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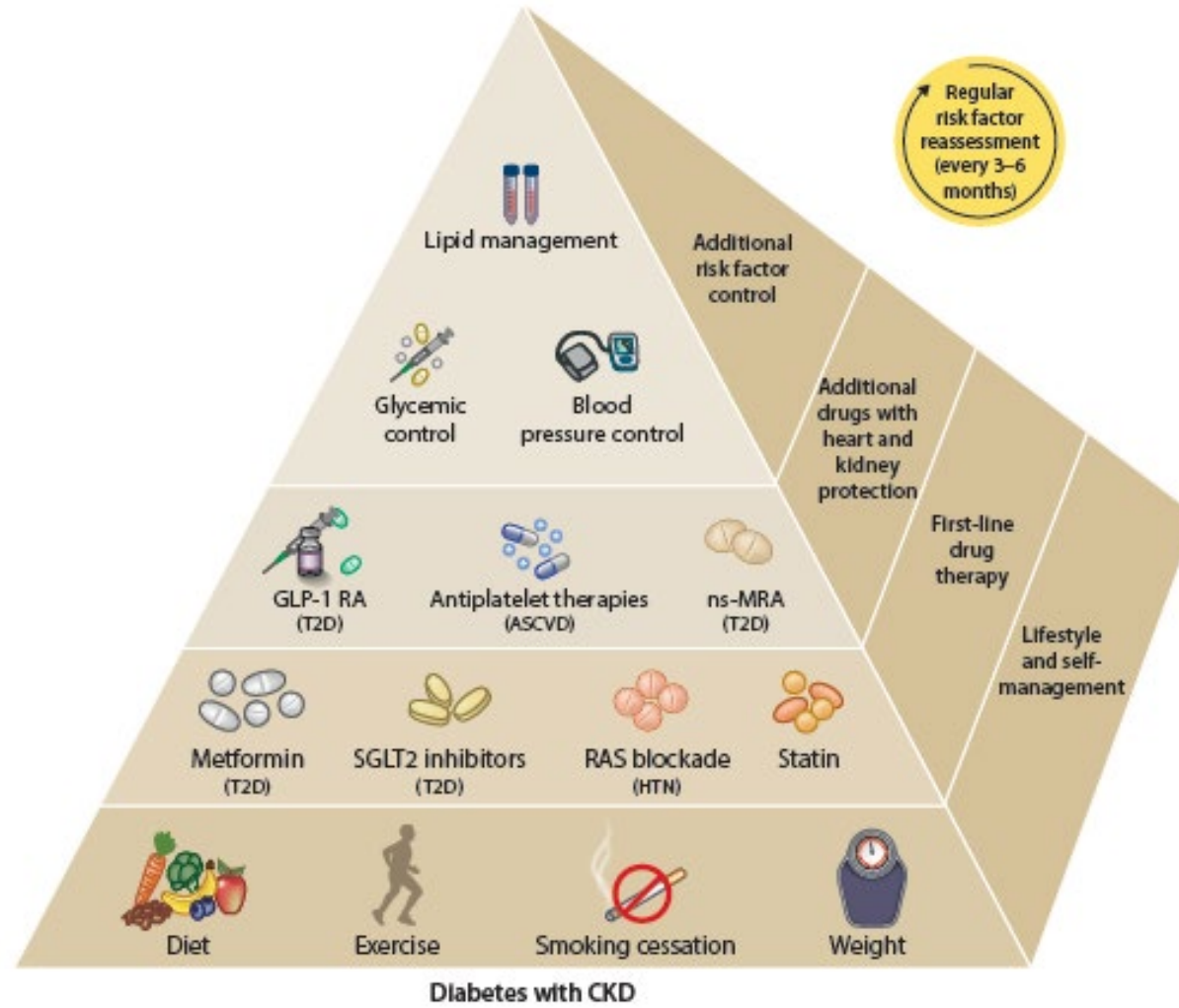
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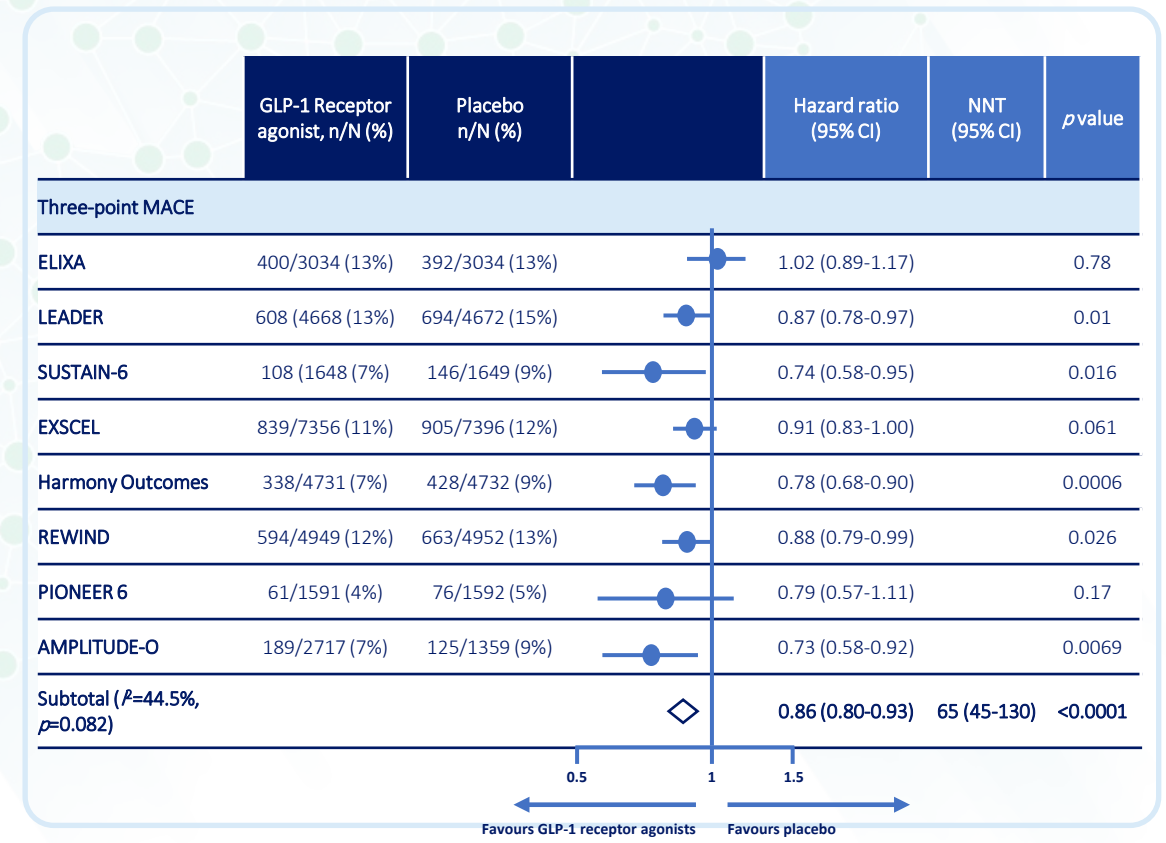
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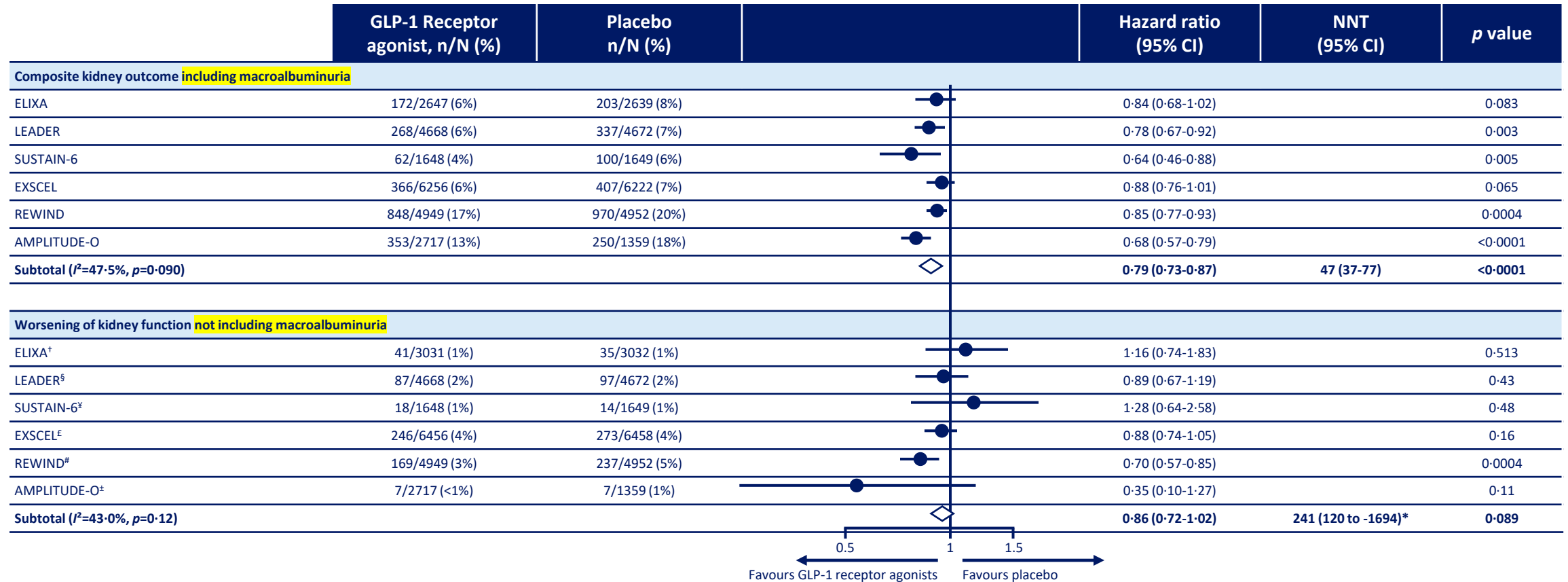
GLP-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES TRIALS IN TYPE 2 DIABETES

- Reduce risk of major adverse CVD events.
 - Atherosclerotic events
 - CVD death
 - **Decrease macroalbuminuria.**
- Reduce eGFR decline from early- to late-stage CKD.
- CVD and CKD benefits and safety have been demonstrated in patients with pre-existing CKD.



