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Update on CKD and Diabetes: Treatment and mechanisms

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Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants will be better able to:

- Define chronic kidney disease (CKD) in diabetes and its prevalence
- Discuss current standards of care in the treatment of CKD in patients with diabetes and the need for new therapeutic interventions
- Apply evidence from recent clinical trials with renal outcomes

**Unmet Needs:
Chronic Kidney
Disease in Diabetes**



CKD in diabetes has high prevalence and burden

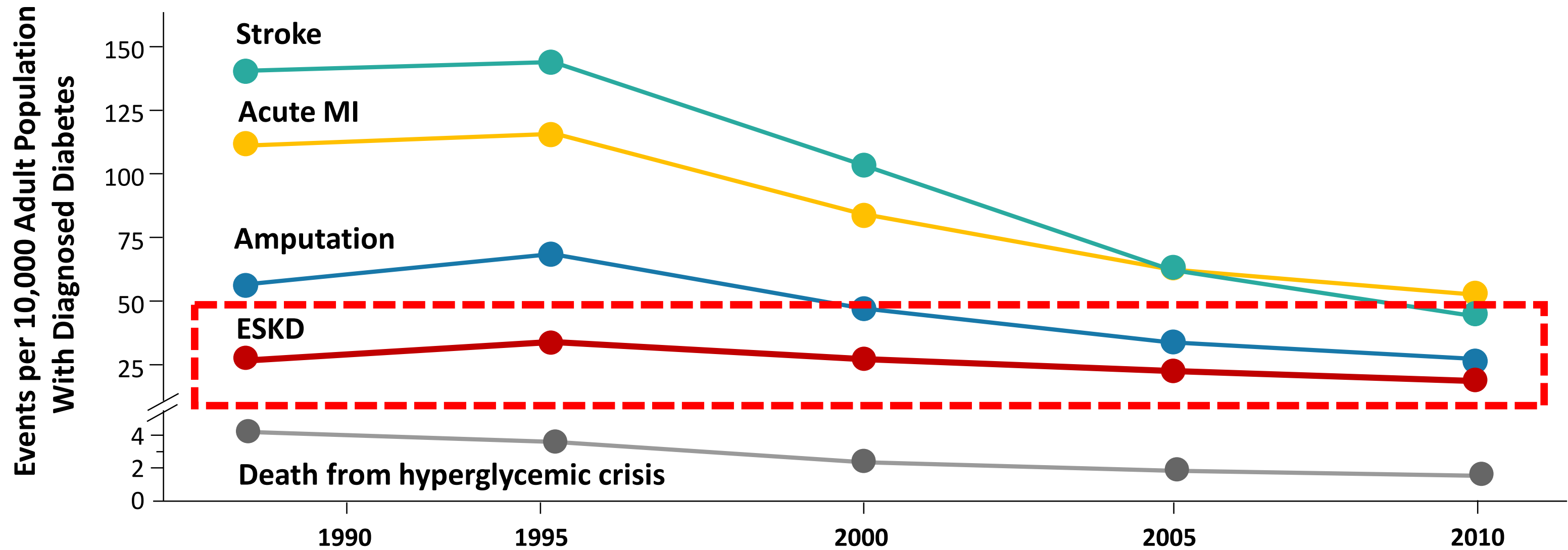
- **40-50%** of people with diabetes will develop CKD^{1,2}
 - **CKD is more common than CVD** in patients with T2DM (24.1% vs 21.6%)³
- Diabetes is the **leading cause of new cases of ESKD** in Canada⁴
 - **~50%** of adults **requiring dialysis or renal replacement** have ESKD attributable to diabetes²
- **CKD in diabetes can lead to complications**, including significant reductions in both length and quality of life⁵
 - Between 1990 and 2012, number of **deaths due to CKD in patients with T2DM rose by 94%**¹

ESKD, End-stage kidney disease; CKD: Chronic kidney disease; CVD: cardiovascular disease; T2DM: type 2 diabetes mellitus

1. Alicic et al. *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol* 2017;12:2032–45. 2. Steele A. *LMC Clinical Practice Update* 2018 [in press]; 3. Iglay et al. *Curr Med Res Opin* 2016;32(7):1243-52. 4. Public Health Agency of Canada. *Diabetes in Canada: Facts and figures from a public health perspective*. Ottawa, ON: 2011. 5. Diabetes Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines Expert Committee. *Can J Diabetes* 2018;42 :S201–209.

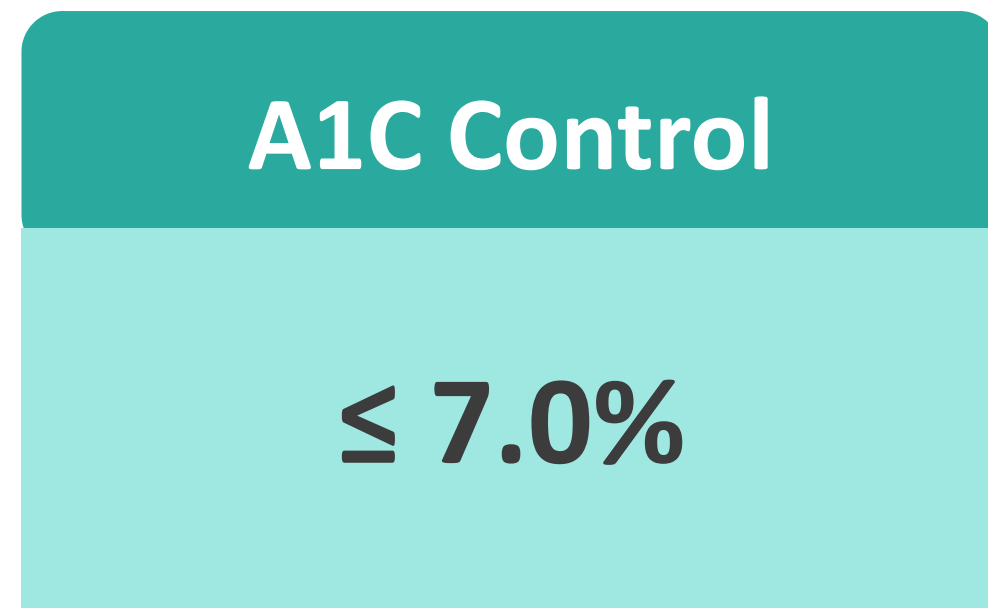
Despite these interventions, there has been little improvement in the rate of ESKD

- Rates of other major complications in diabetes have declined
- Rates of ESKD have actually increased among older adults

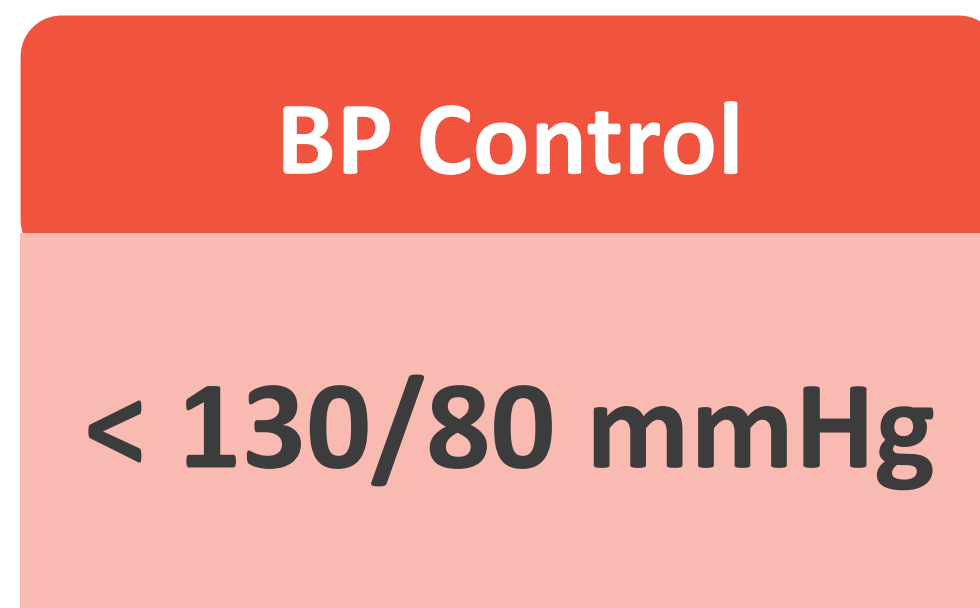


ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; MI: myocardial infarction
 Adapted from: Gregg EW, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2014;370:1514-23.

Over the last 20 years, Diabetes Canada (DC) has advocated three key targets for patients with diabetes and renal impairment



(Grade A)



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Grade A recommendations are supported by systematic overview or meta-analysis of high-quality randomized clinical trials (RCTs) or appropriately designed RCT(s) with adequate power to answer the question posed by the investigators

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ACEi or ARB: “Gold standard” for CKD in diabetes

