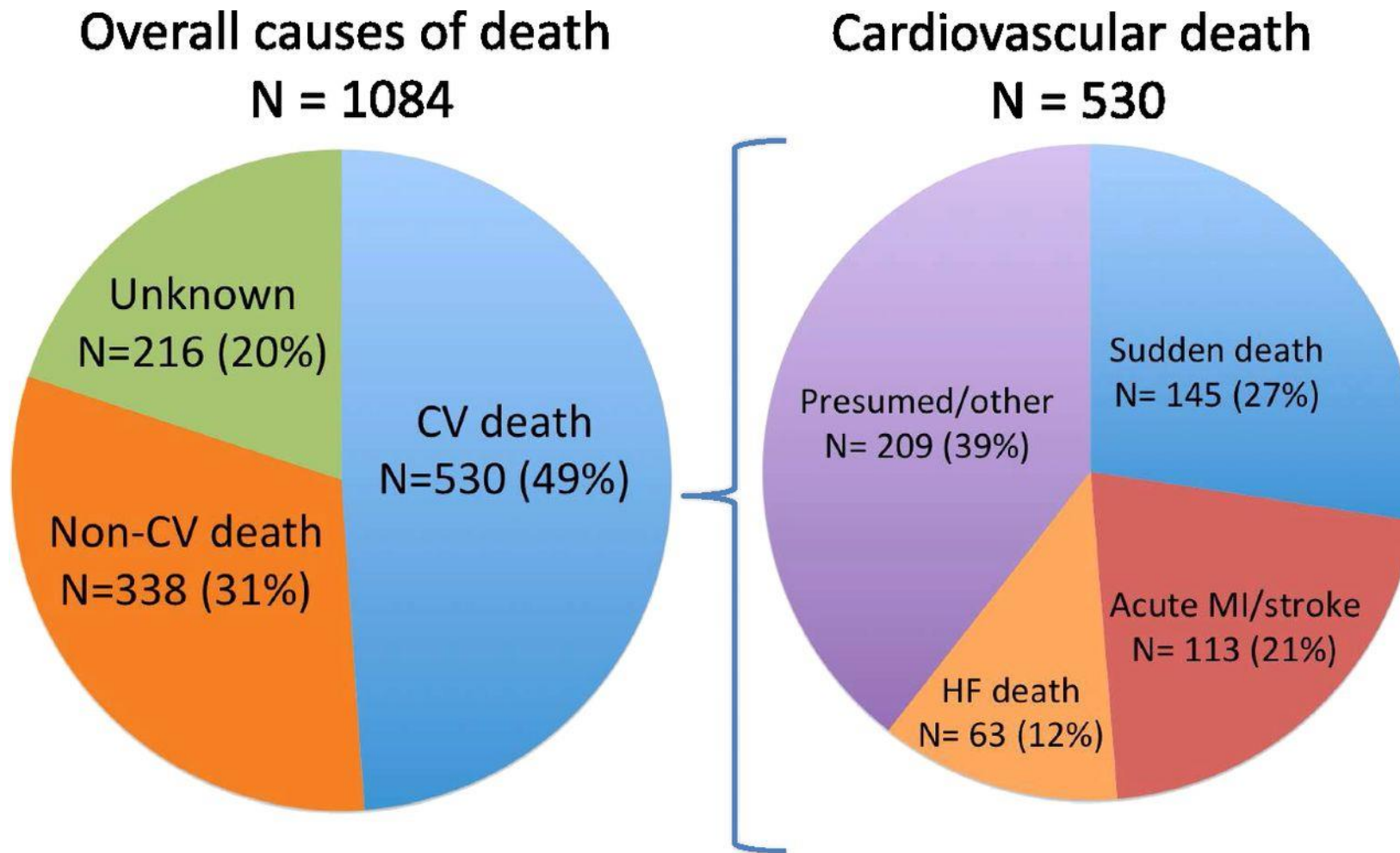


New Drugs For Diabetes: It's More Than Just The Blood Sugar

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Distribution of causes of mortality in patients with T2DM (TECOS)



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- BMI 36
- T2DM x 5 years, HTN x 20 years, NYHA 2 HF
- FHx: T2DM, HTN and CHF in mother
- A1c 7.8%

