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# ***Diabetes and the Heart***

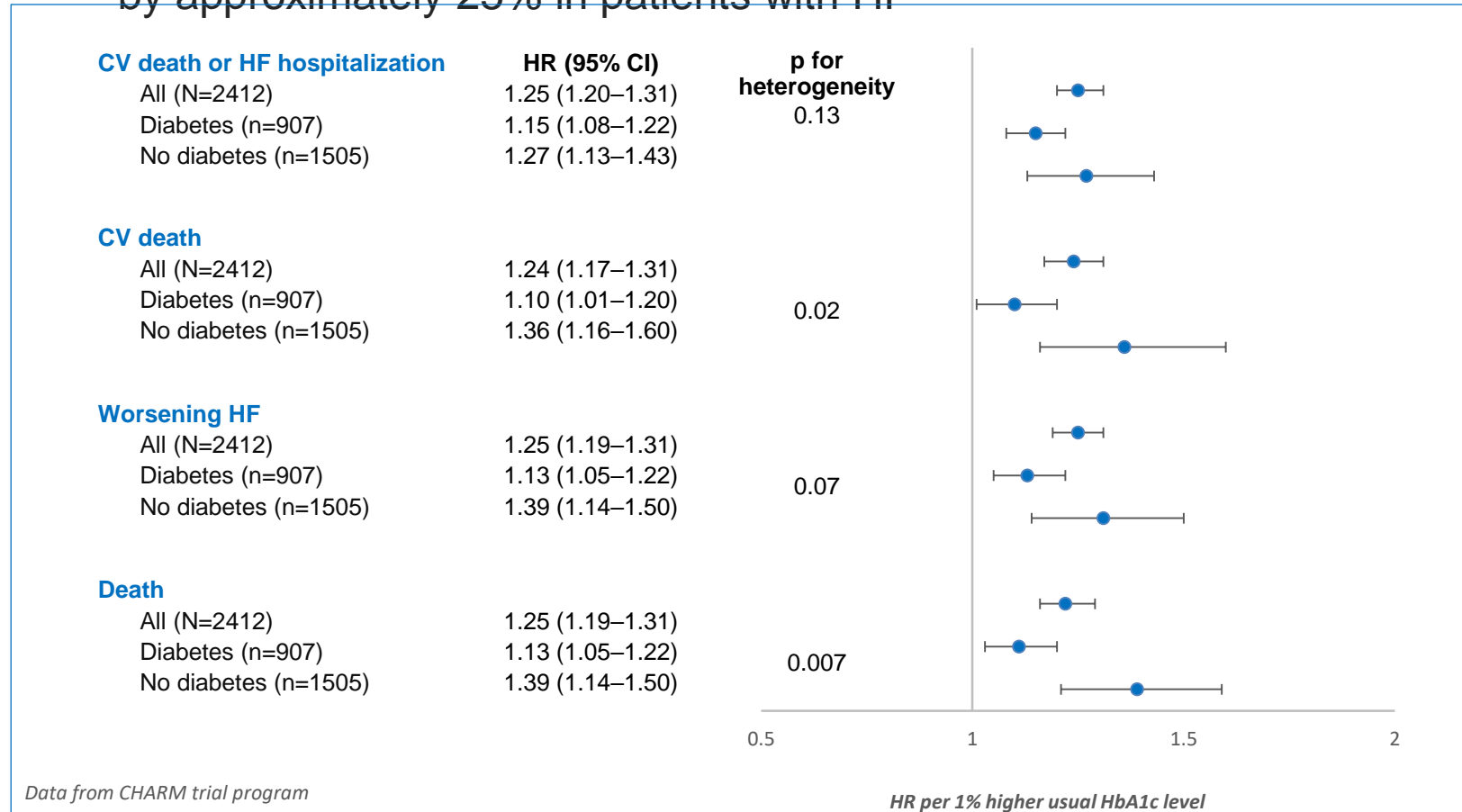
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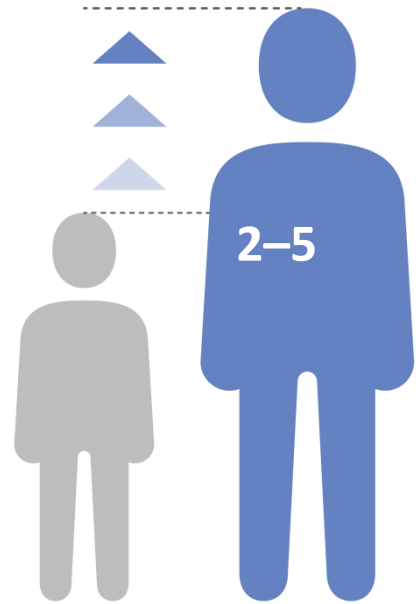


# Increased HbA1c is an independent risk factor for CV events in patients with HF

- For every 1% increase in HbA1c, the risk of CV events or death increases by approximately 25% in patients with HF<sup>2</sup>



# People with diabetes are at increased risk of heart failure



People with diabetes have a 2- to 5-fold higher risk of developing HF<sup>1</sup>



Diabetes confers a 60–80% greater probability of CV death and all-cause mortality in those with established HF<sup>2,3\*</sup>

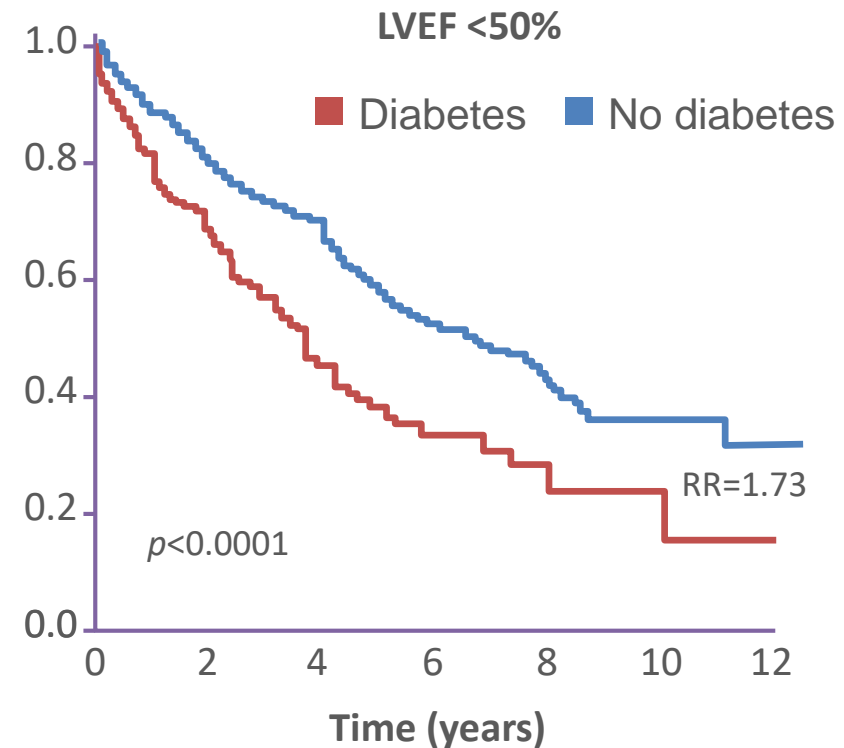
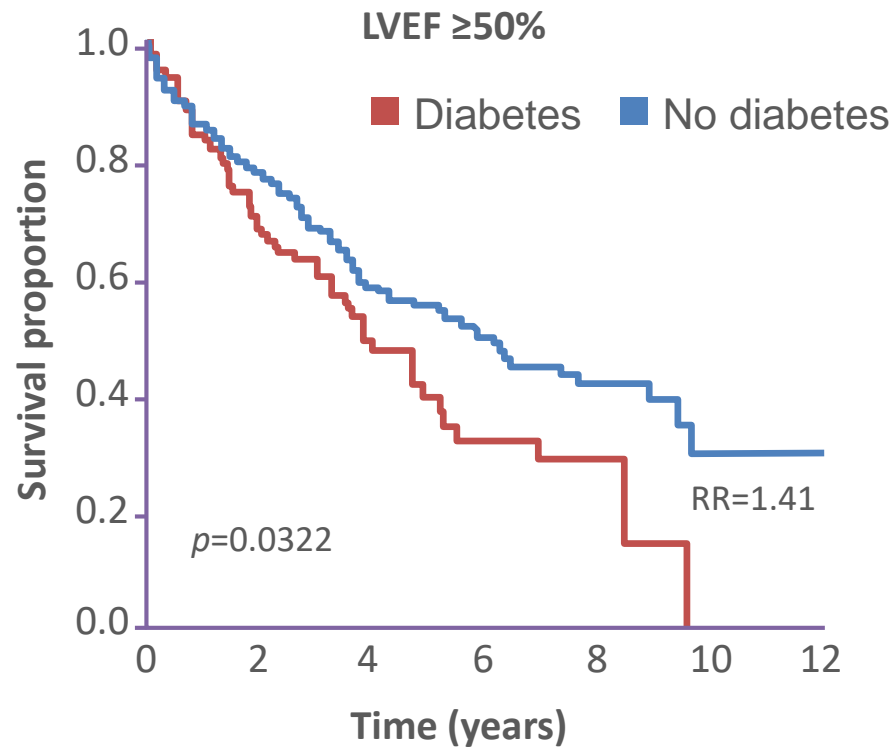
\*Synthesised based on data from two clinical studies – see Notes for details

CV, cardiovascular; HF, heart failure

1. Kannel WB *et al. Am J Cardiol* 1974;34:29; 2. Cubbon RM *et al. Diab Vasc*

# Diabetes worsens heart failure prognosis

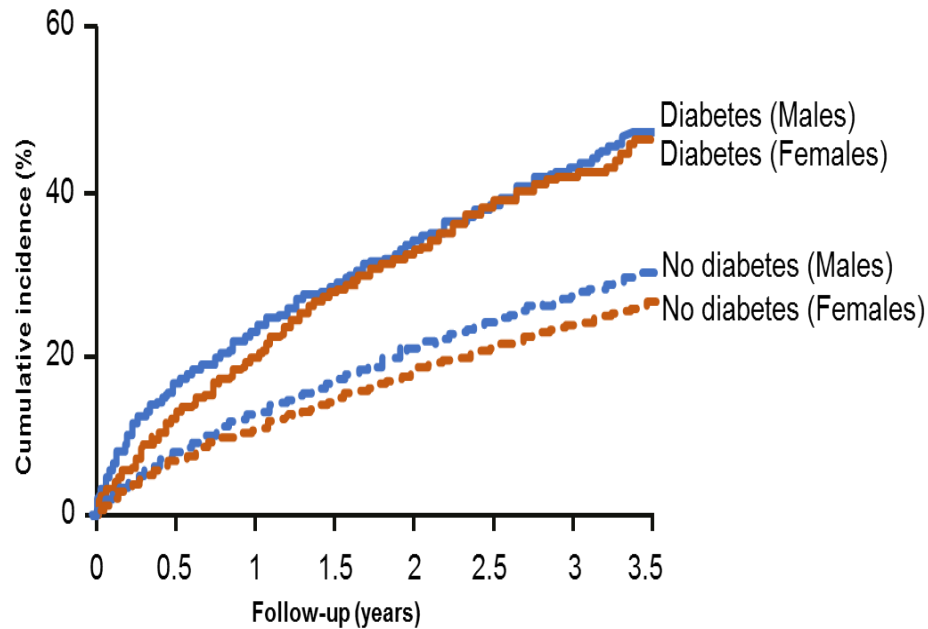
Poorer HF survival with diabetes than without diabetes



- Kaplan–Meier survival curves of HF patients hospitalised with LVEF  $\geq 50\%$  (n=498) and  $< 50\%$  (n=754)

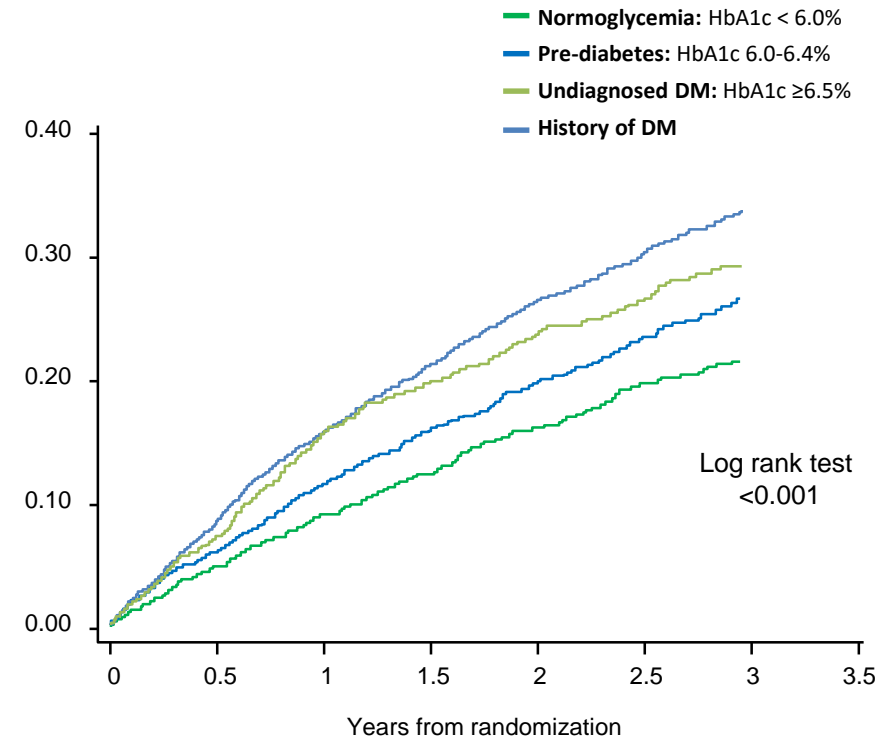
# Association of HF and DM predicts worse outcomes than either disease would alone

