

8<sup>th</sup> CHALLENGES IN CARDIOLOGY. Monte Real 2018

***Diabetes Mellitus and Cardiovascular  
Outcomes  
Beyond Glycemic Control***

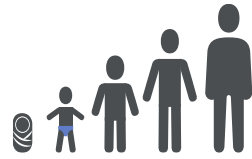
José R. González Juanatey  
Servicio de Cardiología y UCC  
Hospital Clínico Universitario. IDIS  
Santiago de Compostela

## Disclosures:

Research Grants: AZ, Boehringer Ingelheim, Pfizer, Novartis, Daichii-Sankyo, Sanofi-Aventis, Bayer, MSD, Servier, Ferrer

Consultant/Honorarium. AZ, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Bayer, Pfizer, BMS, MSD, Daichii-Sankyo, Servier, Menarini, Ferrer, Angem

# A 60-year-old man with CVD and T2D may die 12 years younger than someone without CVD and T2D



**60<sup>yrs</sup>**

**End of life**

**No diabetes**

**Diabetes**

**Diabetes + MI**

**-6<sup>yrs</sup>**

**-12<sup>yrs</sup>**

In this case, CV disease is represented by MI or stroke

\*Male, 60 years of age with history of MI or stroke

The Emerging Risk Factors Collaboration. JAMA 2015



# ESC 2016 Guidelines.

## Multifactorial approach T2D

### Life style modification

Glycaemic control

Antiplatelet therapy

**Primary Prevention?**

Reducing CV risk in T2D requires a multifactorial approach

Blood pressure control

Lipid control

## VIEWPOINT

## Is Hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> the Right Outcome for Studies of Diabetes?

Kasia J. Lipska, MD,  
MHS  
Section of  
Endocrinology and  
Metabolism,  
Department of  
Internal Medicine,  
Yale School of  
Medicine, New Haven, Conn

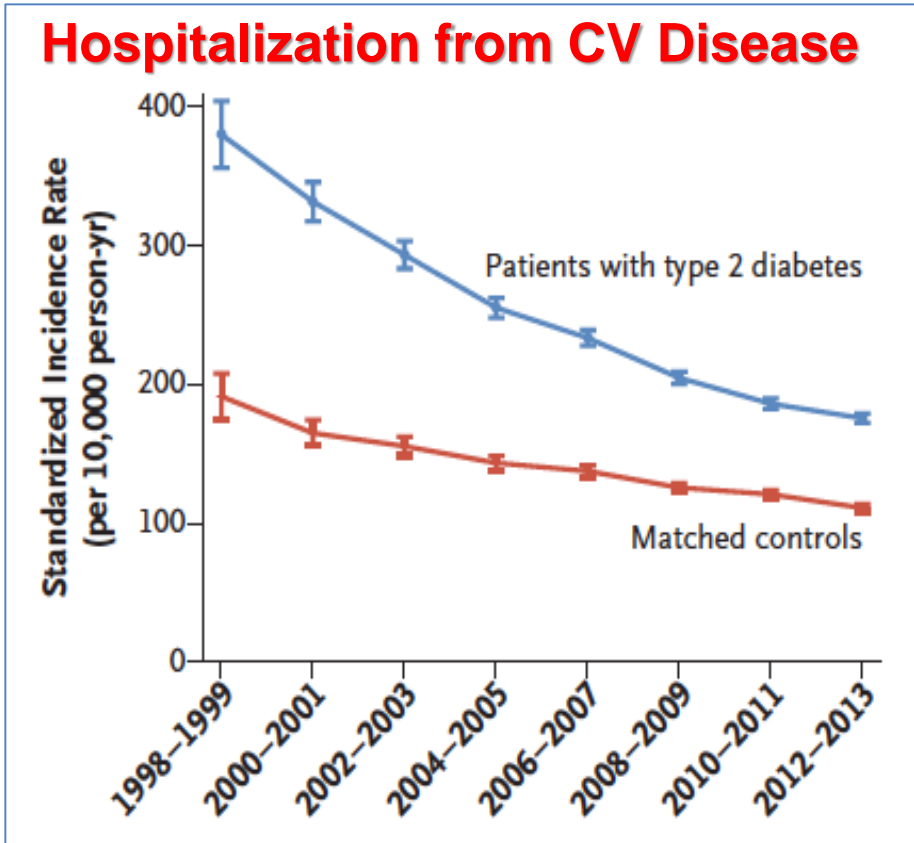
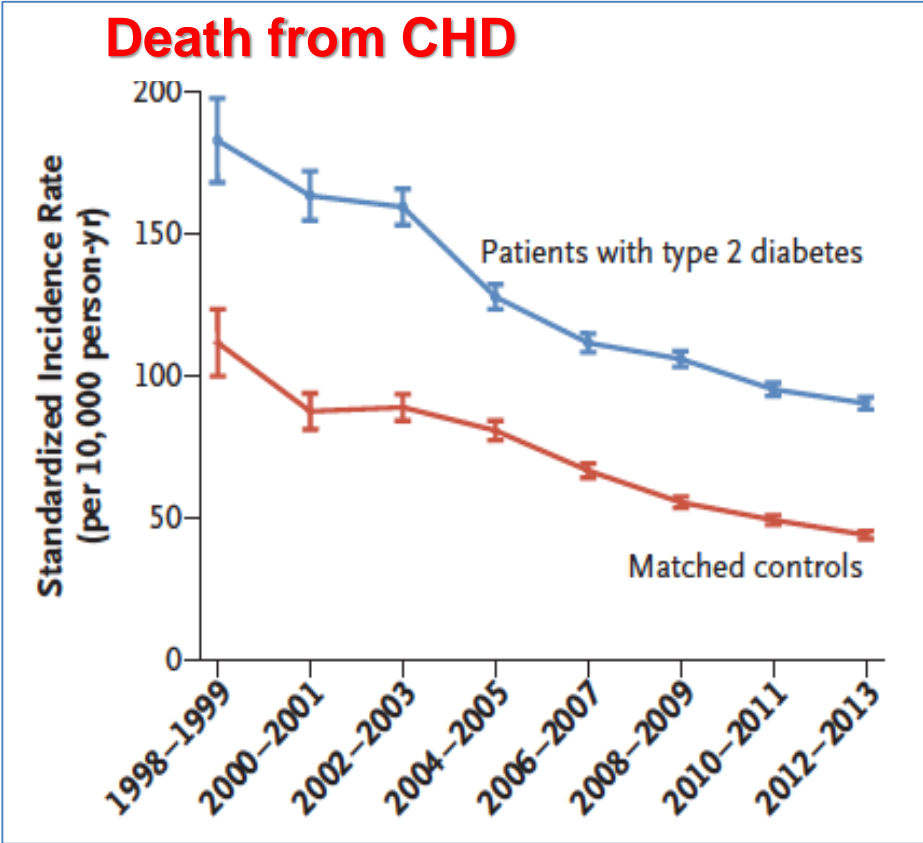
**The goals of treatment** of type 2 diabetes are to reduce the risk of diabetic complications and, as a result, improve the quality and, possibly, duration of life. For several decades, authoritative guidelines instructed clinicians to strictly control glucose levels of patients with diabetes to accomplish these goals. In addition, in the 1990s, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) be-

Moreover, intensive glucose control had minimal, if any, effects on hard microvascular complications, such as vision loss or renal failure.<sup>1</sup> Around the same time, a meta-analysis indicated the possibility that a certain glucose-lowering drug (ie, rosiglitazone) was paradoxically associated with increased cardiovascular risk. As a result, in 2008, the FDA began to require postapproval trials

Trials that use outcomes based solely on glycemic parameters are no longer acceptable for clinical decision making. Clinicians and patients need evidence about outcomes associated with different drug classes and likely with different agents within a class. Investments in pragmatic studies of existing agents are needed to understand the impact on outcomes of all treatment options.

# Mortality and CV Disease in Type 2 Diabetics

## Swedish National Diabetes Registry

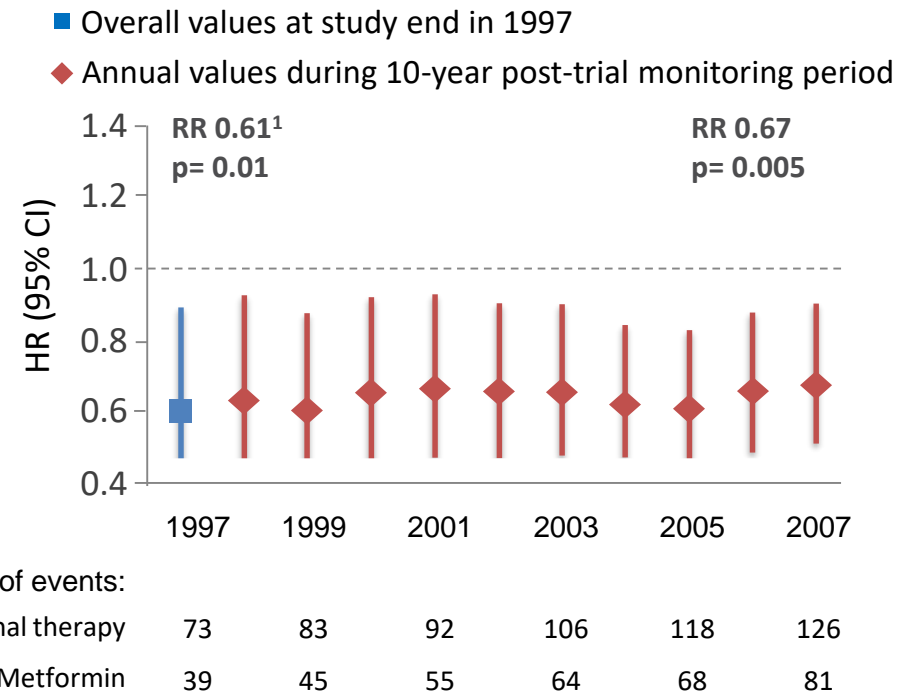
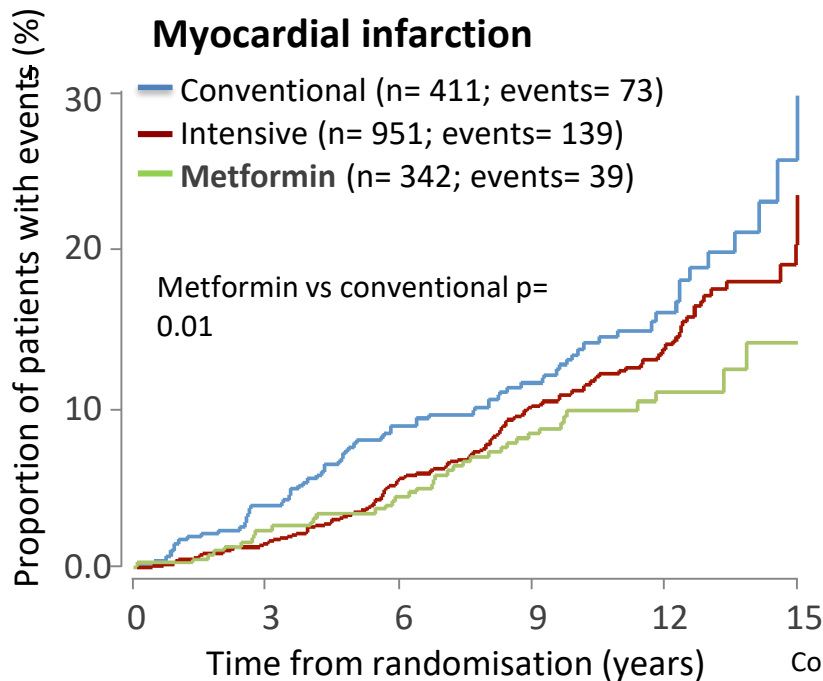


Rawshani A, et al. New Engl J Med 2017;376: 1407-18.