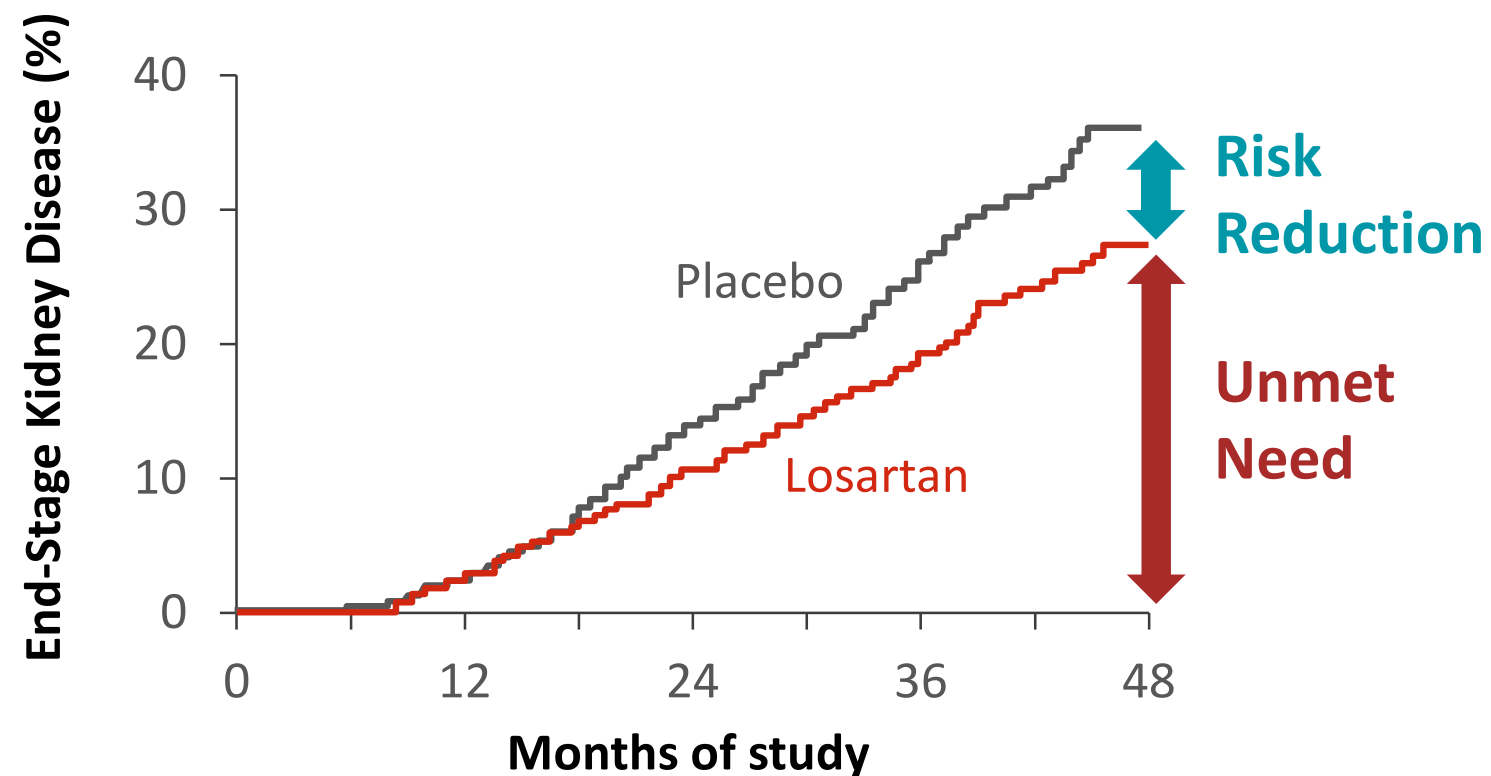
	N	Albuminuria	Baseline renal function	2xCr, ESKD, Renal Death – # of events	Relative Risk Reduction
IDNT ¹ (irbesartan)	1715	Median 1900 mg/d (1000 – 3800 mg/d)	Mean Cr: 148 µmol/L	644	20% (p=0.006)
RENAAL ² (losartan)	1513	Median ACR: ~140 mg/mmol	Mean Cr: 168 µmol/L	686	16% (p = 0.02)
ACEi Collaborative study group ³ (captopril)	409	Mean proteinuria: 2500 mg/d	Mean Cr: 115 µmol/L	2xCrR: 68 Death or ESKD: 65	43% (p = 0.007) 46%

ACEi: Angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor; ARB: Angiotensin receptor blocker

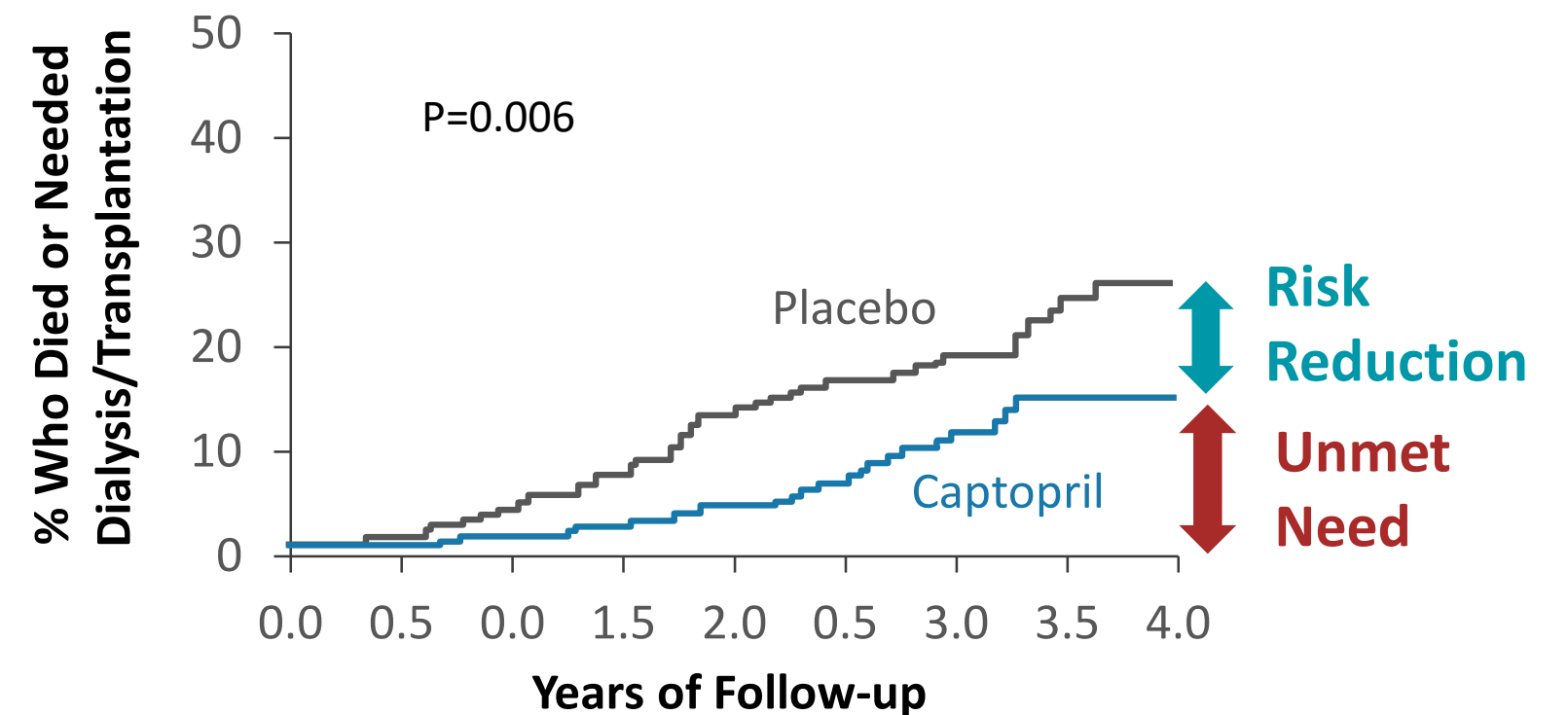
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ARB¹



ACE Inhibitor²



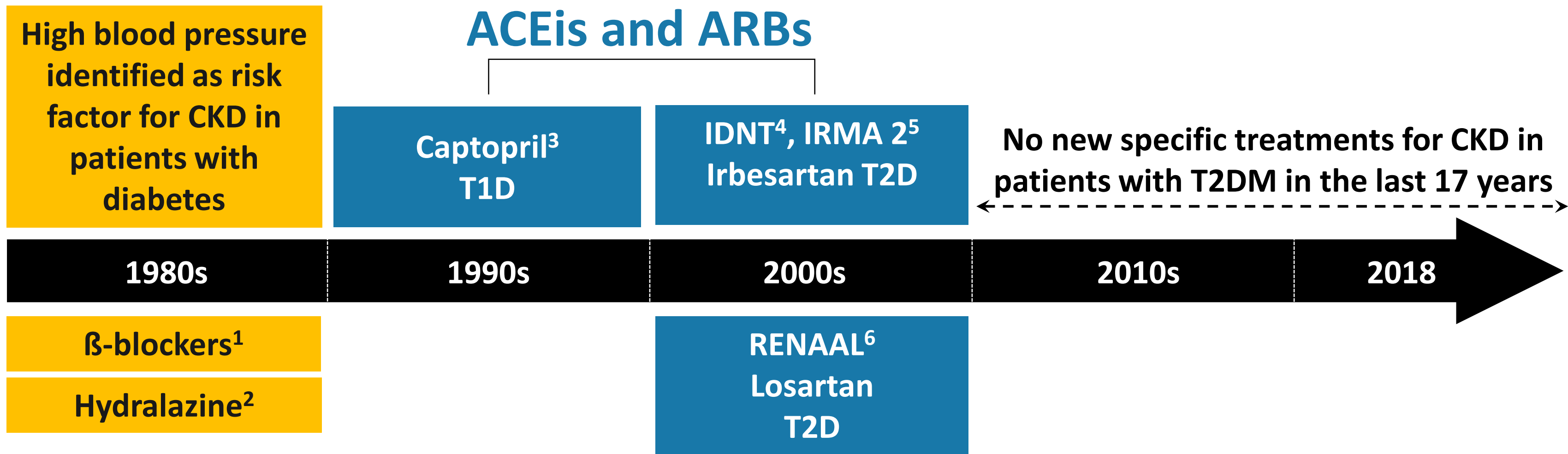
- Risk reduction associated with ACEi or ARB agents was an important development in primary care
- There is still a clear unmet need for new therapeutic interventions

Note that this does not represent a head-to-head comparison or of ARB and ACEi effects in patients with CKD and diabetes.

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No new treatment for CKD in diabetes since the advent of ACEi or ARB 17 years ago



CKD, chronic kidney disease; T1D, type 1 diabetes; T2D, type 2 diabetes; IDNT, Irbesartan Type 2 Diabetic Nephropathy Trial; RAAS, renin–angiotensin-aldosterone system; RENAAAL, Reduction of Endpoints in NIDDM with the Angiotensin II Antagonist Losartan

1. Mogensen CE, et al. *Br Med J (Clin Res Ed)* 1982;285:685; 2. Parving HH, et al. *Lancet* 1983;1:1175; 3. Lewis EJ, et al. *N Engl J Med* 1993;329:1456; 4. Lewis EJ, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2001;345:851; 5. Parving HH, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2001;345:870; 6. Brenner BM, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2001;345:861.