CV death or HF hospitalization by DM status in patients with HF<sup>3</sup>



Data from CHARM trial program;

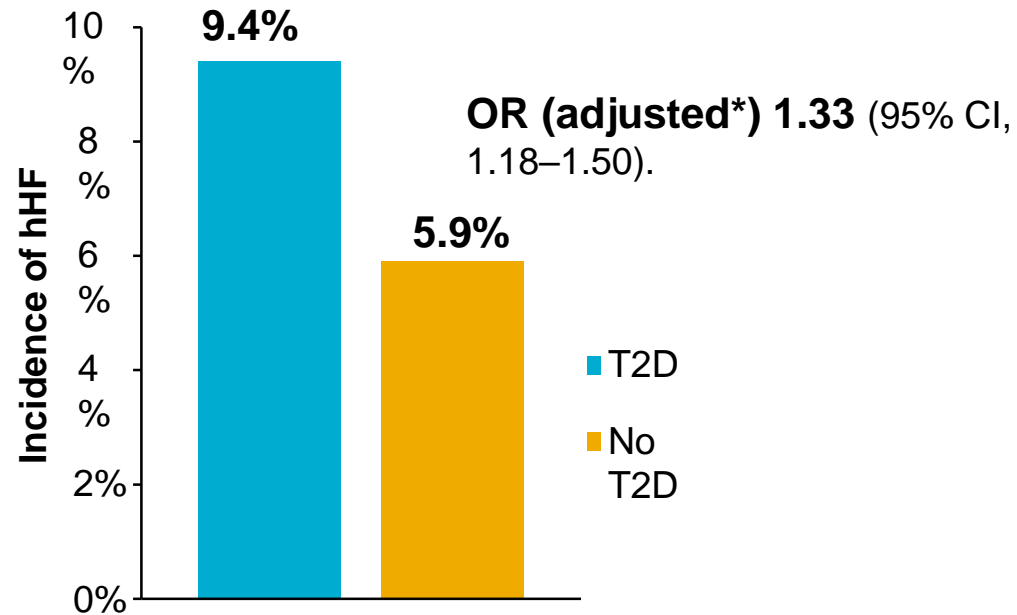
CV death or HF hospitalization by degree of dysglycemia in patients with HFrEF<sup>2</sup>



Data from PARADIGM-HF trial

# Type 2 diabetes is a potent, independent risk factor for HF

Four year follow up of a cohort with and without T2D (n=45,227) and either eCVD or CV risk factors



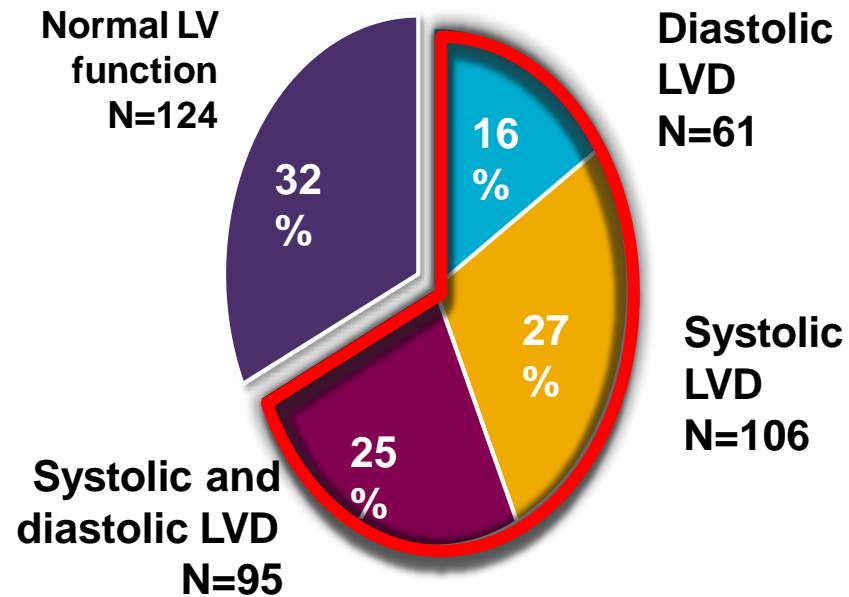
**Diabetes mellitus was associated with a 33% greater risk of hospitalization for heart failure**

hHF, hospitalization for heart failure Cavender *Circulation*. 2015;132:923-931.

\* sex, age, geographic region , cardiovascular risk factors; ischemic event, renal dysfunction, known vascular disease, congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation, and

# Left ventricular dysfunction is an early complication of T2DM

68% of patients with T2D had evidence of LV dysfunction 5 years after T2D diagnosis



Patients had no evidence of inducible ischemia by stress testing at baseline

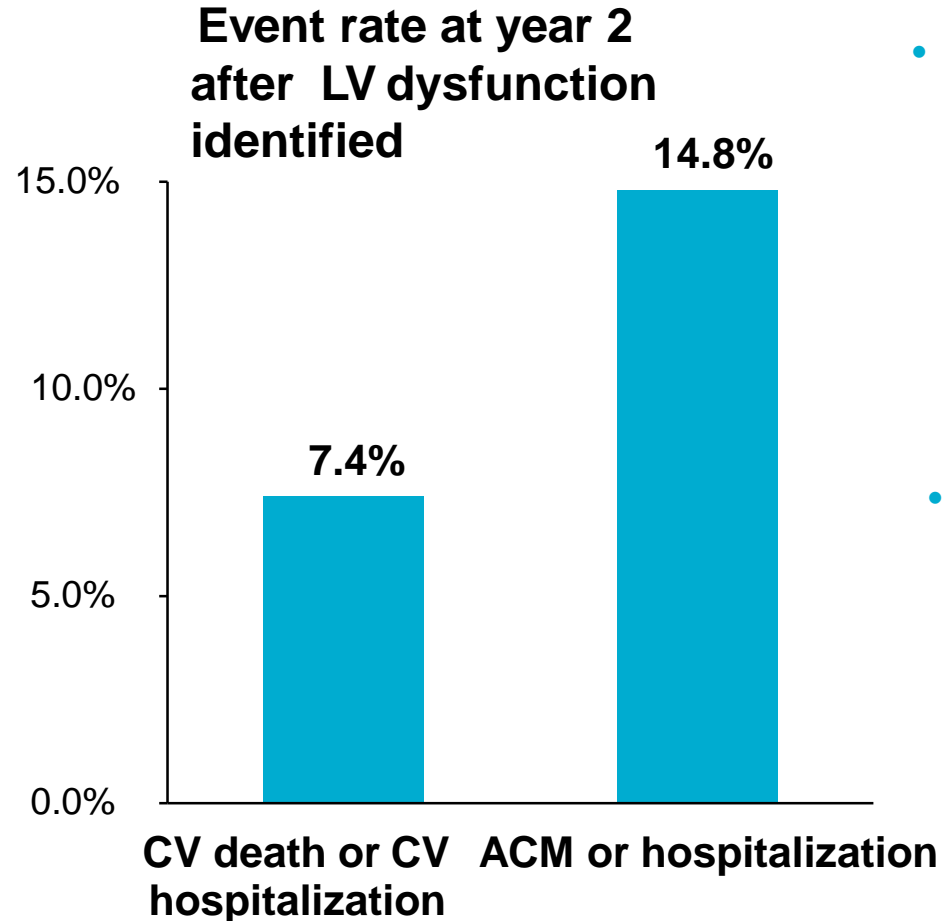
LV, left ventricular; LVD, LV dysfunction  
Faden Diabetes and Clinical Research 2013; Seferović PM, Paulus WJ. *Eur Heart J.* 2015;36:1718-27, 1727a-1727c

Two distinct phenotypes of diabetes-related cardiomyopathy exist

| HFpEF (earliest)   | HFrEF   |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cardiomyocyte hypertrophy</li><li>Cardiomyocyte fibrosis</li><li>Increased cardiomyocyte stiffness</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cardiomyocyte apoptosis</li><li>Cardiomyocyte necrosis</li><li>Decreased cardiomyocyte shortening</li></ul> |

This suggests the earliest defect in the diabetic heart is that of diastolic dysfunction not atherothrombosis

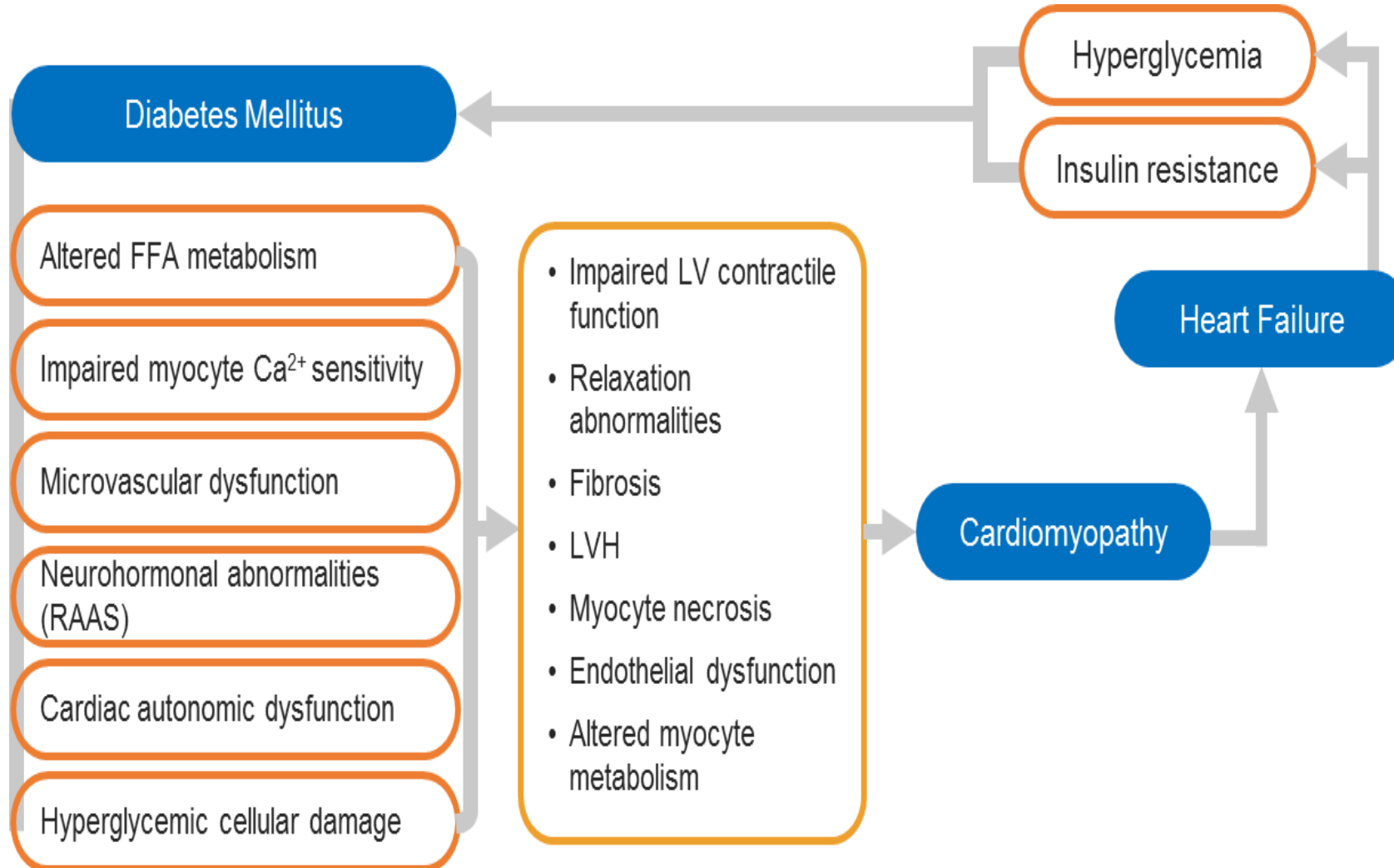
# Quick Progression from Asymptomatic LVD to a CV event

