

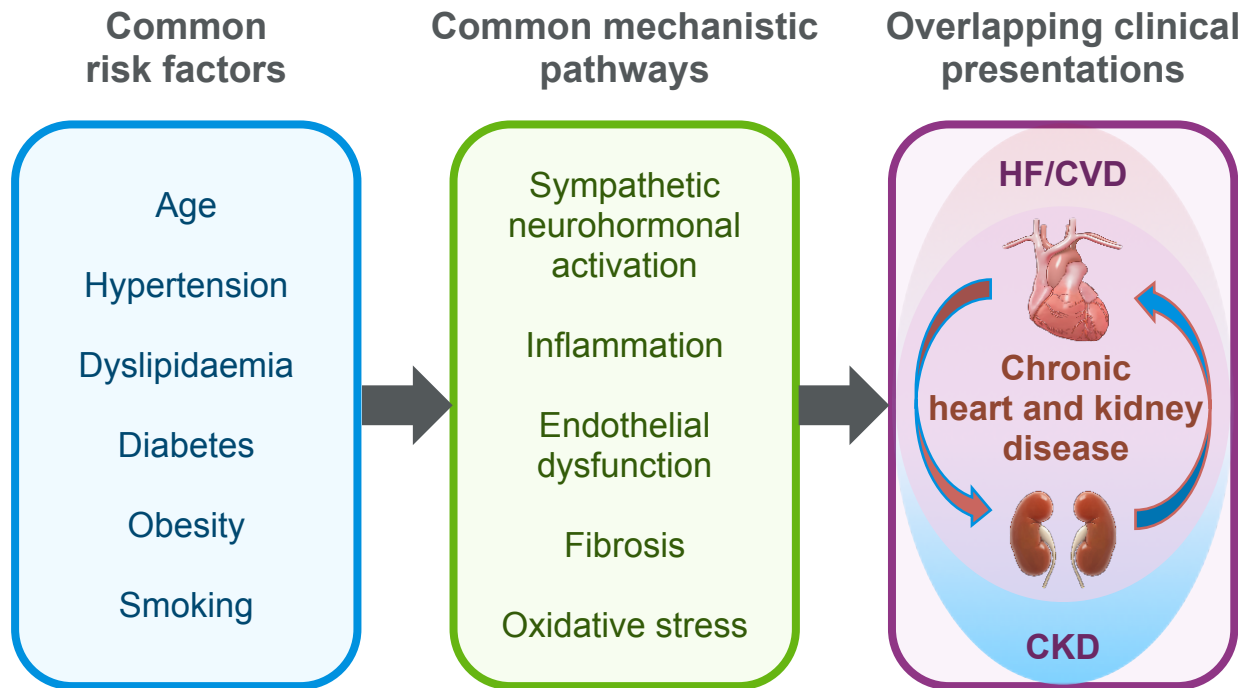
INSUFFICIENZA CARDIACA CRONICA: LE COMPLESSITA'

Cardio nefro-protezione nel paziente scompensato: cosa fare e cosa evitare

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Chronic heart and kidney disease: CKD and heart dysfunction, such as HF, share common risk factors and pathogenic mechanisms^{1,2}

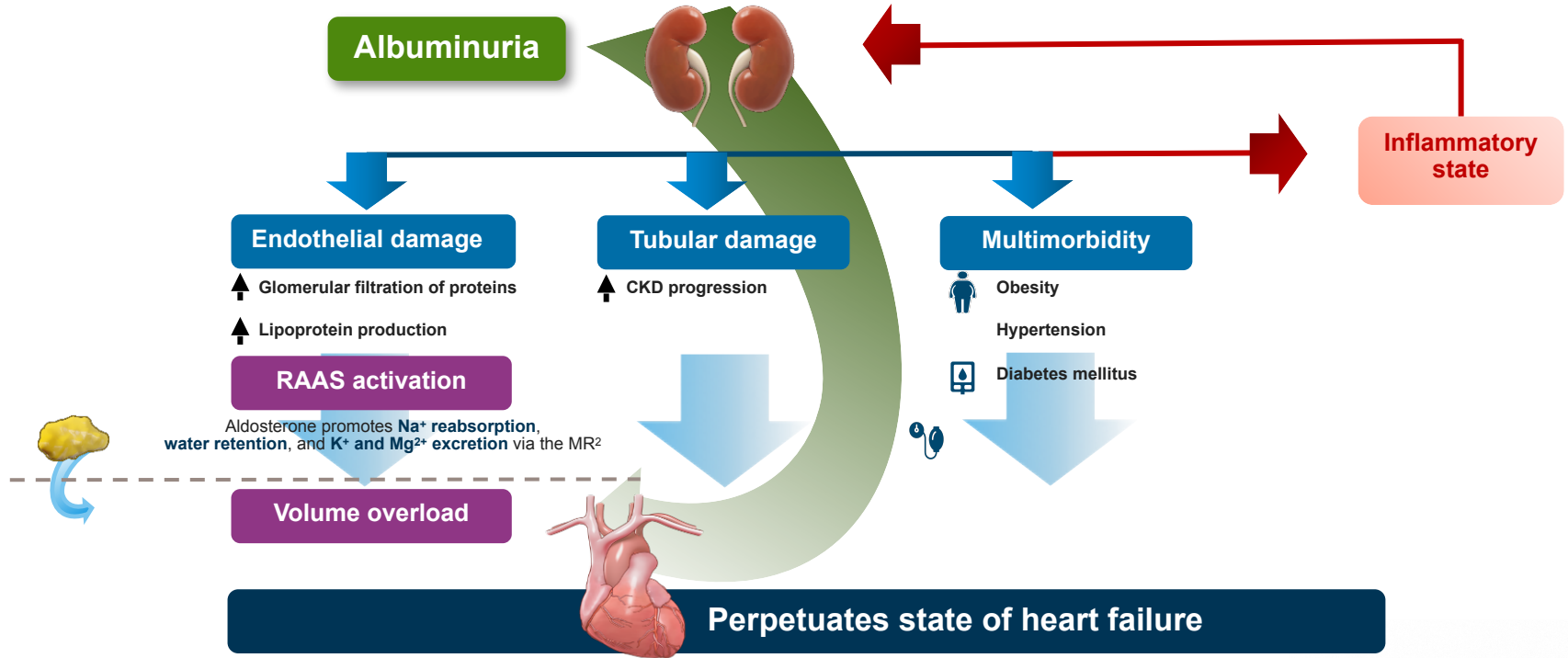


CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HF, heart failure; MRAs, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists; RASi, renin-angiotensin system inhibitors; SGLT-2is, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitors

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K^+ , potassium; Mg^{2+} , magnesium; MR, mineralocorticoid receptor; Na^+ , sodium; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system; UACR, urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio

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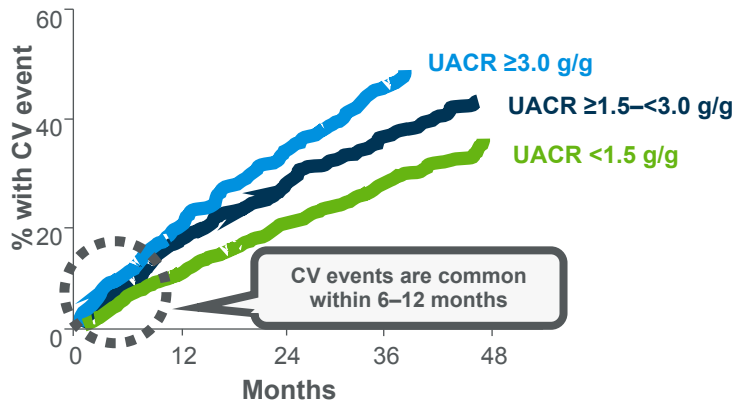


As albuminuria is an early predictor of heart and kidney disease outcomes, routine UACR screening is recommended in international cardiology guidelines to mitigate CV risk ¹

CV composite outcome



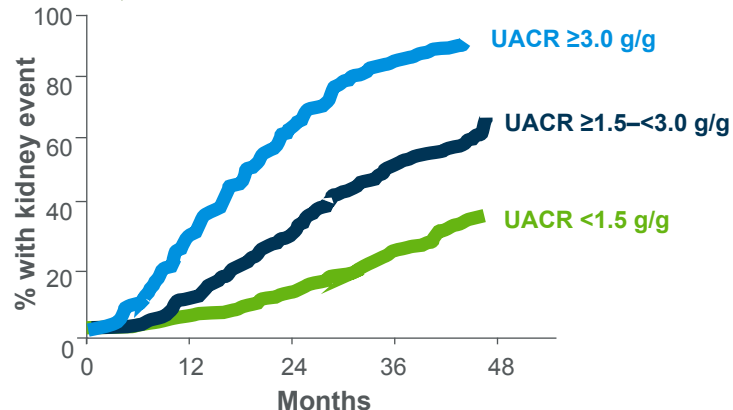
Composite of MI, stroke, first HHF or unstable angina, coronary or peripheral revascularisation, or CV death³



Kidney composite outcome



Composite of the time to first doubling of serum creatinine, ESKD or death²



Recommendation for patients with chronic kidney disease and diabetes⁴

It is recommended that patients with diabetes are **routinely screened for kidney disease** by **assessing eGFR** defined by CKD-EPI and **UACR**