# UKPDS 34 provides some evidence for beneficial CV effects of metformin in overweight patients

**Risk of MI is 39% lower with metformin vs conventional therapy in obese patients<sup>1,2</sup>**

**Significant reduction in MI maintained over 10 years' follow-up<sup>3</sup>**



1. UKPDS 34. Lancet. 1998; 352: 854-865.

2. <http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/23244/SPC>

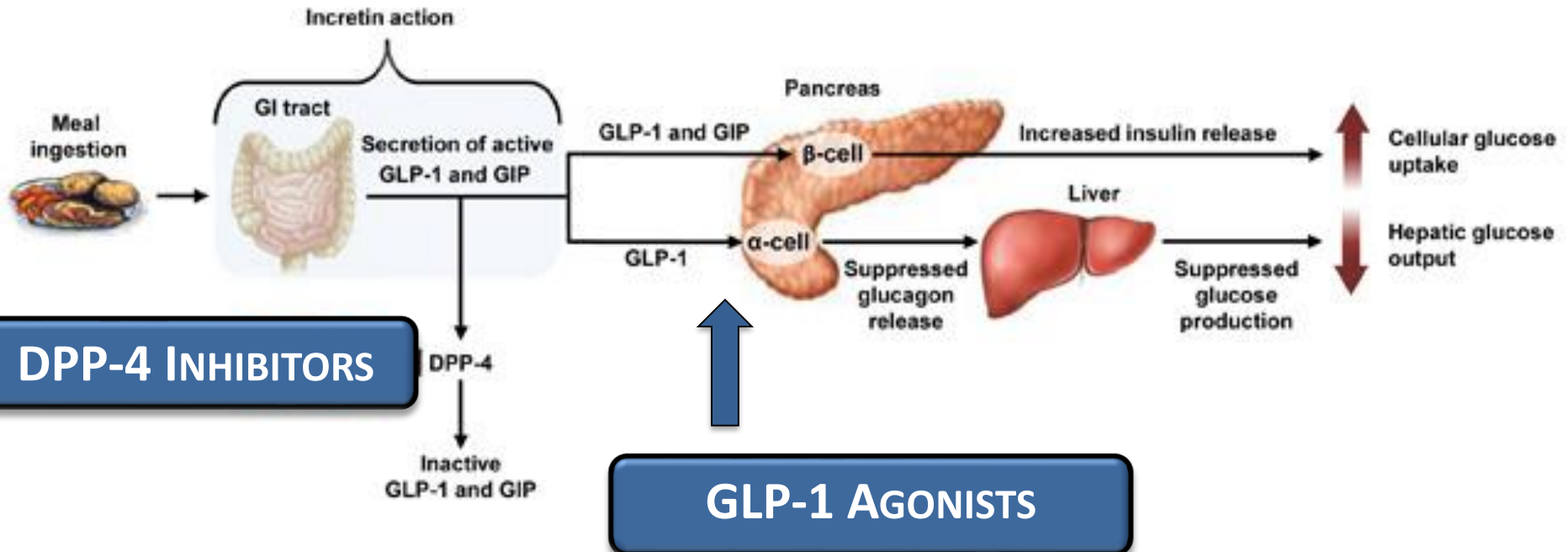
3. Holman et al. N Engl J Med. 2008; 359: 1.577-1.589.

# STUDIES WITH CARDIOVASCULAR ENDPOINTS OF ANTI-DIABETIC DRUGS

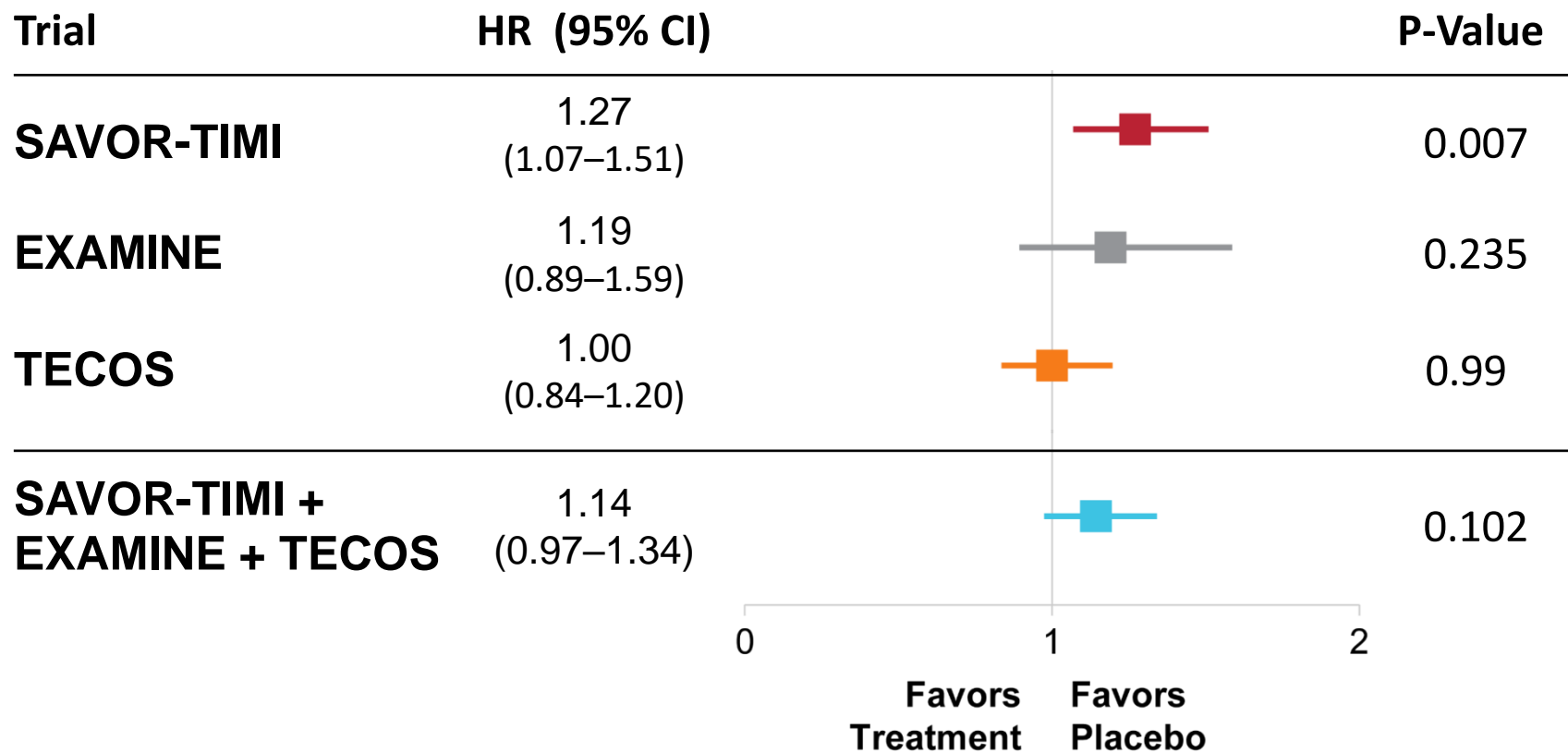
1) DPP4 INHIBITORS

2) SGLT2 INHIBITORS

3) GLP-1 AGONISTS



# SAVOR-TIMI 53, EXAMINE, and TECOS\*: Hospitalization for Heart Failure

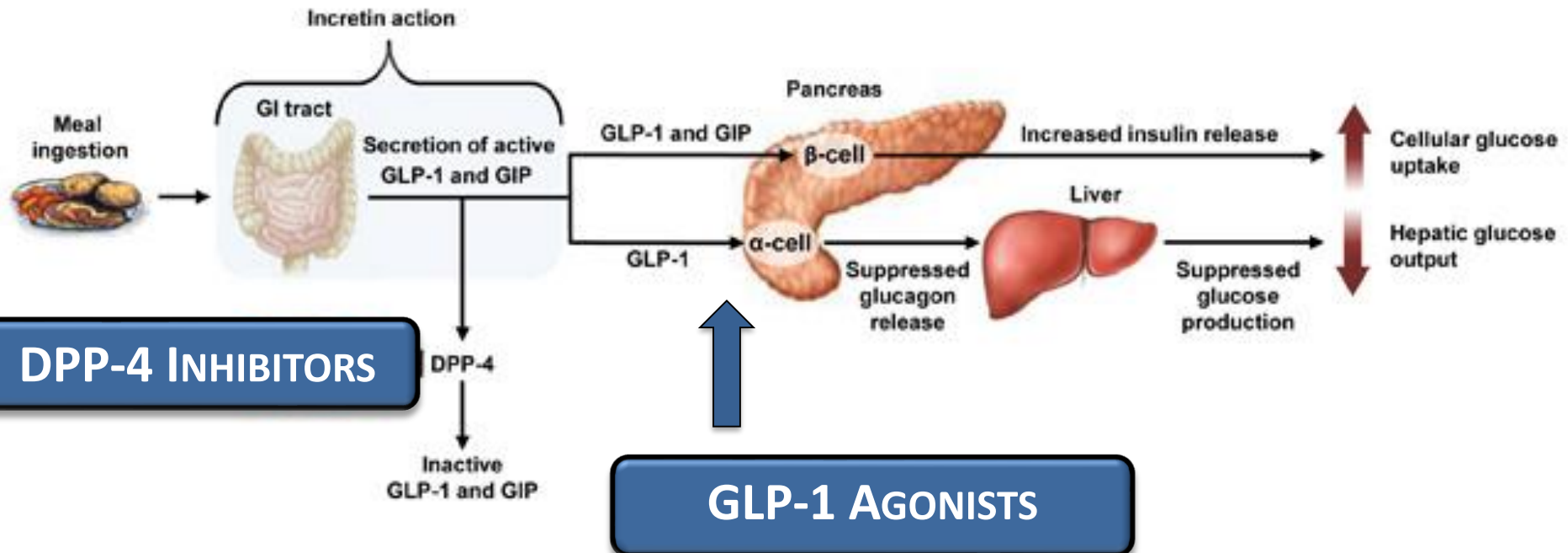


# STUDIES WITH CARDIOVASCULAR ENDPOINTS OF ANTI-DIABETIC DRUGS

1) DPP4 INHIBITORS

2) SGLT2 INHIBITORS

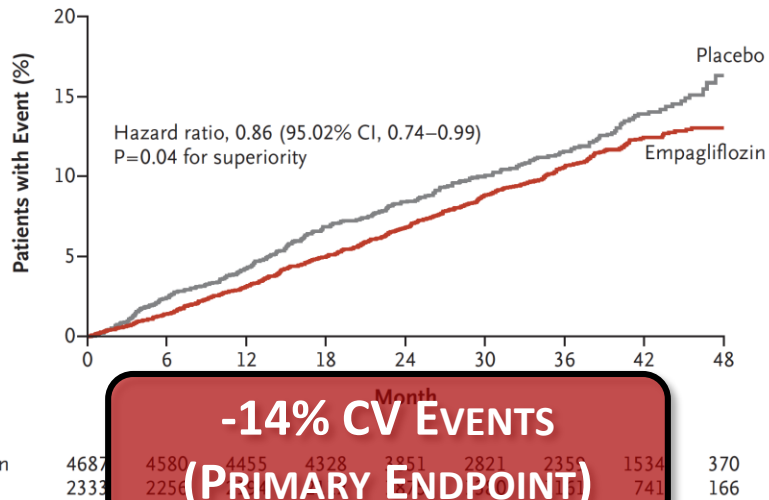
3) GLP-1 AGONISTS



# EMPA-REG OUTCOME :

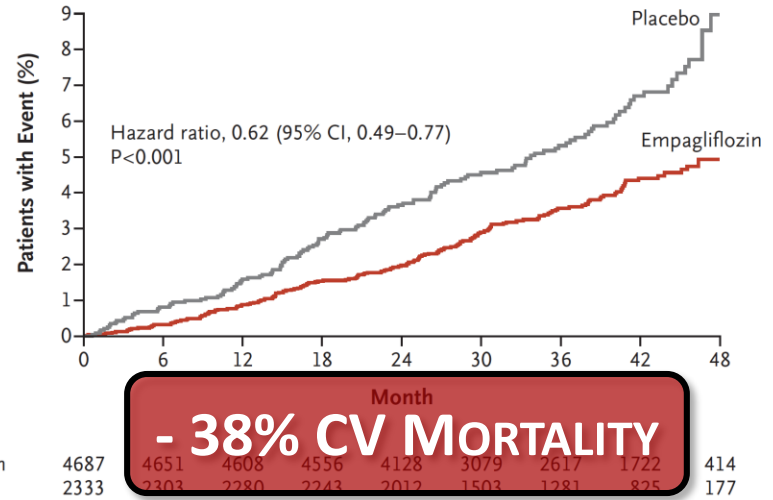
## CAN AN ANTI-DIABETIC DRUG REDUCE CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS?

