

# Aggiornamenti sulla Nefropatia Diabetica

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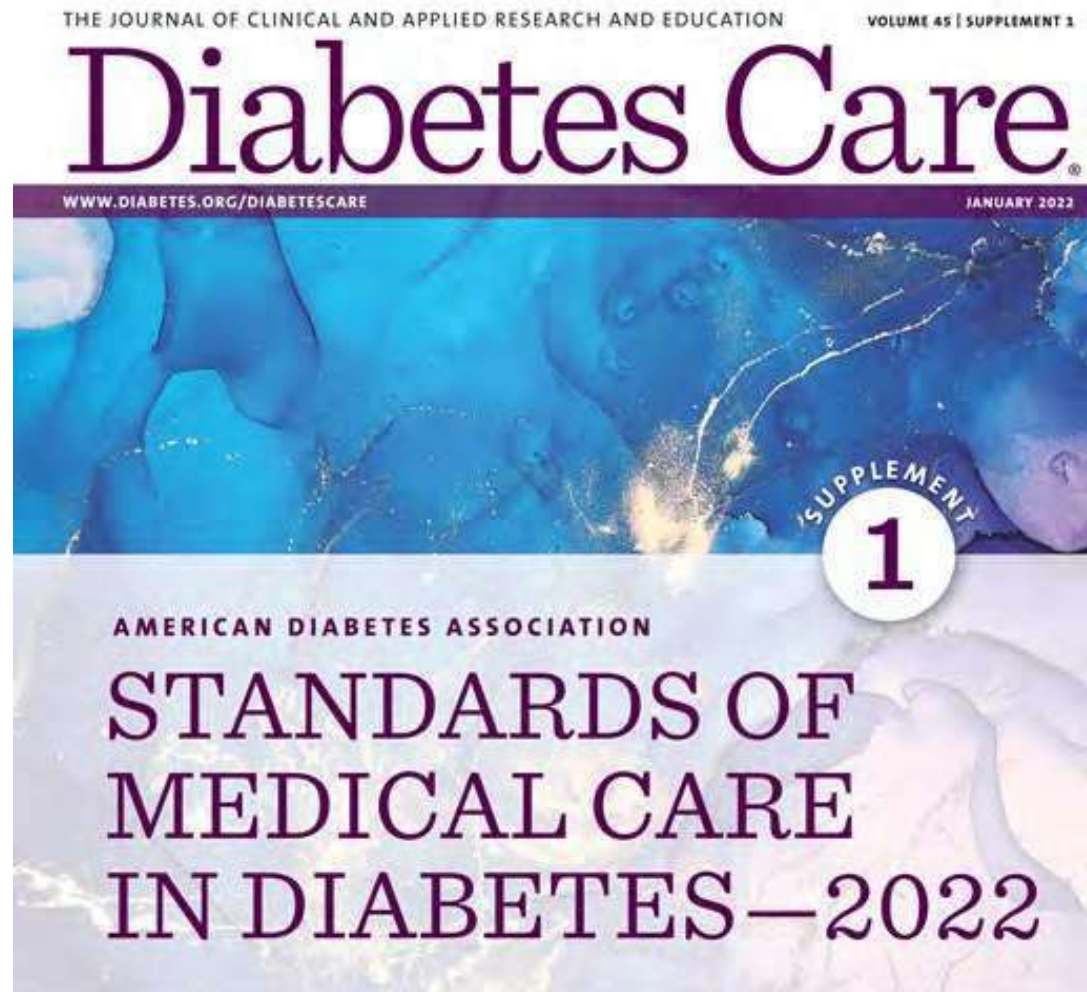
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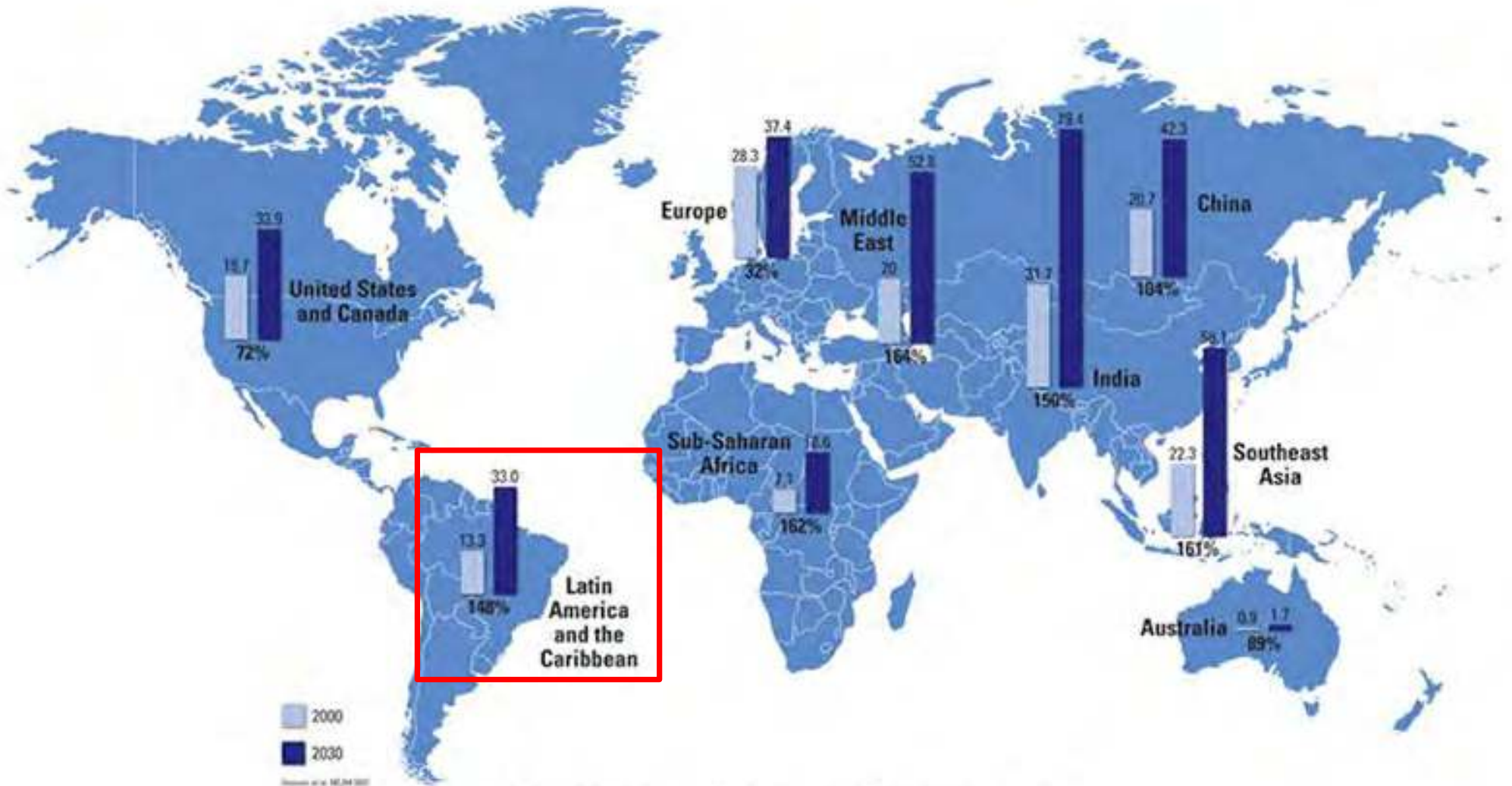
# Aggiornamenti annuali

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**Page S175-185: Chronic Kidney Disease**

# Diabete: una epidemia globale

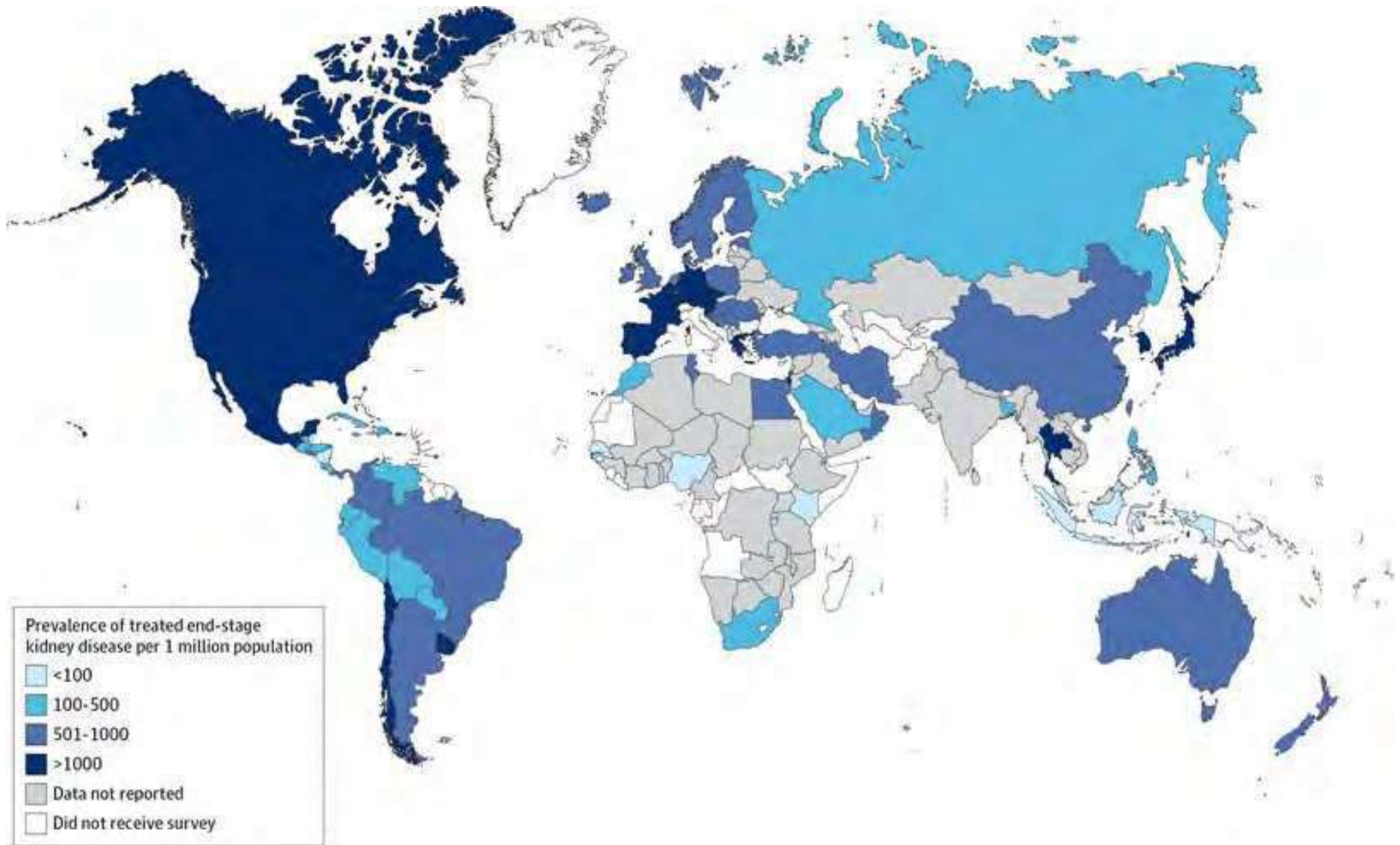


## Global Prevalence of Diabetes

Source: Hossain et al. NEJM 2007 (million people)



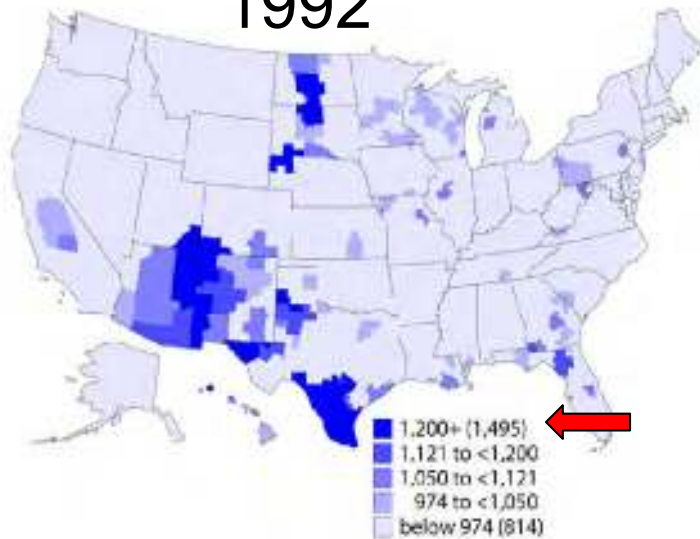
# Prevalenza globale di ESKD



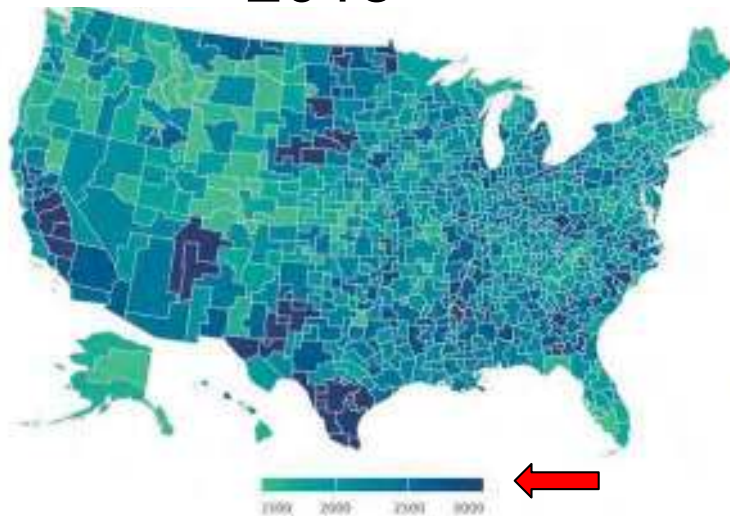
# DKD causa primaria di ESKD in USA

## ESRD prevalence (per M)

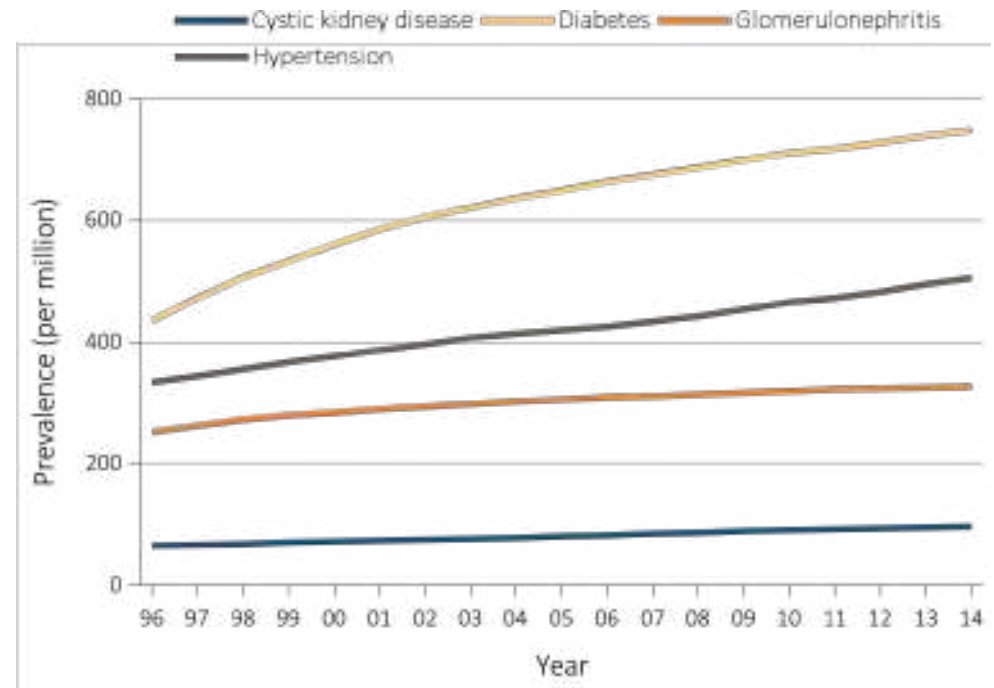
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2018



## ESRD prevalence by cause



# Screening

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New diagnosis of type 2 diabetes  
History of type 1 diabetes for 5 years

At diagnosis  
if HTN

Check A/C ratio on spot urine (3 times in 6 month)  
Check eGFR and repeat in 3 months if abnormal

yearly follow up, Level of evidence B

# Definizione

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DIABETES with:

Abnormal urine albumin excretion

>30 mg/24 hours

>30 mg/g creatinine (**preferred**)

>20  $\mu$ g/min

and/or

diabetic glomerular lesions

and/or

loss of glomerular filtration rate (CKD-EPI  
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# Case

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JD is a 55 year old male with a 15 year history of type 2 DM and no retinopathy. His estimated GFR is 50 cc/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>. A urine dipstick is negative for protein, but spot urine for albumin shows a concentration of 10 mg/dl (“normal” values 0-15 mg/dl) in **two of three urine collections** over a six months period. Urine creatinine is 0.04 g/dl for both collections: **ACR is 250 mg/g creatinine.**

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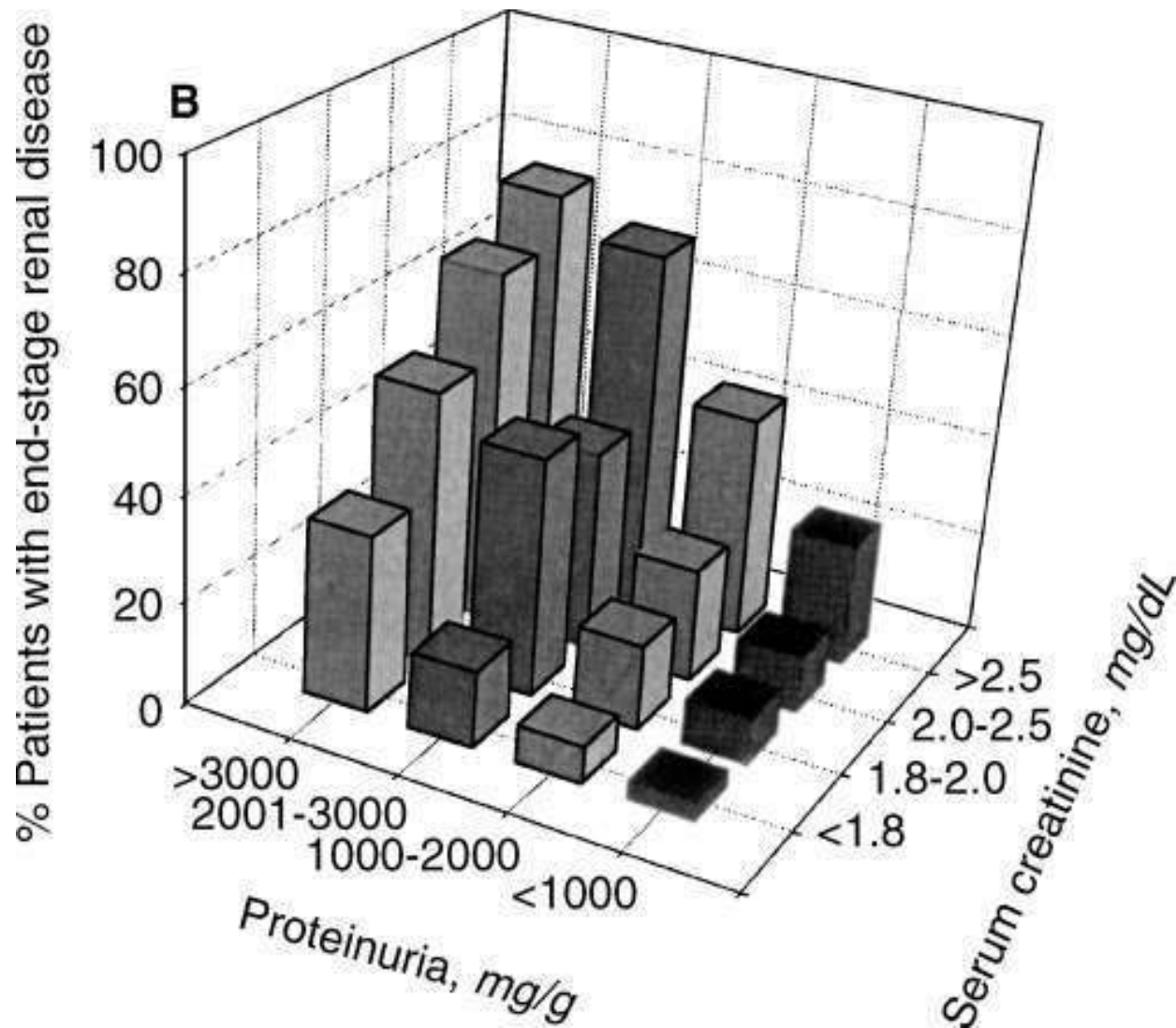
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# Proteinuria and GFR: risk factors for ESRD



# Albuminuria e rischio di insufficienza renale

Risk calculator: [kidneyfailurerisk.com](http://kidneyfailurerisk.com)



Chronic Kidney Disease Prognosis Consortium  
721357 participants  
30 countries

# Stratificazione del rischio

<b>CKD is classified based on:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cause (C)</li> <li>• GFR (G)</li> <li>• Albuminuria (A)</li> </ul>				Albuminuria categories		
				Description and range		
				A1	A2	A3
				Normal to mildly Increased	Moderately Increased	Severely Increased
				<30 mg/g <3 mg/mmol	30-299 mg/g 3-29 mg/mmol	≥300 mg/g ≥30 mg/mmol
<b>GFR categories (mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>)</b> Description and range	G1	Normal to high	≥90	1 if CKD	Treat 1	Refer* 2
	G2	Mildly decreased	60-89	1 if CKD	Treat 1	Refer* 2
	G3a	Mildly to moderately decreased	45-59	Treat 1	Treat 2	Refer 3
	G3b	Moderately to severely decreased	30-44	Treat 2	Treat 3	Refer 3
	G4	Severely decreased	15-29	Refer* 3	Refer* 3	Refer 4+
	G5	Kidney failure	<15	Refer 4+	Refer 4+	Refer 4+

**Numbers** indicate the suggested number of visits/year  
**Refer** = initiate nephrology referral

ADA, Diabetes Care, 2022, Supplement 1  
 KDIGO 2012, Kidney International, Issue 1, 2013