Evidence level 1B



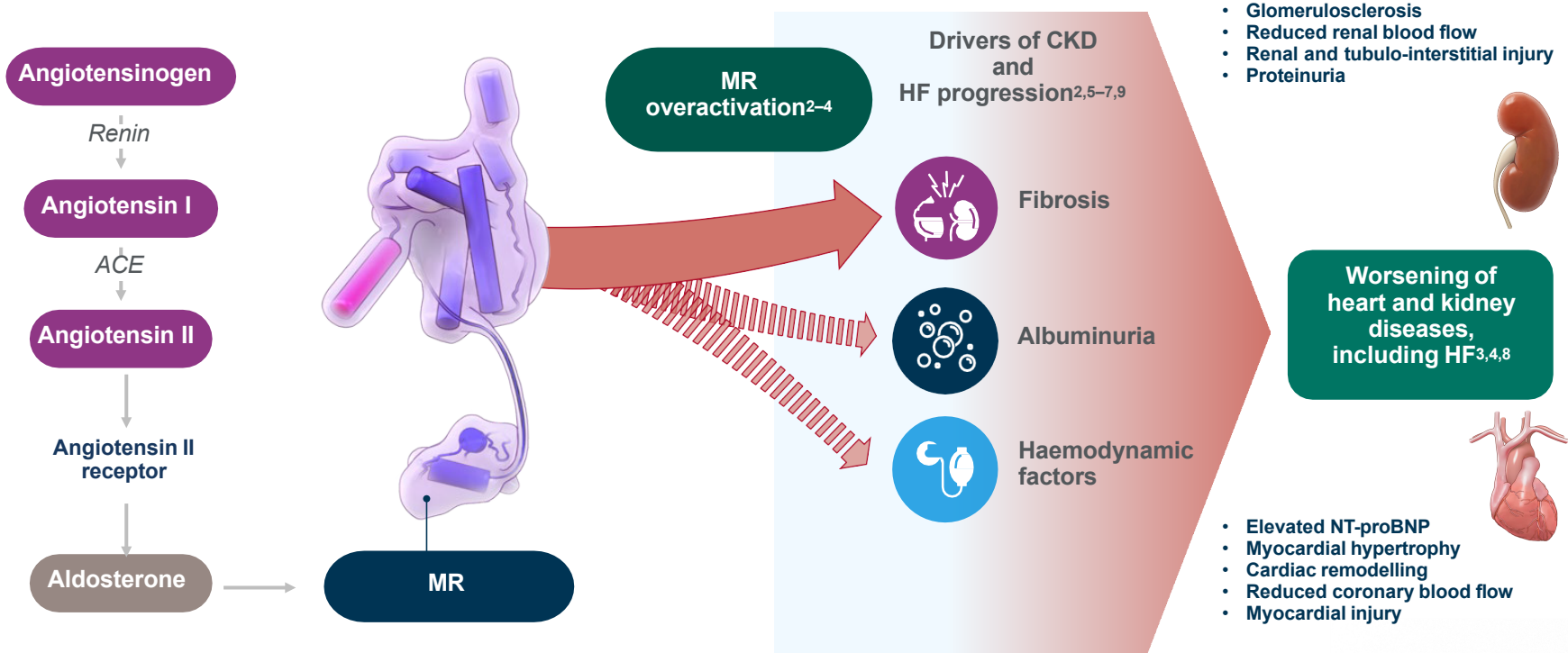
HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; MI, myocardial infarction

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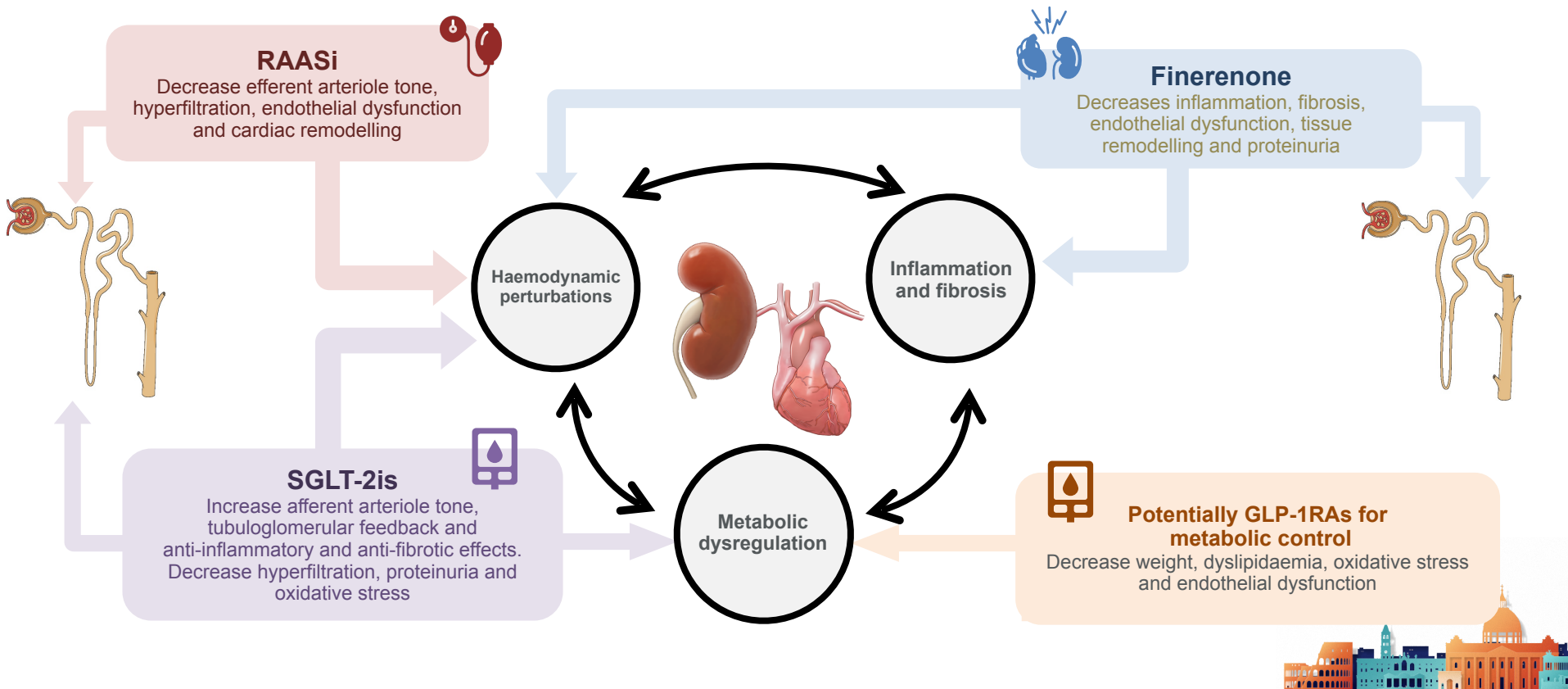
Drivers of CKD progression include fibrosis, albuminuria and haemodynamic factors, all associated with MR overactivation¹⁻⁹



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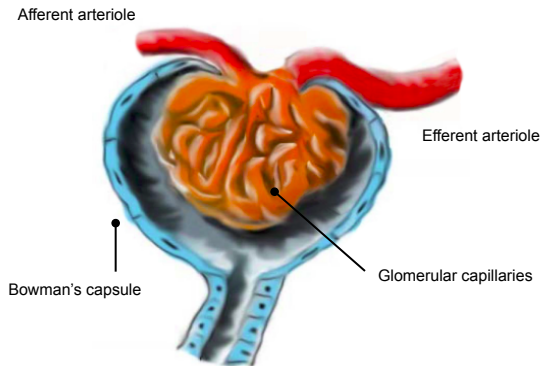


The complex pathophysiology underpinning CV and kidney disease in people with T2D calls for a holistic approach to treatment^{1,2}



RAAS inhibitors

Efferent vasodilation¹



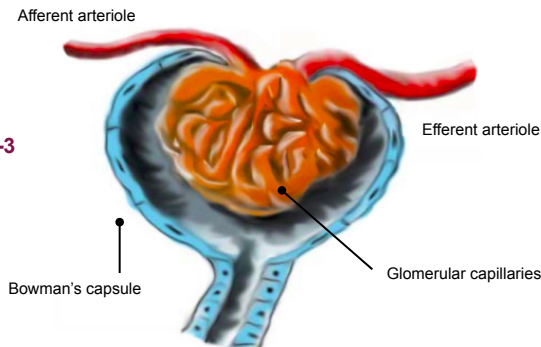
SGLT2 inhibitors

Afferent vasoconstriction¹⁻³

Due to increased Na⁺ delivery to the macula densa¹⁻⁵

Efferent vasodilation⁵

Prostaglandins, AT (1-7)



CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Decreased glomerular pressure^{1,3}**
- **Reduction in albuminuria^{1,2}**