Metfomin 1000 mg bid

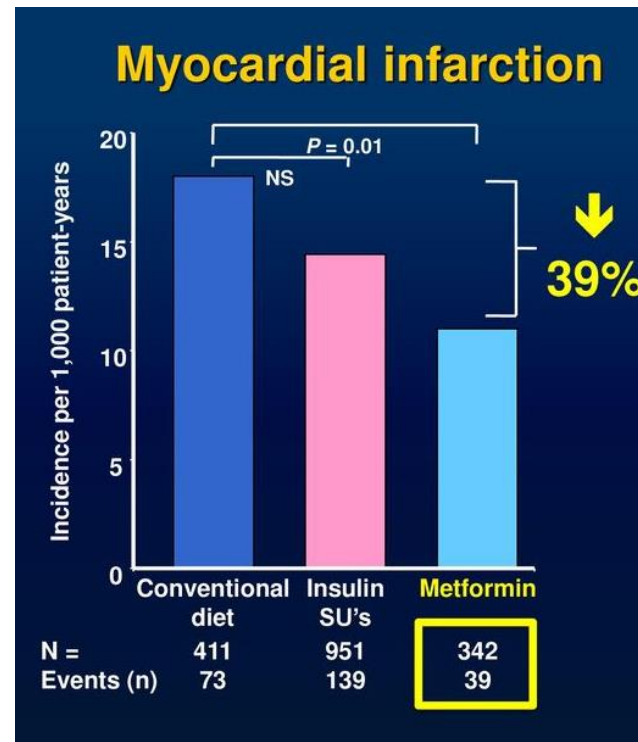
- BP 142/88

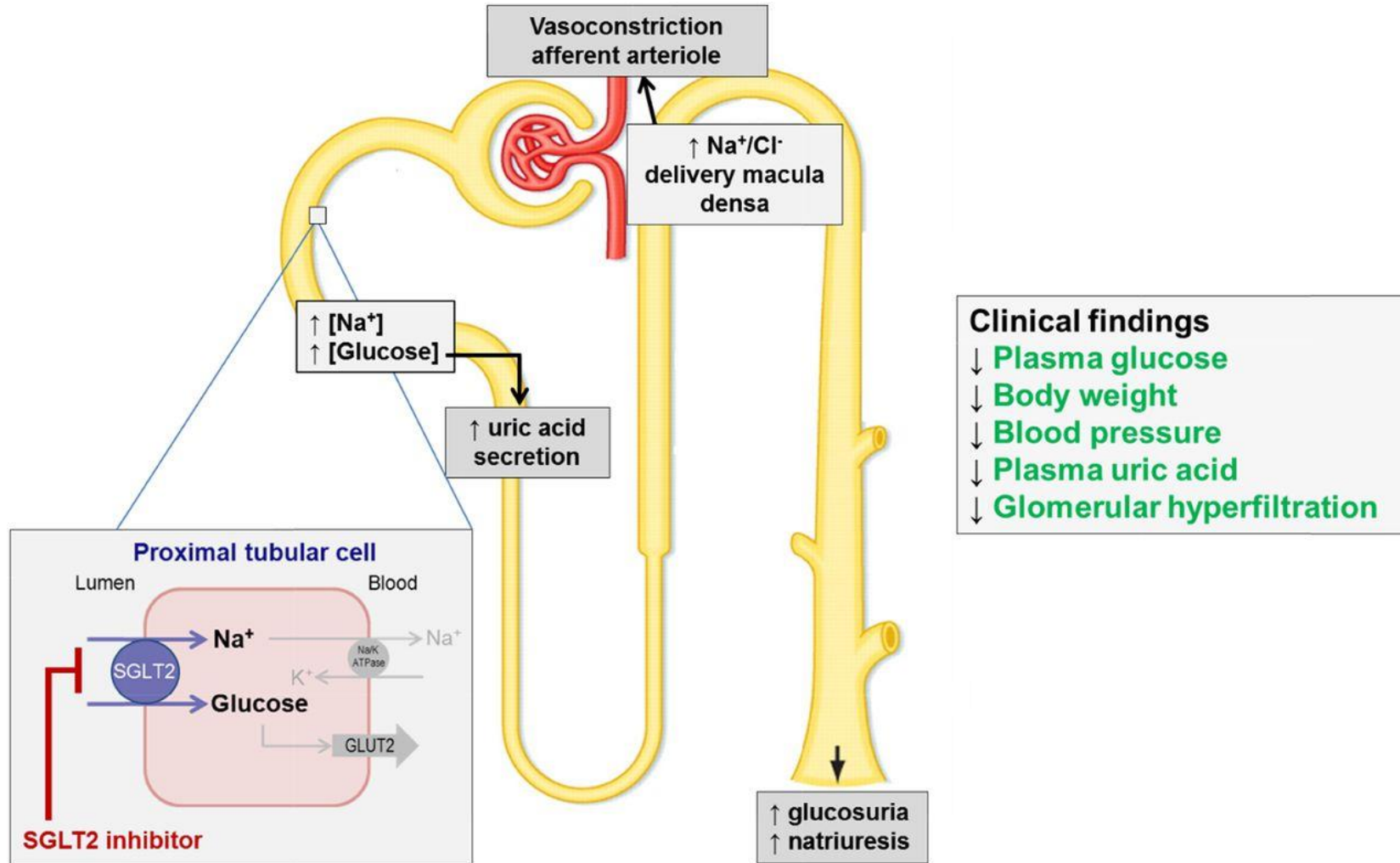
Valsartan, Carvedilol, Furosemide

- eGFR 50

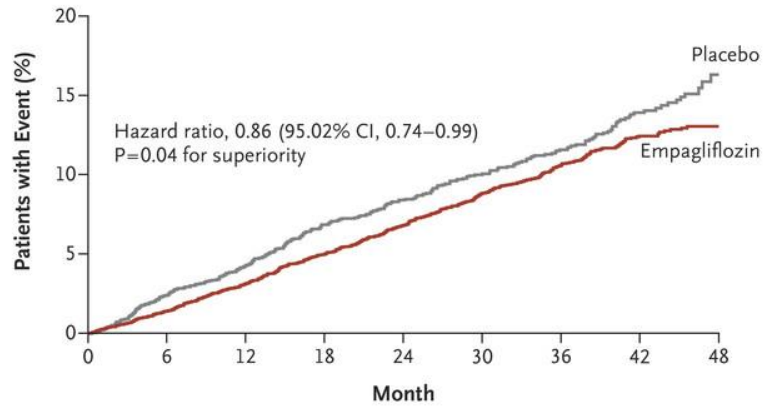
Goals of Care

- Reduction of CV mortality and morbidity
 - Glycemic control
 - BP control
 - Preservation of kidney function
 - Weight reduction





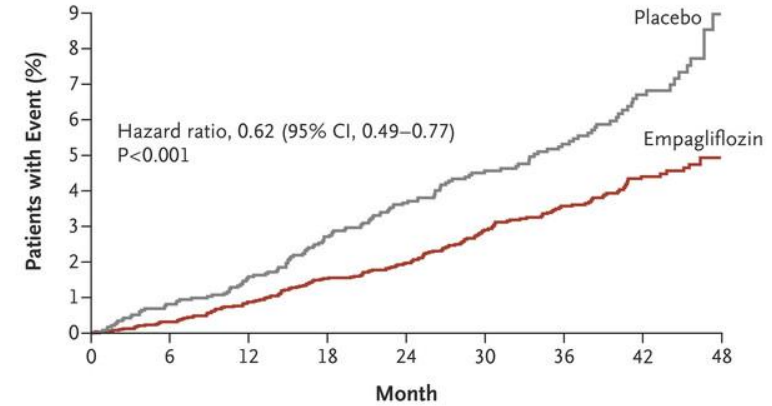
A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

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

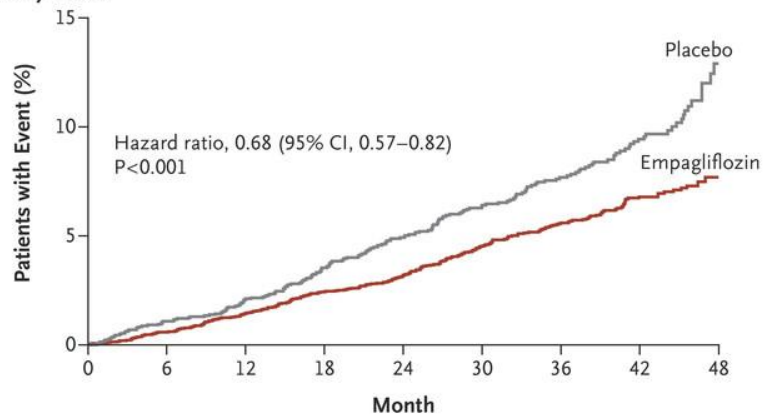
B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk

Empagliflozin	4687	4651	4608	4556	4128	3079	2617	1722	414
Placebo	2333	2303	2280	2243	2012	1503	1281	825	177

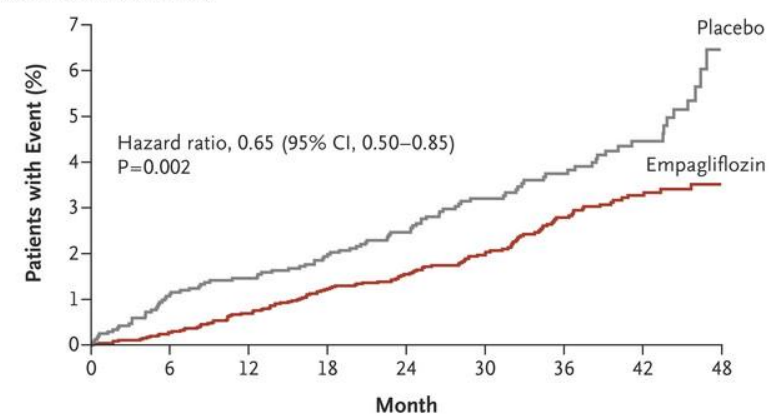
C Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk

Empagliflozin	4687	4651	4608	4556	4128	3079	2617	1722	414
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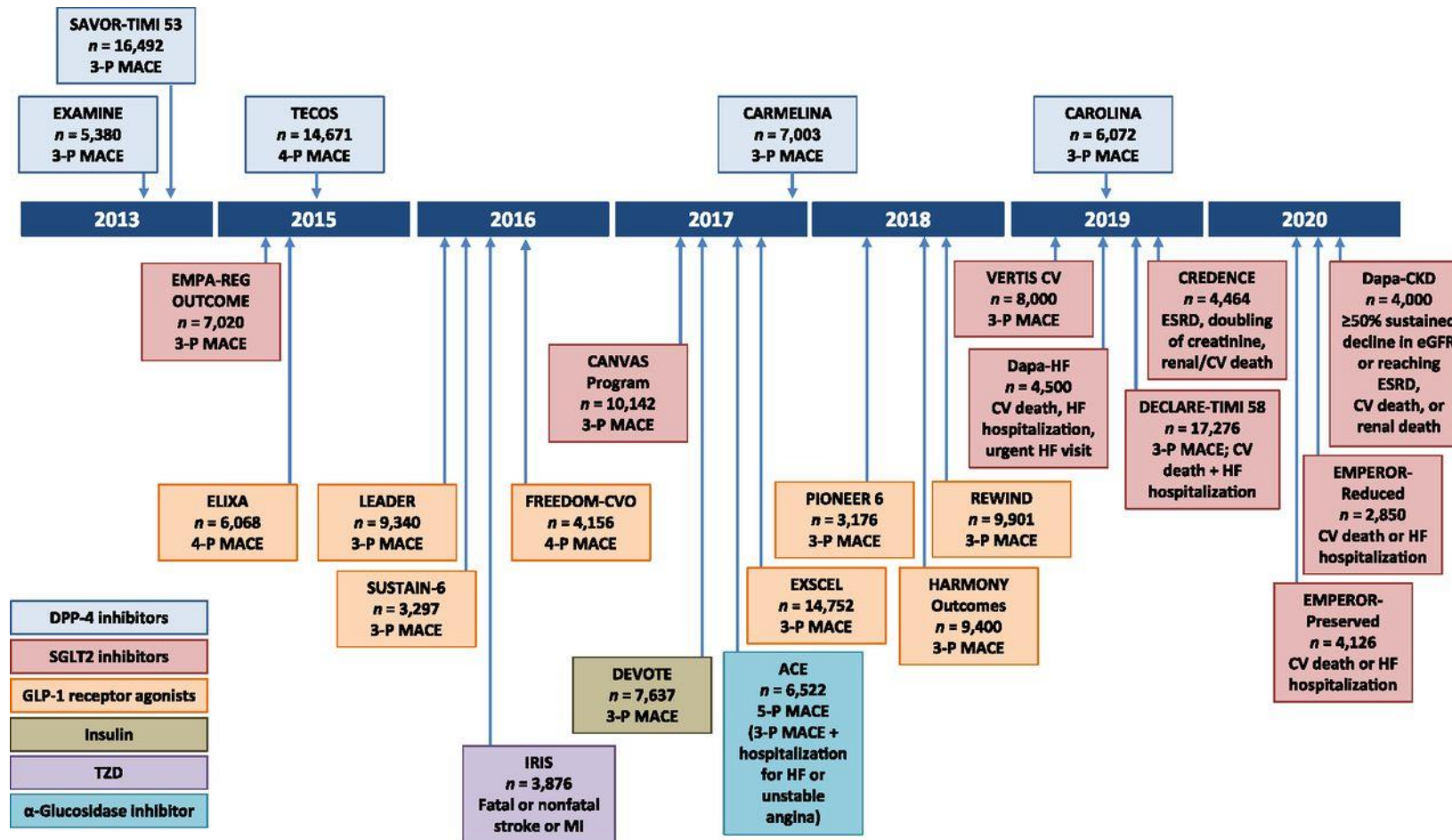
D Hospitalization for Heart Failure