Figure adapted from: Steele A. *LMC Clinical Practice Update* 2018 [in press].d

**Turning Point:
EMPA-REG, CANVAS, DECLARE**



SGLT2 inhibitors and cardiovascular disease: MACE

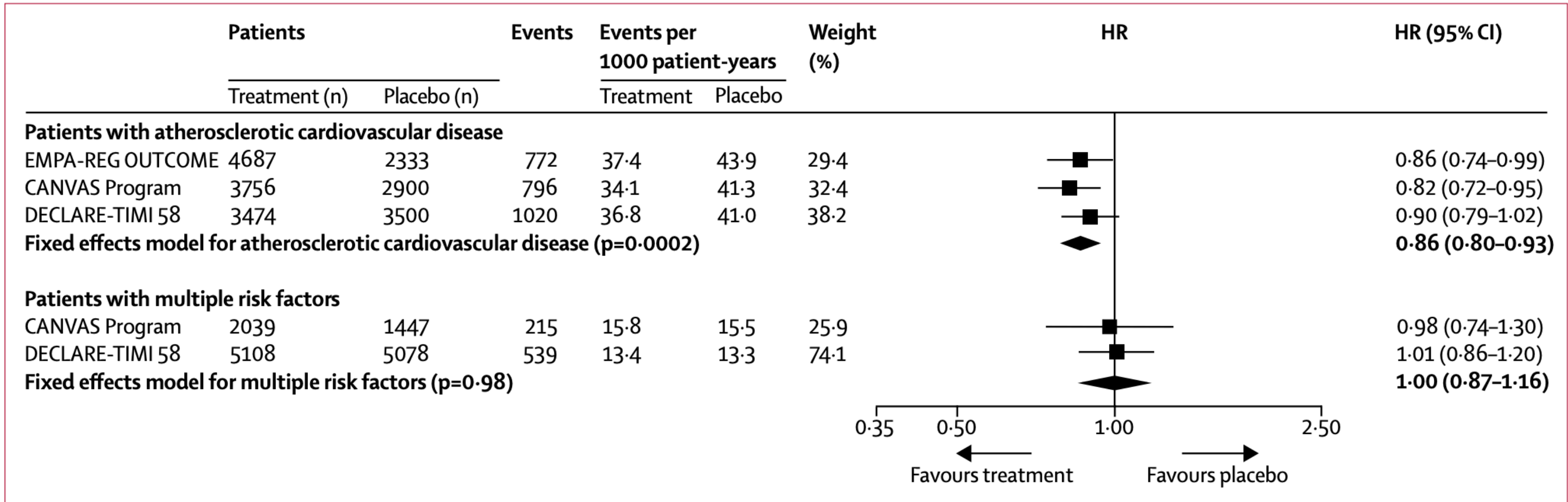


Figure 1: Meta-analysis of SGLT2i trials on the composite of myocardial infarction, stroke, and cardiovascular death (major adverse cardiovascular events) stratified by the presence of established atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease

No heterogeneity was found in terms of between-study variance in the subgroups (atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease: Q statistic=0.94, p=0.63, I²=0%; multiple risk factors: Q statistic=0.03, p=0.86, I²=0%). Tests for subgroup differences were based on F tests in a random effect meta-regression estimated using restricted maximum likelihood and Hartung Knapp adjustment. The p value for subgroup differences was 0.0501. HR=hazard ratio. SGLT2i=sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors.

SGLT2i-associated side effects

COMMON	LESS COMMON	RARE
Genital infections	Urinary tract infections	Diabetic ketoacidosis*
	Osmotic diuresis, hypovolemia, hypotension	Amputations [†]
	Mild LDL-C increase	Possible increase in fractures [‡]
		Increase in bladder cancer [§]
		Pancreatitis

For the most current side effect information, please review each individual product monograph

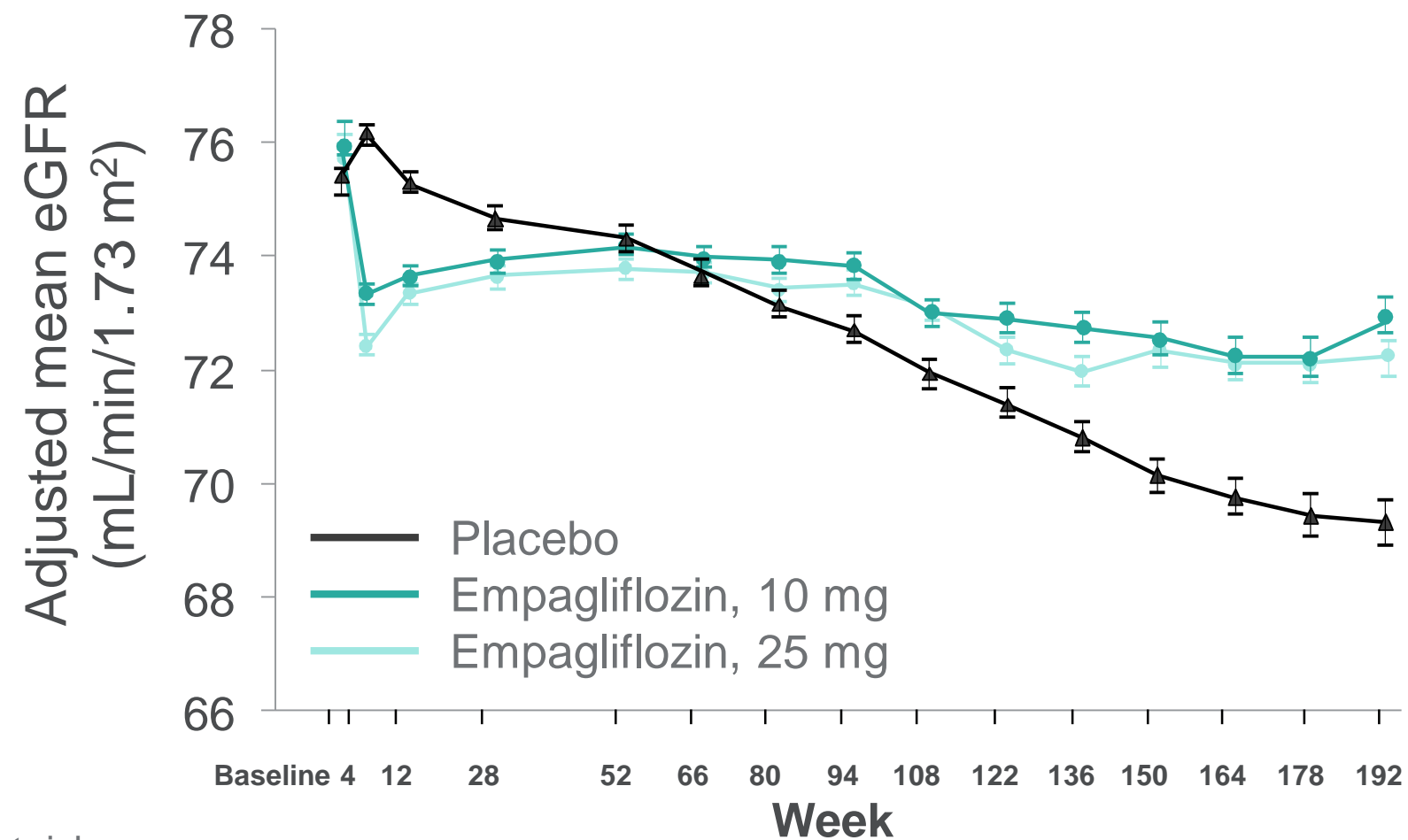
* observed with all SGLT2 inhibitors; † avoid using canagliflozin in individuals with a history of lower extremity amputation(s); ‡ observed with canagliflozin; § dapagliflozin not to be used in patients with bladder cancer.

**Turning Point:
The Kidney**



In CVOTs, eGFR initially drops and is stabilized over time

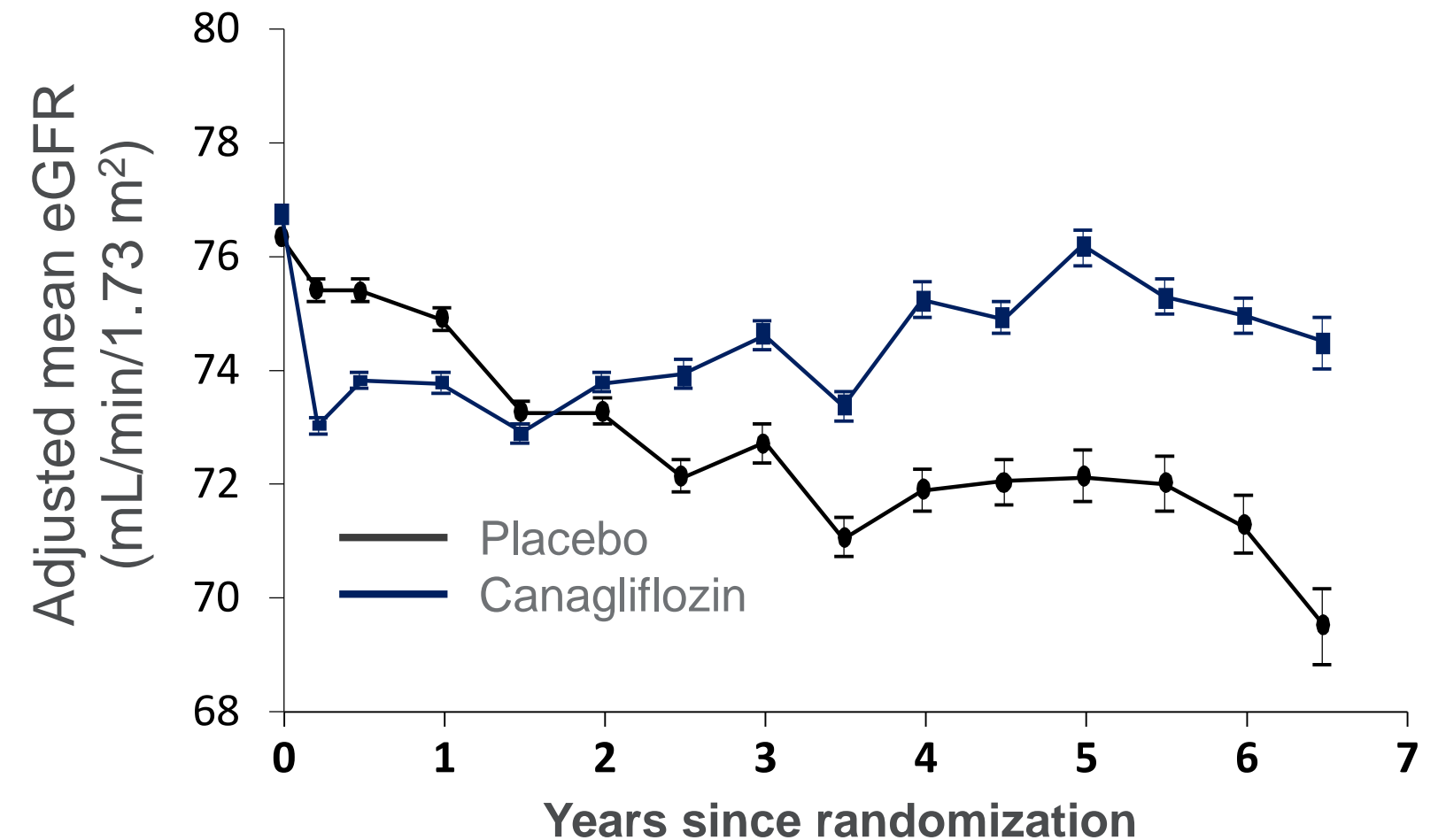
EMPA-REG OUTCOME Change in eGFR* over 192 weeks¹



