

Update: Diabetic kidney disease

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Aims

- Review the clinical impact of diabetic kidney disease (DKD)
- New therapies and their implications on DKD
 - GLP-1 receptor agonists
 - SGLT-2 inhibitors
 - Mineralocorticoid agonists
- Prescribing considerations of SGLT-2 inhibitors

Diabetic kidney disease

Definition

In patients with diabetes mellitus

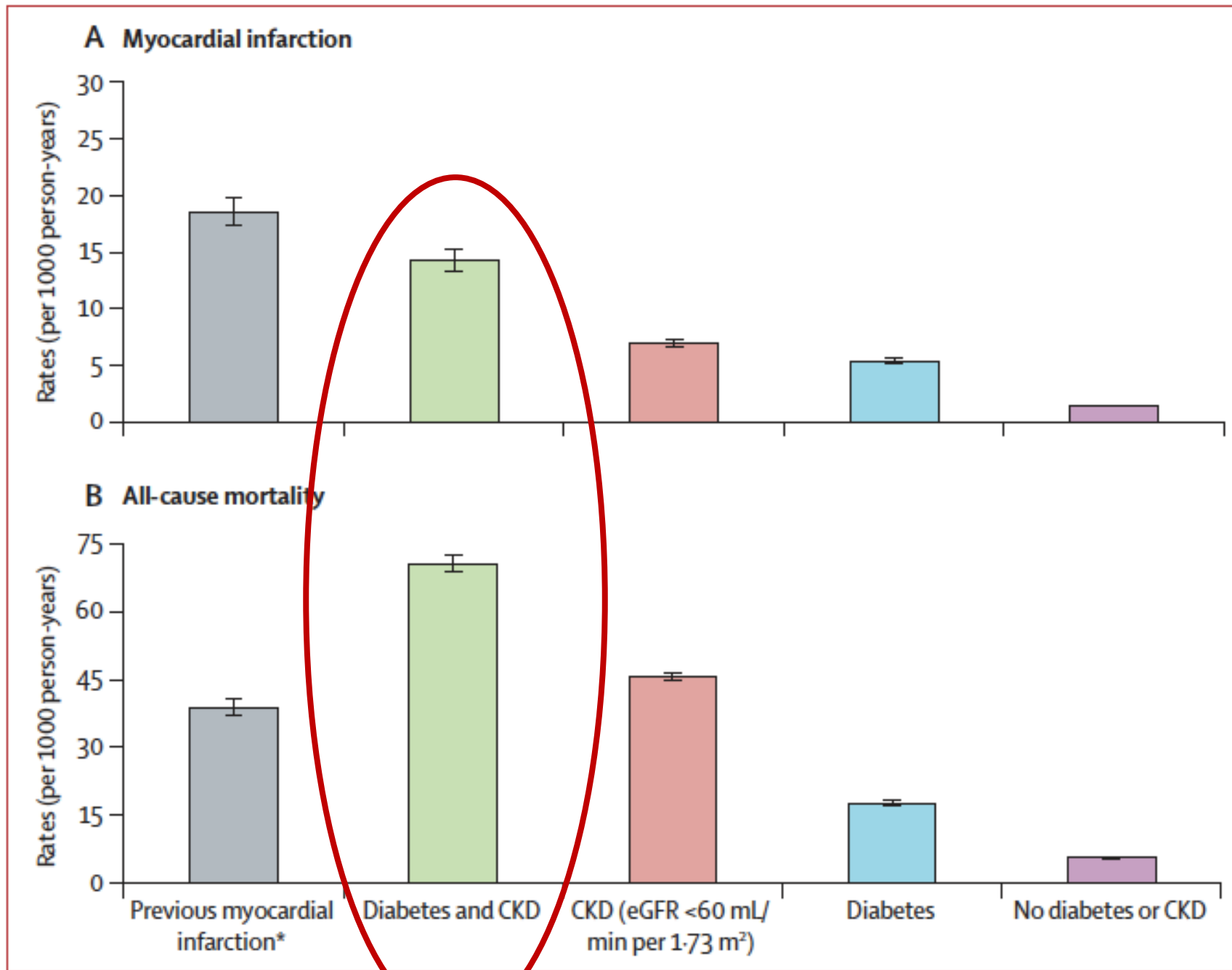
Urine ACR > 30mg/mmol

OR

eGFR < 60ml/min/1.73m²

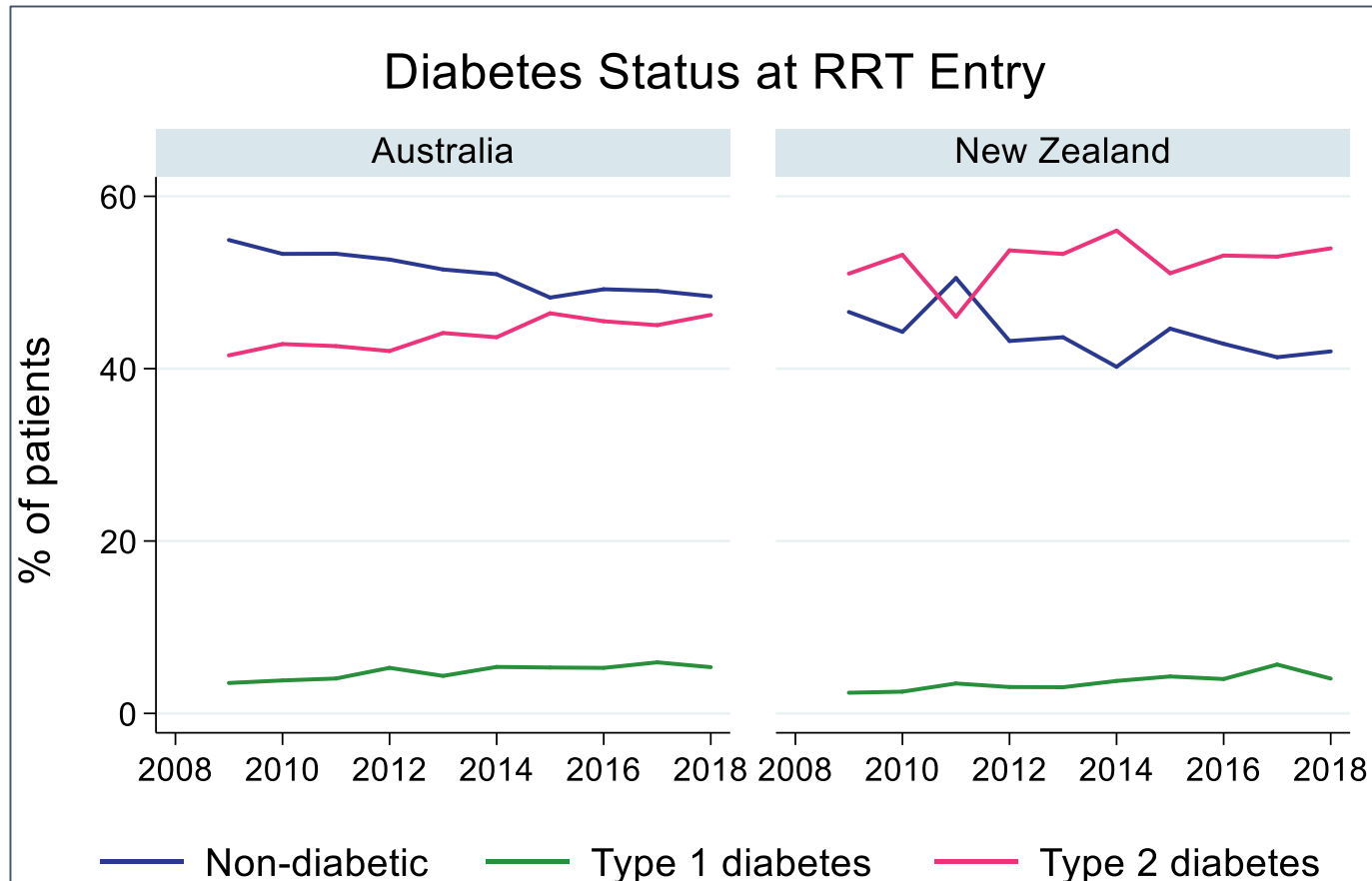
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eGFR < 60ml/min/1.73m² & Urine ACR > 30mg/mmol



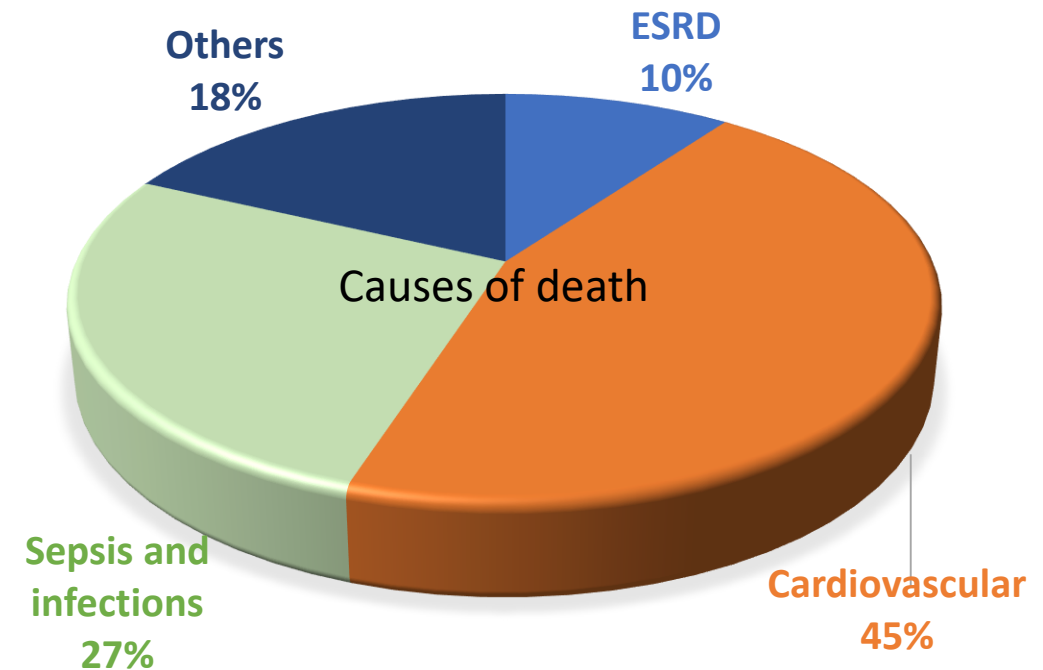
Diabetic kidney disease

- Leading cause of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) worldwide