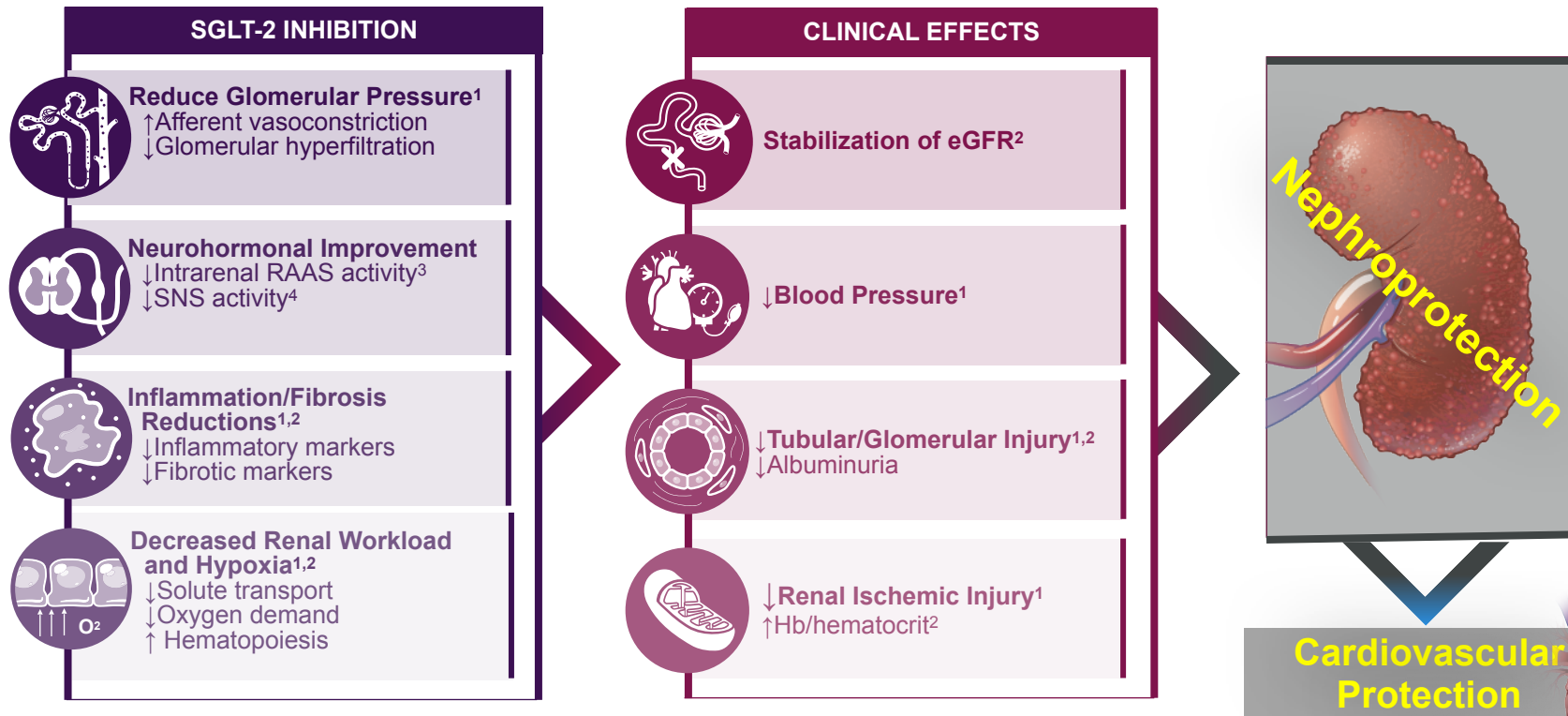
- **Decreased glomerular pressure^{1,3}**
- **Reduction in albuminuria⁴**

RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2

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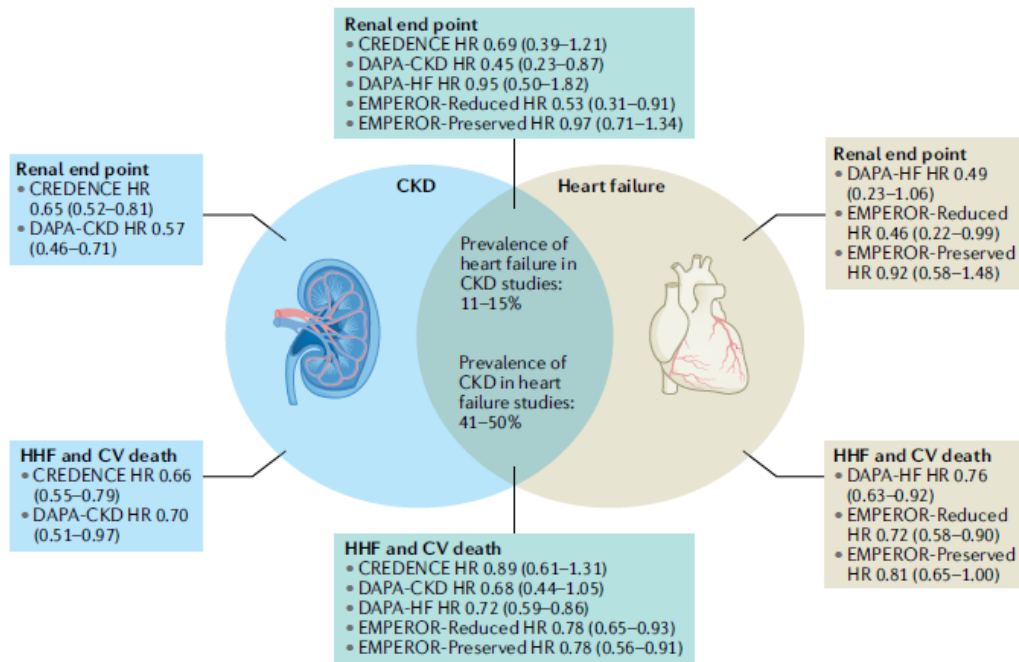


SGLT2-I: not only anti-hyperfiltration effect



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Kidney and Heart Failure outcomes associated with SGLT2i use

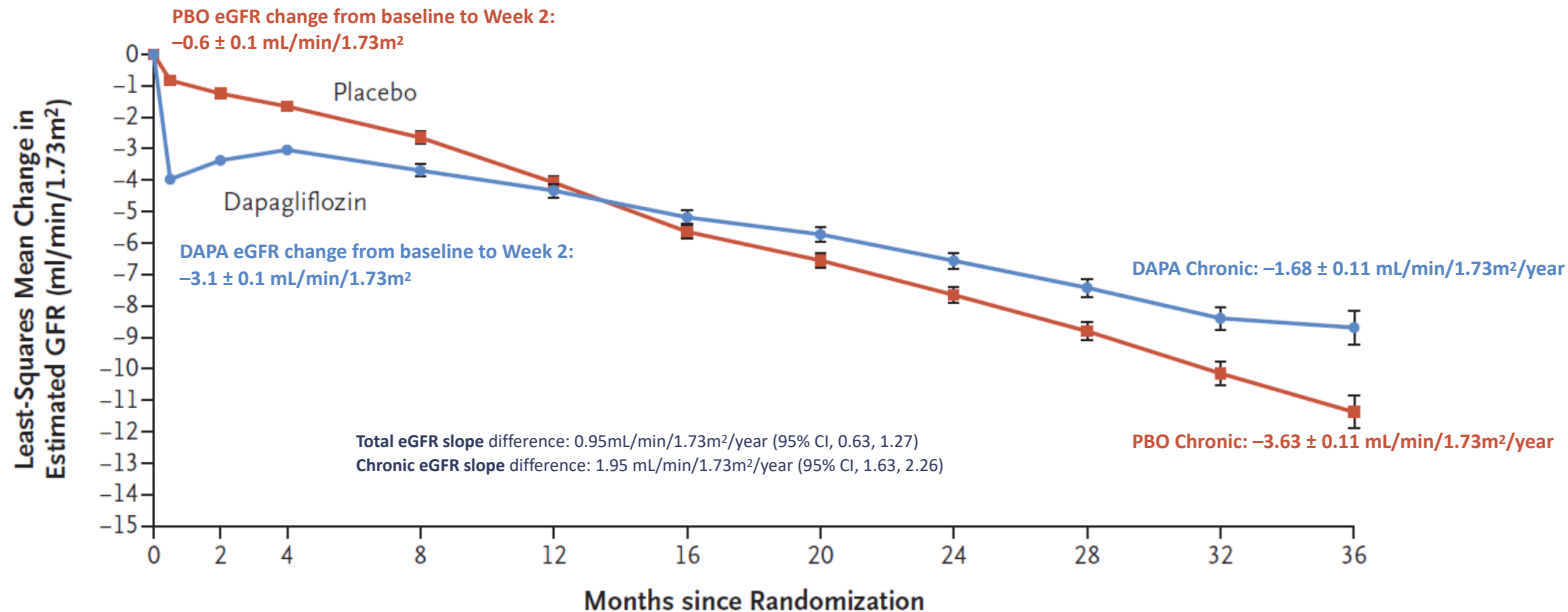


Association between CKD and heart failure.