**A Primary Outcome**



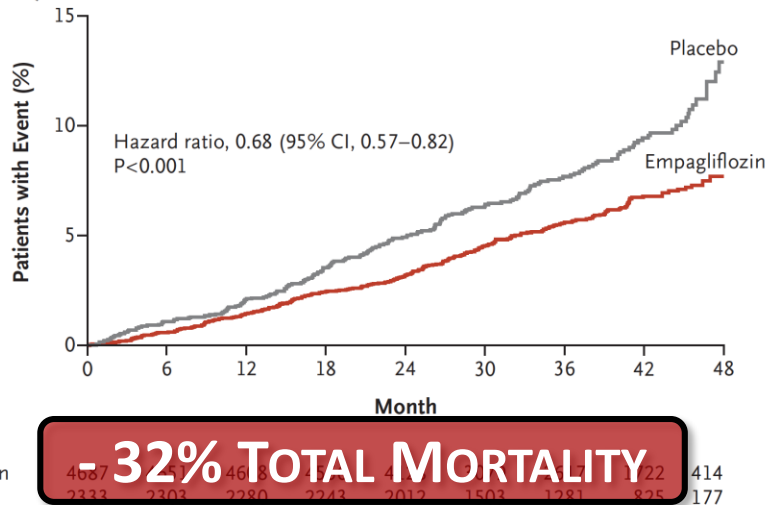
**-14% CV EVENTS  
(PRIMARY ENDPOINT)**

**B Death from Cardiovascular Causes**



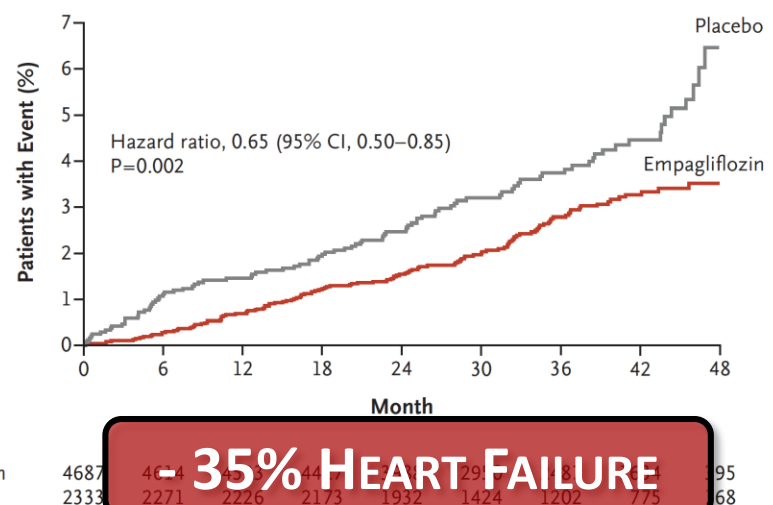
**- 38% CV MORTALITY**

**C Death from Any Cause**



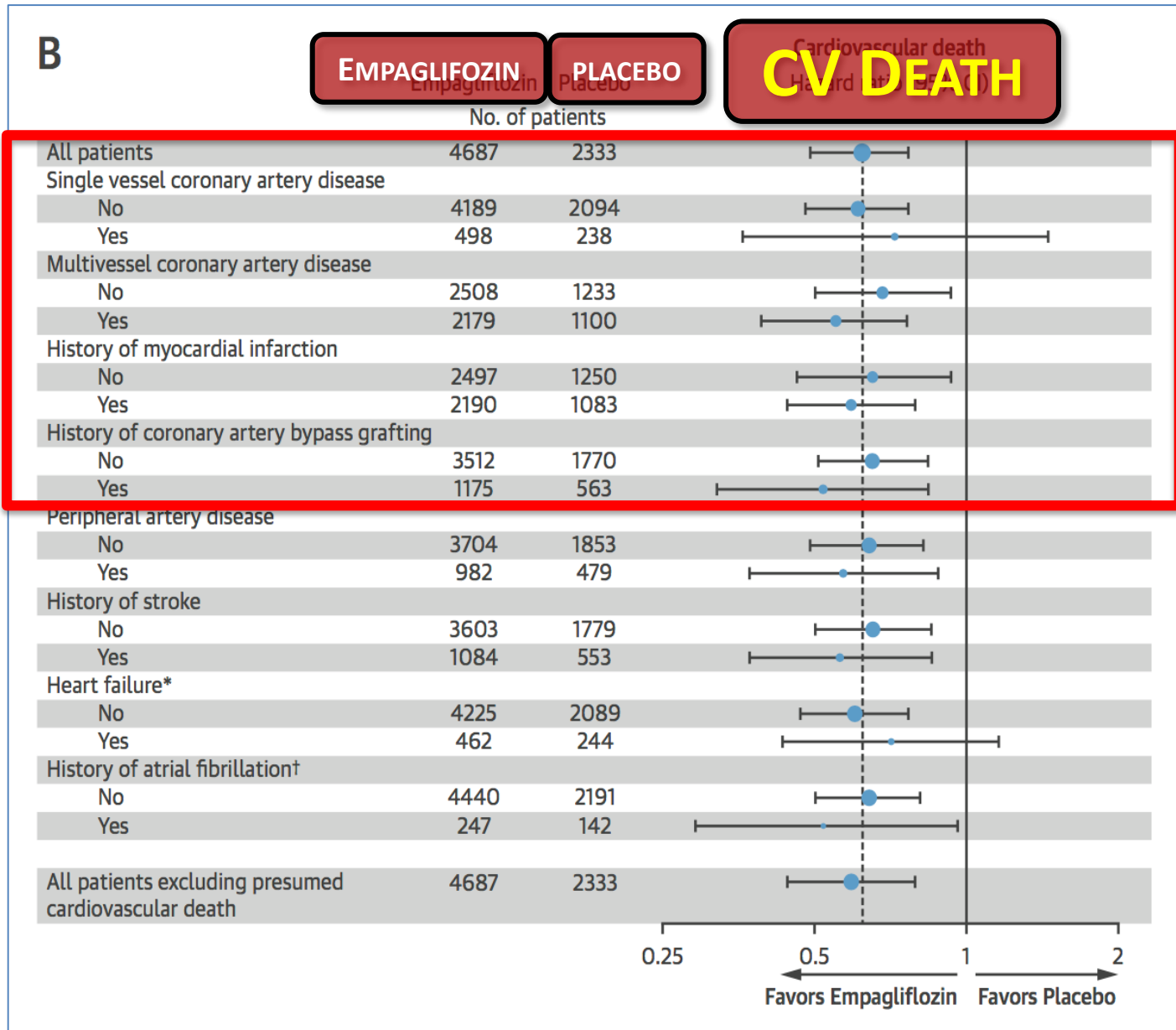
**- 32% TOTAL MORTALITY**

**D Hospitalization for Heart Failure**

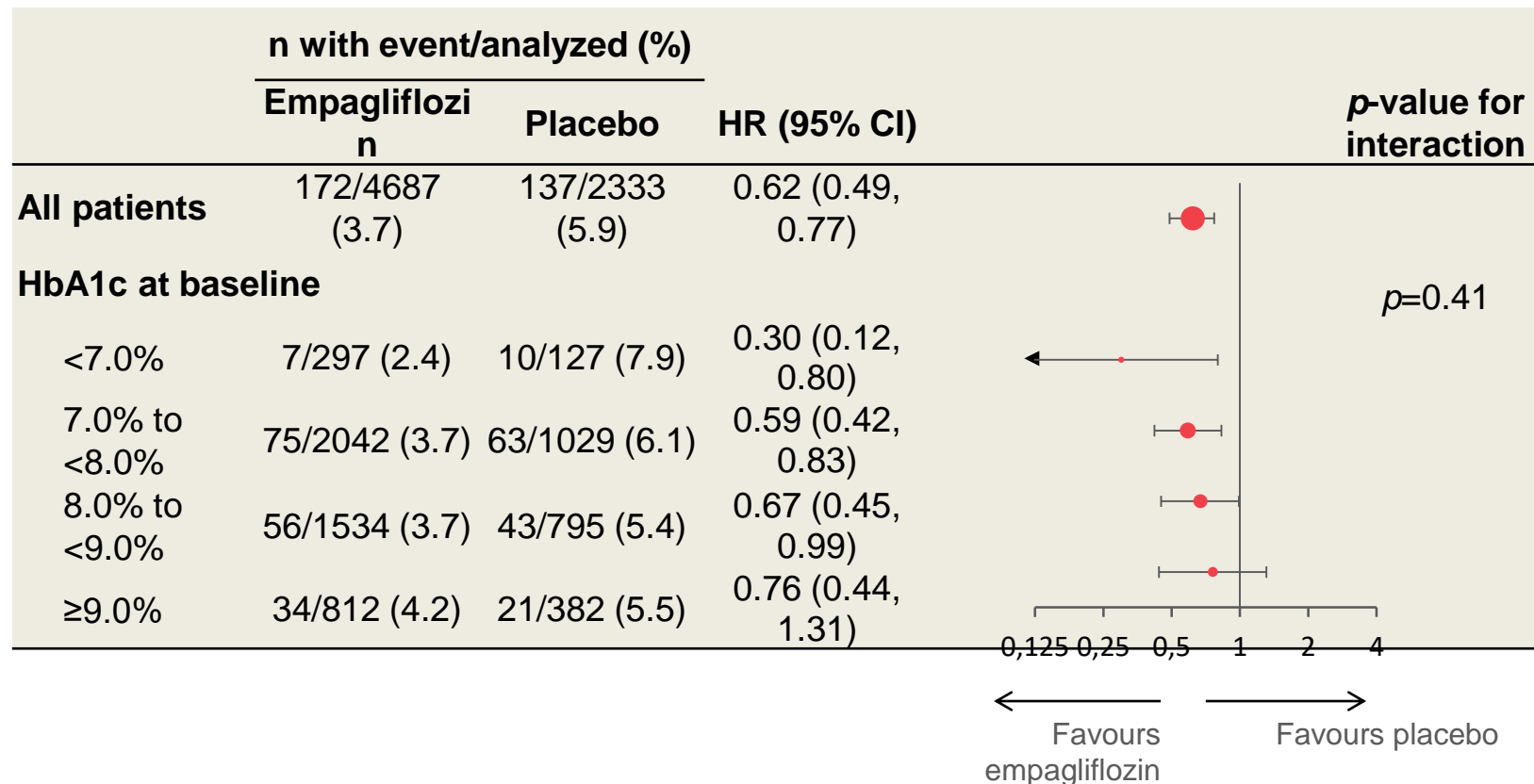


**- 35% HEART FAILURE**

# CV MORTALITY WITH EMPAGLIFOZIN IN PATIENTS CON T2D AND CV DISEASE. EMPA-REG



# Reduced risk of **CV death** was not dependent on baseline HbA1c



Cox regression analysis in patients treated with ≥1 dose of study drug. Inzucchi et al. ADA 2017

# What does someone with established CVD and T2D potentially gain with empagliflozin\*?

---

Using data from the EMPA-REG OUTCOME trial and actuarial methods, empagliflozin was estimated to improve survival by up to **4.5 years** in patients with T2D and established CV disease

A 60 year old living with T2D and CVD could gain **~2.5 additional years** of life\*

\*assuming they are appropriate to receive an SGLT2 inhibitor as per local label

Claggett B. et al., 2017 3rd CVOT Summit of the D&CVD EASD Study Group, Munich, Germany Oct 26-27 2017



# CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS OF EMPA-REG OUTCOME

1) WHAT **MECHANISMS** CAN EXPLAIN THE REDUCTION IN  
CARDIOVASCULAR ENDPOINTS?