2019 ANZDATA Annual Report, Figure 1.9

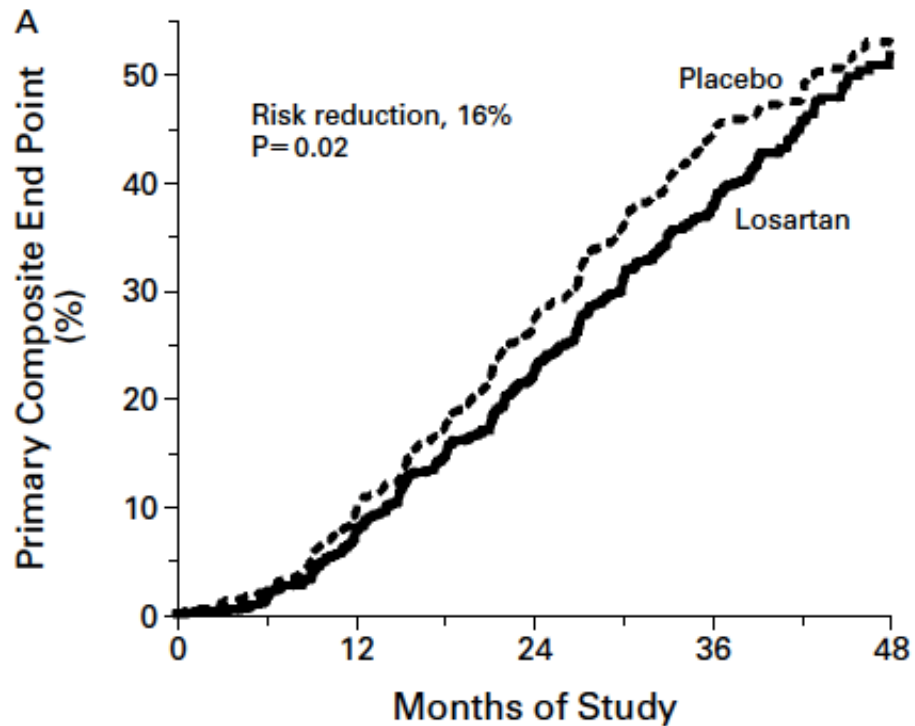
30 – 40% will develop DKD



CJASN 2017; 12: 2032 - 2045

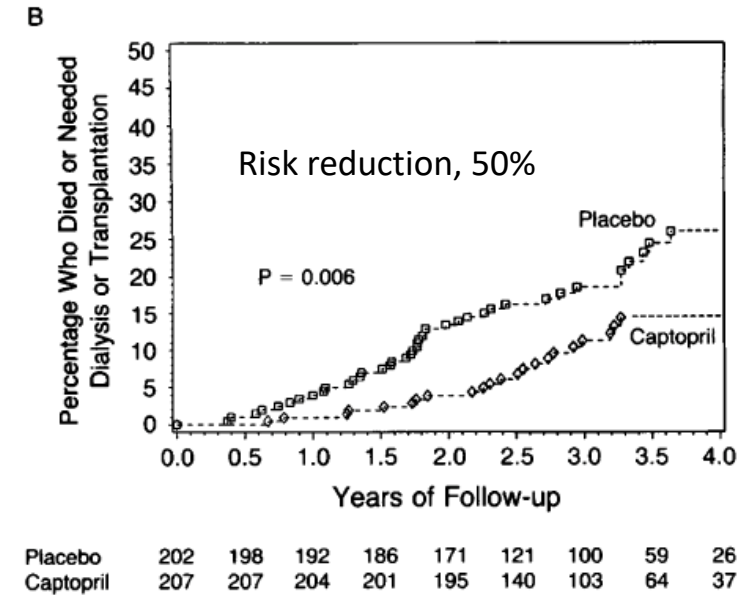
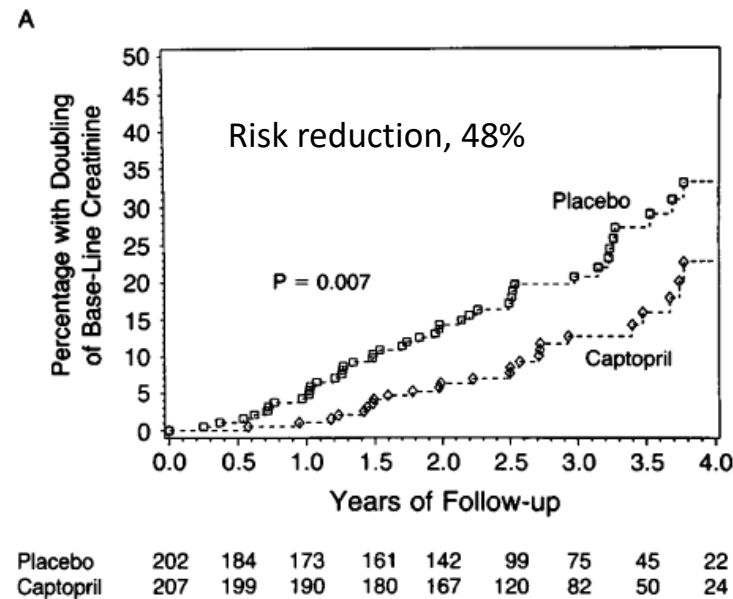
Renal benefit with AT II inhibition (doubling of sCr, ESRD or all-cause mortality)

RENAAL



NEJM 2001; 345:861-869

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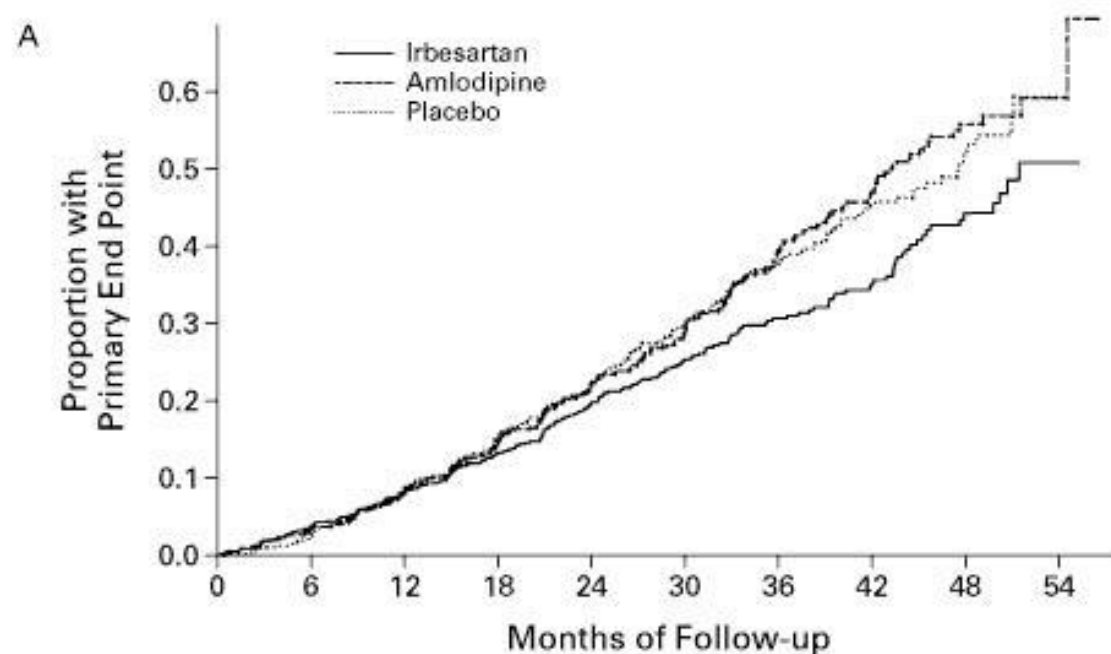


Risk reduction, 50% for composite renal outcome.
Greater benefit in those with eGFR <60 ml/min/1.73m²

NEJM 1993; 329: 1456 -1462.

RAS blockers superior to other antihypertensive agents for renoprotection

- IDNT



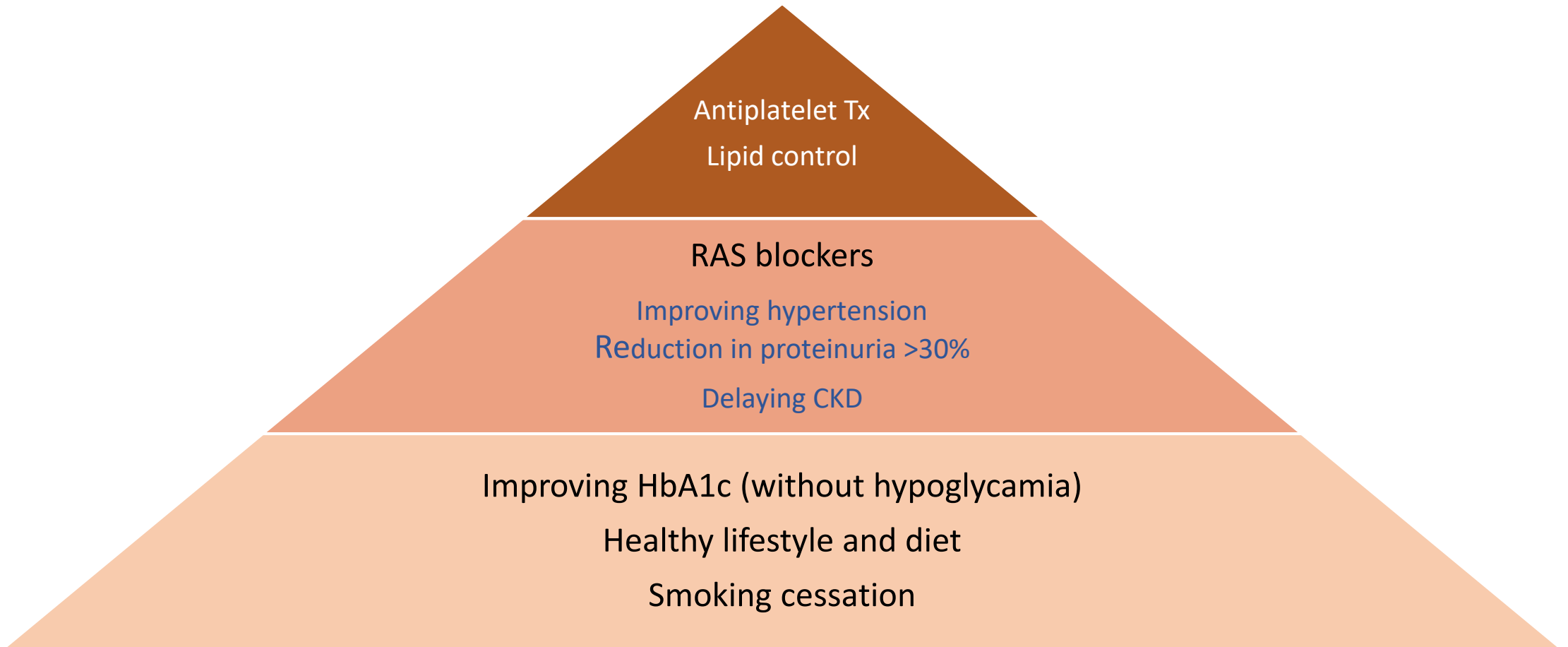
No. AT Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
Irbesartan	579	555	528	496	400	304	216	146	65	
Amlodipine	585	542	508	474	385	287	187	128	46	
Placebo	588	551	512	471	401	280	190	122	53	

