

# Diabetic Kidney Disease

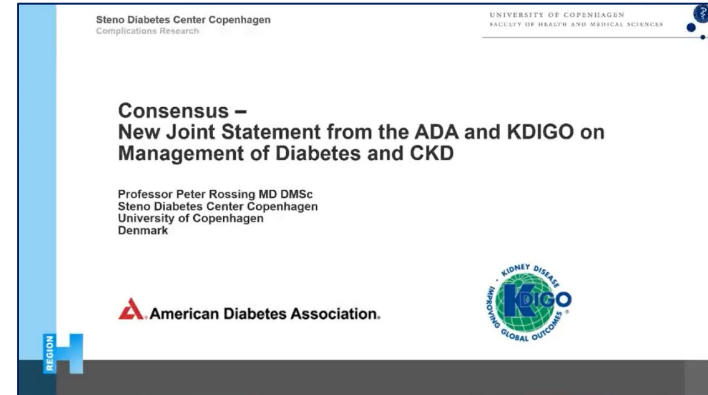
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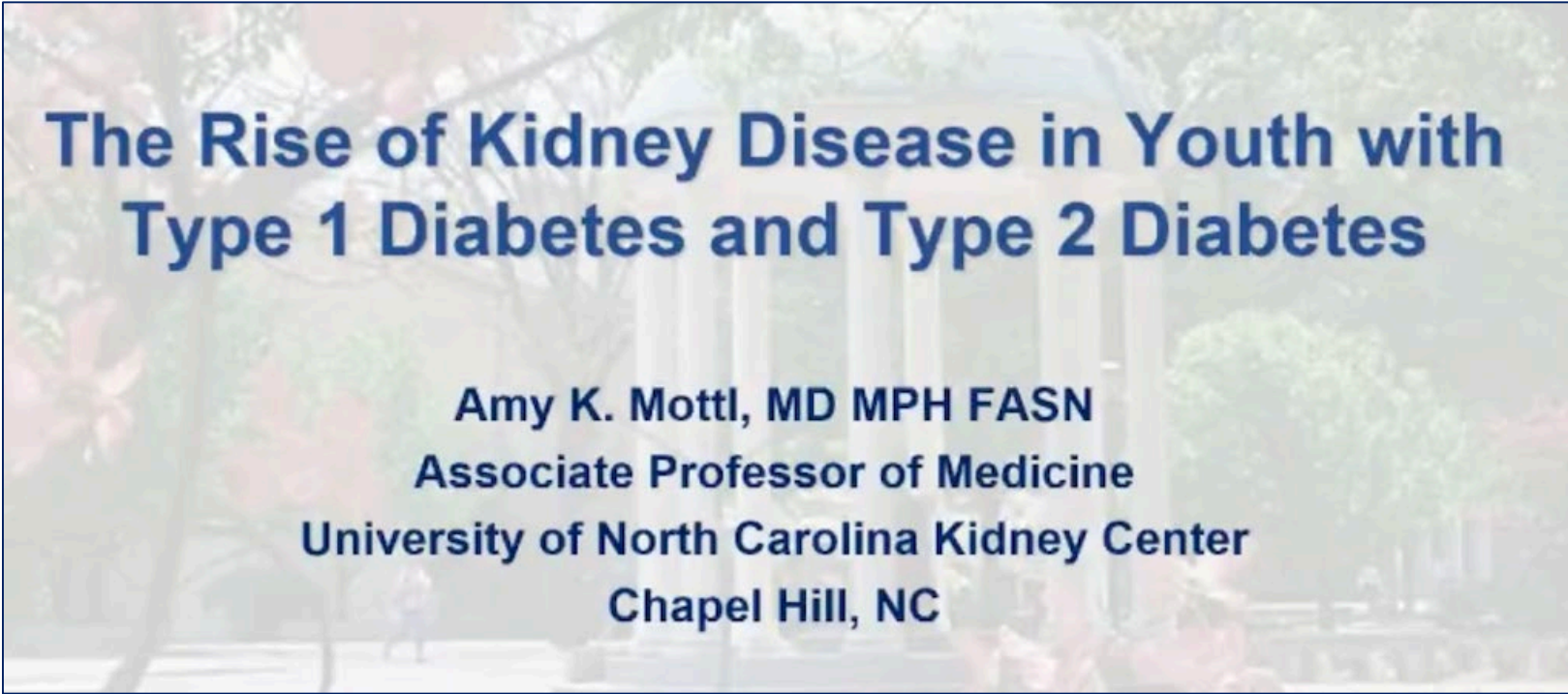
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- Epidemiology
- DKD trials
  - SGLT2i
  - Finerenone
- Twincretin
- Future perspectives

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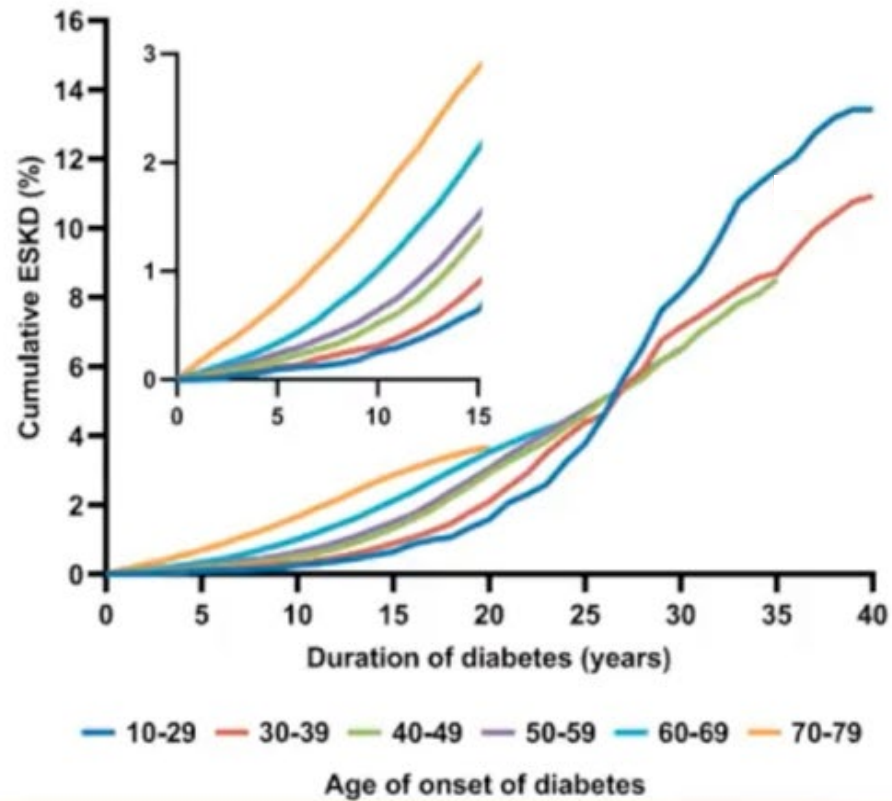


# **The Rise of Kidney Disease in Youth with Type 1 Diabetes and Type 2 Diabetes**

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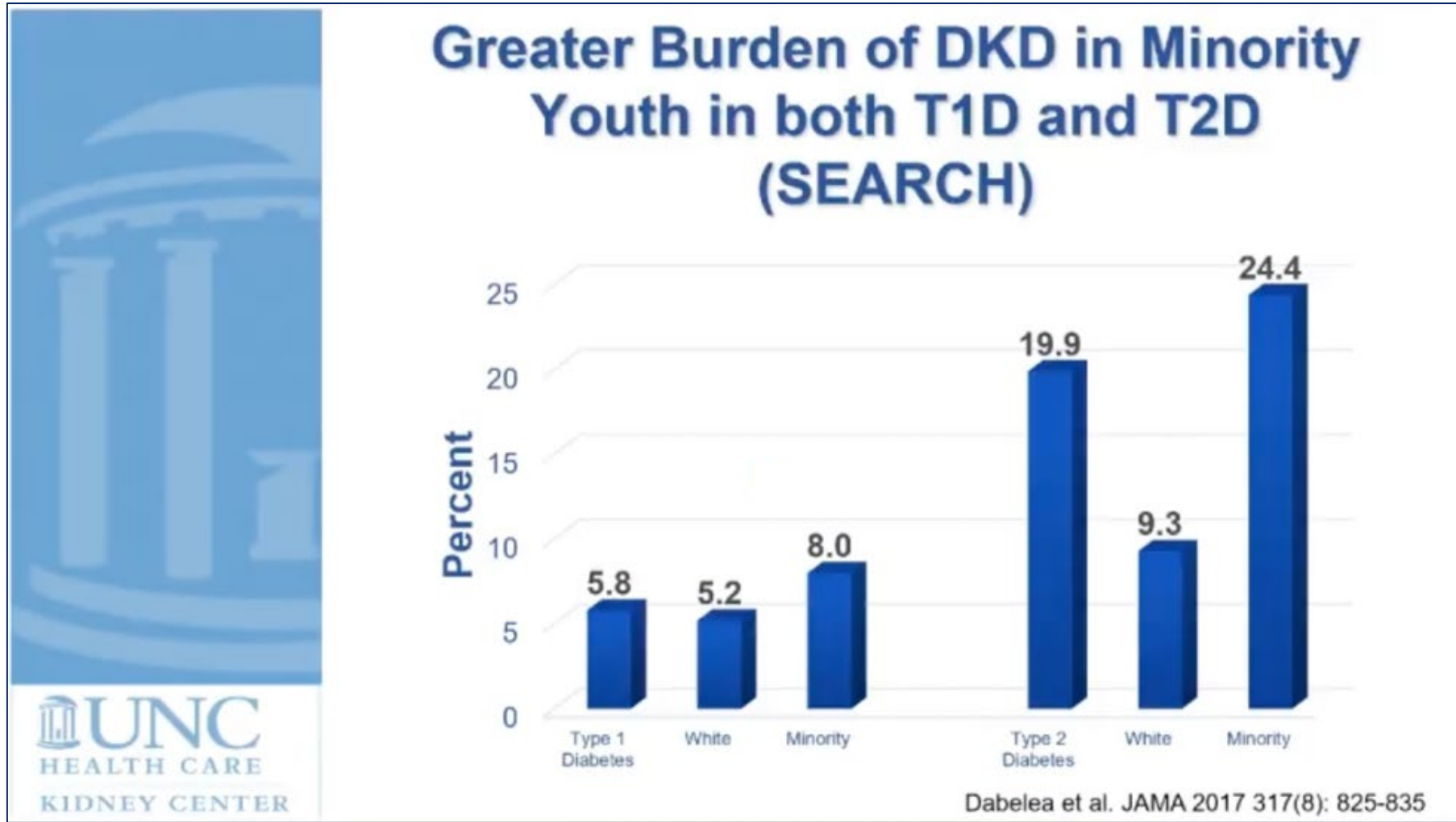
Morton et al. Diabetes Care  
2020; 43: 1788-1795