No. at risk

	2323	2295	2267	2205	2121	2064	1927	1981	1763	1479	1262	1123	977	731	448
EMPA, 10 mg	2322	5590	2264	2235	2162	2114	2012	2064	1839	1540	1314	1180	1024	785	513
EMPA, 25 mg	2322	2288	2269	2216	2156	2111	2006	2067	1871	1563	1340	1207	1063	838	524

CANVAS Program Change in eGFR over 6.5 years²



No. of patients

	4276	3867	3212	1030	899	809	694
CANA	5711	5212	4570	2230	2039	1895	1653

*CKD-EPI, Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; CVOTs: cardiovascular outcome trials

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

Kidney outcomes in SGLT2 inhibitor CV outcome trials

Trial	SGLT2i		Placebo		HR (95% CI)	p-value
	n event/N analysed (%)	Rate/ 1000 PY	n event/N analysed (%)	Rate/ 1000 PY		
Dedicated cardiovascular outcomes trials: exploratory analyses						
EMPA-REG OUTCOME¹ Doubling of serum creatinine,* RRT or death from kidney causes	81/4645	6.3	71/2323	11.5	0.54 (0.40, 0.75)	<0.001 [†]
DECLARE-TIMI 58² ≥40% decrease in eGFR to <60 mL/min/1.73 m ² , new ESRD or death from kidney causes	127/8582	3.7	238/8578	7.0	0.53 (0.43, 0.66)	NR
CANVAS³ Doubling of serum creatinine, ESKD or death from kidney causes	NR	1.5	NR	2.8	0.53 (0.33, 0.84)	NR

0.25 0.5 1 2

← Favours SGLT2i Favours placebo →

Comparisons of trials should be interpreted with caution due to differences in study design, populations and methodology

*Accompanied by eGFR ≤45 mL/min/1.73 m²; [†]Nominal p-value. See slide notes for abbreviations

1. Wanner C et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:323; 2. Wiviott SD et al. *N Engl J Med* 2019;380:347; 3. Perkovic V et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2018;6:691;

Recommendation 10

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10. In adults with type 2 diabetes with clinical CVD in whom glycemic targets are not achieved with existing antihyperglycemic medication(s) and with an eGFR >30 mL/min/1.73 m², a SGLT2 inhibitor with proven renal benefit may be considered to reduce the risk of progression of nephropathy [Grade B, Level 2 for empagliflozin; Grade C, Level 3 for canagliflozin]



One trial of SGLT2i agents with primary renal outcomes has been completed

	CREDESCENCE ^{1,2}	DAPA-CKD ³	EMPA-KIDNEY ⁴
No. of patients	4401	4000	5000
Treatment arms	CANA 100 mg vs. PBO	DAPA (5, 10 mg) vs. PBO	EMPA vs. PBO
Patient population	CKD + T2D Must be taking max. labelled or tolerated ACEi/ARB	CKD ± T2D May be taking ACEi/ARB	CKD ± T2D May be taking ACEi/ARB
Kidney function inclusion criteria (eGFR units: mL/min/1.73 m²)	eGFR ≥30 to <90 AND UACR >33.9 mg/mmol 60% to have eGFR ≥30 to <60	eGFR ≥25 to <75 AND UACR ≥22.6 mg/mmol	eGFR ≥20 to <45 OR eGFR ≥45 to <90 with UACR ≥22.6 mg/mmol
Primary endpoint	Composite of ESKD, doubling of sCr, renal or CV death	Composite of ≥50% sustained decline in eGFR, ESKD, CV or renal death	Composite of CV death, kidney disease progression (ESKD, renal death or a sustained decline of ≥40% in eGFR)
Start	2014	2017	2018
Completion	Complete: Stopped early due to achievement of efficacy endpoint	2020	2022

1. Perkovic et al., N Engl J Med 2019, DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1811744; 2. Jardine MJ et al., *Am J Nephrol* 2017;46:462–472;
3. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03036150; 4. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03594110.

CREDENCE

**Primary Renal Outcomes for SGLT2i
in Patients with CKD and Diabetes**



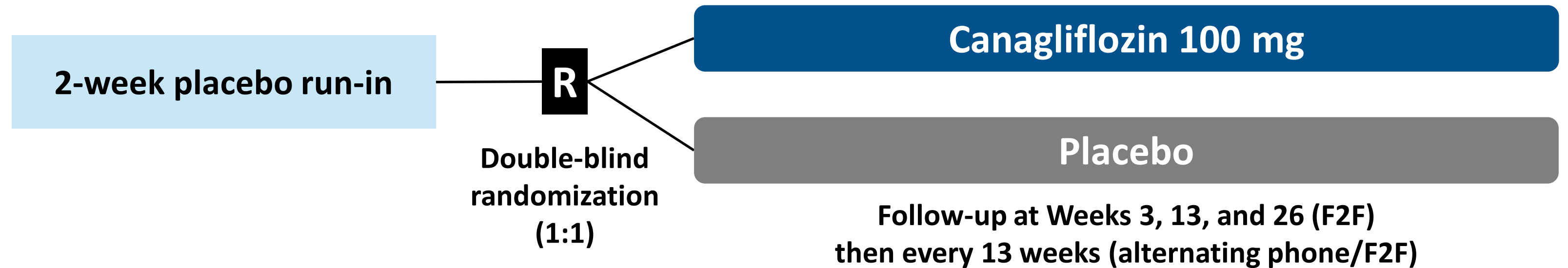
CREDESCENCE: Study design

Key inclusion criteria

- ≥30 years of age
- T2DM and HbA1c 6.5–12.0%
- eGFR 30–90 mL/min/1.73 m²
- UACR 300–5000 mg/g (33.9–565 mg/mmol)
- Stable maximum tolerated or labelled dose of ACEi or ARB for ≥4 weeks

Key exclusion criteria

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

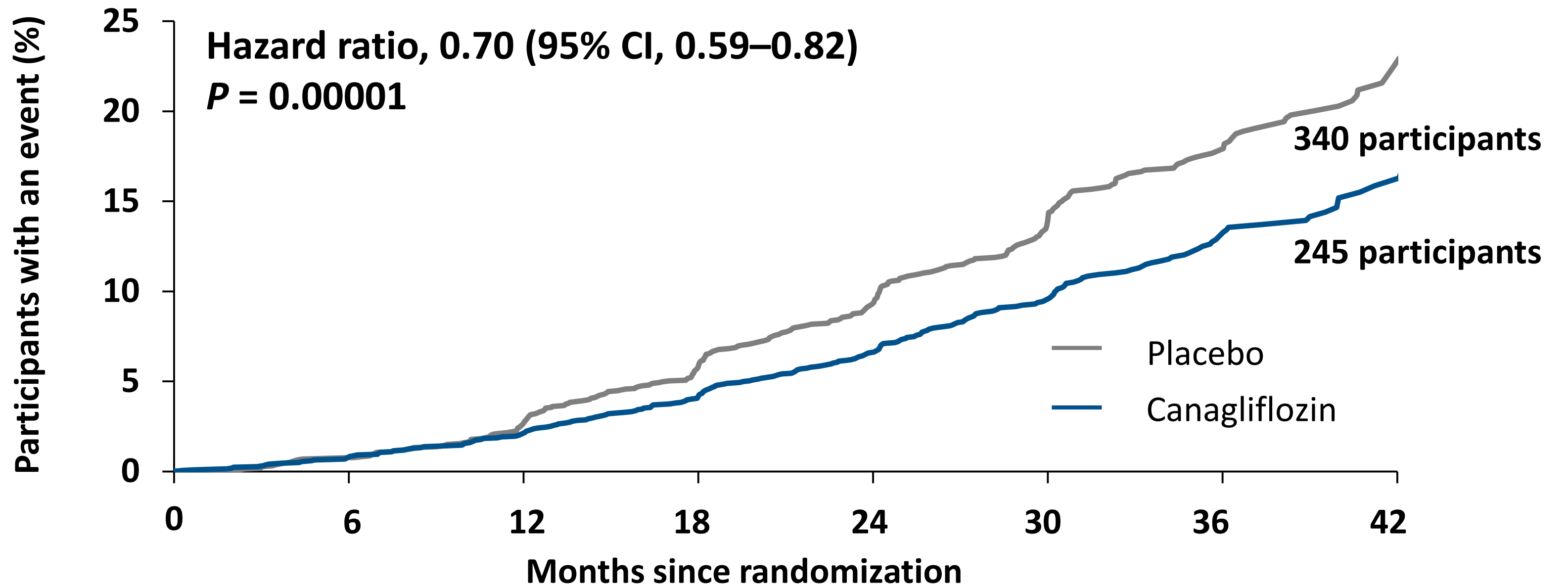


Participants continued treatment if eGFR was <30 mL/min/1.73 m² until chronic dialysis was initiated or kidney transplant occurred.