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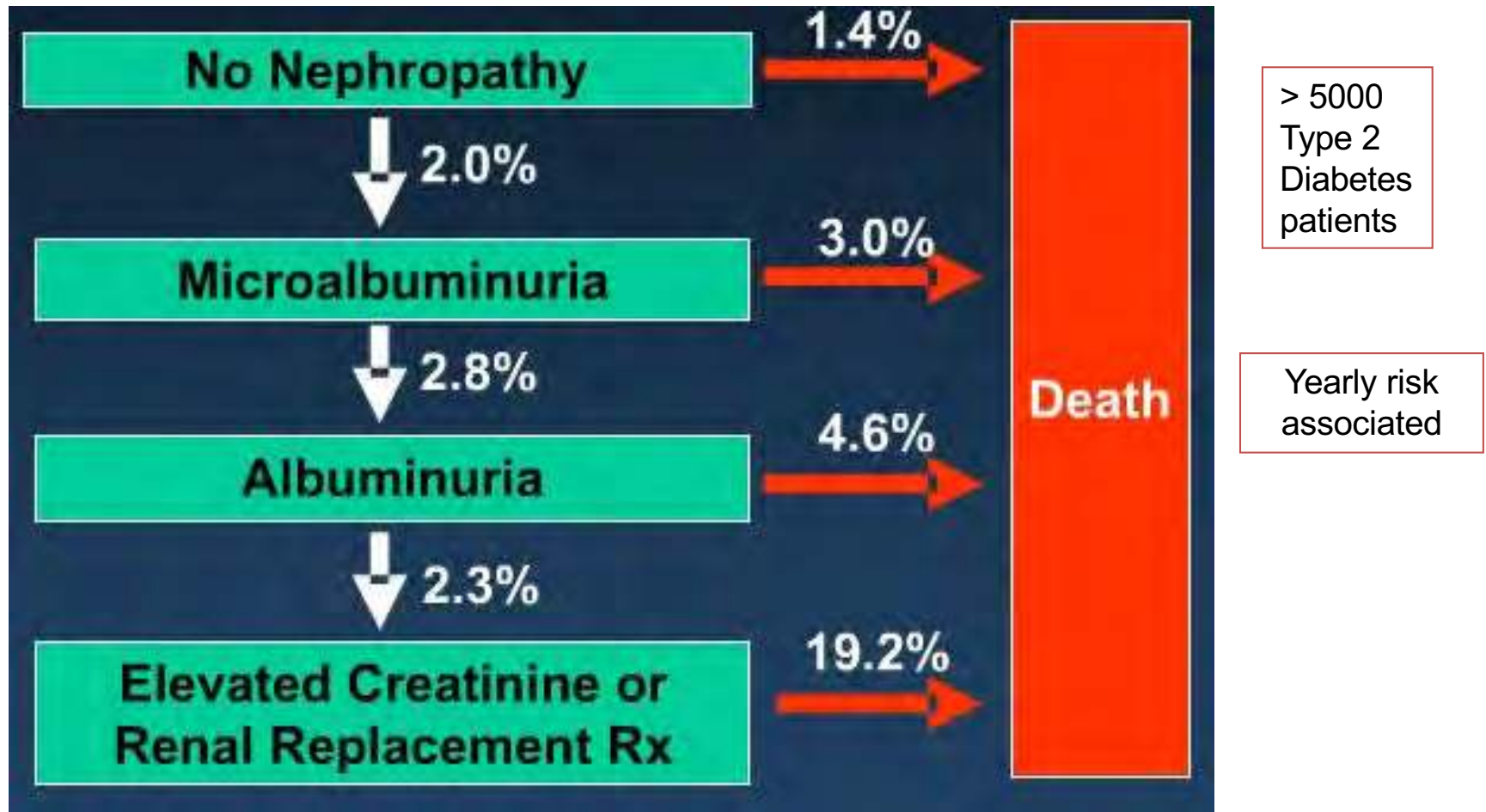
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# CKD e' tra le maggiori cause di morte

Cause of Death	Deaths (N = 2664)		Years of Life Lost (N = 45,145)		Years Lived with Disability (N = 36,689)		DALYs (N = 81,835)	
	Rank	No. (%)	Rank	No. (%)	Rank	No. (%)	Rank	No. (%)
		in thousands		in thousands		in thousands		in thousands
Ischemic heart disease	1	563 (21.1)	1	7165 (15.9)	16	685 (1.9)	1	7850 (9.6)
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	5	154 (5.8)	4	1913 (4.2)	6	1745 (4.8)	2	3659 (4.5)
Low back pain	—	—	—	—	1	3181 (8.7)	3	3181 (3.9)
Cancer of the trachea, bronchus, or lung	3	163 (6.1)	2	2988 (6.6)	73	45 (0.1)	4	3033 (3.7)
Major depressive disorder	—	—	—	—	2	3049 (8.3)	5	3049 (3.7)
Diabetes mellitus	6	86 (3.2)	7	1392 (3.1)	8	1165 (3.2)	8	2557 (3.1)
Chronic kidney disease	9	60 (2.3)	16	780 (1.7)	22	410 (1.1)	17	1191 (1.5)

# DKD e rischio di morte annuale



CVD risk protection needs early implementation

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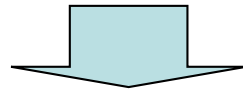
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# Nephrology referral and biopsy

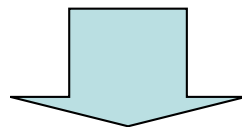
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eGFR < 30 cc/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> at diagnosis



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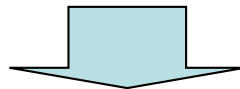
Worsening proteinuria despite treatment  
Loss of eGFR > 1 cc/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>/month  
Active urine sediment  
Absence of retinopathy



QDOQI

**biopsy**

>30% reduction in eGFR after initiation of ACEi/ARB  
Refractory hypertension



**CKD care and referral for renal replacement strategies**

KDIGO 2020: No mention

ADA recommendations, Diabetes Care, January 2022  
NKF QDOQI guidelines for diabetes, AJKD 2014



# Limitazioni delle biopsie ad uso clinico

Table 2 Comparison of diabetic nephropathy and non-diabetic renal disease prevalence reported in the literature

Ref.	Country	Population	Type 1 or 2 DM	% DN	% NDRD	% Mixed
Mazzucco <i>et al</i> <sup>[23]</sup>	Italy	393	2	39.7	43	17.3
Christensen <i>et al</i> <sup>[24]</sup>	Denmark	51	2	68.6	13.8	NR
Zhang <i>et al</i> <sup>[27]</sup>	China	130	2	73.9	26.1	NR
Zhuo <i>et al</i> <sup>[30]</sup>	China/Japan	216	2	6.5	82.9	10.7
Sharma <i>et al</i> <sup>[51]</sup>	United States	620	2	37	36	27
Hironaka <i>et al</i> <sup>[52]</sup>	Japan	35	1 and 2	71.4	14.3	14.3
Wong <i>et al</i> <sup>[53]</sup>	China	68	2	35	46	19
Prakash <i>et al</i> <sup>[53]</sup>	India	23	2	56.5	30.5	13
Mak <i>et al</i> <sup>[56]</sup>	China	51	2	67	16	17
Biensebach <i>et al</i> <sup>[57]</sup>	Austria	84	2	78.5	21.5	NR
Richards <i>et al</i> <sup>[58]</sup>	United Kingdom	68	1 and 2	61	32	3
Parving <i>et al</i> <sup>[59]</sup>	Denmark	35	2	77.1	20	2.9
Cordonnier <i>et al</i> <sup>[60]</sup>	United Kingdom	26	2	85	15	NR
Nzerue <i>et al</i> <sup>[61]</sup>	United States	31	2	41.9	19.4	38.7
Lee <i>et al</i> <sup>[62]</sup>	South Korea	22	2	36.4	50	13.6
Izzedine <i>et al</i> <sup>[63]</sup>	France	21	1 and 2	62	38	NR
Castellano <i>et al</i> <sup>[64]</sup>	Spain	20	2	45	55	NR
Serra <i>et al</i> <sup>[65]</sup>	Spain	35	2	74.3	17.2	8.5
Premalatha <i>et al</i> <sup>[66]</sup>	India	18	2	50	50	NR
Rychlik <i>et al</i> <sup>[67]</sup>	Czech Republic	163	2	42.4	47.5	10.1
Tone <i>et al</i> <sup>[68]</sup>	Japan	97	2	36	16.5	47.5
Moger <i>et al</i> <sup>[69]</sup>	India	26	2	34.6	23.1	42.3
Soni <i>et al</i> <sup>[70]</sup>	India	160	2	42.5	27.5	30
Pham <i>et al</i> <sup>[71]</sup>	United States	233	2	27.5	53.2	19.3
Kharrat <i>et al</i> <sup>[72]</sup>	Tunisia	72	2	34.1	69.5	NR
Akimoto <i>et al</i> <sup>[73]</sup>	Japan	50	2	68	26	6
Huang <i>et al</i> <sup>[74]</sup>	China	52	2	55.7	38.5	5.8
Lin <i>et al</i> <sup>[75]</sup>	Taiwan, China	50	2	48	22	30
Ghani <i>et al</i> <sup>[76]</sup>	Kuwait	31	2	54.8	NR	45.2
Arif <i>et al</i> <sup>[77]</sup>	Pakistan	73	2	27.3	49.3	NR
Hashim Al-Saedi <i>et al</i> <sup>[78]</sup>	Iraq	80	1 and 2	NR	NR	100
Mou <i>et al</i> <sup>[79]</sup>	China	69	2	47.8	52.2	NR
Haider <i>et al</i> <sup>[80]</sup>	Austria	567	1 and 2	68	17.4	NR
Chang <i>et al</i> <sup>[81]</sup>	South Korea	119	2	36.2	53.8	10
Bi <i>et al</i> <sup>[82]</sup>	China	220	2	54.5	NR	45.5
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Oh <i>et al</i> <sup>[85]</sup>	South Korea	126	2	39.7	51.6	8.7
Yaqub <i>et al</i> <sup>[86]</sup>	Pakistan	68	2	31	52	17

Often the diagnosis in clinically indicated kidney biopsies differs from DKD



Protocol kidney biopsies are needed to understand the disease

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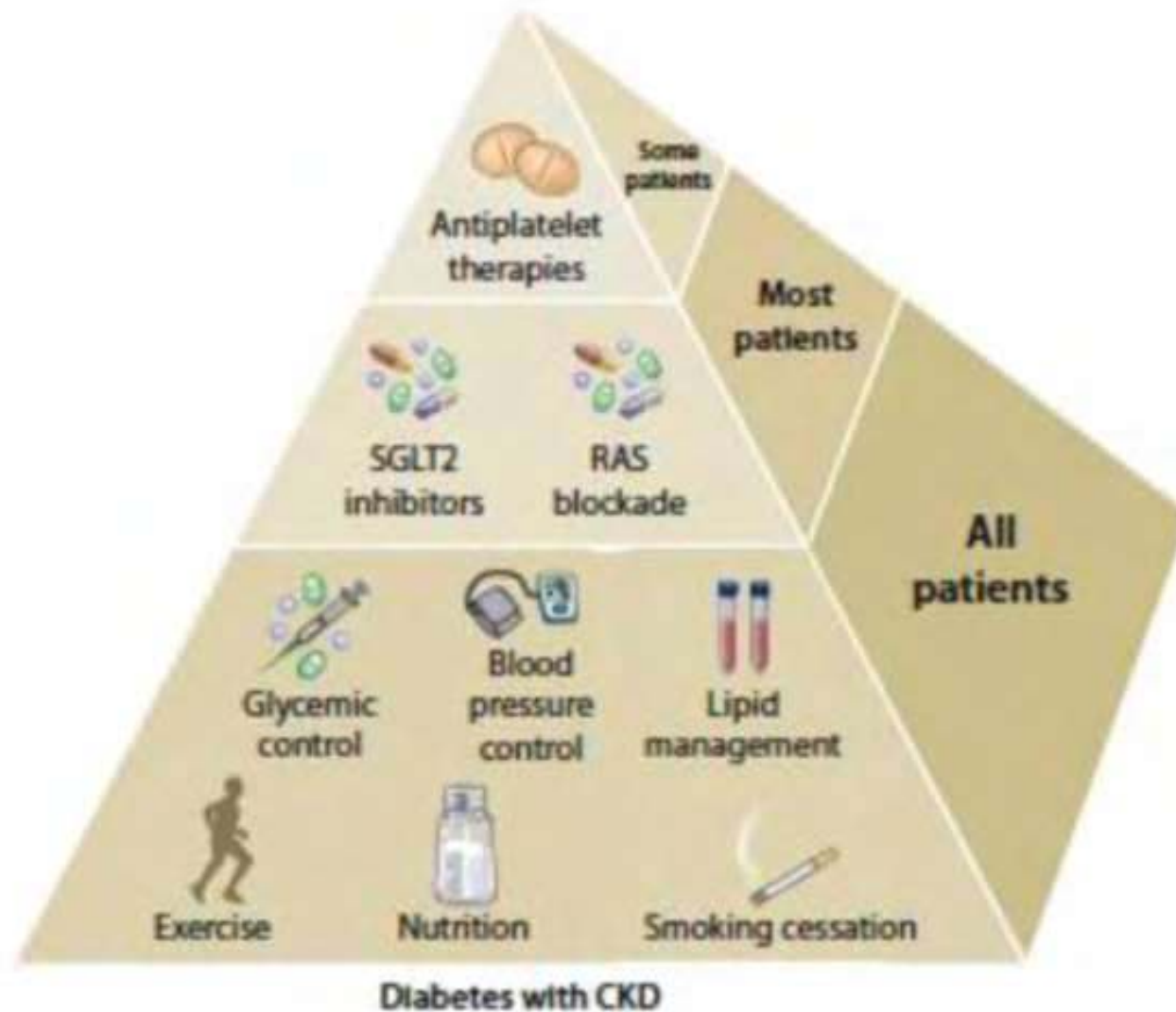
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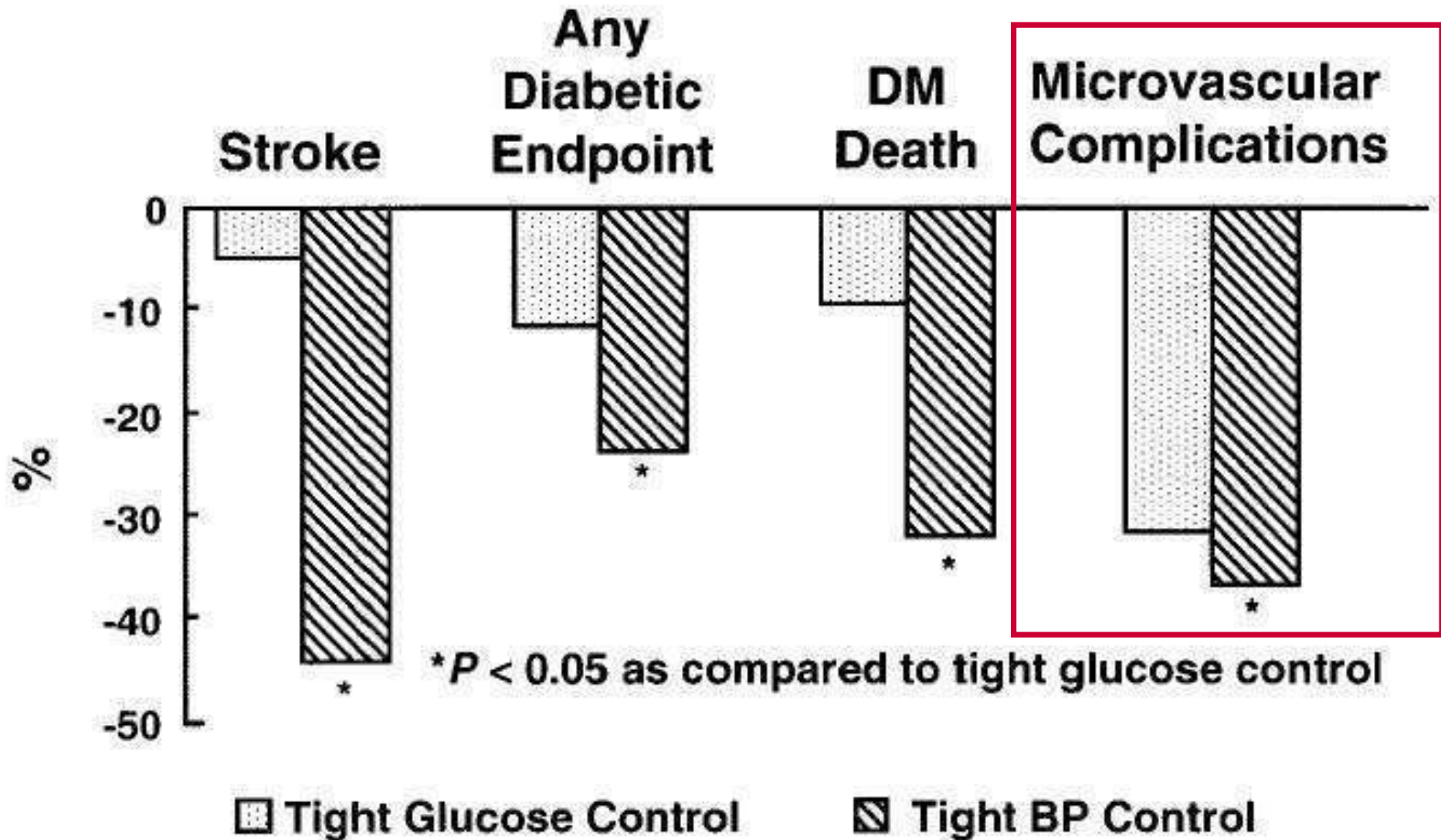
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# Fattori emodinamici e metabolici in DKD



# Linee guida: JNC7 - ACC/AHA 2017 - KDIGO 2021

SBP/DBP mm Hg	JNC7	2017 ACC/AHA
<120 and <80	Normal	Normal
120 – 129 and <80	Prehypertension	Elevated BP
130 – 139 or 80 – 89	Prehypertension	Stage 1 HTN
140 -159 or 90 – 99	Stage 1 HTN	Stage 2 HTN
≥ 160 or ≥ 100	Stage 2 HTN	Stage 2 HTN



## Chapter 3: Blood pressure management in patients with CKD, with or without diabetes, not receiving dialysis

• Recommendation 3.1.1 We suggest that adults with high BP and CKD be treated with a target systolic blood pressure (SBP) of <120 mm Hg, when tolerated, using standardized office BP measurement (2B).



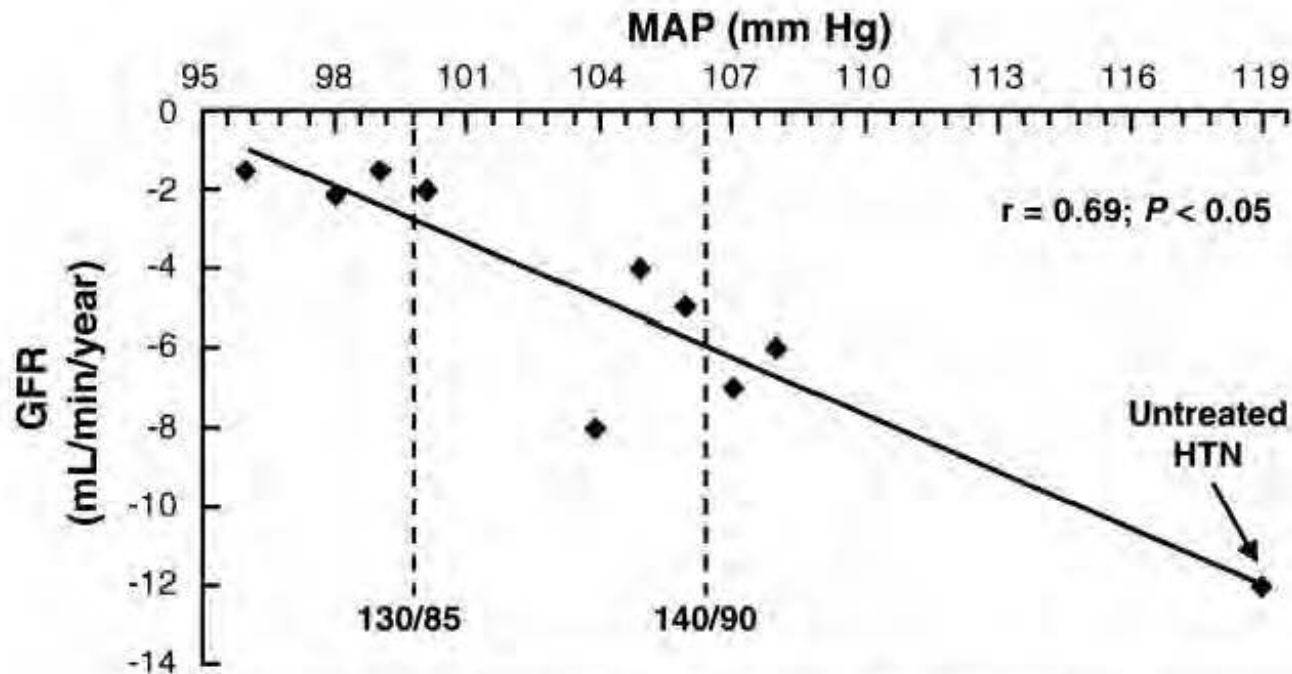
# Razionale per BP targets <140/90

**Table 9.1—Randomized controlled trials of intensive versus standard hypertension treatment strategies**

Clinical trial	Population	Intensive	Standard	Outcomes
ACCORD BP (16)	4,733 participants with T2D aged 40–79 years with prior evidence of CVD or multiple cardiovascular risk factors	Systolic blood pressure target: <120 mmHg Achieved (mean) systolic/diastolic: 119.3/64.4 mmHg	Systolic blood pressure target: 130–140 mmHg Achieved (mean) systolic/diastolic: 133.5/70.5 mmHg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No benefit in primary end point: composite of nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, and CVD death</li> <li>Stroke risk reduced 41% with intensive control, not sustained through follow-up beyond the period of active treatment</li> <li>Adverse events more common in intensive group, particularly elevated serum creatinine and electrolyte abnormalities</li> </ul>
ADVANCE BP (17)	11,140 participants with T2D aged 55 years and older with prior evidence of CVD or multiple cardiovascular risk factors	Intervention: a single-pill, fixed-dose combination of perindopril and indapamide Achieved (mean) systolic/diastolic: 136/73 mmHg	Control: placebo Achieved (mean) systolic/diastolic: 141.6/75.2 mmHg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intervention reduced risk of primary composite end point of major macrovascular and microvascular events (9%), death from any cause (14%), and death from CVD (18%)</li> <li>6-year observational follow-up found reduction in risk of death in intervention group attenuated but still significant (142)</li> </ul>
HOT (143)	18,790 participants, including 1,501 with diabetes	Diastolic blood pressure target: ≤80 mmHg	Diastolic blood pressure target: ≤90 mmHg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In the overall trial, there was no cardiovascular benefit with more intensive targets</li> <li>In the subpopulation with diabetes, an intensive diastolic target was associated with a significantly reduced risk (51%) of CVD events</li> </ul>
SPRINT (144)	9,361 participants without diabetes	Systolic blood pressure target: <120 mmHg Achieved (mean): 121.4 mmHg	Systolic blood pressure target: <140 mmHg Achieved (mean): 136.2 mmHg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive systolic blood pressure target lowered risk of the primary composite outcome 25% (MI, ACS, stroke, heart failure, and death due to CVD)</li> <li>Intensive target reduced risk of death 27%</li> <li>Intensive therapy increased risks of electrolyte abnormalities and AKI</li> </ul>

CVD, cardiovascular disease; T2D, type 2 diabetes. Data from this table can also be found in the ADA position statement "Diabetes and Hypertension" (5).

