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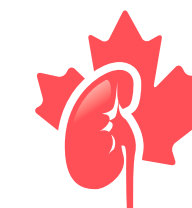
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After this program, participants will be better able to:

**Summarize renal  
benefits of SGLT2  
inhibitors in patients  
with type 2 diabetes  
(T2D) and renal  
impairment**

**Describe practical  
considerations around  
the use of SGLT2  
inhibitors in patients  
with T2D and renal  
impairment**

**Recognize  
knowledge gaps and  
construct a plan to  
integrate recent  
evidence into  
practice**

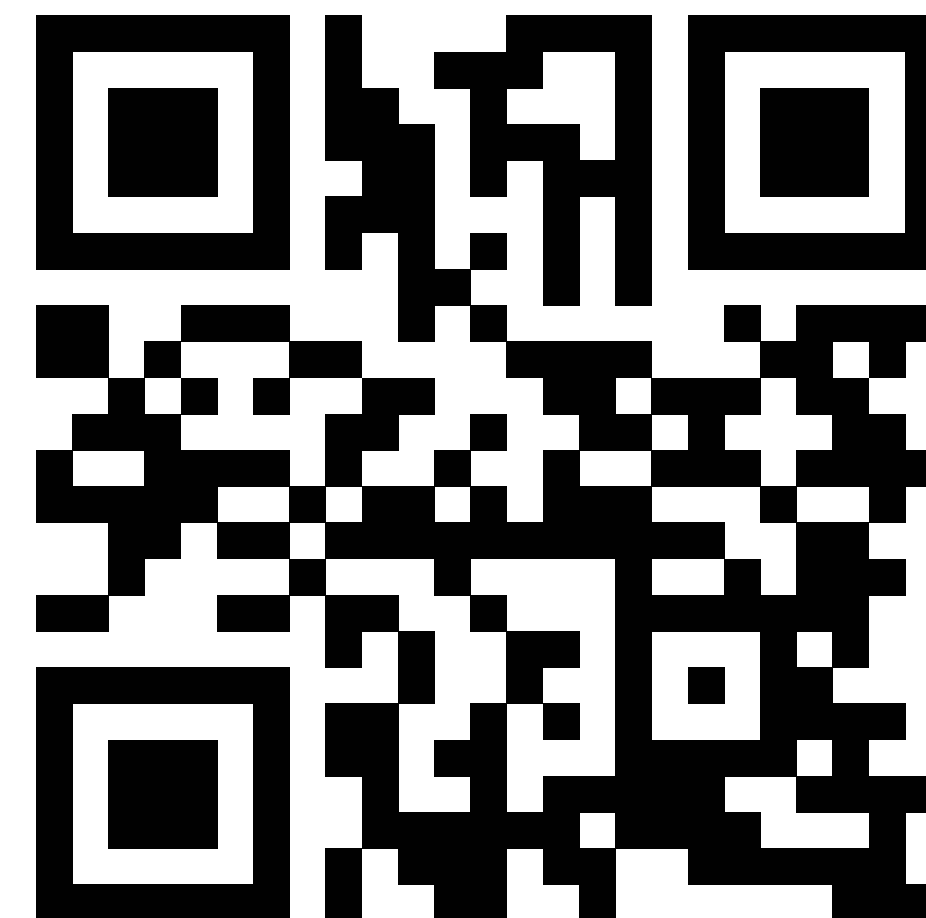
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- Please log into the platform with your email address using your mobile device in order to receive your Section 3 credit for this program
- Knowledge checks will be given at several intervals throughout the presentation, please respond by selecting one of the multiple-choice answers
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- This action plan will be emailed to you at the address provided when you log into the platform



## Test Question

**What was the mass of the largest kidney stone ever recorded?**

- a) 780 g
- b) 1120 g
- c) 1540 g
- d) 2260 g



## Did you know...

**Many nephrologists are using SGLT2 inhibitors as kidney drugs rather than diabetes drugs?**

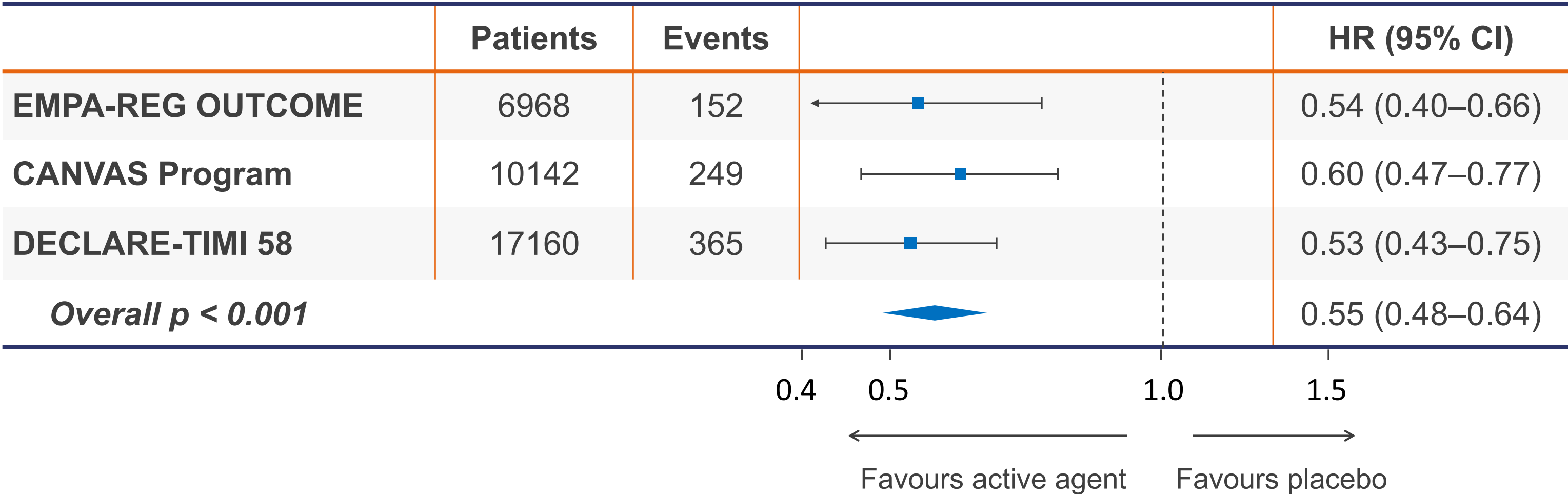


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# Data from SGLT2i CV Outcomes Trials (CVOTs) Suggested Renal Benefit in Patients with T2D



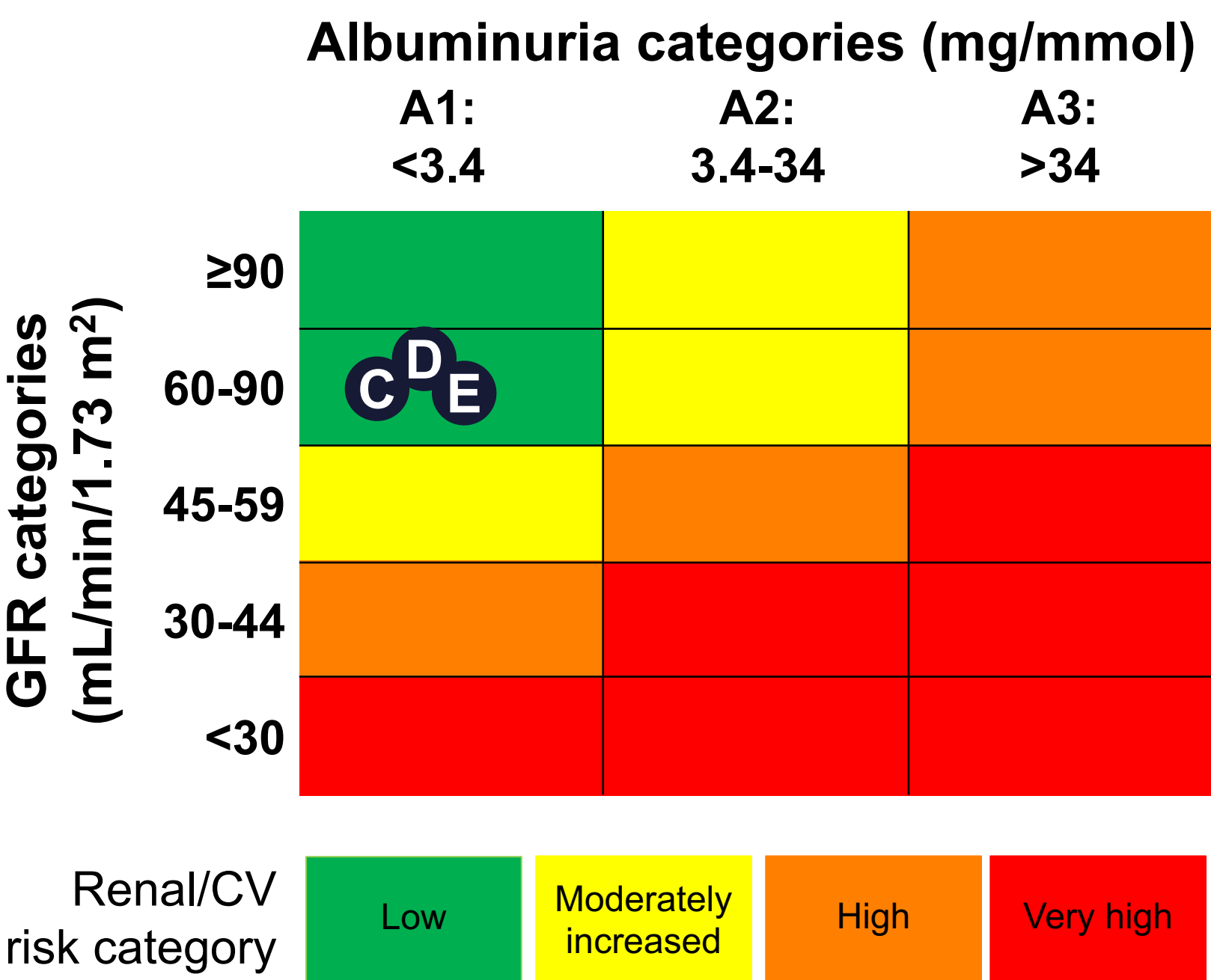
In a systematic review and meta-analysis of exploratory analyses of CVOT data, SGLT2 inhibitors protected against substantial loss of kidney function\*, ESKD, or death due to cardiovascular or kidney disease



\*Defined as sustained doubling of serum creatinine or a 40% decline in estimated glomerular filtration rate



# Patients in SGLT2i CVOTs had preserved kidney function



	Mean eGFR (mL/min/ 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Median UACR (mg/mmol)
C CANVAS Program	76	1.36
D DECLARE-TIMI 58	85	1.47
E EMPA-REG OUTCOME	74	2.03

## Sustained transplant or dialysis events

CANVAS Program	18
DECLARE-TIMI 58	Not reported
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	11

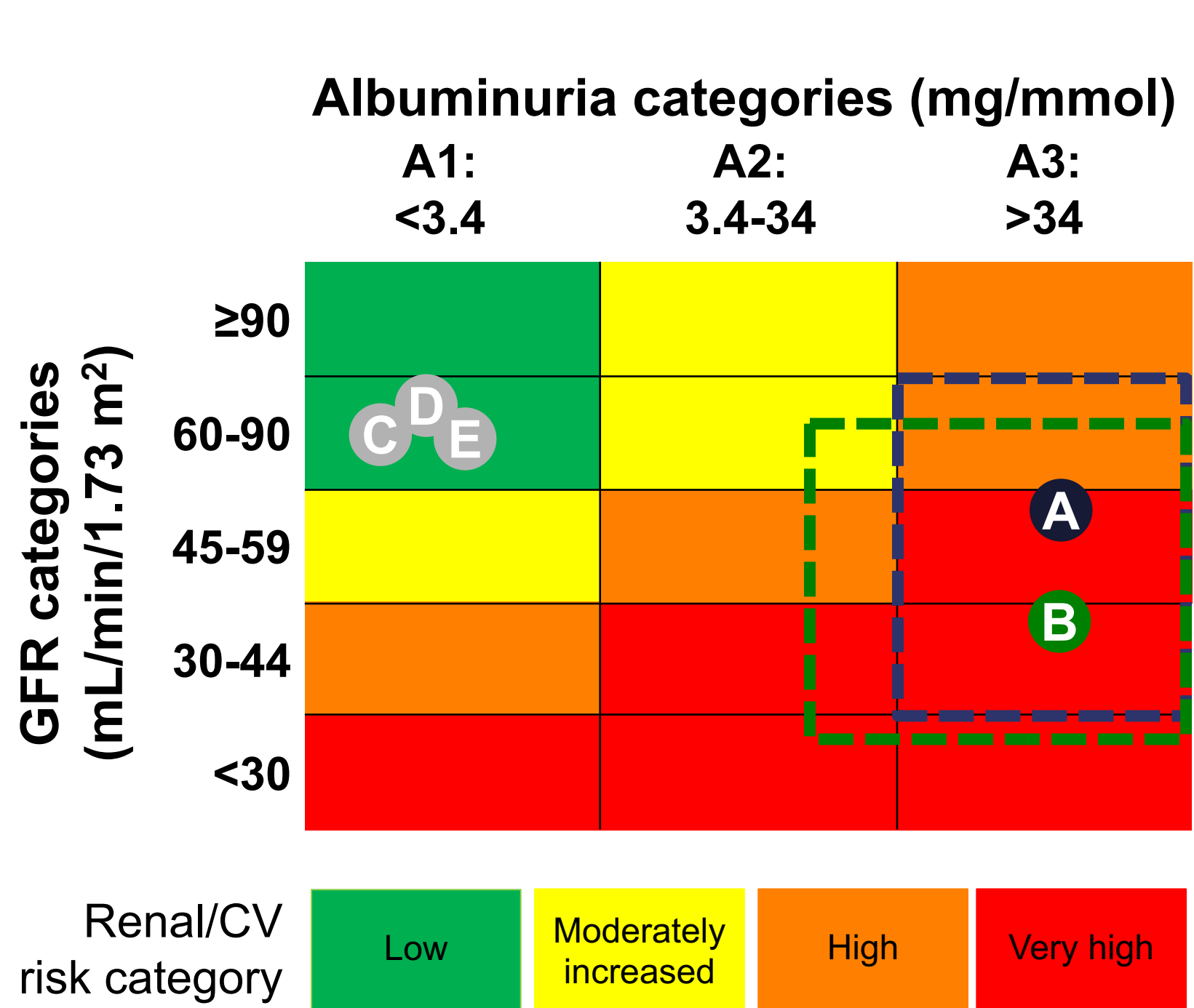
# Dedicated trials of SGLT2 inhibitors in CKD