Risk reduction of primary outcome (ESRD, doubling sCR, death)

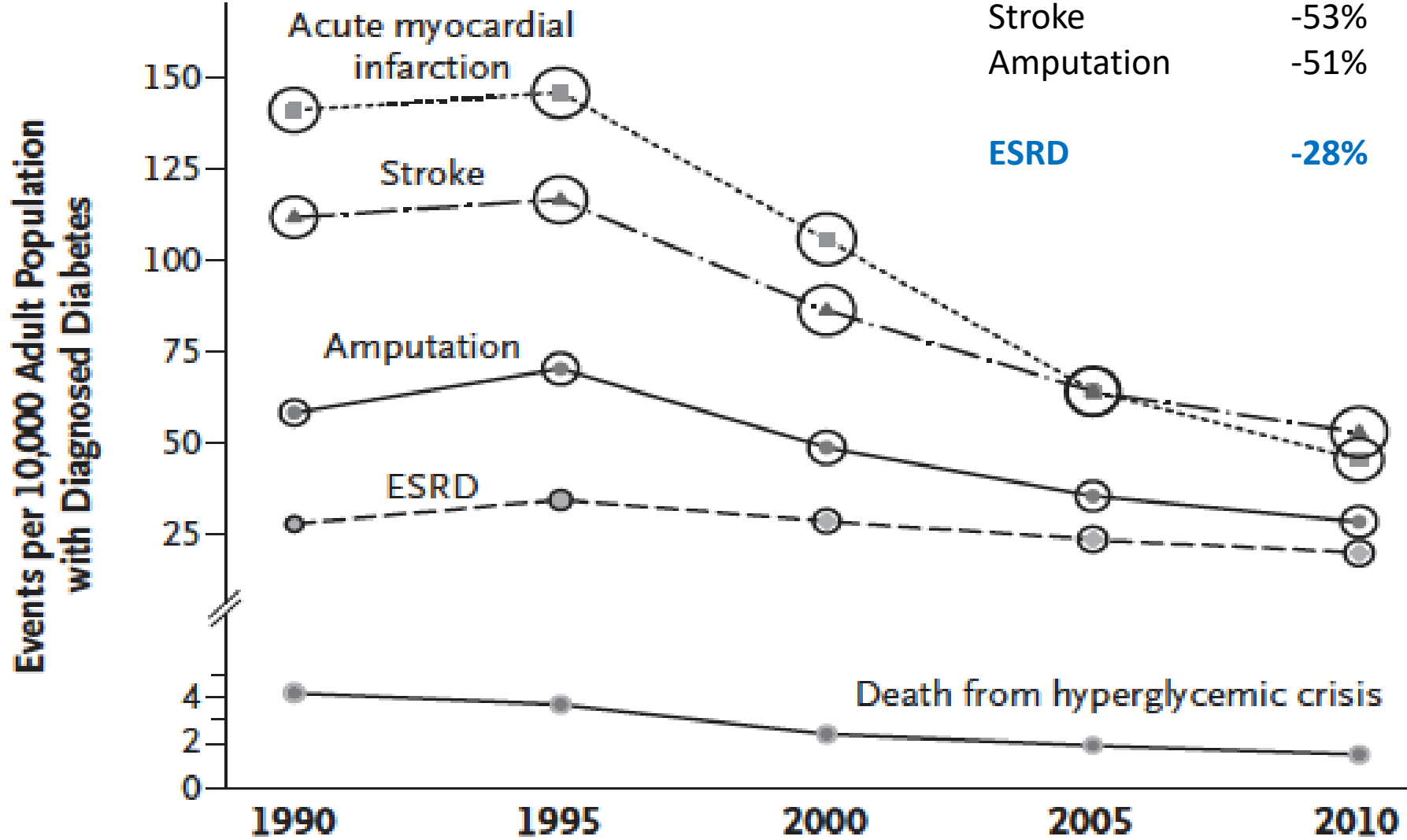
- Amlodipine: 23% (p = 0.006)
- Placebo: 20% (p=0.02)

BP similar in groups

Standard of care in DKD



A Population with Diabetes



GLP-1 R agonists trials in T2D

In addition to standard practice

ELIXA (2015)

Once weekly Lixisenatide

LEADER (2016)

Liraglutide

SUSTAIN-6 (2016)

Semaglutide

EXSCEL (2017)

Long-acting Exanatide

Cardiovascular safety & outcome trials
Secondary macroalbuminuria onset & renal outcomes

T2D

eGFR ≥ 30 ml/min/1.73m²

$\frac{3}{4}$ eGFR ≥ 60 ml/min/1.73m²

> 80% RAS blockade

AWARD-7 (2018)