# Ruolo della pressione in DKD

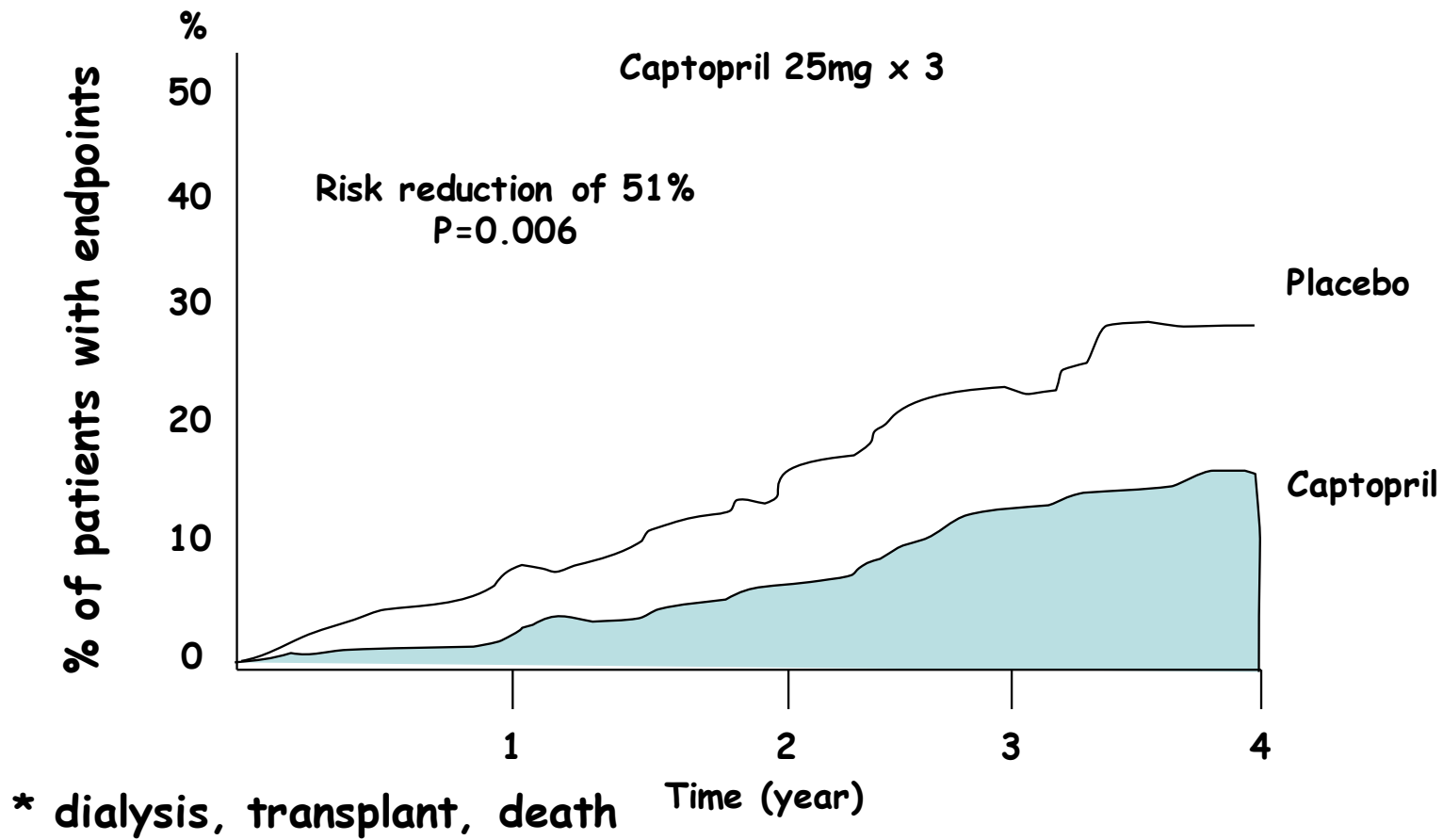


## Summary of studies on nephropathy progression used in figure

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- Kloor S et al. *N Engl J Med*, 1993\*
- Bakris GL. *Hypertension*, 1997
- Hebert L et al. *Kidney Int*, 1994
- GISEN Group. *Lancet*, 1997\*
- Lebovitz H et al. *Kidney Int*, 1994

Fig 3. Relationship between achieved blood pressure control and declines in GFR in clinical trials of diabetic and nondiabetic renal disease.<sup>30</sup> In the table, the trials marked by an asterisk are those in nondiabetic renal disease patients.

# Ruolo di ACEi per il trattamento della DKD



Type I DM (207 captopril and 202 placebo)

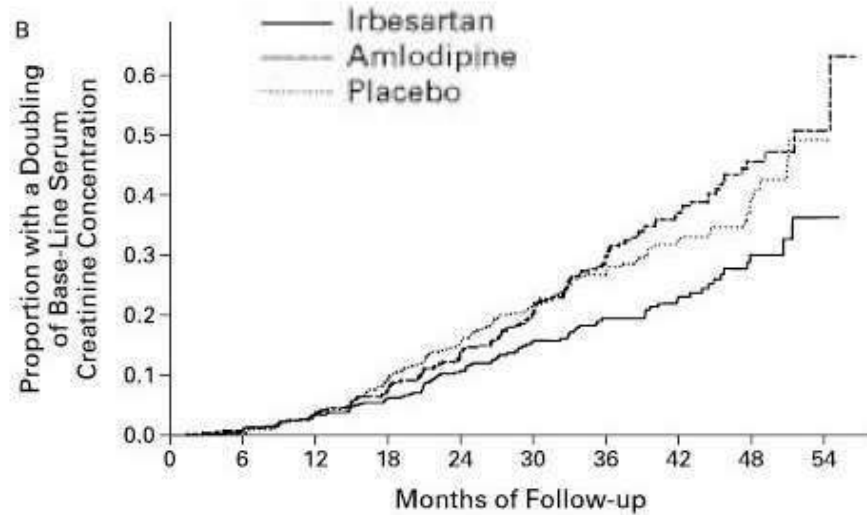
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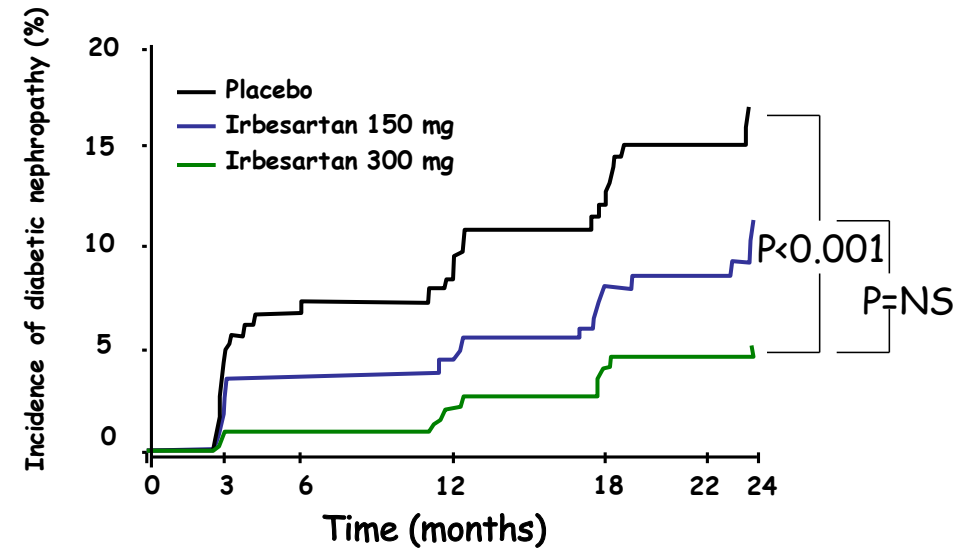
Significant effect of captopril on blood pressure

The Collaborative Study Group, NEJM, 329:1456, 1993

# Ruolo di ARB per il trattamento della DKD



NO. AT RISK										
Irbesartan	579	534	495	457	363	273	191	131	57	5
Amlodipine	567	516	476	439	347	254	166	108	40	5
Placebo	569	527	482	436	360	252	173	107	47	2



1715 pt type 2 DM + HTN

Irb 300 mg vs amlo 10 mg vs placebo

End points:

doubling creatinine

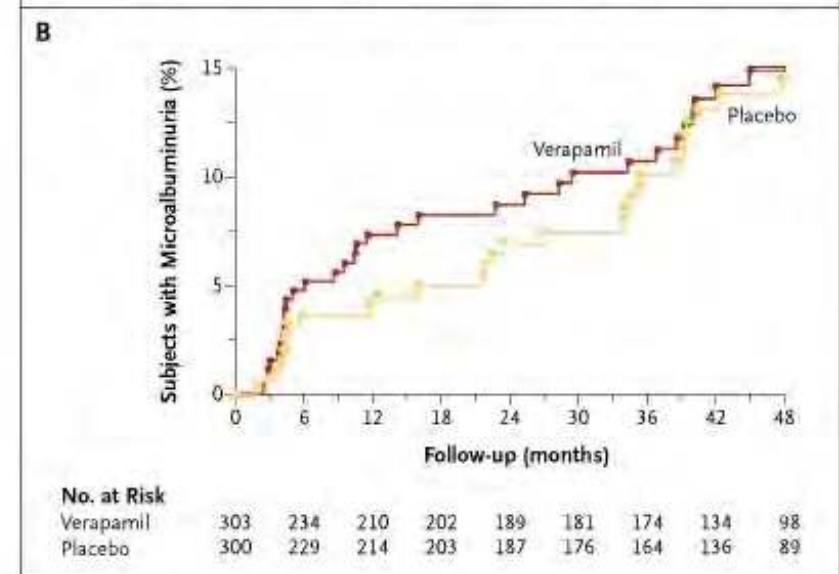
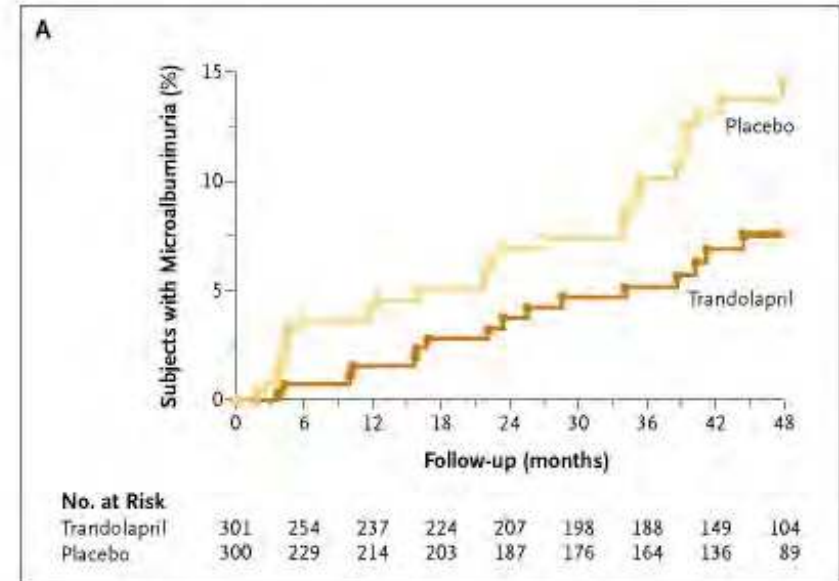
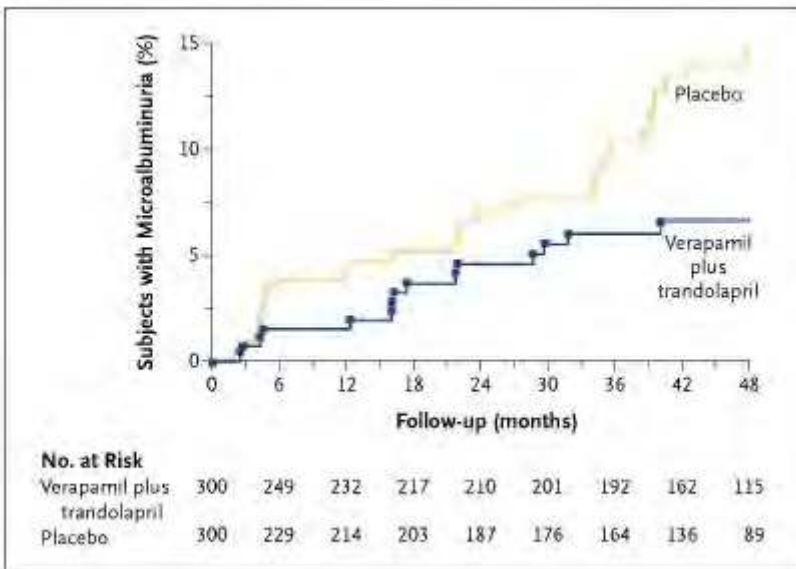
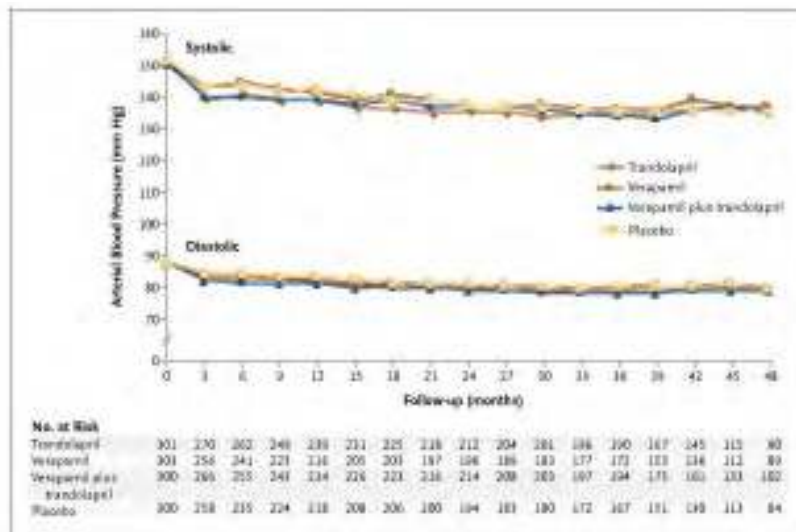
ESRD

death

F/u 2.6 years

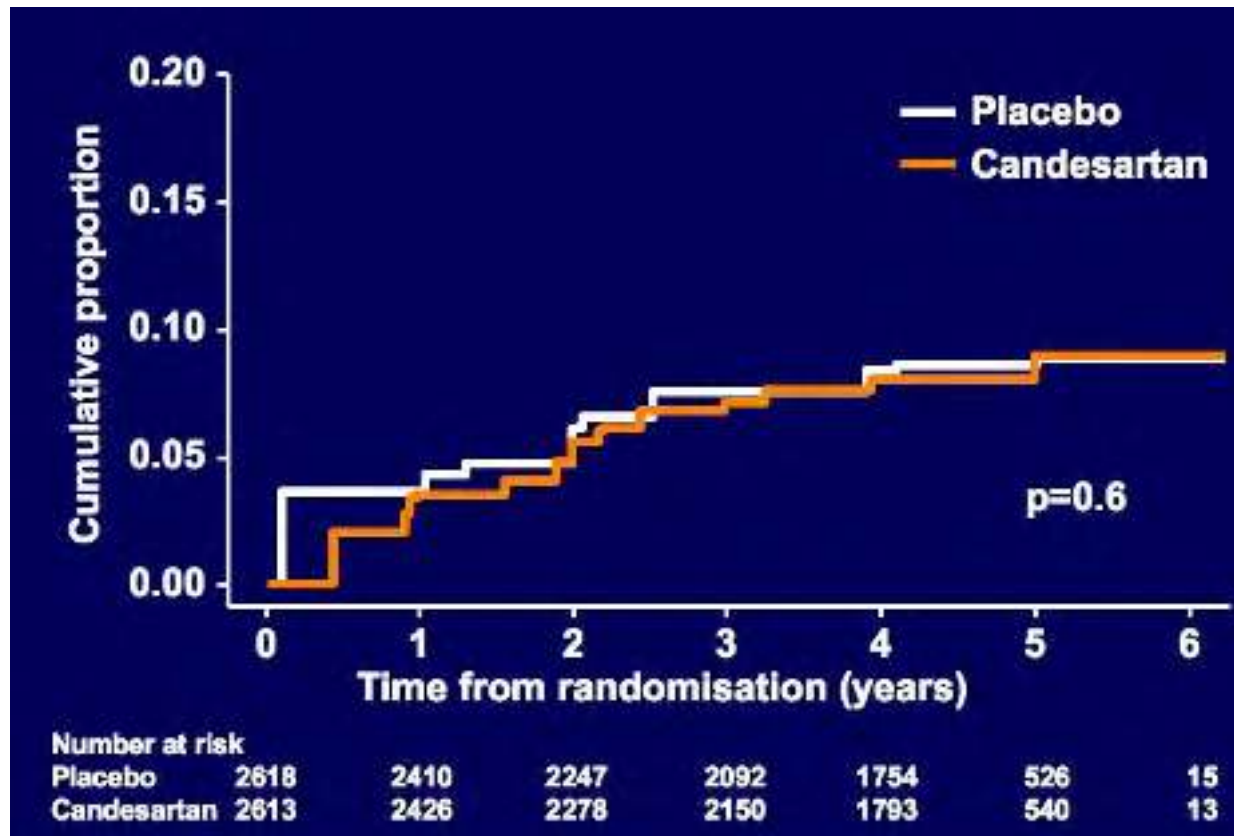
-3.3 mmHg mean BP in tx vs placebo

# ACEi vs CCB nella prevenzione primaria di DKD con ipertensione minima



1204 patients, type 2 DM  
 Primary end point: persistent MA

# ARB vs placebo nella prevenzione primaria di DKD con normotensione



3326/1905 (type 1/type2) patients.

Normotensive with normoalbuminuria

Candesartan versus placebo (significant effect on BP)

4.7 years follow up

Primary end point: development of MA

Secondary: Change in UAER

# ACEi o ARB?

**Table 3. Secondary Renal End Points after Five Years of Treatment, According to Analysis of the Last Observation Carried Forward.\***

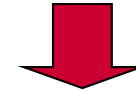
End Point	Change from Baseline		Difference between Groups (95% CI)
	Telmisartan Group	Enalapril Group	
Serum creatinine (mg/dl)	0.10	0.10	0 (-0.66 to 0.65)
Urinary albumin excretion (ratio) <sup>†</sup>	1.03	0.99	1.04 (0.71 to 1.51) <sup>‡</sup>

\* One hundred sixteen subjects (35 with the last observation carried forward) in the telmisartan group and 128 (44 with the last observation carried forward) in the enalapril group were included in the analysis of serum creatinine, and 115 (35 with the last observation carried forward) and 125 (42 with the last observation carried forward), respectively, were included in the analysis of urinary albumin excretion.

<sup>†</sup> Urinary albumin excretion rates were determined as the ratio of the final value to the baseline value.

<sup>‡</sup> The ratio of the difference between treatment groups is shown. Because of the skewed distribution of the albumin excretion rate, the log analysis (when log values are converted back to nonlog values, or “anti-logged”) yields treatment ratios, both for treatment means (ratio of year 5 value to baseline value) and treatment differences (ratio of telmisartan to enalapril).

Prospective, multicentered, double-blind study  
250 patients with type 2 DM and DN  
Telmisartan 80 mg vs enalapril 20 mg.  
Five year follow-up  
Primary end-point: change in iohexol GFR  
Secondary end-points: creat, UAE, BP



no difference!

# ACEi o ARB?

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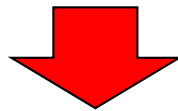
ADA 2022:

Type 1 DM with HTN and albuminuria: ACEi

Type 2 DM with HTN and microalbuminuria: either ACEi or ARBs

Type 2 DM with HTN and overt nephropathy: ARBs

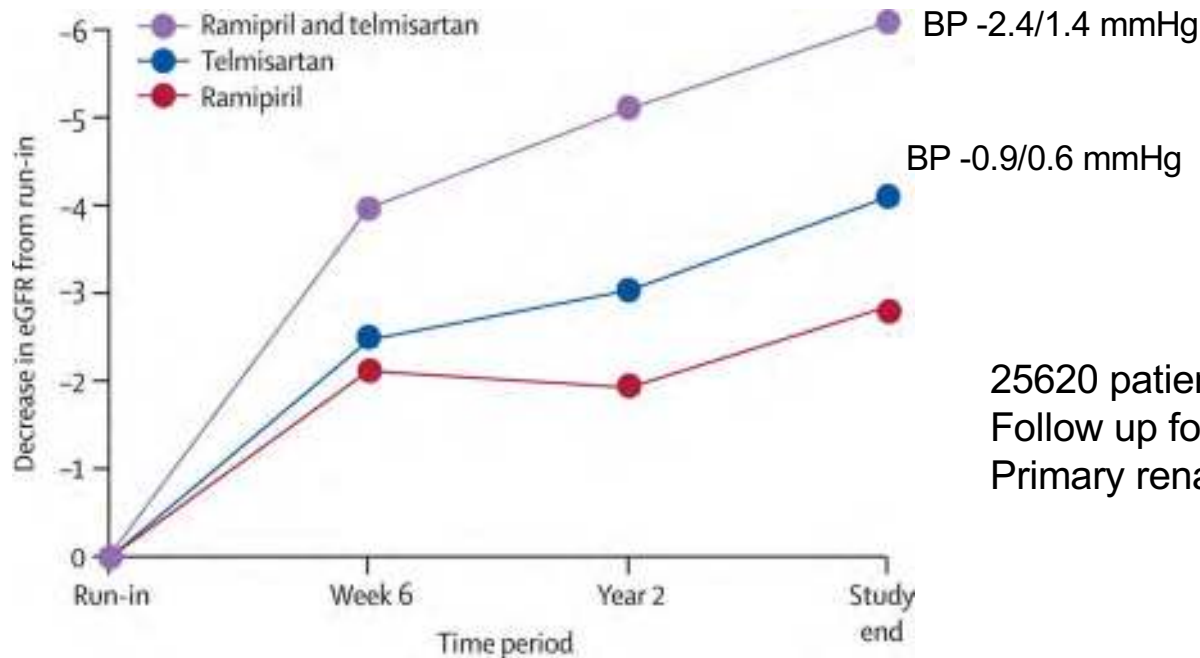
When not tolerated, substitute one for the other



Combinazione non raccomandata



# ACEi/ARB combination in DKD in T2DM ON TARGET



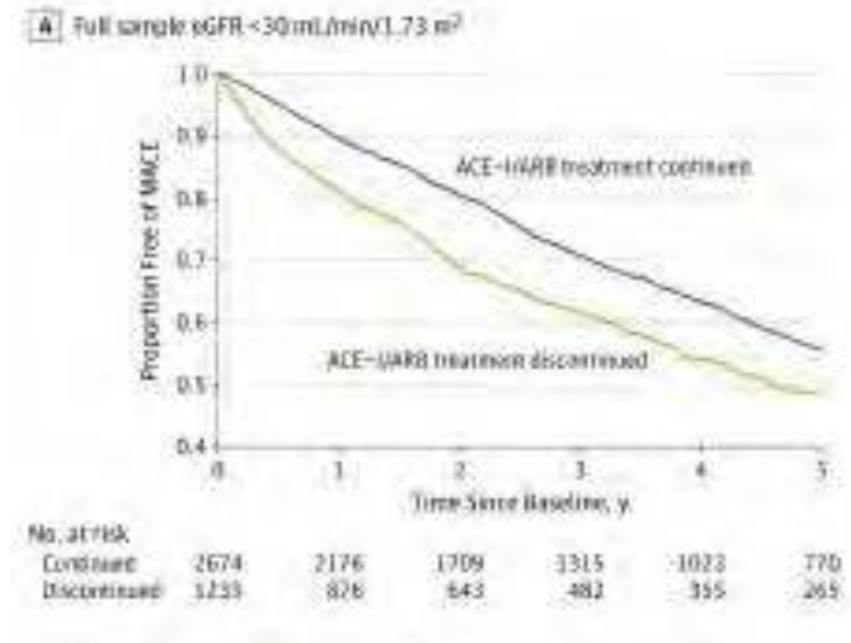
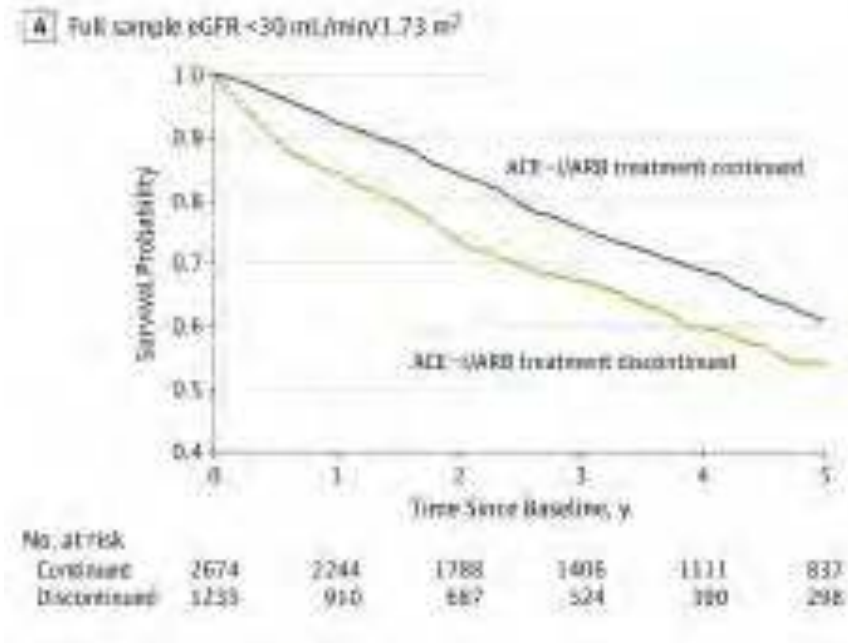
25620 patients with CV disease or high risk diabetes  
Follow up for 5 years  
Primary renal outcome: dialysis, x2 creat, death