Renal outcomes from CVOTs

GLP-1 RAs show consistent renal benefit

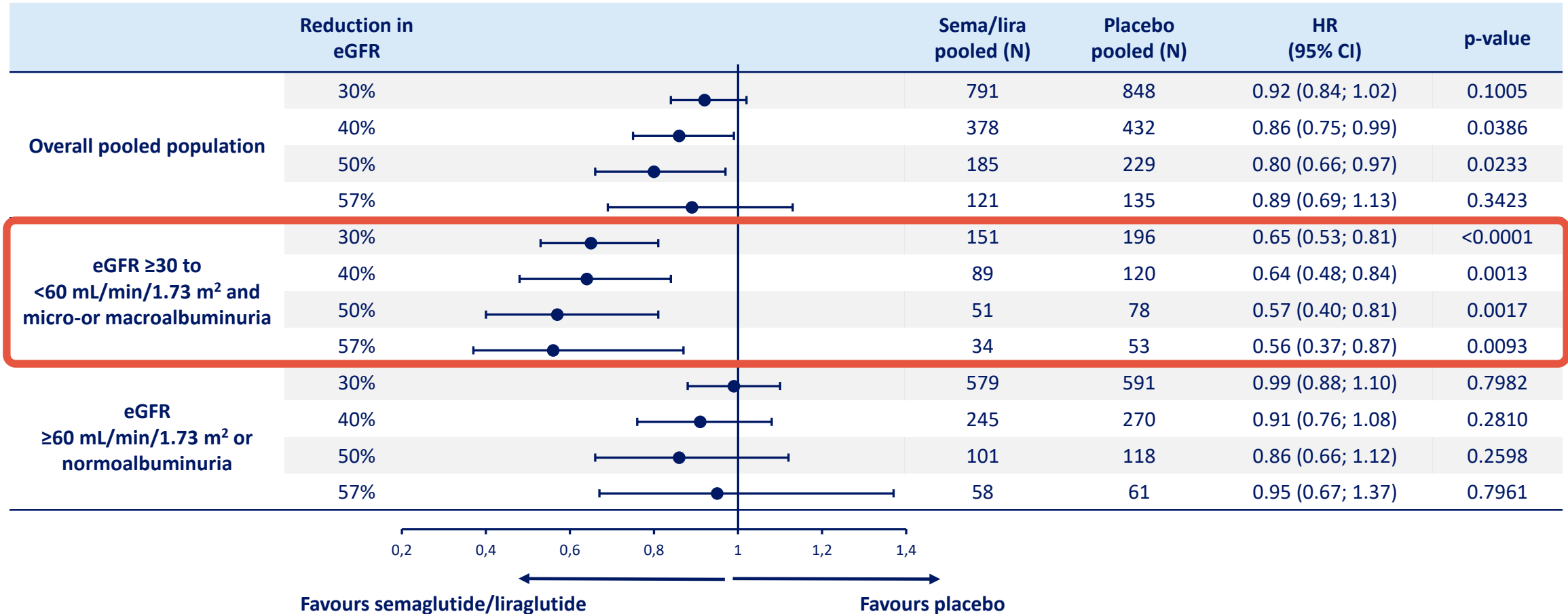


Weights are from random effect analysis. In addition to primary cardiovascular outcome results papers, data were extracted from additional sources. AMPLITUDE-O data were provided by the authors. Data on kidney outcomes were not available in Harmony outcomes and PIONEER 6. The composite kidney outcome consisted of development of macroalbuminuria, doubling of serum creatinine or at least 40% decline in eGFR, kidney replacement therapy, or death due to kidney disease; for ELIXA, data are for new-onset macroalbuminuria alone. NNTs were calculated over a weighted average median follow-up of 3.4 years; Worsening of kidney function outcome was defined as: [†]doubling of serum creatinine; [§]doubling of serum creatinine; [‡]doubling of serum creatinine and CrCl per MDRD <45 mL/min per 1.73m²; [£]the worsening of kidney function outcome included kidney replacement therapy, or death due to kidney disease; [#]≥40% worsening of eGFR; [‡]≥40% worsening of eGFR (≥30 days). Data on kidney outcomes were not available in Harmony outcomes and PIONEER 6.

CI, confidence interval; CVOTs, cardiovascular outcome trials; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; GLP-1 RAs, GLP-1 receptor agonists; NNT, number needed-to-treat Sattar N et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2021; S2213-8587(21)00203-5., doi:10.1016/S2213-8587(21)00203-5