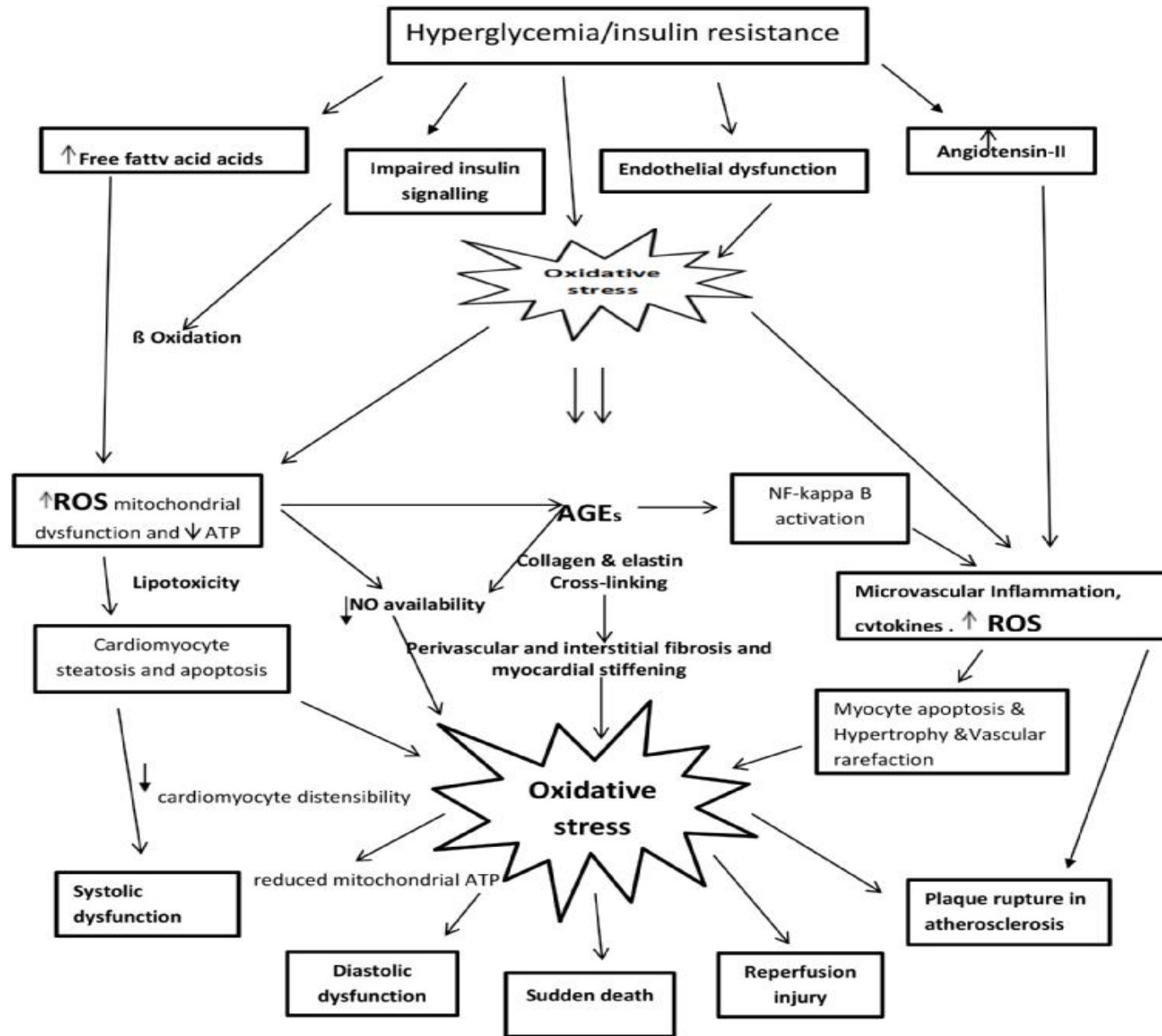


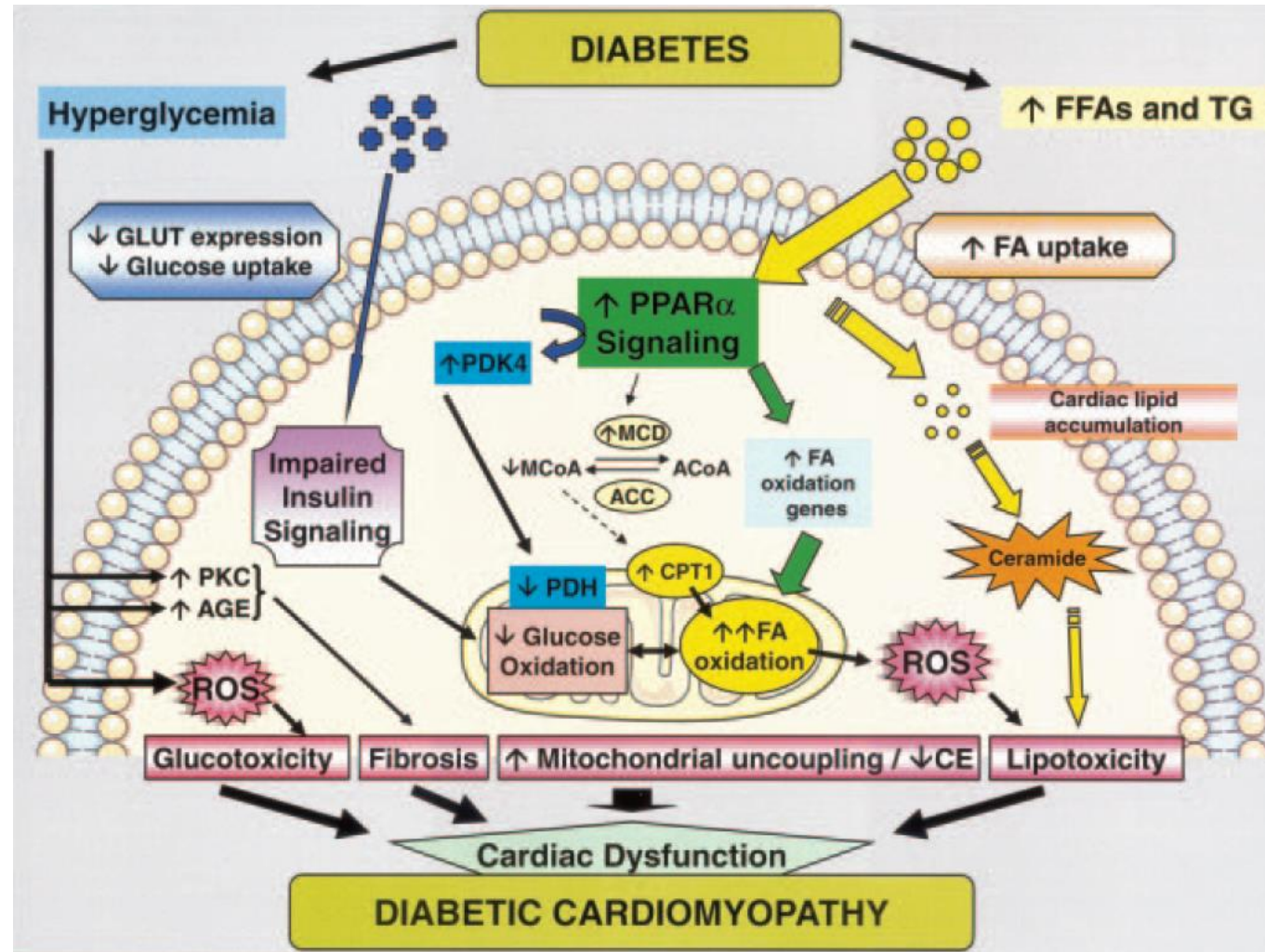
- Patients with T2D and no evidence of coronary disease in the DYDA study who had LV dysfunction identified by transthoracic echocardiography were assessed for the incidence of clinical events at a 2-year follow-up
- The incidence of a combined outcome measure of all-cause death and hospitalizations at 2-year follow-up was 14.8%



# Potential pathophysiological link between HF and DM



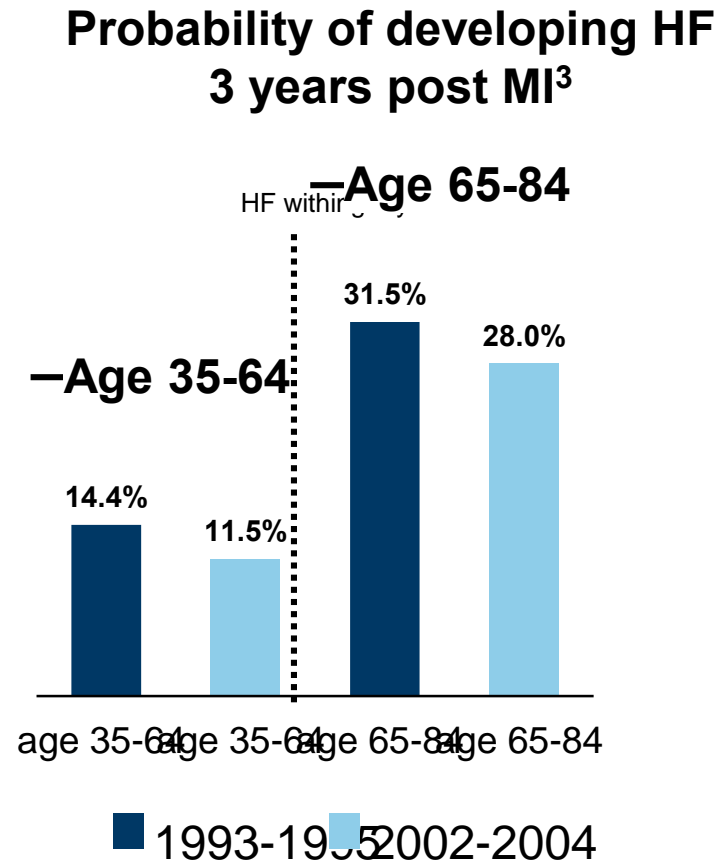




*Circulation. 2007;115:3213-3223.)*

# Ischemic heart disease is a common cause of HF, although due to post-MI care its contribution is declining

- Acute MI results in loss of functioning myocytes, development of myocardial fibrosis and subsequent LV remodeling<sup>1</sup>
- In a pooled analysis of 37 studies, ischemic heart disease was a risk factor for HF in >50% of patients with HF in western high income and eastern and central Europe regions and 30-40% in East Asia, Asia Pacific high income, Latin America and Caribbean regions<sup>2</sup>
- Introduction of new medical and interventional treatments have improved the prognosis in patients with acute MI<sup>3</sup>
- Therefore the incidence of HF post-MI is declining<sup>3</sup>
- This suggests modification of additional risk factors for HF will become increasingly important



LV, left ventricular; MI, myocardial infarction.

1. Gheorghiade M, Bonow R, *Circulation*. 1998;97:282-289; 2. Khatibzadeh S, *International Journal of Cardiology*. 2013;168:1186-1194; 3. Shafazhand M, *Eur Journal of Heart Failure*. 2011;13:135-141.



# ***Diabetic Cardiomyopathy***

- DM appears to contribute directly to the development of CMP, rather than solely *via coronary atherosclerosis* and hypertension
- Changes occur in LV structure and cardiac function
- Diabetics tend to have greater cardiac mass, particularly LV mass