	<b>CREDENCE<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>DAPA-CKD<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>EMPA-KIDNEY<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>No. of patients</b>	4401	4000	5000
<b>Treatment arms</b>	CANA 100 mg vs. PBO	DAPA 10 mg vs. PBO	EMPA vs. PBO
<b>Patient population</b>	CKD + T2D <b>Must</b> be taking max. tolerated ACEi/ARB	CKD ± T2D Max. tolerated/labeled ACEi/ARB unless contraindicated	CKD ± T2D Clinically appropriate doses of ACEi/ARB unless not tolerated/indicated
<b>Kidney function inclusion criteria</b>	Stage 2/3 CKD (eGFR ≥30 to <90 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) AND UACR >300 mg/g (33.9 mg/mmol)	Stage 2-4 CKD (eGFR ≥25 to <75 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> [CKD-EPI Formula]) AND UACR ≥200 mg/g (22.6 mg/mmol)	Stage 2-4 CKD (eGFR [CKD-EPI formula] ≥20 to <45, or ≥45 to <90 mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> with UACR ≥200 mg/g [22.6 mg/mmol])
<b>Primary endpoint</b>	Composite of ESRD, doubling of sCr, renal or CV death	Composite of ≥50% sustained decline in eGFR or reaching ESRD or CV death or renal death	CV death or kidney disease progression (ESRD, sustained decline in eGFR to <10 mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> , renal death or a sustained decline of ≥40% in eGFR)
<b>Start</b>	2014	2017	2018
<b>Completion</b>	Stopped in 2018 due to achievement of efficacy endpoint	Stopped in 2020 due to achievement of efficacy endpoint	2022

1. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02065791; 2. Jardine MJ et al., Am J Nephrol 2017;46:462–472. 3. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03036150; Astra-Zeneca Press release. March 30, 2020. Available at: <https://www.astrazeneca.com/media-centre/press-releases/2020/farxiga-phase-iii-dapa-ckd-trial-will-be-stopped-early-after-overwhelming-efficacy-in-patients-with-chronic-kidney-disease.html> 5. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03594110.

# Patients in Renal Outcome Trials Had More Advanced Kidney Impairment



	Mean eGFR (mL/min/ 1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Median UACR (mg/mmol)
<b>C</b> CANVAS Program	76	1.36
<b>D</b> DECLARE-TIMI 58	85	1.47
<b>E</b> EMPA-REG OUTCOME	74	2.03
<b>A</b> CREDENCE	56	104.8
<b>B</b> DAPA-CKD	43	107.3
<b>Sustained transplant or dialysis events</b>		
CANVAS Program	18	
DECLARE-TIMI 58	Not reported	
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	11	
<b>CREDENCE</b>	<b>176</b>	
<b>DAPA-CKD</b>	<b>174</b>	

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# Patients in CREDENCE Were Receiving Standard of Care Treatment

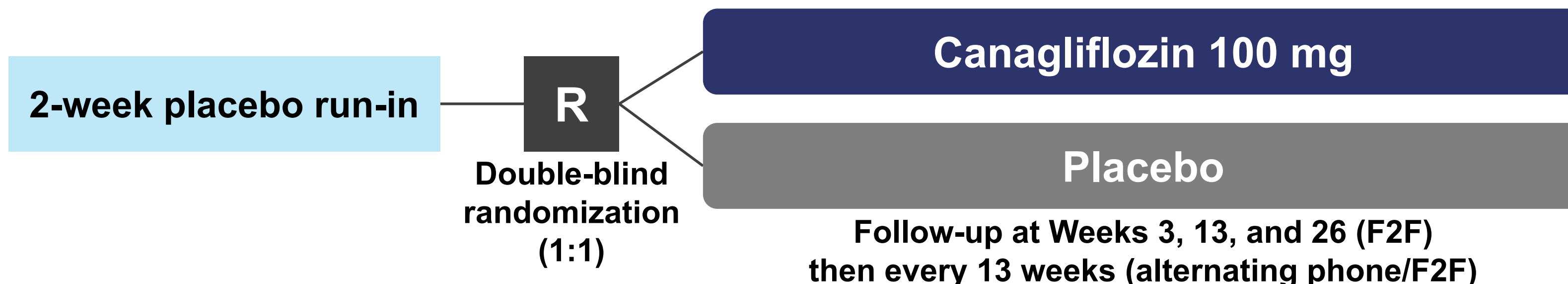


## Key inclusion criteria

- $\geq 30$  years of age
- T2DM and HbA1c 6.5–12.0%
- **eGFR 30–90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **UACR 33.9–565 mg/mmol (300–5000 mg/g)**
- **Stable maximum tolerated or labelled dose of ACEi or ARB for  $\geq 4$  weeks**

## Key exclusion criteria

- Other kidney diseases, dialysis, or kidney transplant
- Dual ACEi and ARB; direct renin inhibitor; MRA
- Serum K<sup>+</sup>  $> 5.5$  mmol/L
- CV events within 12 weeks of screening
- NYHA class IV heart failure
- Diabetic ketoacidosis or T1DM



**Participants continued treatment if eGFR was  $< 30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> until chronic dialysis was initiated or kidney transplant occurred.**

ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; BP, blood pressure; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; NYHA, New York Heart Association; UACR, urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio

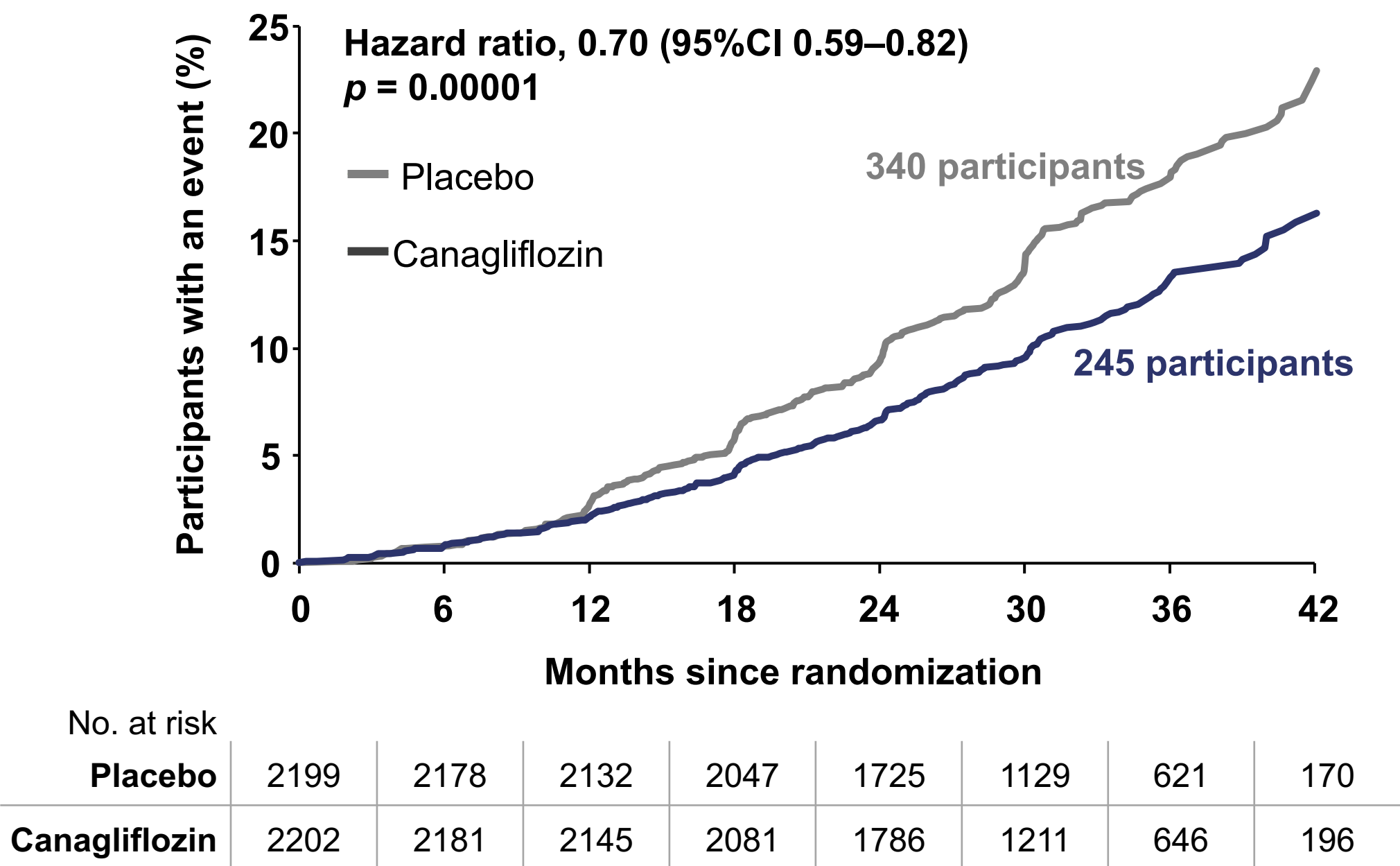
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# Canagliflozin reduced renal events in a primary outcome trial



- Patients in CREDENCE received fixed-dose **canagliflozin 100 mg in addition to the standard of care**
  - Patients had T2D and CKD
- **Primary composite endpoint** of ESKD, doubling of serum creatinine, and renal/CV death was **reduced by 30%**<sup>1</sup>
- EMPA-KIDNEY is underway and will test the effect of empagliflozin on renal outcomes in patients with CKD +/- T2D<sup>2</sup>

**CREDENCE primary endpoint:** Composite of ESKD, doubling of serum creatinine, and renal or CV death<sup>1</sup>

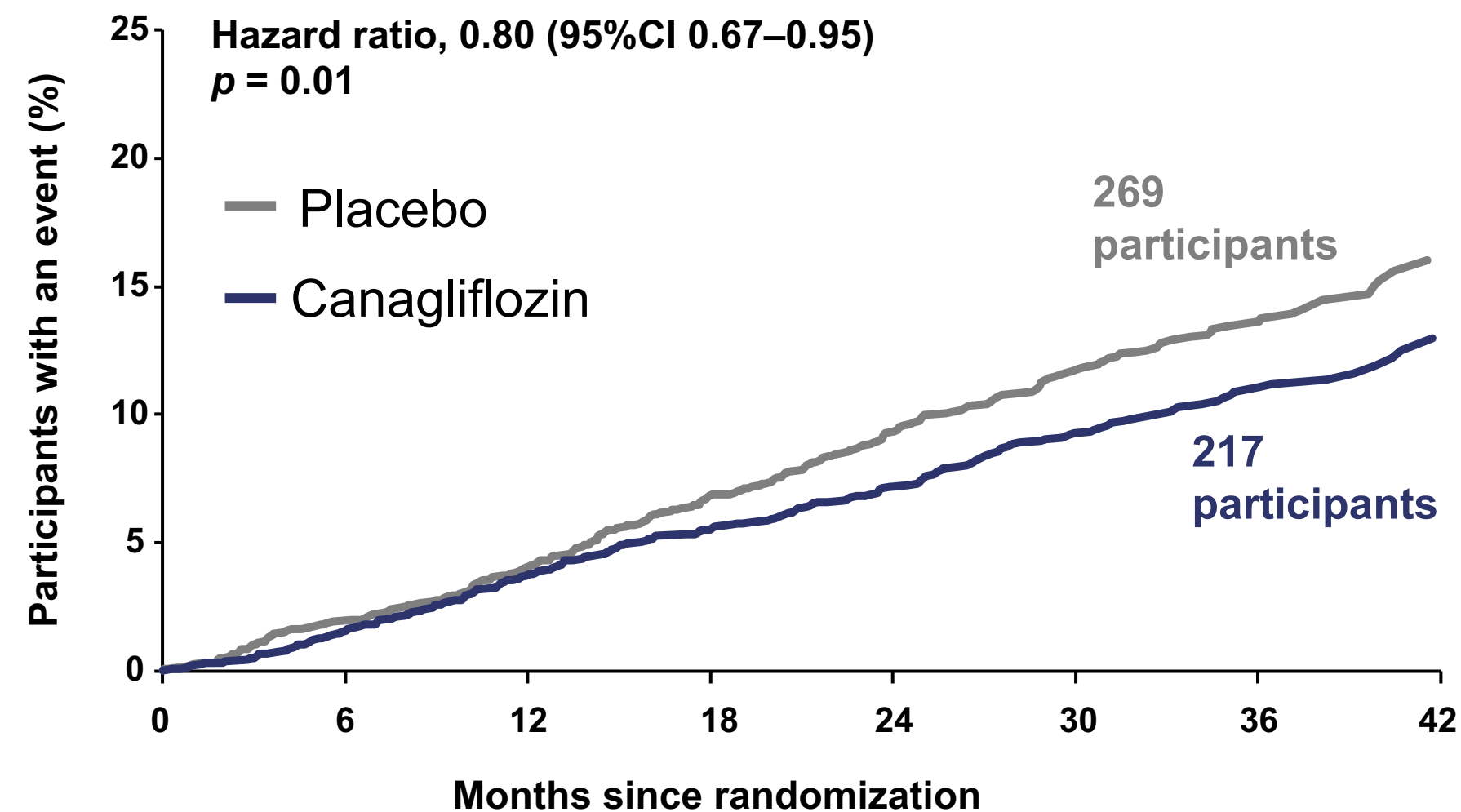


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# 3-Point MACE Outcomes in CREDENCE (secondary endpoint)



- Risk of CV events was also decreased in patients taking canagliflozin 100 mg in the CREDENCE trial<sup>1</sup>
- Renal and CV benefits were consistent among patients:
  - Regardless of baseline eGFR<sup>2</sup>
  - With and without prior CV events<sup>1</sup>



No. at risk								
Placebo	2199	2152	2100	2022	1717	1143	635	168
Canagliflozin	2202	2163	2106	2047	1756	1196	642	198

1. Mahaffey et al. *Circulation*. 2019;140:739–750.  
2. Perkovic et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019; 380(24):2295-2306.