Dulaglutide vs Glargine

Non-inferiority trial
Secondary eGFR and uACR change

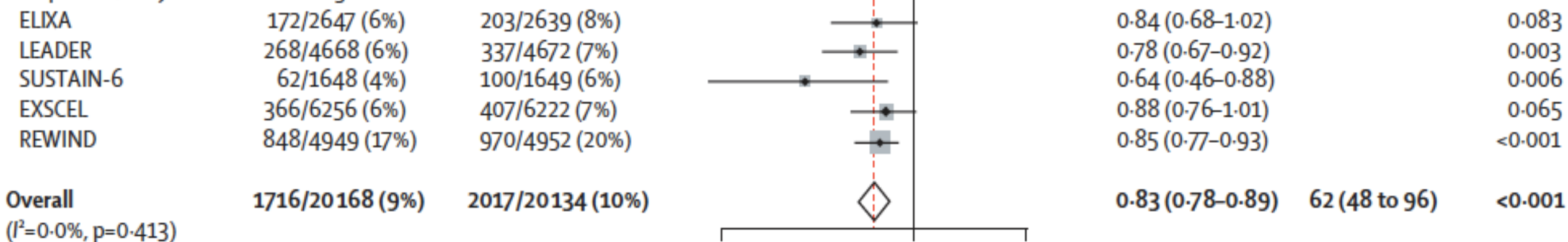
T2D

eGFR 15-59 ml/min/1.73m²

45% ≥ 0.5 g proteinuria/day

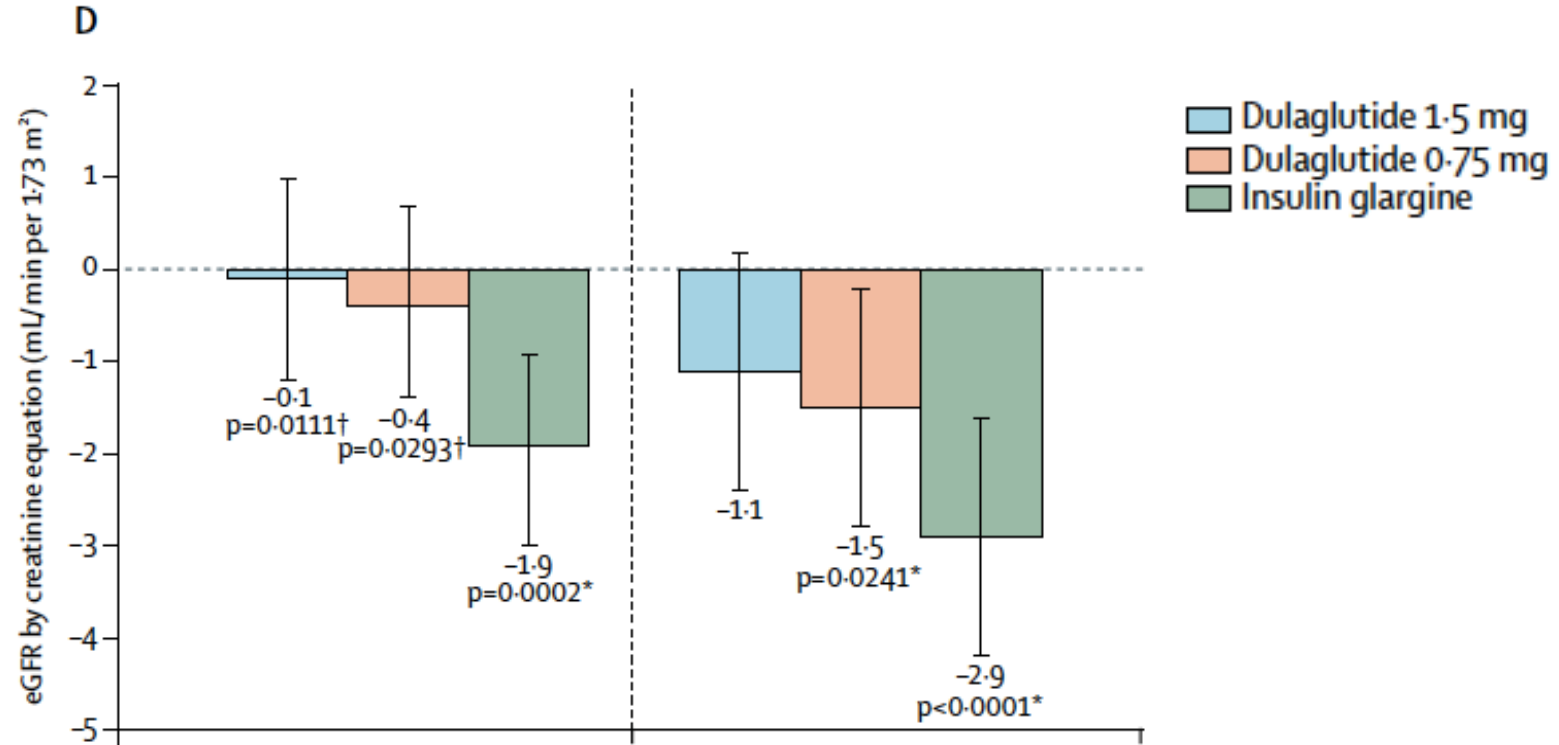
> 90% RAS blockade

Composite kidney outcome including macroalbuminuria



← Favours GLP-1 receptor agonist Favours placebo →

AWARD-7

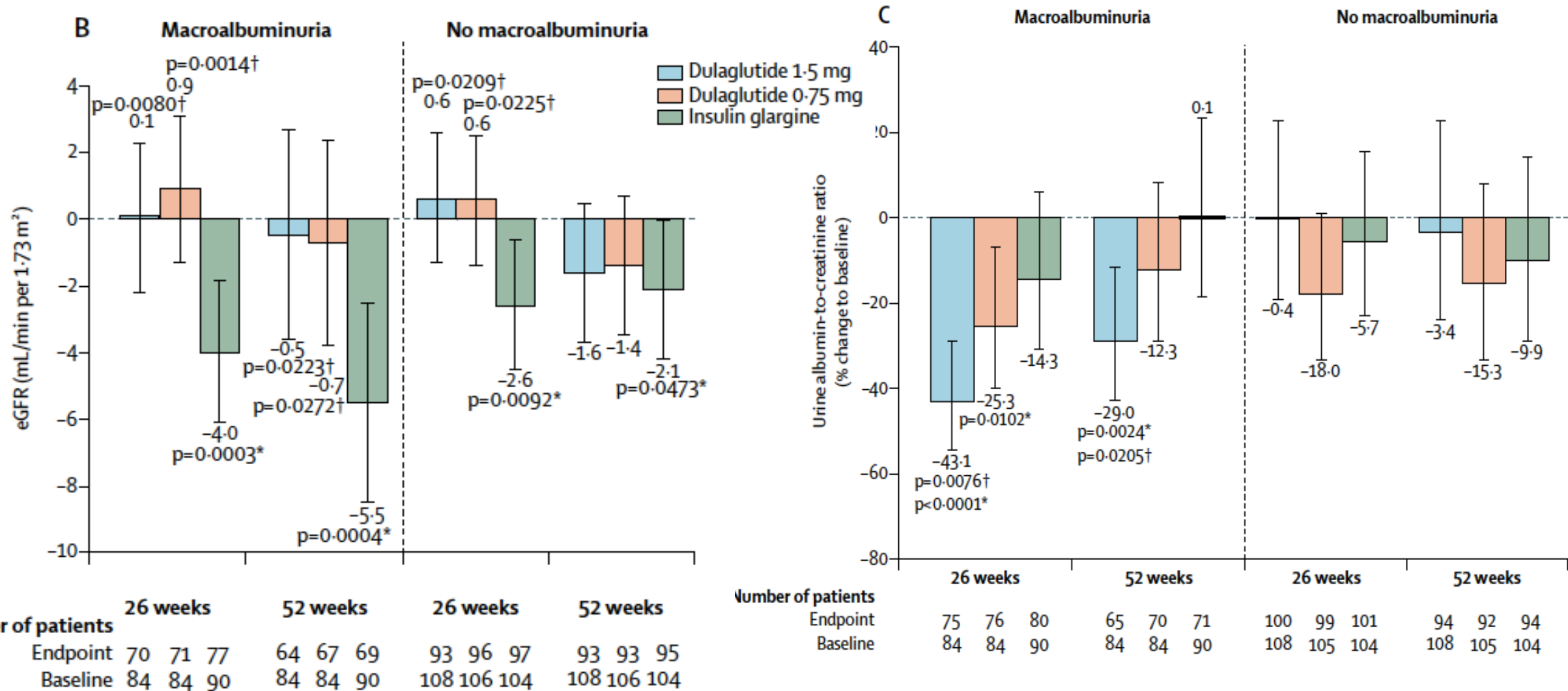


Number of patients

	26 weeks			52 weeks		
Endpoint	163	169	176	157	160	164
Baseline	192	190	194	192	190	194

Independent of HbA1c change, BP and RAS use

AWARD-7



*Versus baseline. †Versus insulin glargine.

SGLT 2 inhibitor trials

In addition to standard practice

EMPA-REG Outcome (2016)

- Empagliflozin

CANVAS (2017)

- Canagliflozin

DECLARE-TIMI 58 (2019)

- Dapagliflozin

Cardiovascular safety and outcome trials
Secondary renal outcome

T2D
Mild CKD; <20% nephropathy
80-85% RAS blockade

CREDESCENCE (2019)

- Canagliflozin

DAPA-CKD (2020)

- Dapagliflozin

Primary renal outcome trials
Diabetic kidney disease
CKD, no diabetes (DAPA-CKD)

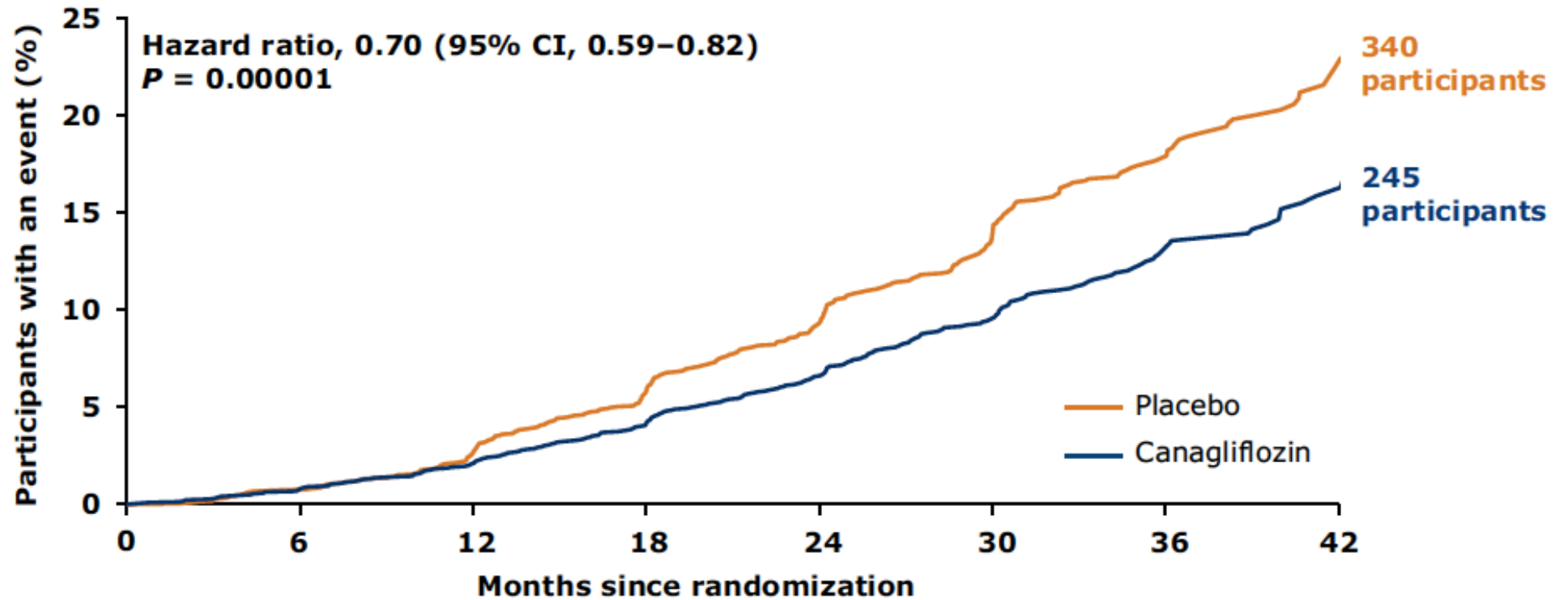
T2D & no diabetes*
* DAPA-CKD: 33% without T2D
DKD/CKD
eGFR 25 to 60 ml/min/1.73m²
Significant albuminuria
90% RAS blockade

EMPA-REG Outcome DKD (2020)

- Empagliflozin

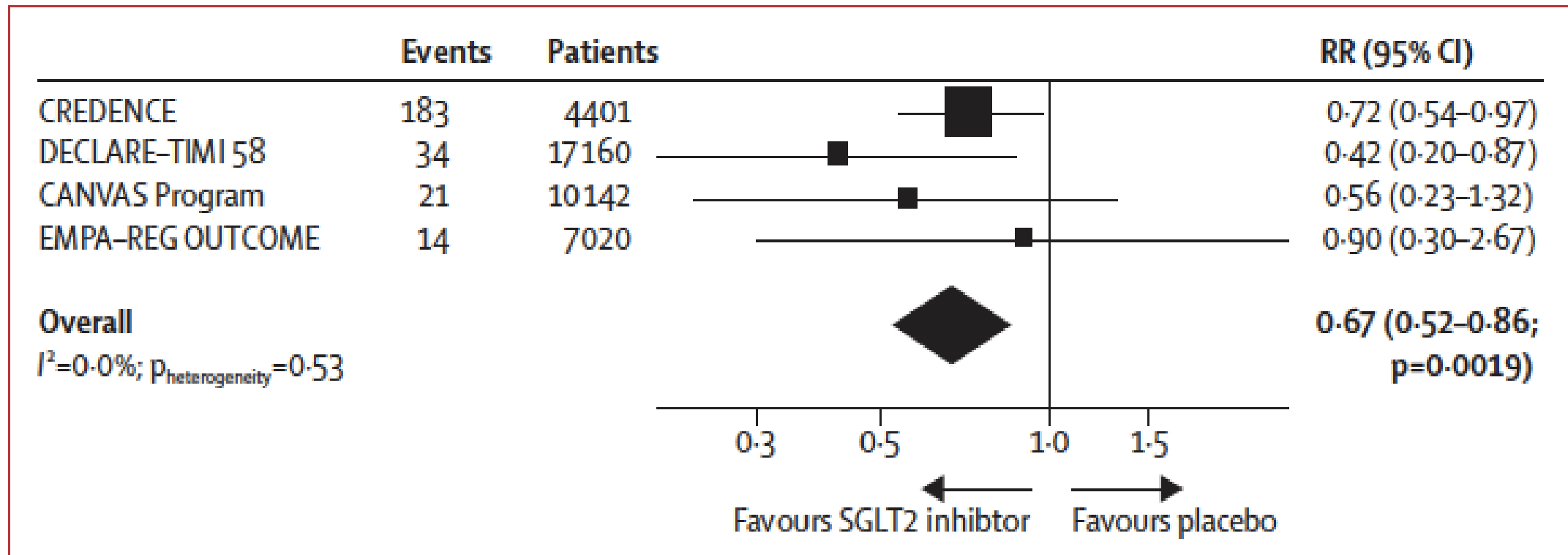
Post hoc analysis
Cardiovascular & renal outcomes
DKD subgroups