## Rates of stage 5 CKD in T2D by age of onset in Australia



## Cohorts for Discussion

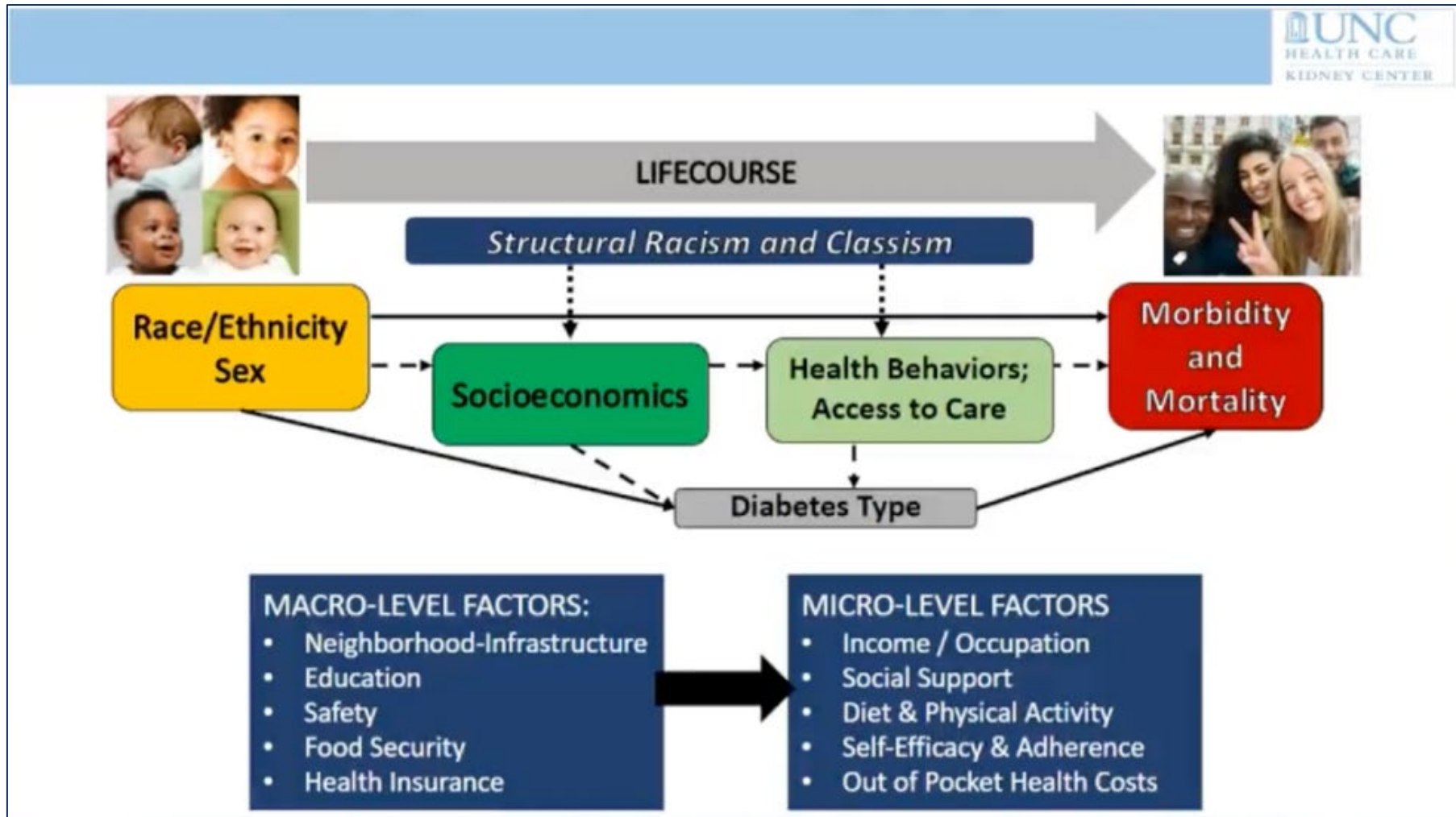
- **SEARCH for Diabetes in Youth Cohort Study**
  - » Longitudinal, observational study from 2002-2020
  - » Youth onset type 1 and type 2 diabetes
  - » Recruited from multicenter SEARCH registry – low bias
  - » Study visits every 5 years (2-3 visits per participant)
- **TODAY 2 Study**
  - » Ongoing, longitudinal, observational study of clinical trial participants (2004-2009)
  - » Youth onset type 2 diabetes
  - » Study visits every year



## T2D vs T1D

- More hypertensive (11.5-21.6% vs 10.1%)
- More albuminuric (28-55% vs 11%)
- More progression of albuminuria (15.4% vs 6.0%)
- Incident cases of ESRD: 5/10'000 person-years







## Conclusions

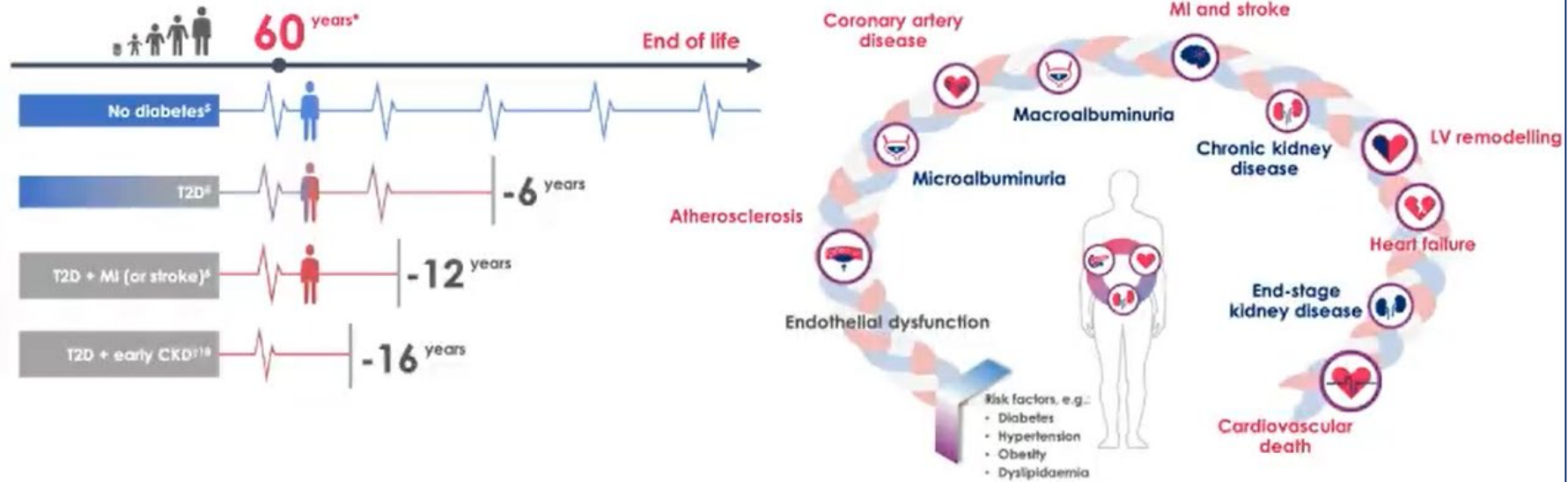
**Incident/prevalent rates of youth onset type 1 and type 2 diabetes is rising between 2-5% per year**

**Albuminuria is common in youth onset diabetes during adolescence and young adulthood**

**Major risk factors for DKD include minority race/ethnicity, youth onset type 2 diabetes and poor access to care**

**Hope for a better future necessitates rectifying the inequities in basic human needs, particularly access to primary & subspecialty care and technologic and pharmacologic interventions**

## Reduced life expectancy in chronic kidney disease



## Screening for CKD in people living with diabetes

### Who and when to screen?

**T1D** Yearly starting 5 years after diagnosis

**T2D** Yearly starting at diagnosis

### How to screen?



Spot urine albumin–creatinine ratio (ACR)

and



Estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)

### What to do with a positive result?



#### Repeat and confirm:

- Evaluate possible temporary or spurious causes
- Consider using cystatin C and creatinine to more precisely estimate GFR
- Only persistent abnormalities define CKD