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) and heart failure share traditional risk factors including age, hypertension and diabetes. In addition, biological changes that occur as kidney function deteriorates (for example, inflammation and haemodynamic changes) increase the onset and progression of heart failure and vice versa. Consequently, CKD and heart failure often coexist, and adequate treatment may positively affect the prognosis of both conditions. Hazard ratios for composite kidney outcomes (defined as kidney failure, a sustained doubling of serum creatinine level or death due to kidney conditions in the CREDENCE trial; as estimated glomerular filtration rate decline $\geq 50\%$, kidney failure or death due to kidney conditions in the DAPA-CKD and DAPA-HF trials; and as kidney failure or sustained estimated glomerular filtration rate decline $\geq 40\%$ in the EMPEROR-Reduced and EMPEROR-Preserved trials) and for the composite of cardiovascular (CV) death and hospitalization for heart failure (HHF) in the major sodium–glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor CKD and heart failure trials, across subgroups defined by baseline CKD and heart failure status, demonstrate beneficial effects of SGLT2 inhibitors across levels of kidney function and in patients with and without heart failure.



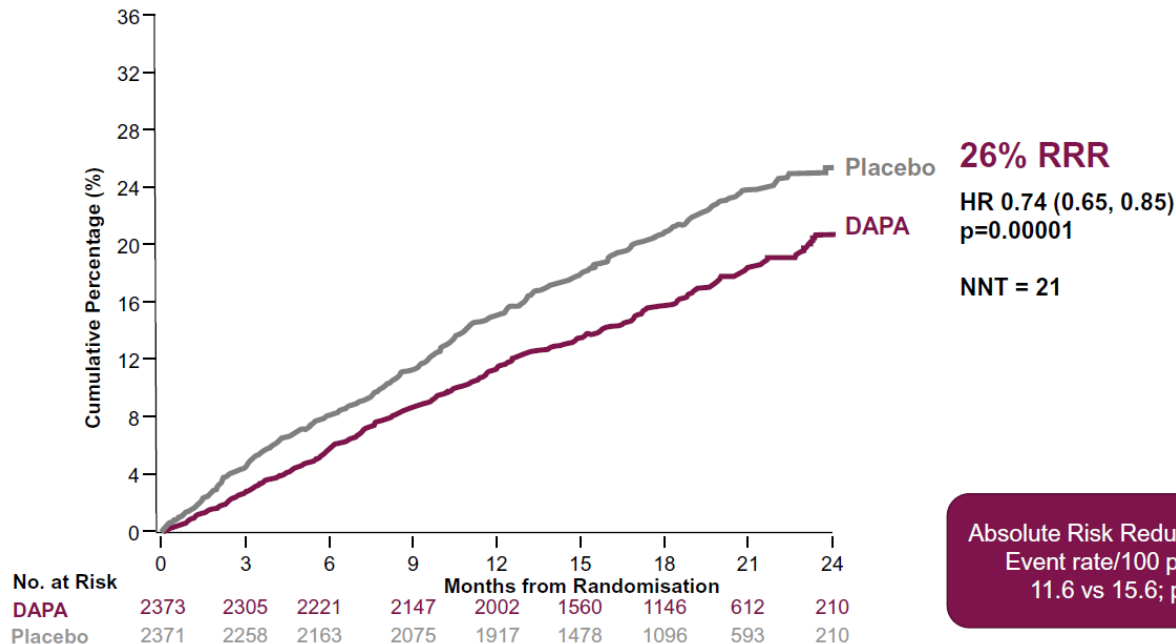
Dapagliflozin in patients with chronic kidney disease (DAPA-CKD trial)



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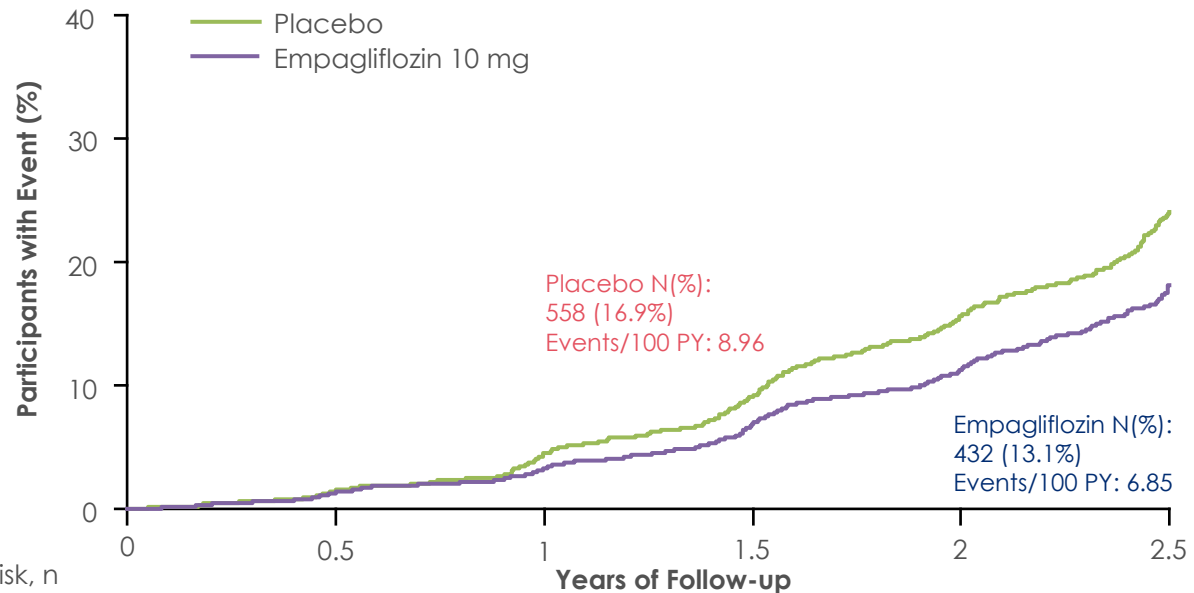
Primary Endpoint: CV Death or hHF or an Urgent HF Visit



DAPA = dapagliflozin; HF = heart failure; hHF = hospitalisation for heart failure; HR = hazard ratio; NNT = number needed to treat.



Primary composite outcome: Kidney disease progression or CV death¹



Patients at risk, n

Placebo	3305	3250	3129	2243	1496	592
Empagliflozin	3304	3252	3163	2275	1538	624

HR 0.72
(95% CI 0.64, 0.82)
 $P < 0.001$

**RRR
28%**

NNT=28*





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Anti-inflammatory benefits of semaglutide: State of the art

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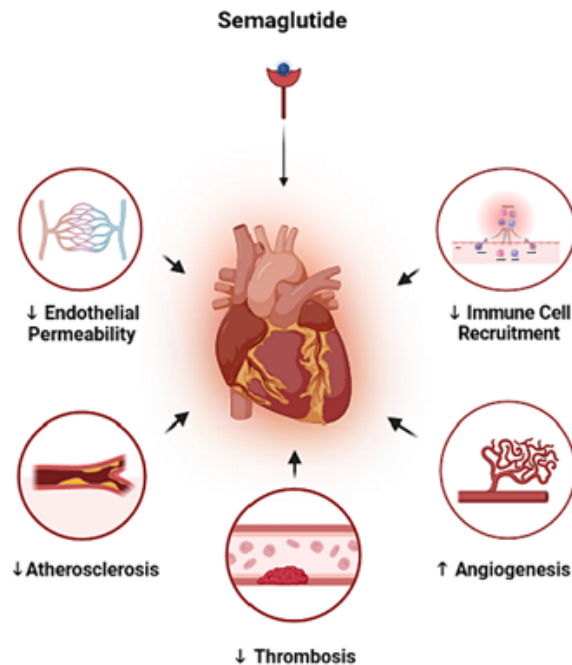
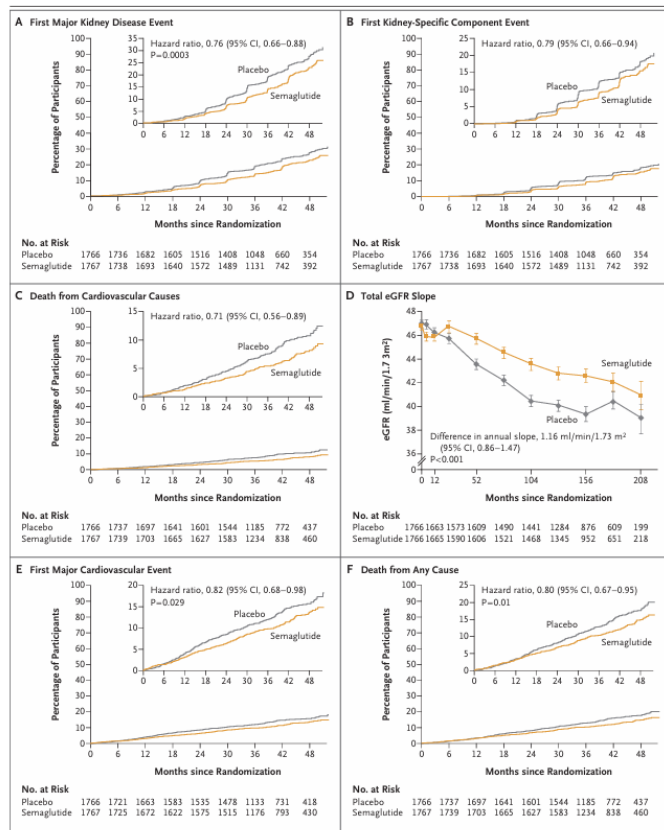


Fig. 2. Semaglutide improves cardiovascular function by its anti-inflammatory benefits thru several mechanisms. It can preserves endothelial permeability, reduce immune cells recruitment into heart tissues, decrease atherosclerotic and thrombotic processes and induce angiogenesis in myocardium.