	Ramipril gMean (95% CI)	Telmisartan gMean (95% CI)	Ramipril+telmisartan gMean (95% CI)	Telmisa vs ramipril
UACR, Baseline	0.81 (0.78–0.84)	0.83 (0.80–0.86)	0.81 (0.78–0.84)	0.246
2-year ratio to baseline	1.17 (1.13–1.20)	1.08 (1.05–1.12)	1.05 (1.02–1.08)	0.0013

# ACEi/ARB: **STOP** in CKD avanzata?

## Mortality

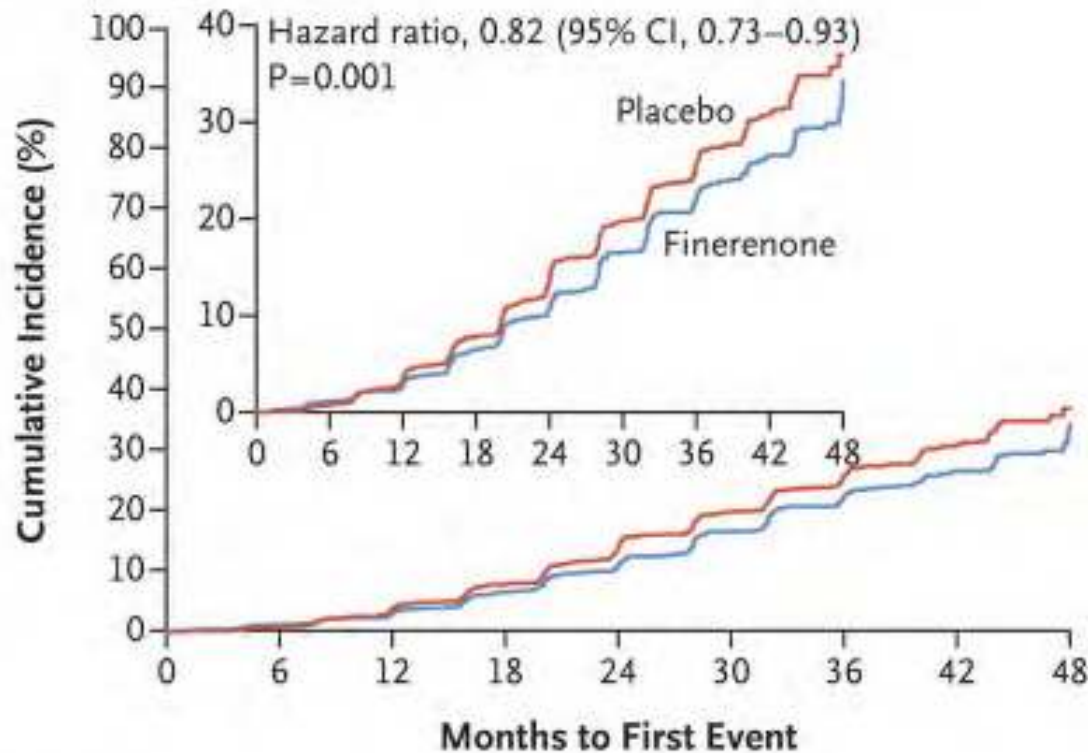
## CVD



3909 patients  
eGFR < 30  
Follow-up for 5 years

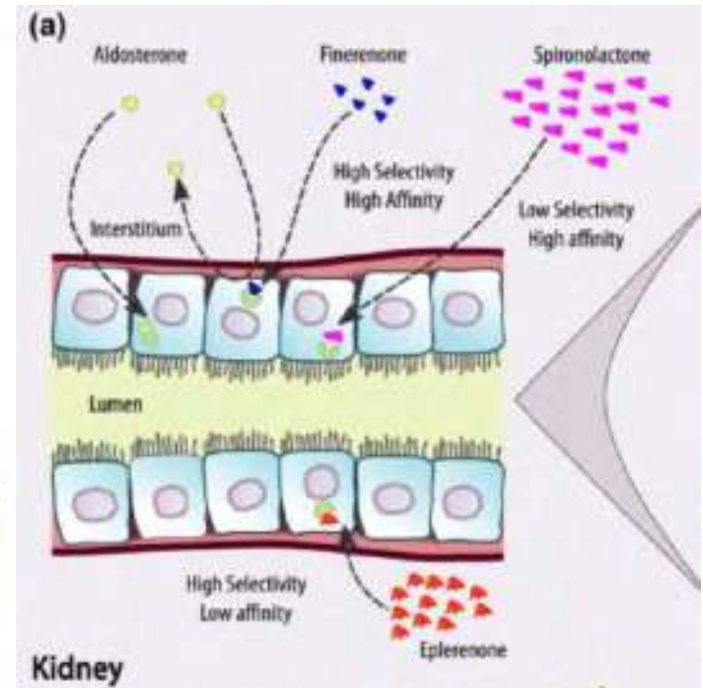
# Antagonisti dell' Aldosterone (MRA): finerenone and DKD

## A Primary Composite Outcome



### No. at Risk

Placebo	2841	2724	2586	2379	1758	1248	792	453	82
Finerenone	2833	2705	2607	2397	1808	1274	787	441	83



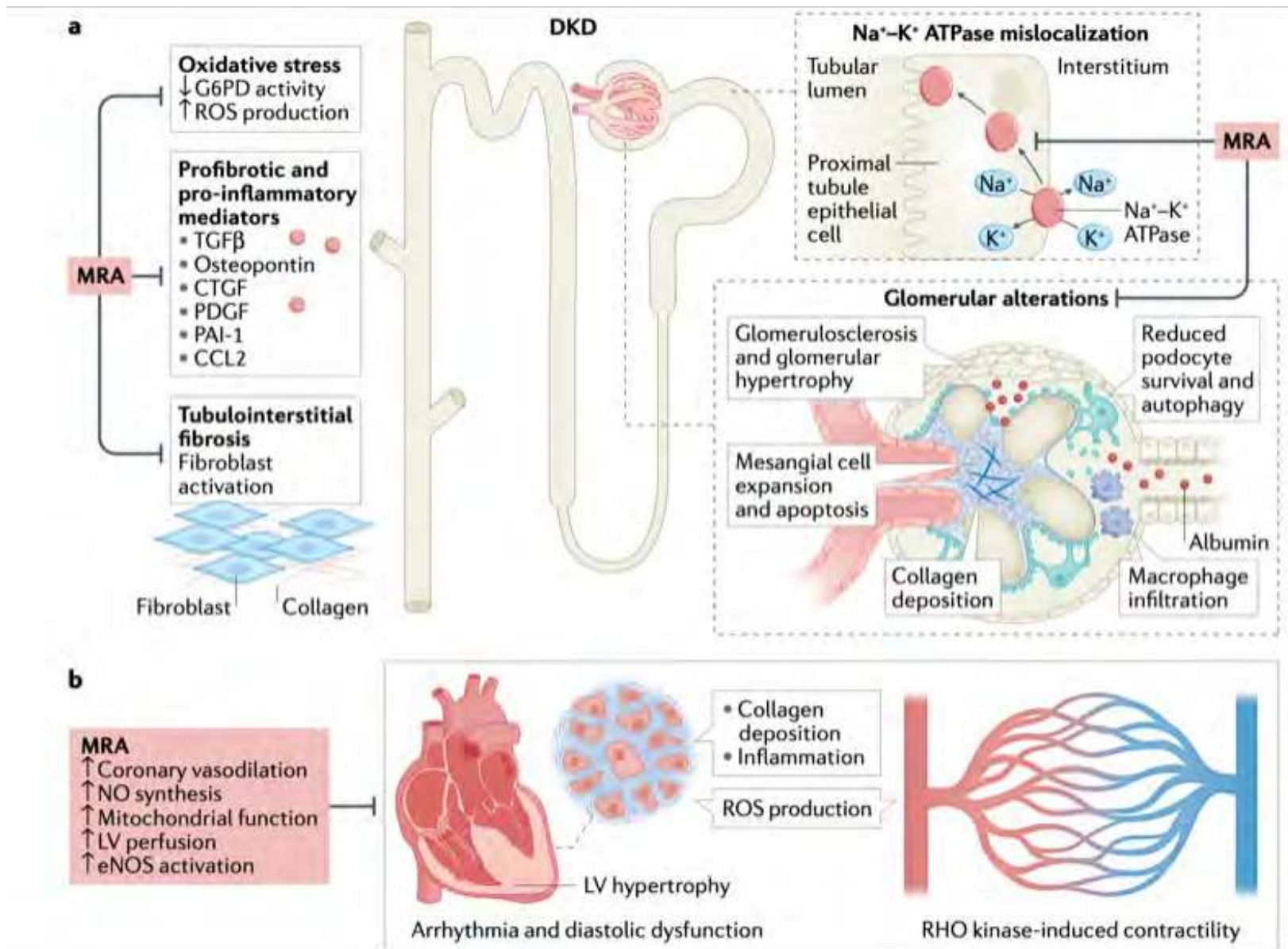
5734 T2D pt with CKD3/4A2 on RAS blockade

Primary outcomes: renal death, ESKD, 40% decrease in eGFR

Follow up: 2.6 years

*FIDELIO-DKD, Bakris et al, NEJM, 383:2219-2229*  
*Cappelli et al, J of Neph, 33, 2020*

# MRA: protezione pleiotropica (BP independent)



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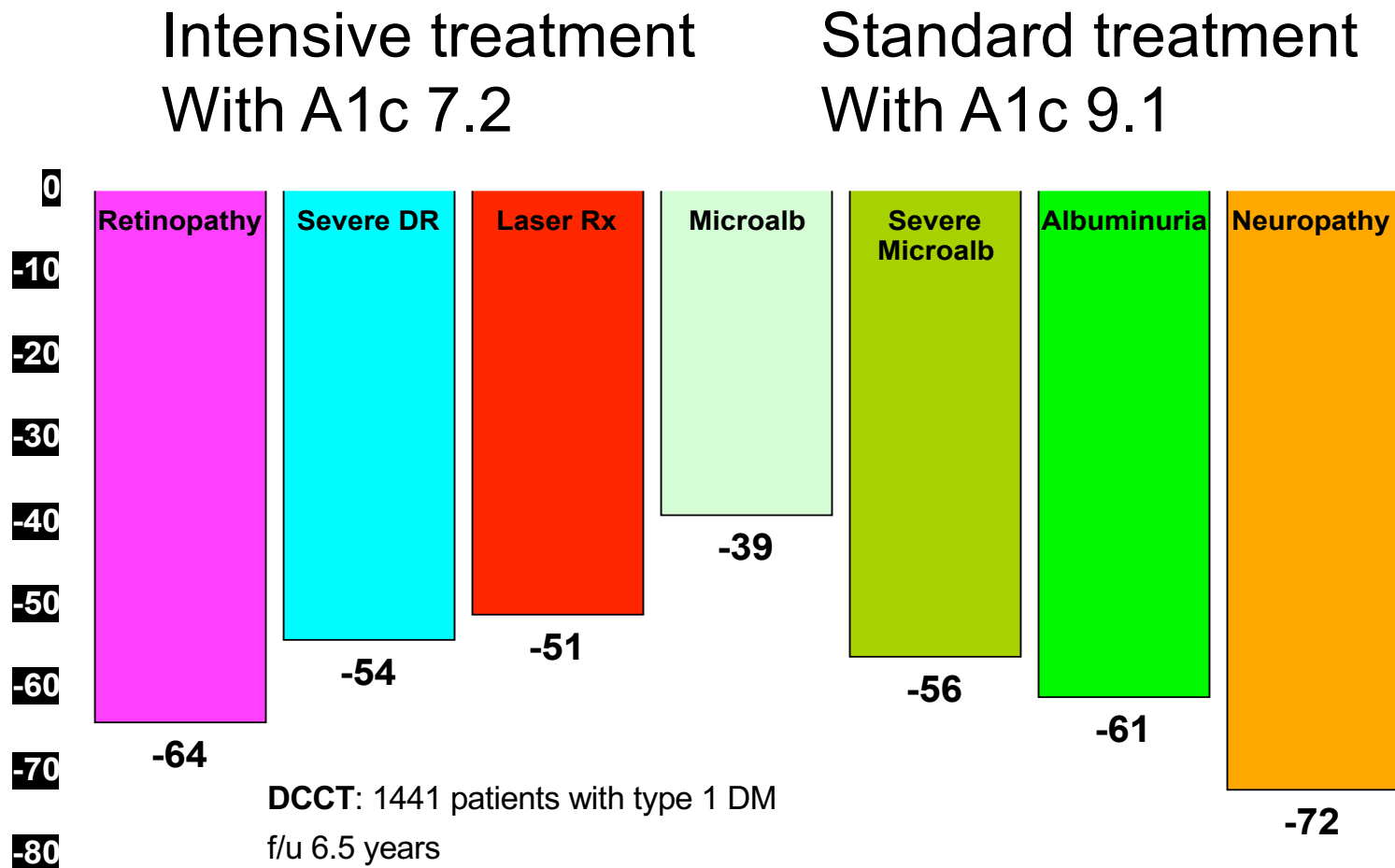
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# Ruolo della glycemia in T1D-DKD



DCCT: 1441 patients with type 1 DM

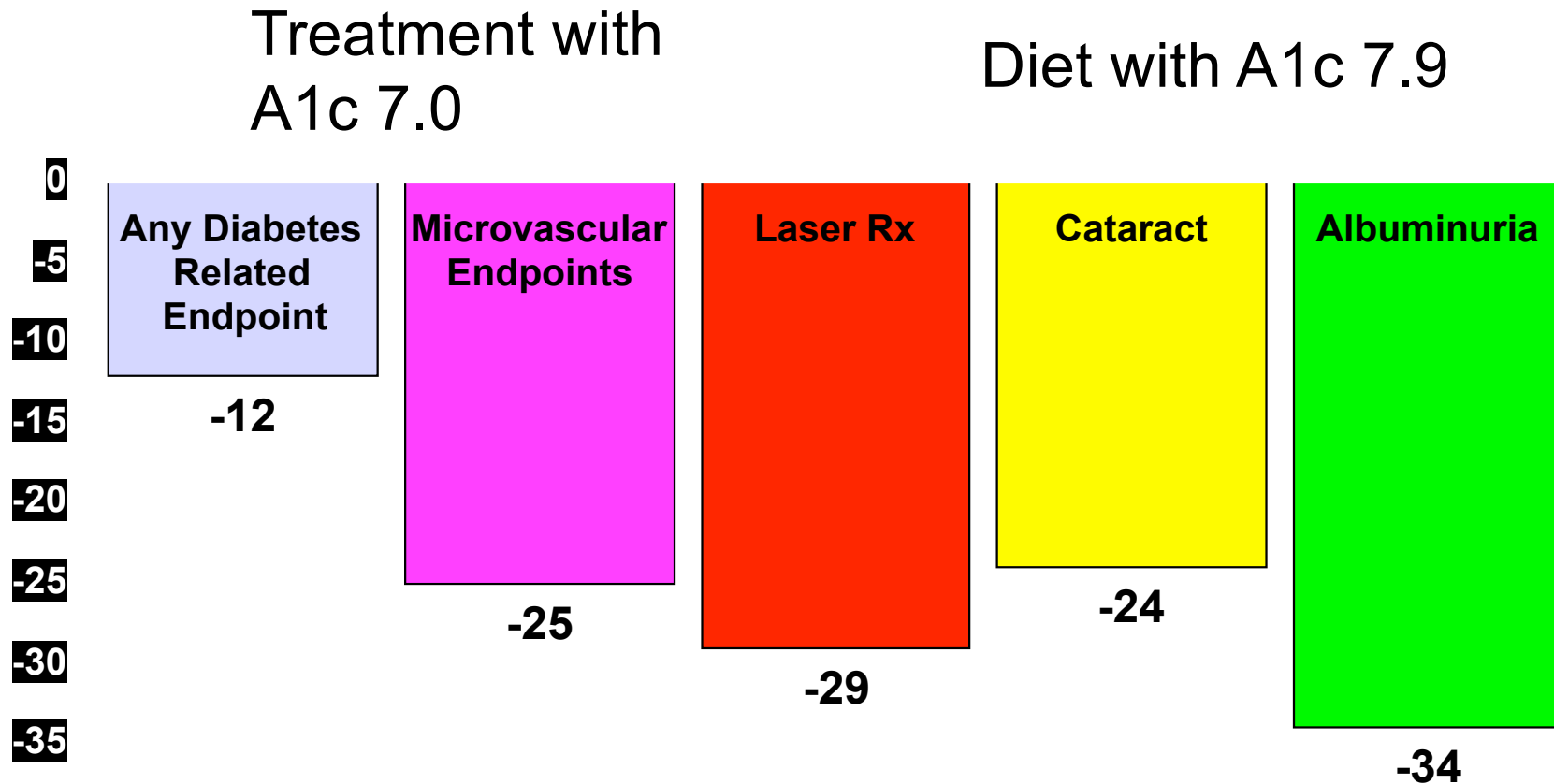
f/u 6.5 years

Insulin 3 x day or pump vs conventional (1 or 2 daily insulin injection)

Primary prevention/secondary prevention

Difference maintained after discontinuation of tx (7 yr follow up)

# Ruolo della glycemia in T2D-DKD



UKPDS: 3867 type 2 DM

Median age 54

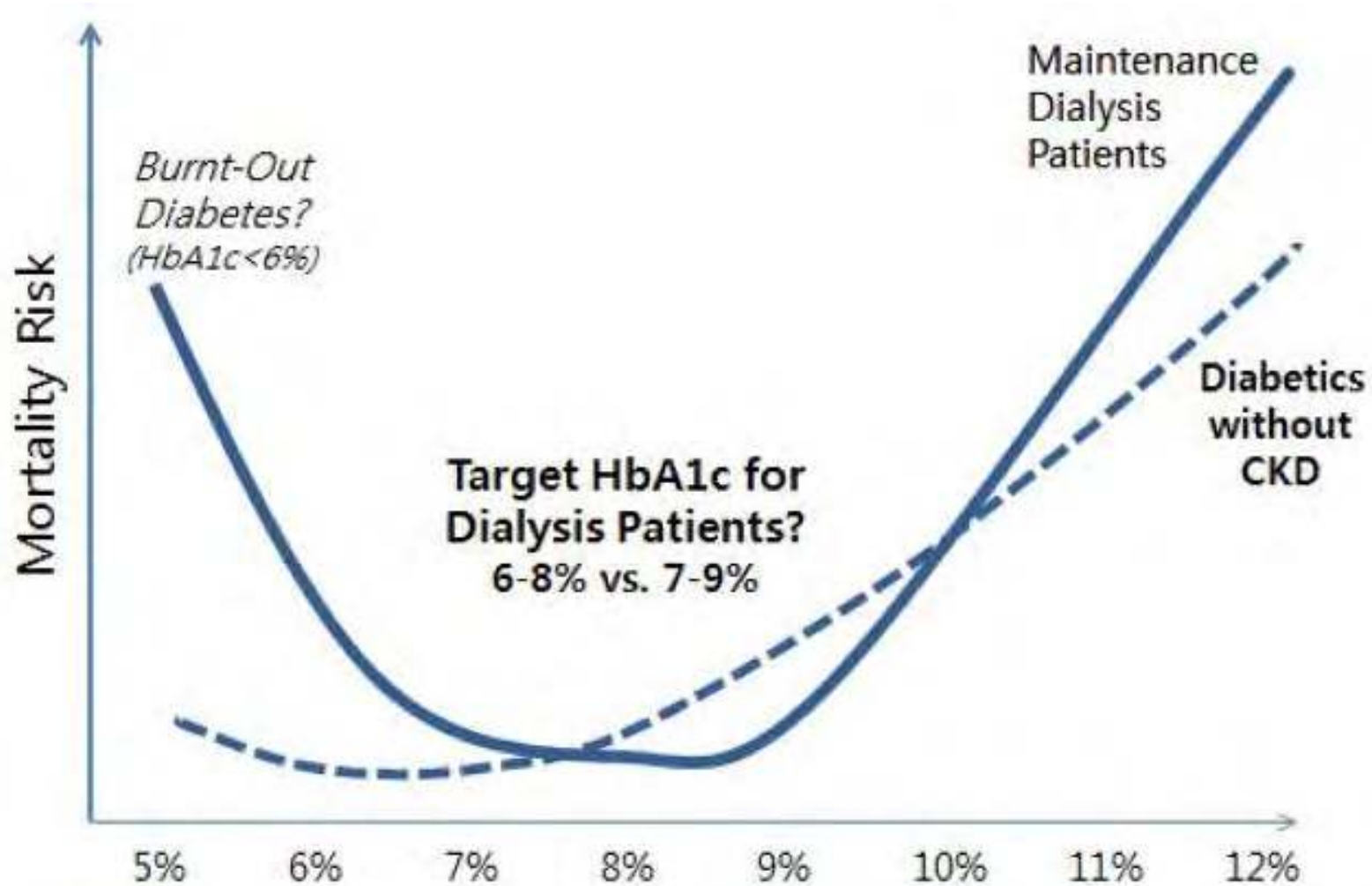
Intensive tx (sulpha or insulin) versus diet

End points: any DM related end-point, diabetes related death and all cause mortality

F/u 10 years (15 years f/u had no difference in diabetes related death)

Lancet 1998; 352: 837-853

# Target glicemici nella DKD avanzata





# Regressione della microalbuminuria in T1DM

**Table 3. Results of the Cox Regression Analysis of Regression of Microalbuminuria with the Use of Time-Dependent Factors.\***