Initiate evidence-based treatments

### What defines CKD diagnosis?



Persistent urine ACR  $\geq 30$  mg/g = **3 mg/mol**



Persistent eGFR  $< 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>



Other evidence of kidney damage

→ Only 50% are tested within 1 year for UACR and eGFR

Stempniewicz N et al., Diabetes Care, 2021

## Choice of Kidney Endpoints in DKD Trials—Hard Clinical Outcomes or Validated Surrogates?

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## Evolution of Kidney Outcomes for Trials

- Traditional Clinical Endpoint: Doubling of Serum Creatinine or ESKD (transplant, initiation of RRT, eGFR <15) +/- renal death
- 2012 NKF/FDA workshop: 30-40% decline in eGFR for drug approval
- 2018 NKF/FDA/EMA workshop: Discussion around eGFR slope and change in albuminuria in select situations
- Future: Combinations of surrogates; Other injury biomarkers



## Recent renal outcome trials

CREDENCE  
canagliflozin  
*NEJM 2019*

- Doubling of serum creatinine
- ESRD, transplantation, sustained eGFR<15ml/min
- Death from renal or CV causes

DAPA-CKD  
dapagliflozin  
*NEJM 2020*

- Sustained > 50% eGFR decline
- ESKD
- Renal or CV death

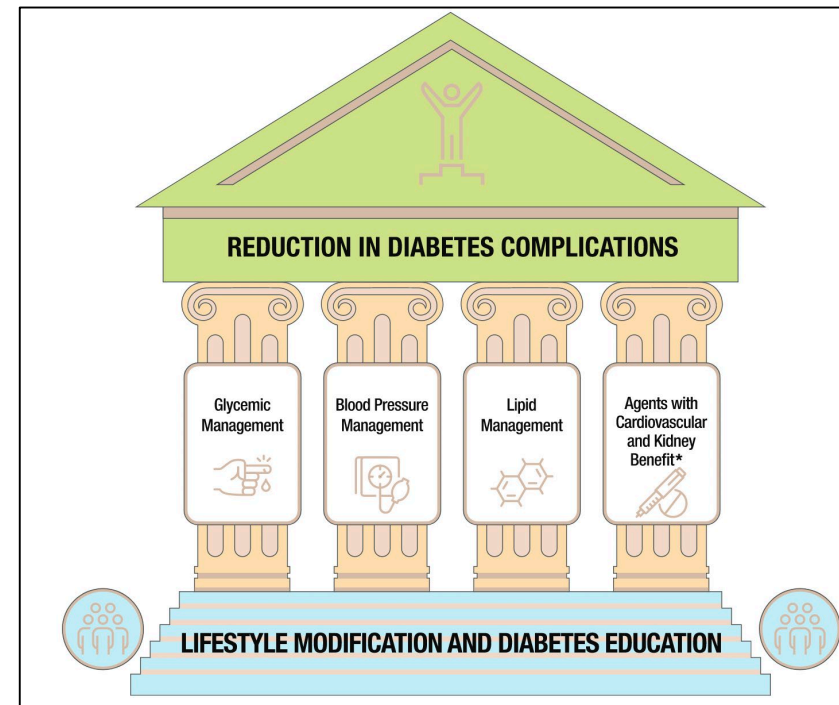
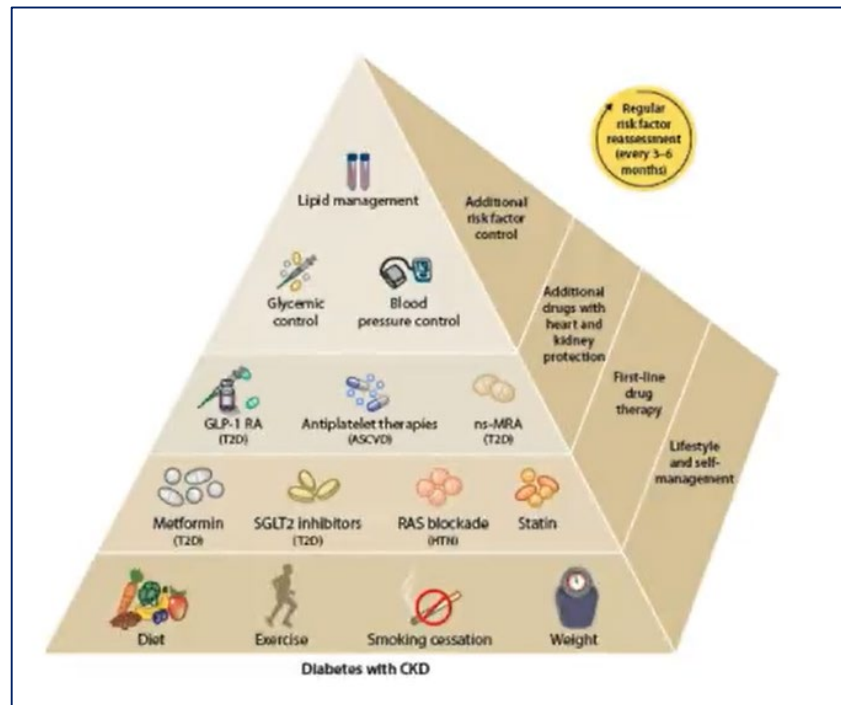
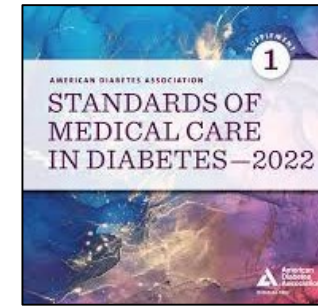
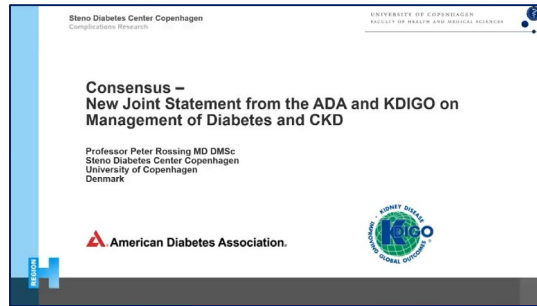
FIDELIO  
finerenone  
*NEJM 2020*

- Sustained > 40% eGFR decline for at least 4w.
- ESKD
- Renal death

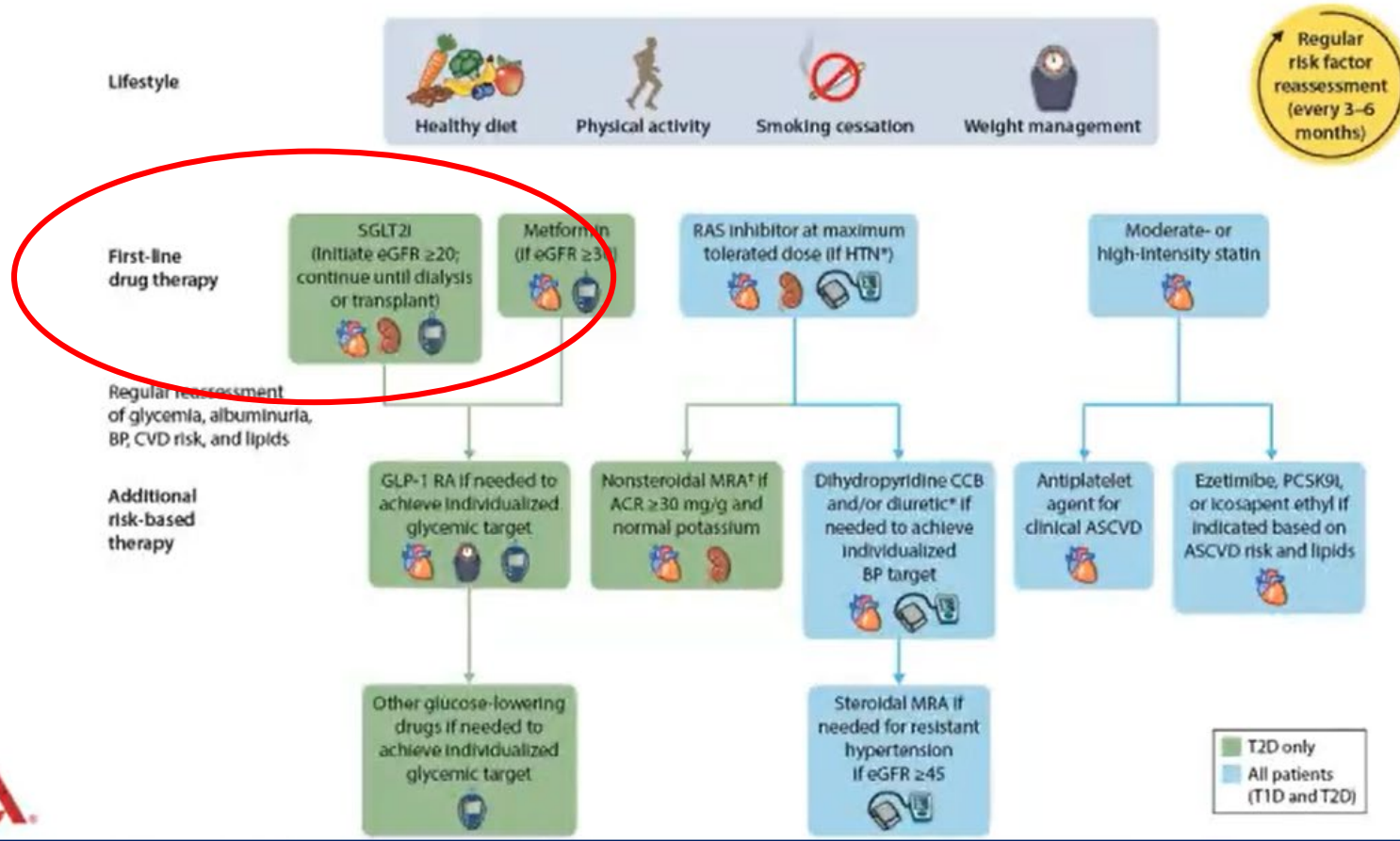
FLOW  
semaglutide

- Persistent eGFR decline of  $\geq 50\%$
- ESKD
- Death from renal or CV causes





### Holistic approach for improving outcomes in patients with diabetes and CKD





## Rationale for new SGLT2i eGFR initiation threshold of $\geq 20$ mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