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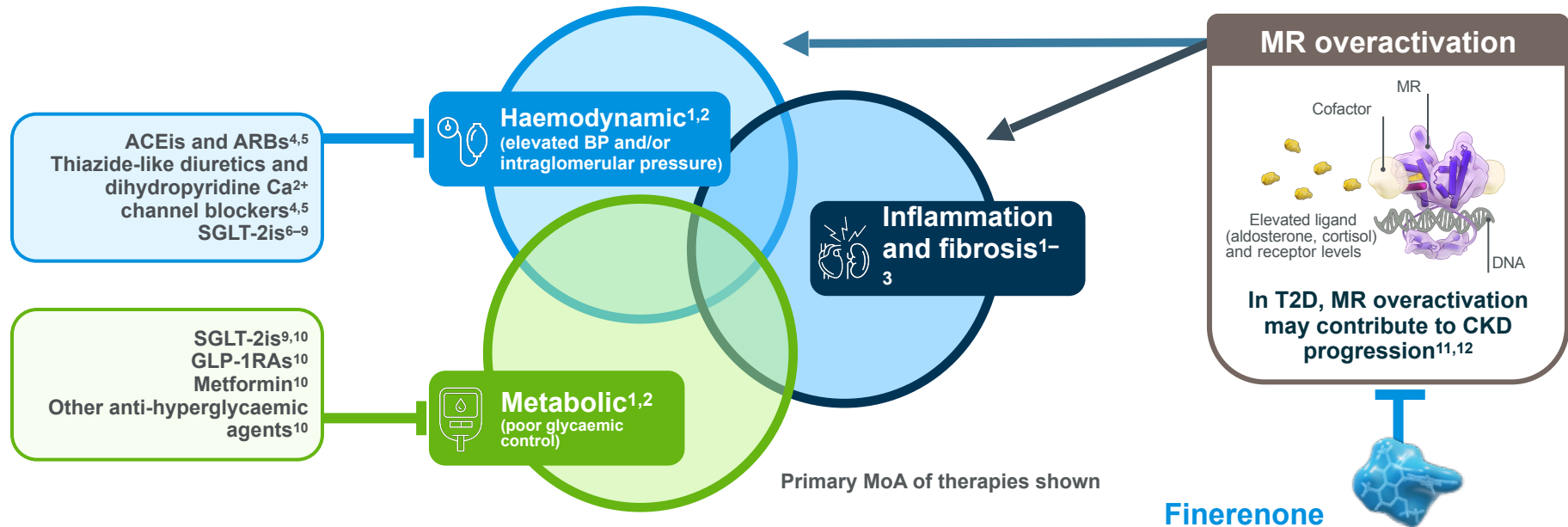
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Effects of Semaglutide on Chronic Kidney Disease in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

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Drivers of CKD progression



BP, blood pressure; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; MoA, mechanism of action

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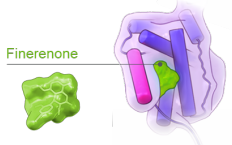


Differential MR binding of steroidal MRAs vs finerenone results in distinct effects on gene expression

Aldosterone antagonists



Finerenone



	Aldosterone antagonists		Finerenone
Structural properties	Flat (steroidal)	Flat (steroidal)	Bulky (nonsteroidal) ^{1,5}
Potency to MR	High ^{4,10}	Moderate ^{1,4,10}	High ^{1,2,10}
Selectivity to MR	Low ^{4,10}	Moderate ^{4,10}	High ^{1,2,10}
Half-life	>20 hours*	4–6 hours*	2–3 hours#
Active metabolites	++	–	–
CNS penetration	Yes	Yes	No based on preclinical data ³
Gynecomastia	Yes ⁴	Less than spironolactone ⁴	No signal in phase II studies ⁷⁻⁹
Indication (SmPC)	Congestive HF ²	HF and LVEF ≤40% or ≤30% ³	CKD with albuminuria associated with T2D ⁴

MR, mineralocorticoid receptor.
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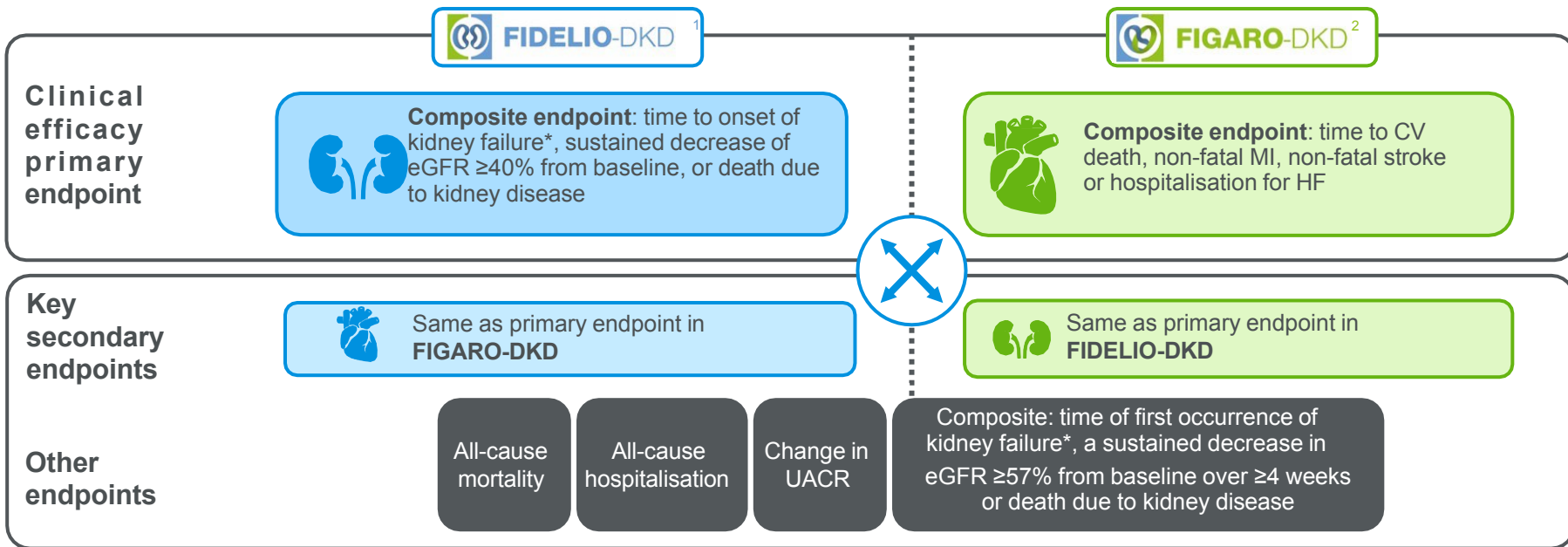
Tissue distribution

Kidney > heart (at least 6-fold)^{6,10}

Kidney > heart (~3-fold)^{6,10}

Based on preclinical data and ARIS phase III programme
Balanced kidney : heart (1:1)^{6,10}

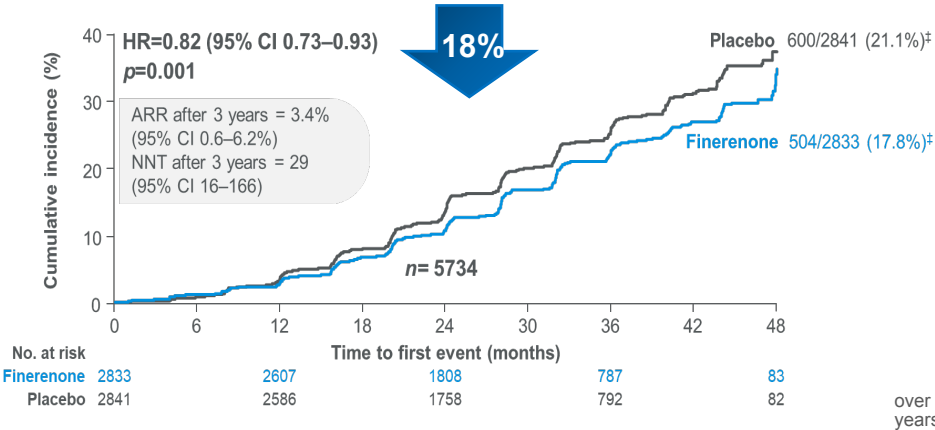
Evidence for finerenone is being documented by two phase III trials with complementary kidney and CV endpoints



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Finerenone significantly reduced the risk of the primary composite kidney endpoint vs placebo



Outcome	Finerenone (n=2833)		Placebo (n=2841)		HR (95% CI)	p-value
	n (%)	n per 100 PY	n (%)	n per 100 PY		
Primary composite kidney outcome	504 (17.8)	7.59	600 (21.1)	9.08	0.82 (0.73–0.93)	0.001
Kidney failure*	208 (7.3)	2.99	235 (8.3)	3.39	0.87 (0.72–1.05)	–
End-stage kidney disease	119 (4.2)	1.60	139 (4.9)	1.87	0.86 (0.67–1.10)	–
Sustained [#] decrease in eGFR to <15 ml/min/1.73 m ²	167 (5.9)	2.40	199 (7.0)	2.87	0.82 (0.67–1.01)	–
Sustained [#] ≥40% decrease in eGFR from baseline	479 (16.9)	7.21	577 (20.3)	8.73	0.81 (0.72–0.92)	–
Renal death	2 (<0.1)	–	2 (<0.1)	–	–	–