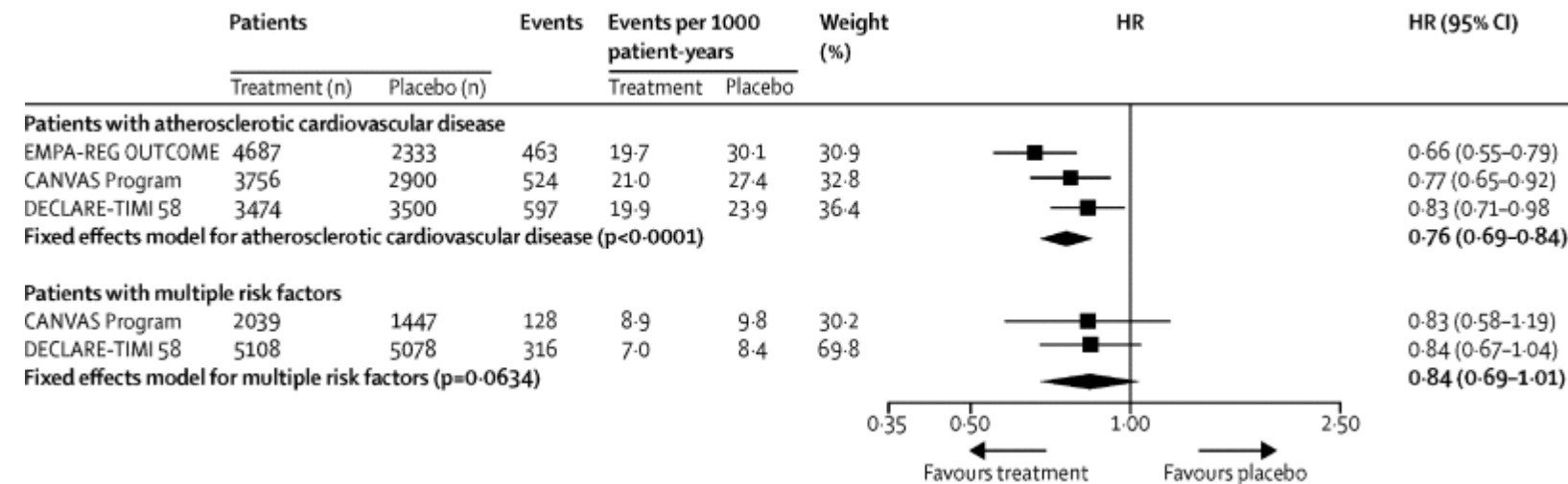
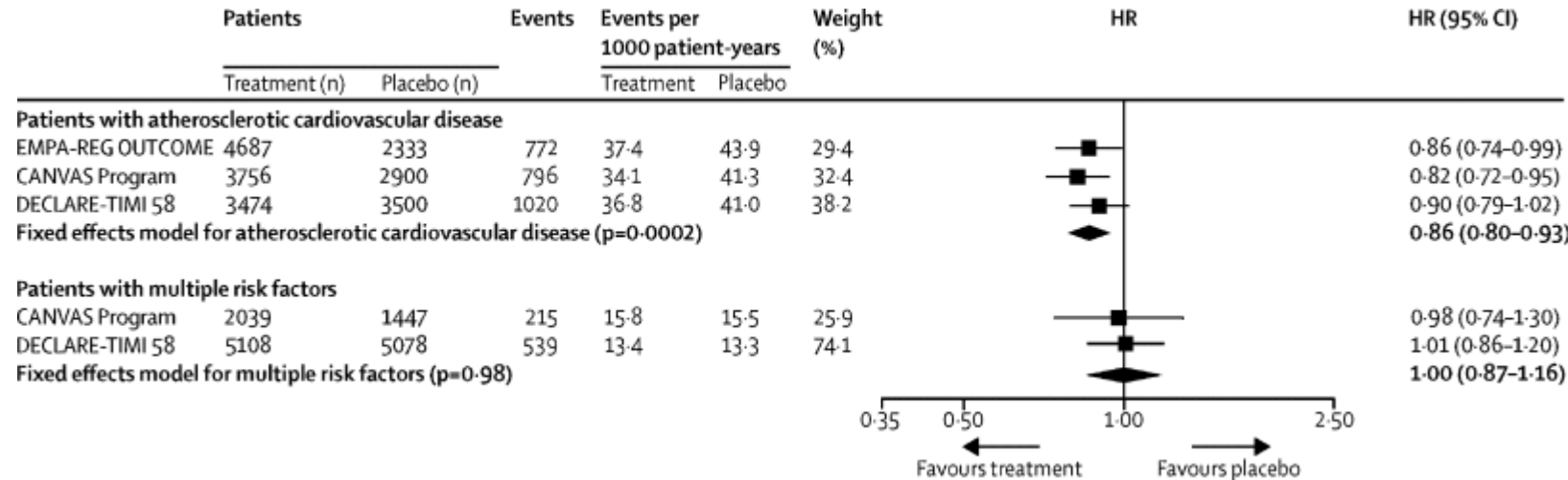
No. at Risk

Empagliflozin	4687	4614	4523	4427	3988	2950	2487	1634	395
Placebo	2333	2271	2226	2173	1932	1424	1202	775	168