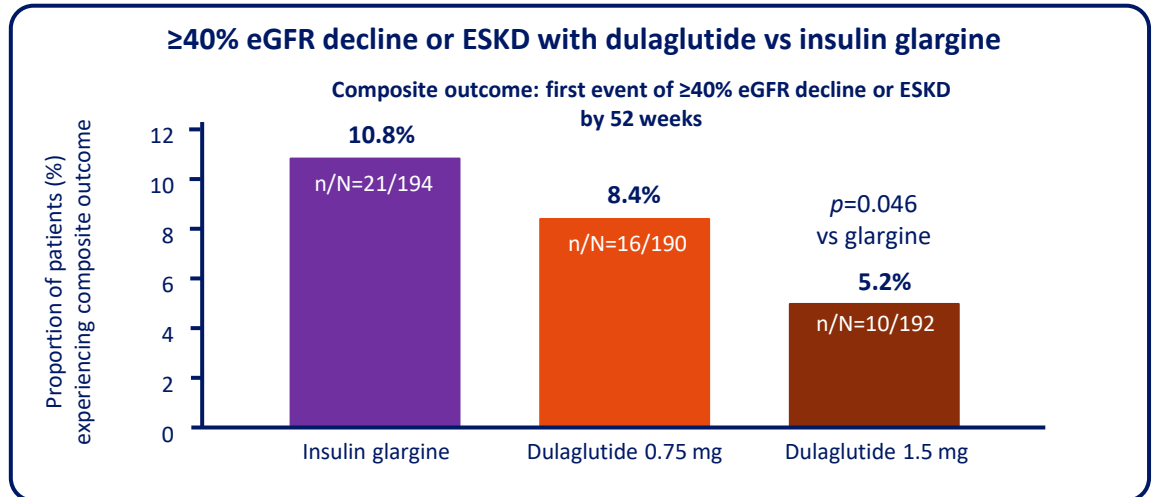
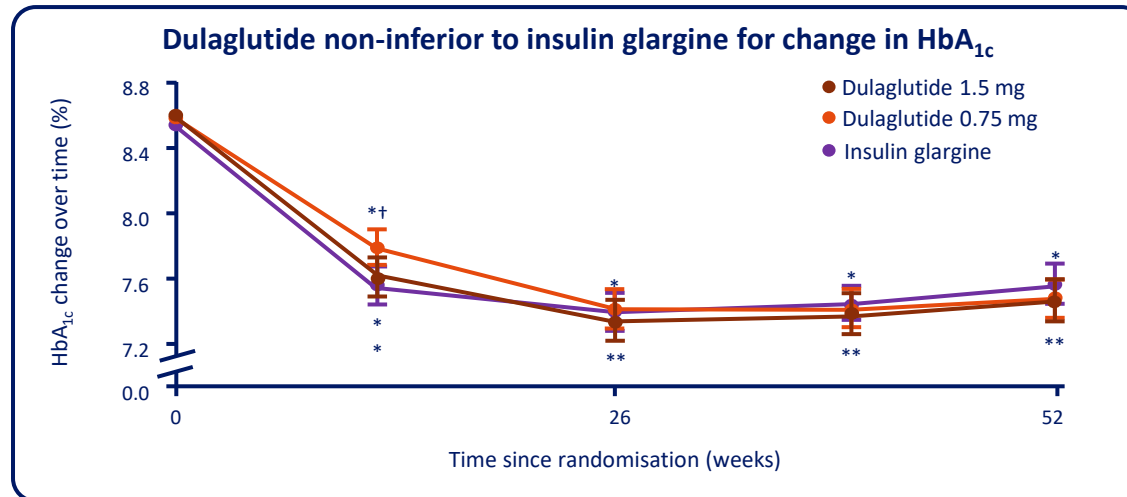
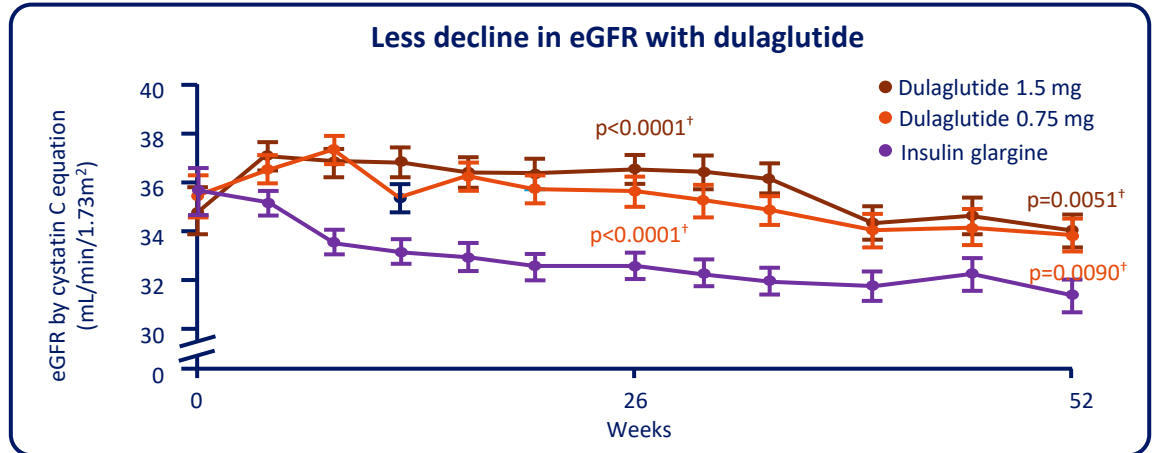
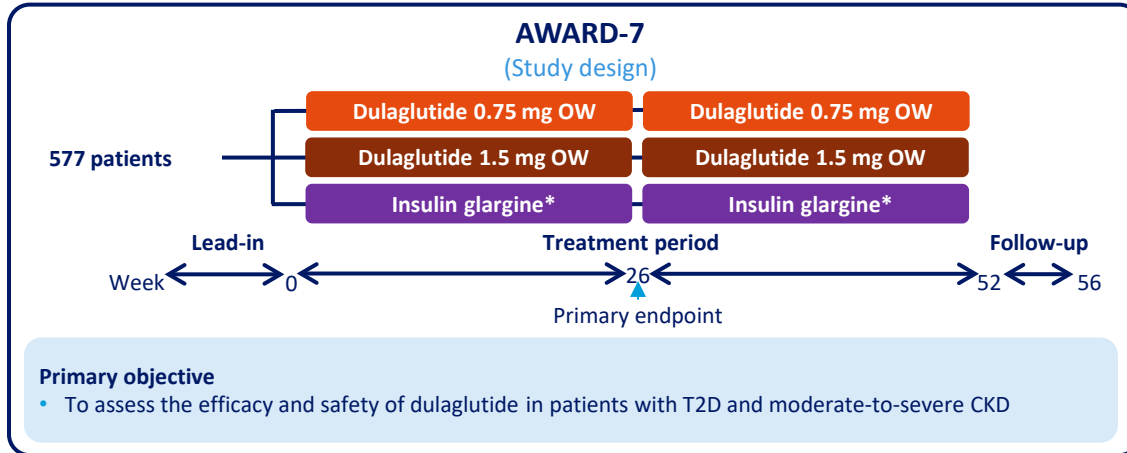
Time to categorical eGFR reduction

Post-hoc pooled analysis of LEADER AND SUSTAIN 6



CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HR, hazard ratio.
Shaman et al Circulation 2022

AWARD-7: Efficacy & safety of dulaglutide in DKD stage 3-4



*Subcutaneous injection to be given at bedtime per sliding scale; †eGFR ≥15 to <60 mL/min/1.73m²; †Versus insulin glargine
 BMI, body mass index; CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; HbA_{1c}, glycosylated hemoglobin; OW, once weekly
 Tuttle KR et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2018; 6(8):605–617; Tuttle KR et al. ASN Kidney Week; October 25, 2018

FLOW trial design: Kidney outcomes trial in T2D

Methods

Participants:



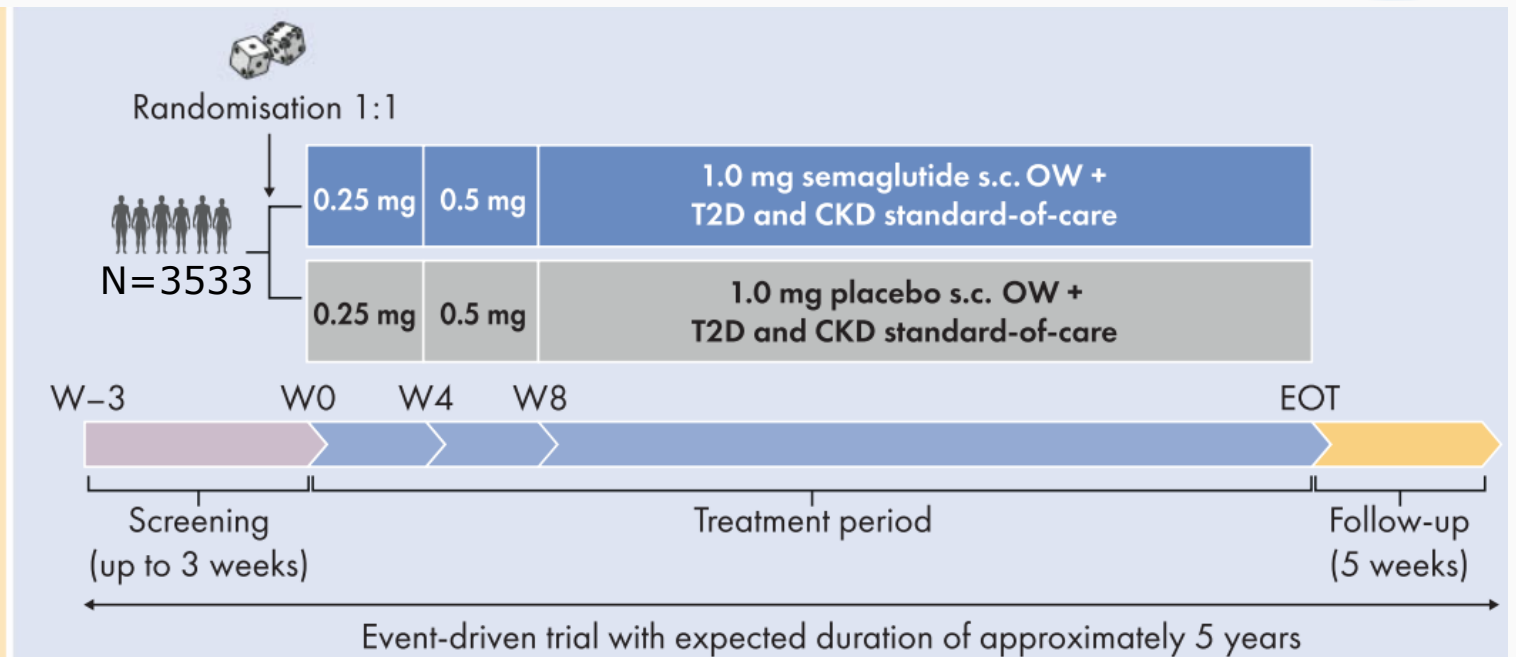
- Adults with T2D
- eGFR ≥ 50 to ≤ 75 ml/min/1.73 m² and UACR >300 to <5000 mg/g OR
- eGFR ≥ 25 to <50 ml/min/1.73 m² and UACR >100 to <5000 mg/g

Composite primary endpoint:



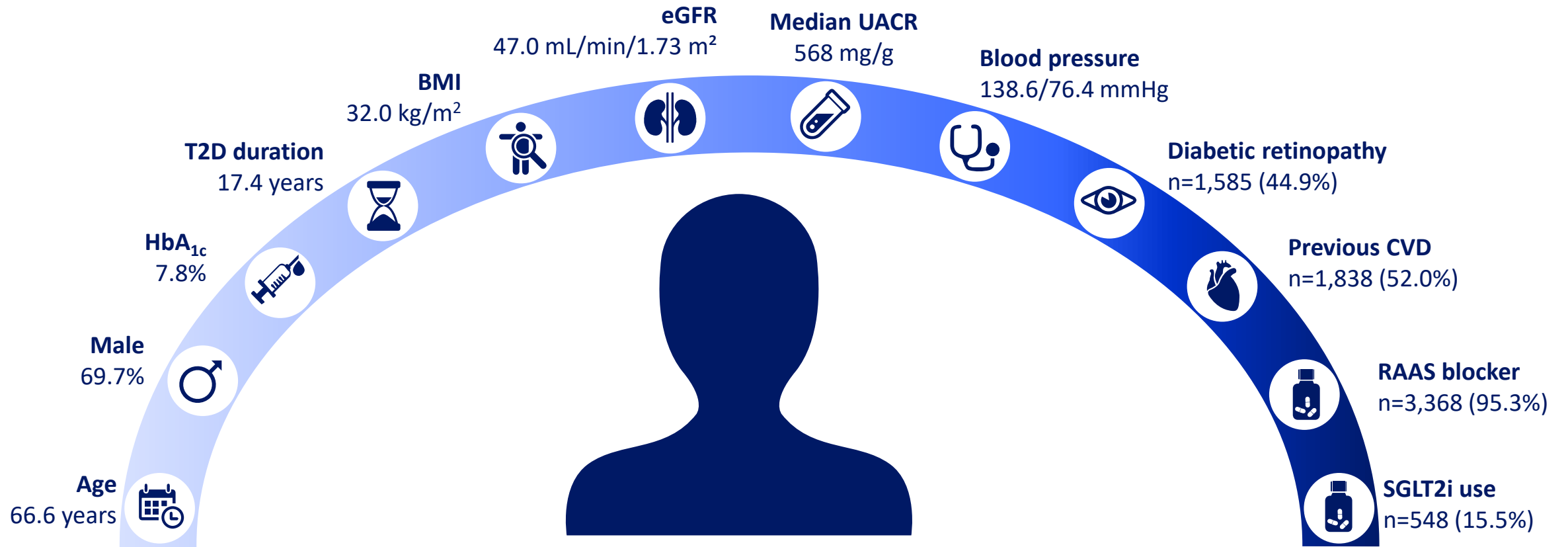
Time to first occurrence of:

- Kidney failure (persistent eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m² or initiation of CKRT);
- Persistent $\geq 50\%$ reduction in eGFR; or
- Death from kidney or CV causes



The average FLOW patient

FLOW baseline characteristics (N=3,534)

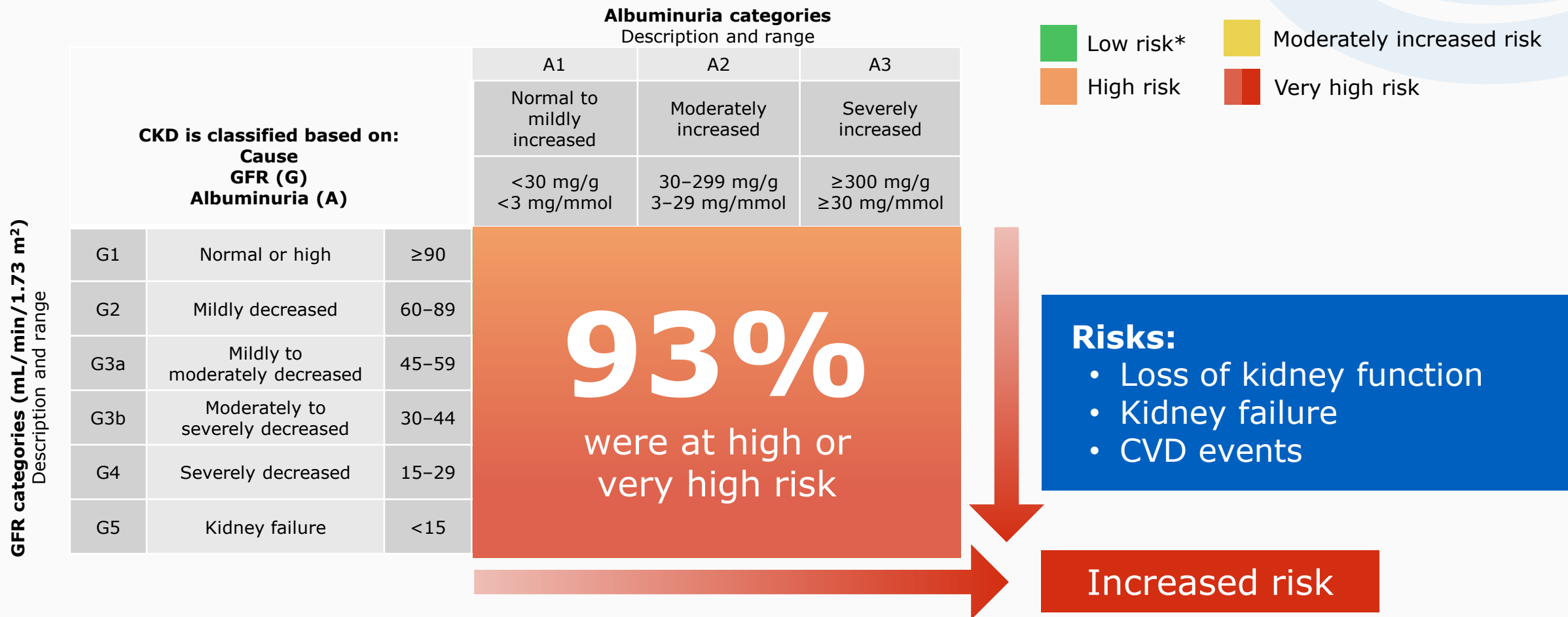


All values are mean unless otherwise stated

BMI, body mass index; CVD, cardiovascular disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HbA_{1c}, glycated haemoglobin; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UACR, urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio

Rossing P et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant* 2023;38:2041–2051

CKD stage and corresponding risk category can guide management

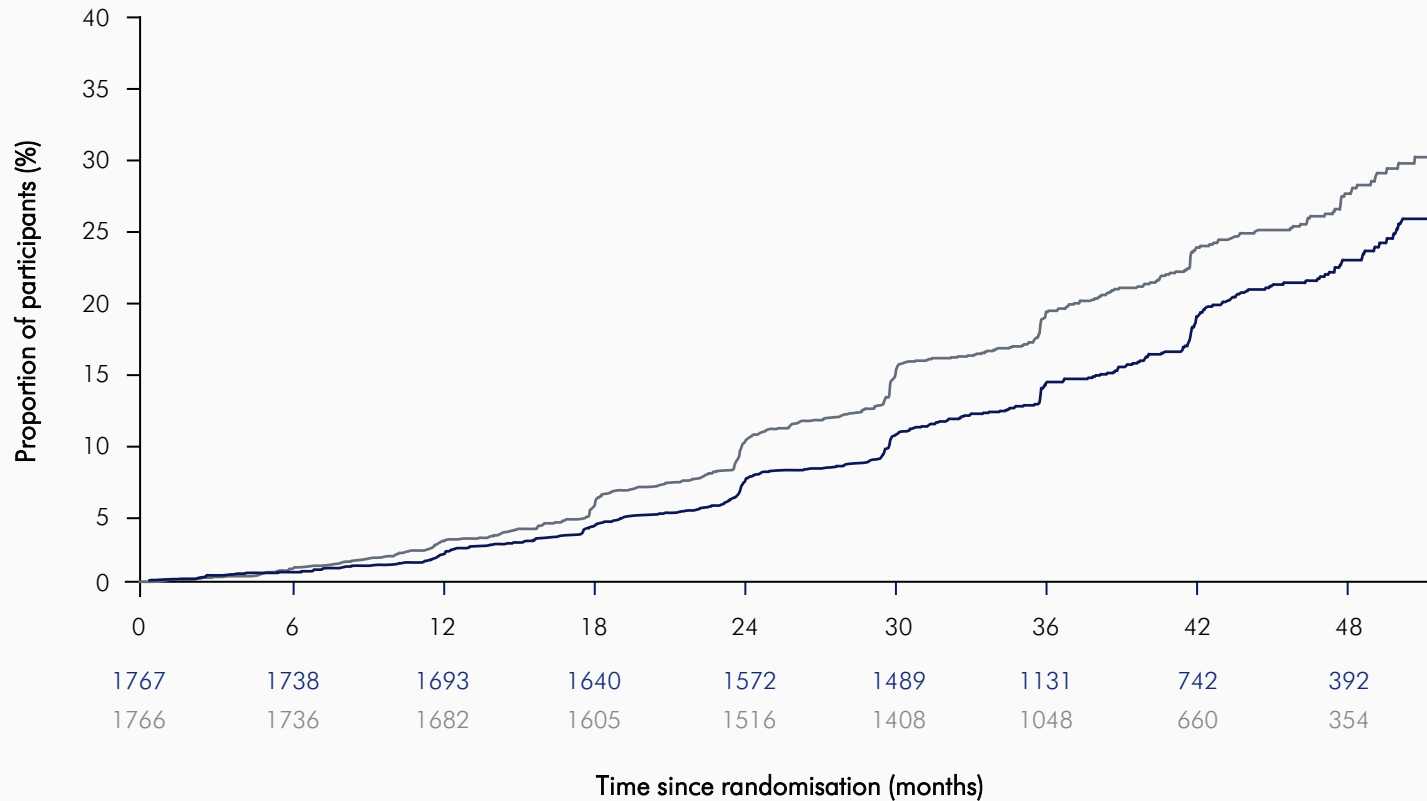


Numbers in the boxes are a guide to the frequency of screening or monitoring (number of times per year). Green reflects no evidence of CKD by estimated GFR or albuminuria, with screening indicated once per year. For monitoring of prevalent CKD, suggested monitoring varies from once per year (yellow) to four times or more per year (i.e. every 1-3 months [deep red]) according to risks of CKD progression and CKD complications. These are general parameters only, based on expert opinion, and underlying comorbid conditions and disease state must be taken into account, as well as the likelihood of impacting a change in management for any individual patient. *If no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD. CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate. de Boer IH et al. *Diabetes Care* 2022;45:3075-3090; Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) Diabetes Work Group. *Kidney Int* 2022;102:S1-S127; Rossing P et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant* 2023;38:2041-2051.