Factor	Adjusted Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value†
<b>Nonmodifiable</b>		
Age (≤26 vs. >26 yr)	1.6 (1.2–2.2)	0.004
Incidence cohort (vs. prevalence cohort)‡	1.8 (1.2–2.6)	0.003
<b>Modifiable</b>		
Lipid status§		0.002
Cholesterol <198 mg/dl, triglycerides <145 mg/dl	2.4 (1.4–4.0)	
Cholesterol <198 mg/dl, triglycerides ≥145 mg/dl	1.9 (1.0–3.8)	
Cholesterol ≥198 mg/dl, triglycerides <145 mg/dl	2.1 (1.2–3.5)	
Cholesterol ≥198 mg/dl, triglycerides ≥145 mg/dl¶	1.0	
Glycosylated hemoglobin		0.02
<8.0 %	1.9 (1.2–2.9)	
8.0–8.9 %	1.5 (1.0–2.3)	
9.0–9.9 %	1.2 (0.8–1.9)	
≥10.0 %¶	1.0	
Systolic blood pressure		0.02
<115 mm Hg	1.4 (1.0–1.9)	
≥115 mm Hg¶**	1.0	

386 patients with persistent MA

Total f/u of 4 periods of 2 years each

Regression defined as 50% reduction in UAE from one period to the other

Perkins, NEJM, 2003;348:2285

# Regressione della MA in T2DM

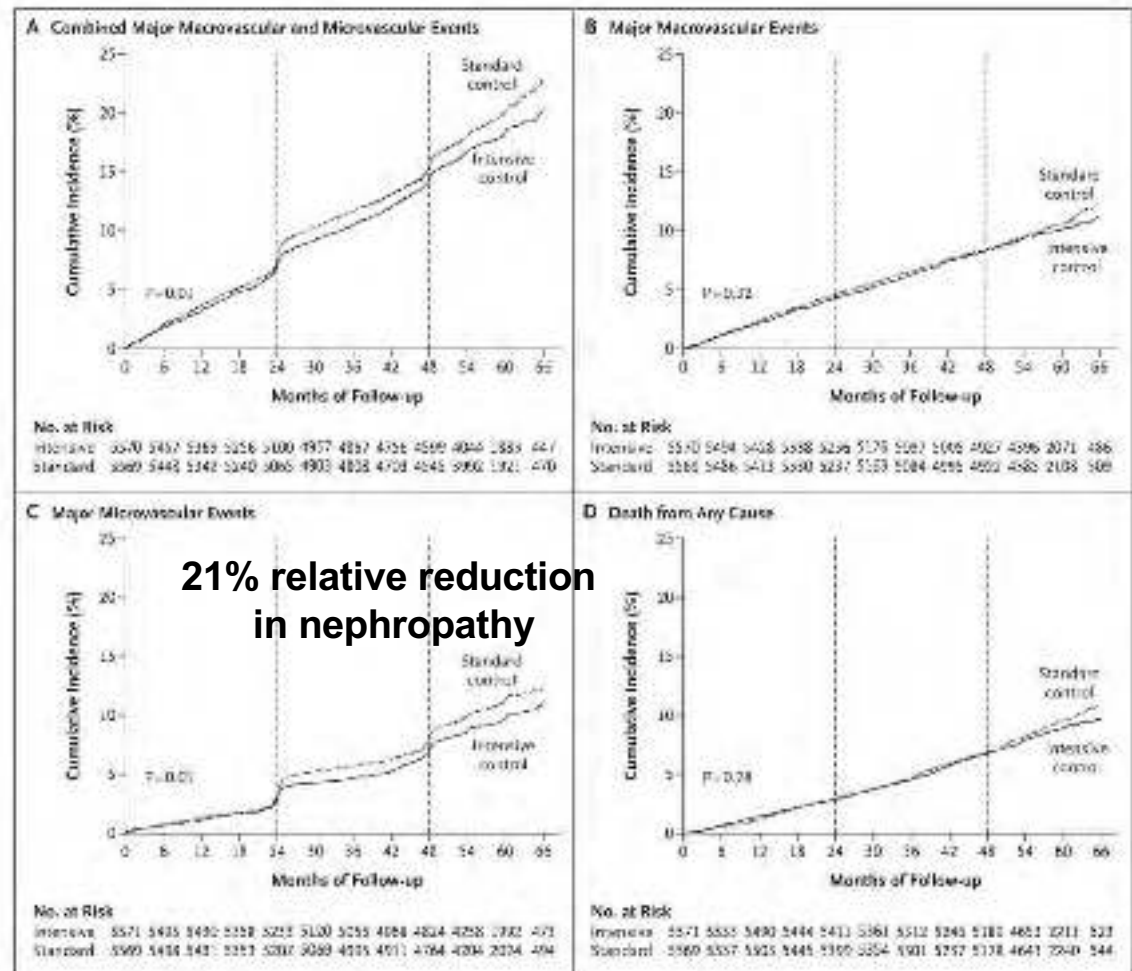
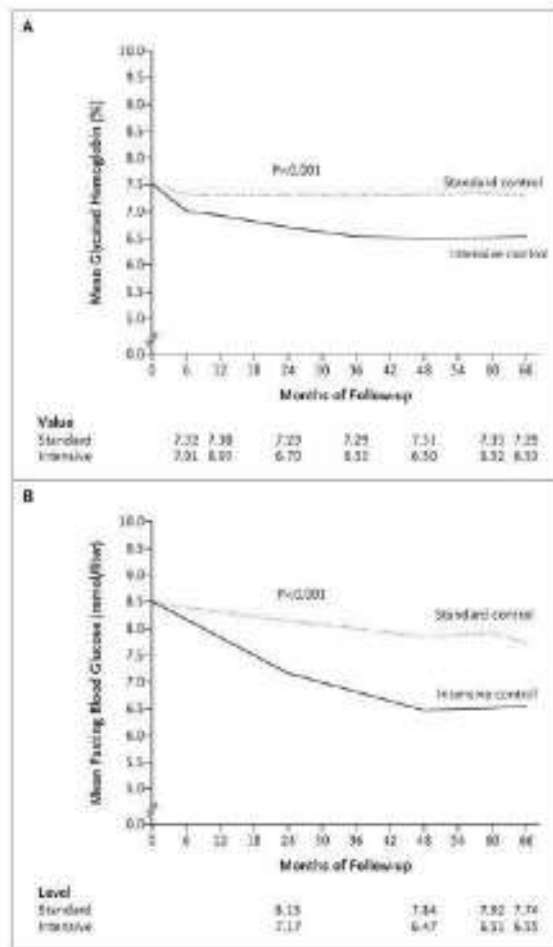
TABLE 3 The ORs of factors associated with the regression and remission of microalbuminuria with the pooled logistic regression model

	Adjusted OR (95% CI)*	
	Regression	Remission
<b>Nonmodifiable factors</b>		
Incidence cohort (vs. prevalence)	2.0 (1.03–3.9)	2.0 (1.1–3.9)
<b>Modifiable factors</b>		
Use of ACE inhibitors or ARBs (vs. none)	2.3 (1.4–4.0)	1.9 (1.1–3.3)
<b>A1C (%)</b>		
A1C < 6.95	2.2 (1.2–4.2)	3.0 (1.5–6.0)
6.95 ≤ A1C < 7.75	1.2 (0.6–2.3)	2.1 (1.01–4.2)
7.75 ≤ A1C	1.0 (ref.)	1.0 (ref.)
<b>SBP (mmHg)</b>		
SBP < 129	2.0 (1.04–3.9)	2.7 (1.4–5.2)
129 ≤ SBP < 143	1.6 (0.8–3.0)	1.8 (0.9–3.5)
143 ≤ SBP	1.0 (ref.)	1.0 (ref.)

216 Japanese patients with type 2 DM  
 F/u 6 years, 3 periods of 2 years each  
 Regression: 50% reduction MA  
 Remission: back to NA

\* The multivariate model was adjusted for sex, mean urinary albumin excretion in the initial evaluation period, total cholesterol, estimated sodium intake, and estimated protein intake. ref., reference category.

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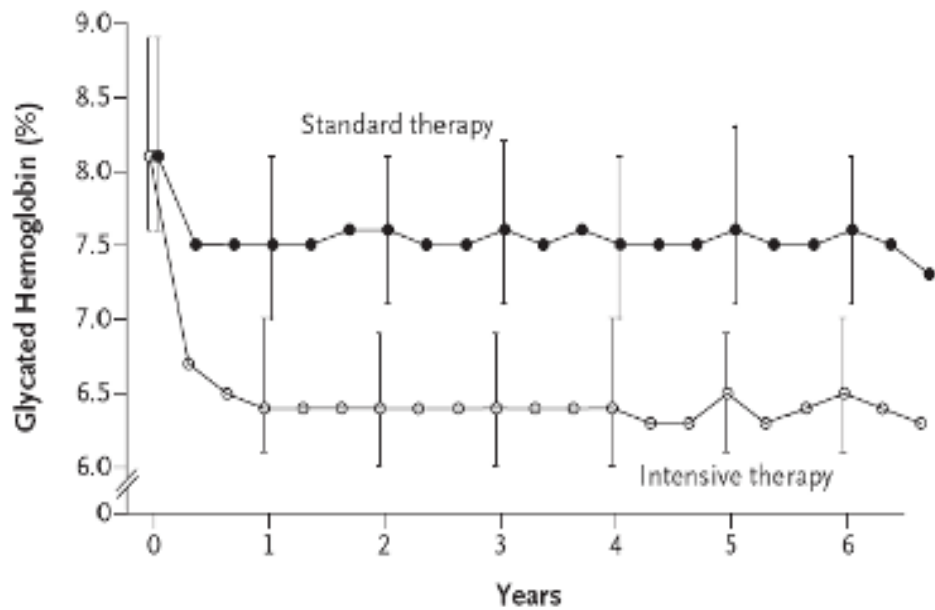


11140 patients, standard vs intensive (sulfa + other drugs to achieve A1C less than 6.5).

Macro: CV death, MI, stroke

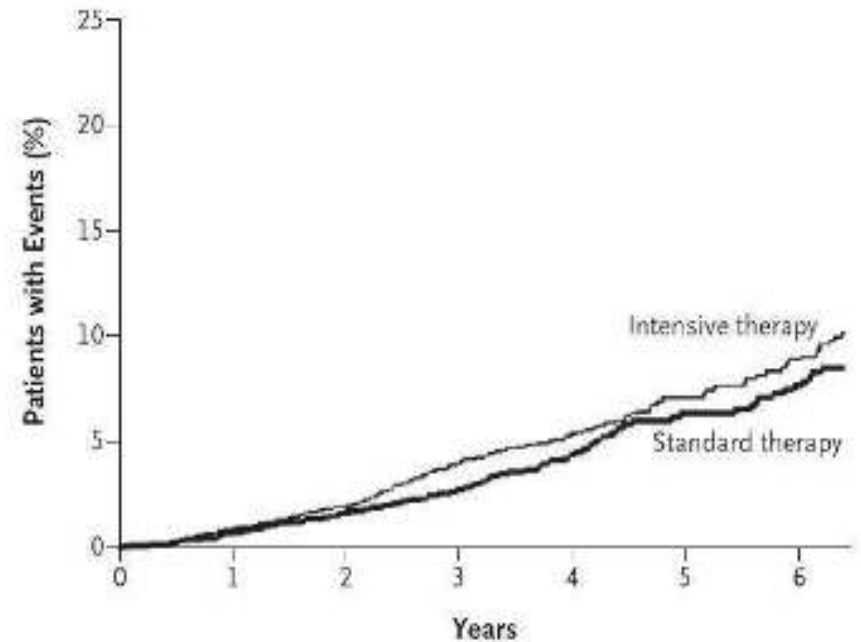
Micro: development of alb, x 2 creat, ESRD

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No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Standard therapy	5109	4774	4588	3186	1744	455	436
Intensive therapy	5119	4768	4585	3165	1706	476	471

**Death from Any Cause**



No. at Risk	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Intensive therapy	5128	4972	4803	3250	1748	523	506
Standard therapy	5123	4971	4700	3180	1642	499	480

10,251 patients, standard vs intensive (mainly insulin and TZDs).  
 1/3 patients had prior CV event  
 End point: CV death, MI, stroke  
 Discontinued after 3.5 years f/u for high mortality in intensive arm.

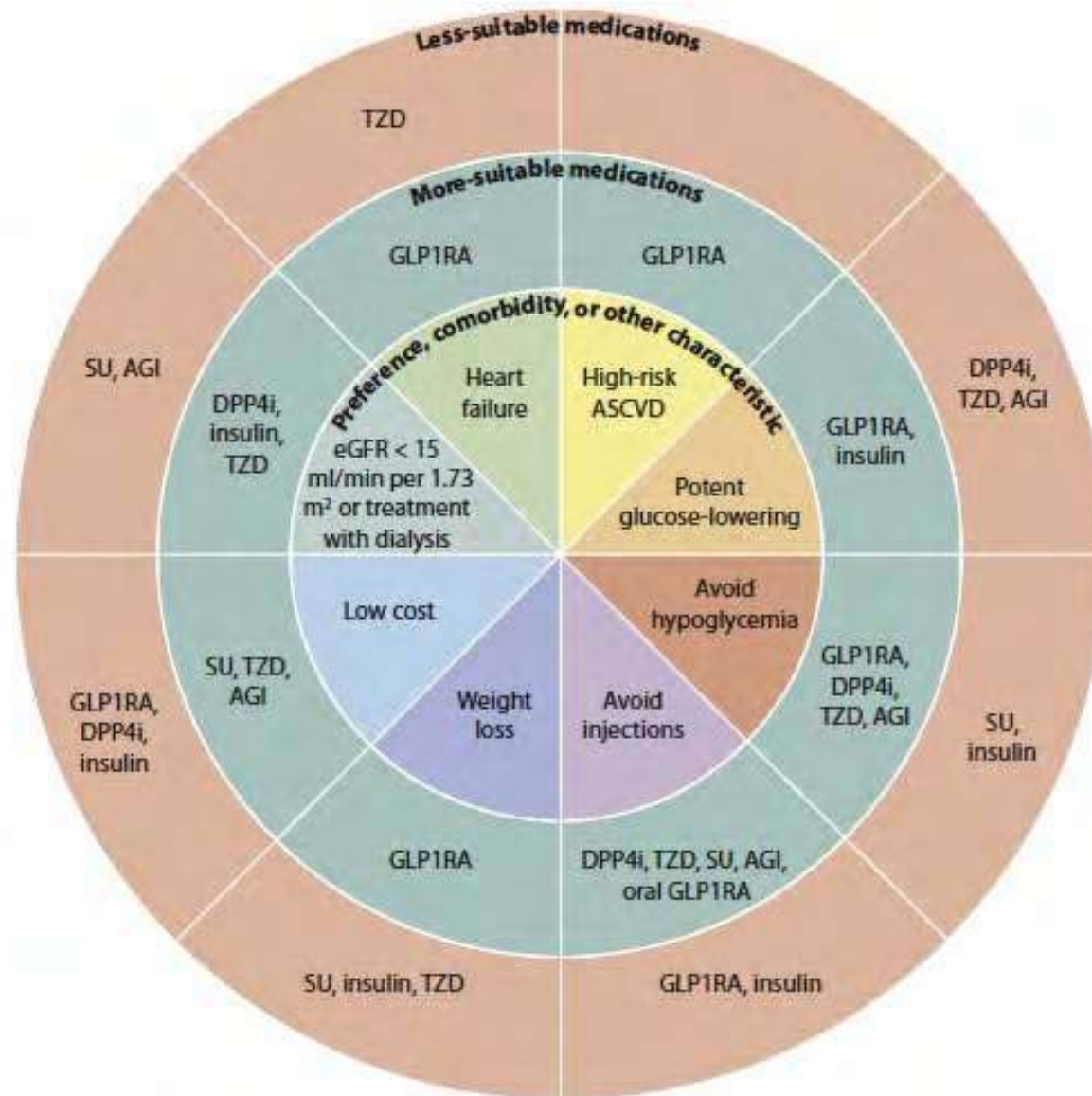
# Storia naturale della malattia

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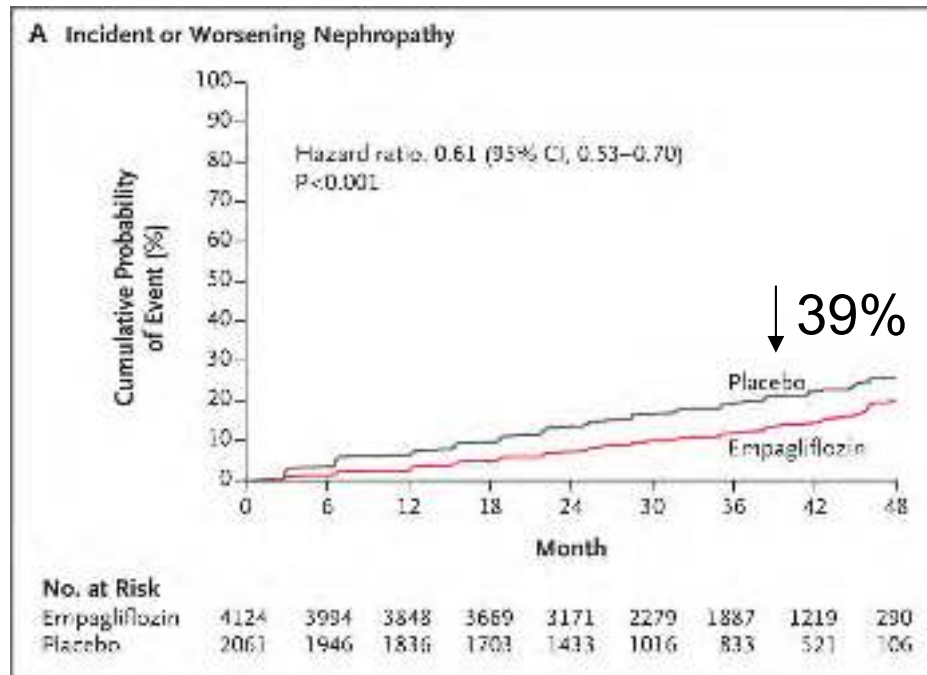
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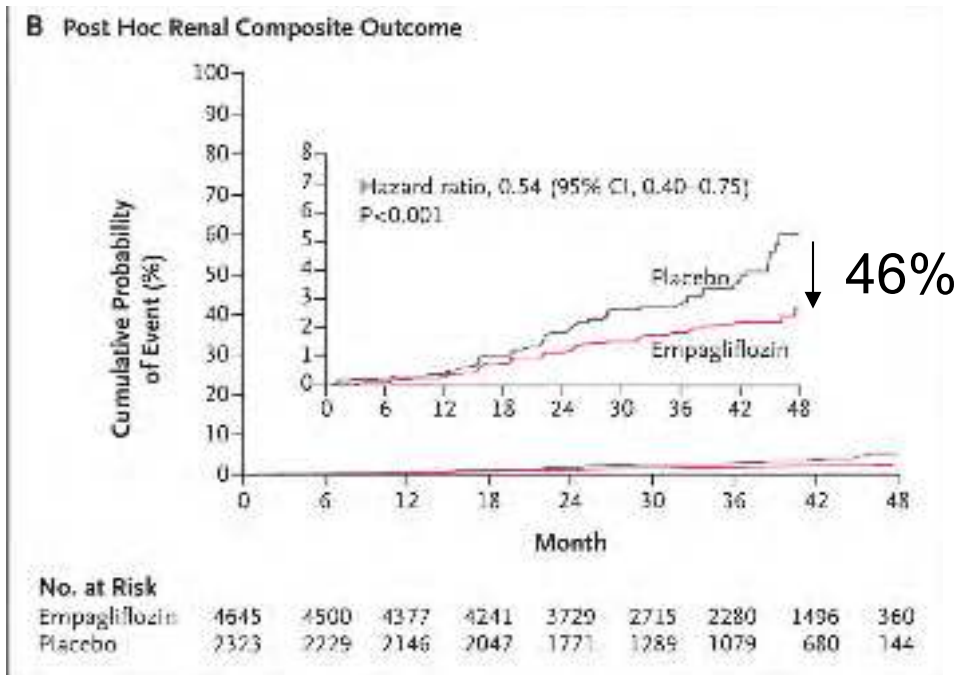
# KDIGO2020: Diabetes Management: Sono gli antidiabetici tutti uguali?