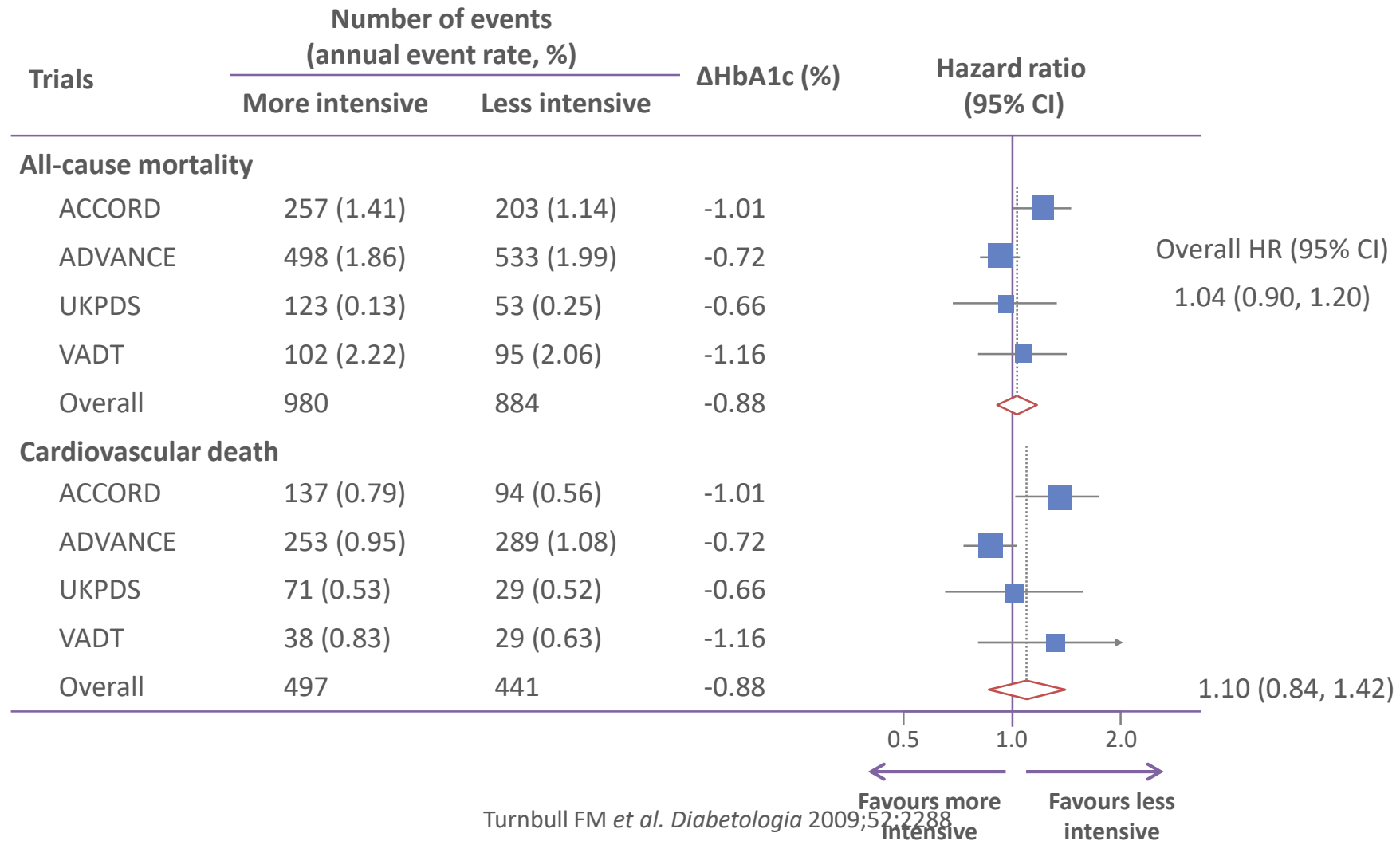
- Patients with DM also tend to have a slightly diminished diastolic function due to increased myocardial triglyceride content
- Abnormalities in systolic function have also been observed and may be related to impaired myocardial sympathetic innervation and impaired contractile reserve
- Interstitial fibrosis with increased collagen deposition has been observed

## ***Cardiovascular Autonomic Neuropathy***

- Common among patients with DM and is correlated with an increased 5-year mortality rate from CVD
- Clinical manifestations are resting tachycardia, postural hypotension, exercise intolerance, abnormal coronary vasomotor regulation, increased QT interval, and perioperative instability
- Related to an increased risk of renal disease, stroke, CVD and sudden death

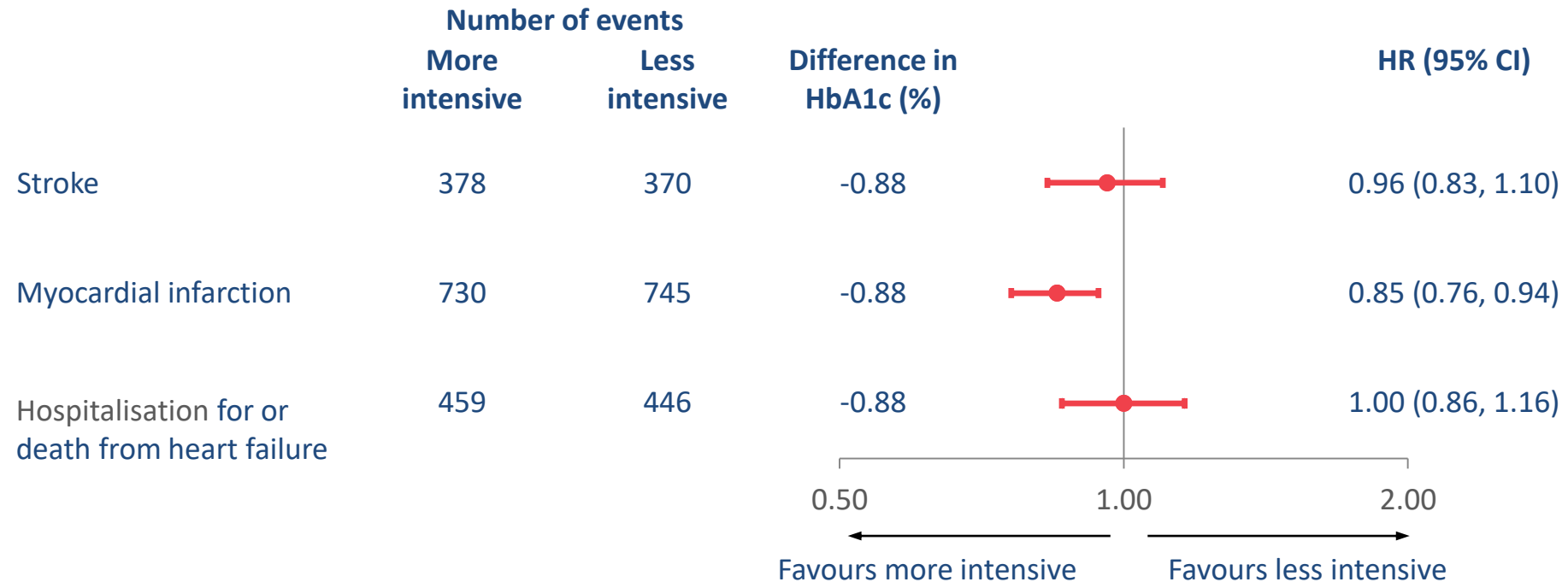
# No evidence from prospective trials that more intensive glycaemic control reduces mortality

Meta-analysis including 27,049 participants and 2370 major vascular events



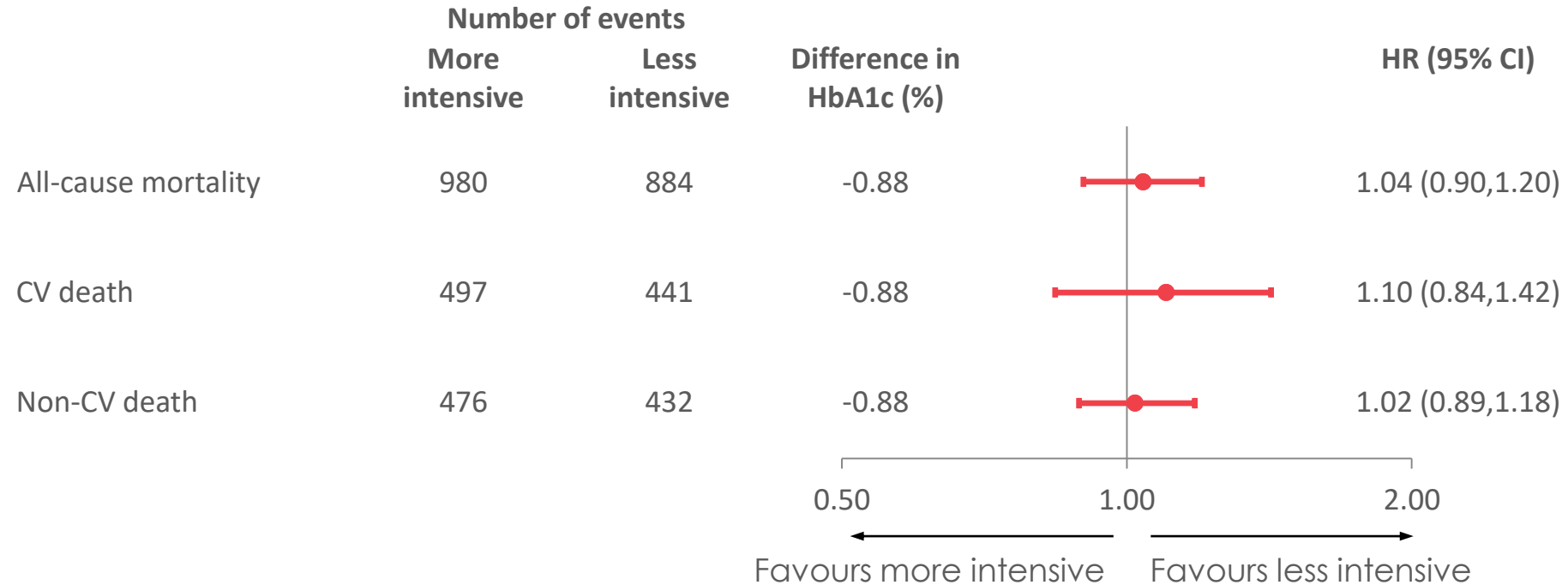


# Meta-analysis of intensive glucose control in T2DM: major CV events including heart failure



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  - UKPDS
  - ACCORD
  - VADT

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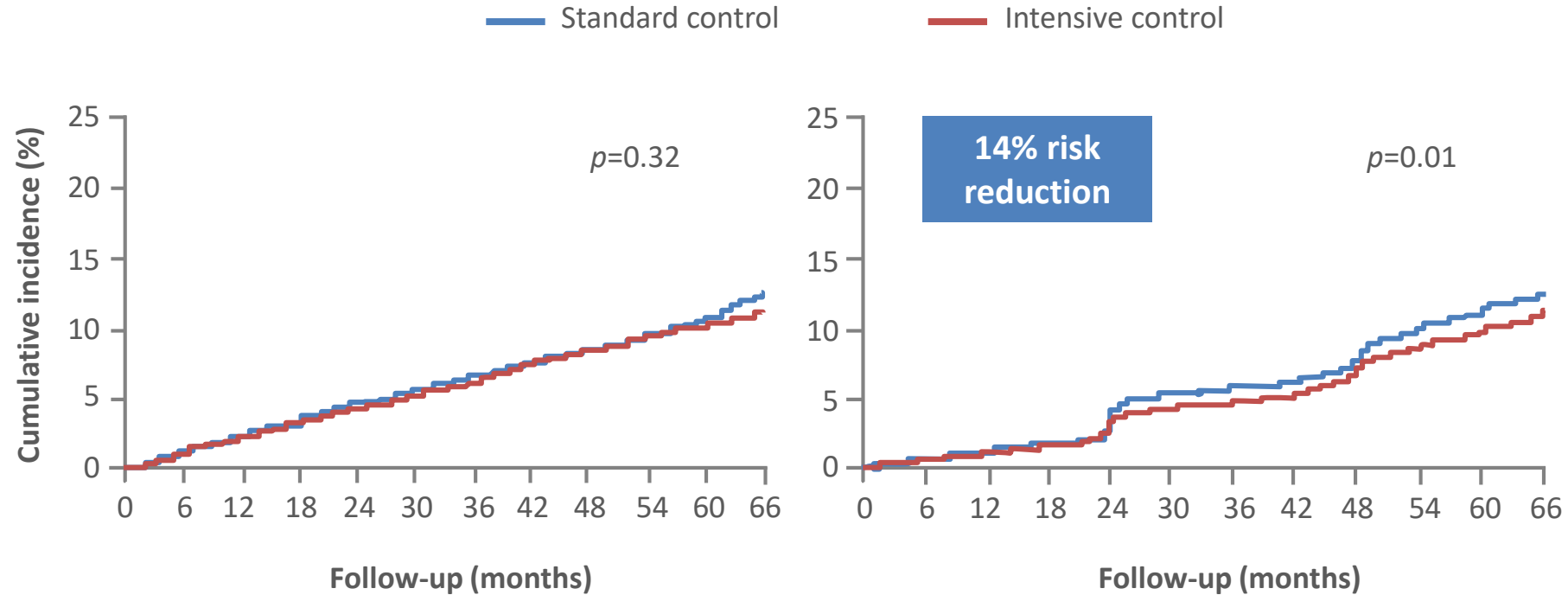


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# ADVANCE: intensive glycaemic control reduced microvascular but not macrovascular events