Primary Kidney Disease Outcome

FLOW
semaglutide | renal
outcomes trial

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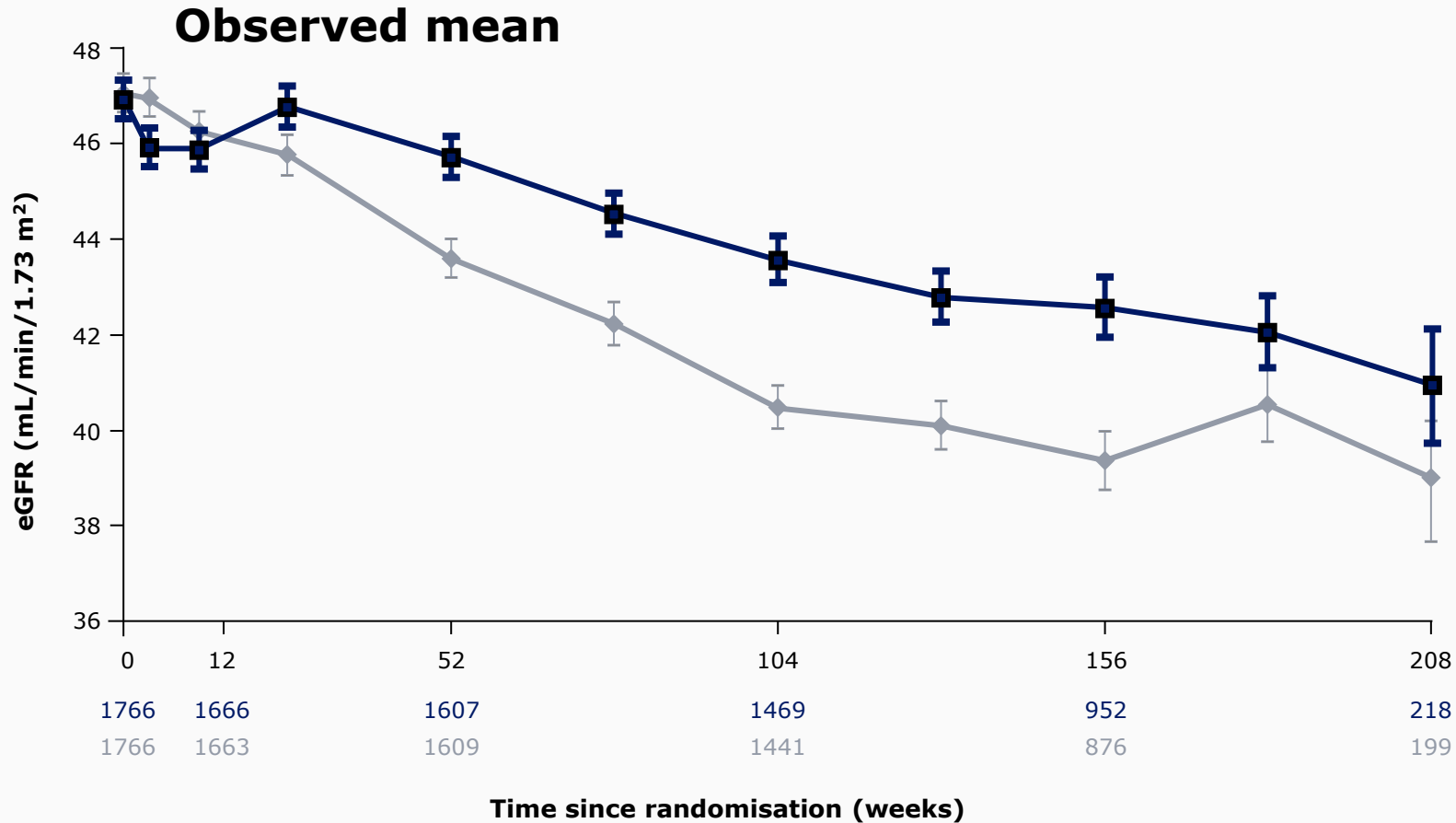
Placebo 23.2%
(410/1766)

Semaglutide 18.7%
(331/1767)

HR 0.76 (95% CI 0.66, 0.88)
p=0.0001

Superiority if two-sided p
value <0.0322

Total eGFR Slope



Annual rate of change:

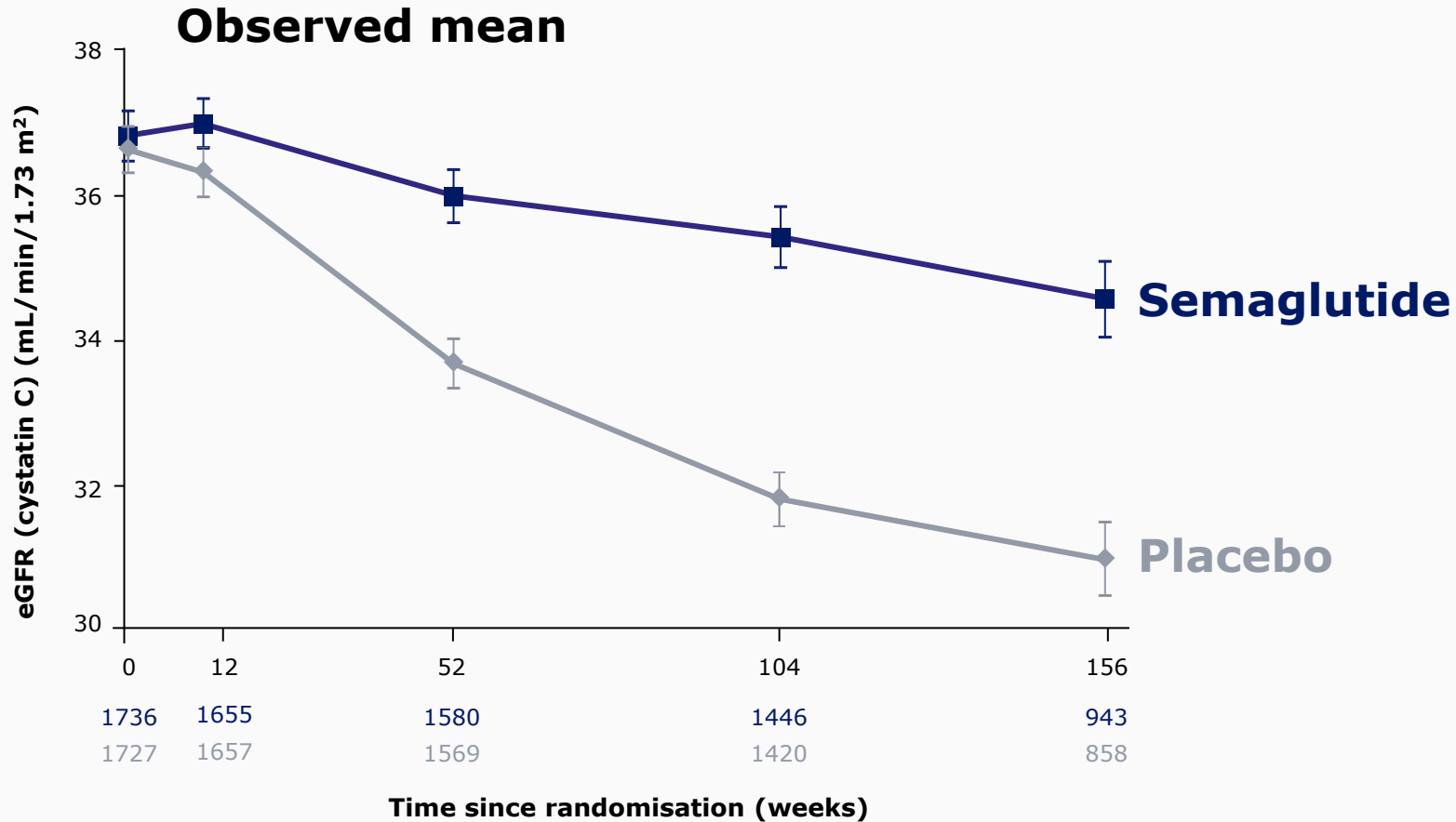
Semaglutide –2.19

Placebo –3.36

eGFR slope:
1.16 mL/min/1.73 m²/year
(95% CI 0.86, 1.47)
p<0.001

Superiority if two-sided
p value <0.0322

Change in eGFR



Calculated by **cystatin C**
ETD at week 104
3.39 mL/min/1.73 m²
(95% CI 2.63, 4.15)