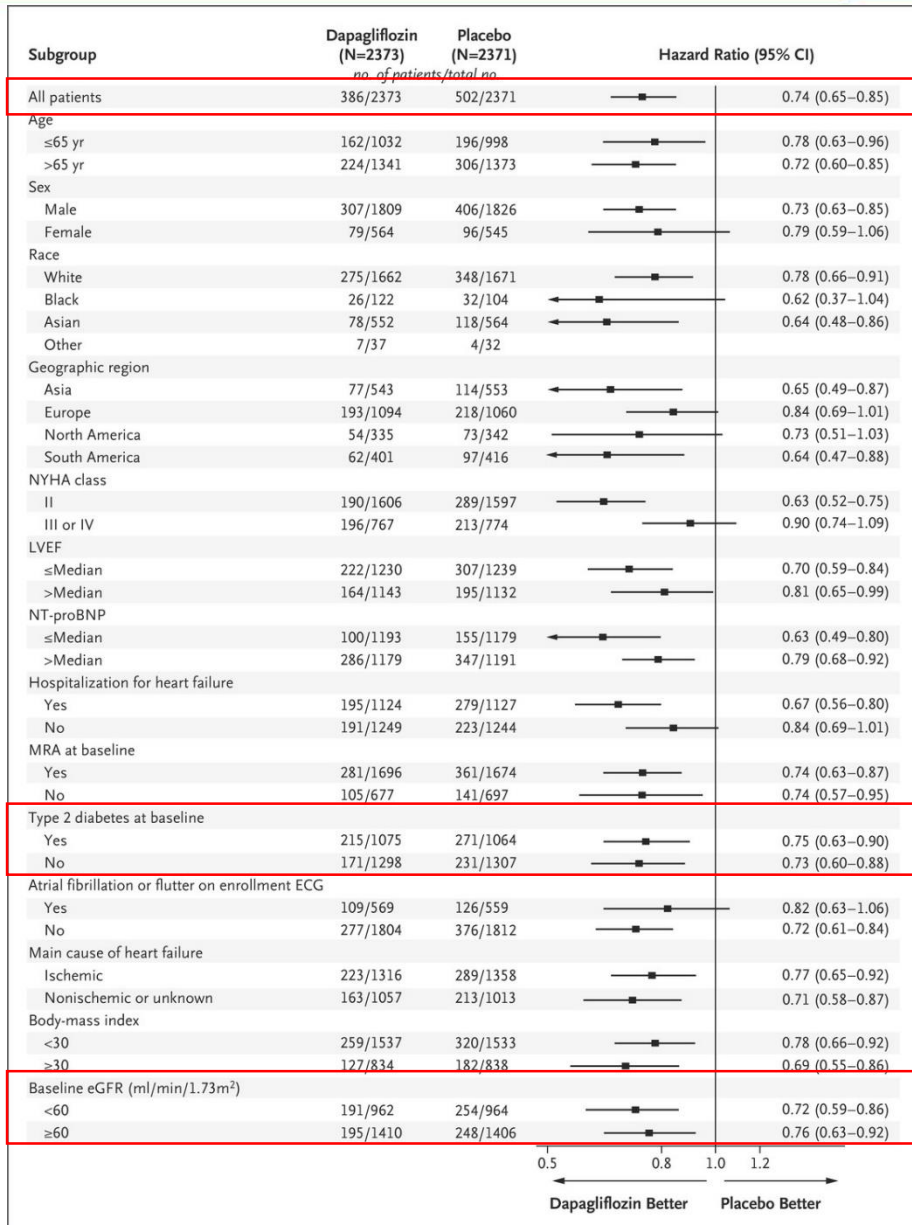
COMPLETED AND ONGOING CVOTs



MACE



HF Hospitalizations



All-cause death – 17% reduction
 CV death – 18% reduction
 HF hospitalization plus CV deaths – 25% reduction

NNT is 21 to prevent one primary endpoint during 18 months of treatment

- BMI 36
- T2DM x 5 years, HTN x 20 years, NYHA 2 HF
- FHx: T2DM, HTN and CHF in mother
- A1c 7.8%

MFM 1000 mg bid

- BP 142/88

Valsartan, Carvedilol, Furosemide

- eGFR 50

6 months later

- MFM 1000 bid, Dapagliflozin 10 mg daily
- BMI 34.5, weight loss 5%
- A1c 6.9%
- BP 130/80
- eGFR 51

- BMI 29.2
- T2DM x 12 years, HTN, HL, NAFLD
- FHx: CAD in father
- A1c 8.1%

MFM 2000 mg/day and Glipizide 10 mg bid

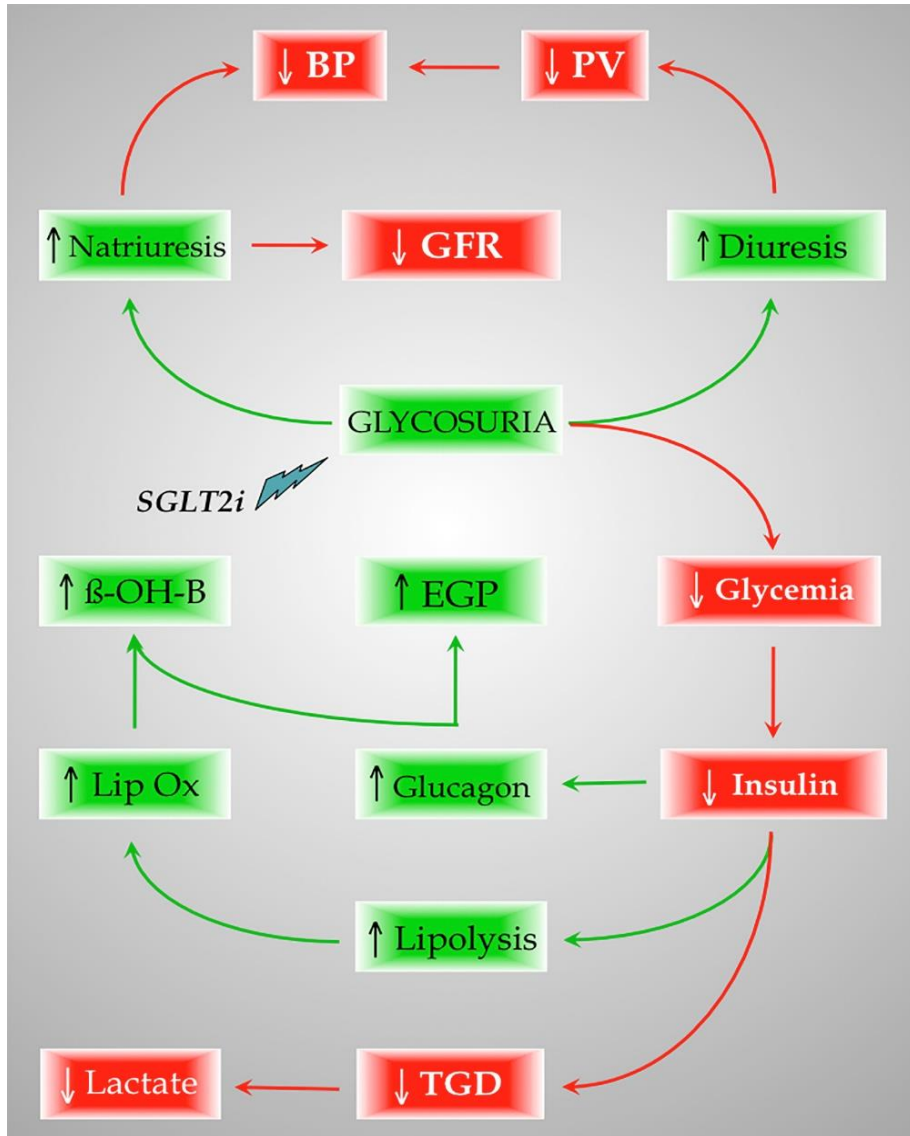
- BP 132/77

Lisinopril, HCTZ/triamterene

- ALT 68, AST 26
- eGFR 66
- AFRAID OF NEEDLES

2 months later

- MFM 1000 mg bid and Canagliflozin 300
- BMI 28.6, weight loss 3%
- **Hospitalization for cholecystectomy**
- DM meds stopped 24 hours prior to surgery
- **POD 1: BG 146, AG 20, CO2 17, BHB 4.6, Glucosuria >1000 mg/dl**
- Insulin Gtt at 0.5 -1.0 u/hr and D5 1/2NS
- POD 2: AG10, transitioned to basal-bolus and started PO intake, glucosuria >1000 mg/dl