Major macrovascular events

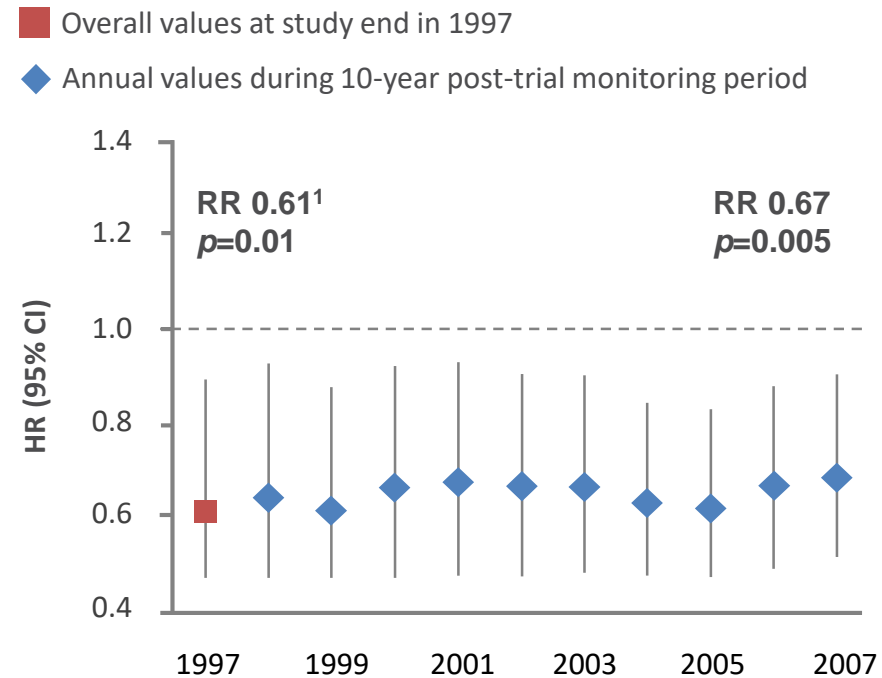
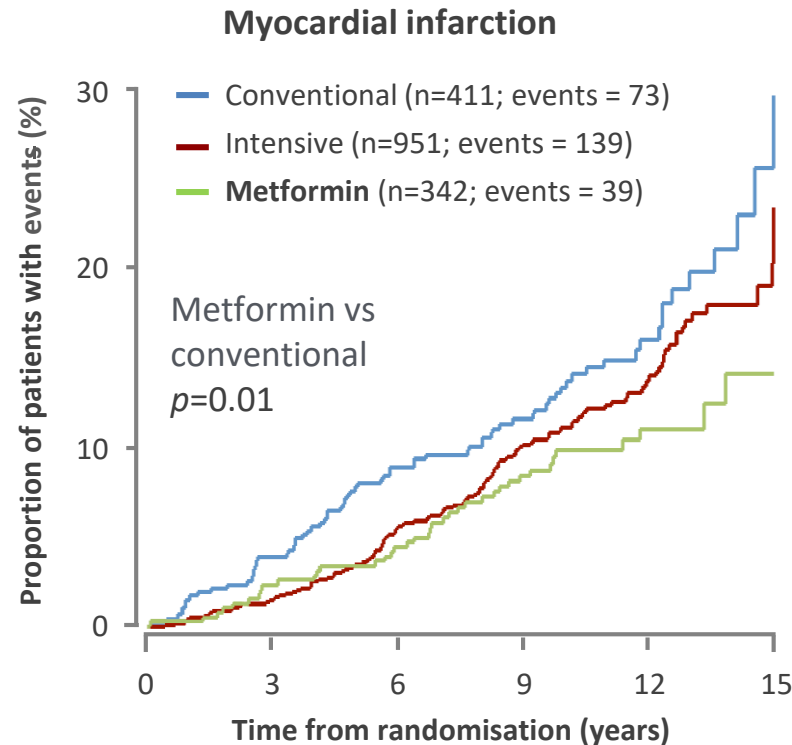
Major microvascular events



# UKPDS 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>



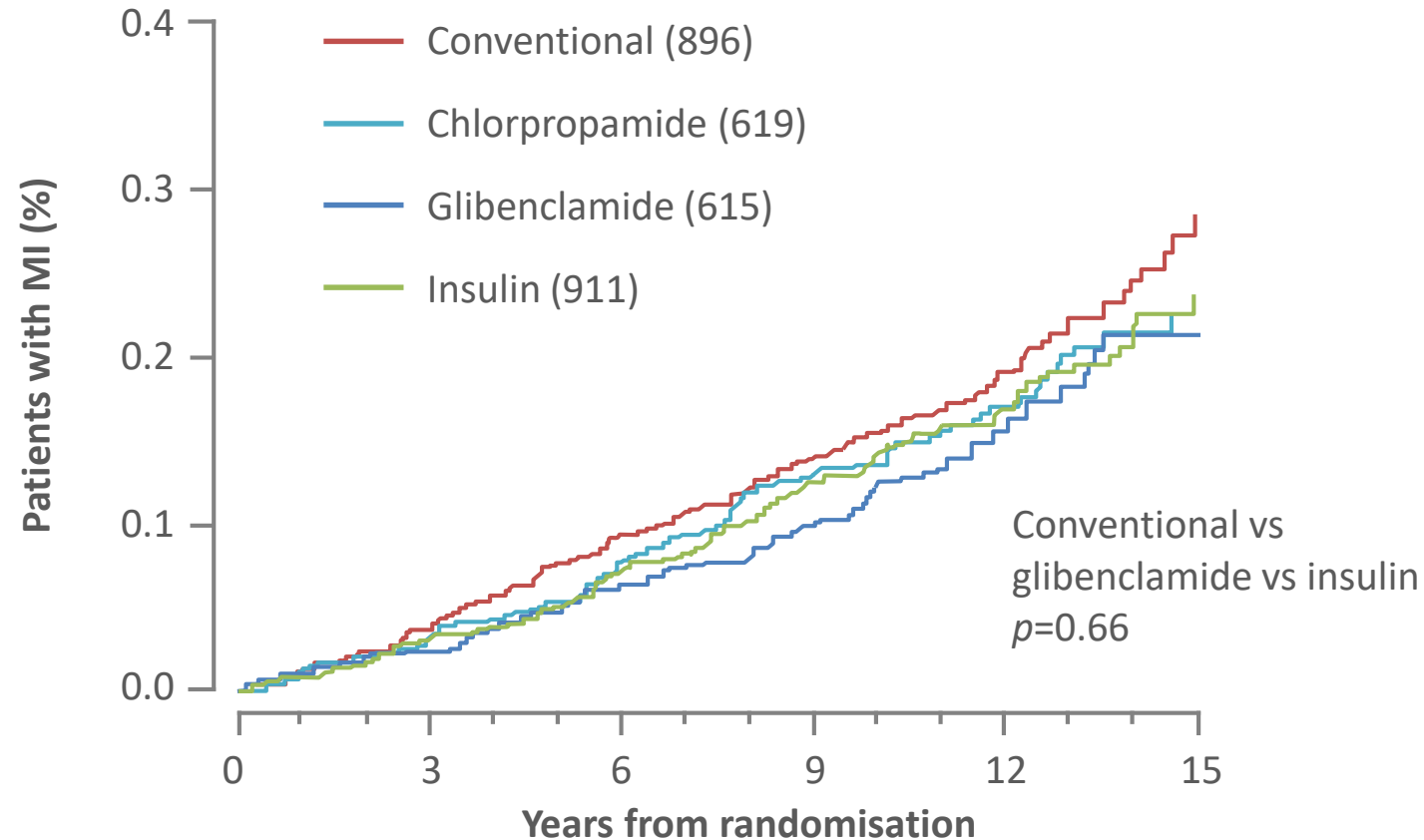
No. of events:

|                      |    |    |    |     |     |     |
|----------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Conventional therapy | 73 | 83 | 92 | 106 | 118 | 126 |
| Metformin            | 39 | 45 | 55 | 64  | 68  | 81  |

CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; RR, relative risk; UKPDS, United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study

1. UKPDS 34. *Lancet* 1998;352:854; 2. <http://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/medicine/23244/SPC>; 3. Holman RR et al. *N Engl J Med* 2008;359:1577

# No deleterious CV effect of SUs vs insulin or conventional therapy observed in UKPDS 33<sup>1</sup>

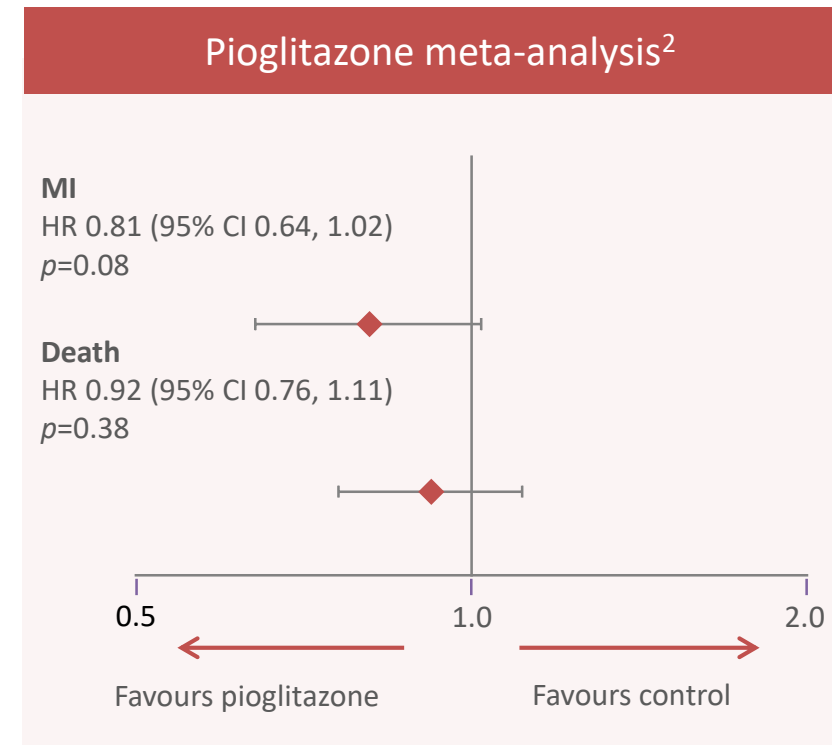
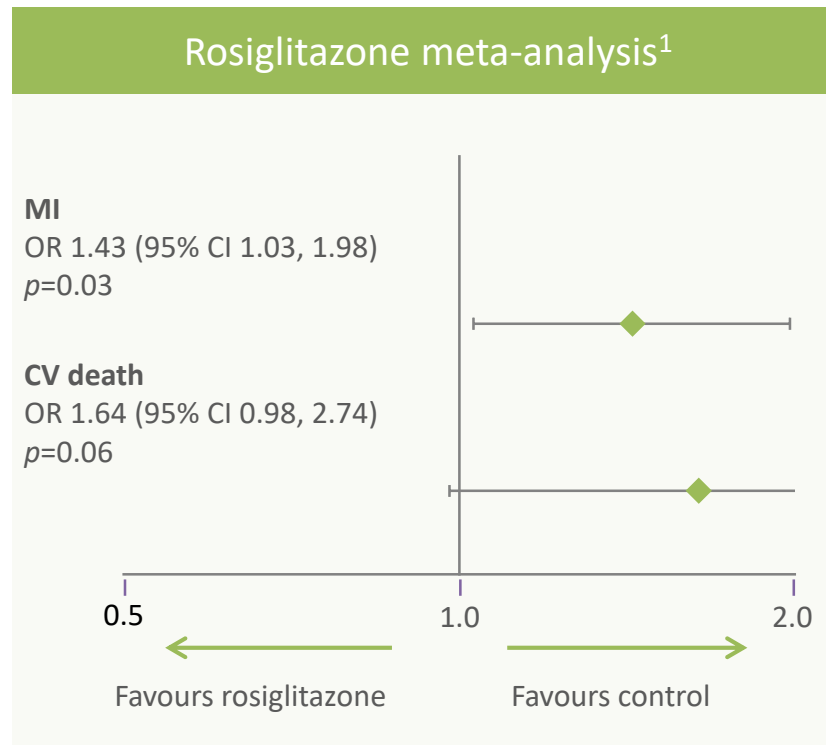


In addition, in the ADVANCE study, intensive glucose control involving gliclazide was not associated with deleterious CV effects<sup>2</sup>

CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; SU, sulphonylurea; UKPDS, UK Prospective Diabetes Study