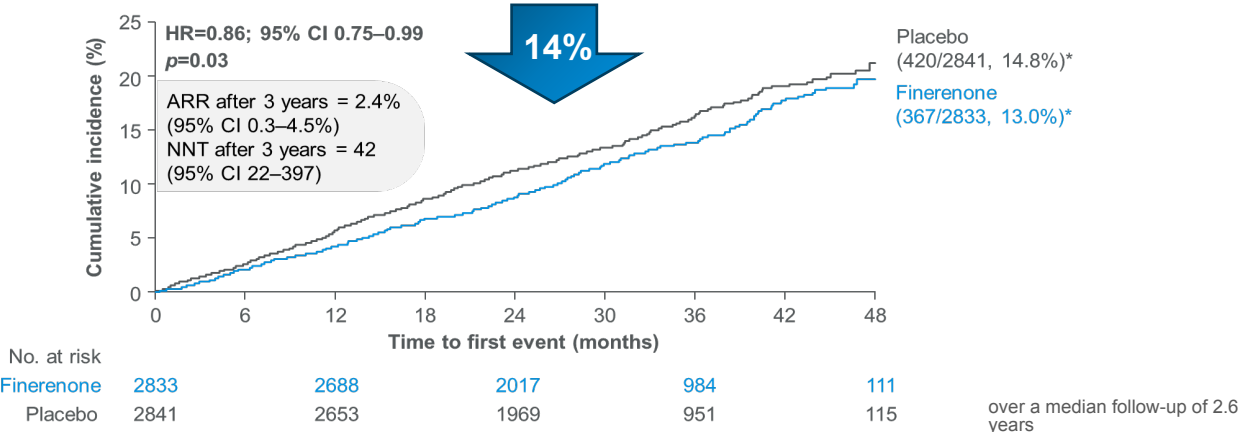
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Favours finerenone Favours placebo

Bakris et al., N Engl J Med 2020; doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa2025845



Finerenone significantly reduced the risk of the key secondary composite cardiovascular endpoint vs placebo



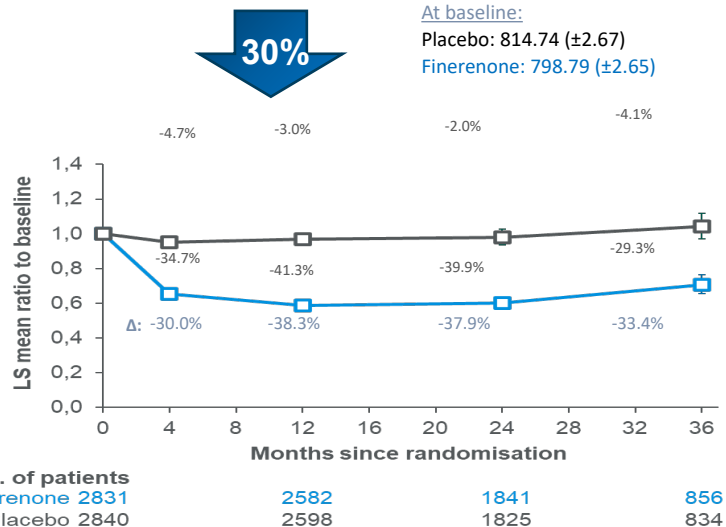
Endpoint	Finerenone (n=2833)		Placebo (n=2841)		Hazard ratio (95% CI)		p-value	
	n (%)	n per 100 PY	n (%)	n per 100 PY				
Key secondary cardiovascular composite endpoint	367 (13.0)	5.11	420 (14.8)	5.92		0.86 (0.75–0.99)	0.03	
Cardiovascular death	128 (4.5)	1.69	150 (5.3)	1.99		0.86 (0.68–1.08)	–	
Non-fatal MI	70 (2.5)	0.94	87 (3.1)	1.17		0.80 (0.58–1.09)	–	
Non-fatal stroke	90 (3.2)	1.21	87 (3.1)	1.18		1.03 (0.76–1.38)	–	
Hospitalisation for HF	139 (4.9)	1.89	162 (5.7)	2.21		0.86 (0.68–1.08)	–	
					0.50	1.00	2.00	
					Favours finerenone Favours placebo			

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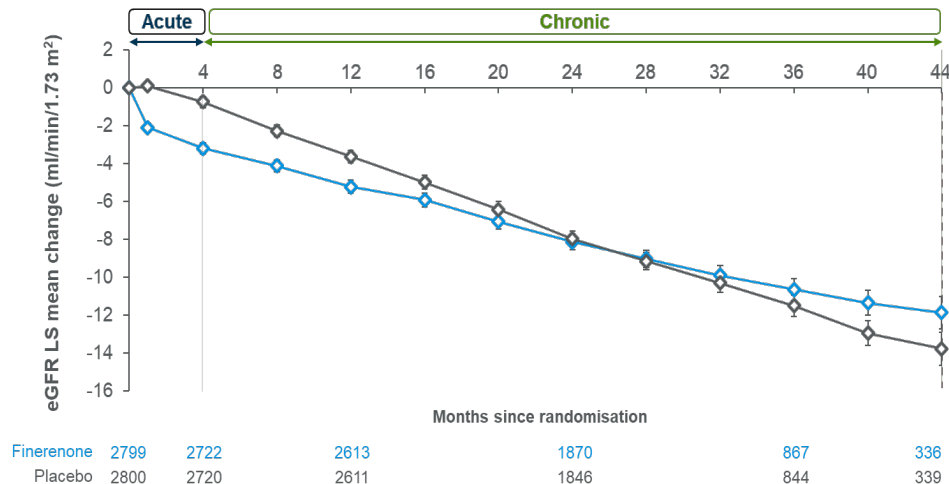
Finerenone reduces UACR starting from 4th months and worsening of eGFR overtime

UACR



Ratio of least-squares mean change from baseline
[Finerenone vs placebo]= **0.69; 95% CI 0.66–0.71**

eGFR



At baseline:

Placebo: 44.3 (± 12.6)
Finerenone: 44.4 (± 12.6)

Acute eGFR change:

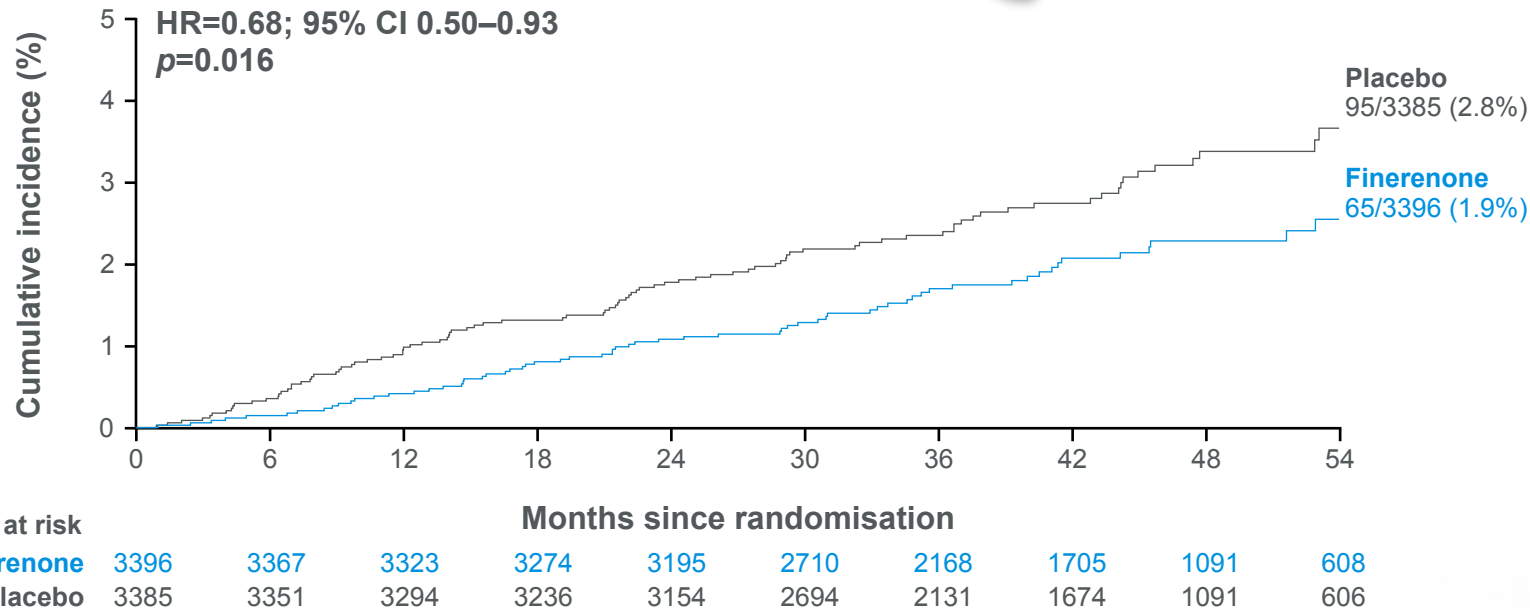
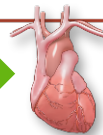
Placebo: -0.73 (-1.03 to -0.44)
Finerenone: -3.18 (-3.44 to -2.91)