SIDE EFFECTS and CONSIDERATIONS:

- EUGLYCEMIC DKA
 - If uncontrolled on SU or receiving insulin
 - Prolonged fasting
- HYPOGLYCEMIA
 - If receiving insulin or sulfonylurea
- Polyuria, frequency
- Dehydration, orthostasis
 - Consider adjusting diuretic, monitor BP
- Genital mycotic infections
 - Educate, fluconazole
- Risk of UTI
 - Studies do not show

- BMI 38, weight gain
- T2DM x 2 years, HTN, NAFLD
- H/o Vtach 10 years ago, non-obstructive CAD
- FHx of CAD in father
- A1c 7.8%

MFM 1000 mg a day

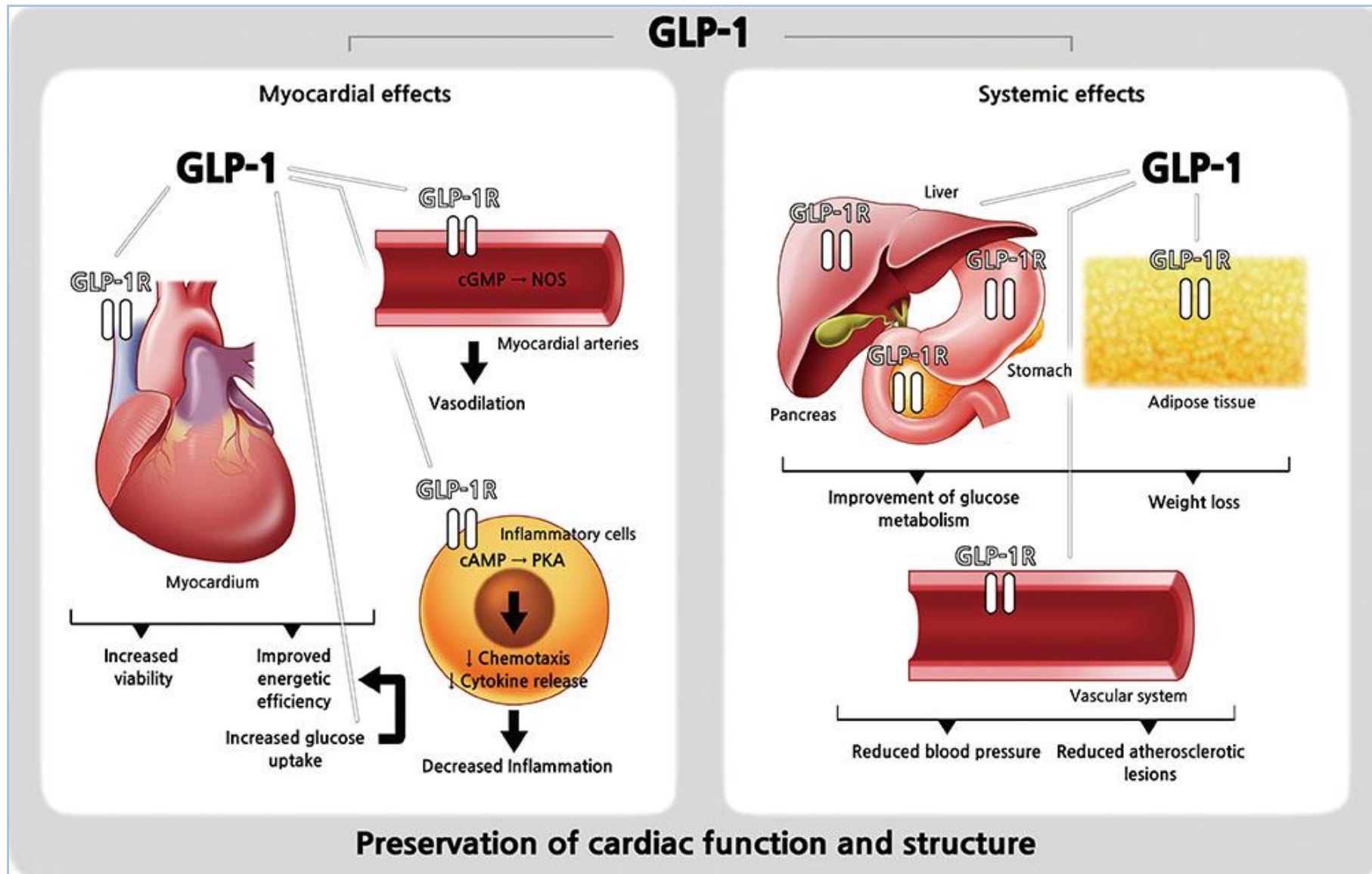
Glimepiride 4 mg bid

- BP 135/85

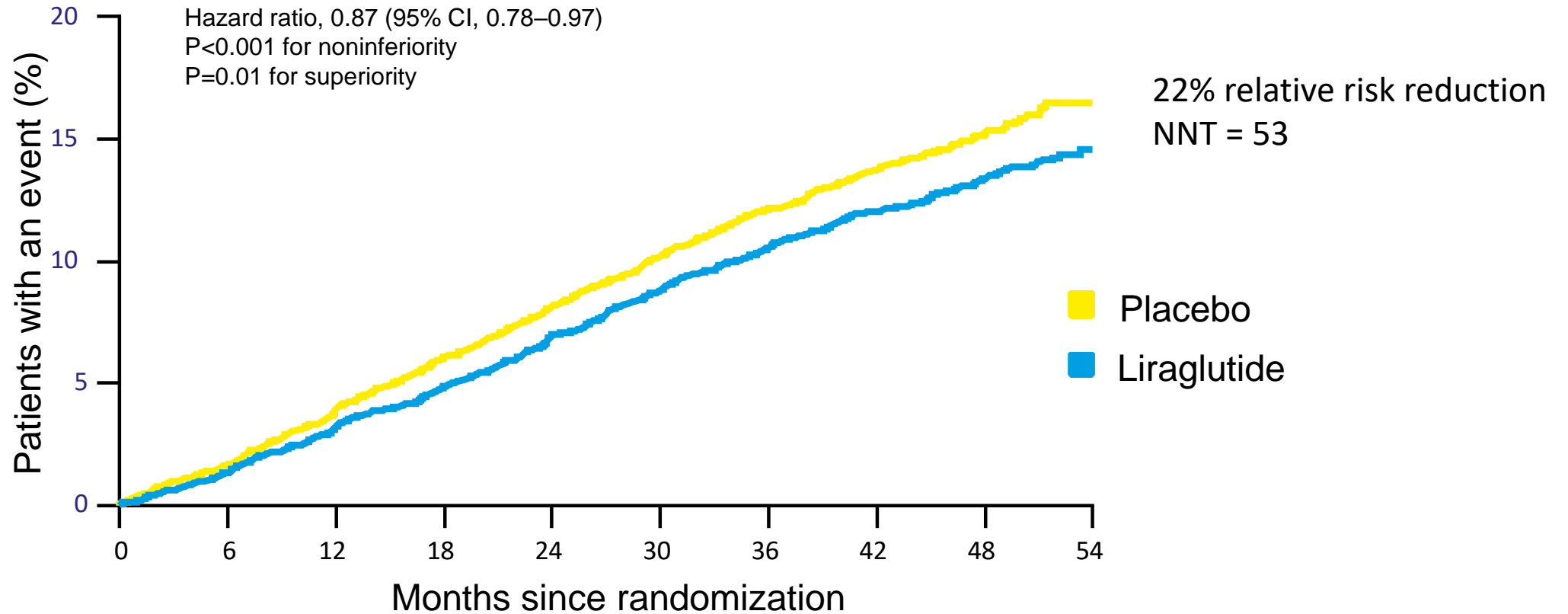