# Patients in DAPA-CKD Also Received Standard of Care Treatment<sup>1,2</sup>

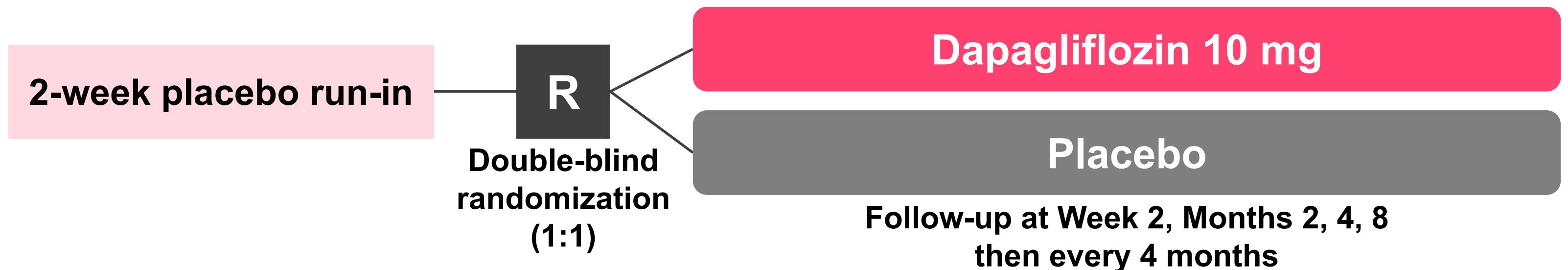


## Key inclusion criteria

- $\geq 18$  years of age
- **eGFR 25–75 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**
- **UACR 22.6–565 mg/mmol (200–5000 mg/g)**
- **Stable maximum tolerated/labelled dose of ACEi or ARB for  $\geq 4$  weeks (if not contraindicated)**

## Key exclusion criteria

- Type 1 diabetes
- Polycystic kidney disease, lupus nephritis, ANCA-associated vasculitis
- Immunosuppressive therapy within 6 months prior to enrolment



**Participants continued treatment if eGFR was  $< 25$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**

ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; UACR, urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio; ANCA, Anti-Neutrophilic Cytoplasmic Autoantibodies

1. Heerspink HJL et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant*. 2020;35:274–282;

2. Heerspink HJL. Presented at: ESC Congress – The Digital Experience; August 29 - September 1, 2020.

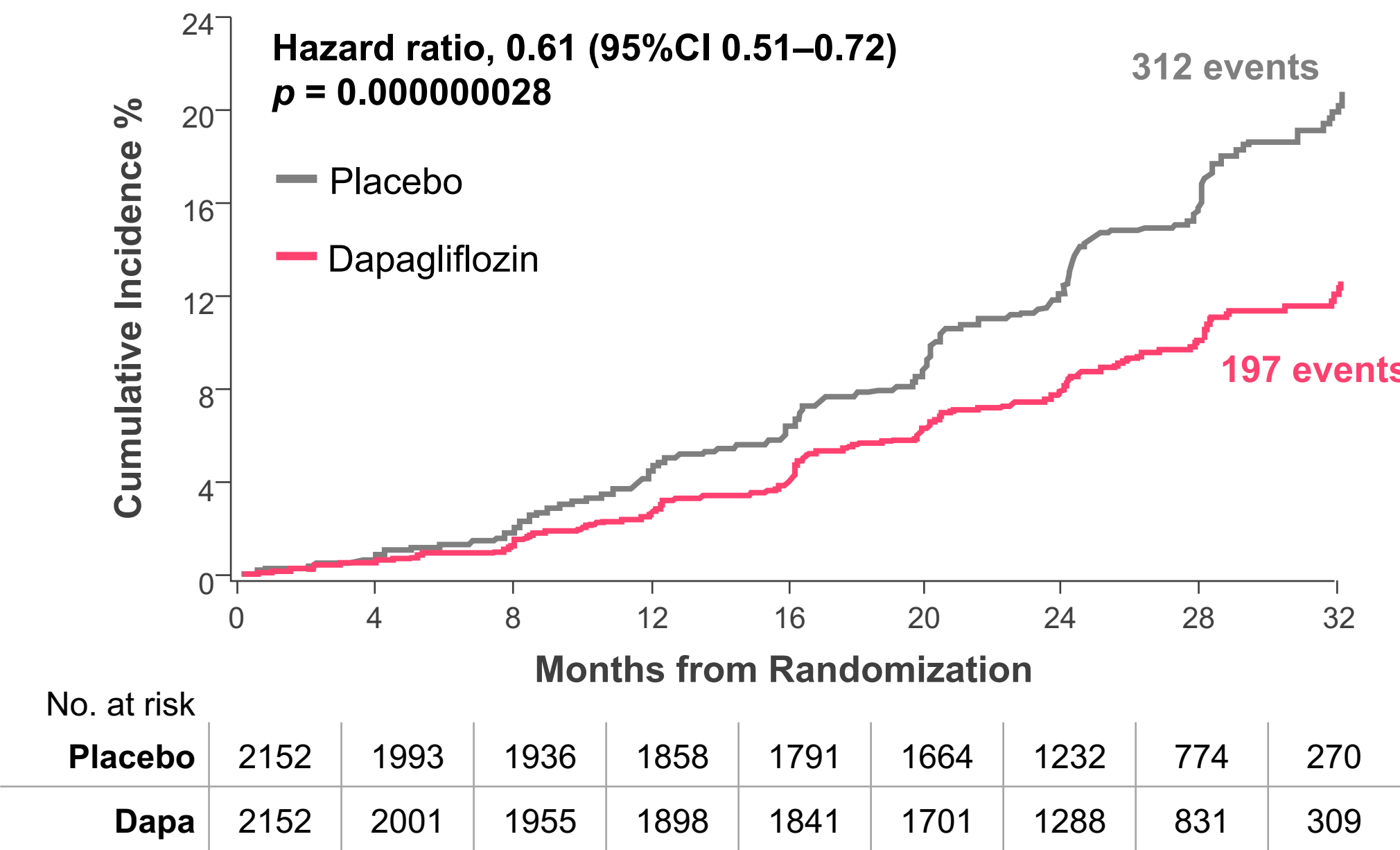


# Dapagliflozin reduced renal events in a primary outcome trial in patients with and without T2D



- Patients in DAPA-CKD received fixed-dose dapagliflozin 10 mg in addition to the standard of care<sup>1</sup>
  - CKD with and without T2D
  - 67.5% of patients had T2D<sup>2</sup>
- **Primary composite endpoint** of ESKD, sustained  $\geq 50\%$  eGFR decline, and renal/CV death was **reduced by 39%**<sup>1</sup>

**DAPA-CKD primary endpoint:** Composite of Sustained  $\geq 50\%$  eGFR Decline, ESKD, Renal or CV Death



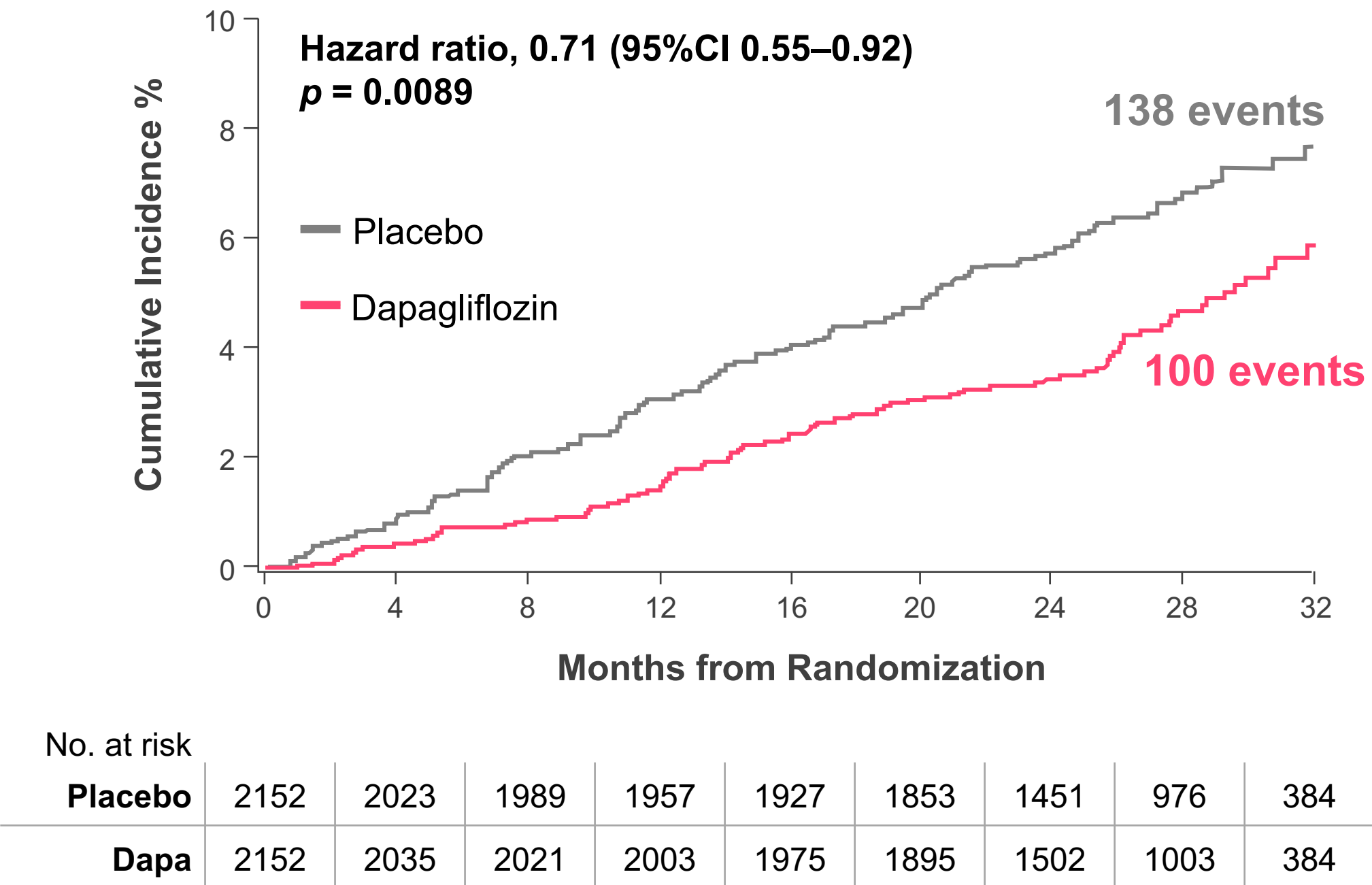
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# Dapagliflozin reduced a composite endpoint of CV death and hospitalization for heart failure (HHF) among patients with CKD



- Treatment with dapagliflozin 10 mg was associated with a reduced occurrence of a composite endpoint of CV death and HHF
- All-cause mortality reduced by 31% (HR 0.69, 95% CI 0.53-0.88)
- Numerical reduction in incidence rate of CV death (HR 0.81, 95% CI 0.58-1.12)
- Data on 3-point MACE (exploratory outcome) yet to be reported

## DAPA-CKD Secondary Outcome: Composite of CV Death or Hospitalization for Heart Failure (HHF)



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# Commentary on SGLT2i Use in Nephrology



“After more than a century of research into the physiology of tubular glucose reabsorption, we are now entering a new era of kidney protection with proven effective therapeutic approaches that prevent clinically important outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes. **It is now up to the nephrology community to implement these treatments in clinical practice.**”

Hiddo J L Heerspink, Denis Fouque, Christoph Wanner (2020)<sup>1</sup>

“**Collaborative efforts from the nephrology community** and other stakeholders are now required to ensure that findings from randomized trials are translated into routine clinical practice.”

Brendon L Neuen, Meg J Jardine, Vlado Perkovic (2020)<sup>2</sup>

1. Heerspink et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2020 Jan; 35(Suppl 1): i1–i2.
2. Neuen et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2020 Jan; 35(Suppl 1): i48–i55.