Chronic annulised eGFR change:

Placebo: -3.97 (-4.27 to -3.66)
Finerenone: -2.66 (-2.96 to -2.36)



New-onset HF in patients without a history of HF at baseline

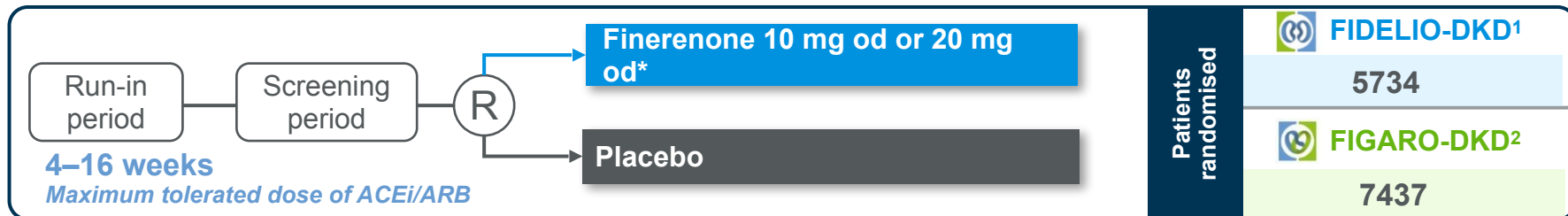


Finerenone is indicated for the treatment of chronic kidney disease (with albuminuria) associated with type 2 diabetes in adults.² For prescribing information please refer to the SmPC of the product applicable in your country.

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The phase III FIDELIO and FIGARO trials investigated the effects of finerenone on kidney and CV outcomes in >13,000 patients with CKD and T2D1,2



	FIDELIO-DKD¹	FIGARO-DKD²	FIDELITY³ Prespecified pooled analysis
Clinical efficacy primary endpoint	Composite endpoint: Time to kidney failure, [#] sustained $\geq 40\%$ eGFR decline, or kidney-related death	Composite endpoint: Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, or hospitalisation for HF	CV composite: Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, or hospitalisation for HF
Key secondary endpoint	Same as primary endpoint in FIGARO-DKD	Same as primary endpoint in FIDELIO-DKD	57% kidney composite: Time to kidney failure, [#] sustained $\geq 57\%$ eGFR decline, or kidney-related death

*Patients received an initial dose of finerenone of 10 mg od or 20 mg od based on an eGFR at the screening visit of $25 < 60$ or ≥ 60 ml/min/1.73 m², respectively.^{1,2} Up-titration to finerenone 20 mg od was permitted at any time after visit 2 (month 1); down-titration to finerenone 10 mg od was permitted at any time after start of treatment. Dose titrations were initiated in response to changes in potassium and eGFR.^{1,2} *kidney failure defined as initiation of chronic dialysis for ≥ 90 days, kidney transplantation or sustained eGFR < 15 ml/min/1.73 m².^{2,3} ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HF, heart failure;

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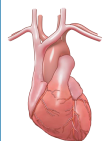
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				A1	A2	A3
				Normal to mildly increased	Moderately increased	Severely increased
				<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30–300 mg/g 3–30 mg/mmol	>300 mg/g >30 mg/mmol
GFR categories (ml/min per 1.73 m ²) Description and range	G1	Normal or high	≥90			
	G2	Mildly decreased	60–89			10%
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45–59		4%	75%
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30–44		6%	
	G4	Severely decreased	15–29			
	G5	Kidney failure	<15			



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					13%	
					15%	
					13%	



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PRIMARY CV ENDPOINT

Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke or hospitalisation for HF RRR 14%



KEY SECONDARY KIDNEY ENDPOINT

Time to kidney failure (initiation of chronic dialysis for ≥90 days, kidney transplantation or sustained eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m²), **sustained ≥57% decrease in eGFR from baseline, or renal death RRR 23%**

30≤UACR<300 mg/g and 25≤eGFR<90 mL/min/1.73m²

or

300≤UACR≤5000 mg/g and eGFR≥25 mL/min/1.73m²

*Please see slide notes for recruitment caps and eGFR/UACR cut-on details

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Finerenone has demonstrated significant risk reductions in CV and kidney outcomes in two phase III clinical trials



FIDELITY

Prespecified pooled analysis
of data from the
FIDELIO-DKD and FIGARO-DKD trials
**>13,000 patients across the disease continuum of
CKD and T2D** (CKD stage 1–4) with
moderate-to-severely elevated albuminuria
(UACR ≥ 30 mg/g)



14% reduced risk of CV morbidity
and mortality
(HR=0.86; 95% CI 0.78–0.95;
 $p=0.002$)¹

22% reduced risk of first HHF*
(HR=0.78; 95% CI 0.66–0.92;
 $p=0.003$)¹



23% reduced risk of CKD
progression#
(HR=0.77; 95% CI 0.67–0.88;
 $p=0.0002$)¹

20% reduced risk of ESKD
(HR=0.80; 95% CI 0.64–0.99;
 $p=0.040$)^{1,‡}



32% reduction in **UACR** (ratio of LS mean change from baseline 0.68; 95% CI 0.66–0.70)¹



Finerenone is indicated for the treatment of CKD (with albuminuria) associated with T2D in adults²



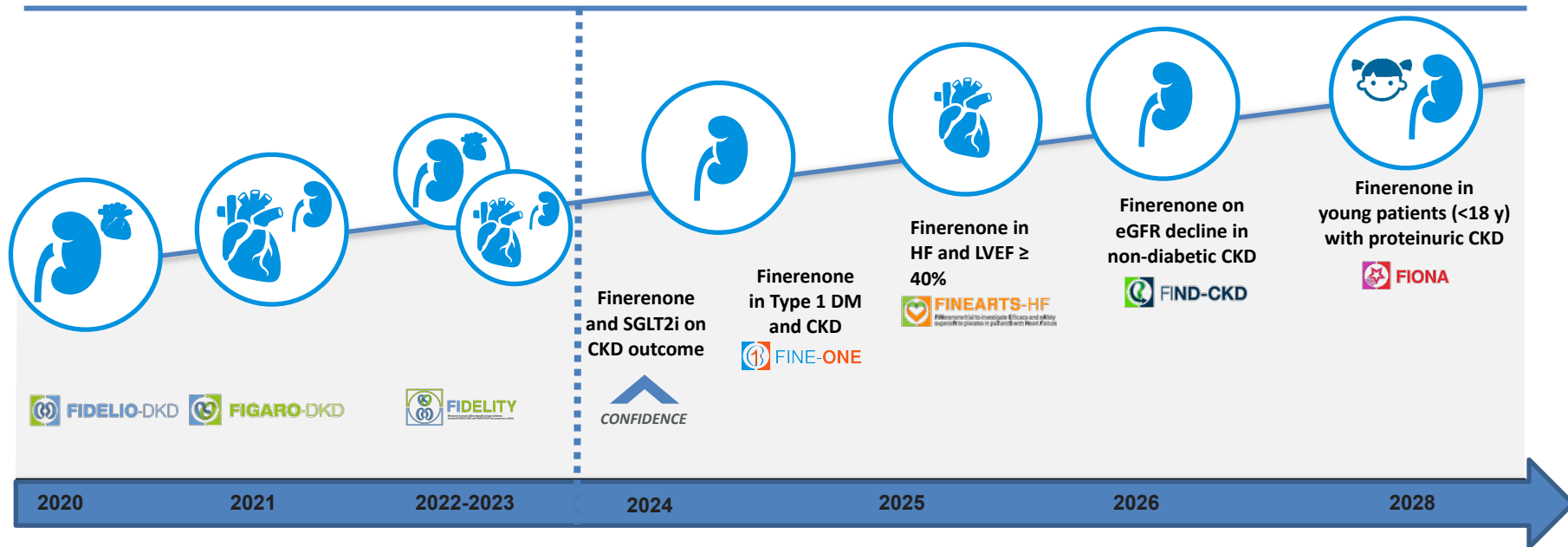
*First HHF defined as first event after randomisation; #ESKD or an eGFR < 15 ml/min/1.73 m²; events were classified as renal death if: (1) the patient died; (2) KRT had not been initiated despite being clinically indicated; and (3) there was no other likely cause of death; †analysis for p -value not prespecified.

HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; KRT, kidney replacement therapy; LS, least-squares

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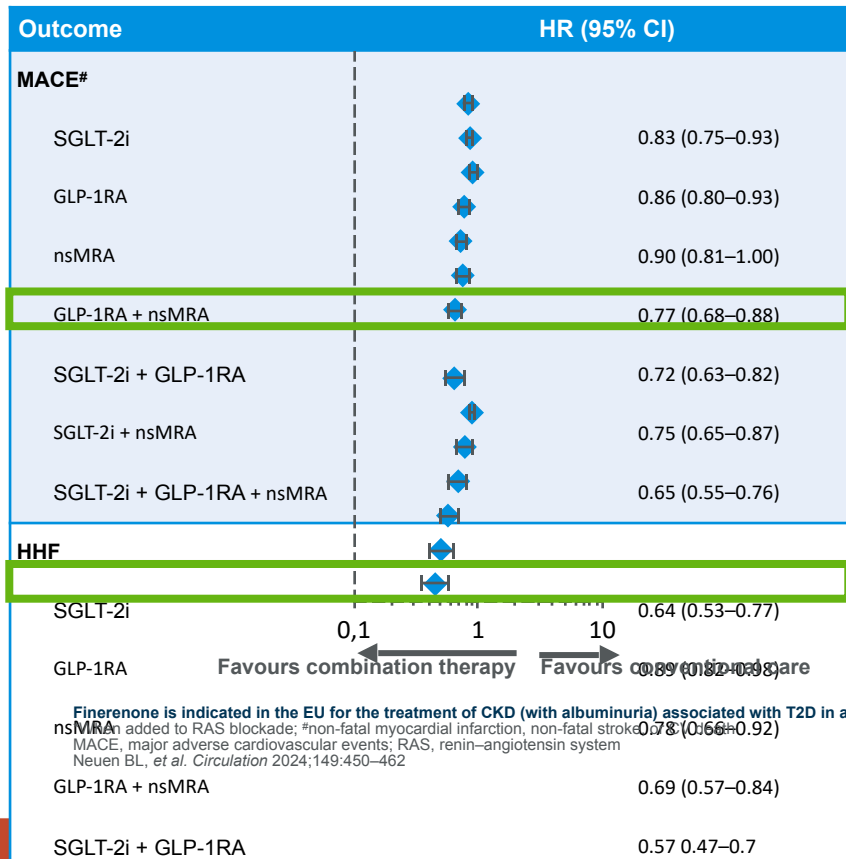


Clinical development of Finerenone

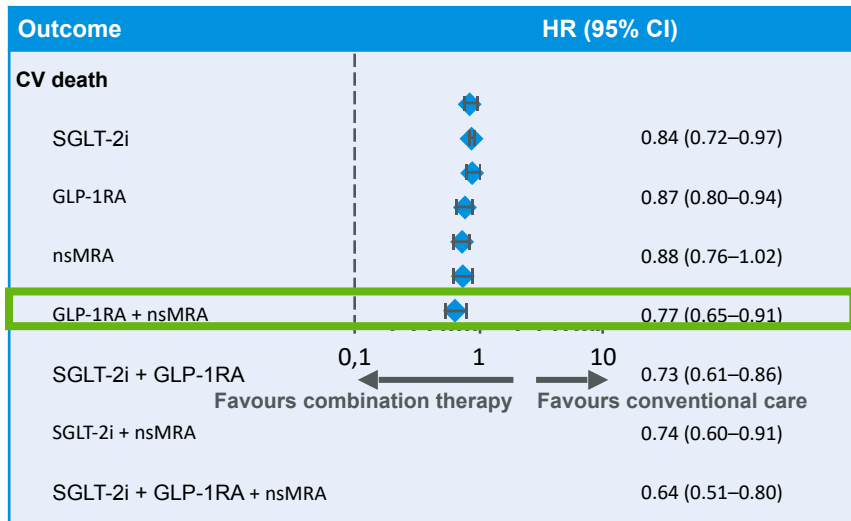


Results from a cross-trial analysis suggest potential CV benefits with SGLT-2i, GLP-1 RA and nsMRA combination treatment* in patients with T2D and albuminuria

MACE* and HHF

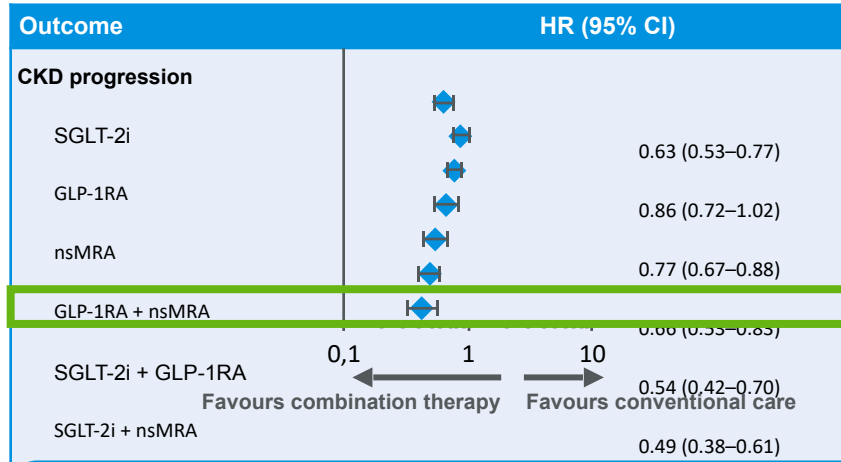


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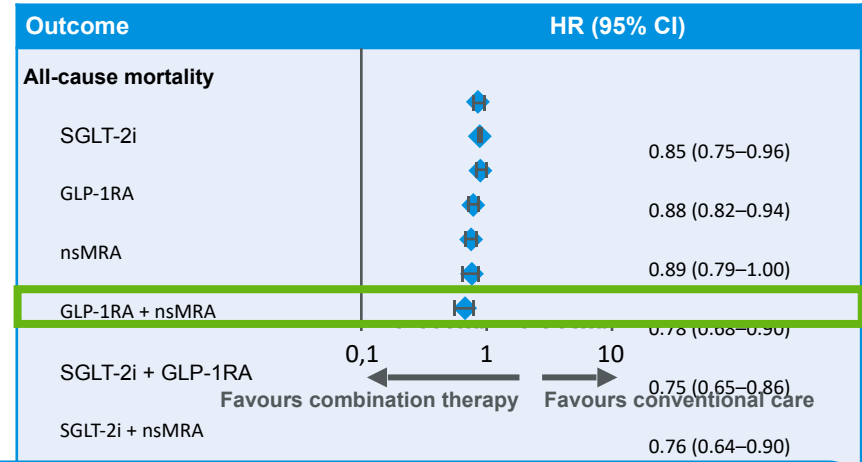


Combination treatment* with an SGLT-2i, GLP-1 RA and nsMRA may also reduce the risk of CKD progression and all-cause mortality

CKD progression



All-cause mortality



A 'pillar' approach combining therapy with an **SGLT2i**, **GLP-1 RA** and **nsMRA**, in addition to **RAS blockade**, may be **beneficial for patients with T2D and albuminuria** as these drugs **target different complementary pathophysiological pathways** involved in CV and kidney diseases

Finerenone is indicated in the EU for the treatment of CKD (with albuminuria) associated with T2D in adults. CV prevention is not an approved indication for finerenone in the EU
*When added to RAS blockade
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Finerenone is a key treatment pillar for the management of CKD and T2D1–6

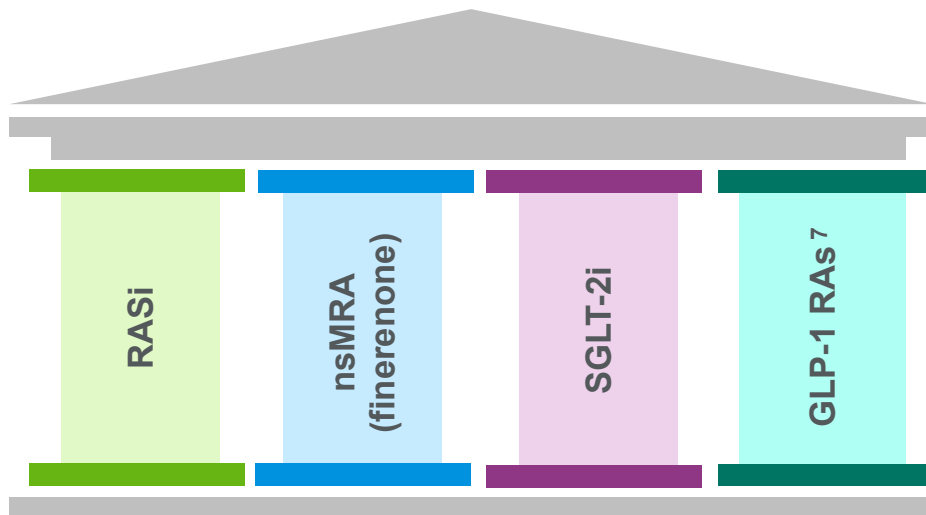


Figure adapted from Blazek O & Bakris GL. 2022⁶

CKD, chronic kidney disease; ESC, European Society of Cardiology; ESH, European Society of Hypertension; ERBP, European Renal Best Practice; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; nsMRA, non-steroidal mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; RASi, renin-angiotensin system inhibitor; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor; T2D, type 2 diabetes.
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- **Sospensione ingiustificata:** non sospendere terapia con RAASi per lievi rialzi creatininemia (<30%) o per iperkaliemia moderata
- **Inerzia Terapeutica:** non ritardare l'impiego della terapia massimale in base alle caratteristiche del paziente
- Trattare Iperkaliemia: nuovi chelanti sicuri ed efficaci a disposizione
- Monitoraggio frequente del paziente anche in ambulatori multispecialistici



Grazie!