Amlodipine, Carvedilol, Lisinopril, HCTZ

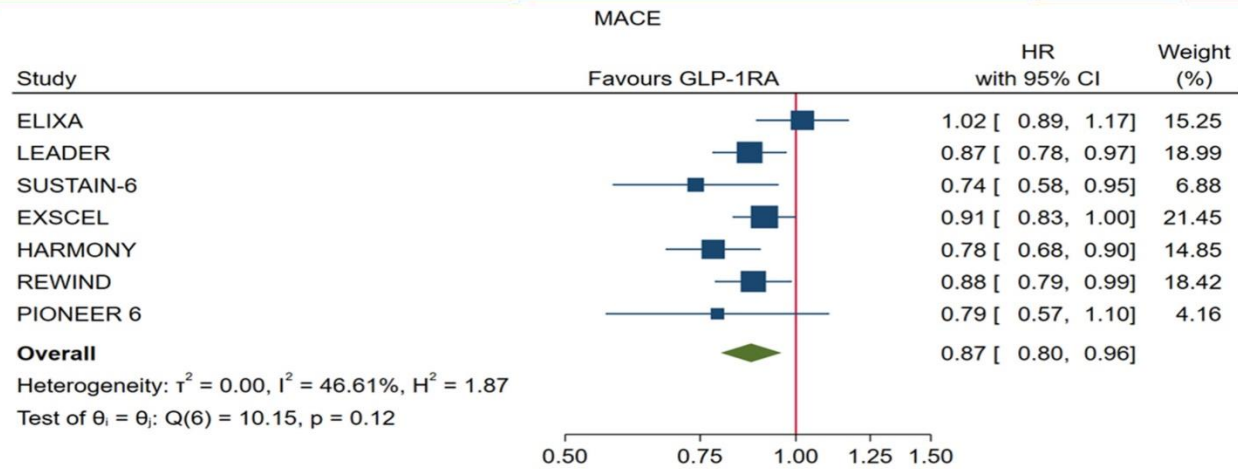
- GFR 85

- Obesity
- NAFLD
- ASCVD



First occurrence of CV death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke in the time-to-event analysis in patients with type 2 diabetes and high CV risk



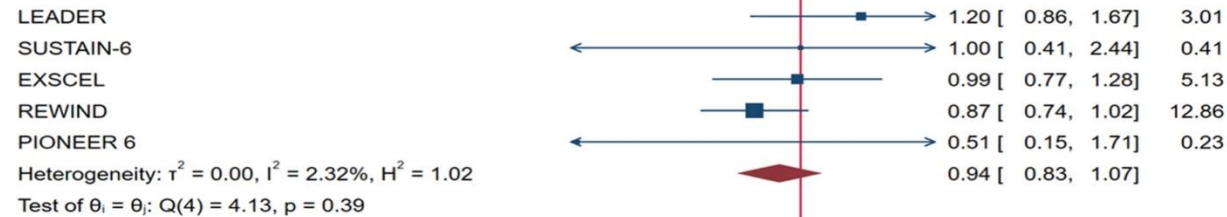


Random-effects empirical Bayes model
 Knapp-Hartung standard errors

1: History of CVD



2: No history of CVD



Test of group differences: $Q_b(1) = 1.47$, $p = 0.22$

- BMI 38, weight gain
- T2DM x 2 years, HTN, NAFLD
- H/o Vtach 10 years ago, non-obstructive CAD
- FHx of CAD in father
- A1c 7.8%