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

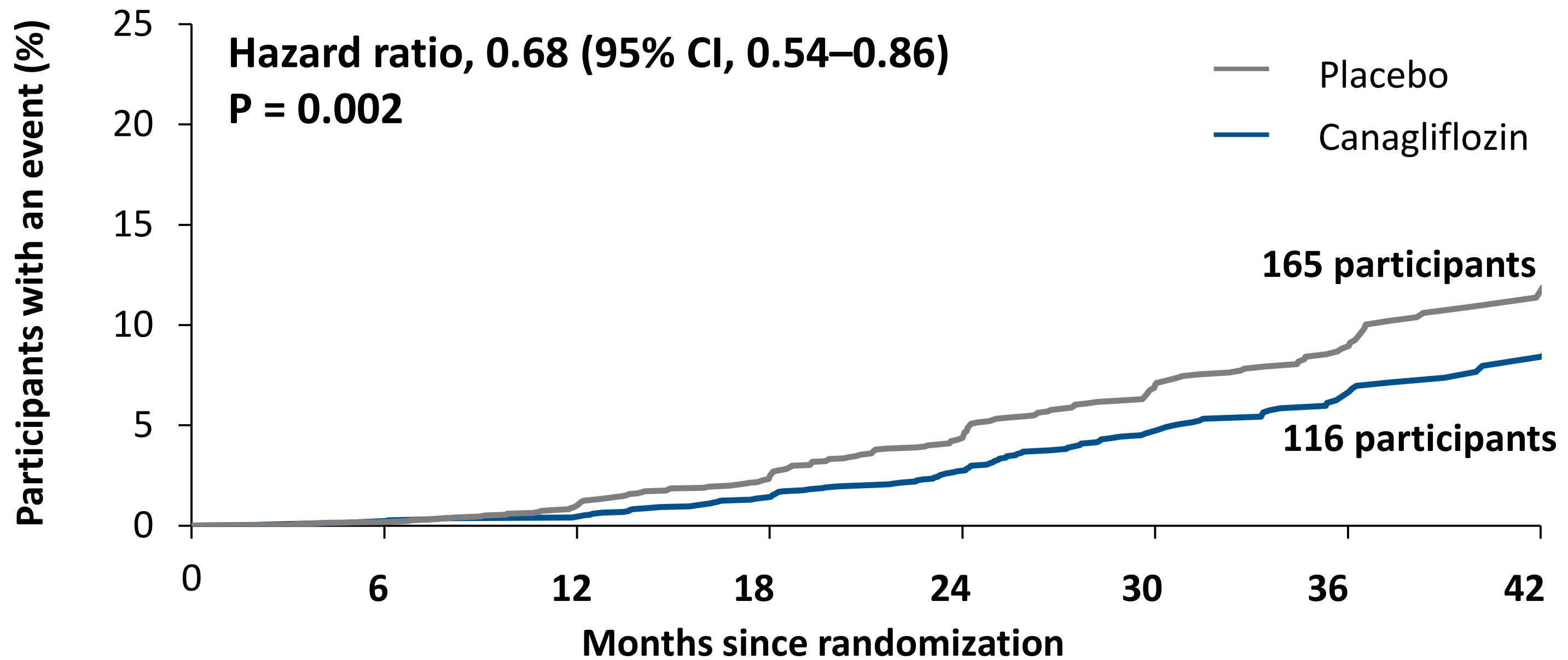
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Primary Endpoint: Composite of ESKD, doubling of serum creatinine, and renal or CV death



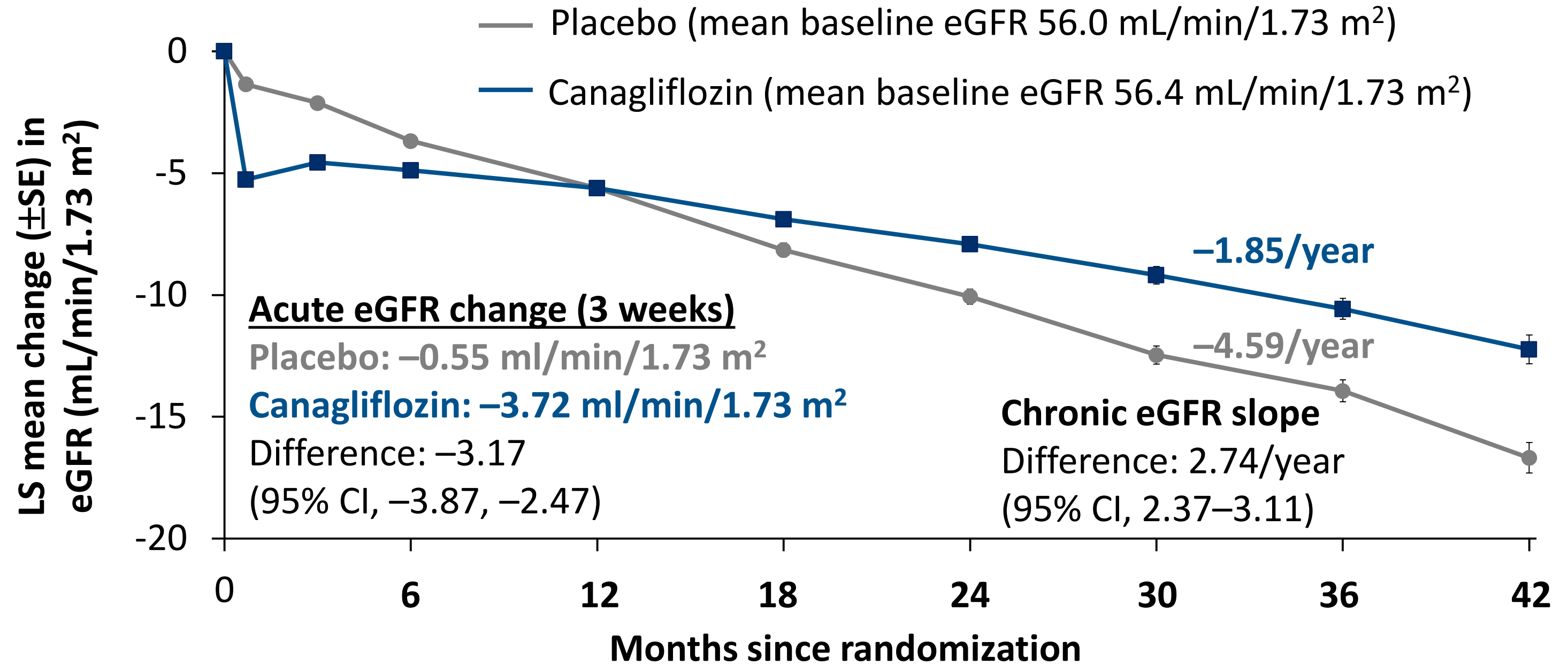
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2178	2132	2047	1725	1129	621	170
Canagliflozin	2202	2181	2145	2081	1786	1211	646	196

Secondary Endpoint: End-stage kidney disease



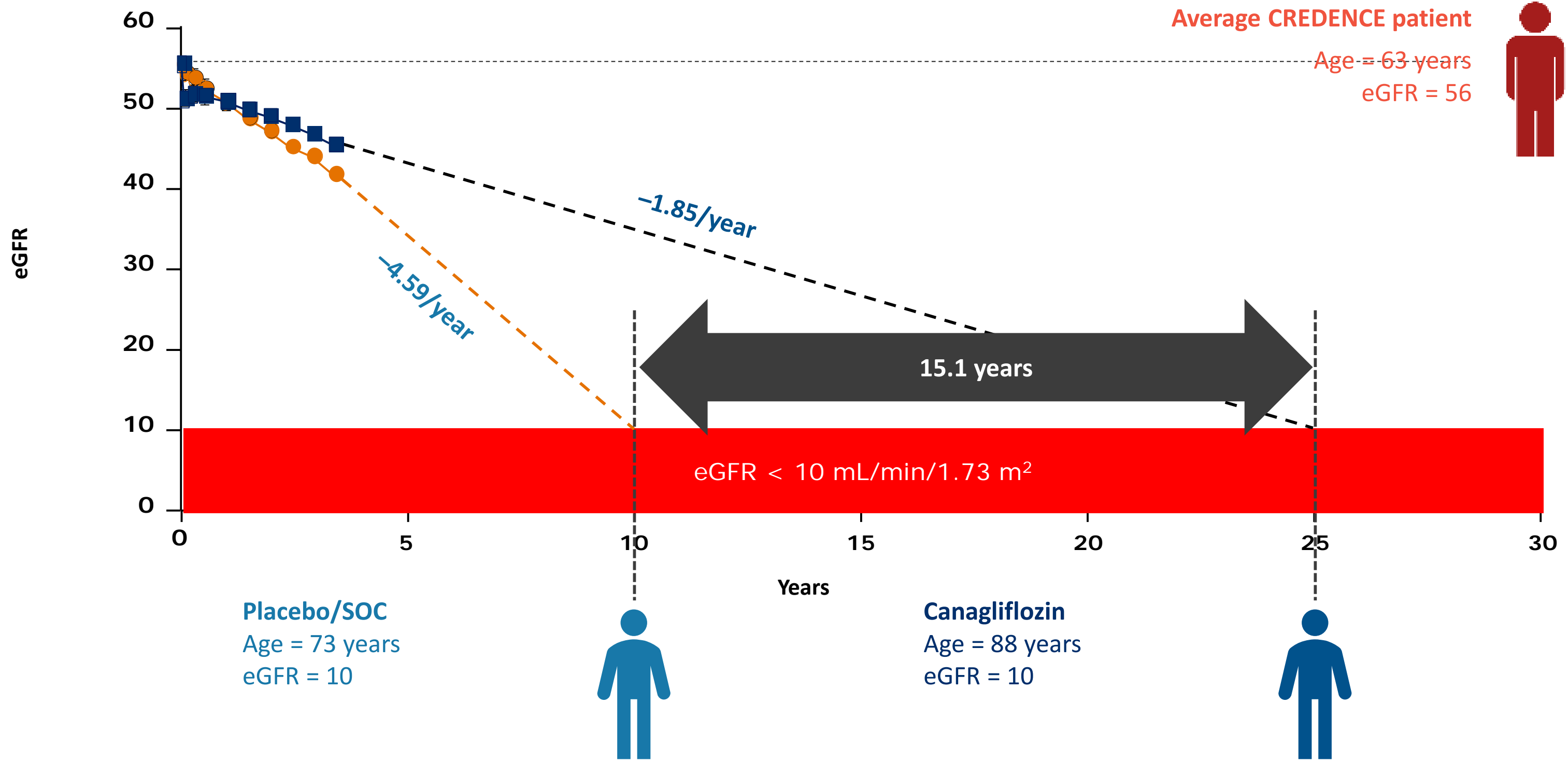
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2182	2141	2063	1752	1152	641	178
Canagliflozin	2202	2182	2146	2091	1798	1217	654	199