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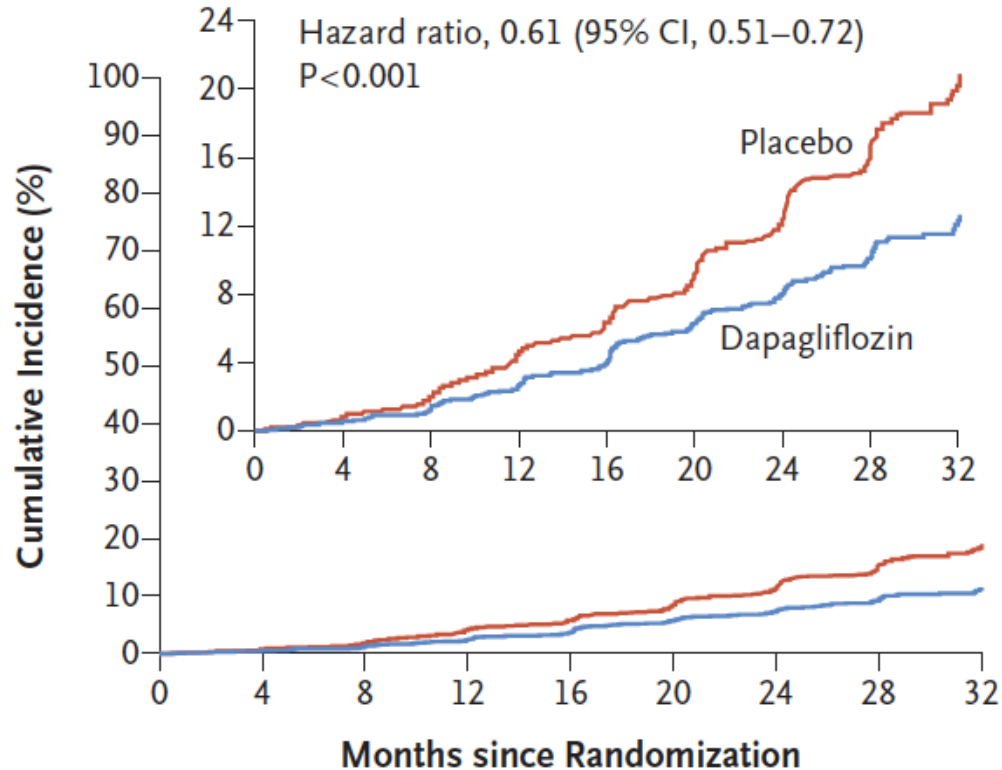
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2178	2132	2047	1725	1129	621	170
Canagliflozin	2202	2181	2145	2081	1786	1211	646	196

Class effect of SGLT2 inhibitors on dialysis, transplant or renal death



DAPA-CKD

A Primary Composite Outcome



No. at Risk

Placebo	2152	1993	1936	1858	1791	1664	1232	774	270
Dapagliflozin	2152	2001	1955	1898	1841	1701	1288	831	309

Dapagliflozin

33% without T2D

eGFR 25 – 75 (15% with < 30 ml/min/1.73m²)

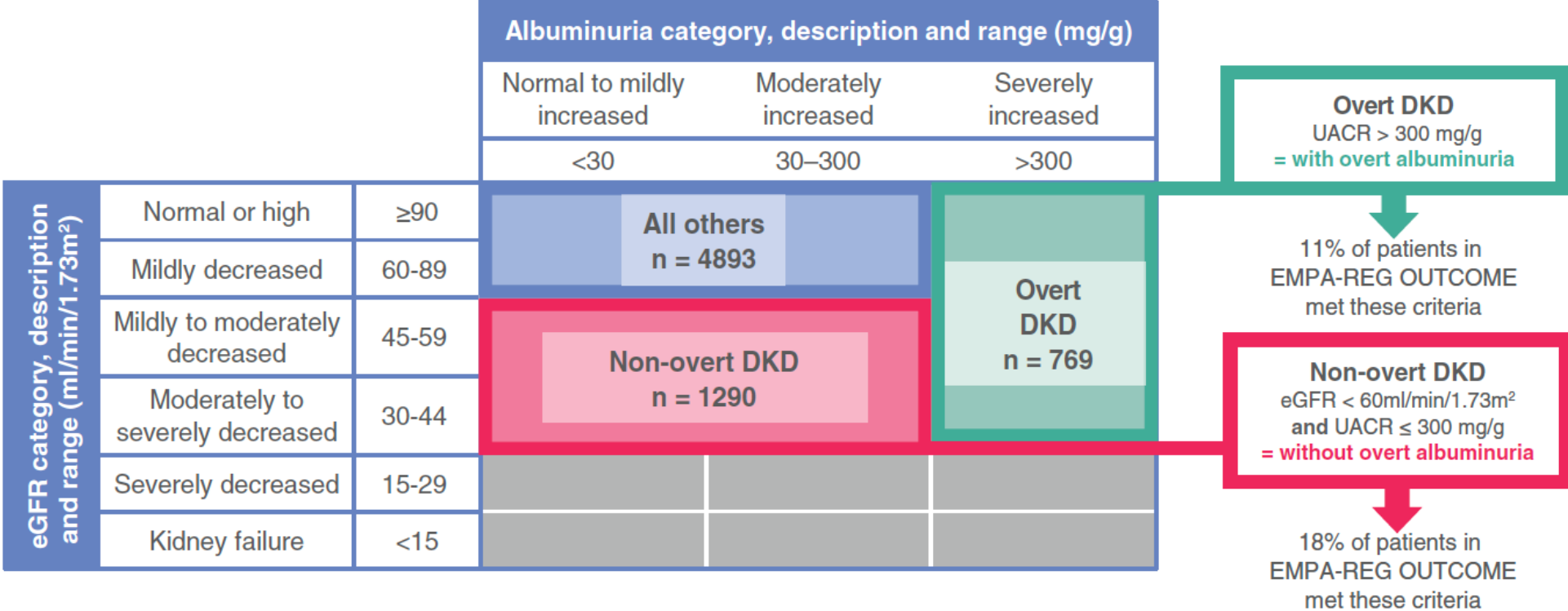
Significant nephropathy

ACEi/ARB use 98%

Diuretic use 43%

Risk reduction observed across subgroups of renal function, proteinuria and presence of T2D

EMPA-REG OUTCOME DKD

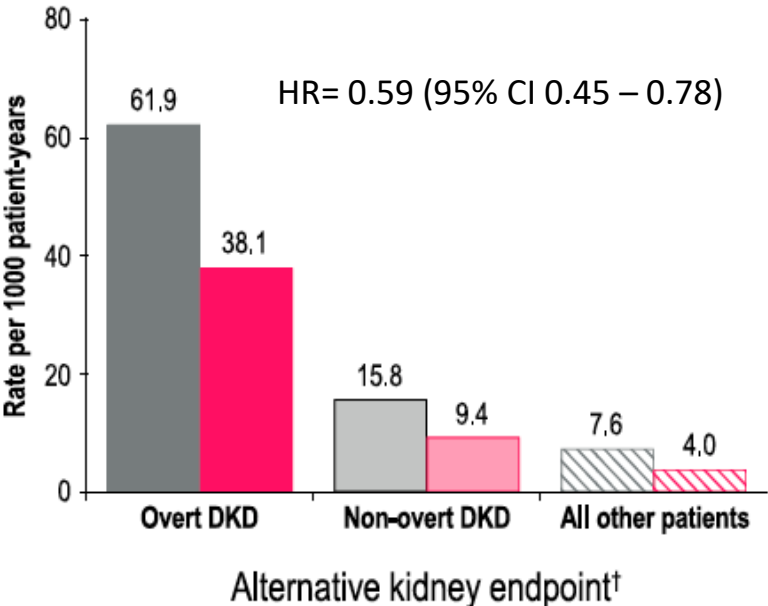
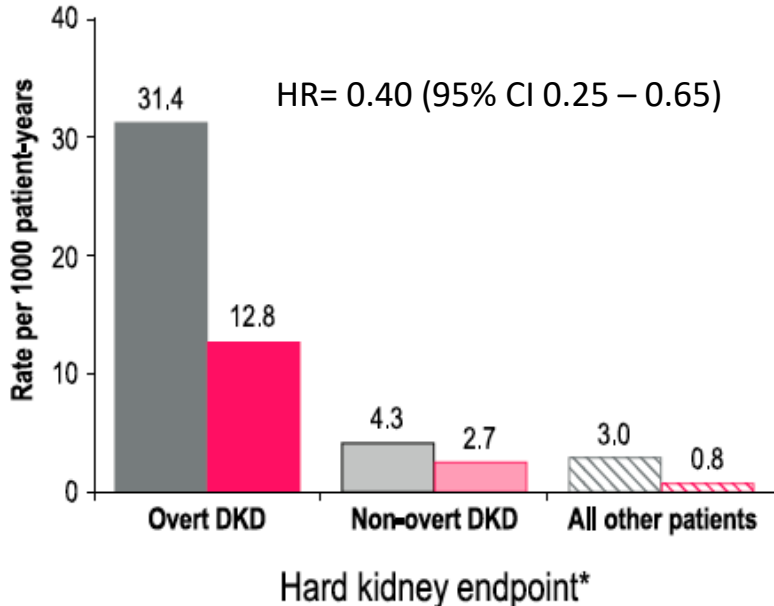
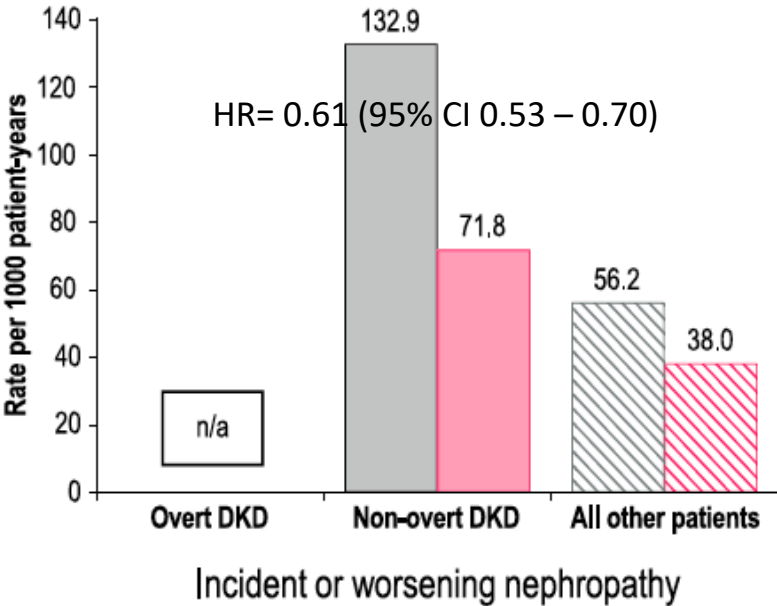


Diabetes Obes Metab. 2020;22:2335–2347.