2) IS THIS A **CLASS EFFECT OF SGLT2 INHIBITORS**?

3) CAN THESE RESULTS BE EXTENDED TO **PATIENTS WITH A LOWER  
BASELINE CV RISK**?

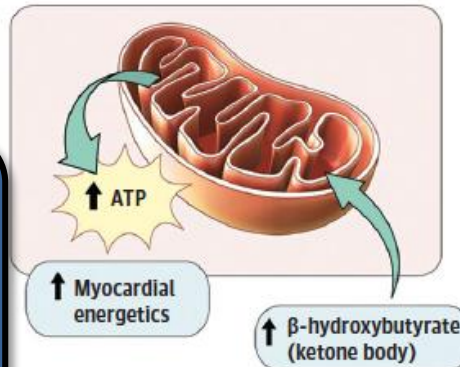
4) WILL THESE AGENTS WORK IN PATIENTS WITH **HEART FAILURE  
(WITHOUT DIABETES)**?

# MECHANISMS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REDUCTION IN CV AND RENAL OUTCOMES

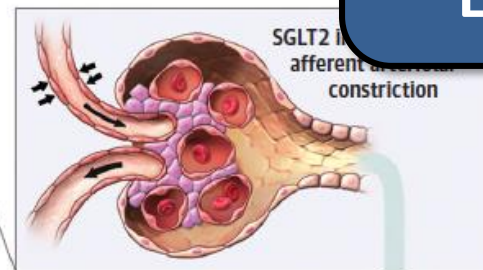
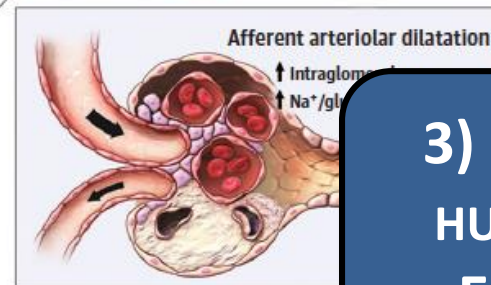
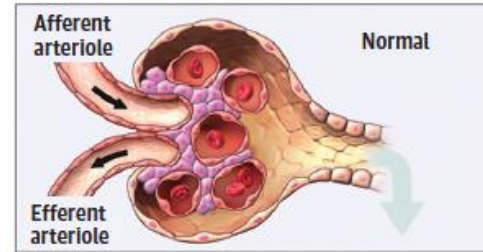
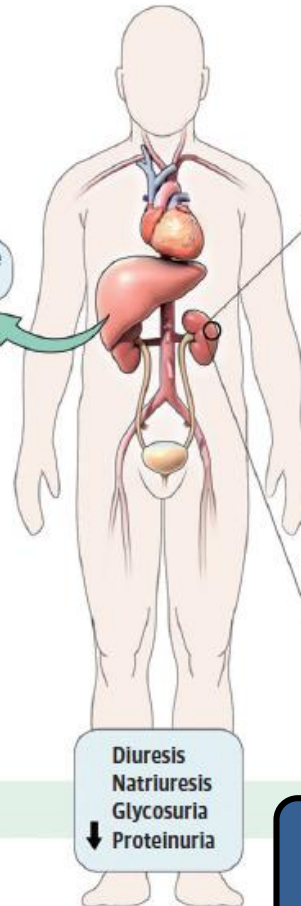
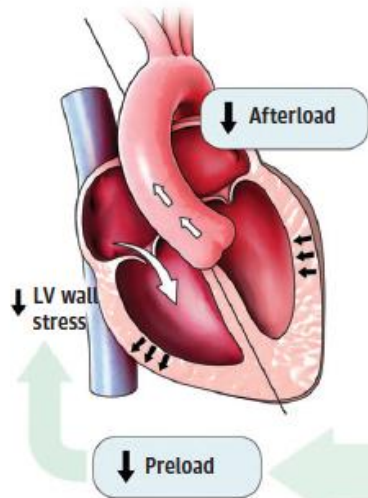
## “PLEIOTROPIC EFFECTS” OF SGLT2 INHIBITION?

(NON HBA1C RELATED; NON-ATHEROTROMBOTIC EFFECT)

### 1) METABOLIC EFFECTS



↑  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate (ketone body)

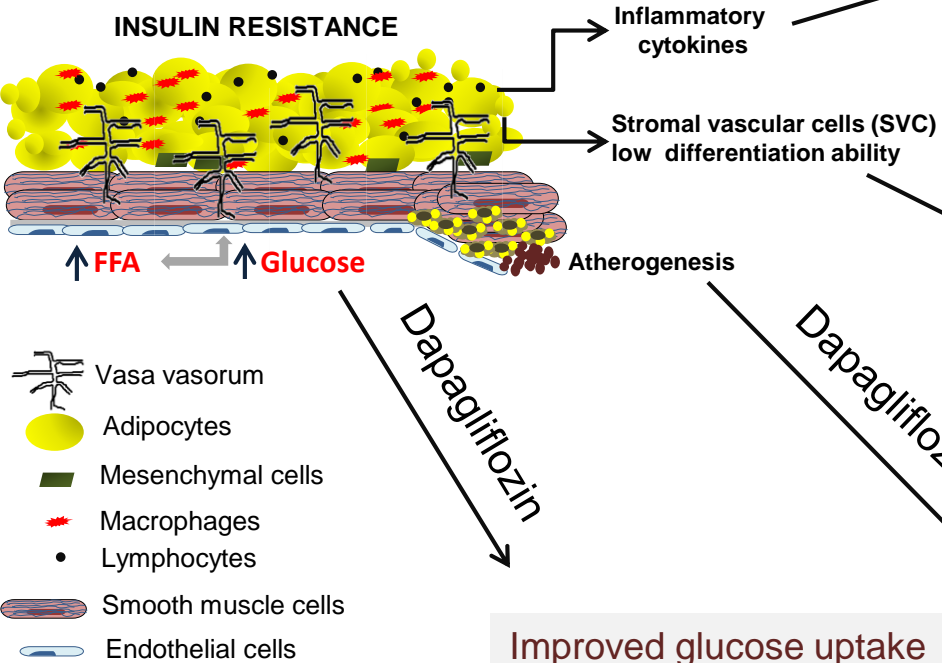


### 3) NEURO-HUMORAL EFFECTS

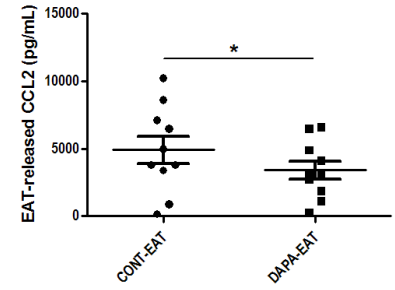
### 2) HEMODYNAMIC EFFECTS

# SGLT2I ON EPICARDIAL FAT

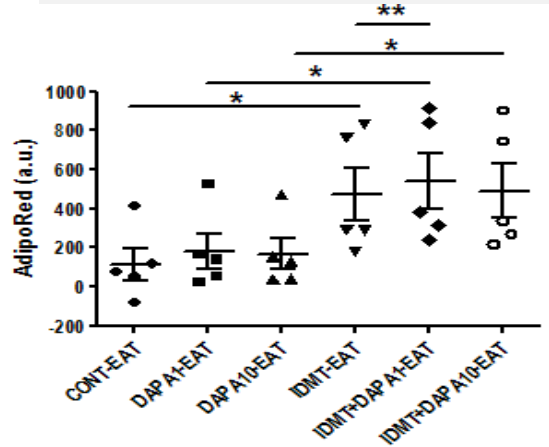
Dysfunctional epicardial adipose tissue from patients with CVD



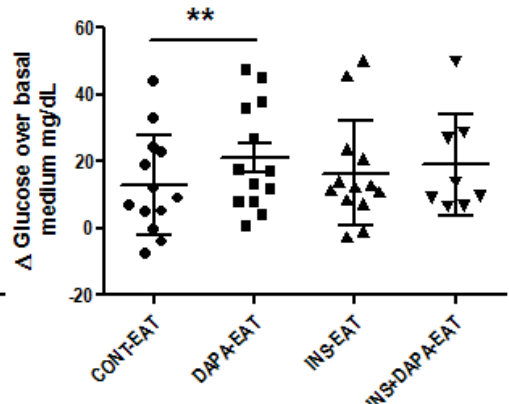
Reduced chemokines secretion levels



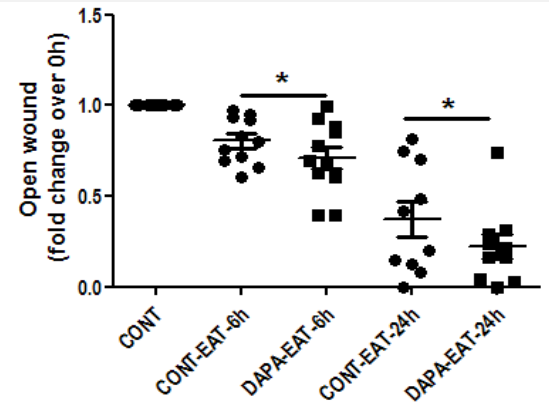
Improved differentiation of SVC



Improved glucose uptake



EAT- released products with benefits on coronary endothelial cells



# CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS OF EMPA-REG OUTCOME

1) WHAT **MECHANISMS** CAN EXPLAIN THE REDUCTION IN CARDIOVASCULAR ENDPOINTS?

2) IS THIS A **CLASS EFFECT OF SGLT2 INHIBITORS**?