1. UKPDS33. *Lancet* 1998;352:837; 2. Patel A *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2008;358:2560

# In 2007, separate meta-analyses suggested differing CV effects of drugs within the TZD class

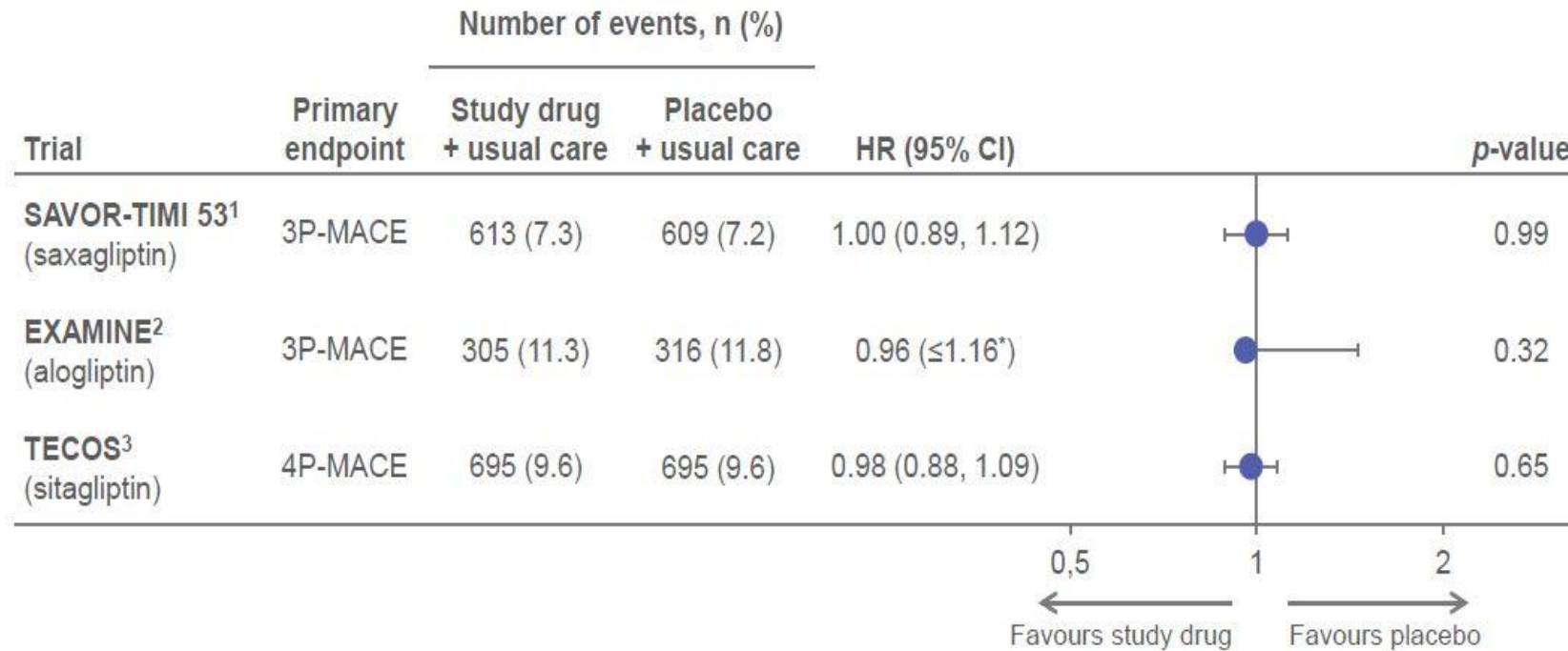


No clinical trial directly compares the CV effects of pioglitazone and rosiglitazone

CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; OR, odds ratio; TZD, thiazolidinedione

1. Nissen SE & Wolski K. *N Engl J Med* 2007;356:2457; 2. Lincoff AM *et al.* *JAMA* 2007;298:1180

# Primary outcomes from completed DPP-4 inhibitor CVOTs

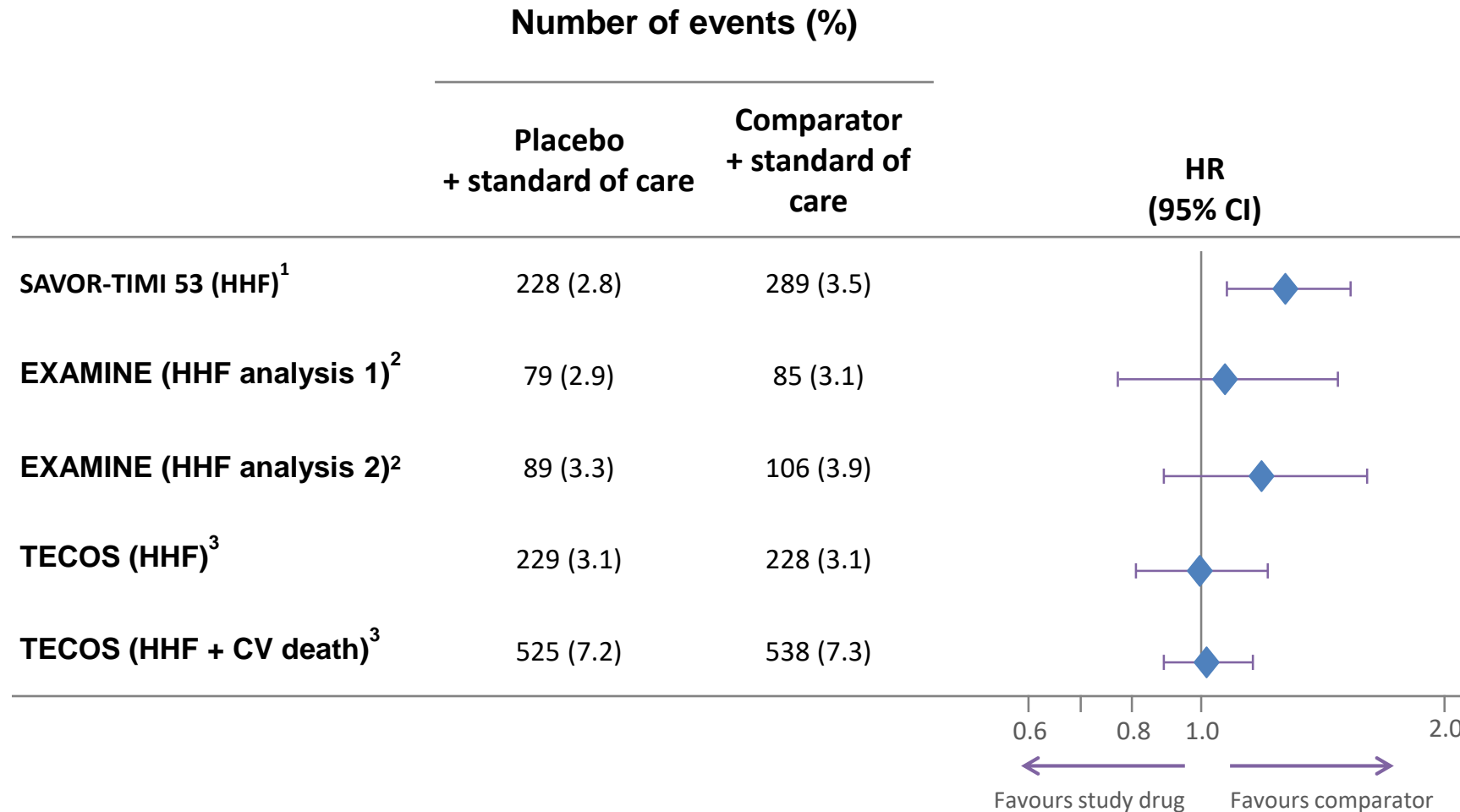


**Note: data are from different trials and cannot be directly compared** \*Upper boundary of the one-sided repeated CI

44 3P-MACE, 3-point major adverse cardiovascular events; 4P-MACE, 4-point major cardiovascular events; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4

1. Scirica BM *et al. N Engl J Med* 2013;369:1317; 2. White WB *et al. N Engl J Med* 2013;369:1327; 3. Green JB *et al. N Engl J Med* 2015;373:232

# Hospitalisation for heart failure data for previously completed CVOTs with DPP-4 inhibitors



Analysis 1 = as component of expanded MACE

Analysis 2 = as component of post hoc composite of CV death and HHF

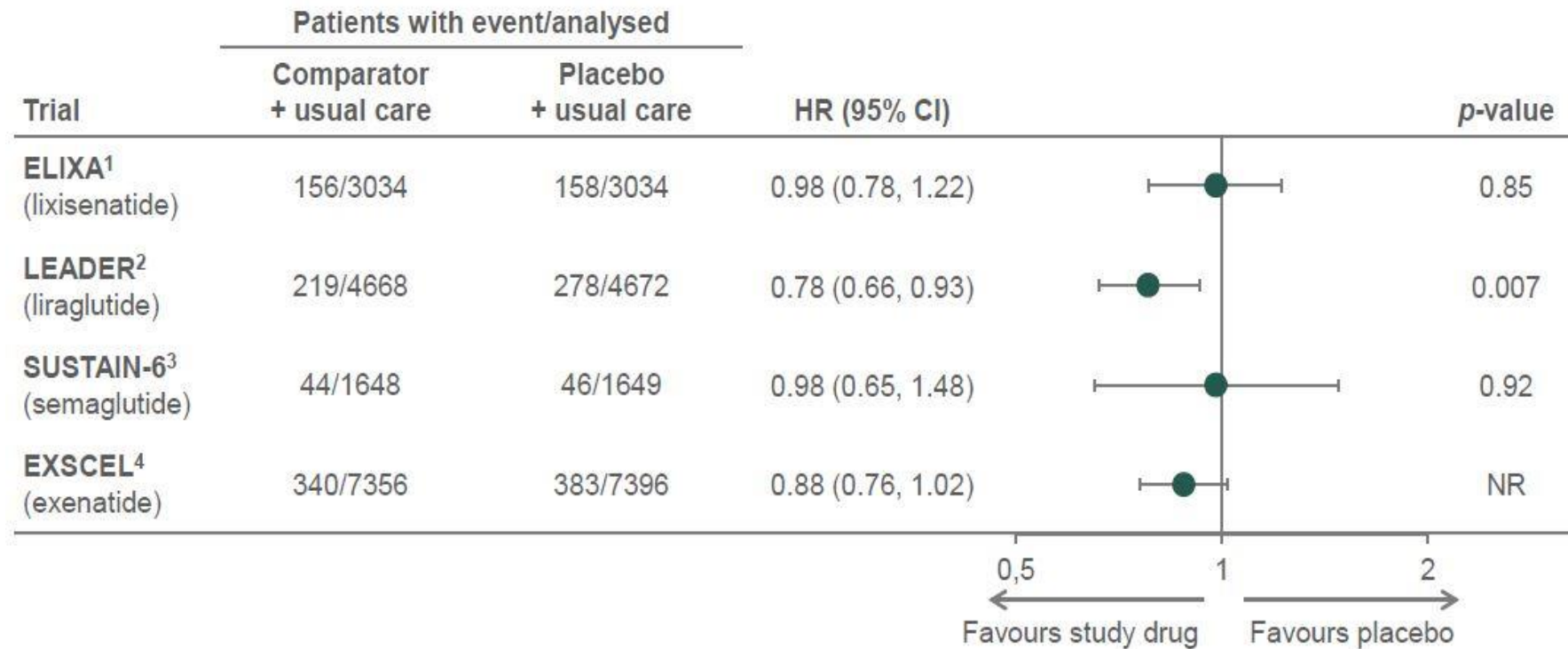
Refer to slide notes for abbreviations

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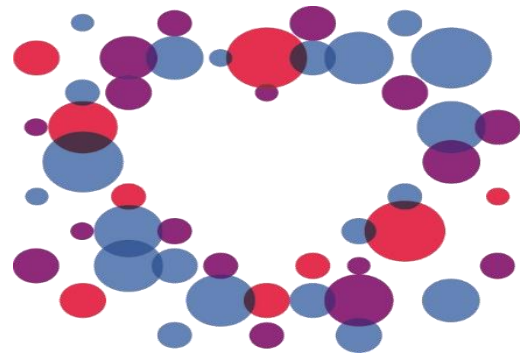
# CV death outcomes from completed GLP-1 receptor agonist CVOTs



Note: data are from different trials and cannot be directly compared

1. Pfeffer MA et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:2247; 2. Marso SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:311; 3. Marso SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:1834; 4. Holman RR et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1228 (supplementary appendix)