# SGLT2 inhibitors and DKD: EMPA-REG



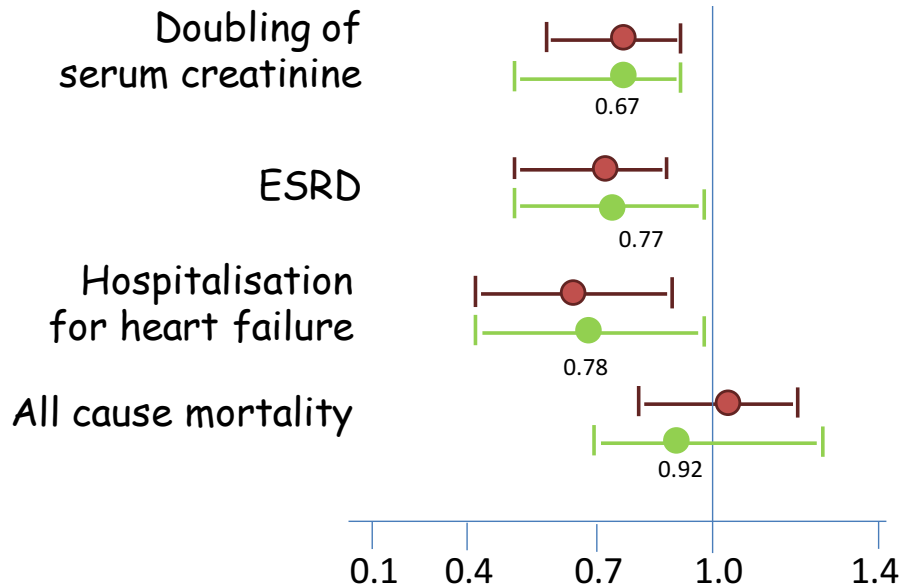
**Worsening Nephropathy:**  
eGFR < 60 ml/min and/or ACR > 300 mg/g



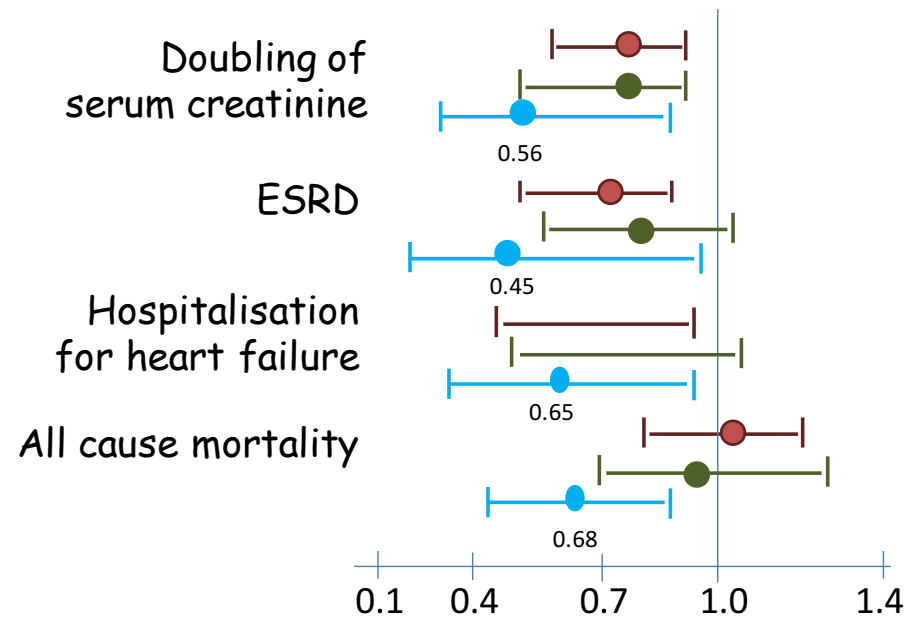
**Composite outcome:**  
doubling of the serum creatinine  
initiation of renal-replacement therapy  
death from renal disease

# ARB versus SGLT2i

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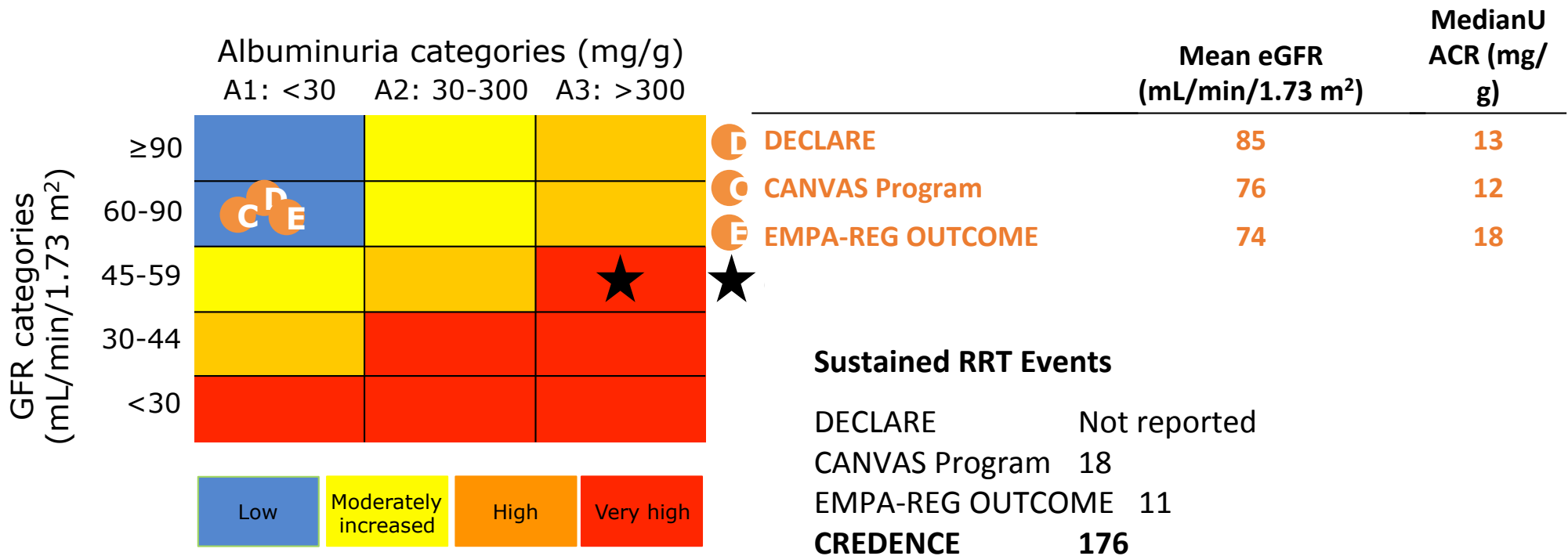
## EMPA-REG





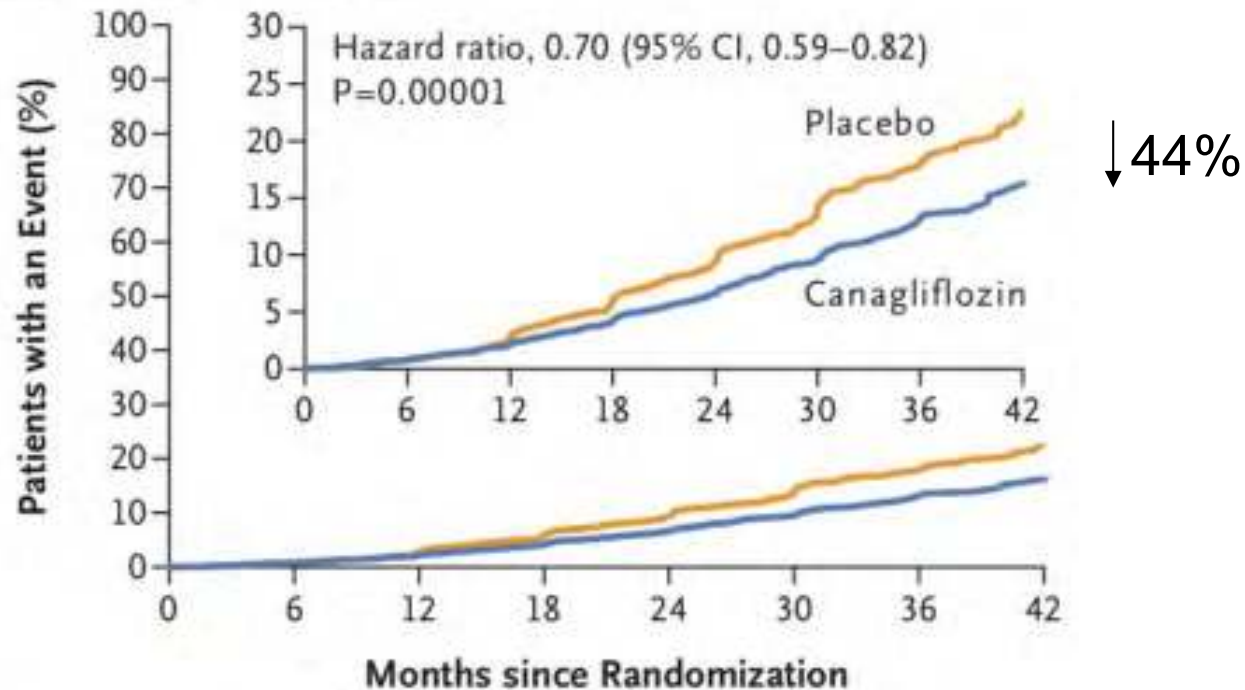
# SGLT2 inhibitors and DKD: CREDENCE

## Higher Renal Risk Population in CREDENCE



# SGLT2 inhibitors and DKD: CREDENCE

A Primary Composite Outcome



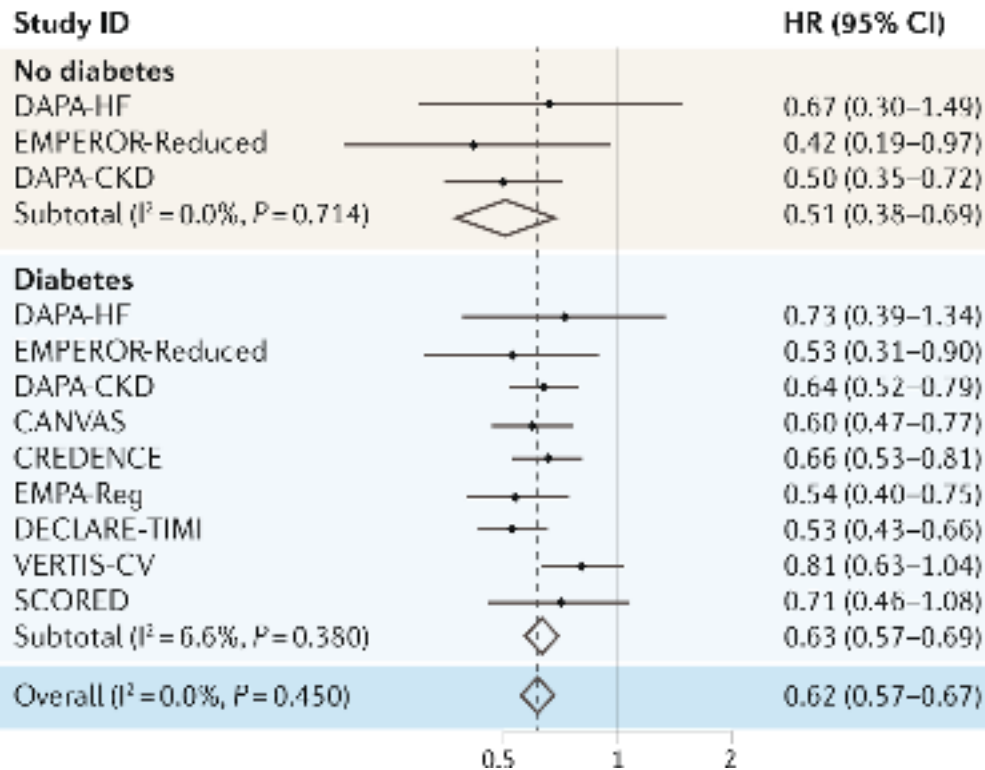
No. at Risk

Placebo	2199	2178	2132	2047	1725	1129	621	170
Canagliflozin	2202	2181	2145	2081	1786	1211	646	196

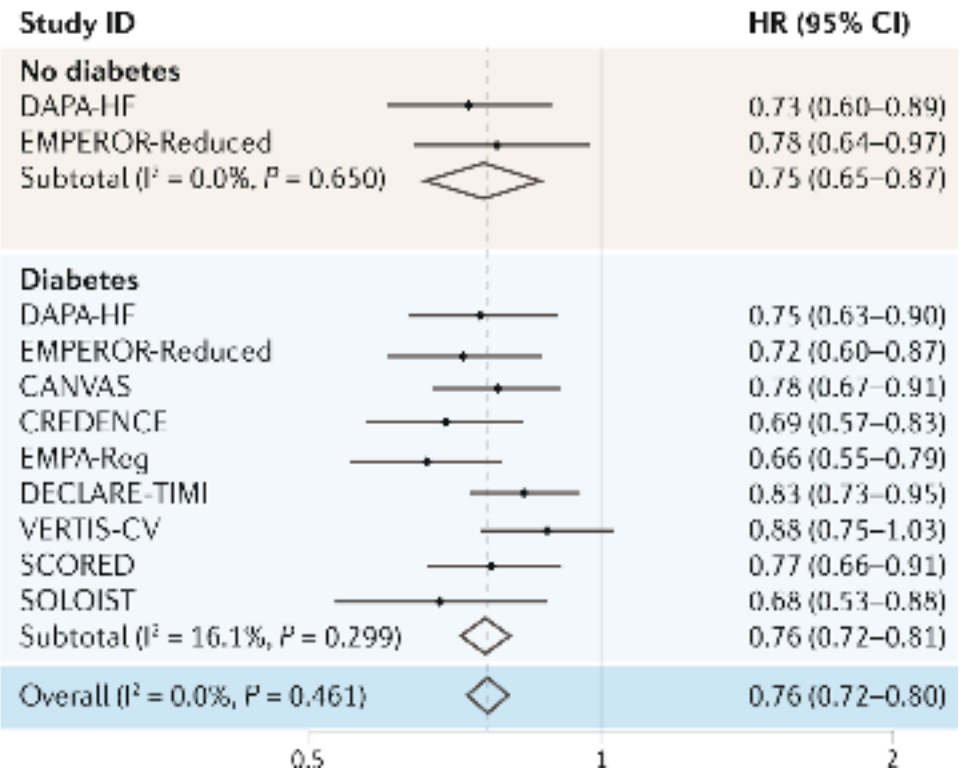
**Composite EP:** ERSD, sustained eGFR <15ml/min, X2 Creat (x 30 days) or death (renal and CV)

# Meta-analysis: SGLT2i e outcomes renali

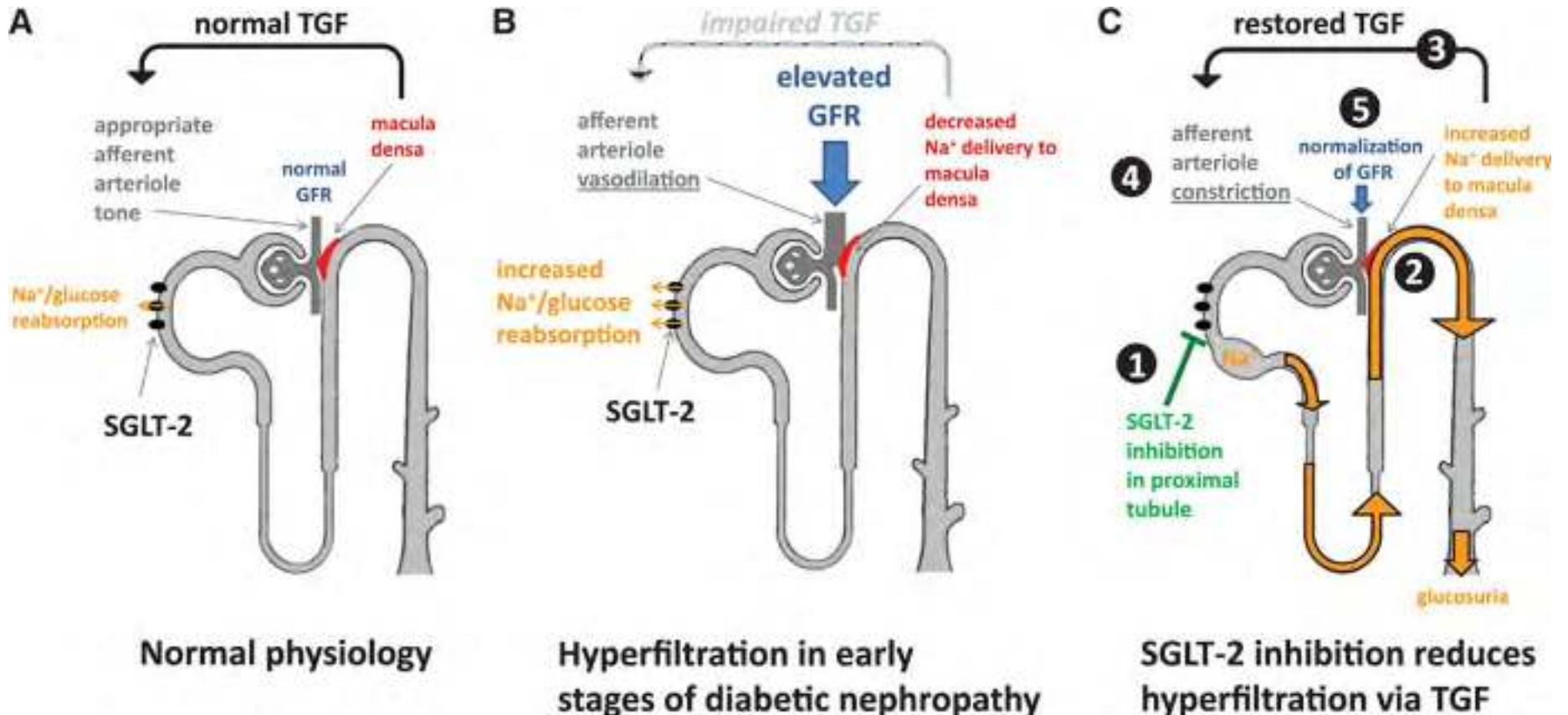
## a Kidney outcome



## b Hospitalisation for heart failure or cardiovascular death



# SGLT2 inhibitors: effecti emodinamici



No difference in incident albuminuria!

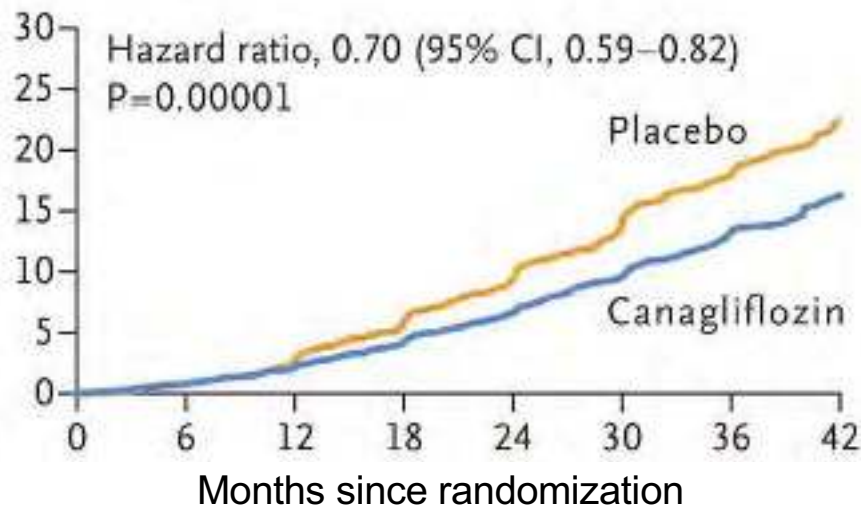
Other effects?

# SGLT2 inhibitors: protezione indipendente dalla presenza di iperglicemia

## DIABETES

### CREDESCENCE

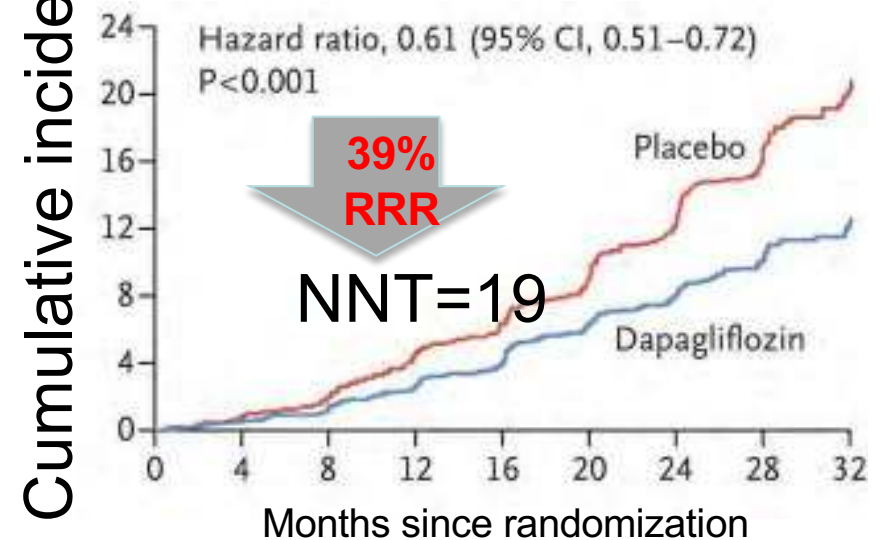
**Composite outcome:**  
ESKD, x2 creat, renal or CV death