EMPAGLIFLOZIN

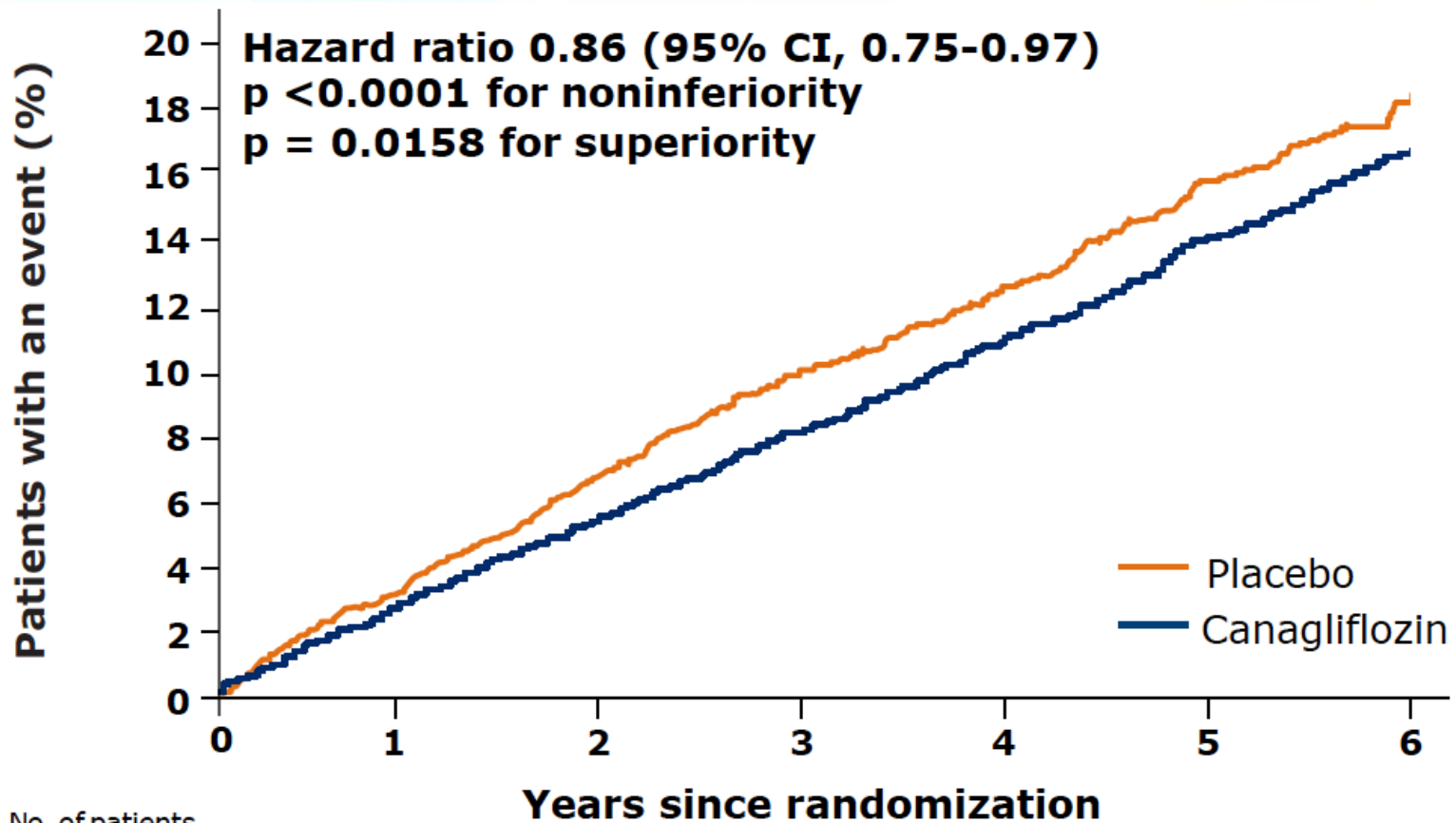
CANAGLIFLOZIN

DAPAGLIFLOZIN

3) CAN THESE RESULTS BE EXTENDED TO **PATIENTS WITH A LOWER BASELINE CV RISK**?

4) WILL THESE AGENTS WORK IN PATIENTS WITH **HEART FAILURE (WITHOUT DIABETES)**?

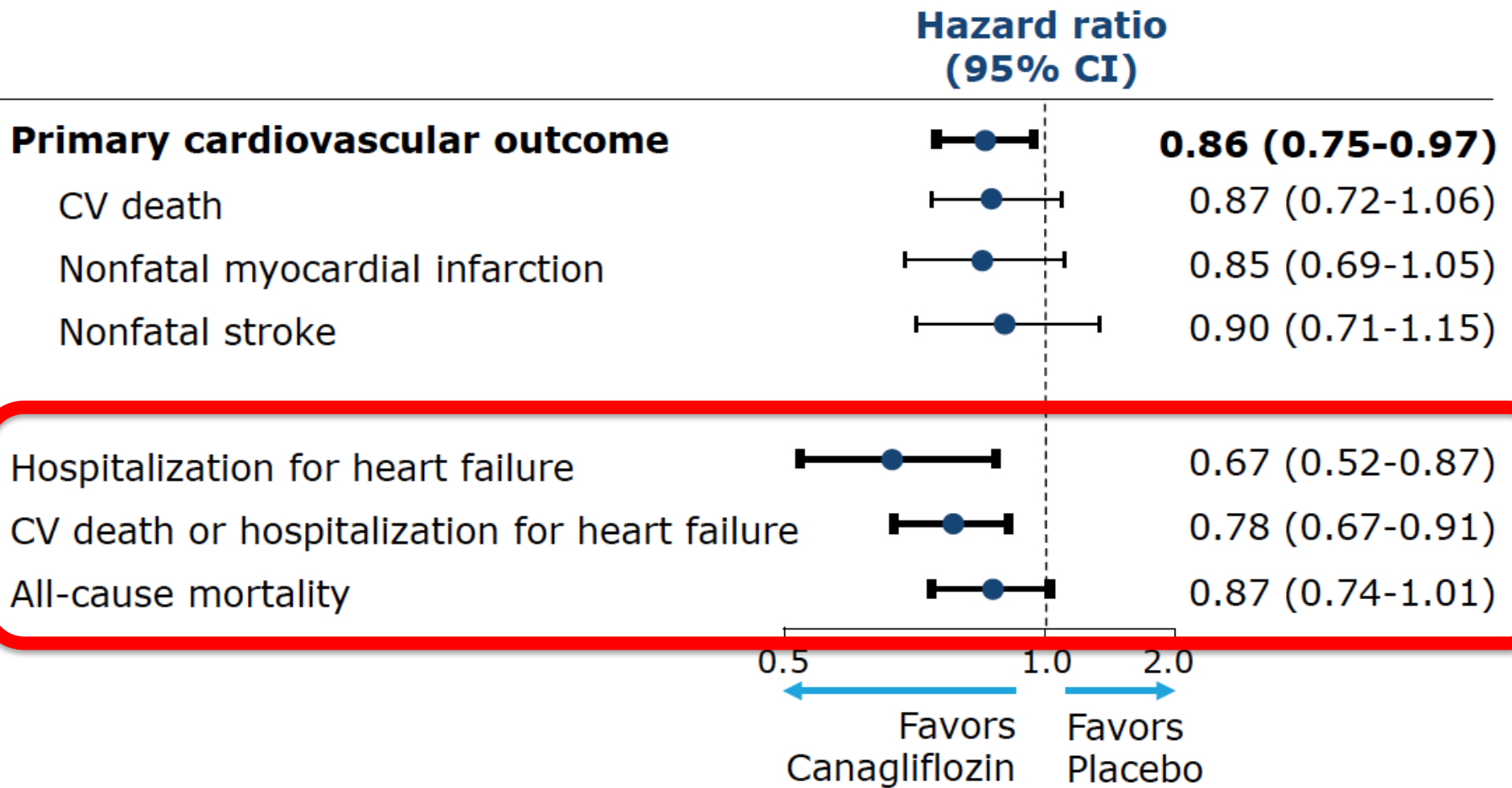
## MAJOR ADVERSE CV EVENTS (PRIMARY ENDPOINT)



No. of patients

Placebo	4347	4153	2942	1240	1187	1120	789
Canagliflozin	5795	5566	4343	2555	2460	2363	1661

# CANVAS PROGRAM - CANAGLIFLOZIN



# The **CANVAS** Alone/Program Collaborative Group. Adverse Events. A “class effect” finding?

Event	Canagliflozin	Placebo	P Value†
	<i>event rate per 1000 patient-yr</i>		
All serious adverse events	104.3	120.0	0.04
Adverse events leading to discontinuation	35.5	32.8	0.07
<b>Amputation</b>	6.3	3.4	<0.001
<b>Fracture</b>			
All	15.4	11.9	0.02
Low-trauma	11.6	9.2	0.06
Venous thromboembolic events	1.7	1.7	0.63
Infection of male genitalia‡	34.9	10.8	<0.001
Mycotic genital infection in women	68.8	17.5	<0.001
<b>Osmotic diuresis</b>	34.5	13.3	<0.001
<b>Volume depletion</b>	26.0	18.5	0.009
Hypoglycemia	50.0	46.4	0.20

Neal B, et al. NEJM 2017; June 12.

# CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS OF EMPA-REG OUTCOME

1) WHAT **MECHANISMS** CAN EXPLAIN THE REDUCTION IN CARDIOVASCULAR ENDPOINTS?

2) IS THIS A **CLASS EFFECT OF SGLT2 INHIBITORS**?

EMPAGLIFLOZIN

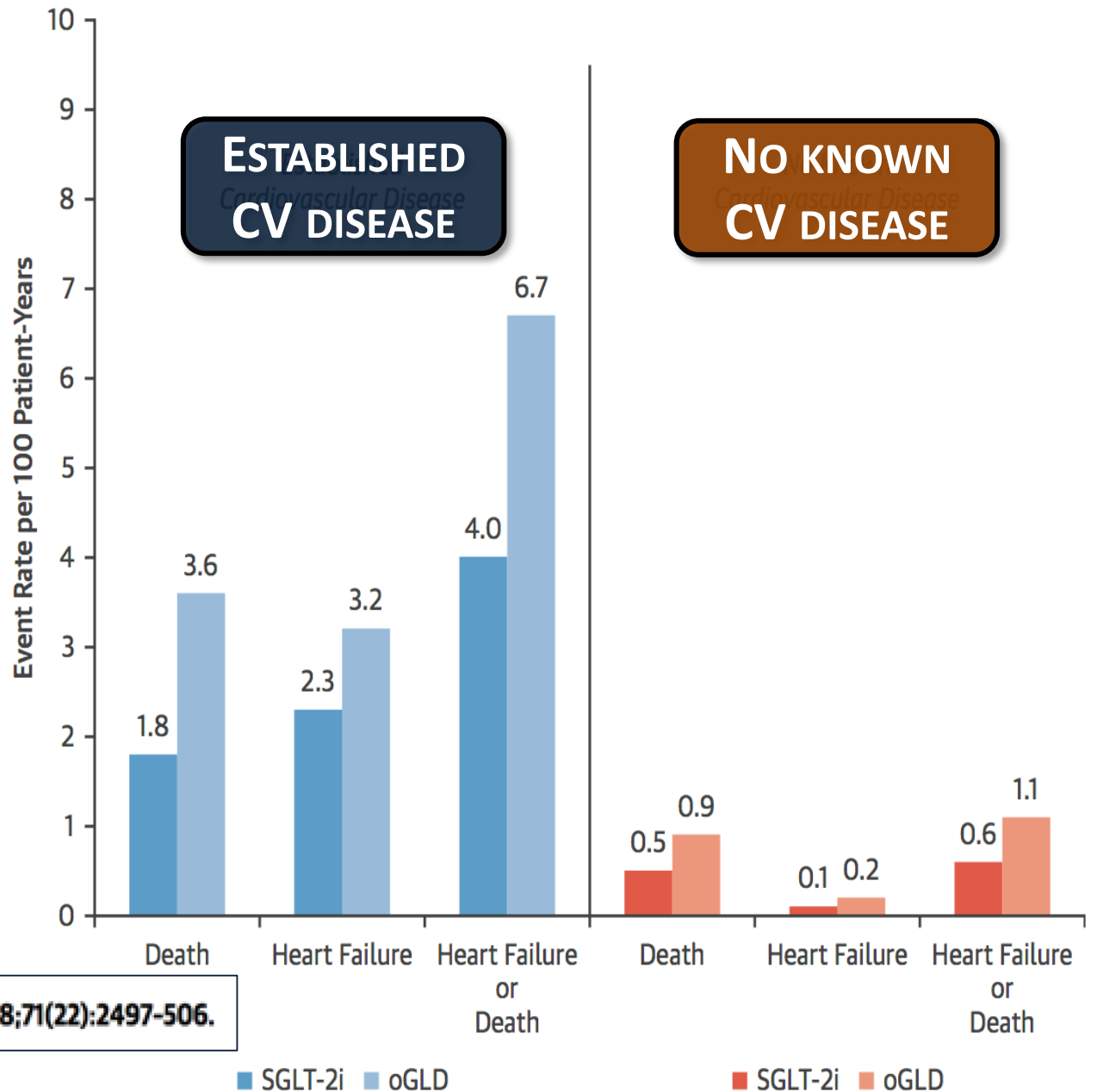
CANAGLIFLOZIN

DAPAGLIFLOZIN

3) CAN THESE RESULTS BE EXTENDED TO **PATIENTS WITH A LOWER BASELINE CV RISK**?