# Summary

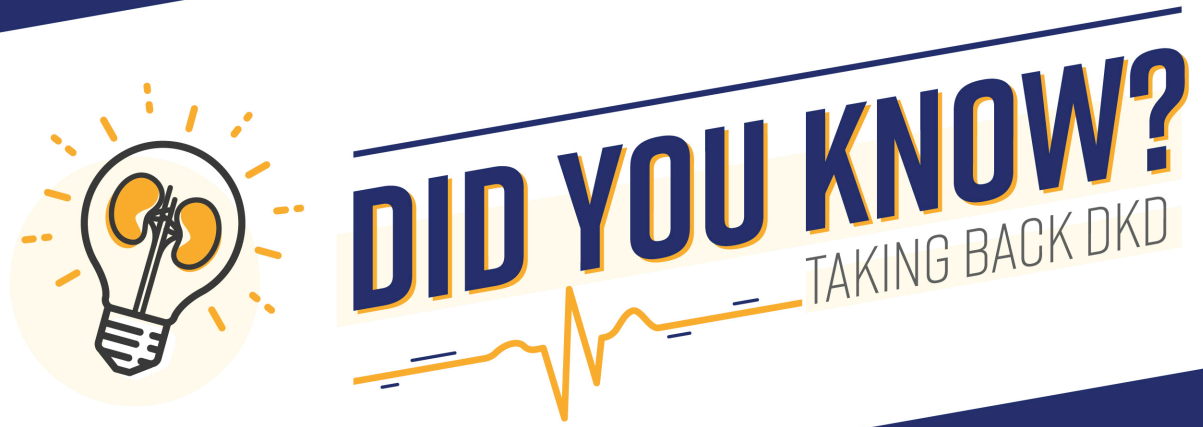


- Exploratory data from SGLT2i CVOTs suggested a renal benefit of these medication in patients with T2D
- Primary outcome data confirm a renal benefit of SGLT2i on top of ACEi/ARB for patients with T2D and renal impairment including macroalbuminuria
  - Canagliflozin 100 mg (T2D), dapagliflozin 10 mg (+/- T2D)
- Secondary outcome measures from CREDENCE confirm a benefit of canagliflozin 100 mg on 3-point MACE outcomes
  - Reduction of 20%, vs 14% in the CANVAS Program and in EMPA-REG OUTCOME
- Secondary outcome measures from DAPA-CKD show a benefit of dapagliflozin 10 mg on all-cause mortality and a composite of CV death and hospitalization for heart failure
- Leaders in nephrology are calling on their colleagues to integrate SGLT2 inhibitors in their treatment of patients with T2D

## Knowledge Check 1

**Approximately what proportion of patients in CREDENCE were taking an ACE inhibitor or ARB medication?**

- a) 50%
- b) 75%
- c) 90%
- d) >99%



## Did you know...

**SGLT2 inhibitors provide renal protection in a manner that is independent of A1C?**



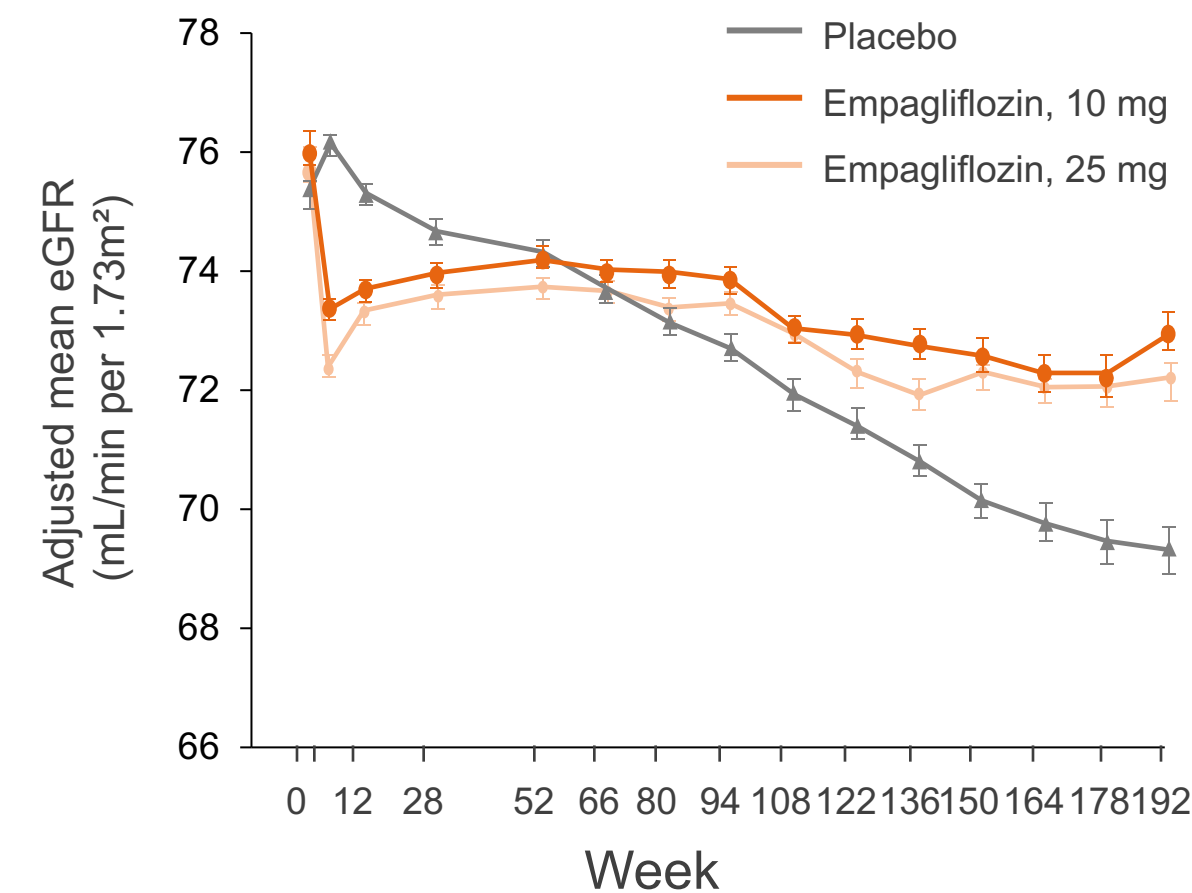
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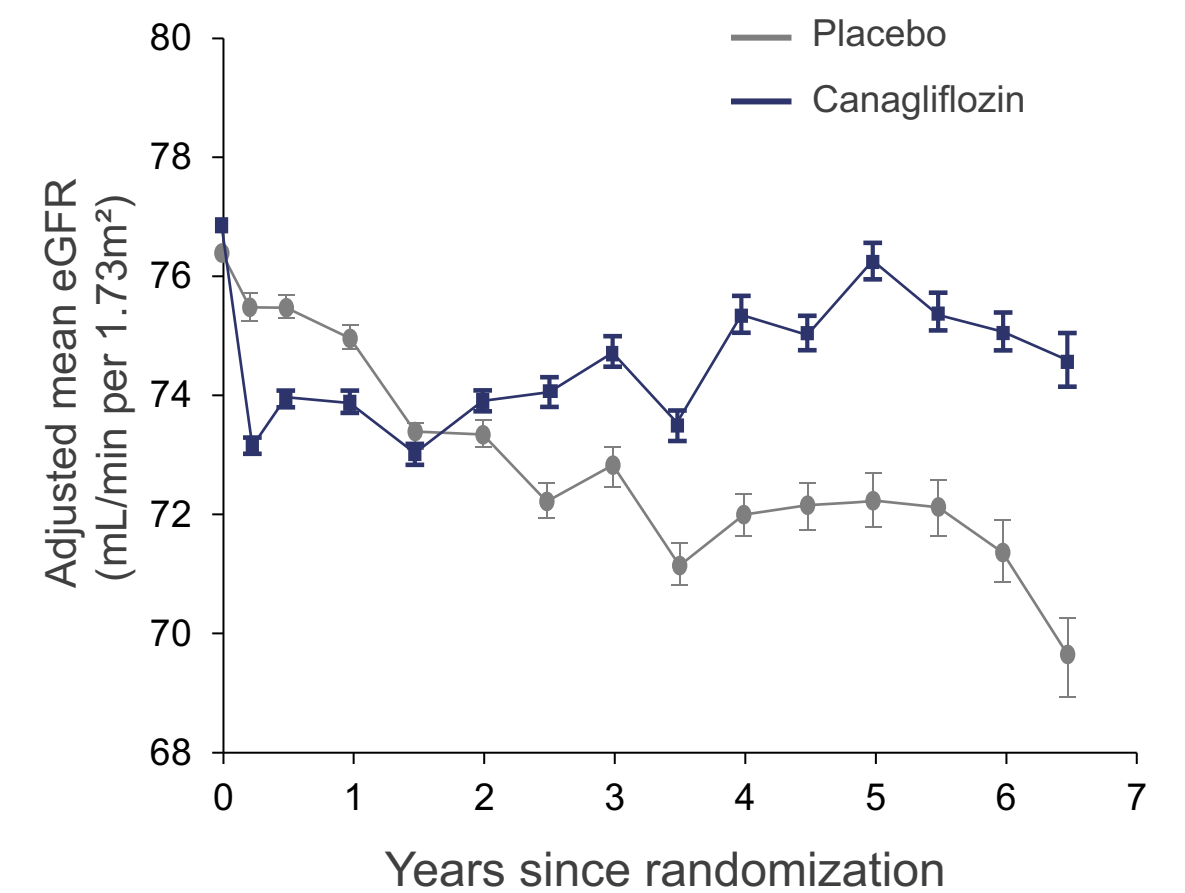
# Data from CVOTs Suggested SGLT2i Slow eGFR Decline



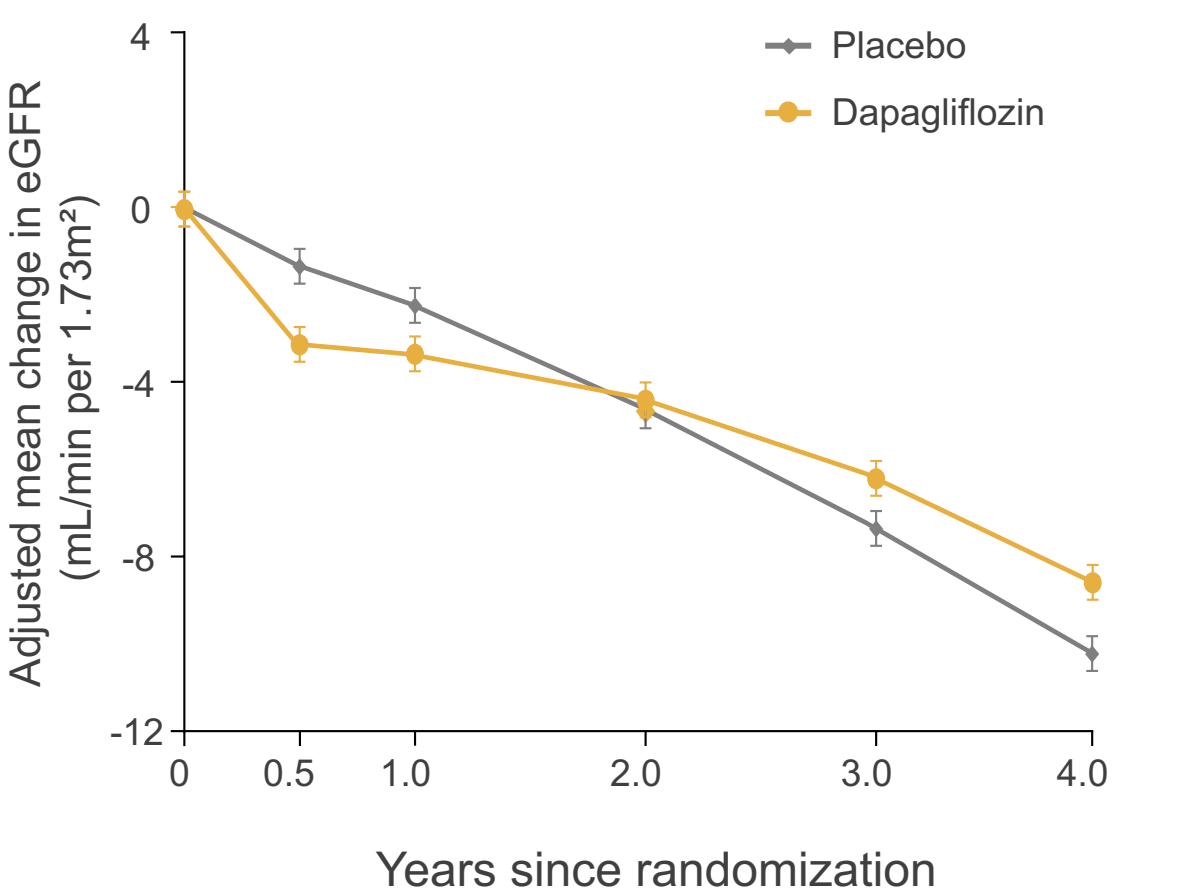
**EMPA-REG OUTCOME**  
Change in eGFR over 192 weeks<sup>1</sup>



**CANVAS Program**  
Change in eGFR over 6.5 years<sup>2</sup>



**DECLARE-TIMI-58**  
Change in eGFR over 4 years<sup>3</sup>



1. Wanner C, et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:323-34.  
2. Perkovic V, et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2018;6:691-704  
3. Mozenson O, et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2019; 7: 606–17