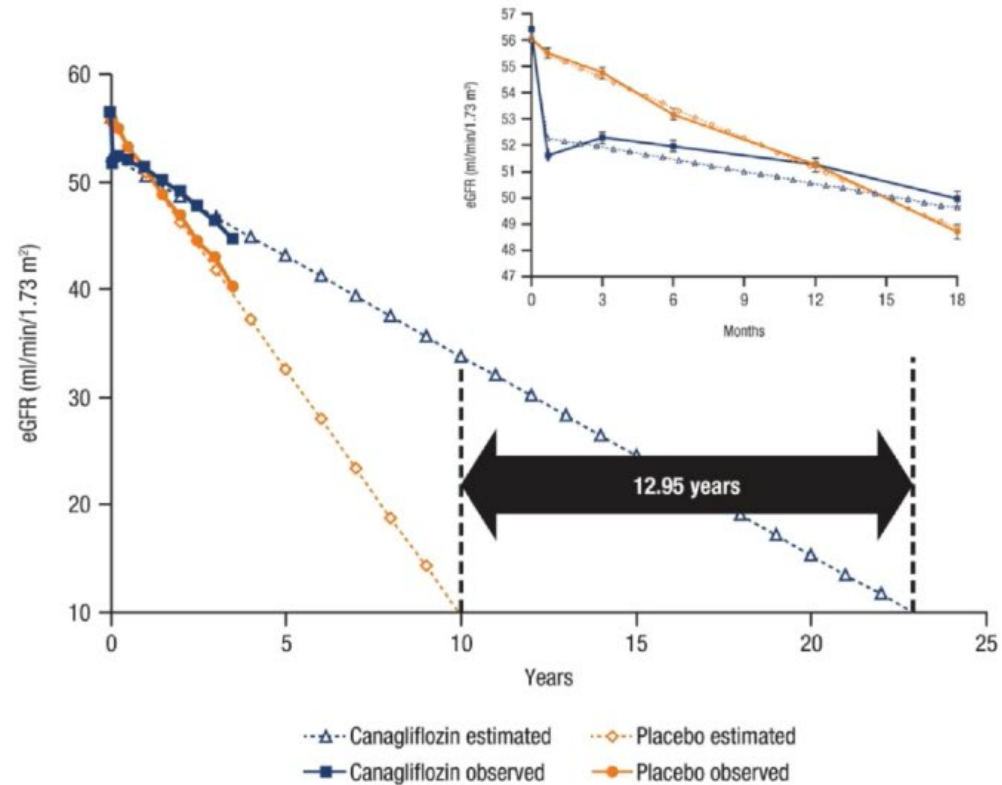
- Benefits & risks of SGLT2i generally similar across all included eGFR groups (other than HbA1c lowering)
- EMPEROR trials included participants with eGFR  $\geq 20$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (and HF)
- DAPA-CKD included participants with eGFR  $\geq 25$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (and albuminuria  $\geq 200$  mg/g)
- Subgroup analyses of CREDENCE & DAPA-CKD participants with eGFR  $< 30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- CREDENCE, DAPA-CKD, and other trial protocols included on-trial continuation of drug below initiation threshold

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

## Linear Projection of Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate Decline with Canagliflozin and Implications for Dialysis Utilization and Cost in Diabetic Nephropathy

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**Fig. 1** Estimated eGFR values used to project the delay in time to dialysis (eGFR of 10 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) by treatment in the CREDENCE trial (overlaid with observed data). eGFR estimated glomerular filtration rate

- Future:
  - Safety in renal transplant patients?
  - Effect in advanced CKD?
- The RENAL LIFECYCLE Trial: **RCT dapagliflozin in severe CKD**

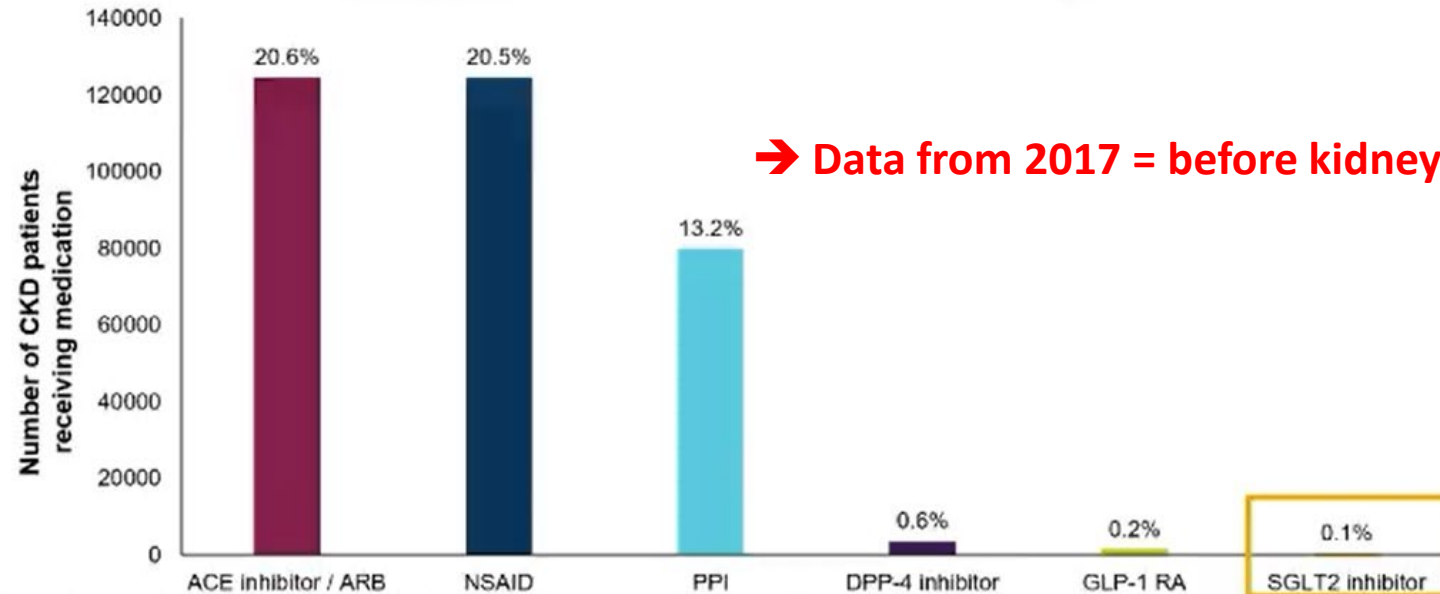
*Inclusion Criteria:*

- Patients with advanced CKD i.e. an **eGFR <25** mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
- **Dialysis** patients with a residual diuresis >500 mL/24h (at least 3 months after start of dialysis)
- **Transplant** patients with an eGFR ≤45 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> (at least 6 months after transplantation)

## The uptake of SGLT2 inhibitors in CKD is lower compared with other glycemic and nonglycemic agents

- The CURE-CKD registry investigated prescription patterns of 606,064 adult US CKD patients

Prevalence of prescription medication use in CKD patients<sup>1,a</sup>



→ Data from 2017 = before kidney trials !

<sup>a</sup>CKD was defined as: eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, UACR >30 mg/g, UPCR >150 mg/g, or an ICD-9 or ICD-10 diagnosis code  
ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; CKD, chronic kidney disease; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; ICD, International Classification of Diseases; NSAID, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug; PPI, proton pump inhibitor; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2; UACR, urine albumin:creatinine ratio; UPCR, urine protein:creatinine ratio  
1. Tuttle KR, et al. *JAMA Netw Open* 2019;2:e1918169;

CHUV: Diabetic patients with CKD (eGFR<60 or ACR>30mg/mmol)