4) WILL THESE AGENTS WORK IN PATIENTS WITH **HEART FAILURE (WITHOUT DIABETES)**?

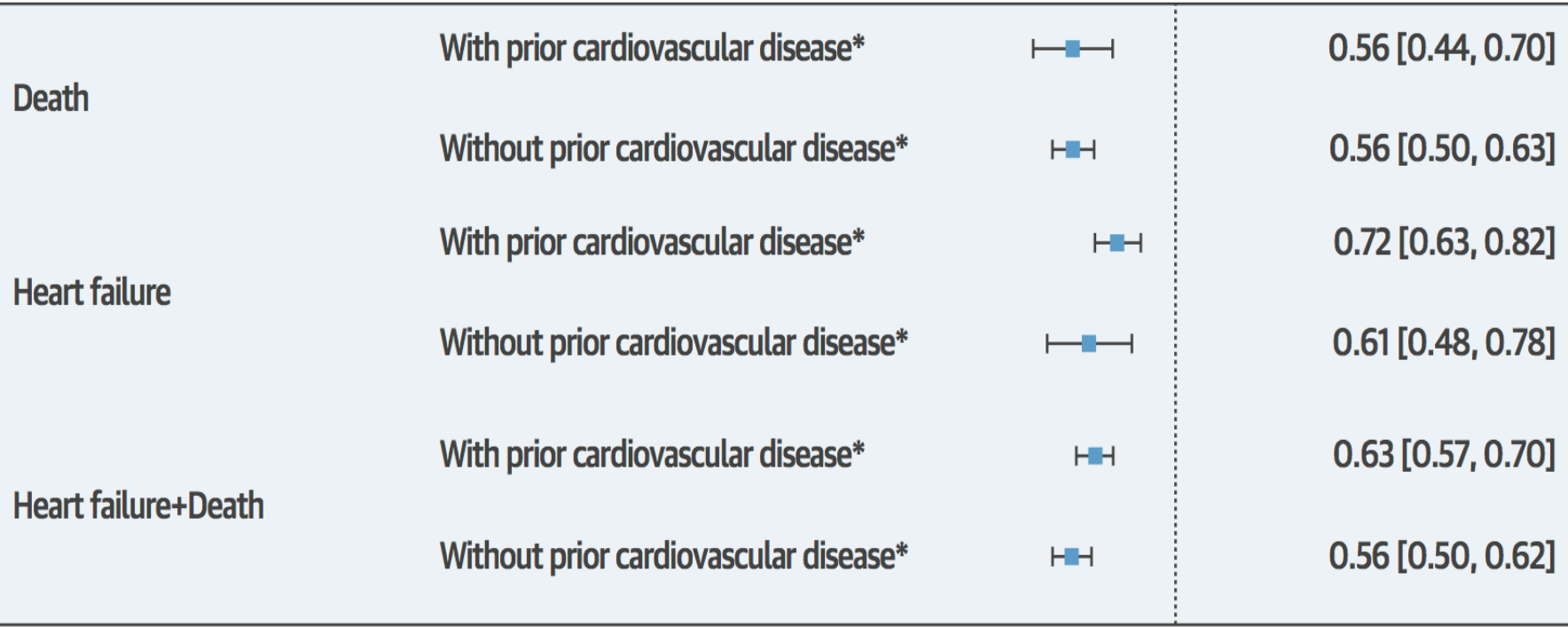
**SLGT2  
INHIBITORS IN  
THE “REAL  
WORLD” IN  
PATIENTS WITH  
AND WITHOUT  
CV DISEASE.  
CVD-REAL**



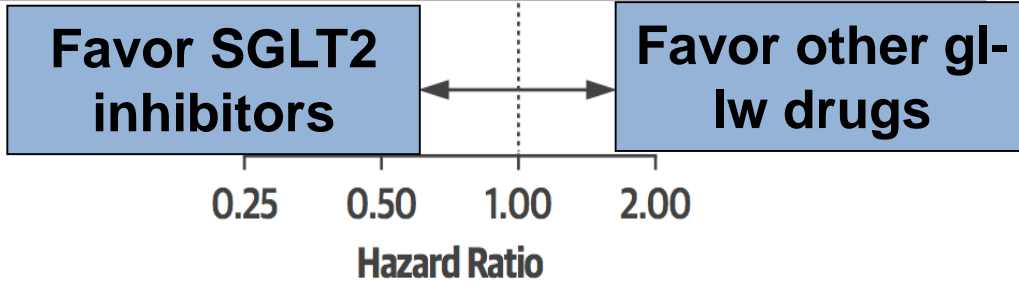
ITT cohort;  $p < 0.001$  for all comparisons

Cavender, M.A. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;71(22):2497-506.

# SLGT2 INHIBITORS IN THE “REAL WORLD” IN PATIENTS WITH AND WITHOUT CV DISEASE. CVD-REAL



\*Diagnosis of AMI, unstable angina, stroke, heart failure, transient ischemic attack, coronary revascularization (CABG or PCI) or occlusive peripheral artery disease prior to index drug initiation



# CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS OF EMPA-REG OUTCOME

1) WHAT **MECHANISMS** CAN EXPLAIN THE REDUCTION IN CARDIOVASCULAR ENDPOINTS?

2) IS THIS A **CLASS EFFECT OF SGLT2 INHIBITORS**?

EMPAGLIFLOZIN

CANAGLIFLOZIN

DAPAGLIFLOZIN

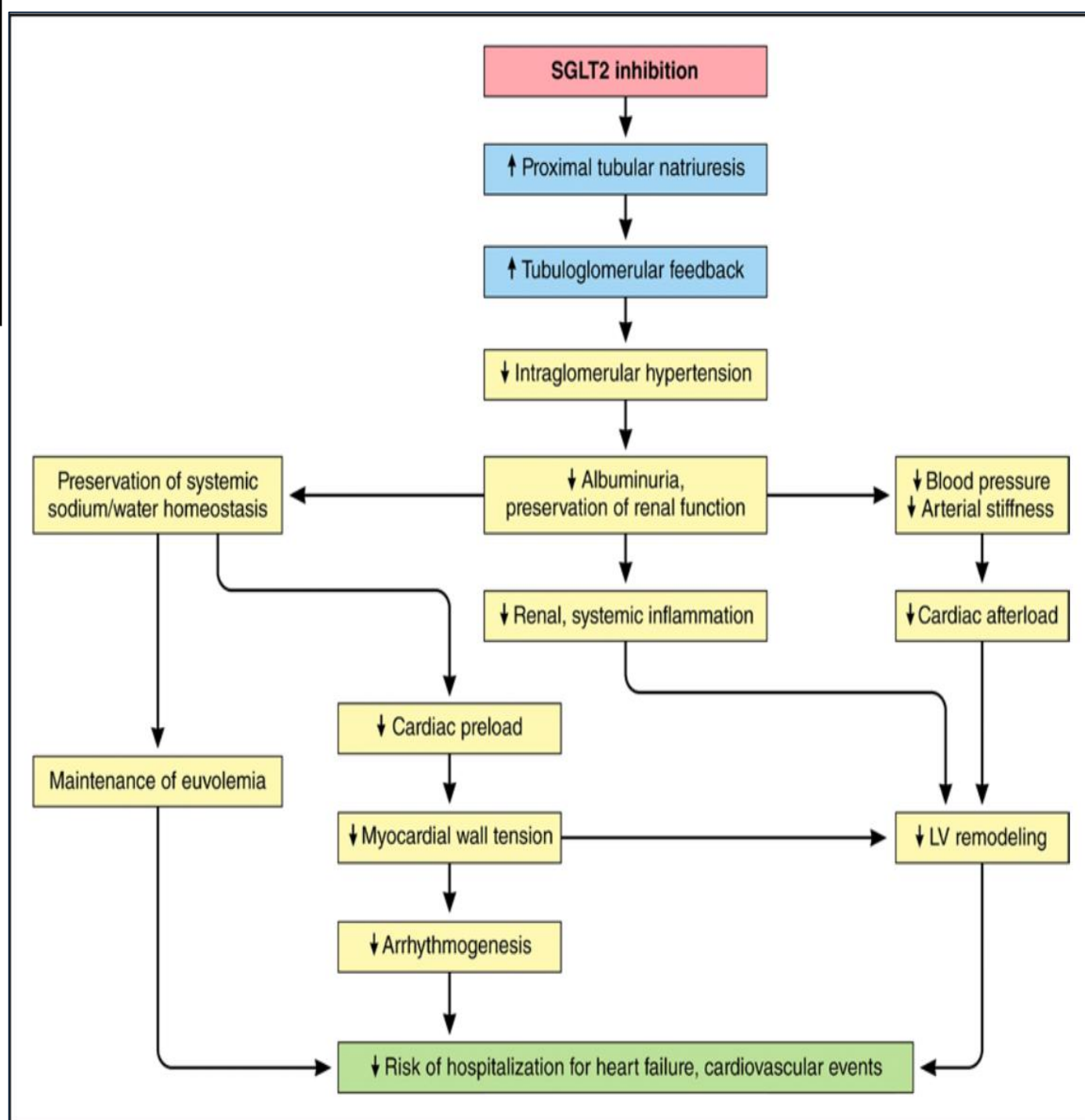
3) CAN THESE RESULTS BE EXTENDED TO **PATIENTS WITH A LOWER BASELINE CV RISK**?

4) WILL THESE AGENTS WORK IN PATIENTS WITH **HEART FAILURE (WITHOUT DIABETES)**?

# MECHANISMS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REDUCTION IN CV AND RENAL OUTCOMES

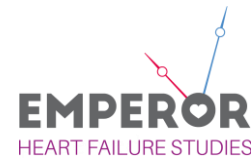
“MECHANISTIC EFFECTS” OF SGLT2 INHIBITION?

