflozin → stimulates osmotic diuresis through increased glycosuria rather than natriuresis in patients with acute HF.

Original Research

Empagliflozin Ameliorates Diastolic Dysfunction and Left Ventricular Fibrosis/Stiffness in Nondiabetic Heart Failure: A Multimodality Study

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effect of empagliflozin on diastolic function in a nondiabetic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF) scenario and on the pathways causing diastolic dysfunction.

empagliflozin

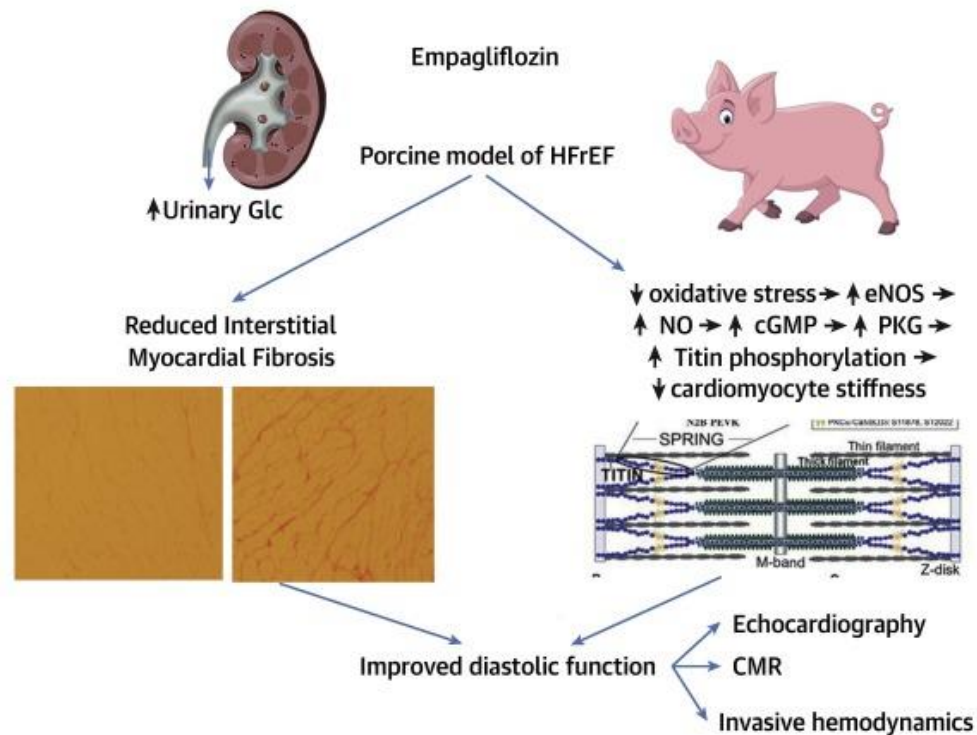
- ameliorates adverse cardiac remodeling,
- enhances myocardial energetics,
- improves left ventricular systolic function in a nondiabetic porcine model of HF.

Whether empagliflozin also improves diastolic function?

- Hypothetically, empagliflozin would improve diastolic function in HF mediated both by a reduction in interstitial myocardial fibrosis and an improvement in cardiomyocyte stiffness (titin phosphorylation).

- HF was induced in nondiabetic pigs by 2-h balloon occlusion of proximal left anterior descending artery

CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Empagliflozin Improves Sarcomere Relaxation in Isolated Cardiomyocytes



Santos-Gallego, C.G. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Img. 2021;14(2):393-407.

significantly improved diastolic function at 2 months

- TTE → (higher e' and color M-mode **propagation velocity**, lower E/e' ratio, myocardial performance **Tei index**, **isovolumic relaxation time**, and **left atrial** size) + strain imaging (**strain** imaging diastolic index, **strain rate** at isovolumic relaxation time and during early diastole, and untwisting),
- CMR → (higher peak filling rate, larger first filling volume).
- **Invasive hemodynamics** → improved **diastolic function** (better peak **LV pressure** rate of decay ($-dp/dt$), shorter **Tau**, lower **end-diastolic pressure-volume** relationship (EDPVR), and reduced **filling pressures**).
- Empagliflozin reduced **interstitial myocardial fibrosis** at the imaging, histological and molecular level.
- Empagliflozin **improved nitric oxide signaling** (endothelial nitric oxide synthetase [eNOS] activity, nitric oxide [NO] availability, cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP) content, protein kinase G [PKG] signaling)
- **enhanced titin phosphorylation** (which is responsible for cardiomyocyte stiffness).
- isolated cardiomyocytes exhibited **better relaxation** in empagliflozin-treated animals. Myocardial consumption of glucose and ketone bodies negatively and positively correlated with diastolic function, respectively.

Empagliflozin

- ameliorates diastolic function in a nondiabetic HF porcine model,
- mitigates histological and molecular remodeling,
- reduces both left ventricle and cardiomyocyte stiffness.