MFM 1000 mg a day

Glimepiride 4 mg bid

- BP 135/85

Amlodipine, Carvedilol, Lisinopril, HCTZ

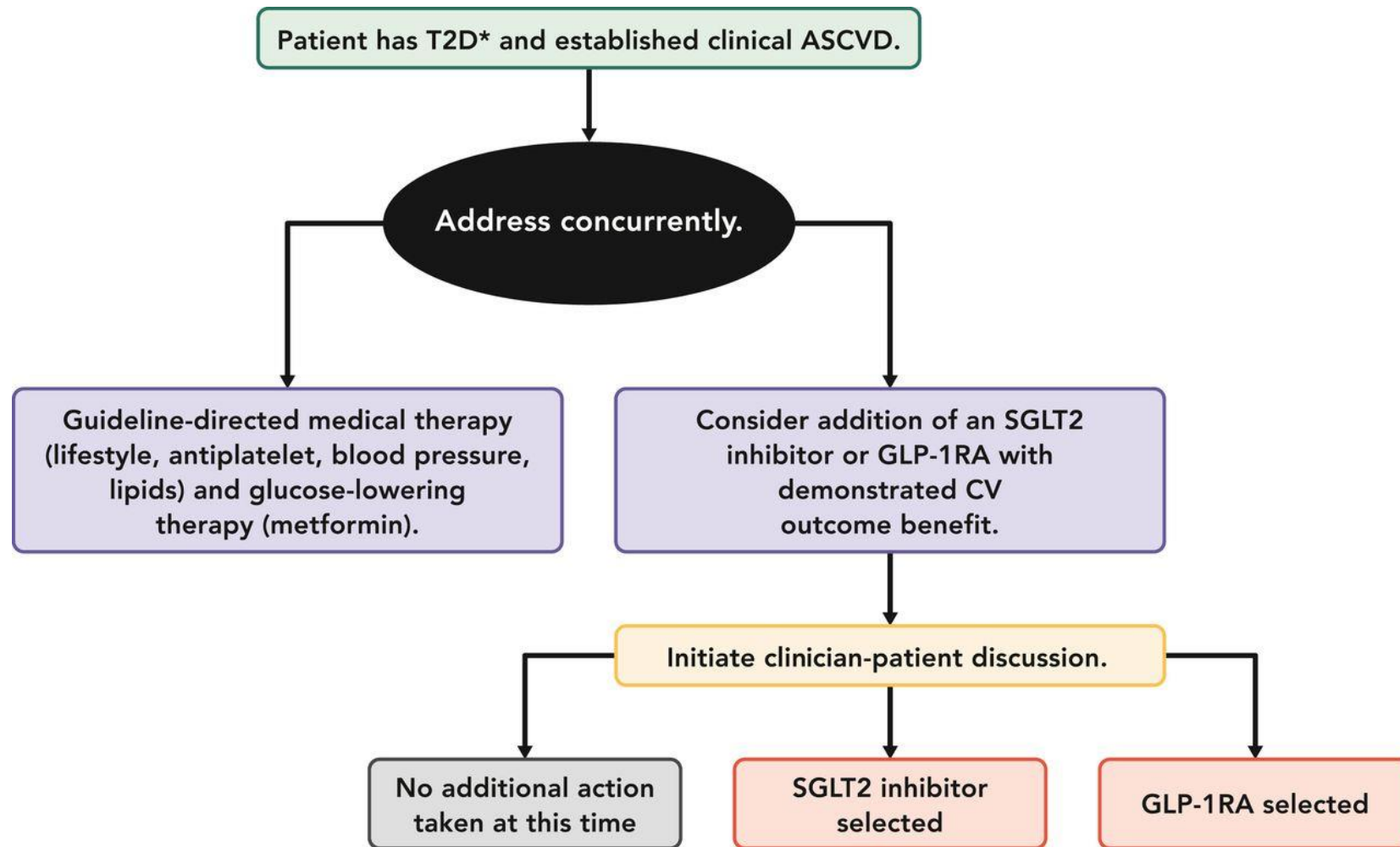
- GFR 85

6 months later

- MFM 2000 mg a day, Liraglutide 1.8
- Lifestyle modifications
- BMI 33, weight loss 15%
- A1c 5.8%
- BP 125/75

Amlodipine and HCTZ reduced

- Injectable medication, teaching is needed
- Nausea and Vomiting
 - Start at the lowest dose
 - Titrate slowly ever 2-4 weeks
- Hypoglycemia
 - In presence of insulin or SU
- Proliferative Retinopathy
 - Signal in Semaglutide studies only
- Pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer
 - No evidence of risk increase in humans
- Medullary thyroid cancer
 - No evidence in humans. Do not Rx to patients with FHx of MEN 1 or medullary thyroid cancer



*Most trials of SGLT2i and GLP-1RA required baseline A1C $\geq 7\%$ (Example: EXSCEL Trial required HbA1c $\geq 6.5\%$), and most patients were already on metformin as first-line therapy if tolerated and not contraindicated



FIRST-LINE therapy is metformin and comprehensive lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)
If HbA_{1c} above target proceed as below

ESTABLISHED ASCVD OR CKD

NO

WITHOUT ESTABLISHED ASCVD OR CKD

ASCVD PREDOMINATES

EITHER/ OR

- GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹
- SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹, if eGFR adequate²

If HbA_{1c} above target

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

- Consider adding the other class (GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i) with proven CVD benefit
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin⁴
- TZD⁵
- SU⁶

HF OR CKD PREDOMINATES

PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOTs if eGFR adequate²

OR

If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate² add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Avoid TZD in the setting of HF
- Choose agents demonstrating CV safety:
- Consider adding the other class with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i (not saxagliptin) in the setting of HF (if not on GLP-1 RA)
- Basal insulin⁴
- SU⁶

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA

DPP-4i	GLP-1 RA	SGLT2i ²	TZD
If HbA _{1c} above target	If HbA _{1c} above target	If HbA _{1c} above target	If HbA _{1c} above target
SGLT2i ²	SGLT2i ²	GLP-1 RA OR DPP-4i OR TZD	SGLT2i ² OR DPP-4i OR GLP-1 RA
OR	OR	OR	OR
TZD	TZD		

If HbA_{1c} above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If HbA_{1c} above target

Consider the addition of SU⁶ OR basal insulin:

- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia⁷

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS

EITHER/ OR

- GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss⁸
- SGLT2i²

If HbA_{1c} above target

If HbA_{1c} above target

If HbA_{1c} above target

If triple 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:

- SU⁶
- TZD⁵
- Basal insulin

COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE⁹⁻¹⁰

SU⁶ TZD⁵

If HbA_{1c} above target

TZD⁵ SU⁶

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Insulin therapy basal insulin with lowest acquisition cost
- OR
- Consider DPP-4i OR SGLT2i with lowest acquisition cost¹⁰

1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events. For GLP-1 RA strongest evidence for liraglutide > semaglutide > exenatide extended release. For SGLT2i evidence modestly stronger for empagliflozin > canagliflozin.
2. Be aware that SGLT2i vary by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
3. Both empagliflozin and canagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and reduction in CKD progression in CVOTs
4. Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety
5. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects

6. Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
7. Degludec / glargine U300 < glargine U100 / detemir < NPH Insulin
8. Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide
9. 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)
10. Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs relatively more expensive and DPP-4i relatively cheaper

- Paradigm shift in T2DM management from glycemic control alone to comprehensive CV risk reduction
- Cardiologists and nephrologists will take a more active role in T2DM management