Effects on eGFR

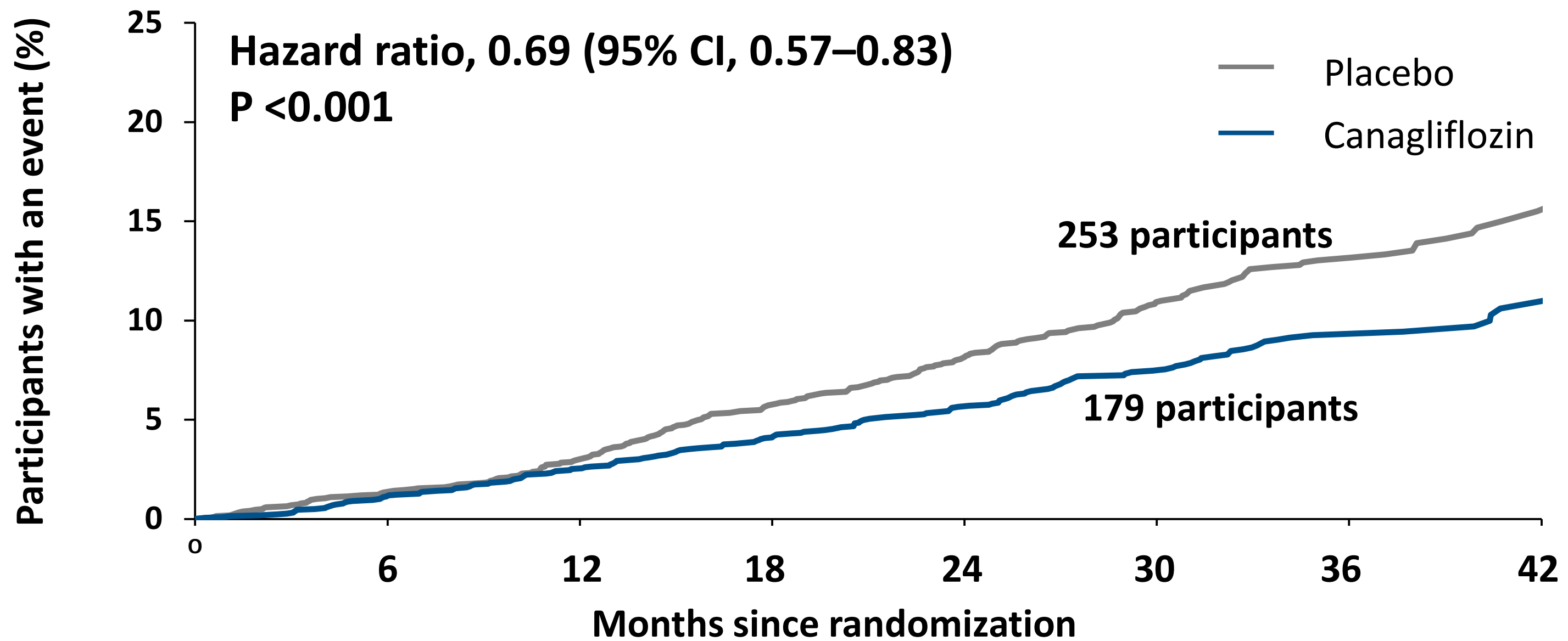


No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2178	2084	1985	1882	1720	1536	1006	583
Canagliflozin	2179	2074	2005	1919	1782	1648	1116	652

Projected Effects on eGFR

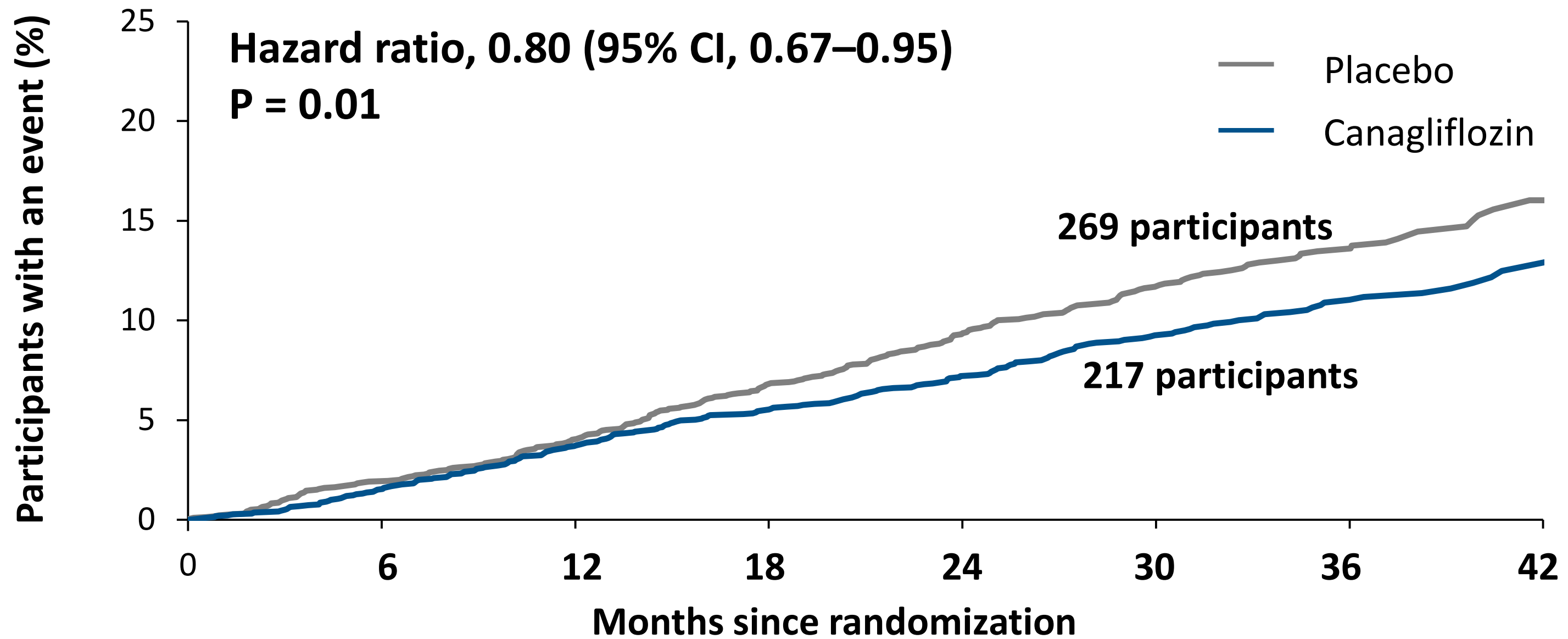


Secondary Endpoint: CV death or hospitalization for heart failure



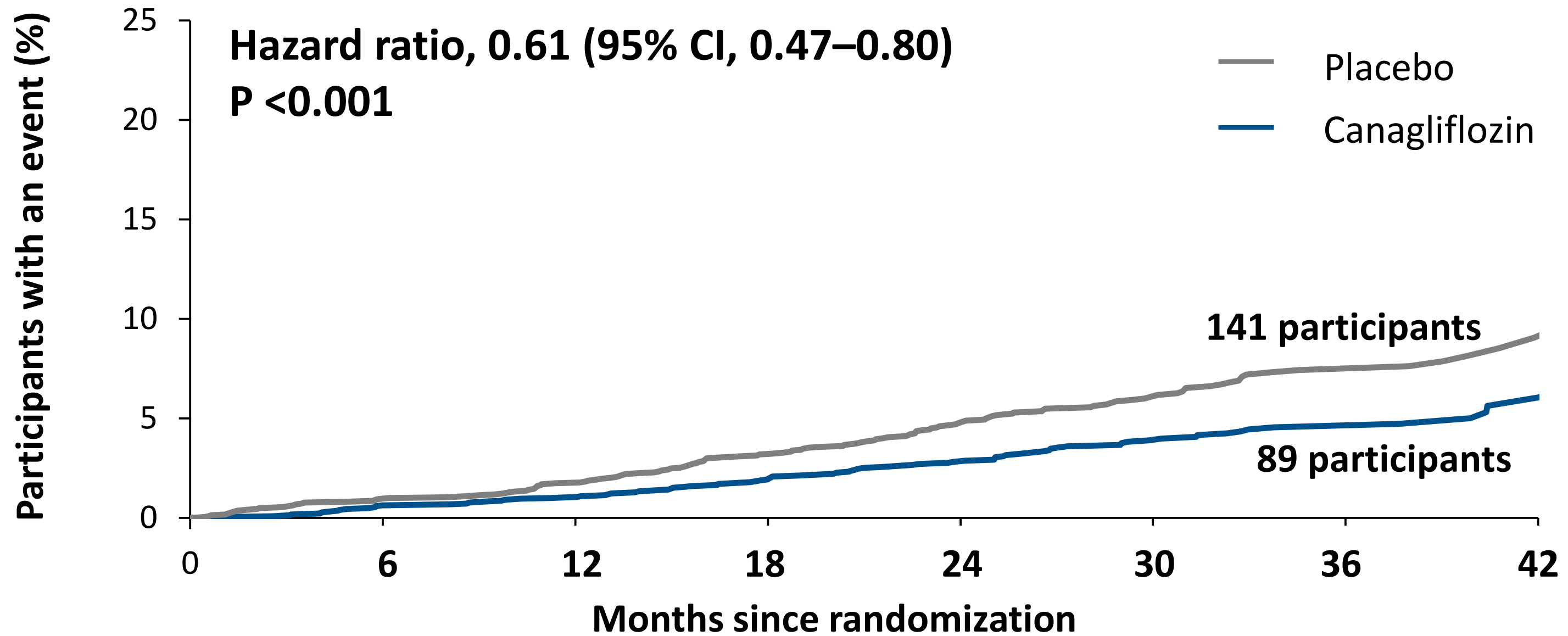
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2165	2123	2044	1736	1147	638	170
Canagliflozin	2202	2171	2132	2077	1789	1226	668	199

Secondary Endpoint: CV Death, MI, or stroke (major adverse cardiovascular events, or 3-point MACE)



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2152	2100	2022	1717	1143	635	168
Canagliflozin	2202	2163	2106	2047	1756	1196	642	198

Secondary Endpoint: Hospitalization for heart failure



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2165	2122	2043	1735	1147	638	170
Canagliflozin	2202	2171	2131	2076	1789	1226	668	199

AEs and serious AEs

	Number of participants with an event, n		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
	Canagliflozin (N = 2200)	Placebo (N = 2197)	
All AEs	1784	1860	0.87 (0.82–0.93)
All serious AEs	737	806	0.87 (0.79–0.97)