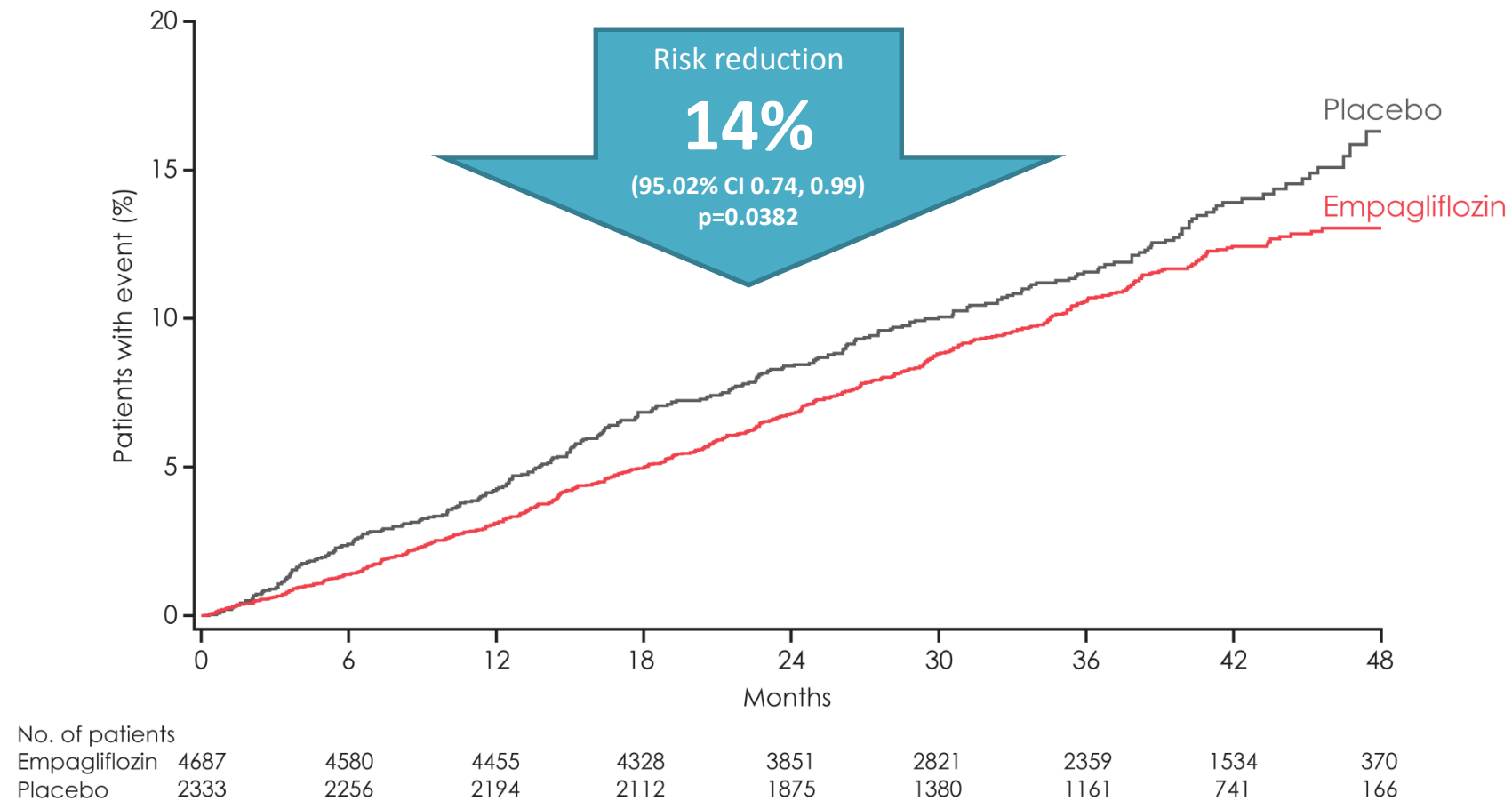
# EMPA-REG OUTCOME<sup>®</sup>



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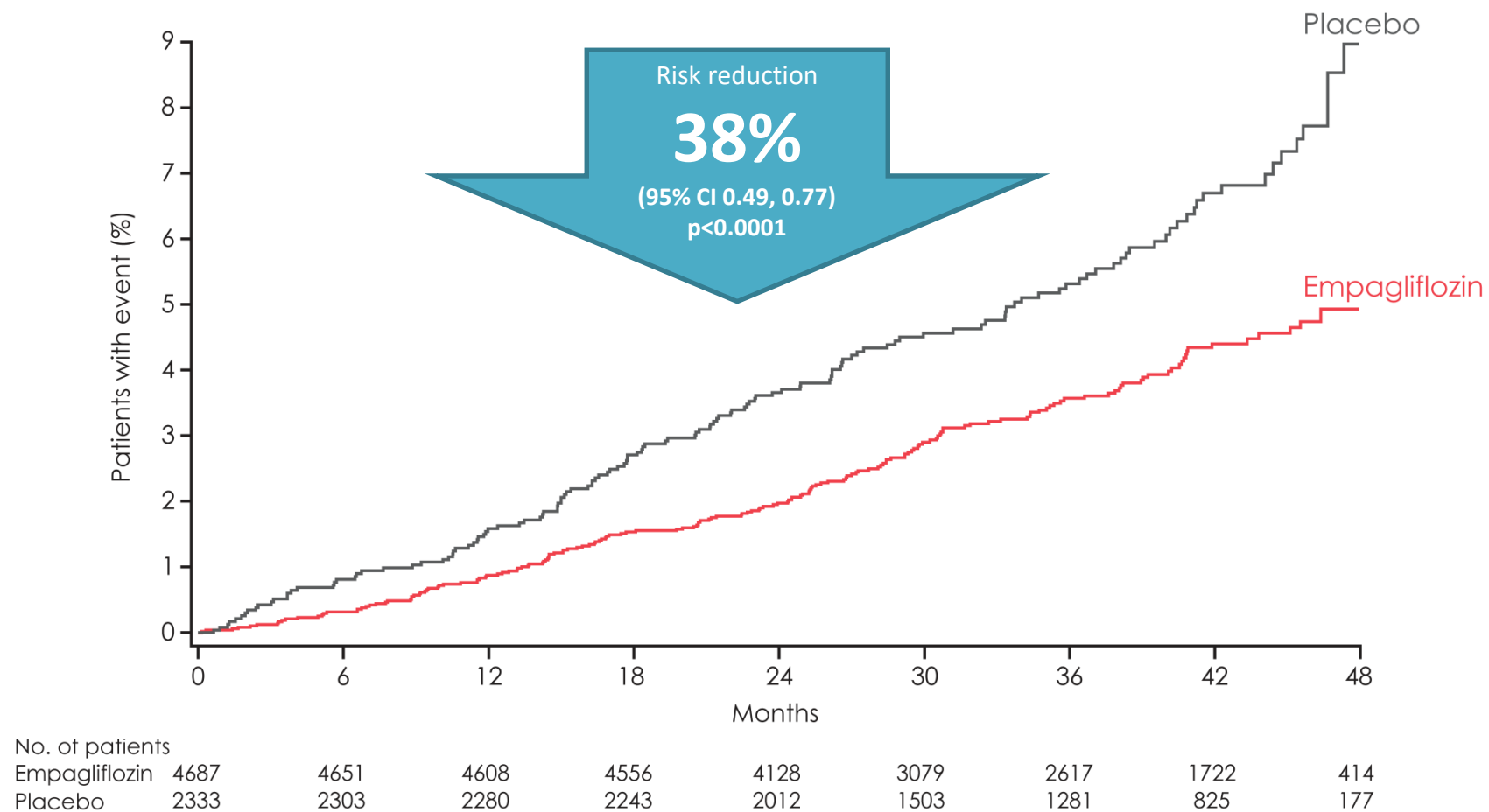
# Primary outcome: 3-point MACE



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

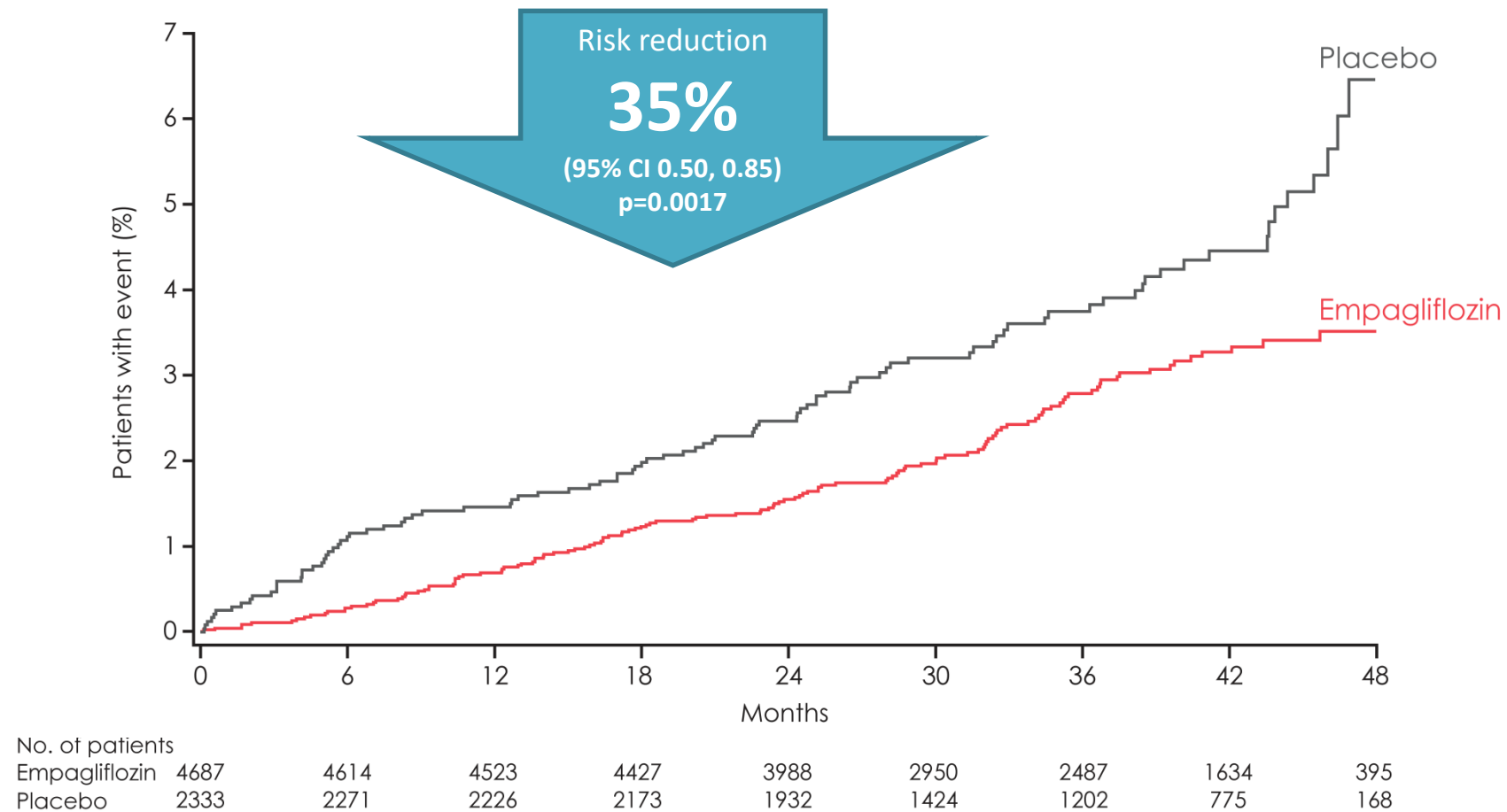
\* Two-sided tests for superiority were conducted (statistical significance was indicated if  $p \leq 0.0498$ )

# CV death



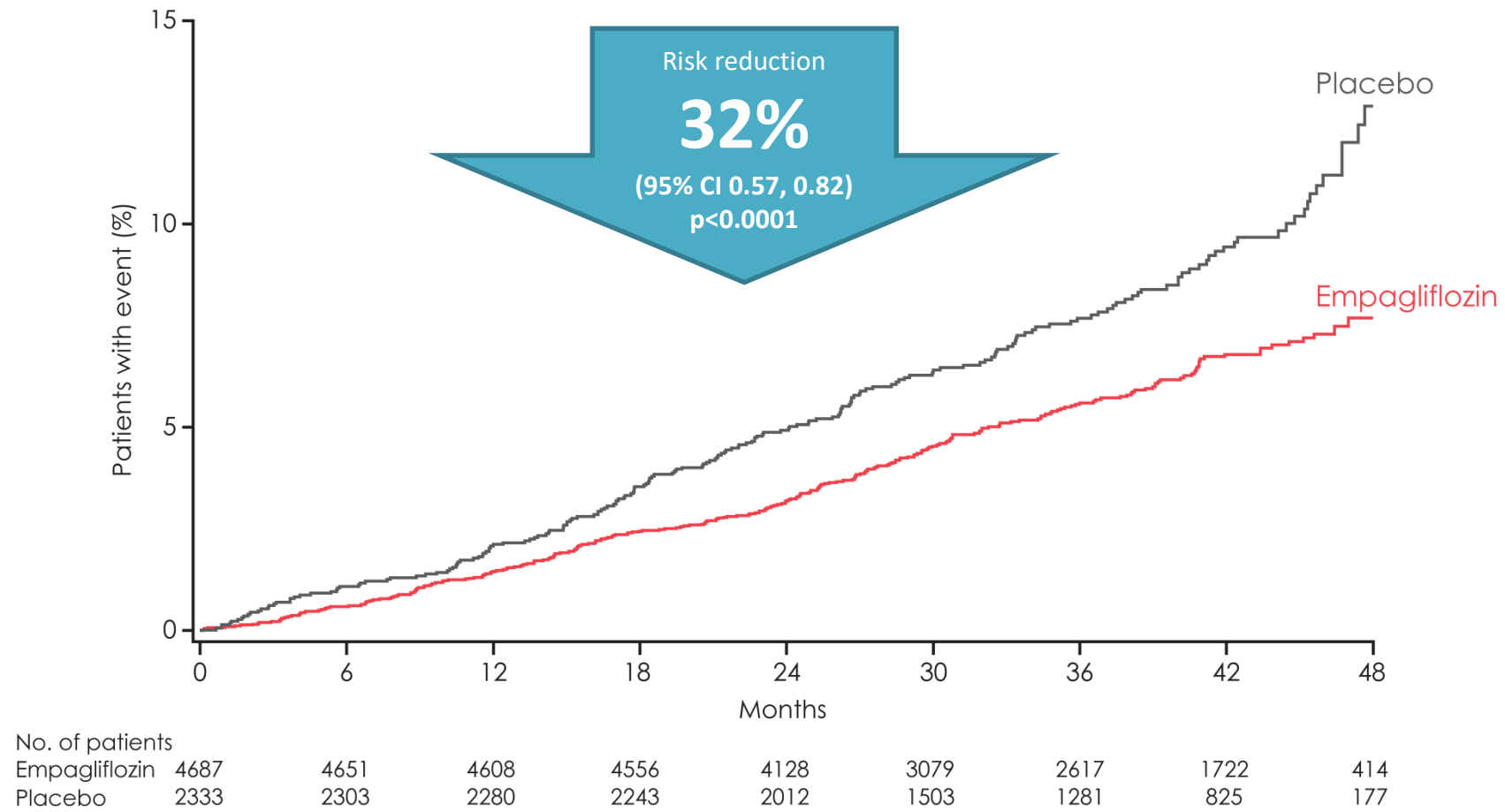
Cumulative incidence function. HR, hazard ratio