# CREDESCENCE: Effect on eGFR decline

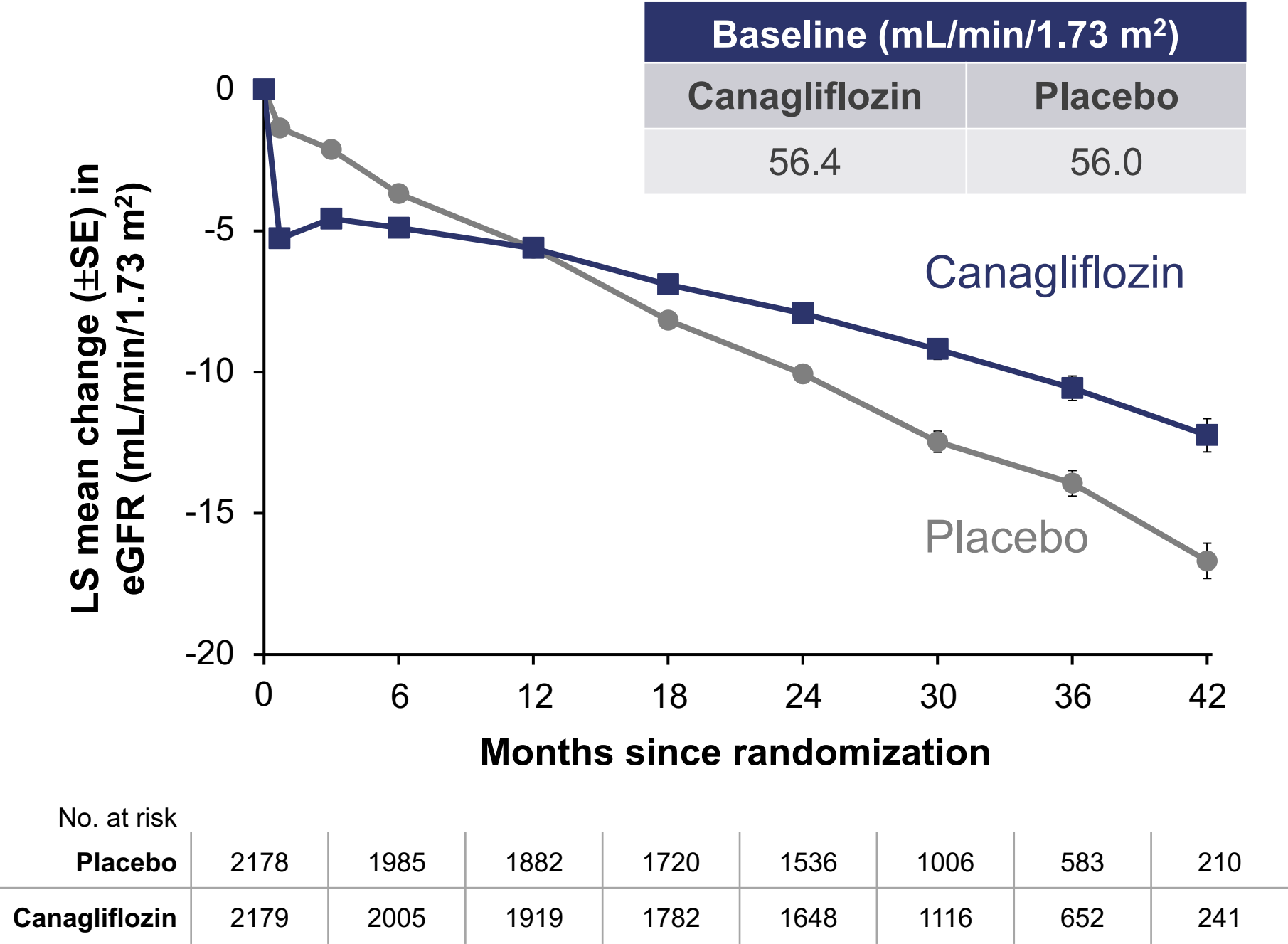


- In CREDESCENCE, canagliflozin was associated with a slower **long-term** decline in eGFR despite initial reversible hemodynamic drop<sup>1</sup>
- Placebo represents eGFR decline in modern standard of care (99.9% of patients taking ACEi/ARB)<sup>1</sup>
  - In IDNT, irbesartan slowed eGFR decline by roughly 1.2 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> per year<sup>2</sup>

eGFR Changes in CREDESCENCE<sup>1</sup>

	First 3 weeks (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Thereafter (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> per year)
Placebo (±SD)	−0.55 ± 0.25	−4.59 ± 0.14
Canagliflozin (±SD)	−3.72 ± 0.25	−1.85 ± 0.13
Difference (95%CI)	−3.17 (−3.87 to −2.47)	2.74 (2.37 to 3.11)

eGFR Changes in CREDESCENCE<sup>1</sup>

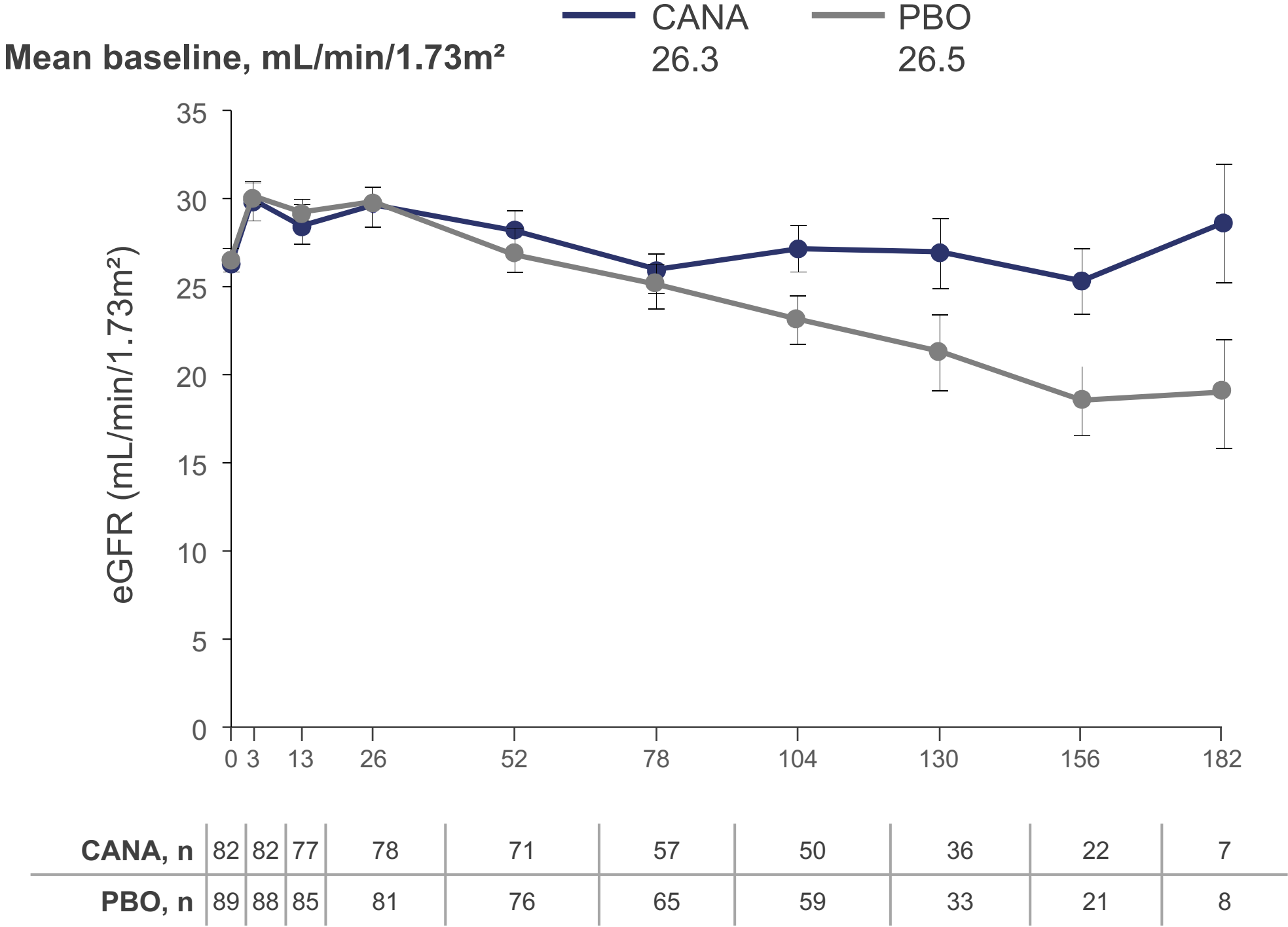


1. Perkovic et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019 Jun 13;380(24):2295-230.  
2. Evans et al. *Nephrol Dial Transplant*. 2012 Jun;27(6):2255-63.

# Renal Efficacy of Canagliflozin in Patients with eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>



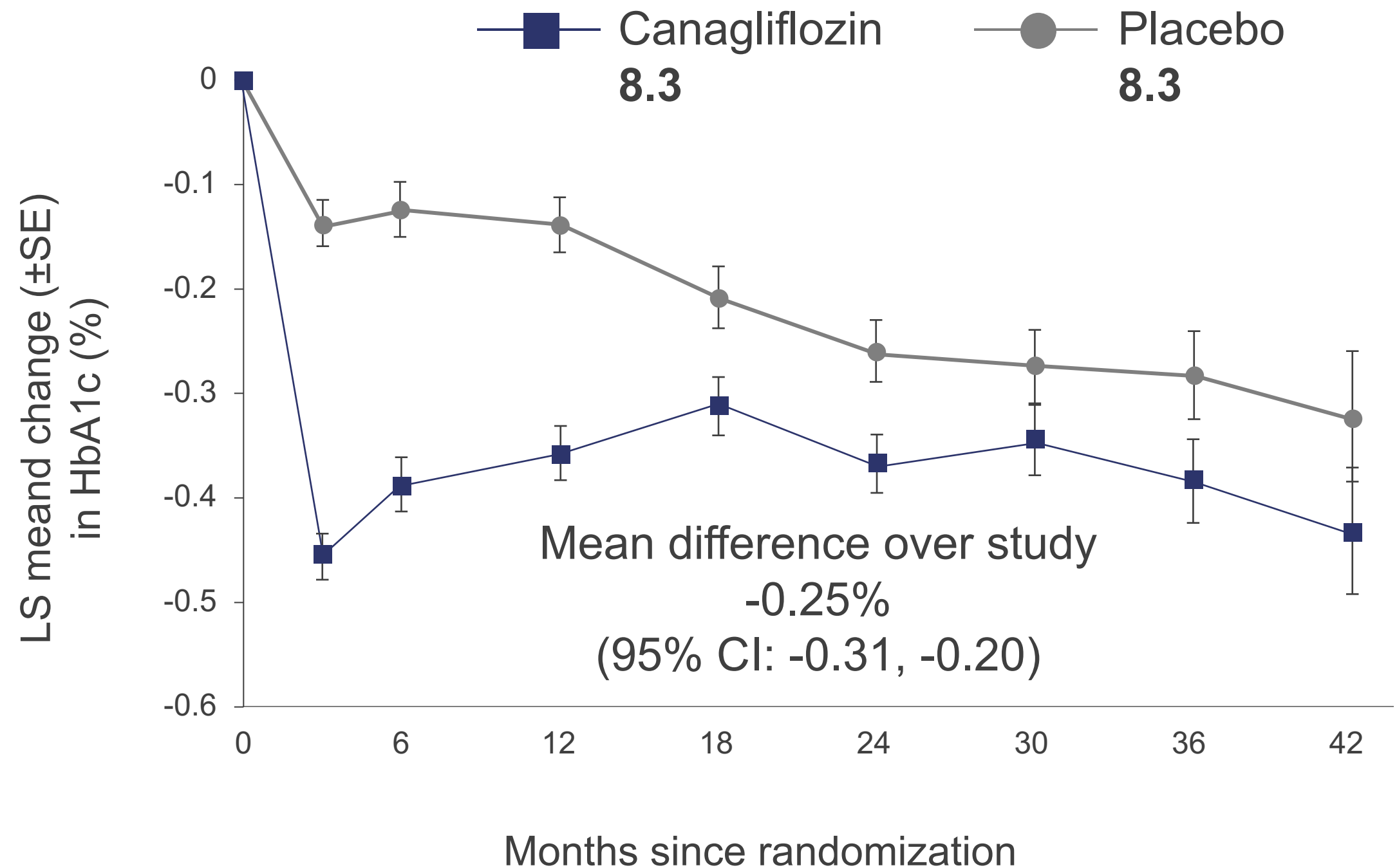
- In the CREDENCE trial, some patients had eGFR values <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> at treatment initiation
- In a sub-analysis, canagliflozin 100 mg was associated with a reduction in the rate of eGFR decline relative to placebo in these patients
- Effects on renal, CV, and mortality outcomes in participants were consistent with those seen in the overall population