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### Outpatient diabetes clinic

n=596

Age: 62.5

eGFR: 60.2ml/min

ACR: 41.5mg/mmol

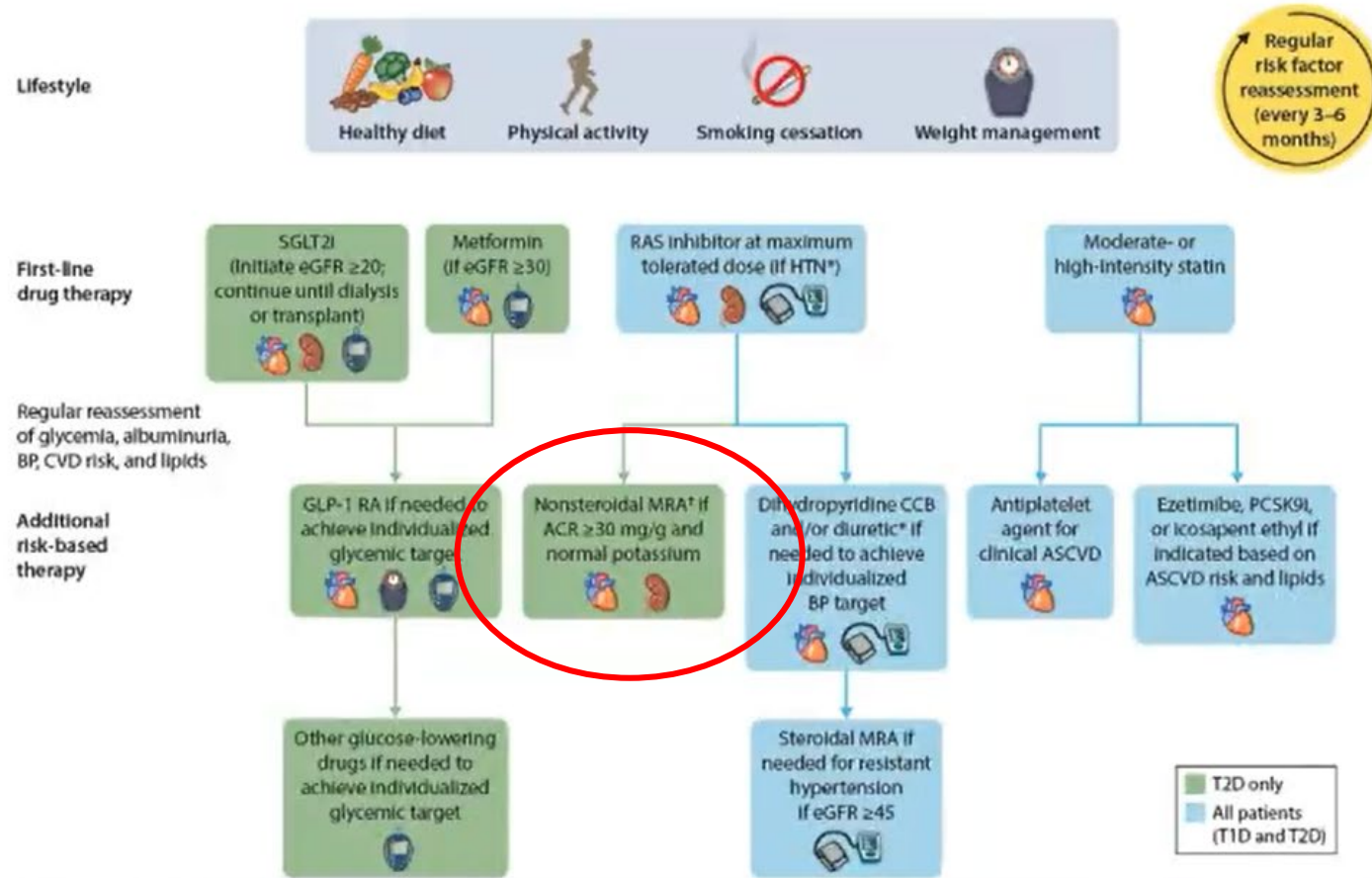
BMI: 29.4kg/m<sup>2</sup>

HbA1C: 7.8%

SGLT2i: 28% (30% if eGFR<30 excluded)

GLP1Ra: 43%

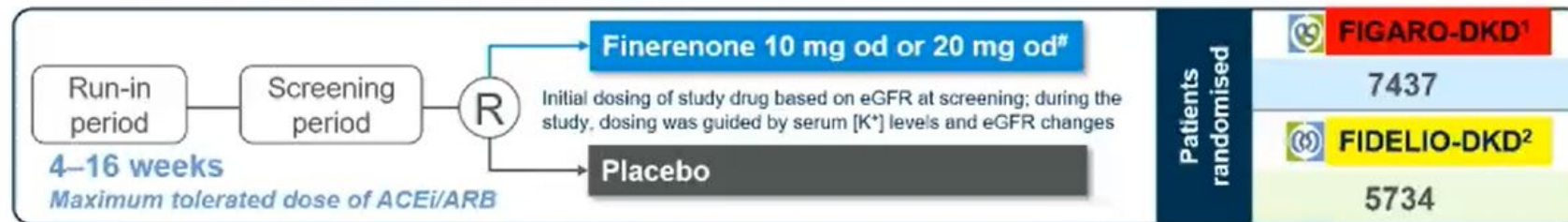
### Holistic approach for improving outcomes in patients with diabetes and CKD



- Finerenone a non steroidal MRA in DKD
  - FIDELIO *Bakris et al. NEJM 2020*
  - FIGARO *Pitt et al. NEJM 2021*
  - FIDELITY (FIDELIO + FIGARO) *Agarwal et al. European Heart Journal 2022*
  
- SGLT2i vs MRA in DKD ?



## FIGARO-DKD and FIDELIO-DKD investigated the effects of finerenone on kidney and CV outcomes in over 13,000 patients with CKD and T2D<sup>1,2</sup>



	<b>FIGARO-DKD<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FIDELIO-DKD<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>FIDELITY<sup>3</sup></b> Pooled analysis
<b>Clinical efficacy primary endpoint</b>	<b>Composite endpoint:</b> Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, or hospitalisation for HF	<b>Composite endpoint:</b> Time to kidney failure,* sustained $\geq 40\%$ eGFR decline, or renal death	<b>Key outcomes</b> <b>CV composite:</b> Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, or hospitalisation for HF
<b>Key secondary endpoint</b>	Same as primary endpoint in <b>FIDELIO-DKD</b>	Same as primary endpoint in <b>FIGARO-DKD</b>	<b>57% kidney composite:</b> Time to kidney failure,* sustained $\geq 57\%$ eGFR decline, or renal death

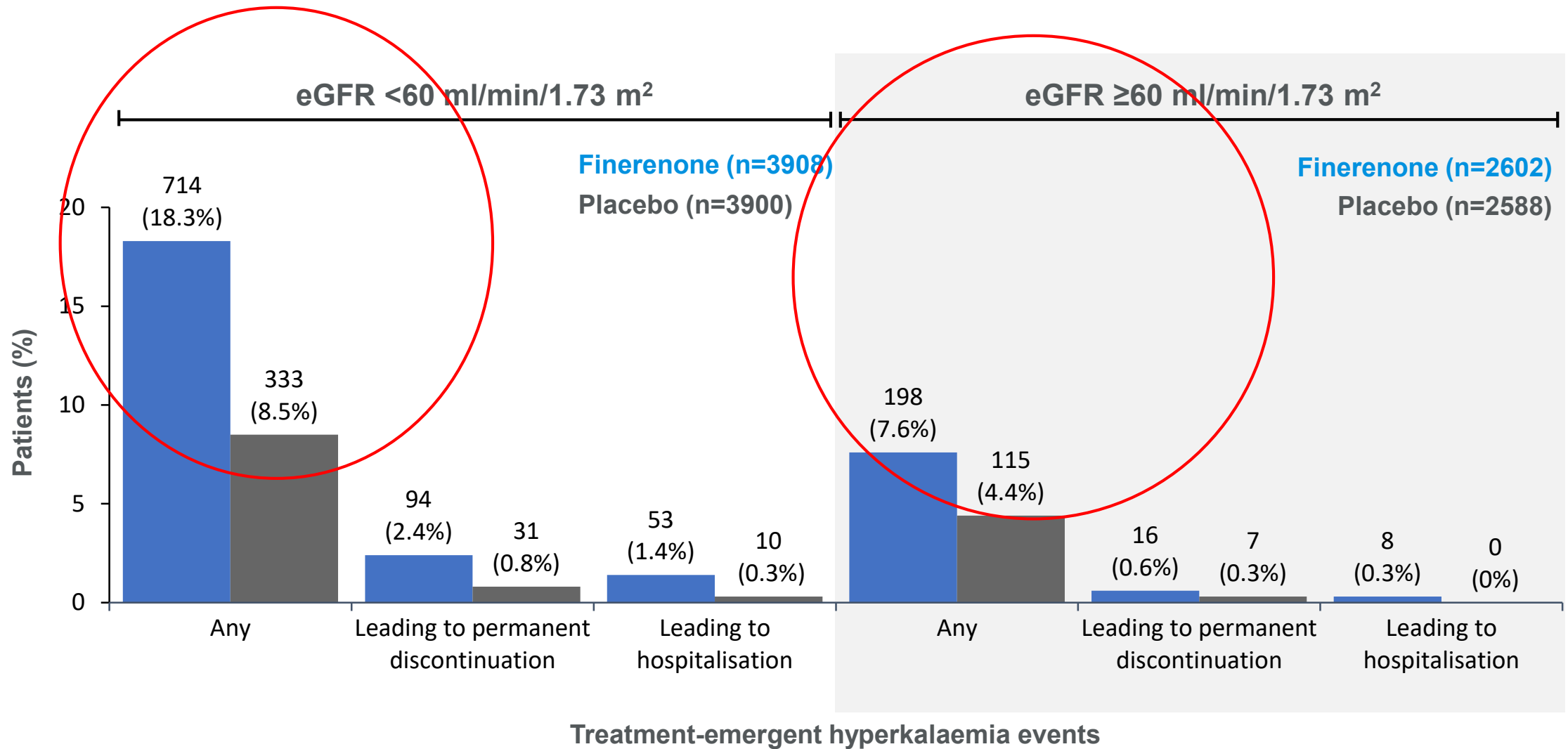
\*Kidney failure defined as initiation of chronic dialysis for  $\geq 90$  days or kidney transplantation or sustained eGFR  $<15$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; <sup>#</sup>patients received an initial dose of finerenone of 10 mg od or 20 mg od based on an eGFR at the screening visit of 25– $<60$  or  $\geq 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, respectively.<sup>1,2</sup> 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.<sup>1,2</sup>