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← Favours Canagliflozin Favours Placebo →

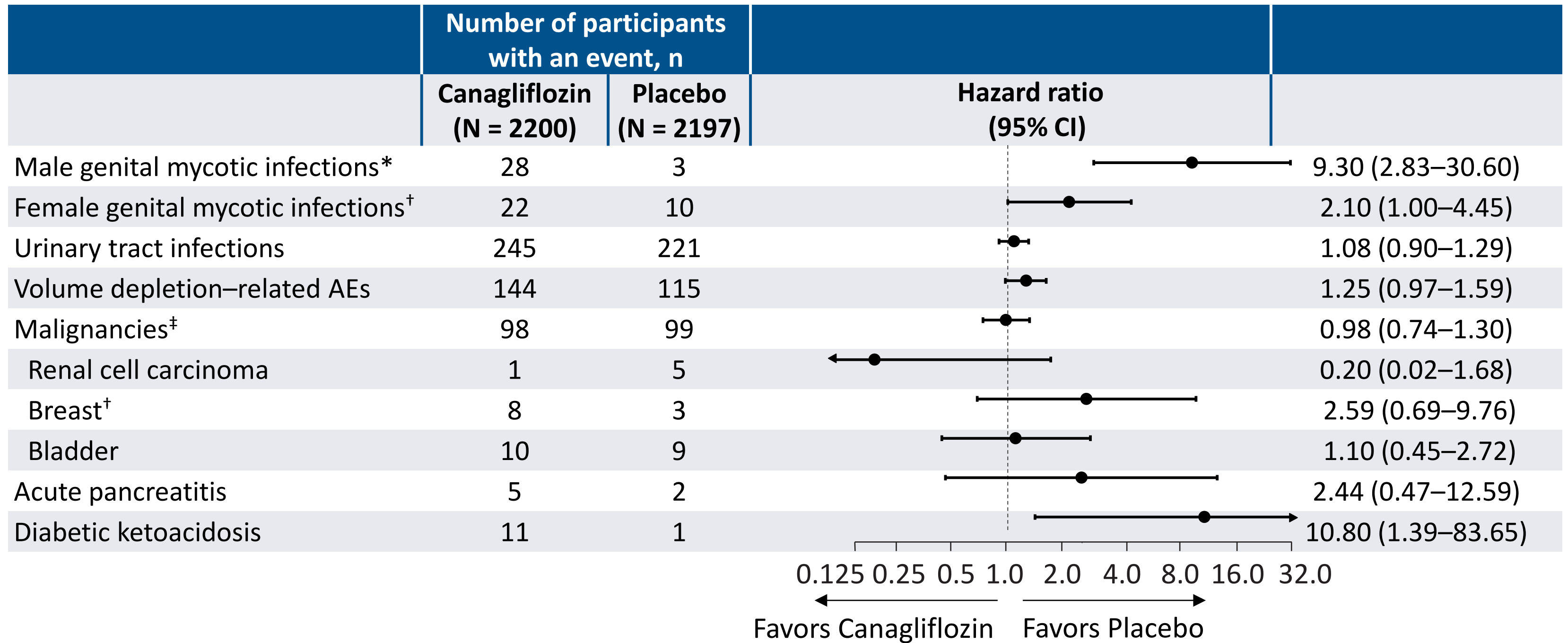
Includes all treated participants through 30 days after last dose.

Renal safety

	Number of participants with an event, n		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
	Canagliflozin (N = 2200)	Placebo (N = 2197)	
All renal-related AEs	290	388	0.71 (0.61–0.82)
Hyperkalemia	151	181	0.80 (0.65–1.00)
Acute kidney injury	86	98	0.85 (0.64–1.13)

Includes all treated participants through 30 days after last dose.

Other AEs of interest



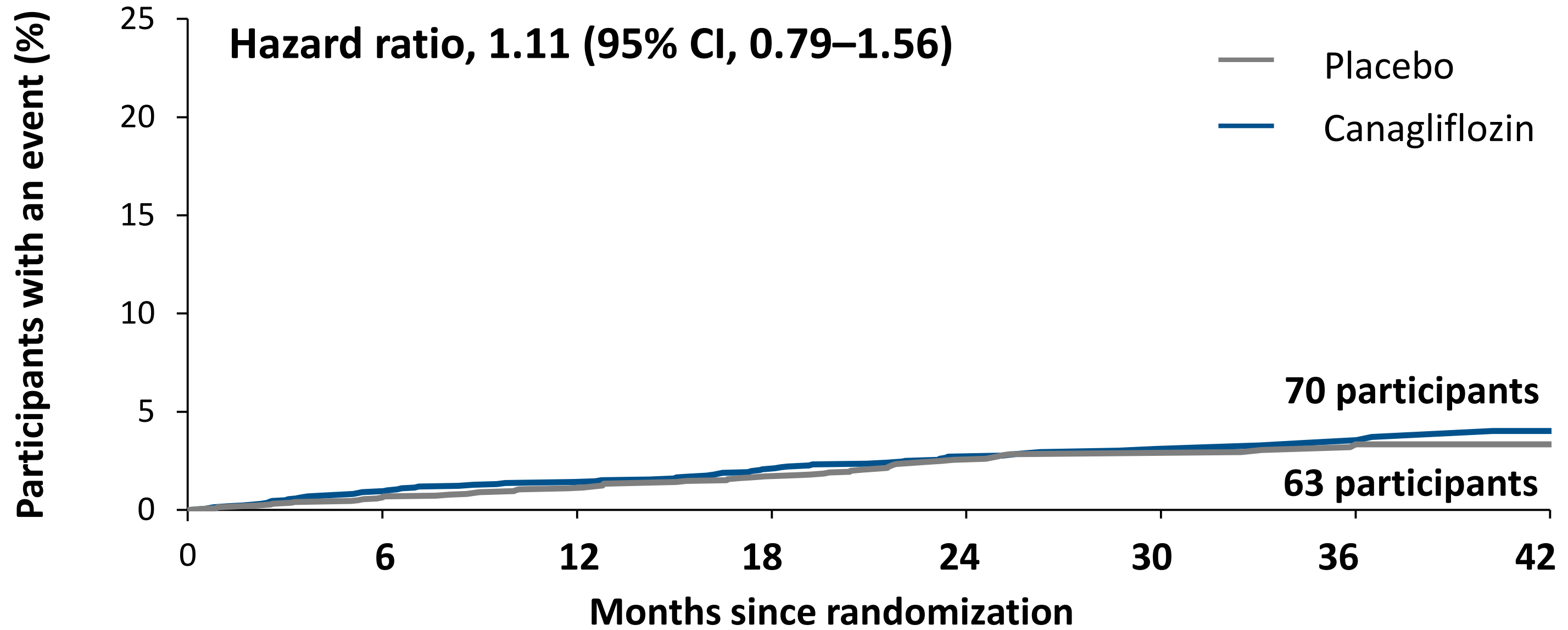
Includes all treated participants through 30 days after last dose except cancer, which includes all treated patients through the end of the trial.

*Includes male participants only (canagliflozin, n = 1439; placebo, n = 1466).

†Includes female participants only (canagliflozin, n = 761; placebo, n = 731).

‡Includes malignant tumors of unspecified type.

AEs: Lower extremity amputation



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2197	2169	2131	2065	1766	1177	658	182
Canagliflozin	2200	2163	2118	2071	1788	1228	667	202

Canagliflozin renal benefits are additive to ACEi and ARB

	N	Albuminuria	Baseline renal function	Median Follow-up	2xCr, ESKD, Renal Death # of events	Relative risk reduction
IDNT ¹	1715	Median: 1900 mg/d	Mean Cr: 148 µmol/L	2.6 years	644	20%
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CREDESCENCE*^{4,5} (99.9% on RAASi)	4401	Median UACR: 105 mg/mmol	Mean eGFR: 56.2 mL/min/1.73 m ²	2.6 years	377	34%

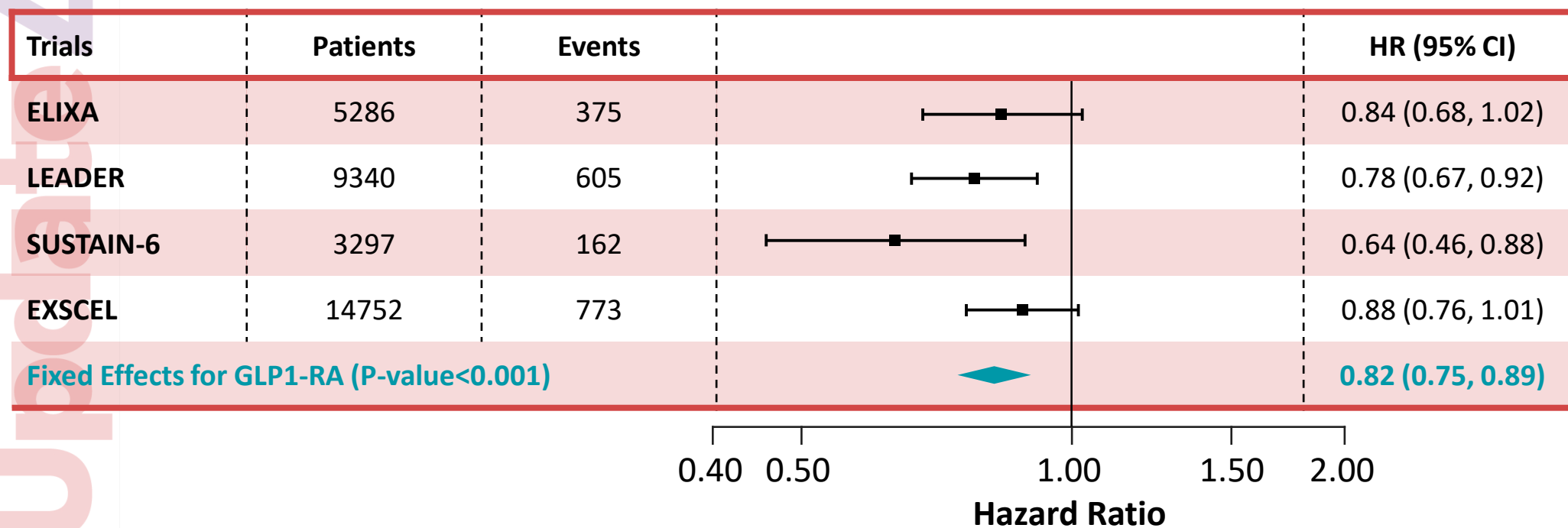
*NOTE: All patients enrolled in CREDESCENCE were taking maximal labelled or tolerated daily dose of ACEi or ARB in addition to being treated to target for blood pressure and A1C as part of the standard of care⁴