# Minimal Change in A1C in CREDENCE

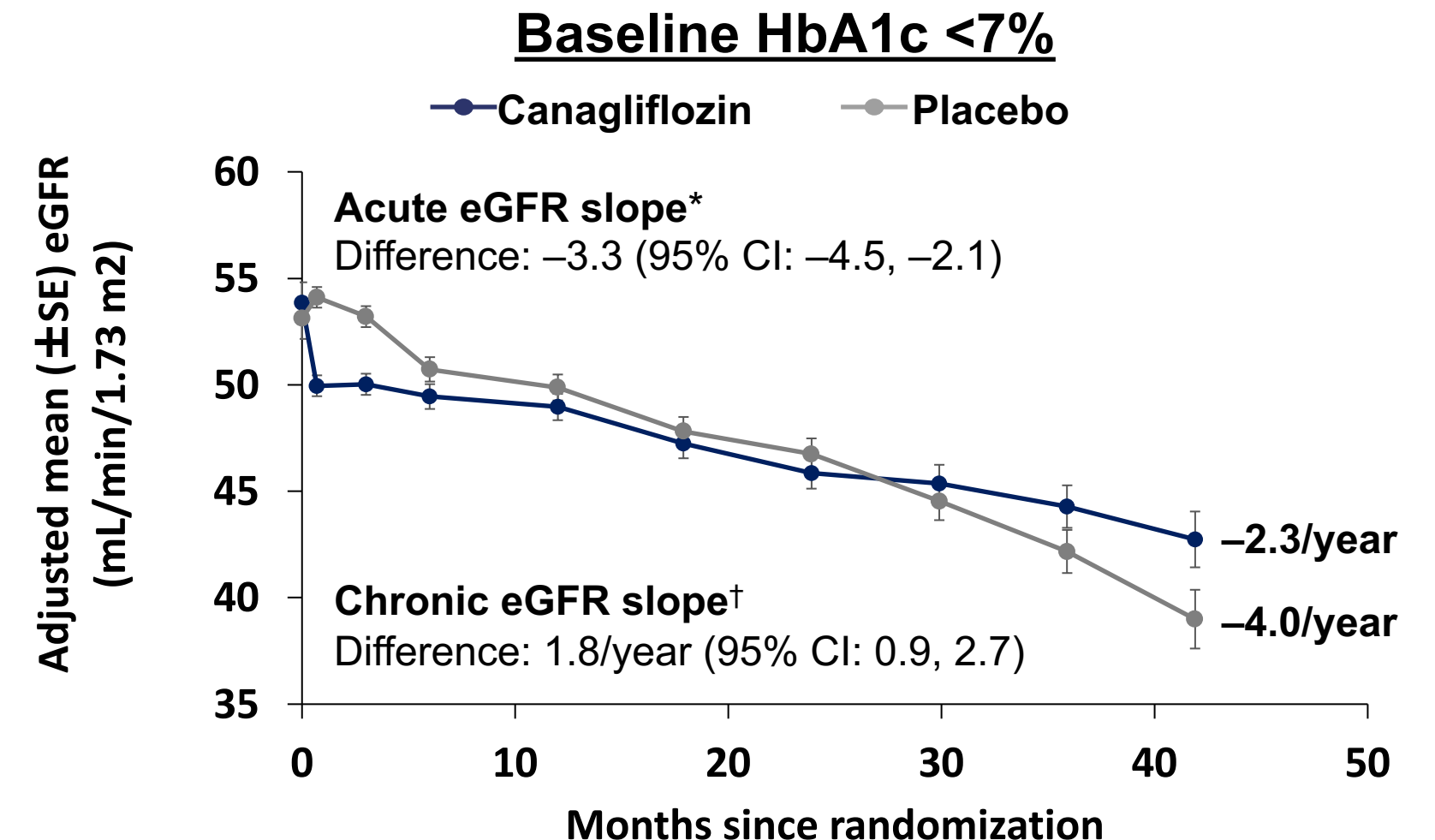
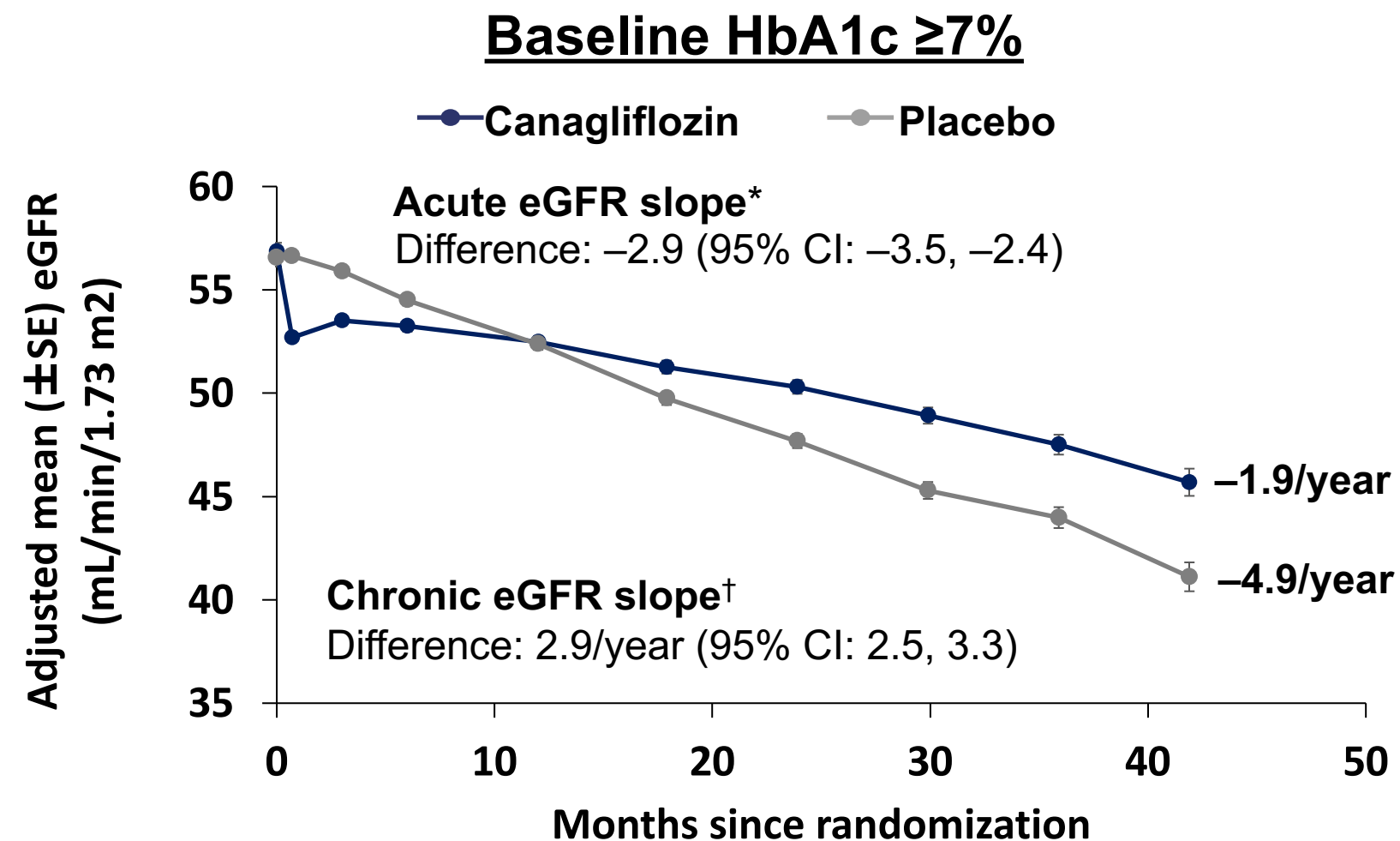
- A1C in CREDENCE was reduced by a mean of 0.25% over the duration of the study
- Suggests that renal protection and slowed eGFR decline are independent of glucose-lowering effect



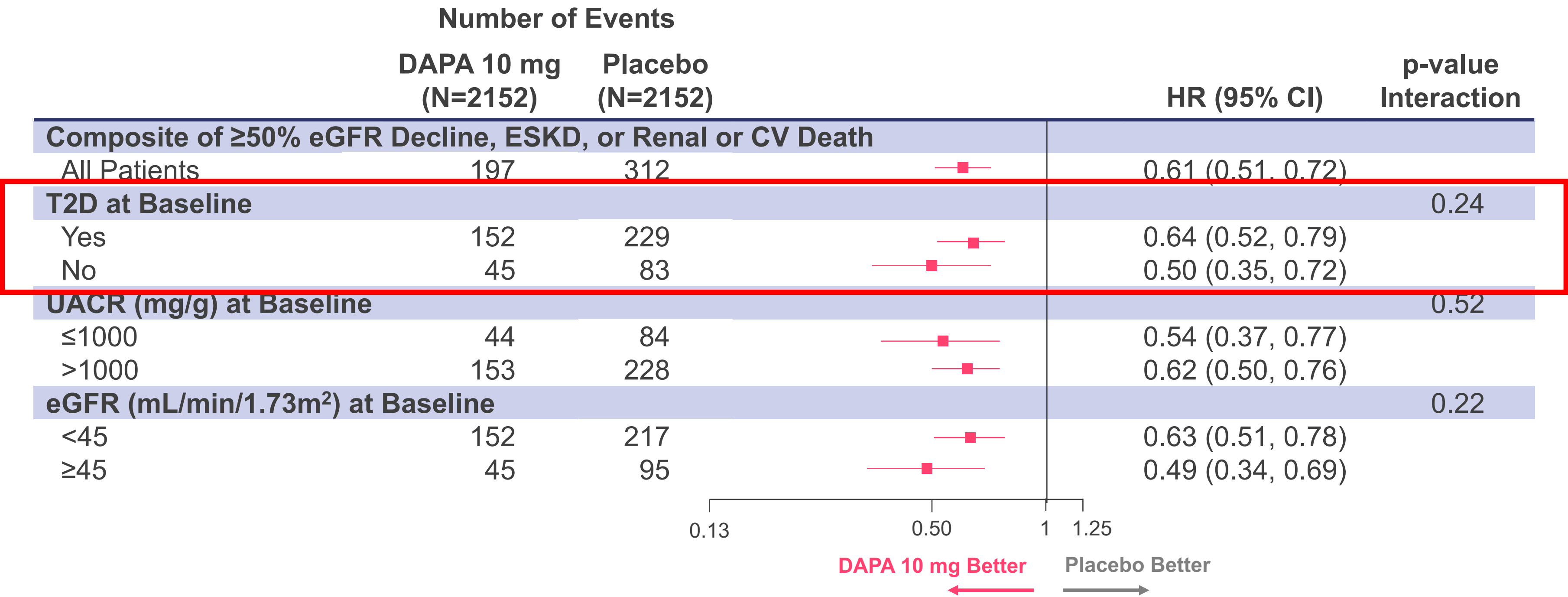
# Canagliflozin Slowed eGFR Decline Among Patients Both Above and Below A1C Targets



In the CREDENCE trial, decline in eGFR over the chronic phase of the study was slowed among patients taking canagliflozin 100 mg even among patients with A1C at or below target



# DAPA-CKD Primary Composite Outcome: Prespecified Subgroup Analyses



CV = cardiovascular; DAPA = dapagliflozin; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; HR = hazard ratio; T2D = type 2 diabetes; UACR = urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio.

# Summary



- Evidence from CVOTs and renal outcomes trials demonstrates an association between SGLT2 inhibitor use and slowing of eGFR decline despite an initial reversible drop
- The A1C difference between groups in CREDENCE (0.25%) does not account for renal and CV benefit
- Slowing of eGFR decline by canagliflozin 100 mg was apparent in patients whether they had achieved A1C target or not
- Renal benefit of dapagliflozin 10 mg was consistent regardless of T2D status



## Knowledge Check 2

**Which patient group did not experience a slowing of eGFR decline when taking an SGLT2 inhibitor?**

- a) Patients with relatively small A1C reduction relative to placebo (<0.5%)
- b) Patients below A1C target ( $\leq 7.0\%$ )
- c) Patients above A1C target ( $> 7.0\%$ )
- d) None of the above (A1C-independent effect)





## Did you know...

**Renal-related adverse events, including incidence of AKI, are lower in patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors compared to placebo in clinical trials regardless of their initial eGFR?**

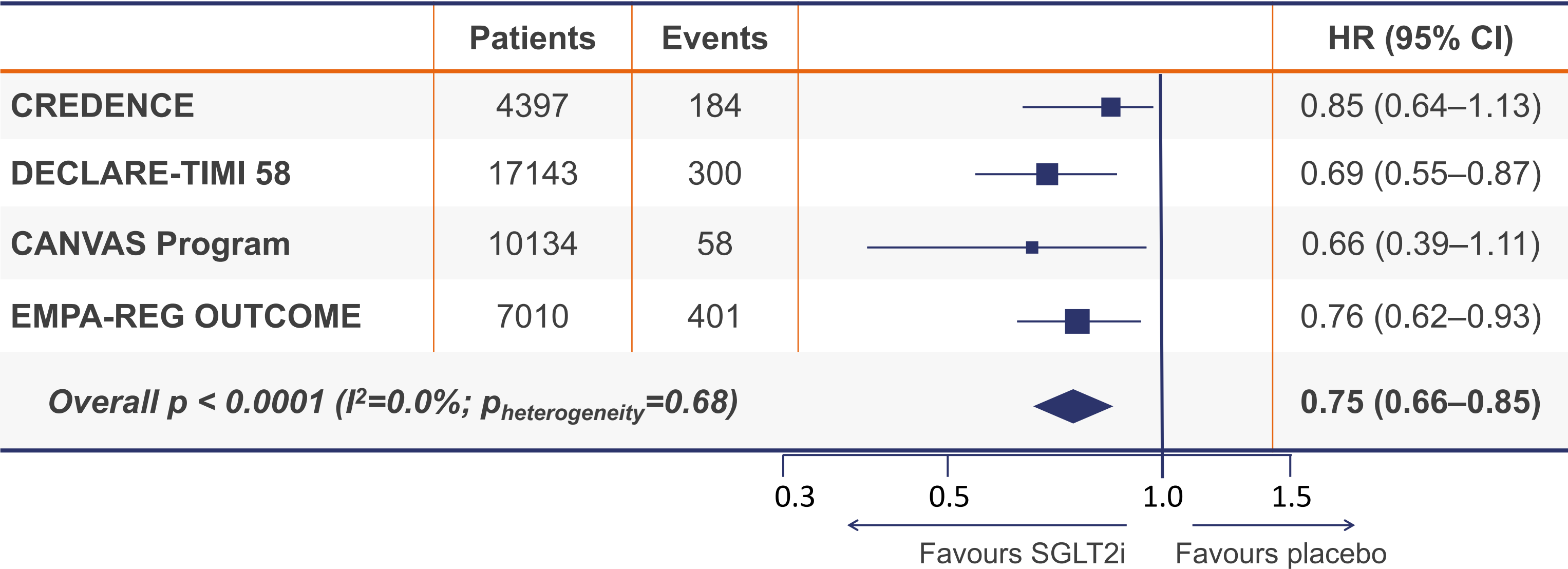


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# SGLT2 Inhibitors and Acute Kidney Injury