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HF, heart failure; MI, myocardial infarction; od, once daily; T2D, type 2 diabetes

1. Rulope LM, et al. *Am J Nephrol* 2019;50:345–356; 2. Bakris GL, et al. *Am J Nephrol* 2019;50:333–344; 3. Filippatos G. Abstract 7161 presented at the European Society of Cardiology 2021 (ESC 2021)

Outcome	Finerenone (n = 6519)		Placebo (n = 6507)		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P-value <sup>a</sup>
	Number of patients with event (%)	Number of patients with event per 100 patient-years	Number of patients with event (%)	Number of patients with event per 100 patient-years		
<b>Composite cardiovascular outcome<sup>b</sup></b>	825 (12.7)	4.34	939 (14.4)	5.01	0.86 (0.78–0.95)	0.0018
Death from cardiovascular causes	322 (4.9)	1.61	364 (5.6)	1.84	0.88 (0.76–1.02)	0.092
Non-fatal myocardial infarction	173 (2.7)	0.88	189 (2.9)	0.97	0.91 (0.74–1.12)	0.36
Non-fatal stroke	198 (3.0)	1.01	198 (3.0)	1.02	0.99 (0.82–1.21)	0.95
Hospitalization for heart failure	256 (3.9)	1.31	325 (5.0)	1.68	0.78 (0.66–0.92)	0.0030
<b>eGFR <math>\geq</math>57% composite kidney outcome<sup>c</sup></b>	360 (5.5)	1.96	465 (7.1)	2.55	0.77 (0.67–0.88)	0.0002
Kidney failure	254 (3.9)	1.38	297 (4.6)	1.62	0.84 (0.71–0.99)	0.039
End-stage kidney disease <sup>d</sup>	151 (2.3)	0.76	188 (2.9)	0.96	0.80 (0.64–0.99)	0.040 <sup>e</sup>
Sustained decrease in eGFR to $<$ 15 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	195 (3.0)	1.06	237 (3.6)	1.29	0.81 (0.67–0.98)	0.026 <sup>e</sup>
Sustained $\geq$ 57% decrease in eGFR from baseline	257 (3.9)	1.40	361 (5.5)	4.03	0.70 (0.60–0.83)	$<$ 0.0001
Renal death	2 ( $<$ 0.1)	0.01	4 ( $<$ 0.1)	0.02	0.53 (0.10–2.91)	0.46 <sup>e</sup>
<b>eGFR <math>\geq</math>40% composite kidney outcome<sup>f</sup></b>	854 (13.1)	4.81	995 (15.3)	5.64	0.85 (0.77–0.93)	0.0004
Sustained $\geq$ 40% decrease in eGFR from baseline	817 (12.5)	4.60	962 (14.8)	5.45	0.84 (0.76–0.92)	0.0002
<b>Death from any cause</b>	552 (8.5)	2.76	614 (9.4)	3.10	0.89 (0.79– $>$ 1.00 <sup>g</sup> )	0.051 <sup>e</sup>
<b>Hospitalization for any cause</b>	2836 (43.5)	19.04	2926 (45.0)	19.91	0.96 (0.91–1.01)	0.087 <sup>e</sup>

Agarwal et al. European Heart Journal 2022



Bakris G, et al. ASN 2021; Poster PO2531



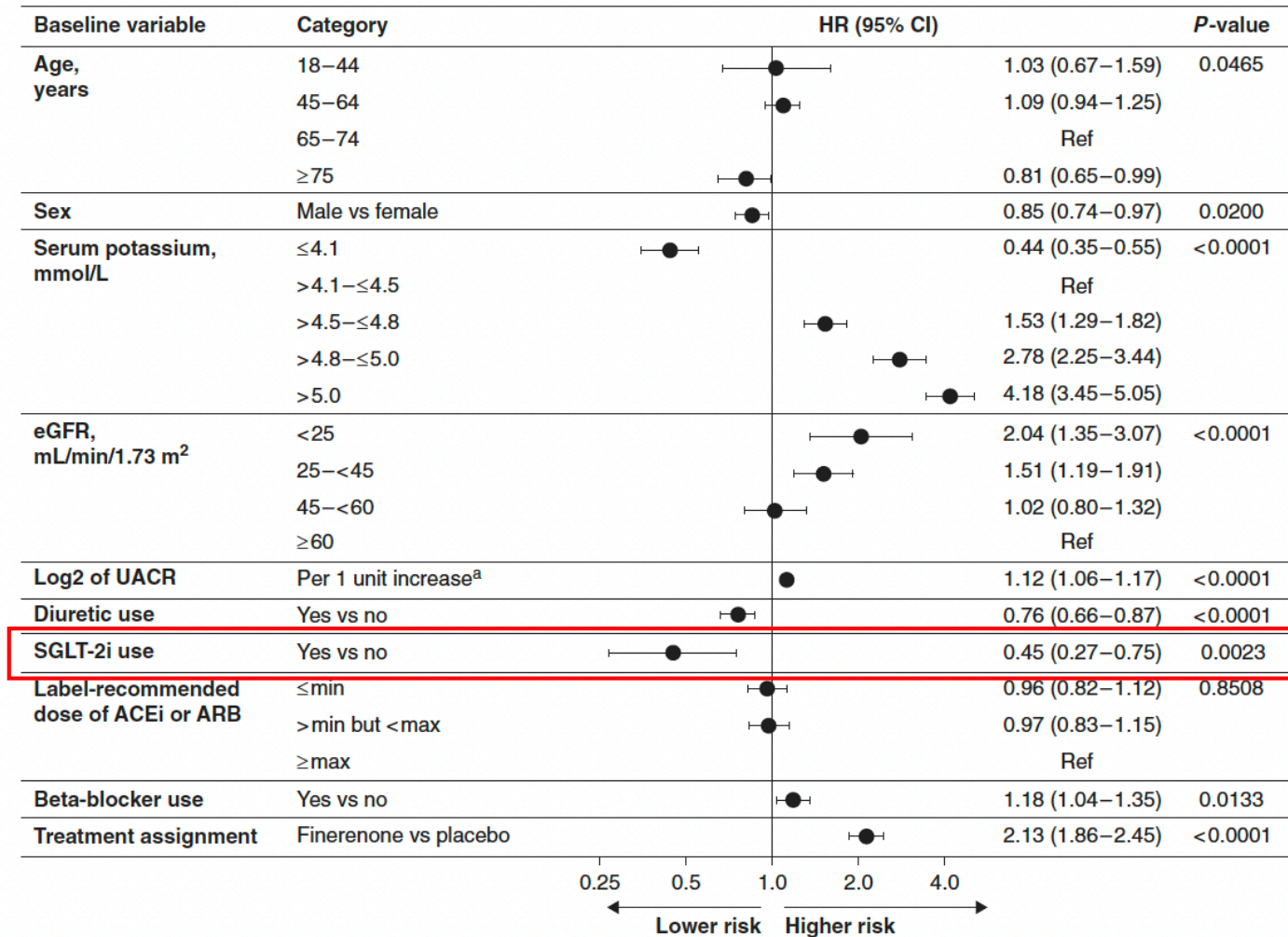
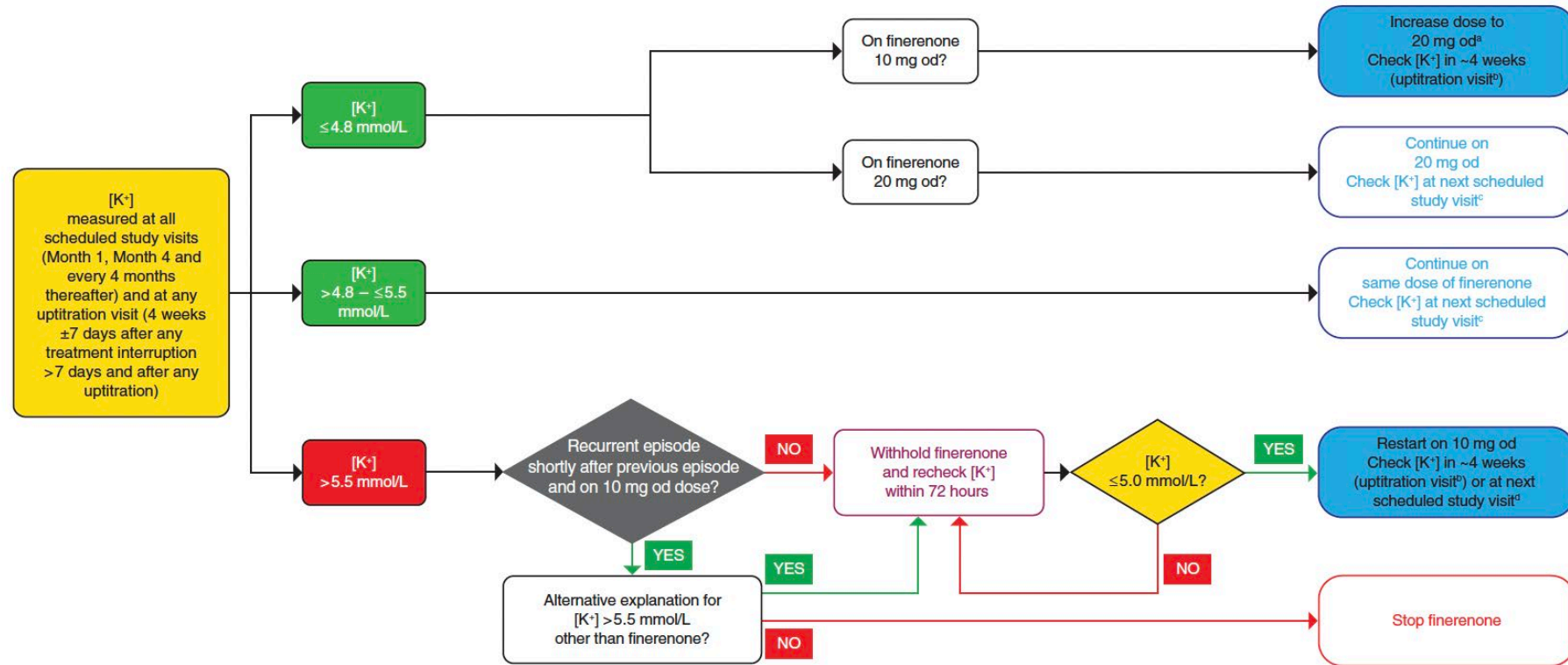