Calculated by **serum creatinine**
ETD at week 104
3.30 mL/min/1.73 m²
(95% CI 2.43, 4.17)

Primary and confirmatory secondary outcomes



First composite kidney event

HR 0.76
(95% CI 0.66, 0.88)

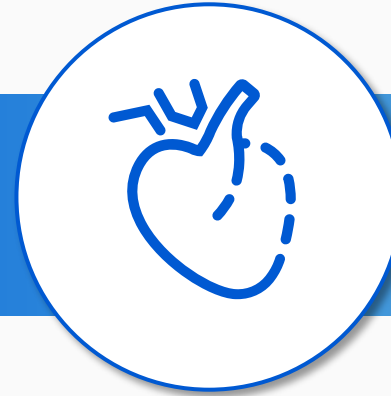
24% RRR



Annual rate of change in eGFR (total slope)

ETD 1.16
(95% CI 0.86, 1.47)

ETD 1.16
mL/min/1.73 m²/year



MACE

HR 0.82
(95% CI 0.68, 0.98)

18% RRR



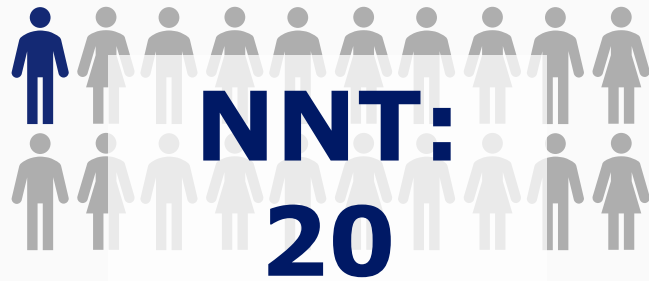
All-cause death

HR 0.80
(95% CI 0.67, 0.95)

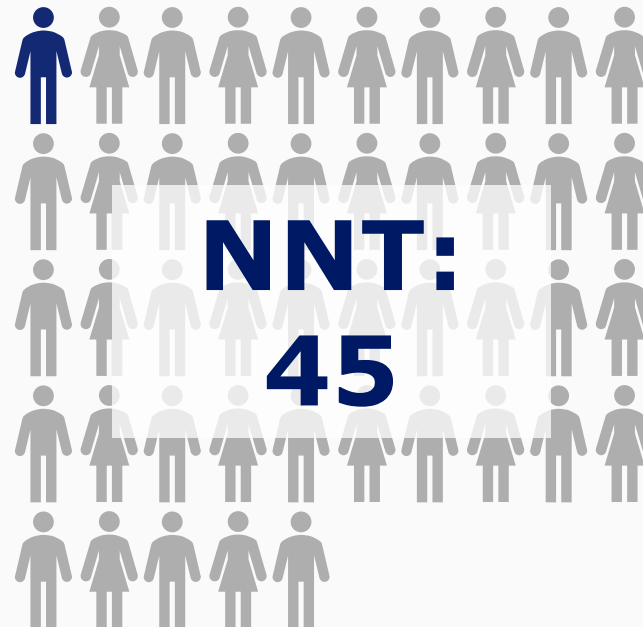
20% RRR

Benefits of semaglutide over 3 years

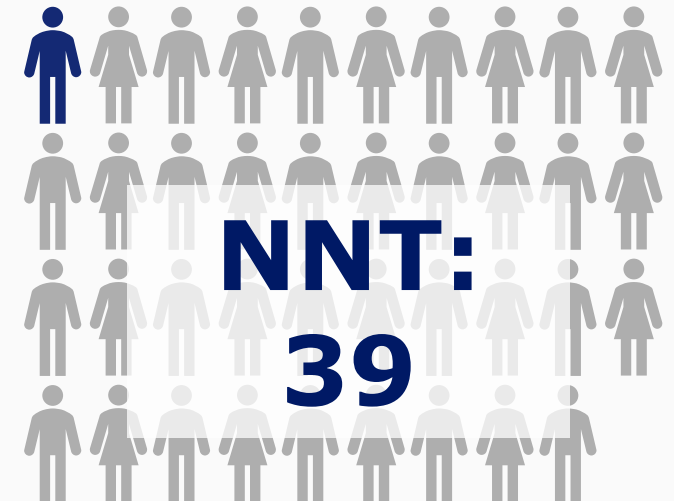
To prevent one
primary outcome:[†]



To prevent
one MACE:[‡]



To prevent one
death due to any cause:



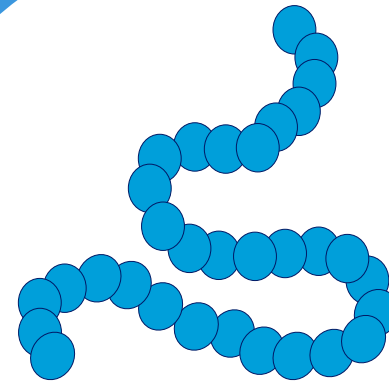
[†]Onset of persistent $\geq 50\%$ reduction in eGFR compared with baseline, onset of persistent eGFR < 15 mL/min/1.73 m², initiation of chronic kidney replacement therapy dialysis, or kidney transplantation, kidney death or CV death; [‡]Non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke or CV death. CV death includes undetermined cause of death. CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MI, myocardial infarction; NNT, number needed to treat. Perkovic V et al. *N Engl J Med* 2024;391:109–121.

MoA by which GLP-1 RAs may provide a kidney benefit

Not well understood, but likely involves a combination of direct and indirect effects

Indirect effects:

- Improved glycaemic control
- Reduction in blood pressure
- Weight loss



GLP-1

Direct effects:

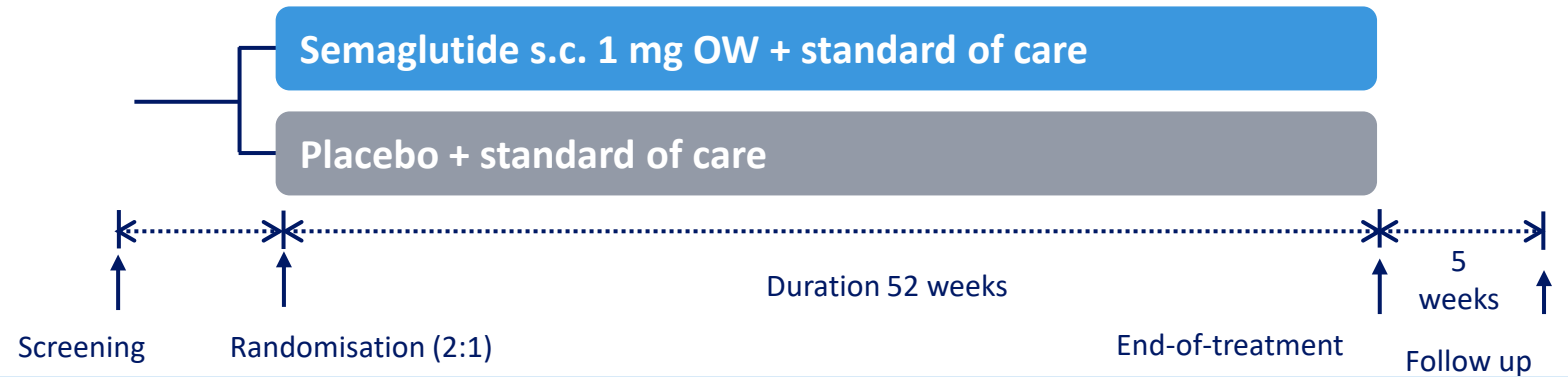
- Natriuresis
- Haemodynamic effects
- Endothelial function
- Anti-inflammatory and reduced oxidative stress
- Inhibition of RAAS

REMODEL - Renal mode of action with semaglutide

Mechanistic renal mode of action with OW semaglutide

105 people

- T2D, HbA_{1c} ≤9%
- RAAS blocker treatment
- eGFR ≥40 to ≤75 ml/min/1.73m²
- UACR ≥20 to <5000 mg/g
- Capped SGLT-2i use



Key methods



Kidney biopsies (subset of people) to be assessed by snRNA sequencing



Multiparametric MRI scan



GFR and urinary protein excretion



Biomarkers in blood and urine

Key endpoints

Change in:



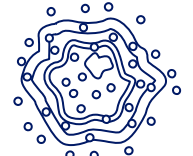
Clinical parameters



Haemodynamic parameters

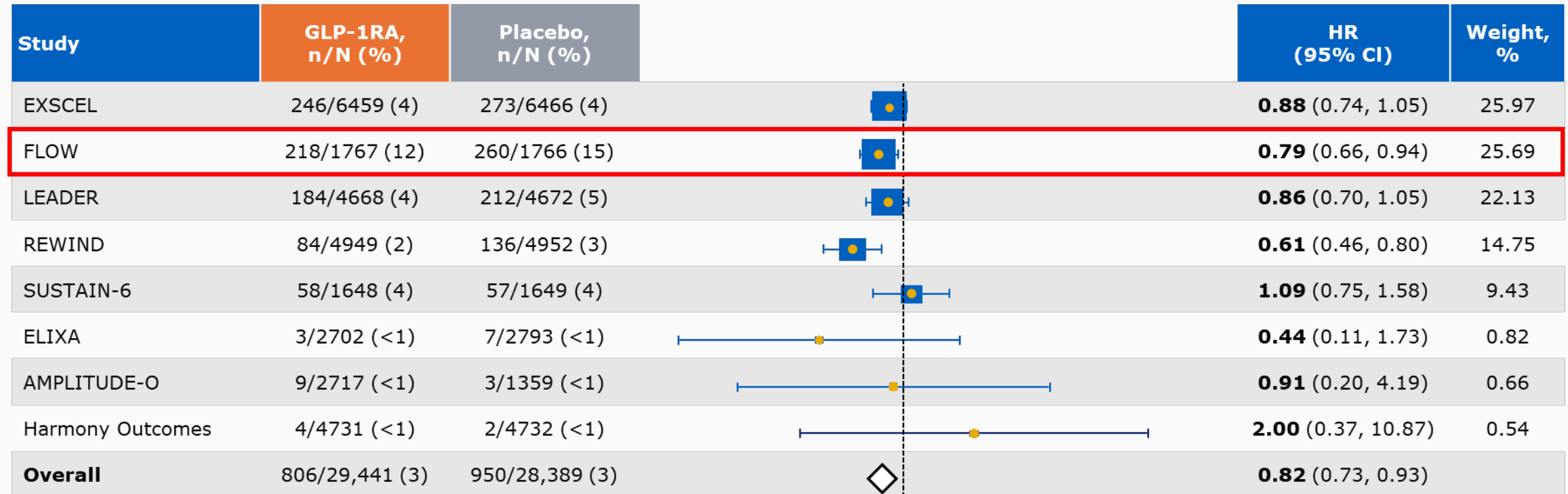


Inflammatory parameters



Oxidative stress parameters

Composite kidney outcome



Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 26\%$

Favours GLP-1RAs

Favours placebo

Definitions of composite kidney outcome:

FLOW, LEADER, REWIND, SUSTAIN-6, AMPLITUDE-O: Persistent $\geq 50\%$ reduction in eGFR, persistent eGFR < 15 mL/min/1.73 m², initiation of kidney replacement therapy or kidney death.

EXSCEL: Persistent $\geq 40\%$ reduction in eGFR, persistent eGFR < 15 mL/min/1.73 m², initiation of kidney replacement therapy or kidney death.

ELIXA, Harmony Outcomes: Kidney replacement therapy.

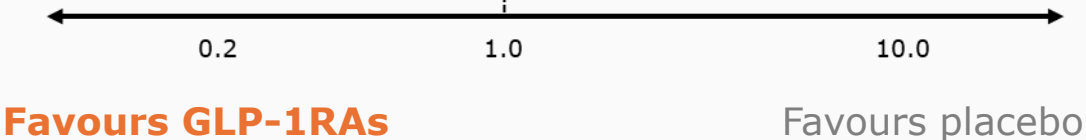
CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio.

Badve S et al. Lancet DE 2024

Kidney failure

Study	GLP-1RA, n/N (%)	Placebo, n/N (%)	HR (95% CI)	Weight, %
FLOW	142/1767 (8)	165/1766 (9)	0.83 (0.66, 1.04)	49.70
LEADER	56/4668 (1)	64/4672 (1)	0.87 (0.61, 1.24)	19.56
EXSCEL	55/6259 (1)	65/6230 (1)	0.85 (0.59, 1.22)	18.65
REWIND	16/4949 (<1)	21/4952 (<1)	0.75 (0.39, 1.44)	5.77
SUSTAIN-6	11/1648 (1)	12/1649 (1)	0.91 (0.40, 2.07)	3.64
ELIXA	3/2702 (<1)	7/2793 (<1)	0.44 (0.11, 1.73)	1.31
Harmony Outcomes	4/4731 (<1)	2/4732 (<1)	2.00 (0.37, 10.87)	0.86
AMPLITUDE-O	4/2717 (<1)	1/1359 (<1)	2.00 (0.22, 18.06)	0.51
Overall	291/29,441 (1%)	337/28,389 (1)	0.84 (0.72, 0.99)	

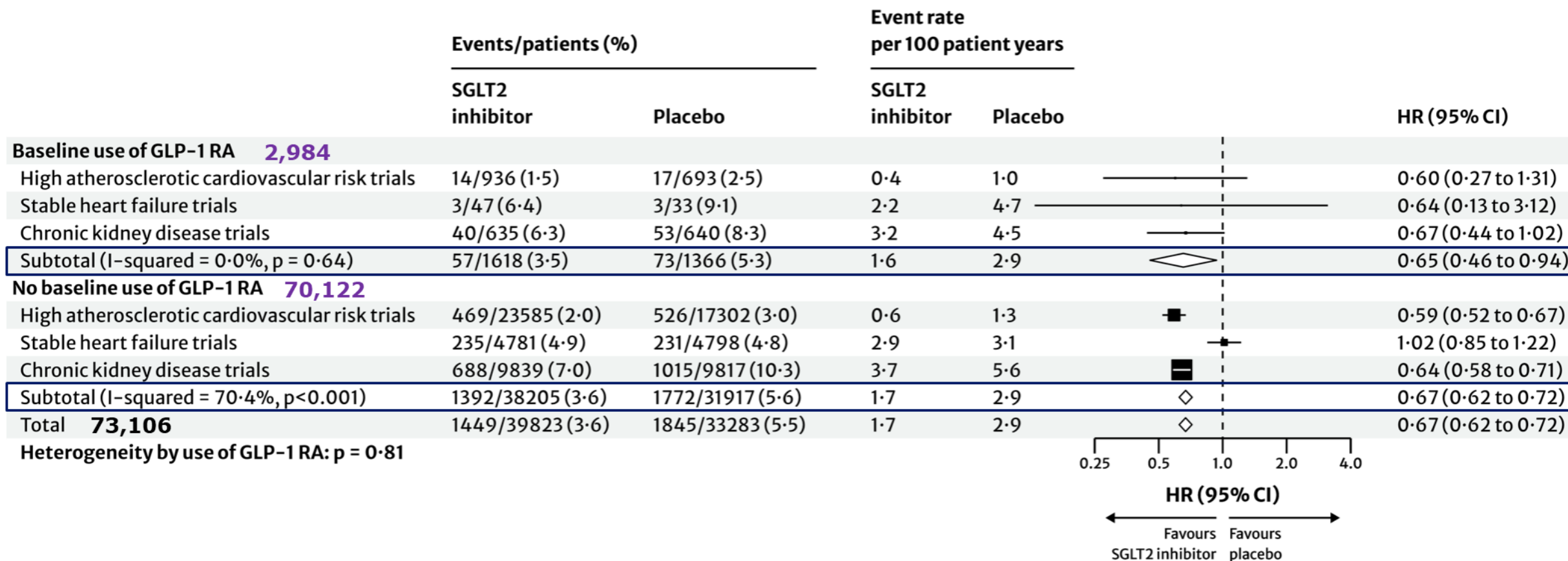
Heterogeneity: I² = 0%



Definitions of kidney failure:
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 EXSCEL, ELIXA, Harmony Outcomes: Kidney replacement therapy.
 CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio.
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Consistent benefit of SGLT2i on CKD progression by baseline GLP-1RA use

(40% decline in eGFR, kidney failure or death due to kidney failure)



CI, confidence intervals; CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor.
 Apperloo EM et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2024;12:545-557
https://www.smart-c.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/SMART-C_GLP-1RA_ERA_presentation.pdf

Semaglutide saves kidneys, hearts, and lives



CKD in people with T2D remains common and deadly



Highly effective therapies are now available to reduce risks of kidney failure, CV events, and death



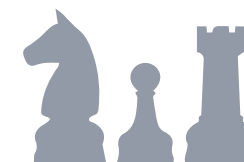
FLOW has established that semaglutide prevents major kidney outcomes, MACE, HF events, and death in people with T2D and CKD



The four pillars of therapy are now a RAS inhibitor, an SGLT2 inhibitor, a non-steroidal MRA, and semaglutide



Low CKD awareness, detection and access to care are major barriers to receiving kidney, heart, and life-saving therapies