In a systematic review and meta-analysis of exploratory analyses of SGLT2i trials, the overall incidence of acute kidney injury (AKI) was reduced



# DAPA-CKD Safety Outcomes



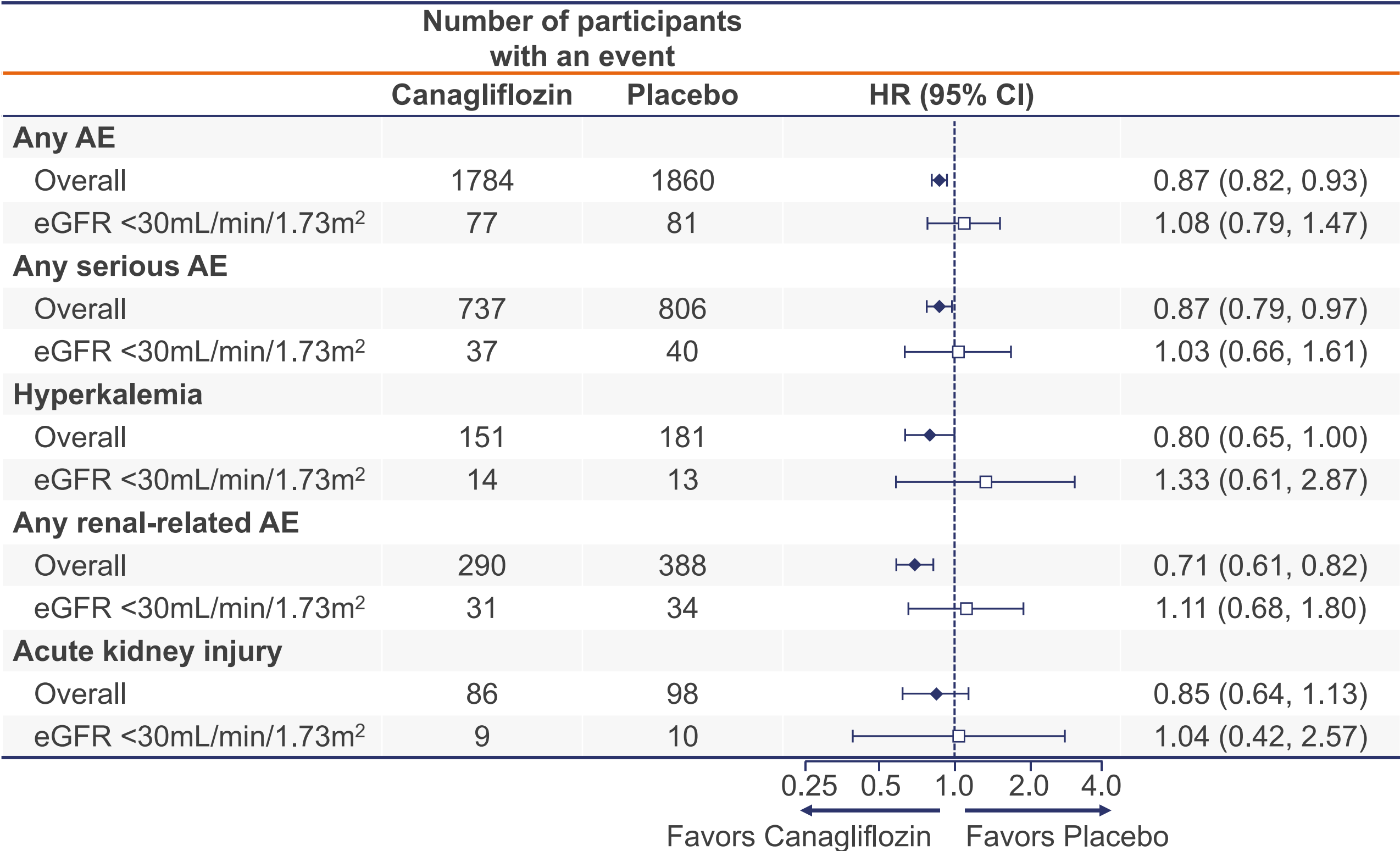
Safety Outcomes <sup>a</sup> , n (%)	Dapagliflozin 10 mg (N=2149)	Placebo (N=2149)
Discontinuation of study drug	274 (12.8)	309 (14.4)
Discontinuation due to adverse event	118 (5.5)	123 (5.7)
Any serious adverse event	633 (29.5)	729 (33.9)
Adverse events of interest		
Amputation <sup>b</sup>	35 (1.6)	39 (1.8)
Any definite or probable diabetic ketoacidosis	0	2 (0.1)
Fracture <sup>c</sup>	85 (4.0)	69 (3.2)
Renal-related adverse event <sup>c</sup>	155 (7.2)	188 (8.7)
Major hypoglycemia <sup>d</sup>	14 (0.7)	28 (1.3)
Volume depletion <sup>c</sup>	127 (5.9)	90 (4.2)
Serious adverse events of volume depletion	22 (1.0)	18 (0.8)

<sup>a</sup>Safety outcomes reported in participants on and off treatment; <sup>b</sup>Surgical or spontaneous/non-surgical amputation, excluding amputation due to trauma;  
<sup>c</sup>Based on pre-defined list of preferred terms; <sup>d</sup>Adverse events with the following criteria confirmed by the investigator: i) symptoms of severe impairment in consciousness or behavior, ii) need of external assistance, iii) intervention to treat hypoglycemia, iv) prompt recovery of acute symptoms following the intervention  
Heerspink HJL. Presented at: ESC Congress – The Digital Experience; August 29 - September 1, 2020.

# **CREDESCENCE: Adverse Events in Patients with eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**



- Adverse event profiles in CREDESCENCE were similar for the overall population and for those with eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>





# Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)

- DKA is a rare complication of SGLT2 inhibitor use that is reported more commonly among patients who are taking insulin<sup>1</sup>
  - CREDENCE: 11/2200 patients taking canagliflozin<sup>2</sup>
  - DAPA-CKD: 0/2149 patients taking dapagliflozin<sup>3</sup>
- DKA results from insufficient insulin and excess glucagon<sup>4</sup>
  - SGLT2 inhibition can “mask” DKA, allowing it to occur at lower glucose levels than usual
- Use caution when reducing or discontinuing insulin therapy<sup>1</sup>
- Sick-day management strategies should be discussed before an SGLT2 inhibitor is initiated to help your patients avoid adverse events such as DKA<sup>2</sup>

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2. Perkovic et al. N Engl J Med. 2019; 380(24):2295-2306.  
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## Sick Day Medication List<sup>5</sup>

<b>S</b>	Sulfonylureas
<b>A</b>	ACE inhibitors
<b>D</b>	Diuretics, direct renin inhibitors
<b>M</b>	Metformin
<b>A</b>	Angiotensin receptor blockers
<b>N</b>	Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory
<b>S</b>	SGLT2 inhibitors

# Foot Care is the Standard of Care



- An increased risk of lower-limb amputation (toes, feet, or legs) was observed with canagliflozin in the CANVAS Program<sup>1,2</sup>
  - This result was not seen in CVOTs of other SGLT2i medications<sup>1</sup>
  - Highest absolute risk of amputation occurred among patients who had a history of amputation or peripheral vascular disease<sup>2</sup>
  - Patients with T2DM and renal impairment did not have a higher rate of lower limb amputations when taking canagliflozin 100 mg in CREDENCE or dapagliflozin 10 mg in DAPA-CKD<sup>3-5</sup>
- Good foot care is the standard of care in patients with T2D<sup>6</sup>
  - In CREDENCE, canagliflozin was withheld if patients developed an active lesion and restarted upon its resolution<sup>3,4</sup>

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2. Neal et al. N Engl J Med 2017;377:644-57.

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4. Mahaffey KW. Presented at ISN World Congress of Nephrology; April 12-15, 2019; Melbourne, Australia. Session O-361.

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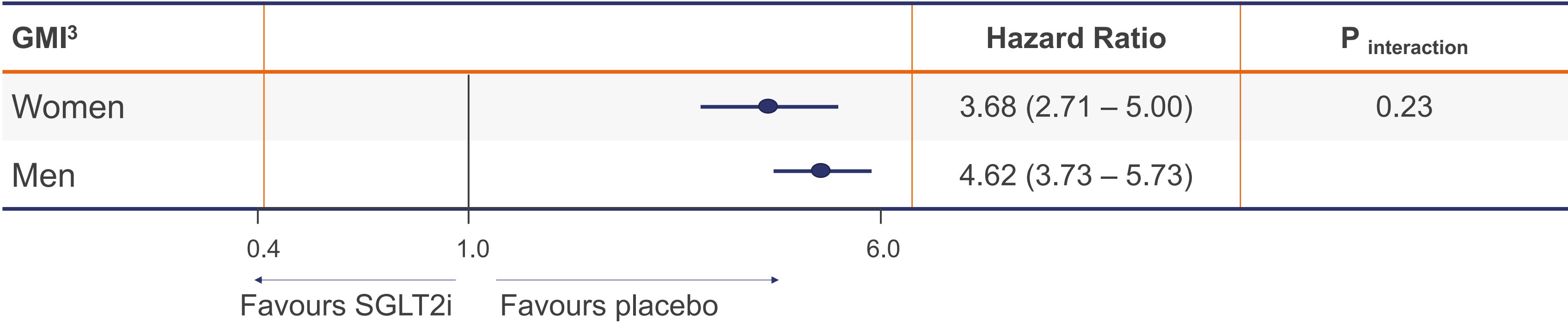
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# Genital Mycotic Infection (GMI)



- Patients taking SGLT2i are at increased risk of genital mycotic infections (GMIs)<sup>1</sup>
- Remember to counsel patients on the increased risk of GMIs associated with SGLT2i agents and to wash frequently<sup>2</sup>
  - Patients can be counselled to to rinse the genital area with water after every void and before going to bed to reduce incidence of GMI



1. Zelnicker et al. Lancet. 2019 Jan 5;393(10166):31-39.  
2. Williams & Ahmed. Diabetes 2019 Jun; 68(Supplement 1): <https://doi.org/10.2337/db19-1224-P>  
3. Rådholm et al. Diabetes Obes Metab. 2020 Feb;22(2):263-266.

# Summary



- Renal-related adverse events are lower in patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors relative to those taking placebo
- DKA is rare among patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors and usually results from a precipitating event
- Counsel patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors on genital hygiene
- Foot care is the standard of care in patients with T2D

## Knowledge Check 3

**Based on the CREDENCE sub-analysis, patients with a baseline eGFR of  $\leq 30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> were:**

- a) At increased risk of AKI relative to the overall population
- b) At decreased risk of AKI relative to the overall population
- c) At equal risk of AKI relative to the overall population



## Did you know...

**One SGLT2 inhibitor is indicated for reducing renal events in patients with T2D and renal impairment with macroalbuminuria?**



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# Current Canadian Indications for the SGLT2i Class



	Canagliflozin <sup>1</sup> (INVOKANA)	Dapagliflozin <sup>2</sup> (FORXIGA)	Empagliflozin <sup>3</sup> (JARDIANCE)
<b>3-Point MACE reduction*</b> (nonfatal stroke, nonfatal MI, or CV death)	Yes: 3-point MACE	No	Yes: CV death only
<b>Hospitalization for heart failure in T2DM</b>	No	Yes (with CV risk factors or established CV disease)	No
<b>Heart Failure</b>	No	Yes <sup>‡</sup>	No
<b>Renal protection in primary outcome trial</b>	Yes <sup>4</sup>	No	No
<b>GFR guidelines</b>	Initiate ≥30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>  100 mg can be continued down to dialysis <sup>†</sup>	Initiate ≥45 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>  Contraindicated below 30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Initiate ≥30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>  Contraindicated below 30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>

\*in T2D and established CVD

<sup>†</sup>in patients with albuminuria >33.9 mg/mmol

<sup>‡</sup>indicated in adults, as an adjunct to standard of care therapy, for the treatment of heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF) to reduce the risk of cardiovascular (CV) death, hospitalization for heart failure and urgent heart failure visit

1. INVOKANA Product Monograph. 23/01/2020. Janssen Inc.
2. FORXIGA Product Monograph. 01/04/2020. AstraZeneca Inc.
3. JARDIANCE Product Monograph. 15/04/2020. Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd
4. Perkovic et al. N Engl J Med. 2019; 380(24):2295-2306.

# SGLT2 Inhibitors: Practical Considerations



- Most SGLT2i agents are safe to initiate and use at normal dose in patients with renal impairment
  - Canagliflozin 100 mg is indicated for use until dialysis in patients with macroalbuminuria
- No dose adjustments are required for patients  $\geq 65$  years old
  - Risk of volume depletion should be taken into account
- Patients taking diuretics may be at increased risk for hypovolemia and hypotension

SGLT2i agent	eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )		
	<30	$\geq 30$ to 45	>45 to 60
Canagliflozin <sup>1</sup>	Therapy may be continued*	100 mg/day	
Dapagliflozin <sup>2</sup>	Contraindicated	5-10 mg/day	
Empagliflozin <sup>3</sup>	Contraindicated	10-25 mg/day	

\*In patients already initiated on canagliflozin therapy who meet the criterion of an eGFR  $<30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> with albuminuria  $>33.9$  mg/mmol, therapy can be continued at 100 mg once daily and should be discontinued at the initiation of dialysis.