Figure 3. Multivariate analysis of time to any serum  $[K^+] > 5.5$  mmol/L. <sup>a</sup>UACR is modeled as a continuous variable; 1 unit change in log<sub>2</sub> UACR denotes doubling of UACR. 95% CI, 95% confidence interval; Ref, reference category.



**Figure 1. Potassium management algorithm in FIDELIO-DKD.** <sup>a</sup>If eGFR is stable (i.e.,  $\leq 30\%$  decrease since last available measurement). <sup>b</sup>Uptitration visits were performed at 4 weeks  $\pm 7$  days after any treatment interruption  $> 7$  days and after any uptitration. <sup>c</sup>Regular study visits were scheduled at month 1, month 4, and every 4 months thereafter. <sup>d</sup>If treatment interruption  $\leq 7$  days.

- **Finerenone is a potent highly selective non steroidal MRA**
  - Finerenone reduces significantly kidney and CV outcomes in patients with stage A2-A3 DKD
  - <1% sexual adverse events
  - Possible increase in potassium levels needs careful monitoring
  - Do not introduce if serum potassium >5mmol/l or eGFR < 25ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>
- **2022 ADA recommendations:**
  - Finerenone is recommended to reduce CKD progression and CV events (evidence A)
- **2022 KDIGO recommendations (under review)**
  - Nonsteroidal MRAs are most appropriate for patients with T2D who are at high risks of CKD progression and cardiovascular events, as demonstrated by persistent albuminuria despite other standard of care therapies.

## **Effects of Tirzepatide versus Insulin Glargine 100 U/mL on Kidney Outcomes in Participants with Type 2 Diabetes in SURPASS-4**

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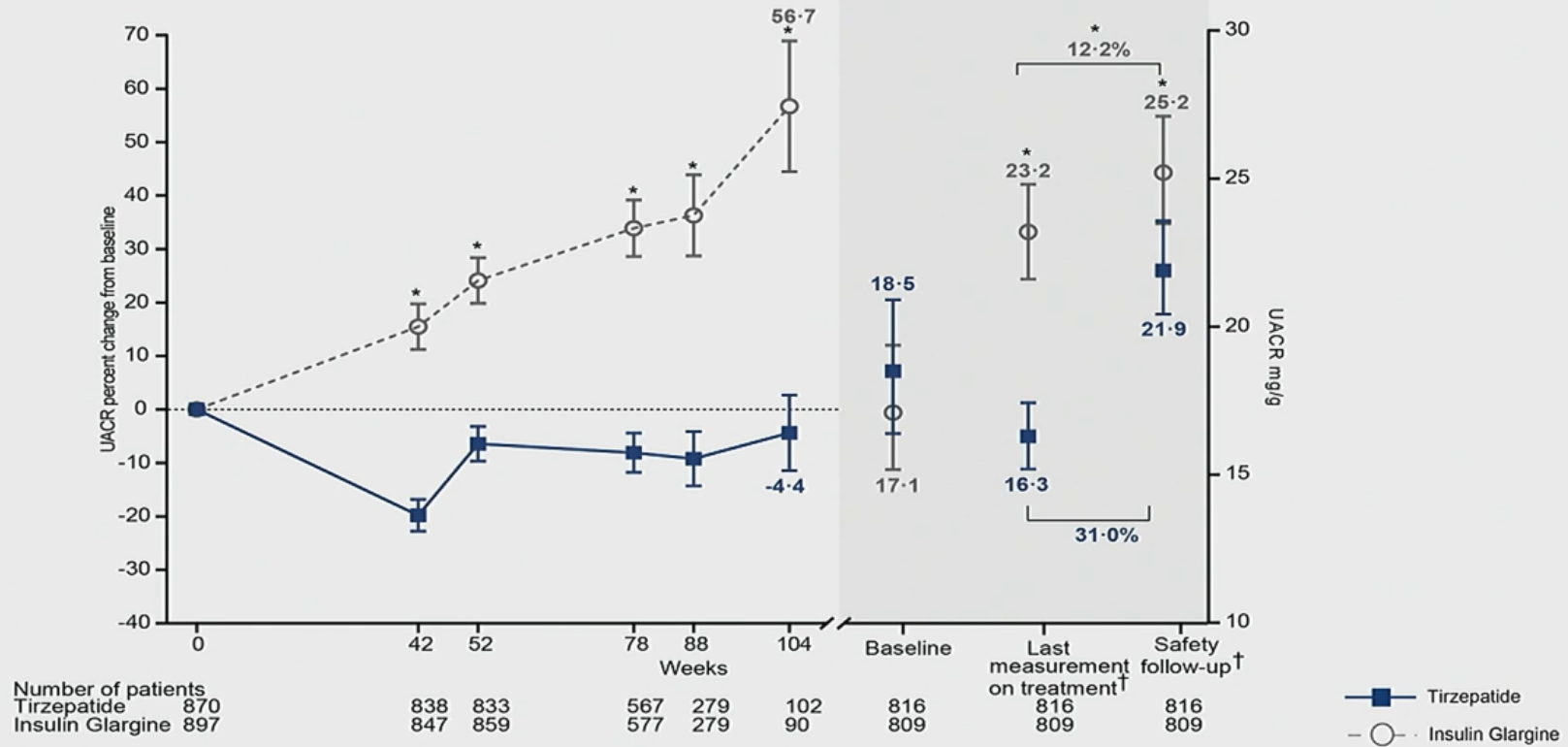


## Baseline Characteristics

	Tirzepatide (N=995)	Insulin glargine (N=1000)
Age, years	63.4 (8.6)	63.8 (8.5)
Sex – male	610 (61%)	636 (64%)
Race – White	804 (81%)	825 (83%)
Duration of diabetes, years	11.5 (7.4)	12.0 (7.7)
HbA1c, %	8.54 (0.9)	8.50 (0.9)
Weight, kg	90.3 (18.3)	90.2 (19.0)
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	32.6 (5.5)	32.5 (5.6)
eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	81.1 (21)	81.5 (21)
eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	176 (18%)	166 (17%)
UACR, mg/g	16.8 (5.3, 62.0)	13.0 (5.0, 54.0)
No albuminuria (UACR <30 mg/g)	621 (63%)	630 (64%)
Microalbuminuria (UACR 30-300 mg/g)	276 (28%)	270 (28%)
Macroalbuminuria (UACR >300 mg/g)	82 (8%)	79 (8%)
SGLT-2i use, yes	245 (25%)	256 (26%)
ACE inhibitor or ARB use, yes	804 (81%)	811 (81%)