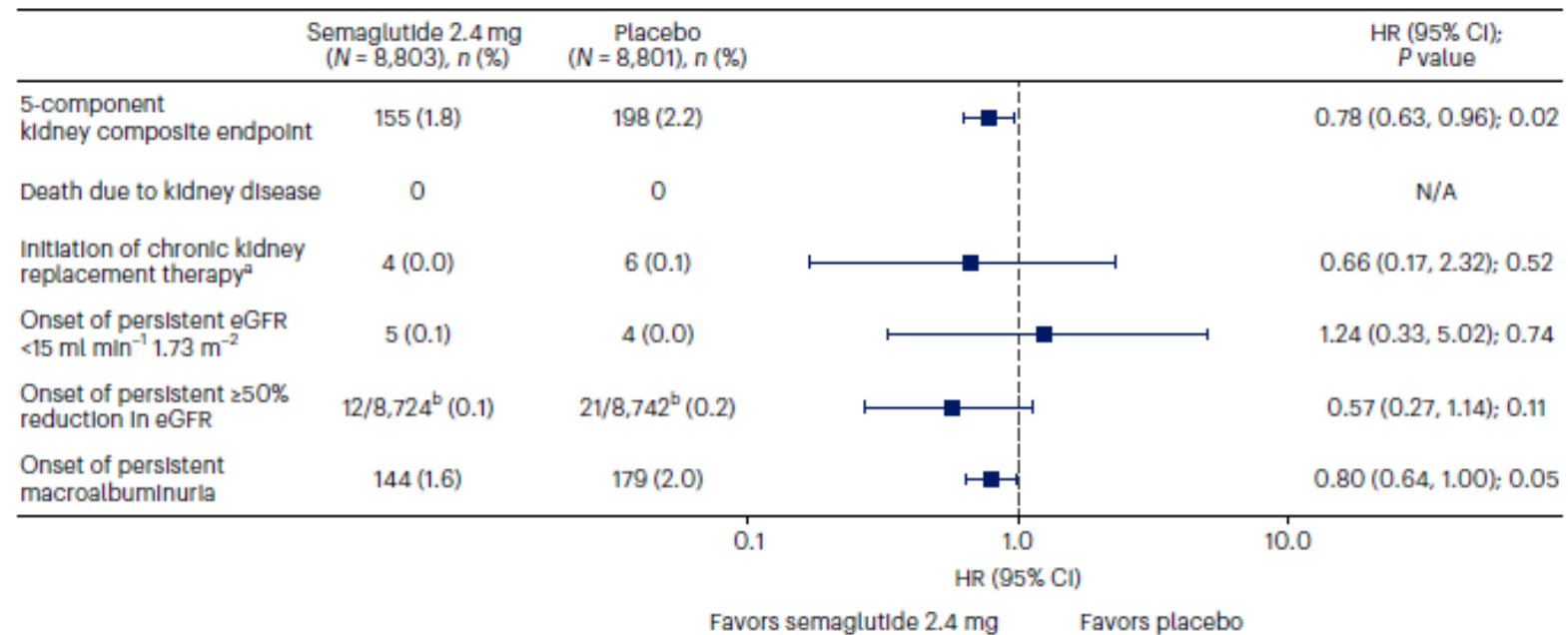


Effective strategies for therapeutic implementation are urgently needed to improve clinical outcomes in T2D and CKD

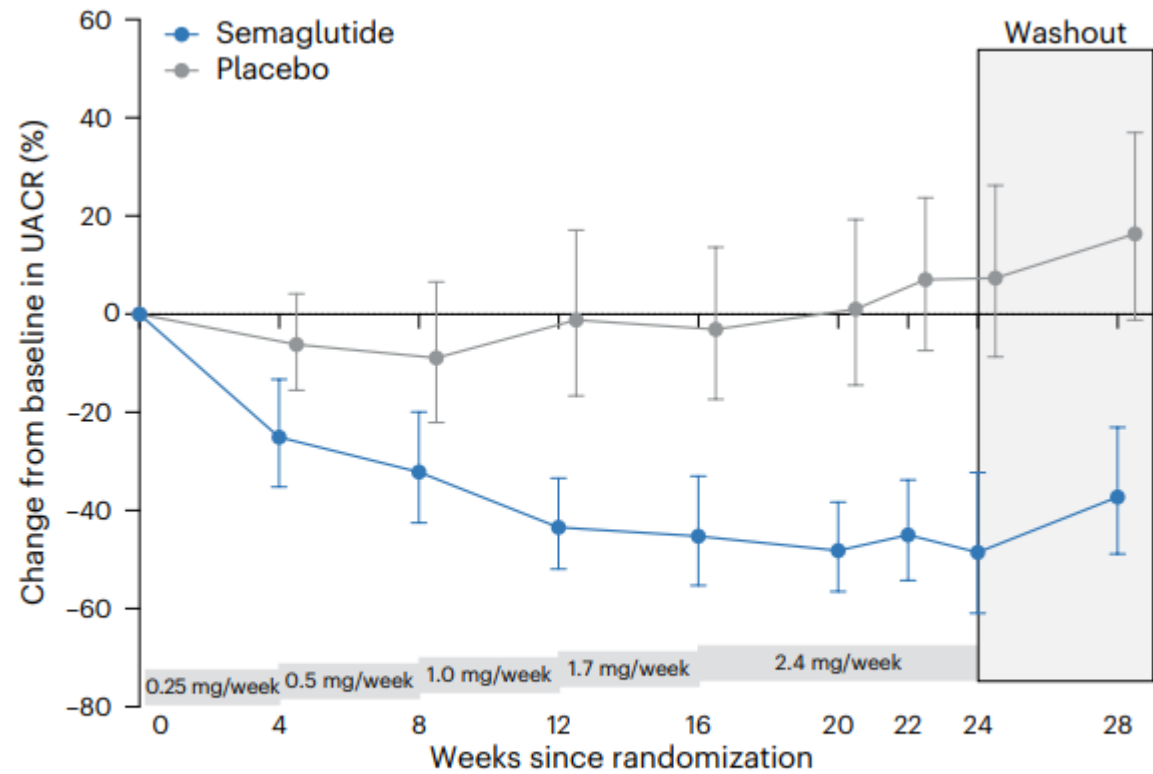
Long-term kidney outcomes of semaglutide (2.4 mg) in obesity and cardiovascular disease in the SELECT trial

Article

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Semaglutide in patients with overweight or obesity and chronic kidney disease without diabetes: a randomized double-blind placebo-controlled clinical trial



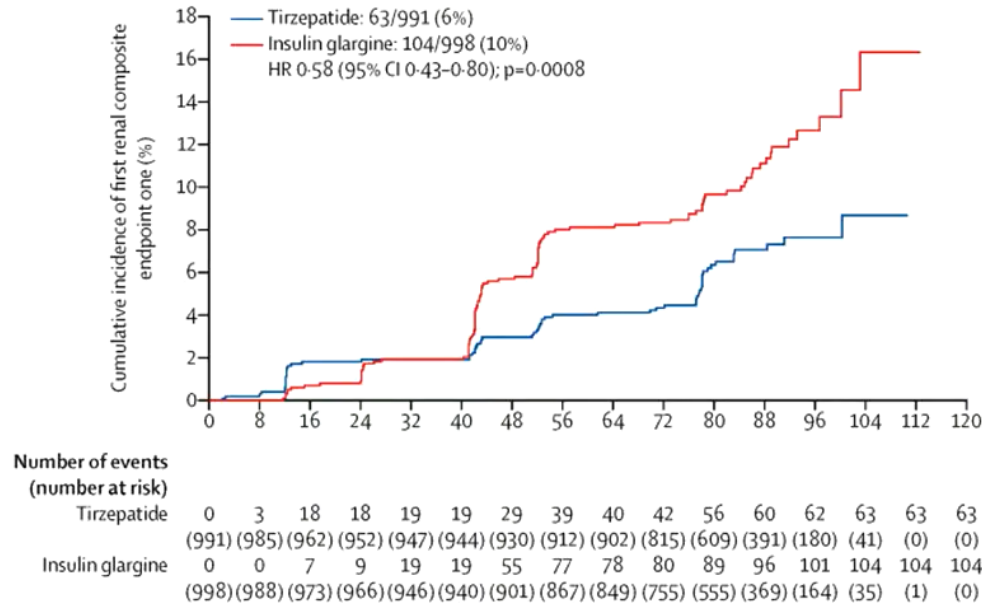
Semaglutide	51	47	46	45	42	47	44	46	45
Placebo	50	46	45	48	48	46	43	45	45

Fig. 1 | Change from baseline in UACR over the study treatment period.

SURPASS-4 TRIAL

Tirzepatide Reduces Risk of Composite Kidney Disease Endpoint SURPASS-4

Incidence of Composite Kidney Disease Endpoint



Consistent effects in SGLT2 inhibitor and ACE inhibitor/ARB subgroups

Component	Treatment	N (%)	HR (95%CI)
eGFR decline ≥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 ^a	TZP	25 (2.5%)	0.41 (0.26, 0.66)*
	iGLAR	61 (6.1%)	

Heerspink HJL et al. *Lancet Diab Endocrinol* 2022;10:774-78



Conclusions

- CKD in people with T2D remains common and deadly
- CVOTs demonstrated GLP1 RAs reduce MACE, and maybe slow progression of CKD in T2D with CKD
- The first kidney study with a GLP1 RA: FLOW demonstrated that semaglutide prevents major kidney outcomes, MACE, HF events, and death in people with T2D and CKD
- The four pillars of therapy are now a RAS inhibitor, an SGLT2 inhibitor, a non-steroidal MRA, and GLP1 RA