**THE RENAL-CARDIO HYPOTHESIS**

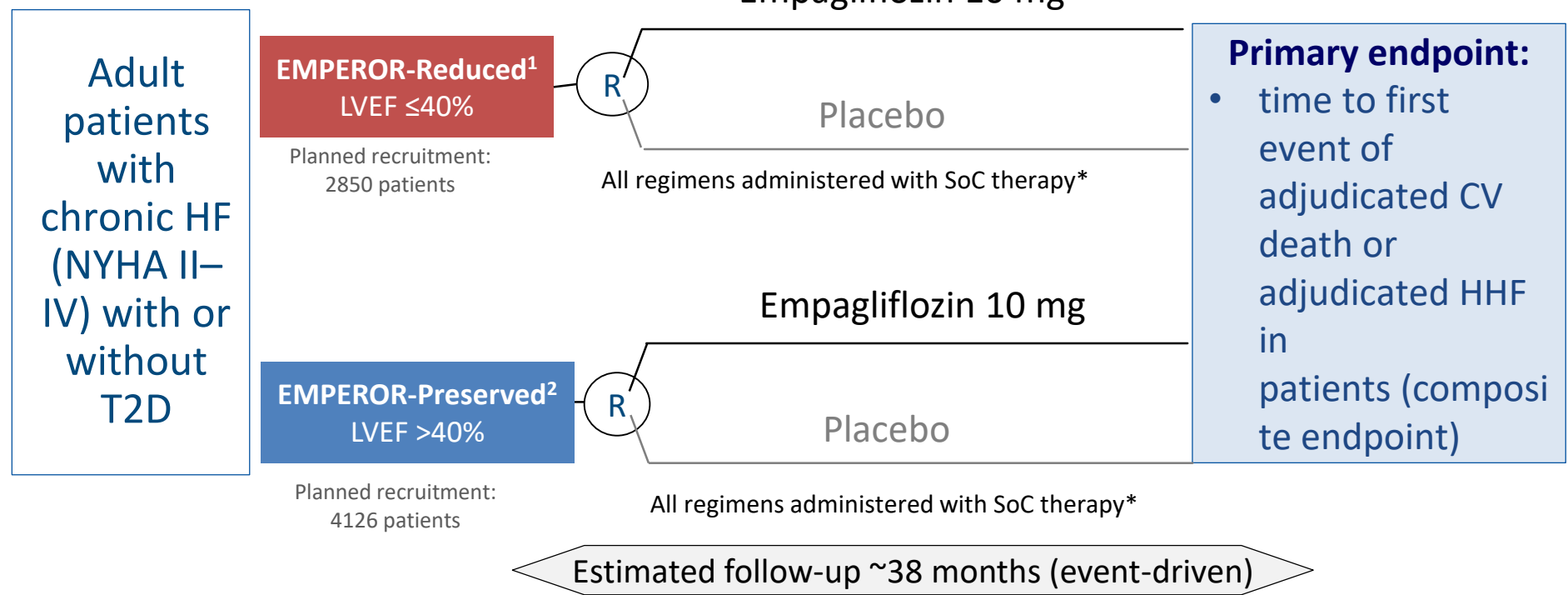


# EMPEROR-Reduced and EMPEROR-Preserved HF outcome trials

investigated empagliflozin vs placebo on top of guideline-directed medical therapy



## Phase III randomized double-blind placebo-controlled outcomes trials



\*Guideline-directed medical therapy  
HF, heart failure; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure. 1. ClinicalTrials.gov NCT03057977; 2. ClinicalTrials.gov NCT03057951



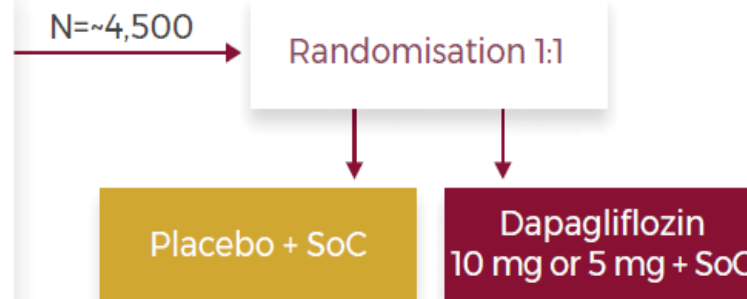
## Study to Evaluate the Effect of Dapagliflozin on the Incidence of Worsening Heart Failure or Cardiovascular Death in Patients With Chronic Heart Failure (Dapa-HF)<sup>12</sup>

An international, multicentre, parallel group, event-driven, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in patients with chronic HFrEF, evaluating the effect of dapagliflozin versus placebo, given once daily in addition to background SoC therapy, for the prevention of CV death or reduction of HF events.

### STUDY DESIGN

#### Population

- ≥18 years of age
- Established documented diagnosis of symptomatic HFrEF (NYHA functional Class II-IV) present ≥ 2 months
- LVEF ≤40%
- NTproBNP ≥600 pg/mL
- eGFR ≥30 mL/minute/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>\*
- Stable SoC HFrEF treatment



### DURATION



### PRIMARY ENDPOINT

Time to first occurrence of any of the components of the composite: CV death, hHF or an urgent hHF visit.

### SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

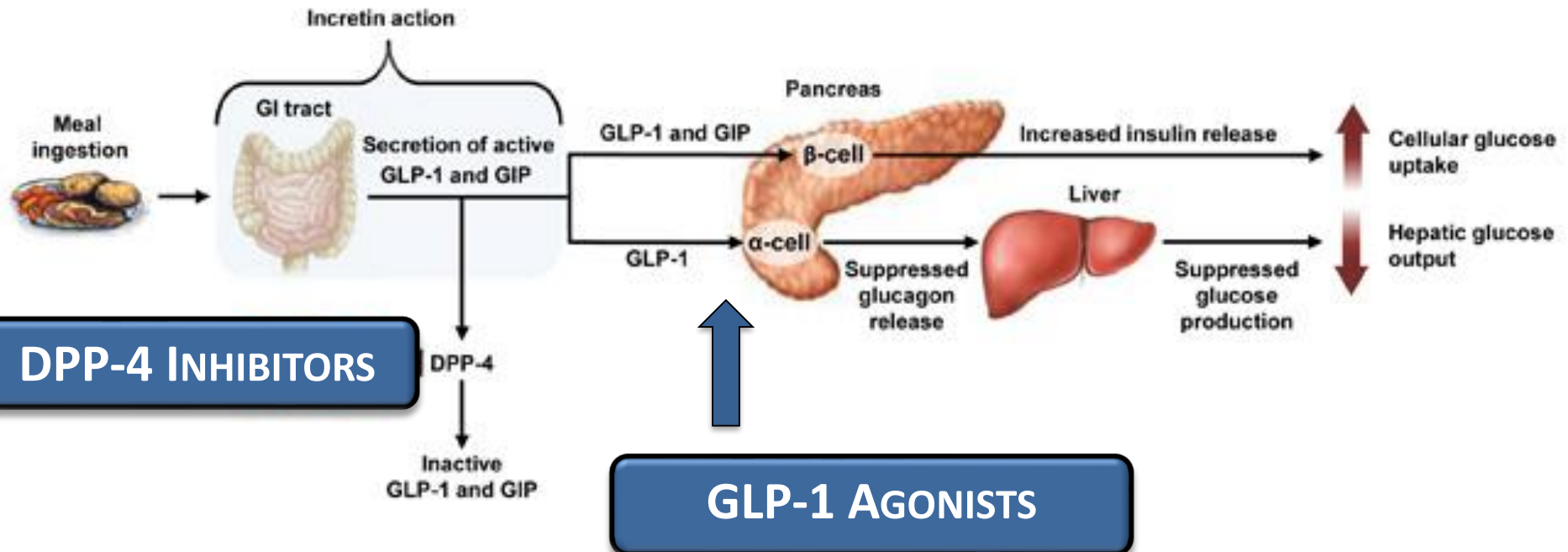
- Time to first occurrence of CV death or hHF. Total number of (first and recurrent) hHF and CV death.
- Change from BL in KCCQ at 8 months. Time to first occurrence of renal composite (≥50% sustained decline in eGFR, reaching ESRD or renal death). Time to death (any cause).

# STUDIES WITH CARDIOVASCULAR ENDPOINTS OF ANTI-DIABETIC DRUGS

1) DPP4 INHIBITORS

2) SGLT2 INHIBITORS

3) **GLP-1 AGONISTS**

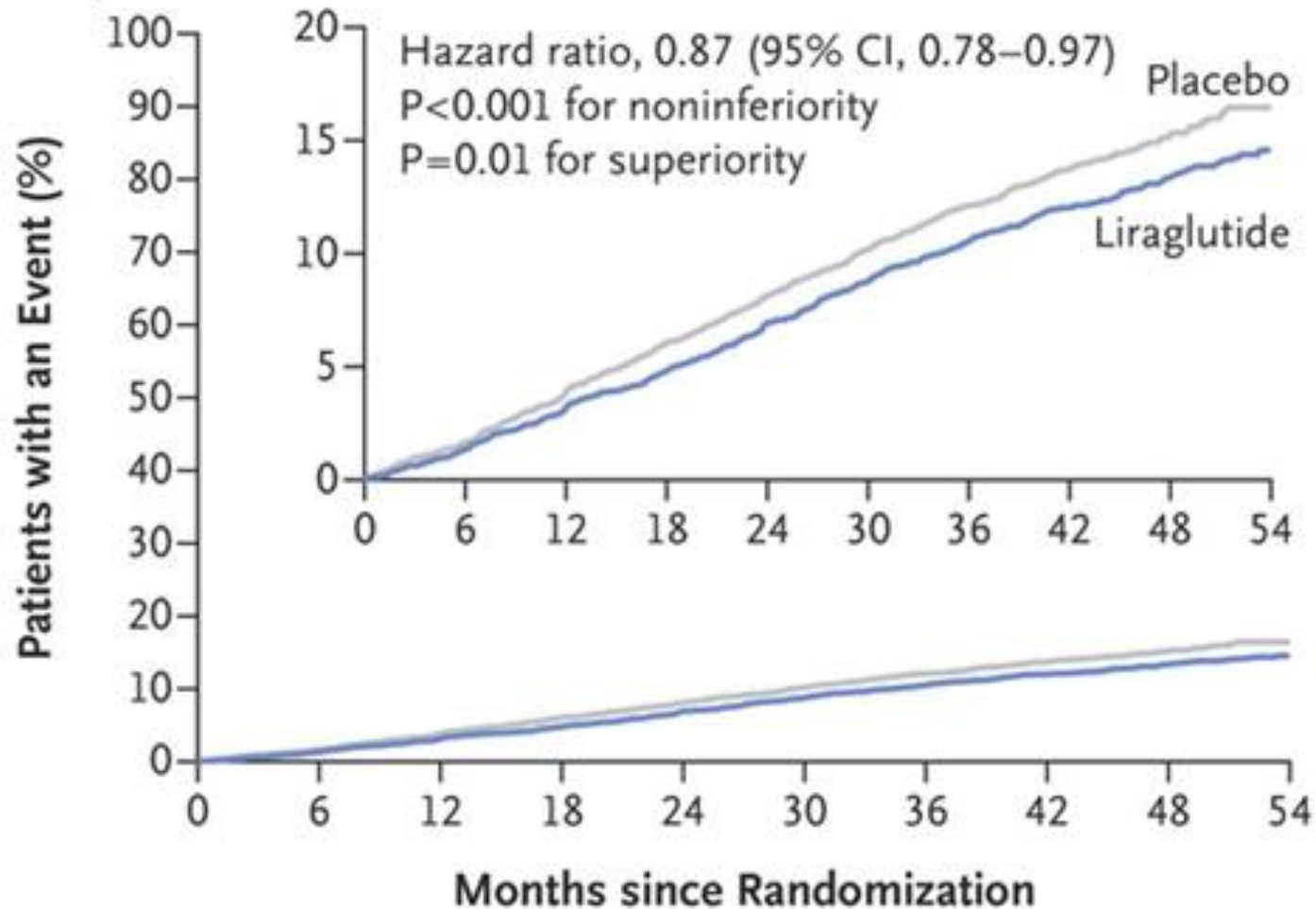


# LEADER TRIAL RESULTS - LIRAGLUTIDE

**LEADER**

Liraglutide Effect and Action in Diabetes:  
Evaluation of cardiovascular outcome Results