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## SGLT2 Inhibitors: Practical Considerations

- Most SGLT2i agents are safe to use at normal dose in patients with renal impairment
  - No dose adjustment needed in patients with renal impairment
    - For patients with severe renal impairment, SGLT2i may be associated with an increased risk of hypotension
  - Patients with severe renal impairment may experience an increased risk of hypotension
- 
- SGLT2i have renal benefits and other glucose-lowering effects but still provide cardiovascular benefits with renal impairment

SGLT2i agent	eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )		
	> 60	45 to 60	< 45
Canagliflozin	↓	↓	↓
	↓	↓	↓
Dapagliflozin	↓	↓	↓
	↓	↓	↓
Ertugliflozin	↓	↓	↓
	↓	↓	↓
Ideglioflozin	↓	↓	↓
	↓	↓	↓
Sotagliflozin	↓	↓	↓
	↓	↓	↓
Tofogliflozin	↓	↓	↓
	↓	↓	↓

Reduced efficacy for lowering A1C  
 Osmotic effects as GFR declines,  
 CV and renal benefits in patients  
 with CKD<sup>4,5</sup>

SGLT2i have reduced efficacy for lowering A1C and other glucosuric effects as GFR declines, but still provide CV and renal benefits in patients with renal impairment<sup>4,5</sup>

\*In patients already initiated on canagliflozin therapy who meet the criterion of an eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> with albuminuria >33.9 mg/mmol, therapy can be continued at 100 mg once daily and should be discontinued at the initiation of dialysis.

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3. JARDIANCE Product Monograph. 15/04/2020. Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd
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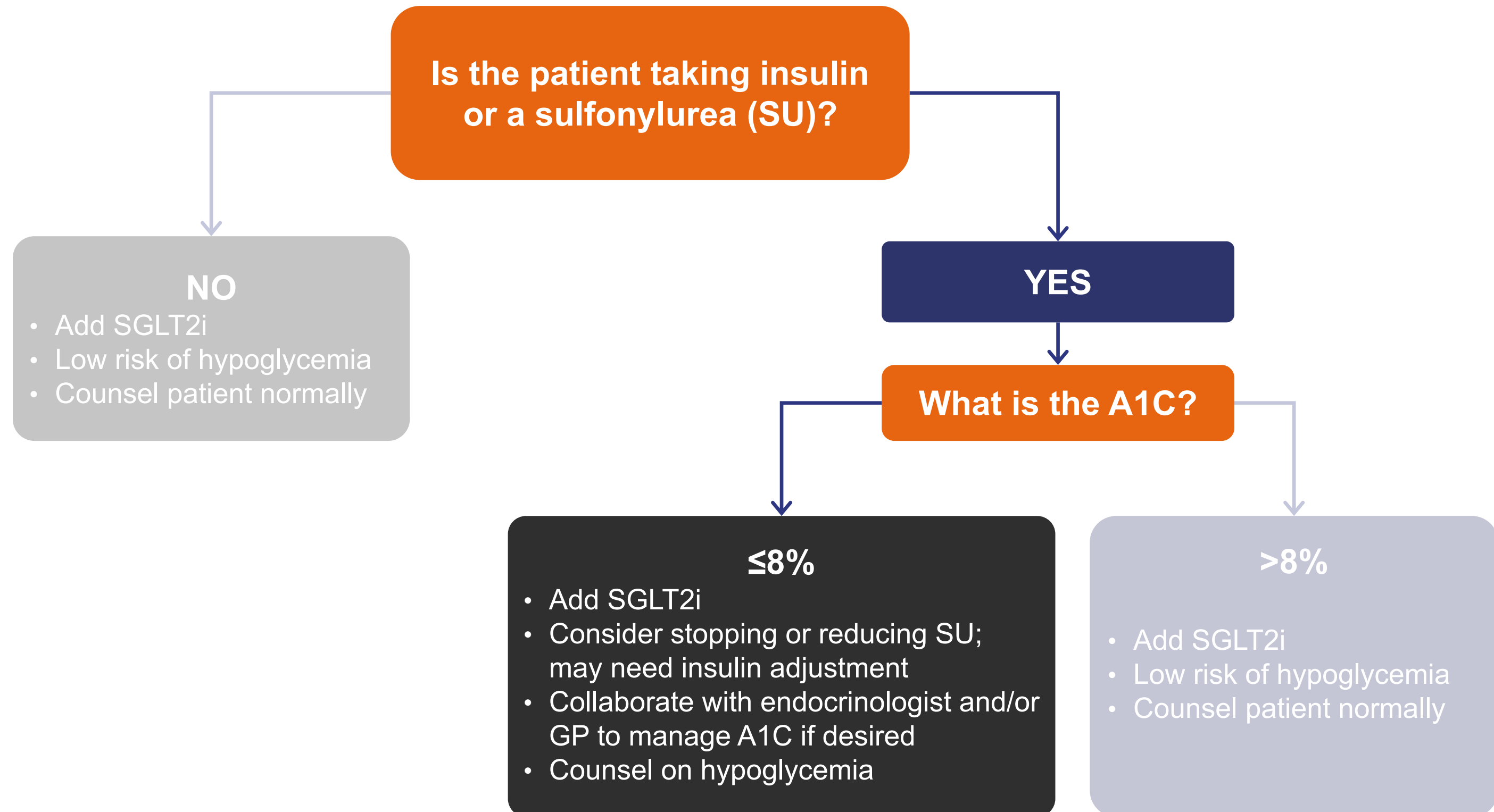
# SGLT2 Inhibitors as Kidney Medications

- Initiate without adjustment of ACEi/ARB dose<sup>1</sup>
- Counsel patient on need to stay hydrated, risk of genital mycotic infection (GMI), and the sick day medication list<sup>2,3</sup>
- Some drop in eGFR is expected upon initiation<sup>1,4</sup>
  - Subanalysis of CREDENCE data suggests an acute drop in eGFR of <30% following canagliflozin initiation is not a safety concern

Initial eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Follow-up <sup>4,5</sup>	
>60	Monitor normally as per relevant guidelines and physician discretion	
<60	Check eGFR decline after 3 weeks	<25% Recheck after 3 months, then at physician discretion
		25–30% Recheck within 7 days
		≥30% Investigate pre-renal causes (e.g. diuretics, NSAIDs)

1. Perkovic et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019; 380(24):2295-2306.  
2. McGill & Subramanian. *Am J Cardiol*. 2019 Dec 15;124 Suppl 1:S45-S52.  
3. Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Committee. *Can J Diabetes* 20118. 42:S316.  
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# Management of Antihyperglycemic Medications When Initiating SGLT2 inhibitors

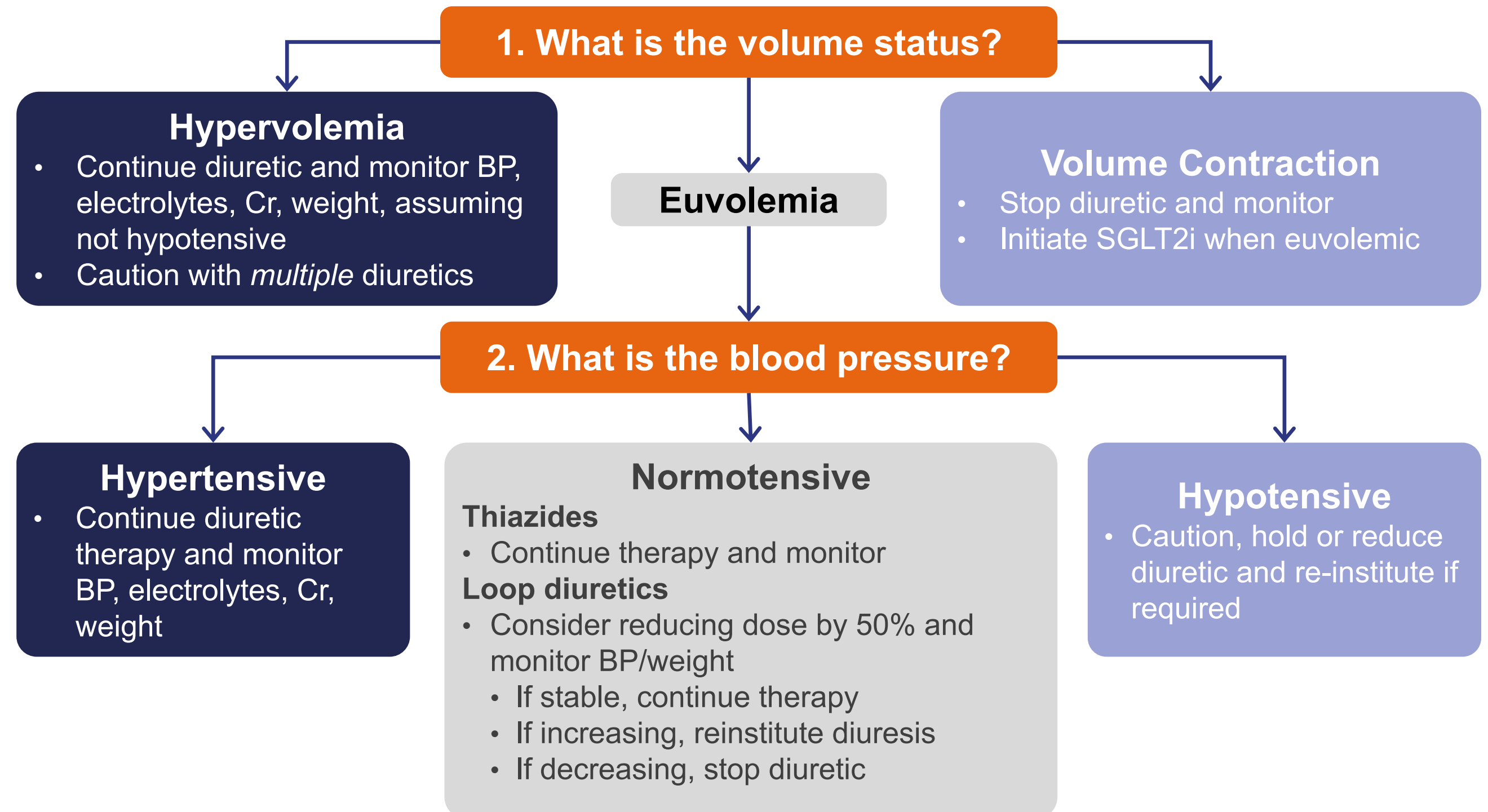


# Management of Diuretics in Patients Taking SGLT2i



**When adding an SGLT2i, continue diuretic and monitor**

## An option for management of diuretics with SGLT2 inhibitors



# Summary



- Canagliflozin 100 mg is indicated to reduce the risk of ESKD, doubling of serum creatinine, and CV death in adult patients with T2D and diabetic nephropathy with albuminuria >33.9 mg/mmol
- SGLT2i agents are safe to initiate and use at normal dose in patients with renal impairment; with canagliflozin 100 mg indicated for use until dialysis in patients with macroalbuminuria
- SGLT2 inhibitors can be initiated in patients with T2D and CKD without changing ACEi/ARB dose
  - Monitor volume status and adjust diuretic as needed
  - Consider collaborating with endocrinologist and/or GP for A1C management strategy in patients taking insulin and/or sulfonylurea

## Knowledge Check 4

Based on what we know about SGLT2i, is there a renal or CV benefit for patients with kidney impairment if we use doses that provide higher glycemic efficacy (e.g. canagliflozin 300 mg vs 100 mg)?

- A. No
- B. Yes
- C. No evidence



# Overall Summary



- SGLT2 inhibitors can be thought of as kidney drugs that may also lower glucose
- SGLT2 inhibitors provide renal protection in a manner that is independent of A1C
- Renal-related adverse events, including incidence of AKI, are lower in patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors compared to placebo in clinical trials regardless of their initial eGFR
- One SGLT2 inhibitor is indicated for reducing renal events in patients with T2D and renal impairment with macroalbuminuria



# Taking Action



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## Reflection Questions

**Are you likely to make changes to the way you manage patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D) and chronic kidney disease (CKD) in your practice based on what you've learned today?**

- a) Yes, I plan to make changes in my practice
- b) No, I will NOT be making any changes in my practice

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## Reflection Questions

**If you answered YES, please share the change(s) or action(s) you intend to undertake (check all that apply):**

- a) Prioritize cardiorenal protective strategies in the management of my patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D) and chronic kidney disease (CKD)
- b) Identify patients at high risk in whom cardiorenal protection is most important
- c) Construct a plan to integrate recent evidence presented today into my practice
- d) Optimize communication between my peers (multidisciplinary teams) to enhance the management of CKD and T2DM

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## Reflection Questions

**If you answered NO to making changes, please tell us why? (check all that apply):**

- a) I am already successfully implementing the presented strategies into my practice
- b) The topics presented did not apply to my patients and/or practice
- c) I foresee barriers to implementing the presented strategies into my practice

# Action Plan



## Based on what you have seen today, what specific action(s) do you expect to take over the next 6 months?

- Read/re-read publications including the CREDENCE and DAPA-CKD clinical trials and the meta-analyses on CV and renal outcomes with SGLT2i agents
- Review my charts to determine if my patients with T2D and CKD would benefit from the latest evidence presented today
- Attend additional CHE events on the optimal management of this patient population
- Review the most current national/international guidelines to ensure my care of patients with T2D and CKD is up to date
- Discuss strategies with my colleagues to ensure systematic implementation of organ-protective care
- Schedule grand rounds or a journal club to review this data with my colleagues
- Engage with my allied health care colleagues to institute collaborative and optimal organ protection care





# Questions and Discussion



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