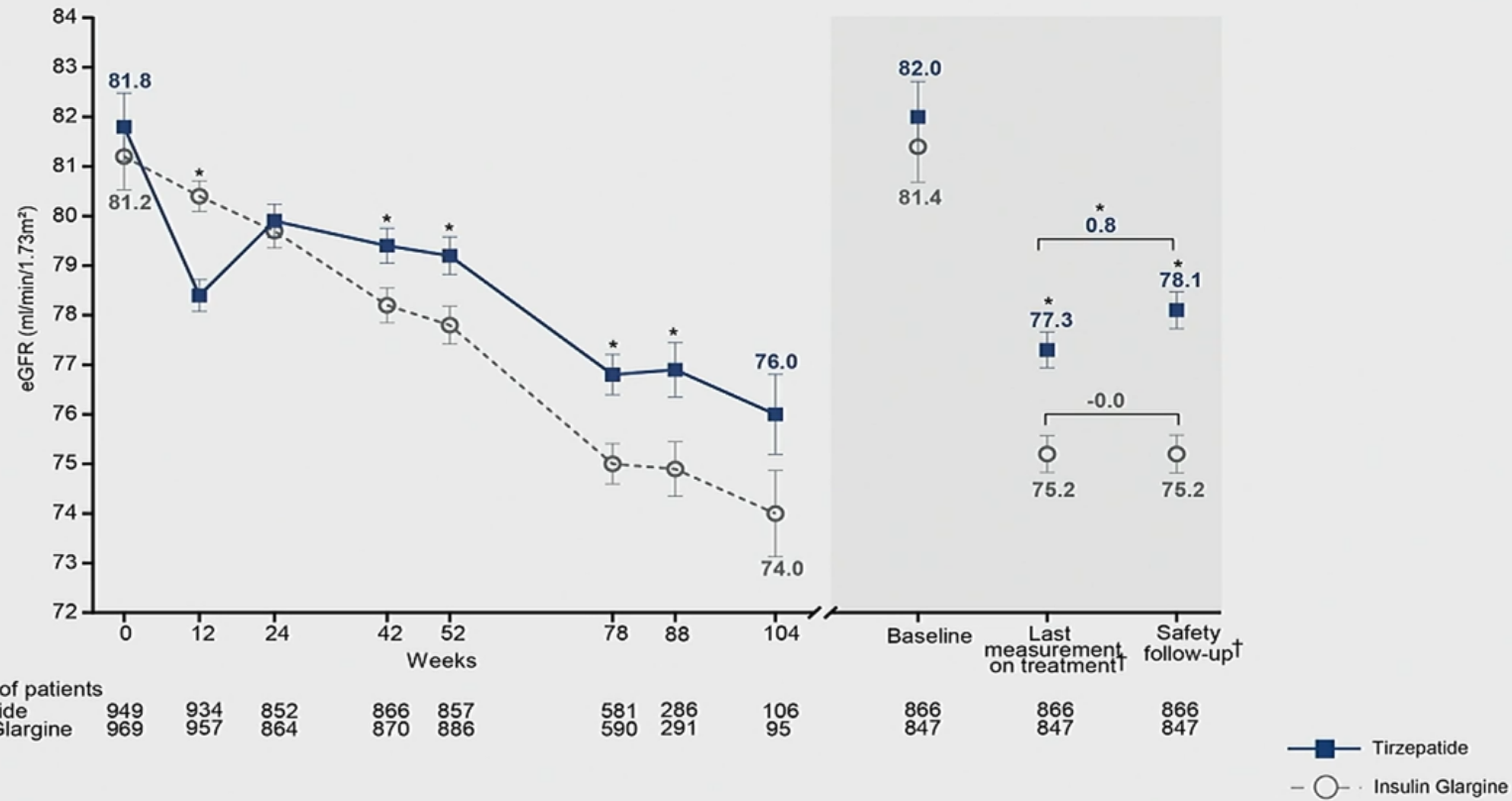
Data are presented as mean (SD) or N (%). UACR is presented as median (25<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> percentile)

### Change in Albuminuria in All Patients



LSMean (SE) percent change from baseline in log-transformed UACR over time and adjusted geometric mean (95% CI) UACR at baseline, last measurement during treatment and safety follow-up. Adjusted geometric mean UACR calculated from analysis of covariance model. †The time from baseline to last measurement on treatment was median (IQR) 79 (69-88) weeks. The safety follow-up visit occurred 30 days after last measurement during treatment. \*p<0.05 versus insulin glargine for between-group differences and between-group change from last measurement during treatment to safety follow-up.

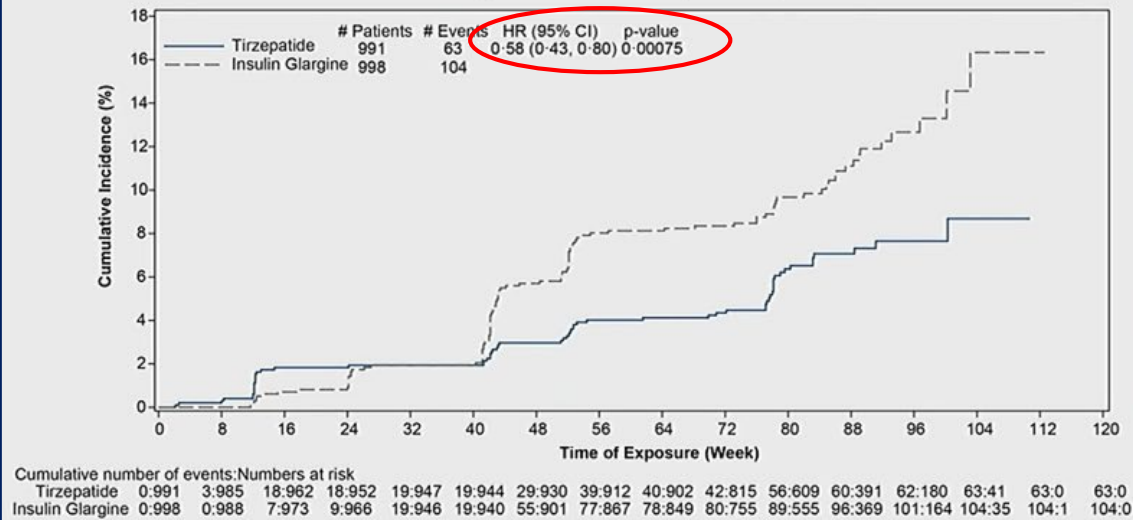
### Change in eGFR in all Patients



LSMean (SE) eGFR (creatinine CKD-EPI) over time and adjusted LSMean (SE) at baseline, last measurement during treatment and safety follow-up. Adjusted mean eGFR calculated from analysis of covariance model. †The time from baseline to last measurement on treatment was median (IQR) 79 (69-88) weeks. The safety follow-up visit occurred 30 days after last measurement during treatment. \*p<0.05 versus insulin glargine for between-group differences and between-group change from last measurement during treatment to safety follow-up.

## Tirzepatide Reduces the Risk of the Composite Kidney Endpoint (Macroalbuminuria, 40% eGFR Decline, ESKD, Renal Death)

Incidence composite kidney endpoint



Component	Treatment	N (%)	HR (95% CI)
eGFR decline $\geq$ 40% from baseline	TZP	38 (3.8%)	0.87 (0.56, 1.33)
	iGLAR	45 (4.5%)	
Renal death	TZP	0	-
	iGLAR	0	
Progression to ESKD	TZP	0	-
	iGLAR	5 (0.5%)	
New onset macroalbuminuria <sup>a</sup>	TZP	25 (2.5%)	0.41 (0.26, 0.66) *
	iGLAR	61 (6.1%)	

Cumulative incidence of time to renal composite endpoint 1. HR, CI, and p-value are derived from a Cox proportional-hazards model with treatment (tirzepatide vs. insulin glargine) as a fixed effect.

HR estimate with CI is not calculated when either the TZP or iGLAR arm has no event. <sup>a</sup>UACR  $\geq$ 30 mg/g. \*P<.05 versus iGLAR.

## FLOW: renal outcomes trial with semaglutide

- TRIAL DESIGN

**3,120 participants with T2D**

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> ≤10%
- RAAS blocker
- eGFR ≤75 and ≥50\* and UACR >300 mg/g OR eGFR <50 and ≥25\* and UACR >100 mg/g

Randomisation (1:1)

**Semaglutide 1.0 mg**

**Placebo 1.0 mg**

**Trial rationale**

- To assess the effect of semaglutide vs placebo on the progression of renal impairment in subjects with T2D and CKD

Dose  
escalation  
8 weeks

3–5 years (845 events)

Event driven

Follow-up  
5 weeks

**Primary endpoint**

- Composite of selected renal endpoints; renal death; CV death

**Secondary confirmatory endpoints**

- Change in eGFR (eGFR slope); MACE; all-cause mortality

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- Screening at least once per year
- Lifestyle = always mandatory
- SGLT2i = first line therapy, new cut-off eGFR > 20 ml/min
- Finerenone to consider
- Combination therapies

CKD stage	1-2	3a	3b	4	5
	eGFR>60ml/min/1.73m2	eGFR 45-60ml/min/1.73m2	eGFR 30-45ml/min/1.73m2	eGFR: 15-30ml/min/1.73m2	Hemodialysis
<b>Insulins</b>		decrease dose			
<b>Glinides</b>					
Novonorm® Repaglinide	0.5-12mg/d				
Starlix® Nateglinide	60-360mg/d		60mg/dose		
<b>DPP-IV inhibitors</b>					
Januvia® Sitagliptin	50-100mg/d		50mg/d	25mg/d	
Trajenta® Linagliptin	5mg/d				
Galvus® Vildagliptin	2 x 50mg/d		1 x 50mg/d		
Vipidia® Alogliptin	25mg/d		12.5mg/d	6.25mg/d	
Onglyza® Saxagliptin	5mg/d				
			2.5mg/d		
<b>GLP1R agonists</b>					
Byetta® Exenatide	10 µg 2x/j		5 µg 2x/j		
Bydureon® Exenatide	2mg/w				
Victoza® Liraglutide	0.6-1.8mg/d				
Lyxumia® Lixisenatide	10-20ug/d				
Trulicity® Dulaglutide	0.75-1.5mg/w				
Rybelsus® Semaglutide	3-14mg/j				
Ozempic® Semaglutide	0.25-1mg/w				
<b>Thiazolidinediones</b>					
Actos® Pioglitazone	15-45mg/d				
<b>Metformin</b>					
Glucophage® Metformin	500-2550mg/j	500-1500mg	500-1000mg/j do not initiate		
<b>SGLT2 inhibitors</b>					
Invokana® Canagliflozin	100-300mg	100mg	initiation only if ACR>30mg/mmol	OK until dialysis if ACR>30mg/mmol. Do not initiate	
Jardiance® Empagliflozin	10mg/j		if HFrEF	if HFrEF->20ml/min/1.73m2	
Forxiga® Dapagliflozin	5-10mg/j		if HFrEF or CKD	if CKD initiation->25ml/min/1.73m2 OK until dialysis	
Ertugliflozin® Steglatro	5mg/j				
<b>Sulfonylureas</b>					
Diamicon® Gliclazide	30-120mg/j				
Daonil® Glibenclamide	2.5-10mg/j				
Amaryl® Glimepiride	1-6mg/j				





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