EMPA-REG OUTCOME DKD

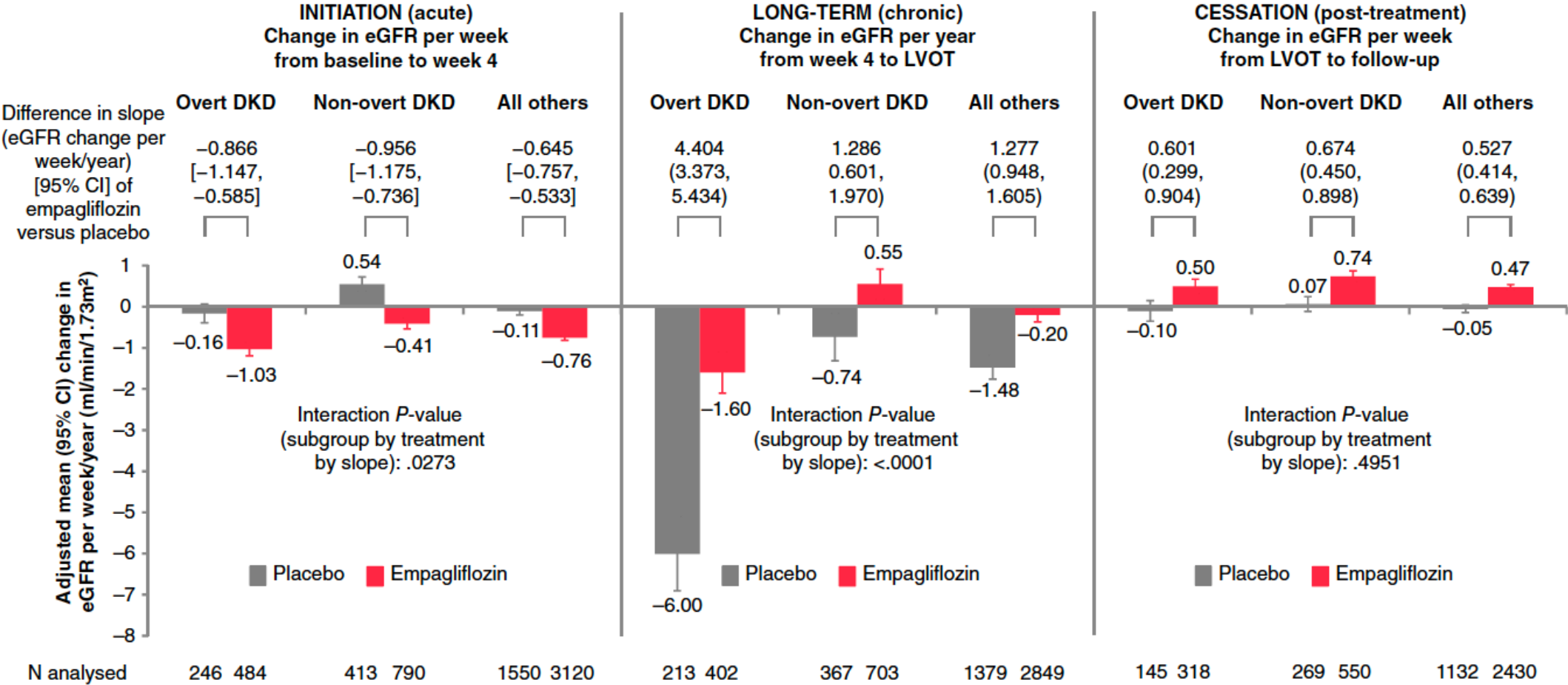
(B)

- Placebo (overt DKD, N = 260)
- Empagliflozin (overt DKD, N = 509)
- Placebo (non-overt DKD, N = 440)
- Empagliflozin (non-overt DKD, N = 850)
- ▨ Placebo (all other patients, N = 1617)
- ▨ Empagliflozin (all other patients, N = 3276)



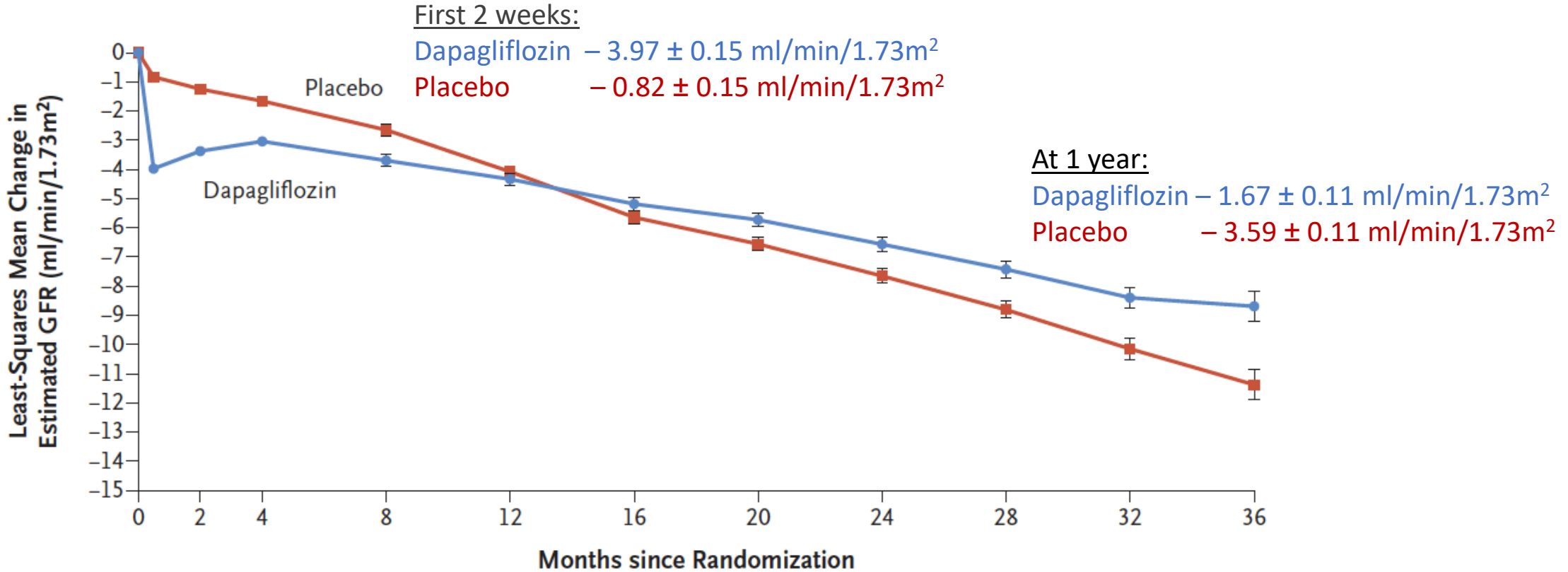
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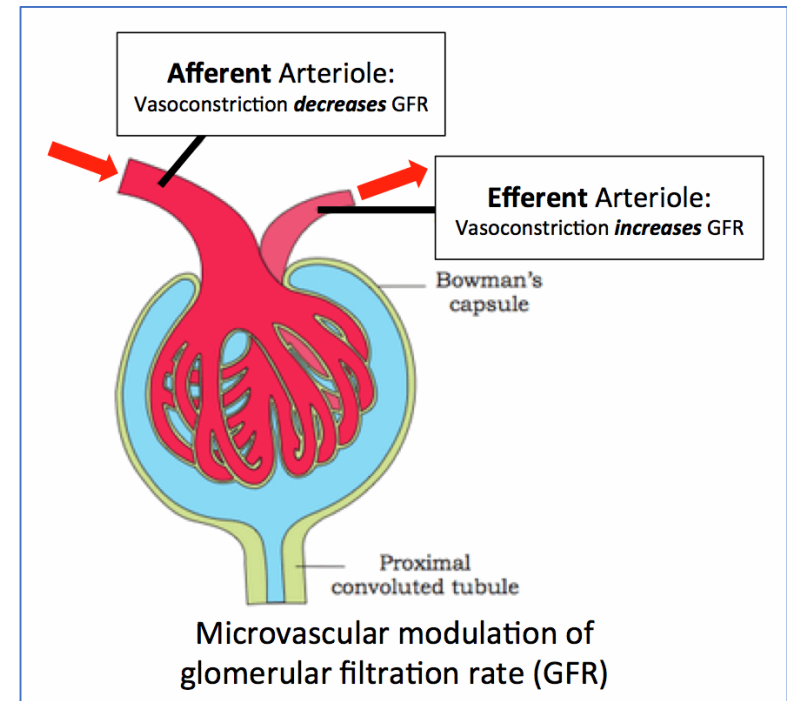
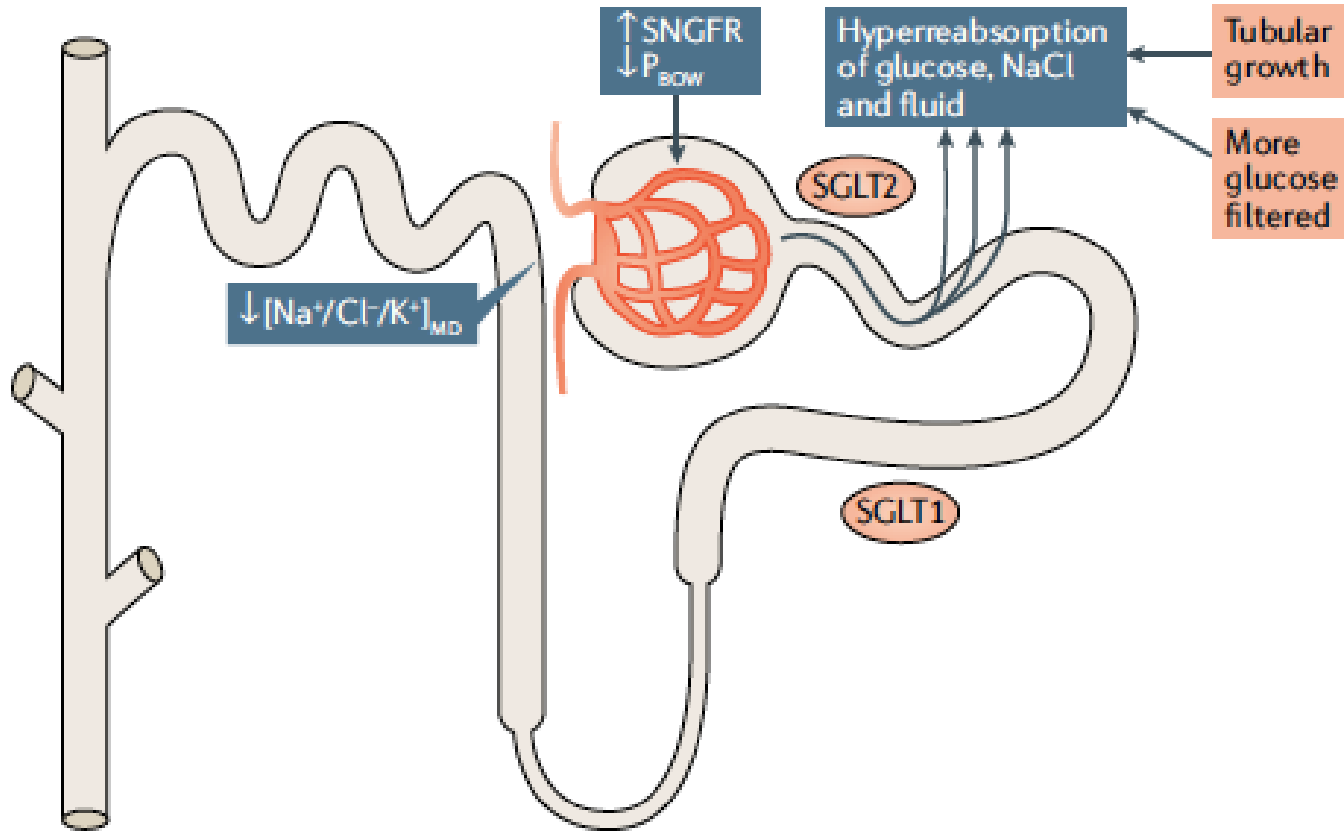
Initial eGFR dip