## CKD

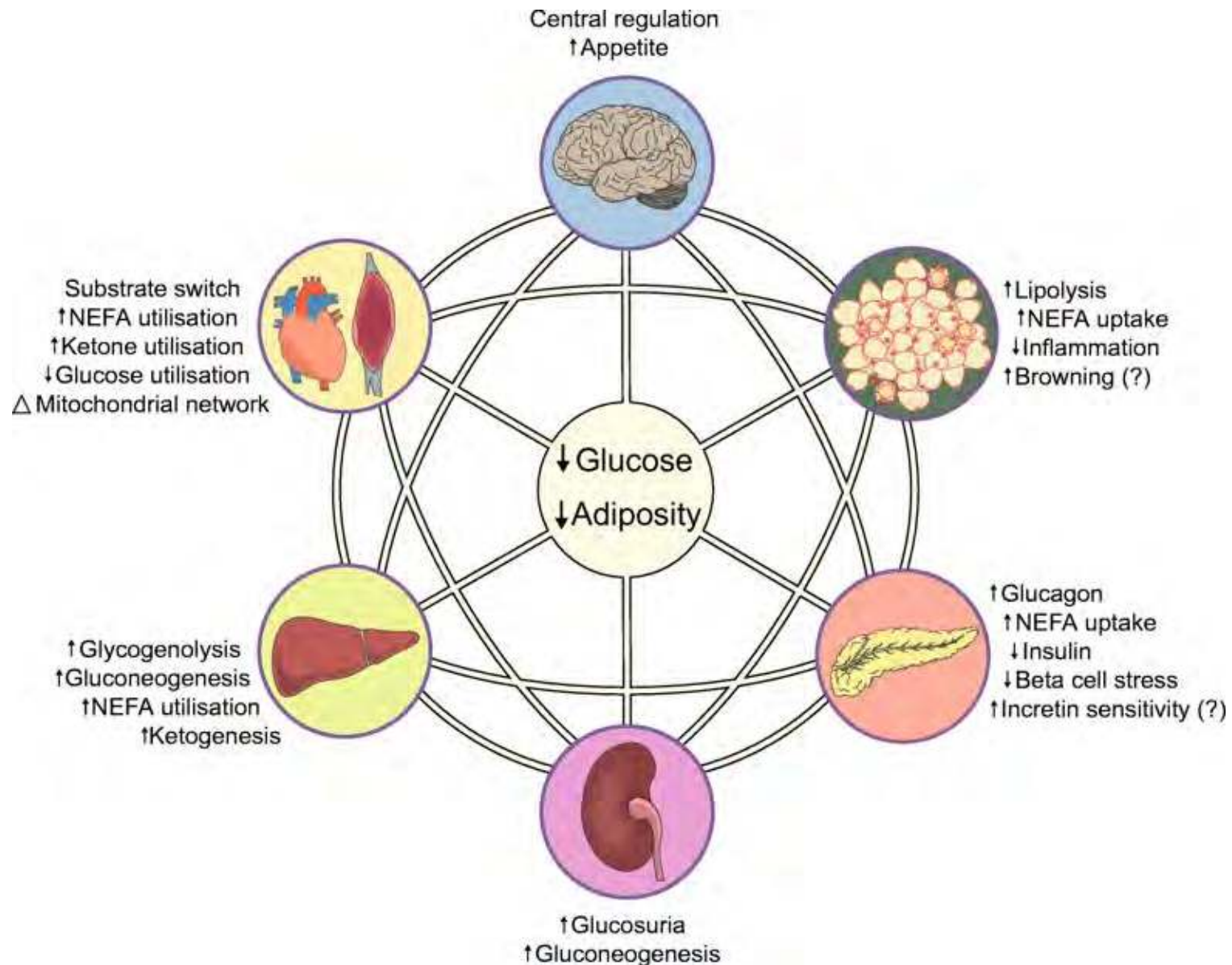
### DAPA-CKD

**Composite outcome:**  
ESKD, >50%eGFR loss, death

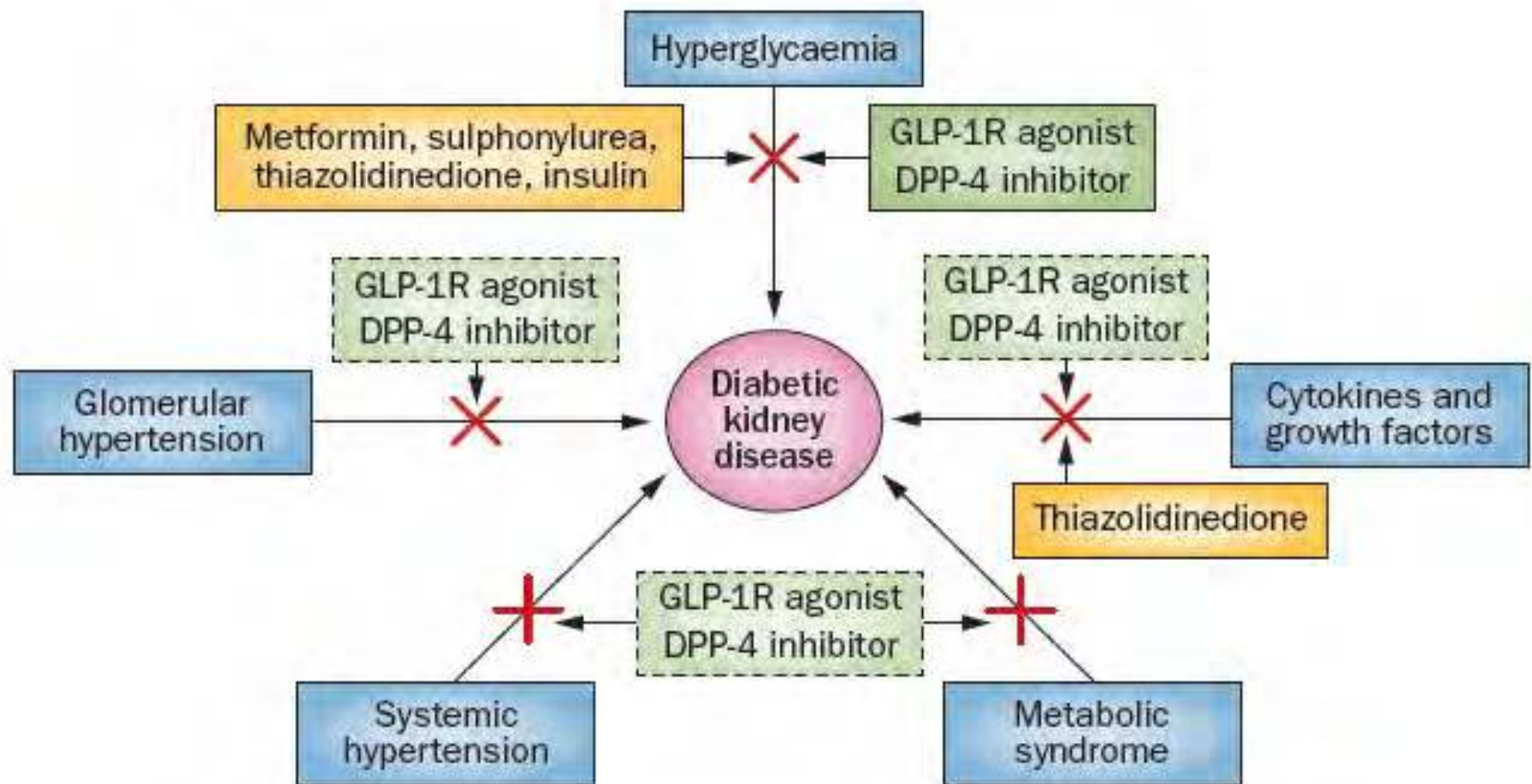


**Renoprotection independent of glucose control!**

# SGLT2 inhibitors: effetti metabolici

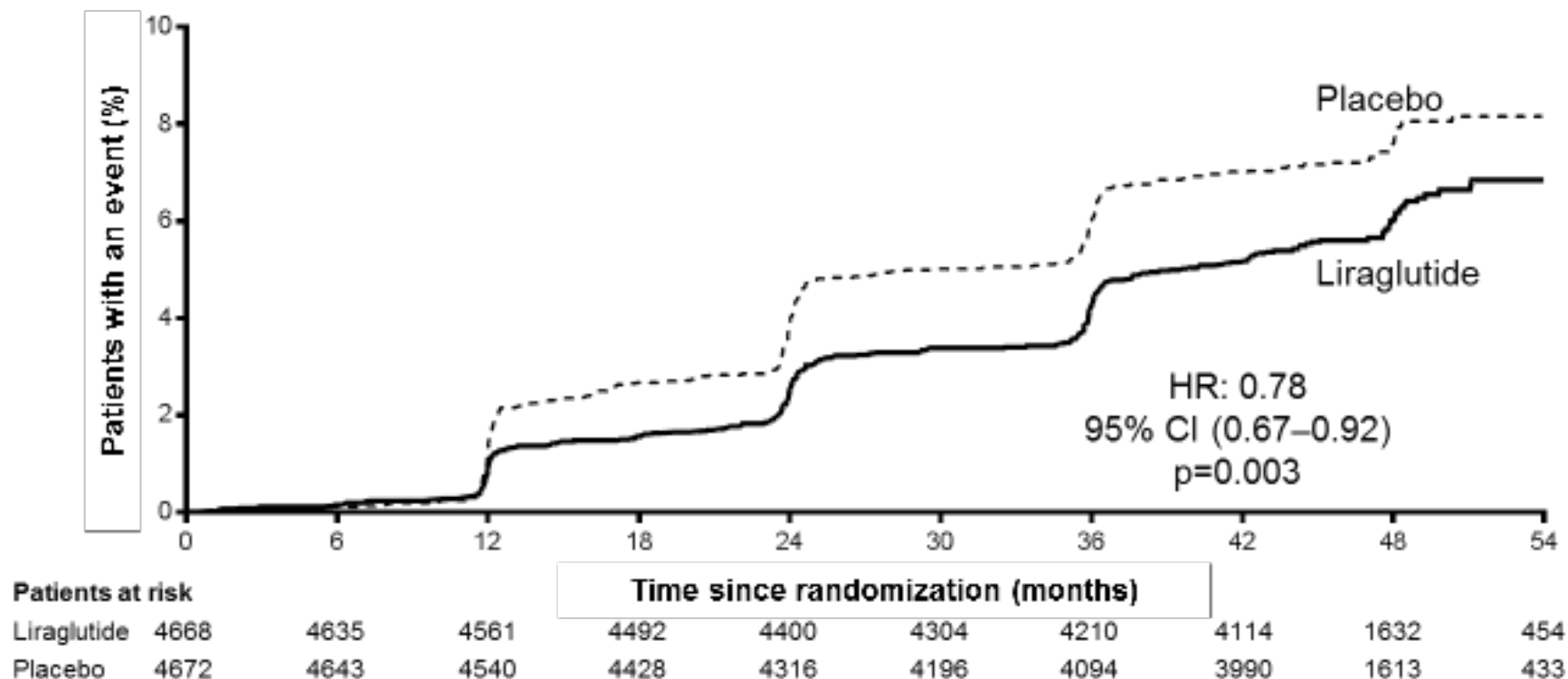


# DKD: connessione intestino-rene via GLP1



# Liraglutide in DKD: LEADER trial

Time to first renal event: ACR>300, x2 creat, ESRD, renal death

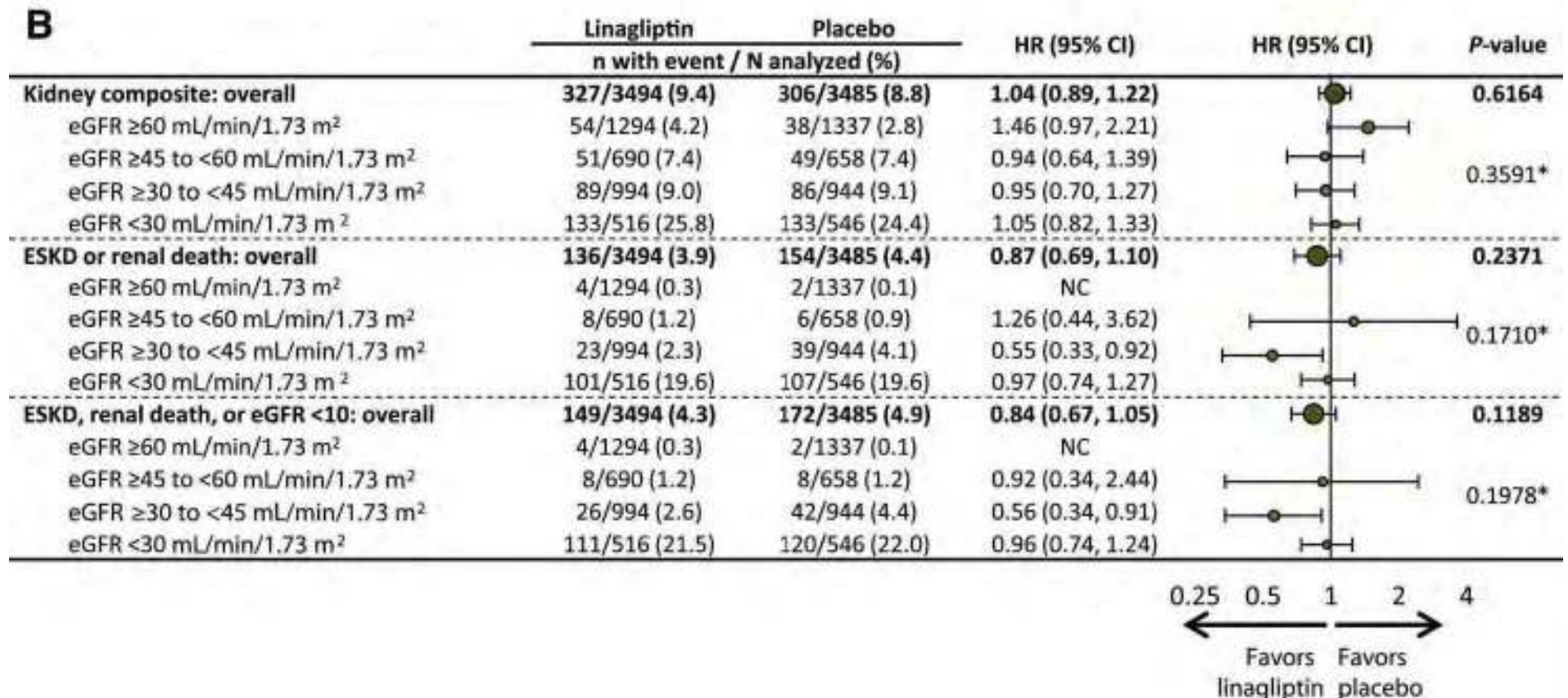


The cumulative incidences were estimated with the use of the Kaplan–Meier method, and the hazard ratios with the use of the Cox proportional-hazard regression model. The data analyses are truncated at 54 months, because less than 10% of the patients had an observation time beyond 54 months. CI: confidence interval; ESRD: end-stage renal disease; HR: hazard ratio.

9340 T2DM patients  
3.8 yrs f/u  
CKD1 35%, CKD2 42%, CKD3 20%



# DPP4 inhibition and DKD: linagliptin



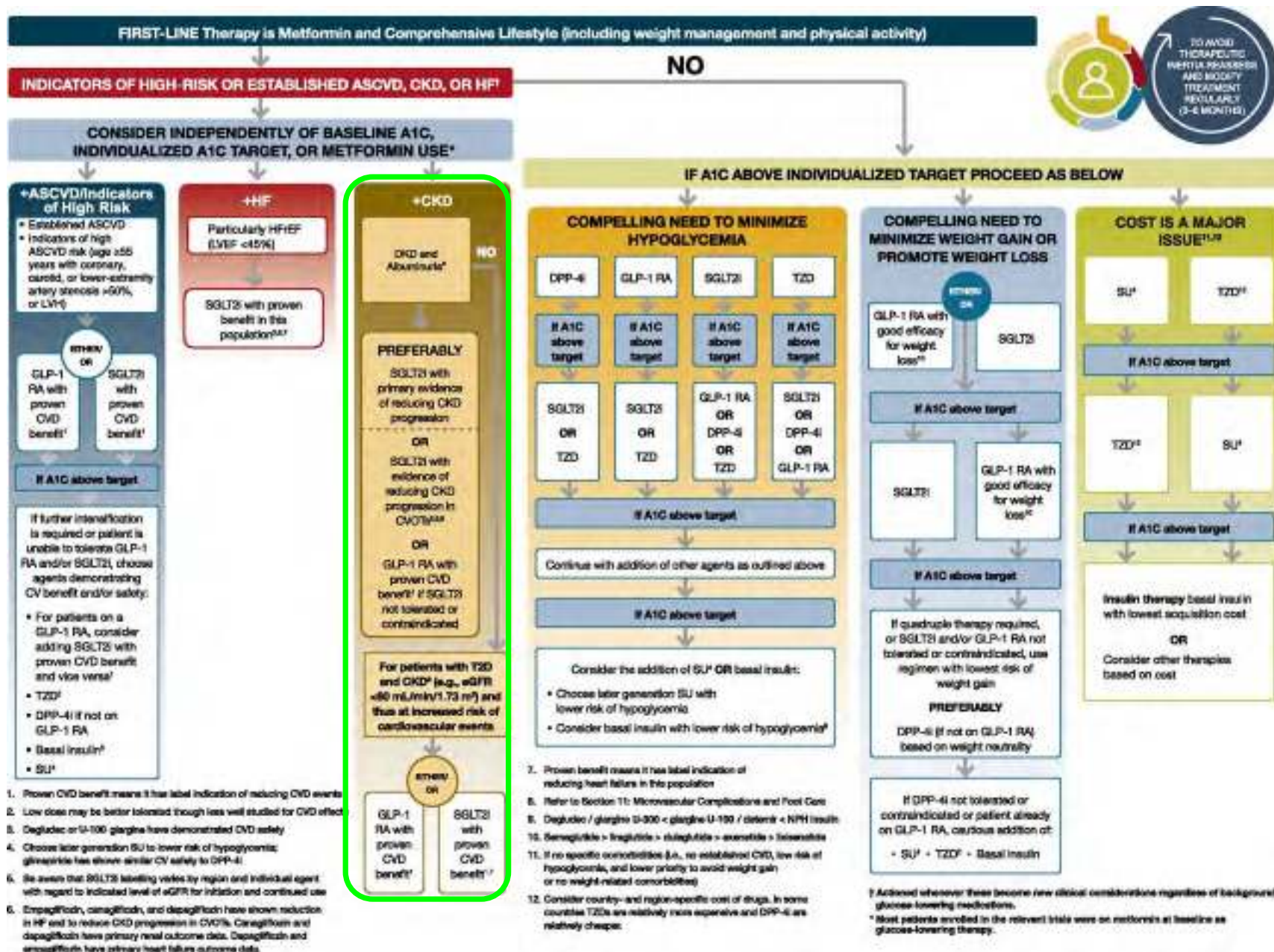
6979 T2D pt

Mean eGFR 54, age 69, 80% A2-A3

Secondary outcome: renal death, ESKD, 40% decrease in eGFR

Follow up: 2.2. years

# Algoritmo suggerito da ADA



# Prevenzione e trattamento

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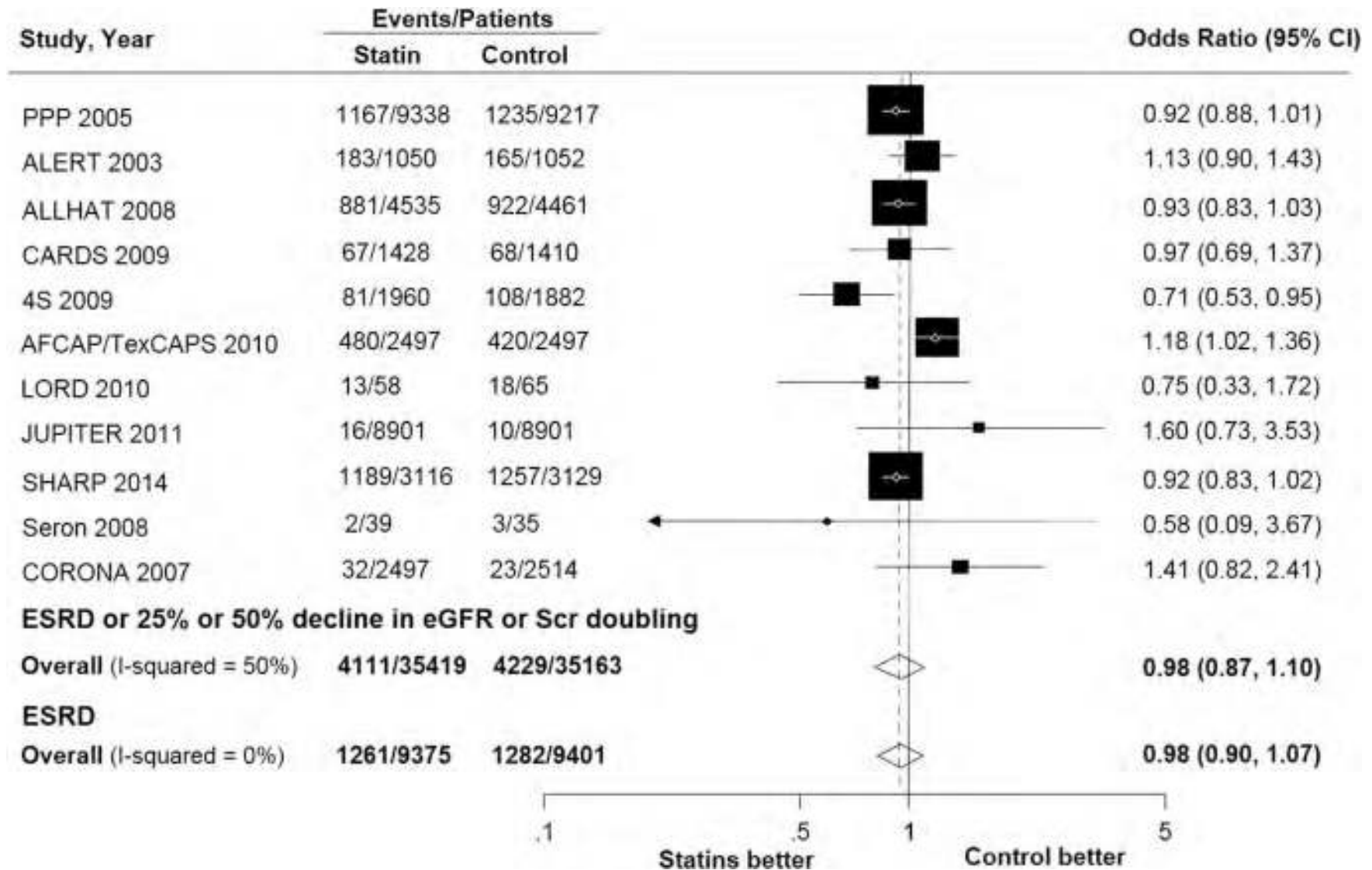
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# Effetto delle Statine su GFR



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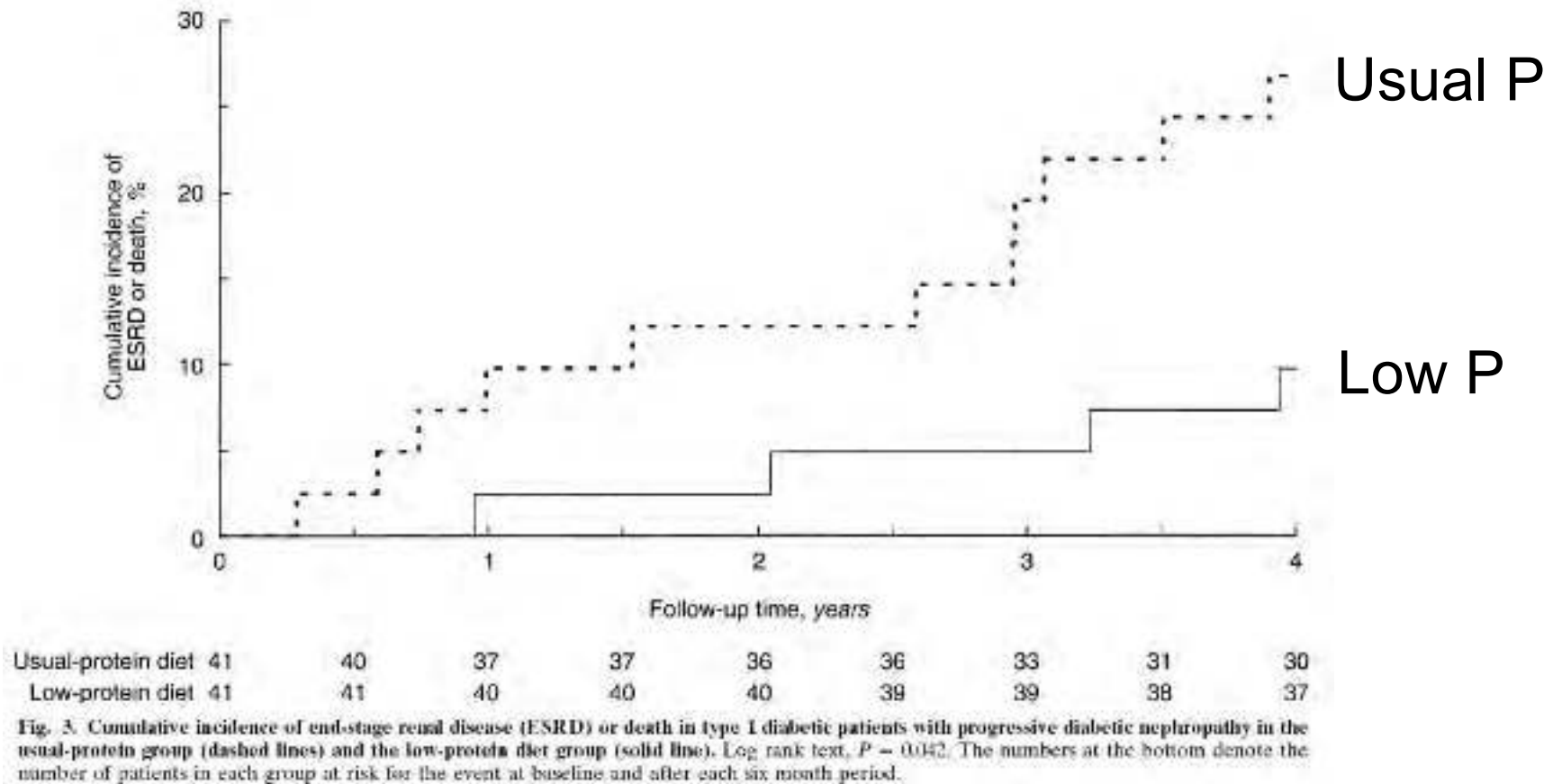
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# Intake proteico e DKD



Restrizione da liberalizzare in dialisi

# Corso della malattia

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Mr GD comes to you with GFR 50 cc/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>