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GLP-1RA effects on a composite renal endpoint in CVOTs

- Meta-analysis of GLP-1RA CVOTs on composite renal endpoint:
 - **New-onset macroalbuminuria**, sustained doubling of serum creatinine or a 40% decline in estimated glomerular filtration rate, end-stage kidney disease, or death of renal cause
- REWIND trial (dulaglutide CVOT)
 - New-onset macroalbuminuria, sustained decline in eGFR $\geq 30\%$, or new chronic renal replacement therapy

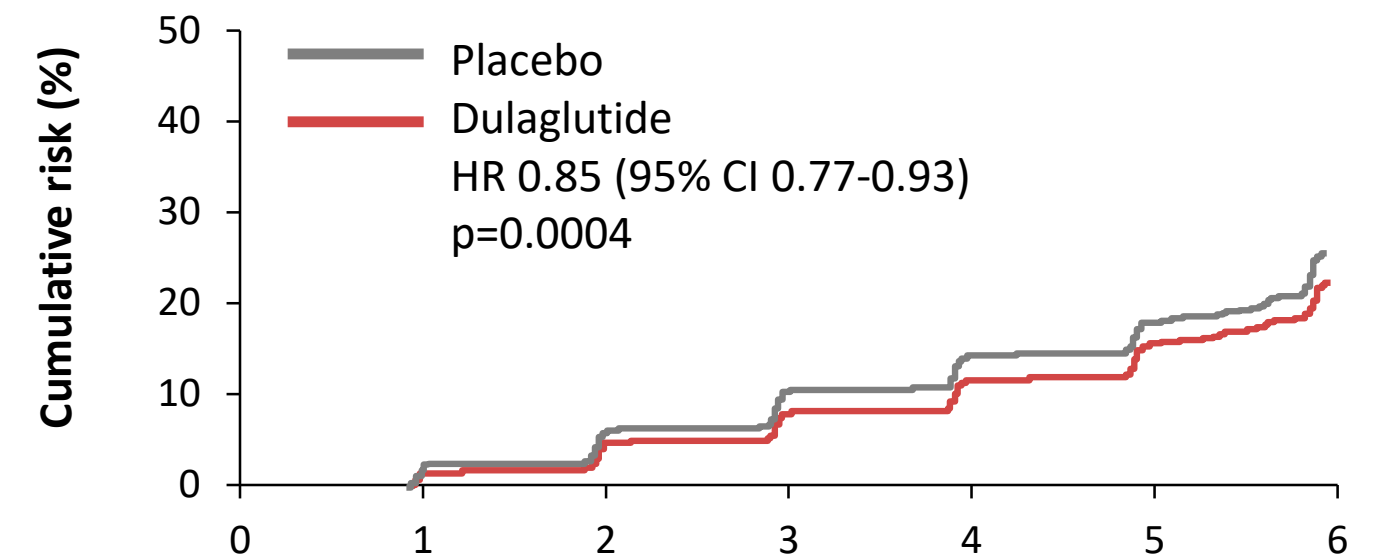
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Gerstein et al. *Lancet*. 2019. doi: 10.1016/S0140-6736(19)31150-X. [ePub ahead of print]

REWIND



No. at risk

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Placebo	4952	4756	4475	4145	3887	3169	641
Dulaglutide	4949	4798	4571	4303	4045	3320	667

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No. of patients	4401	4000	5000
Treatment arms	CANA 100 mg vs. PBO	DAPA (5, 10 mg) vs. PBO	EMPA vs. PBO
Patient population	CKD + T2D <u>Must</u> be taking any labelled or off-label SGLT2i	CKD ± T2D May be taking any SGLT2i or PBO	CKD ± T2D May be taking ACEi/ARB
Kidney function inclusion criteria (eGFR units: mL/min/1.73 m²)	60% to 90	U	eGFR ≥20 to <45 OR eGFR ≥45 to <90 with UACR ≥22.6 mg/mmol
Primary endpoint	Composite of doubling of scr, renal or CV death	Composite of sustained decline in eGFR, ESKD, CV or renal death	Composite of CV death, kidney disease progression (ESKD, renal death or a sustained decline of ≥40% in eGFR)
Start	2014	2017	2018
Completion	Complete: Stopped early due to achievement of efficacy endpoint	2020	2022

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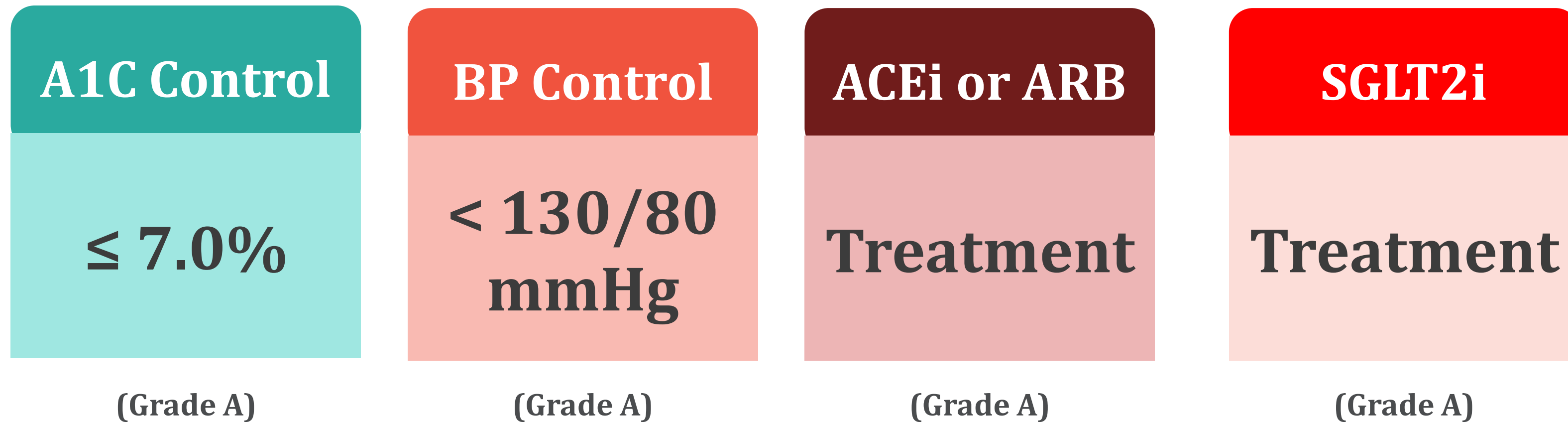
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DAPA-CKD: Also stopped early...

“AstraZeneca has announced that the phase 3 DAPA-CKD trial for dapagliflozin (Farxiga) in patients with chronic kidney disease has been halted early because of overwhelming efficacy of the drug, at the recommendation of an independent data monitoring committee.”

Time to update the guidelines

Not (yet) official DC guideline



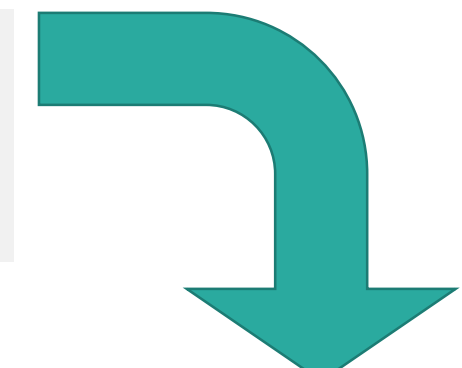
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Time to update the guidelines

Canagliflozin indicated as an adjunct to diet, exercise, and standard of care therapy to reduce the risk of end-stage kidney disease, doubling of serum creatinine, and cardiovascular (CV) death in adult patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and diabetic nephropathy with albuminuria



Not (yet) official DC guideline

A1C Control

≤ 7.0%

(Grade A)

BP Control

< 130/80 mmHg

(Grade A)

ACEi or ARB

Treatment

(Grade A)

SGLT2i

Treatment

(Grade A)

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Where do we go from here

- General principles:
 - **Address atherosclerotic risk factors**
 - On top of ACEi or ARB, SGLT2i are profoundly cardio and nephroprotective, especially in high-risk patients
 - Perhaps the most potent single intervention we can offer diabetics
 - **Even in low-risk patients data support outcome benefits unseen in any other class – consider using SGLT2i as first add-on after metformin in all patients**
 - SGLT2i have side effects
 - Properly counseled, all side effects seem acceptable given the benefits

Where do we go from here?

- Does my patient have CKD (with or without proteinuria)?
 - If yes:
 - Ensure patient is taking an ACE or ARB
 - For all patients with GFR > 30 ml/min, consider an SGLT2i
 - Scrutinize any internal or external decision not to prescribe
 - Warn about adverse effects (esp: DKA, amputation, GMI, diuretic effects)
 - For patients with marginal BP, consider reducing or removing all meds that do not have Grade A evidence for organ protection
 - Consider reducing (not removing) dose of organ protecting drugs to accommodate SGLT2i

Where do we go from here?

- Recommend SGLT2i or start them myself?
 - Will depend on comfort level for modifying insulin or AHA
 - I will start SGLT2i in patients:
 - On AHA which do not cause hypoglycemia
 - On AHA which do cause hypoglycemia if A1C greater than 8, especially if patient self-monitors blood glucose +/- reduces SU

Where do we go from here?

- I will not start (but will recommend) SGLT2i:
 - In patients on MDI insulin +/- larger doses of basal insulin especially if A1C <8% and patients do not self-monitor blood glucose
 - Type 1 DM
 - +/- prior amputation
- Some uncertainty in patients with A1C at target
 - Start anyways?
 - Swap out AHA

Where do we go from here?

- For patients with residual proteinuria (ACR >50-70 mg/mmol)
 - Consider starting or recommending GLP1-RA
 - High dose ACEi/ARB
 - Consider MRA (Coming soon: Finerenone in diabetic CKD)

Where do we go from here

- Areas of further exploration:
 - SGLT2i in non-diabetes
 - MRA (finerenone) to improve renal outcomes
 - GLP-RA to improve renal outcomes
 - Endothelin antagonists to improve renal outcomes