## Primary Outcome

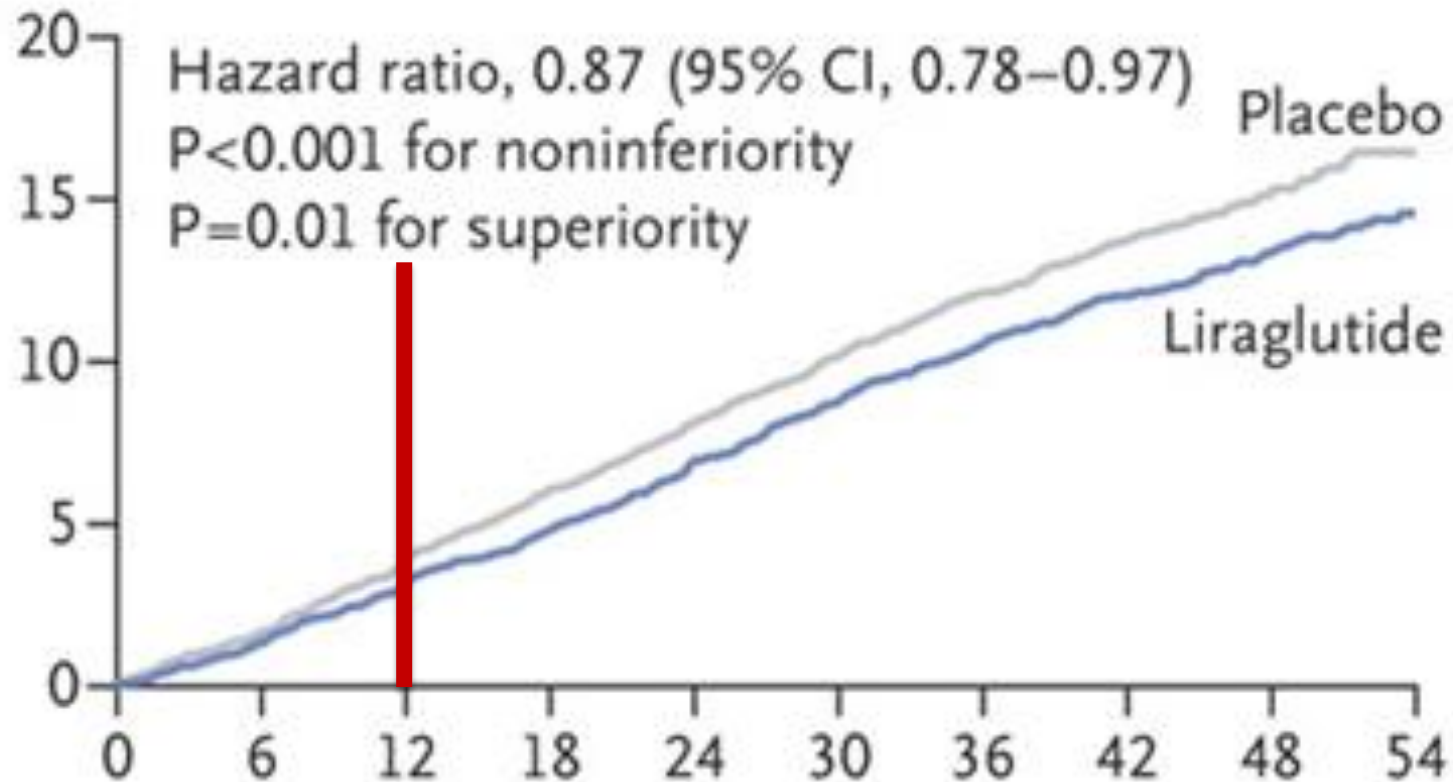


**-13%  
RRR**

# LEADER TRIAL RESULTS - LIRAGLUTIDE

## LEADER

Liraglutide Effect and Action in Diabetes:  
Evaluation of cardiovascular outcome Results



SEPARATION OF SURVIVAL CURVES  
**ONLY AFTER 12 MONTHS OF TREATMENT**

# CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES TRIALS WITH GLP-1 AGONISTS

CVOT	Agent	Established CV Safety	Demonstrated Beneficial Effects on CV Endpoints
LEADER <sup>[a]</sup>	Liraglutide	Yes	Yes
ELIXA <sup>[b]</sup>	Lixisenatide	Yes	No
SUSTAIN-6 <sup>[c]</sup>	Semaglutide	Yes	Yes
EXSCEL <sup>[d]</sup>	Exenatide once weekly	Yes	No

**NO REDUCTION IN CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES WITH LIXISENATIDE E EXENATIDE**  
***(NOT A CLASS EFFECT)***

# FACING A NEW TREATMENT PARADIGM IN DIABETES AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE?



# NEW TREATMENT PARADIGM IN DIABETES



# NEW TREATMENT PARADIGM IN DIABETICS WITH HIGH CARDIOVASCULAR RISK

**“GLUCOCENTRIC” APPROACH**

**Hb A1c in the Center**

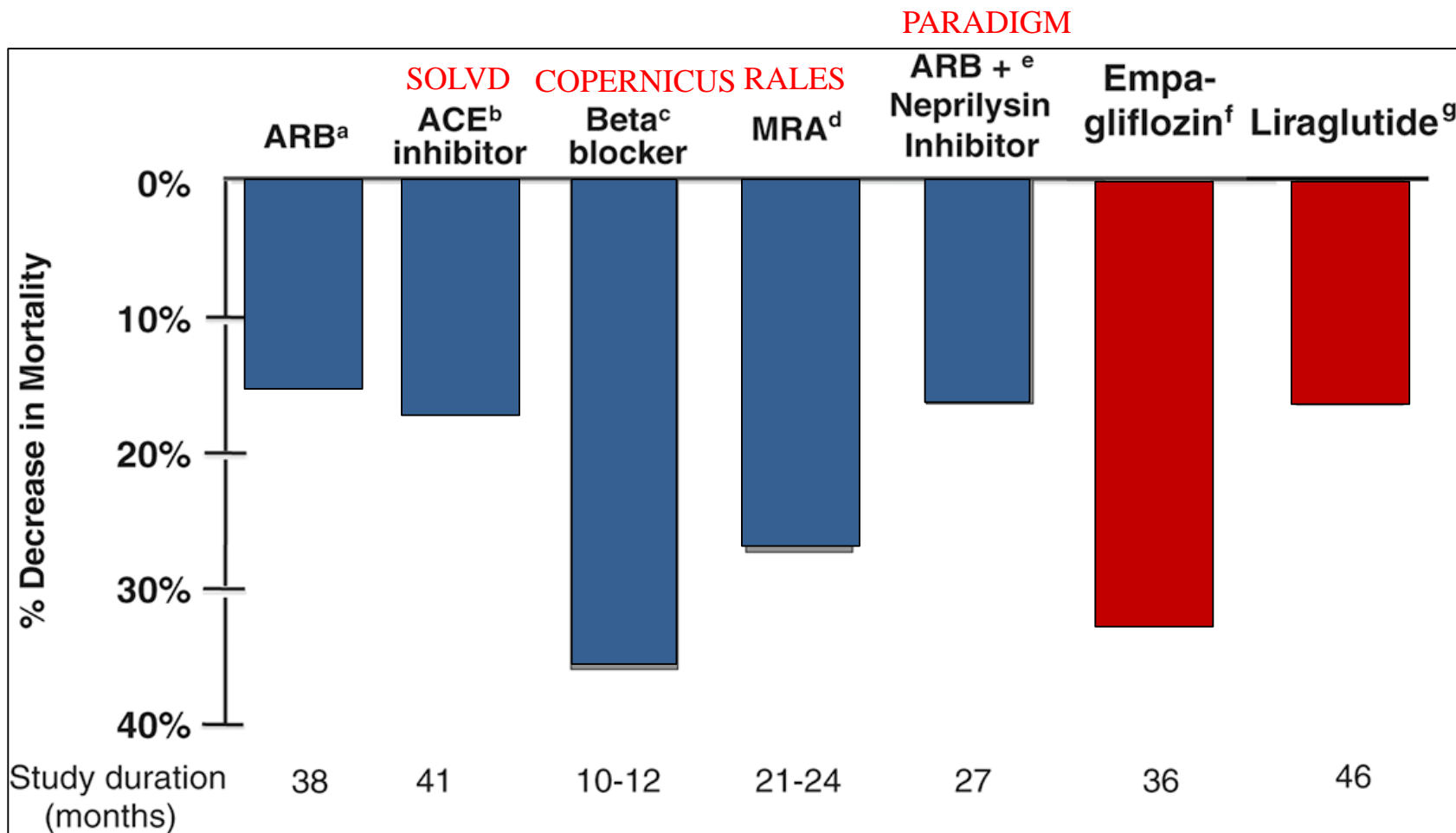


**(CV) EVENTS REDUCTION APPROACH**

**MULTIFACTORIAL INTERVENTION**



# ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY IN SEVERAL CLINICAL TRIALS



CARDIOLOGIST COMMITMENT WITH CV CARE

# CLINICAL TRIALS WITH CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES

## EFFECT IN TOTAL MORTALITY

CLINICAL TRIAL  
4 S

Sinvastatin vs Placebo



**NNT of 30** over 5.4 years  
(to reduce 1 death)

CLINICAL TRIAL  
HOPE

Ramipril vs Placebo



**NNT of 56** over 5 years  
(to reduce 1 death)

CLINICAL TRIAL  
EMPA-REG

Empagliflozin vs Placebo



**NNT of 39** over 3 years  
(to reduce 1 death)

# Cost-efficacy in Secondary Prevention 2018

**EMPA-REG OUTCOME**  
**EMPAGLIFOCINA**

**14% RRR**

**55.45 EUROS/MONTH**

**PARADIGM**

**SACUBUTRILO/VALSARTAN**

**20% RRR**

**193.35 EUROS/MONTH**

**FOURIER/ODISSEY**

**EVOLOCUMAB/ALIROCUMAB**

**15% RRR**

**481,58 EUROS/MONTH**

**LEADER**

**LIRAGLUTIDE**

**13% RRR**

**138 EUROS/MONTH**

**COMPASS**

**RIVAROXABAN**

**24% RRR**

**? EUROS/MONTH**

**CANTOS**

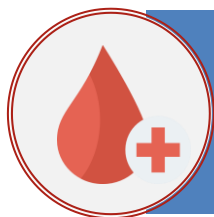
**CANAKINUMAB**

**15% RRR**

**? EUROS/MONTH**

# Clinical guideline updates following EMPA-REG OUTCOME

## Diabetes



**ADA and Diabetes Canada** recommend empagliflozin to reduce major adverse CV events and CV mortality in patients with T2D and established CV disease<sup>1,2</sup>

## CV disease



**ESC** recommend the use of an SGLT2 inhibitor early in the management of patients with T2D and CV disease to reduce CV and total mortality<sup>3</sup>

## Heart failure



**CCS and ESC** suggest empagliflozin be considered for patients with T2D and established CV disease for the prevention or delay of heart failure<sup>4,5</sup>

American Diabetes Association; CCS, Canadian Cardiovascular Society; CV, cardiovascular; ESC, European Society of Cardiology; SGLT2, sodium glucose transporter 2; T2D, type 2 diabetes

1. American Diabetes Association. Diabetes Care 2018; 2. Canadian Diabetes Association. Can J Diabetes 2016; 3. Piepoli MF et al. Eur Heart J 2016; 4. Ezekowitz JA et al. Can J Cardiol 2017; 5. Ponikowski P et al. Eur Heart J 2016