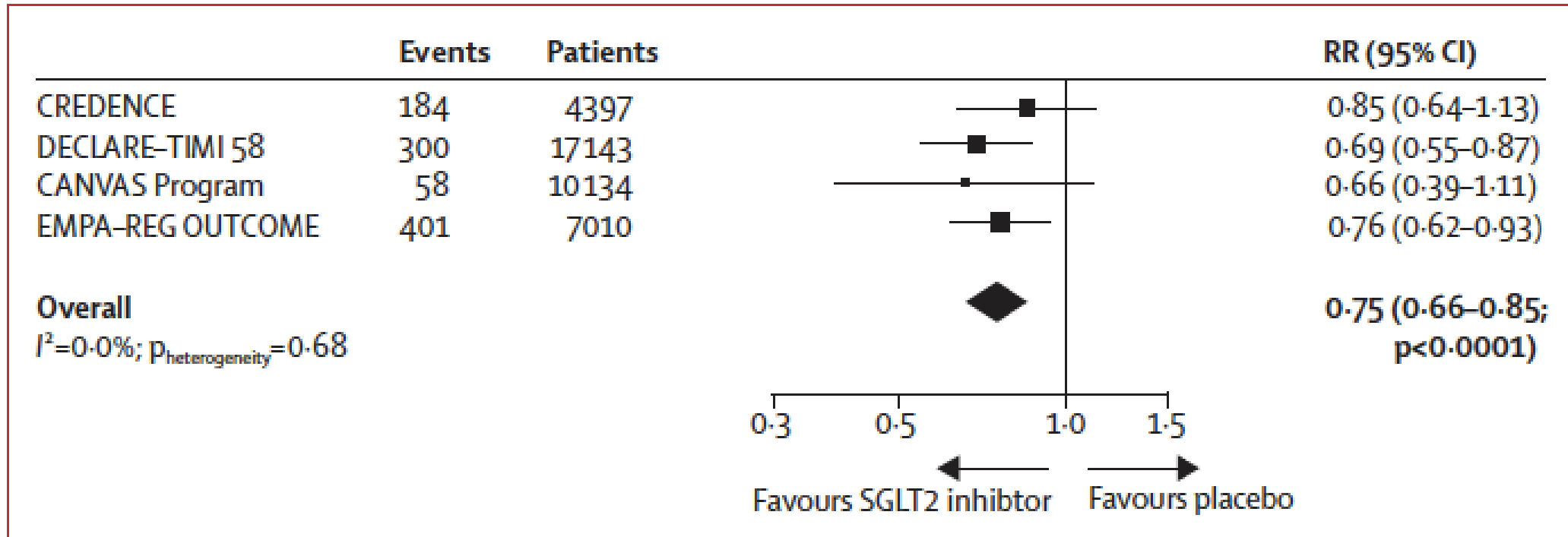
No. of Participants

Placebo	2152	2029	1981	1866	1795	1753	1672	1443	935	447	157
Dapagliflozin	2152	2031	2001	1896	1832	1785	1705	1482	978	496	157

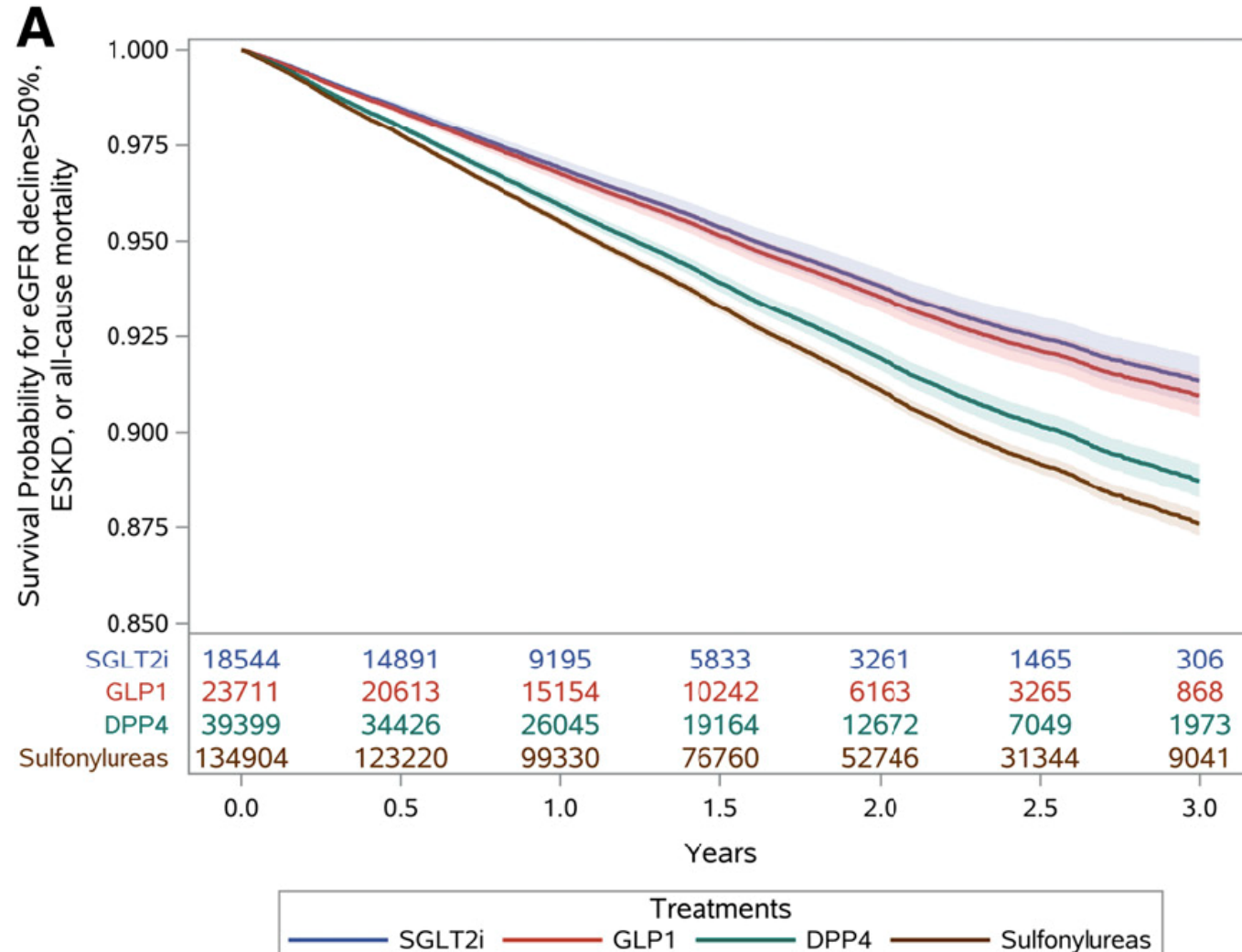
Effect of glomerular filtration with SGLT2 and RAS inhibition



Effect of SGLT2 inhibitors on acute kidney injury



SGLT2i vs GLP1R agonists vs DPP4i



DPP4 i vs SU:

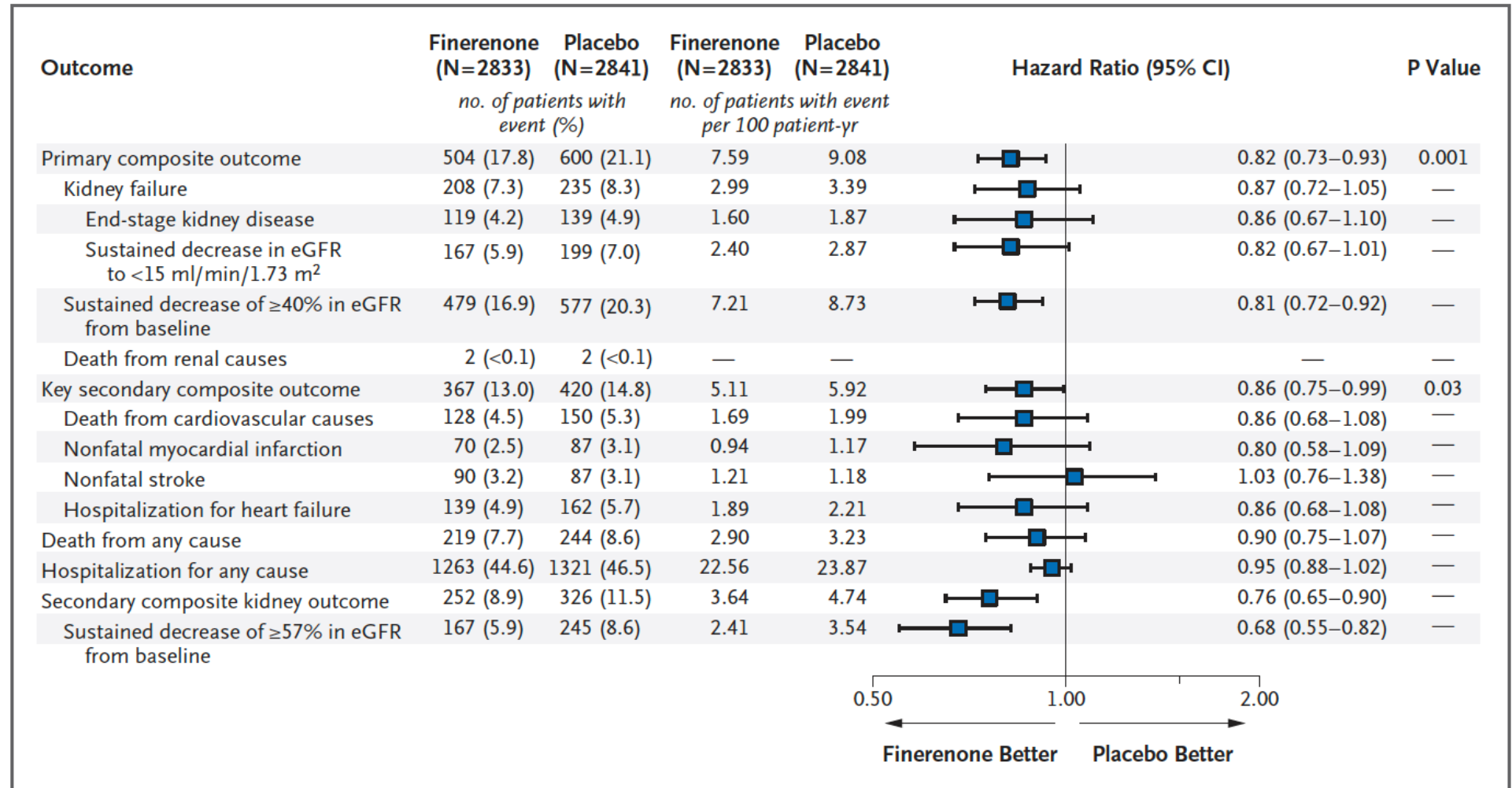
Observed risk difference is small
Lower risk in people with eGFR \geq 60

Compared with DPP4 i, SGLT2i and GLP-1R agonists are associated with lower risk of composite outcome across all eGFR levels

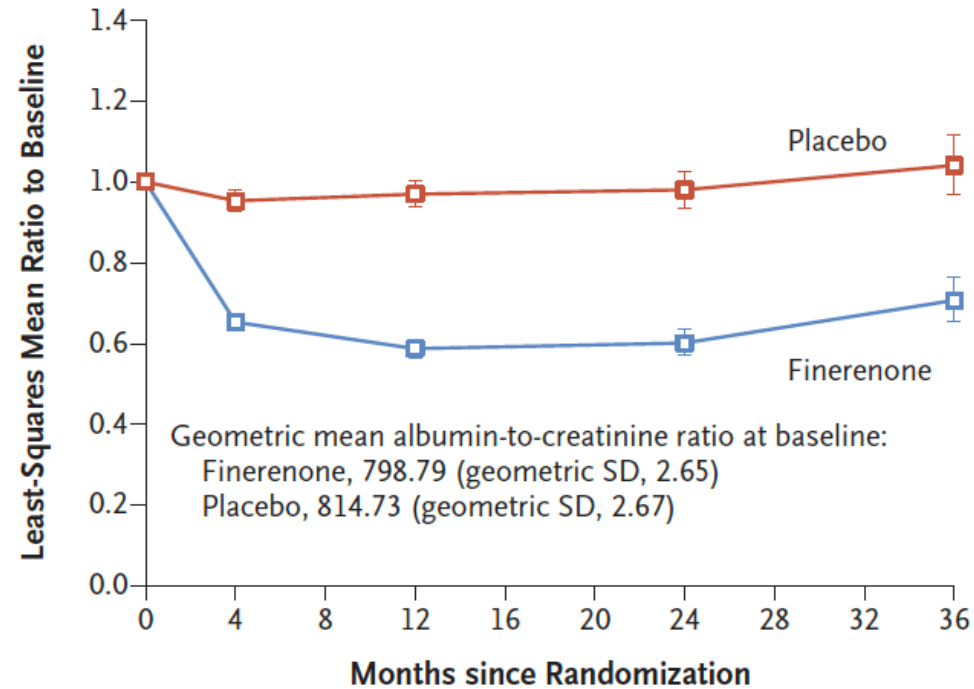
Finerone (FIDELIO-DKD)

55% with baseline eGFR
<45 ml/min/1.73 m²

88% with urine ACR ≥ 30
mg/mmol



A Urinary Albumin-to-Creatinine Ratio



No. of Patients

Finerenone	2831	2725	2582	1841	856
Placebo	2840	2726	2598	1825	834

Mean Change from Baseline (percent)

Finerenone	Ref.	-34.7	-41.3	-39.9	-29.3
Placebo	Ref.	-4.7	-3.0	-2.0	4.1

31% reduction in albuminuria at 4 months

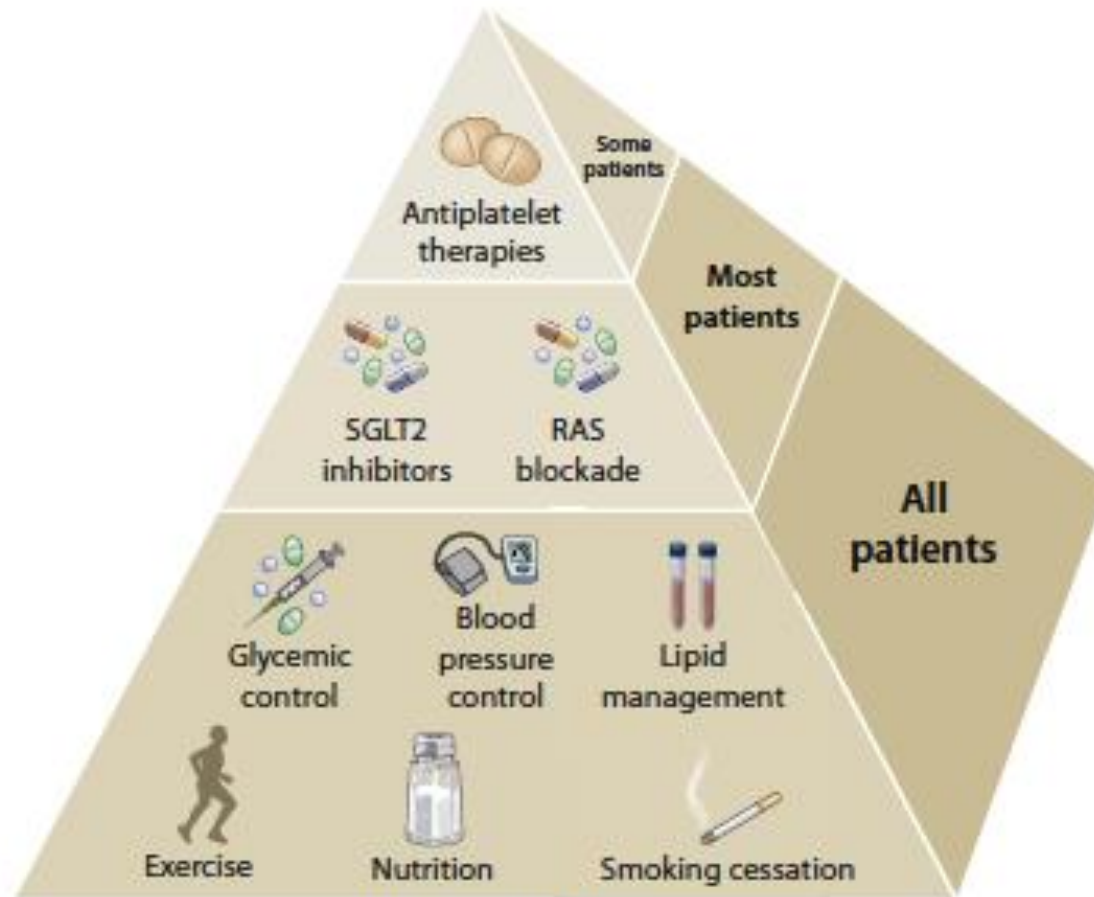
Slows CKD progression

Similar adverse events profile

Summary

- Diabetes management = hyperglycaemia + diabetic complications
- New therapies have pleotropic actions
- Treatment with GLP1 R agonists and SGLT 2 inhibitors (in addition to standard therapy) is associated with lower risk of adverse renal outcomes
 - No hypoglycaemia risk
 - Outcome-driven management to guide choice in therapies

Current standard of care in DKD



Diabetes with CKD

Kidney Int. 2020; 98: 45

SGLT2 inhibitors

- Class effect
 - Cardiorenal benefit is independent of glycaemia and BP control
 - In addition to AT II inhibition (Risk reduction 42% with concomitant use cf. 30% in non-users, $p = 0.065$)
 - Concomitant metformin use
- Generalizable?
 - ✓ T2D and no diabetes (DAPA-CKD) with robust results
 - X Insufficient studies in T1D
 - ✓ Across all stages of CKD and degree of proteinuria
- Special authority prescription in NZ in those with $eGFR \geq 30 \text{ml/min/1.73m}^2$
- Safety
 - Hypovolemic AKI – reduce diuretics
 - Euglycaemic ketoacidosis
 - Increased risk for urinary infections, genital mycotic infections

Who should not receive SGLT 2 inhibitors?

- T1D; history of DKA
- Recurrent genital tract infection; catheterized patients
- On immunosuppression
- Dynamic volume status
- Limited mobility
- Cognitive impairment

Thanks

- Questions or comments?