# Hospitalisation for heart failure



Cumulative incidence function. HR, hazard ratio

# All-cause mortality



Kaplan-Meier estimate. HR, hazard ratio

# Lower Rates of Hospitalization for Heart Failure and All-Cause Death in New Users of SGLT2 Inhibitors: The CVD-REAL Study

Data presented at the 66th Annual  
Scientific Session of the ACC,  
Washington, March 17–19, 2017

# Summary of positive outcomes

|  | PRIMARY<br>OUTCOME                              | SECONDARY OUTCOMES   |                |                      |                                      |
|--|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | CV Death,<br>Nonfatal MI,<br>Nonfatal<br>Stroke | CV Death             | Nonfatal<br>MI | Nonfatal<br>Stroke   | Hospitalization<br>for Heart Failure |
| <b>EMPA-REG<br/>OUTCOME<sup>1</sup></b><br>HR (95% CI) | 0.86<br>(0.74, 0.99)                            | 0.62<br>(0.49, 0.77) | NS             | NS                   | 0.65<br>(0.50, 0.85)                 |
| <b>CANVAS<sup>2</sup></b><br>HR (95% CI)               | 0.86<br>(0.75, 0.97)                            | NS                   | NS             | NS                   | 0.67<br>(0.52, 0.87)                 |
| <b>LEADER<sup>3</sup></b><br>HR (95% CI)               | 0.87<br>(0.78, 0.97)                            | 0.78<br>(0.66, 0.93) | NS             | NS                   | NS                                   |
| <b>SUSTAIN-6<sup>4</sup></b><br>HR (95% CI)            | 0.74<br>(0.58, 0.95)                            | NS                   | NS             | 0.61<br>(0.38, 0.99) | NS                                   |

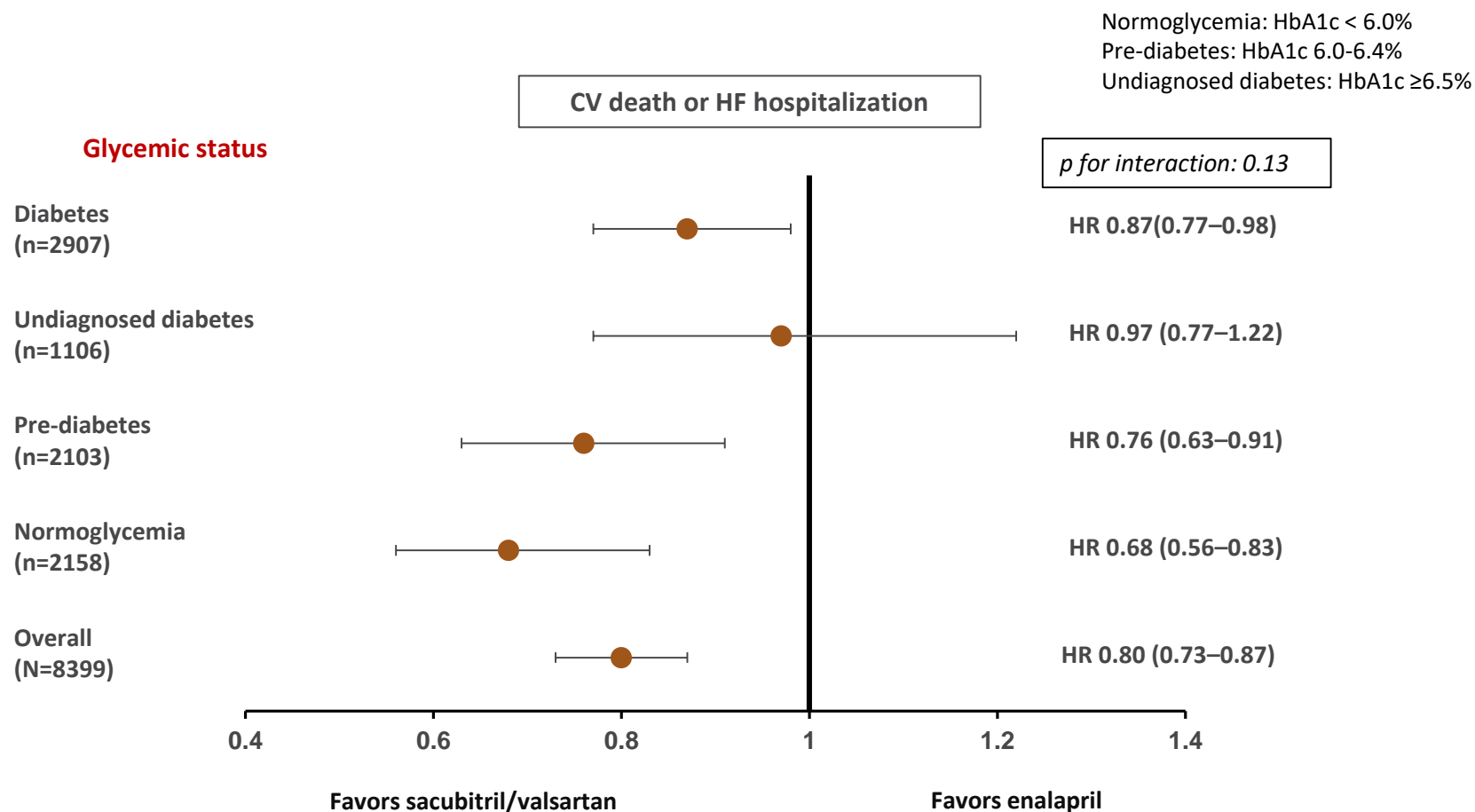
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Med Sep 17, 2015. 10.1056/NEJMoa1504720; 2 Neal B., Perkovic V, Mahaffey KW et al. Canagliflozin and Cardiovascular and Renal Events in Type 2 Diabetes, *N Engl J Med* Jun 12, 2017. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1611925

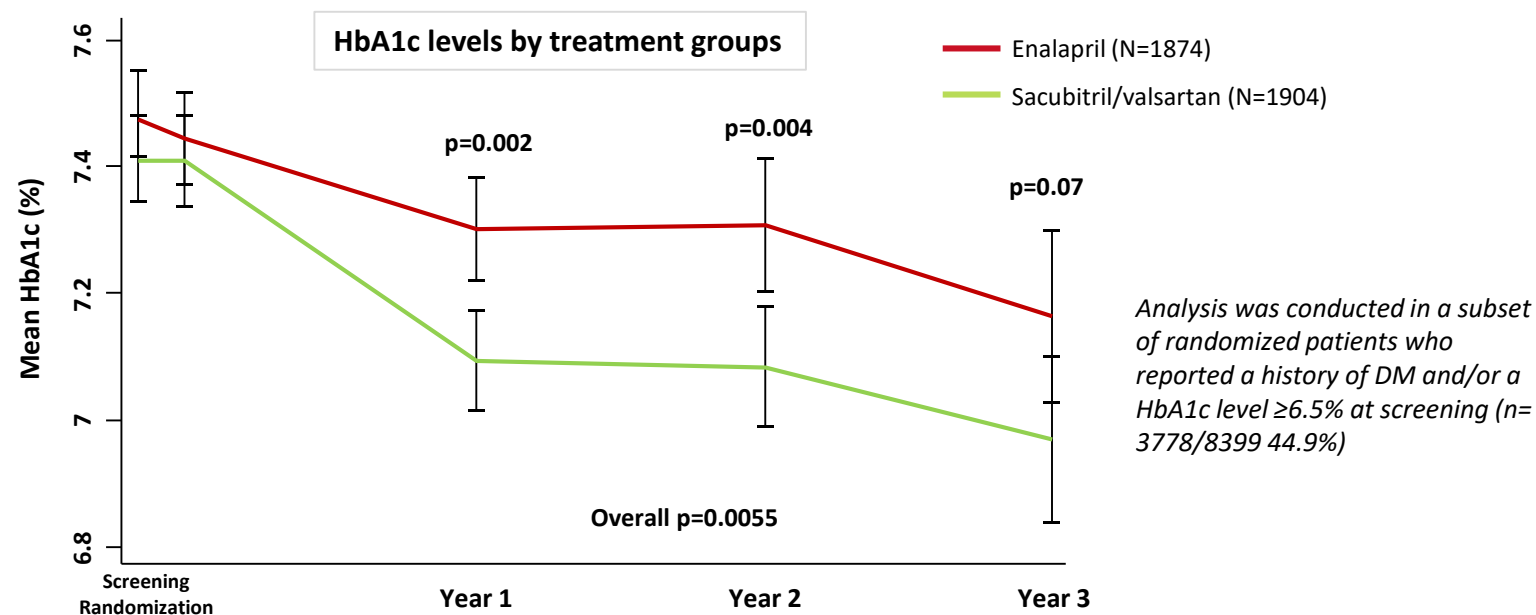
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# PARADIGM-HF: Treatment with sacubitril/valsartan reduced the risk of primary outcome as compared to enalapril across all glycemic states (post hoc analysis)



# Sacubitril/valsartan significantly reduced HbA1c compared to enalapril in patients with HFrEF and DM (post hoc analysis)



| HbA1c, %   | Screening Randomization | Year 1                                | Year 2                                | Year 3                               | Overall*                              |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sac/Val (n=1904)                                       | 7.41 $\pm$ 1.51         | 7.09 $\pm$ 1.60                       | 7.08 $\pm$ 1.61                       | 6.97 $\pm$ 1.58                      | -0.14<br>(-0.23 to -0.06)<br>p=0.0055 |
| Enalapril (n=1874)                                     | 7.48 $\pm$ 1.58         | 7.30 $\pm$ 1.66                       | 7.31 $\pm$ 1.78                       | 7.16 $\pm$ 1.61                      |                                       |
| Difference (95% CI)<br>(Adjusted for screening values) |                         | -0.13<br>(-0.22 to -0.05)<br>p=0.0023 | -0.17<br>(-0.28 to -0.05)<br>p=0.0040 | -0.15<br>(-0.32 to -0.01)<br>p=0.072 |                                       |

In a landmark analysis at 1 year considering the change in HbA1c and the screening value, there was no significant relationship between change in HbA1c and the composite primary outcome of CV death or first HF hospitalization in the entire cohort of patients with diabetes (HR, 0.99, 95% CI 0.91–1.06 per HbA1c unit, p=0.70), suggesting that the potential benefit on HF outcomes and on HbA1c were independent of one another.

**At diagnosis, initiate lifestyle management, set A1C target, and initiate pharmacologic therapy based on A1C:**

A1C is less than 9%, **consider Monotherapy.**

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**

**Lifestyle Management + Metformin**

Initiate metformin therapy if no contraindications\* (See Table 8.1)

**A1C at target  
after 3 months  
of monotherapy?**

- Yes:** - Monitor A1C every 3–6 months  
**No:** - Assess medication-taking behavior  
- Consider Dual Therapy

**Dual Therapy**

**Lifestyle Management + Metformin + Additional Agent**

**ASCVD?**

- Yes:** - Add agent proven to reduce major adverse cardiovascular events and/or cardiovascular mortality (see recommendations with \* on p. S75 and **Table 8.1**)  
**No:** - Add second agent after consideration of drug-specific effects and patient factors (See Table 8.1)

**A1C at target  
after 3 months  
of dual therapy?**

- Yes:** - Monitor A1C every 3–6 months  
**No:** - Assess medication-taking behavior  
- Consider Triple Therapy

**Triple Therapy**

**Lifestyle Management + Metformin + Two Additional Agents**

Add third agent based on drug-specific effects and patient factors<sup>#</sup> (See Table 8.1)

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**Combination Injectable Therapy**

(See Figure 8.2)



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**ESC GUIDELINES**

## **2016 ESC Guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure**

**The Task Force for the diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic heart failure of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC)**

Empagliflozin should be considered in patients with type 2 diabetes in order to prevent or delay the onset of HF and prolong life.

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| Diabetes   |            |          |          |
|--|------------|----------|----------|
| Metformin should be considered as a first-line treatment of glycaemic control in patients with diabetes and HF, unless contra-indicated.   | <b>IIa</b> | <b>C</b> | 440 ,441 |
| Diabetes   |            |          |          |
| Thiazolidinediones (glitazones) are not recommended in patients with HF, as they increase the risk of HF worsening and HF hospitalization. | <b>III</b> | <b>A</b> | 209, 210 |



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