Smoker

Obese

BP150/90

A1c 11%

LDL 150

High protein diet

**GFR loss 20 cc/min/year**

ESRD in 2 year

Non smoker

Exercise TIW

BP130/80

A1c 6.9%

LDL 70

protein diet 0.8 g/kg

**GFR loss 2 cc/min/year**

ESRD in 20 year

**IT' S UP TO MR JD AND TO YOU!**

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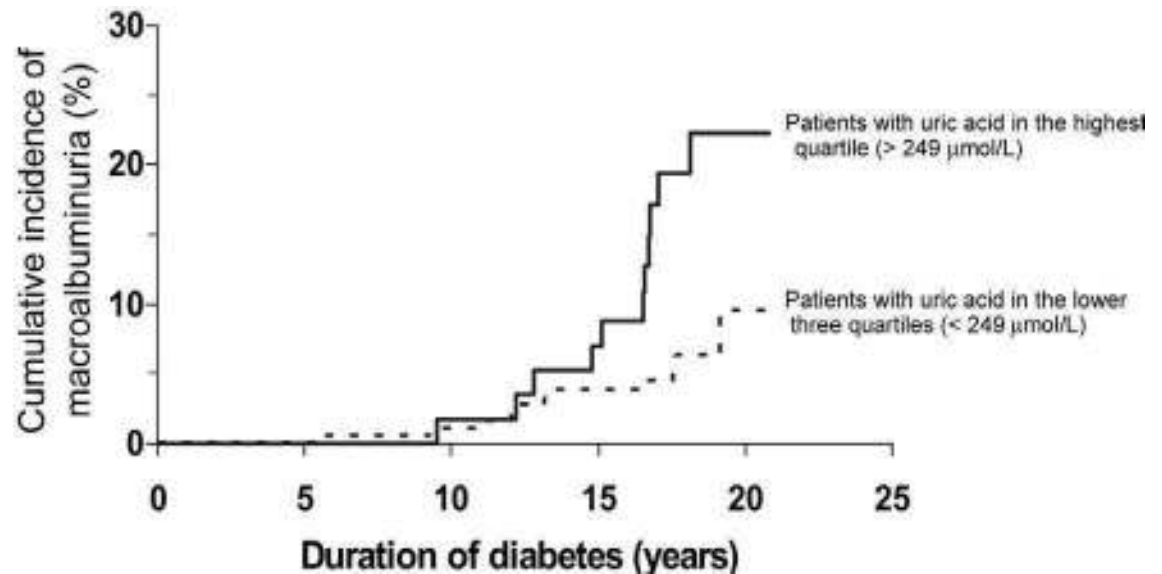
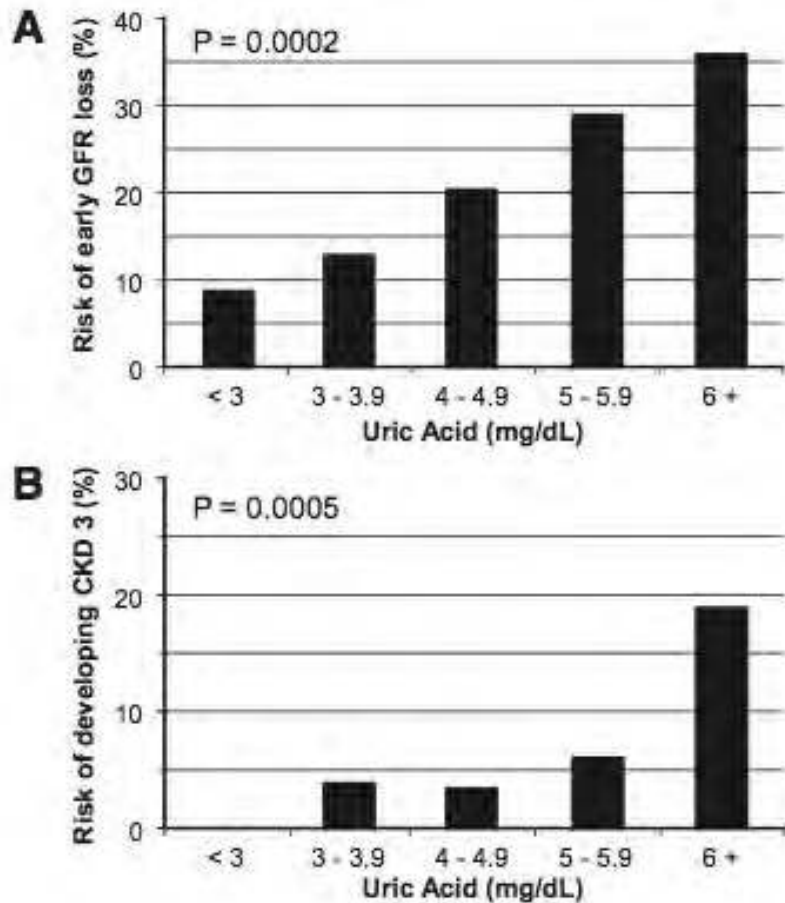


# Obiettivi della presentazione

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- Linee guida 2022 per il trattamento
- Strumenti per approcci personalizzati e nuove scoperte

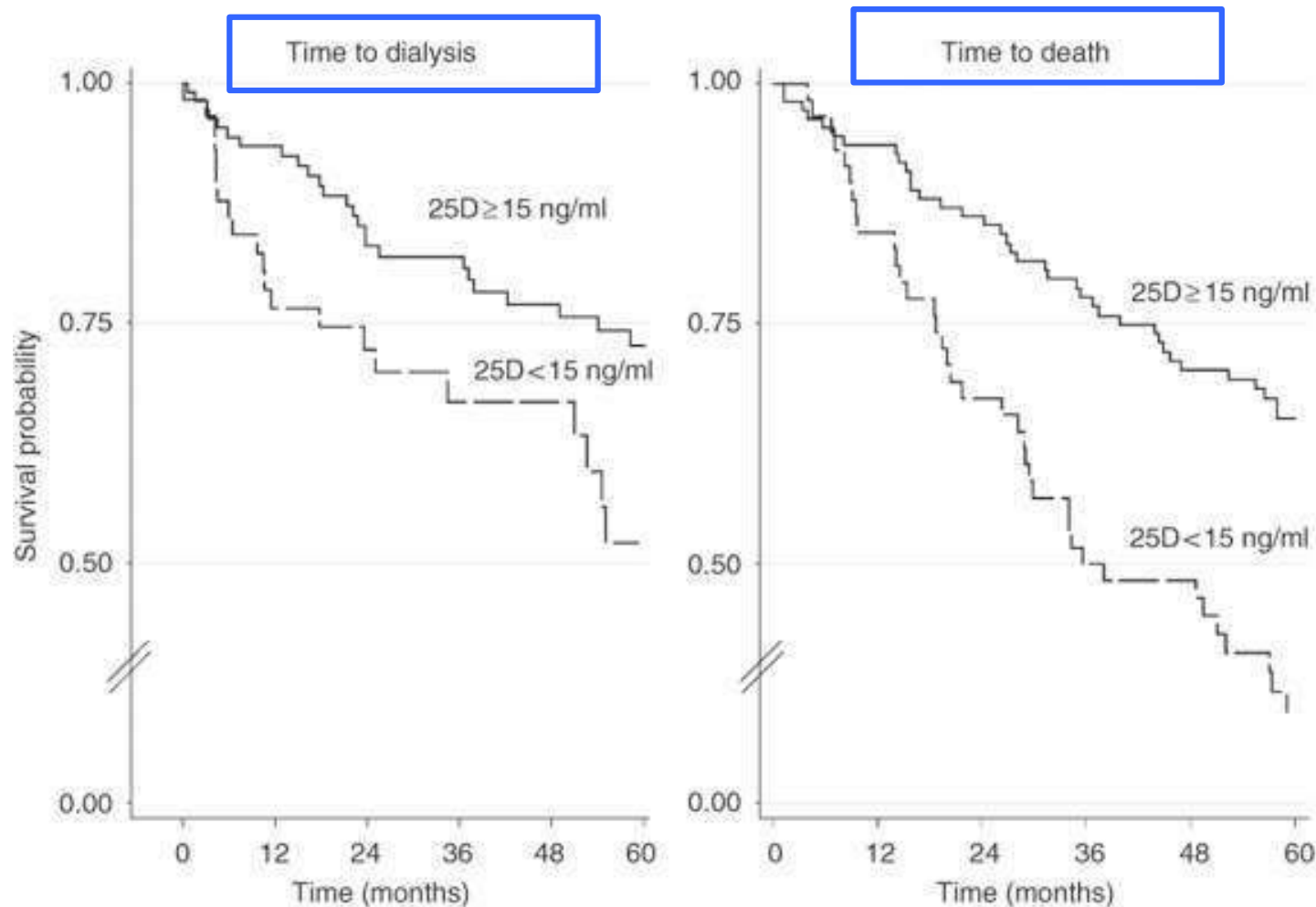
# Acido urico come biomarker



263 patients with type 1 diabetes, 18.1 years f/u  
Uric acid measured 3 years after onset of diabetes  
All patients NA at enrollment (23 with macroalbuminuria at f/u)

355 patients with DM and MA  
Baseline uric acid determination  
6 years f/u  
End points: GFR Cystatin decline albuminuria

# Vitamin D come biomarker



168 consecutive patients in a CKD clinic (28% with DKD)

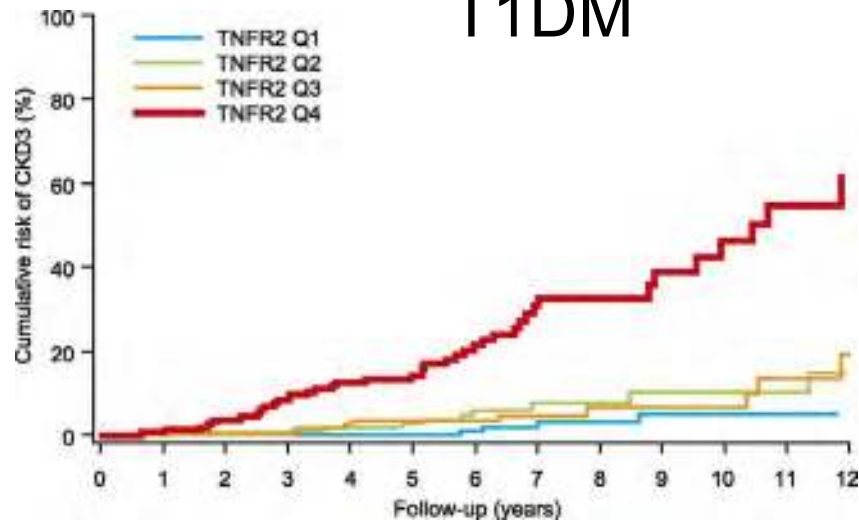
6 years follow up

Baseline Vitamin D adjusted for age, sex, smoking, CRP, albumin, ACE/ARB usage, eGFR

Ravani P et al, Kidney International (2009) 75, 88–95

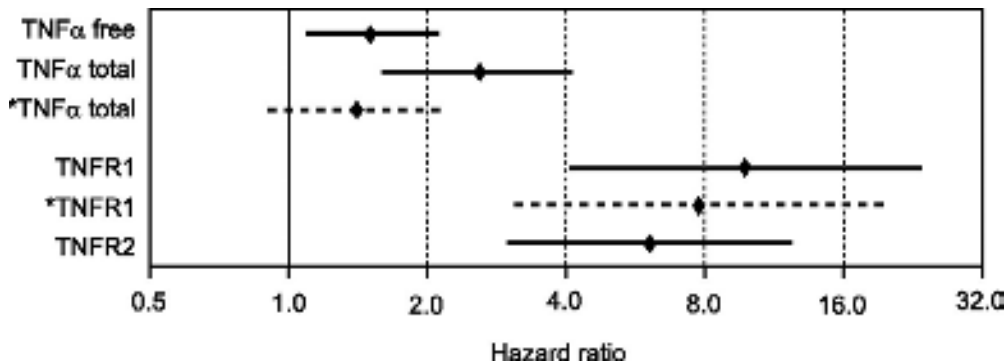
# Recettori del TNF come biomarkers

## T1DM



Cumulative risk for CKD>3 in patients with T1D during 12 years of follow-up according to quartile (Q1–Q4) of circulating TNFR2 at baseline.

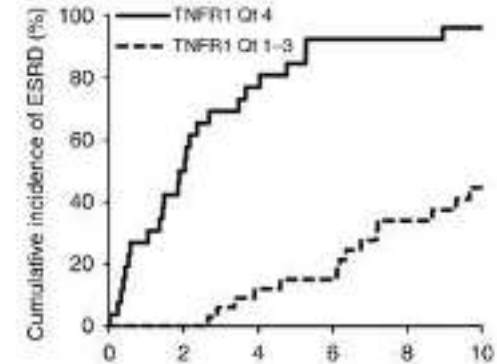
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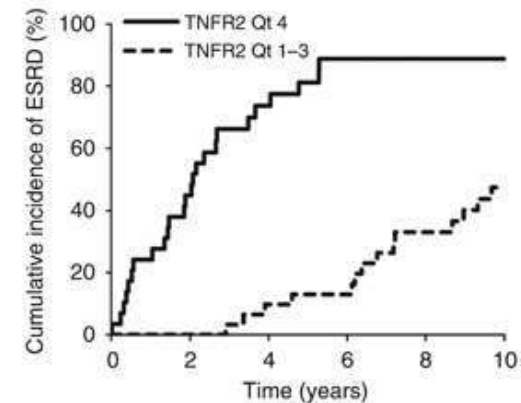
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## T2DM

ACR  $\geq 300$  mg/g



Number at risk						
Q1-3	34	34	29	27	21	15
Q4	26	13	6	2	2	1



Number at risk						
Q1-3	31	31	28	26	20	14
Q4	29	16	7	3	3	2

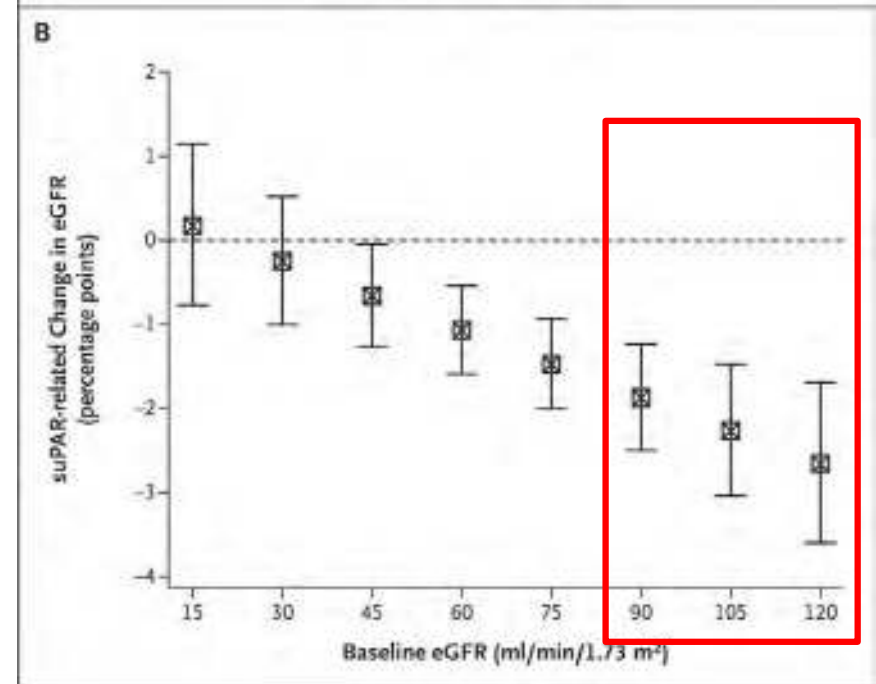
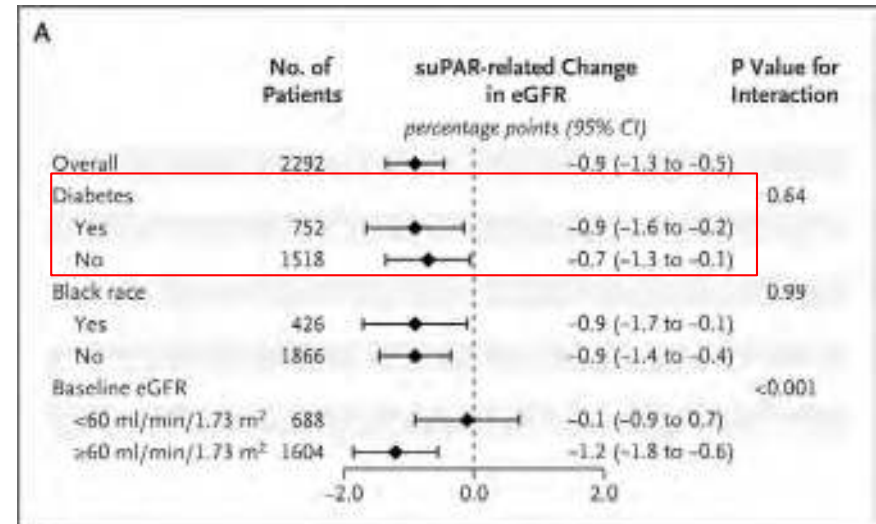
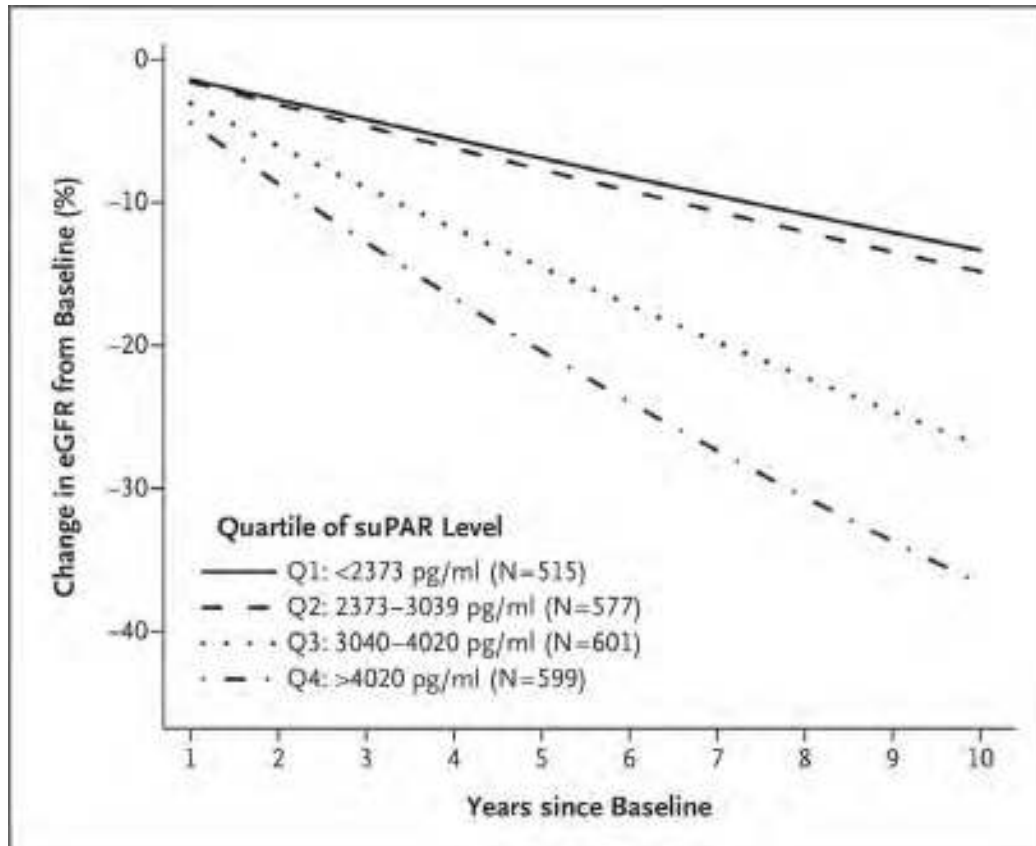
(PIMA Native Americans, 193 patients) Adapted from Pavkov ME et al. KI, 2014.

# Soluble Urokinase Receptor (suPAR)

2292 patients

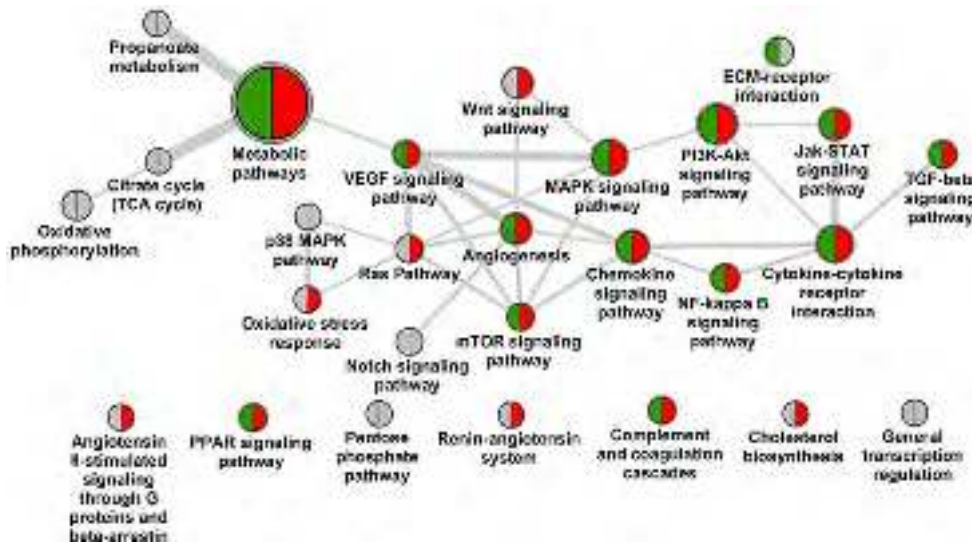
Q1: eGFR loss of 0.9 cc/min

Q4: eGFR loss of 4.2 cc/min



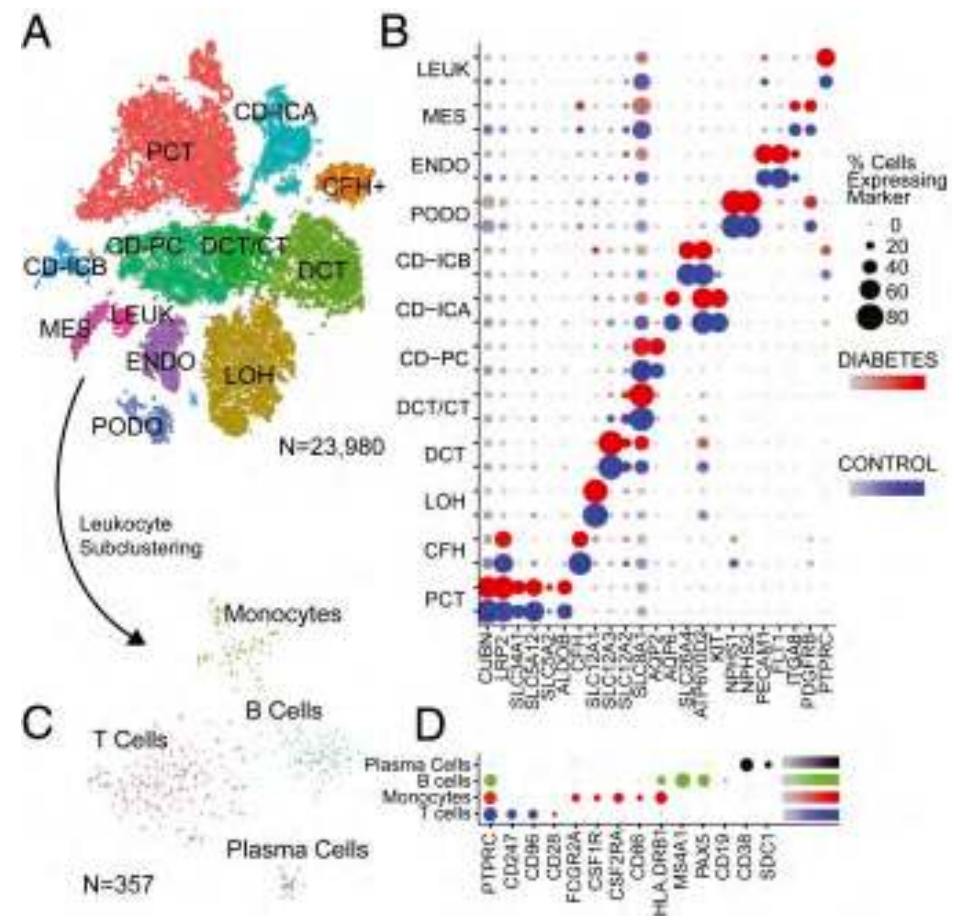
# DKD: verso la medicina di precisione

## RNA-seq



Fornoni et al, Brenner Rector 11<sup>th</sup> Edition  
 Heinzel et al, Frontiers in Cell and Dev Biol, 2014

## Single nuclei RNA-seq



Wilson PC et al, PNAS, 116:19619-25, 2019

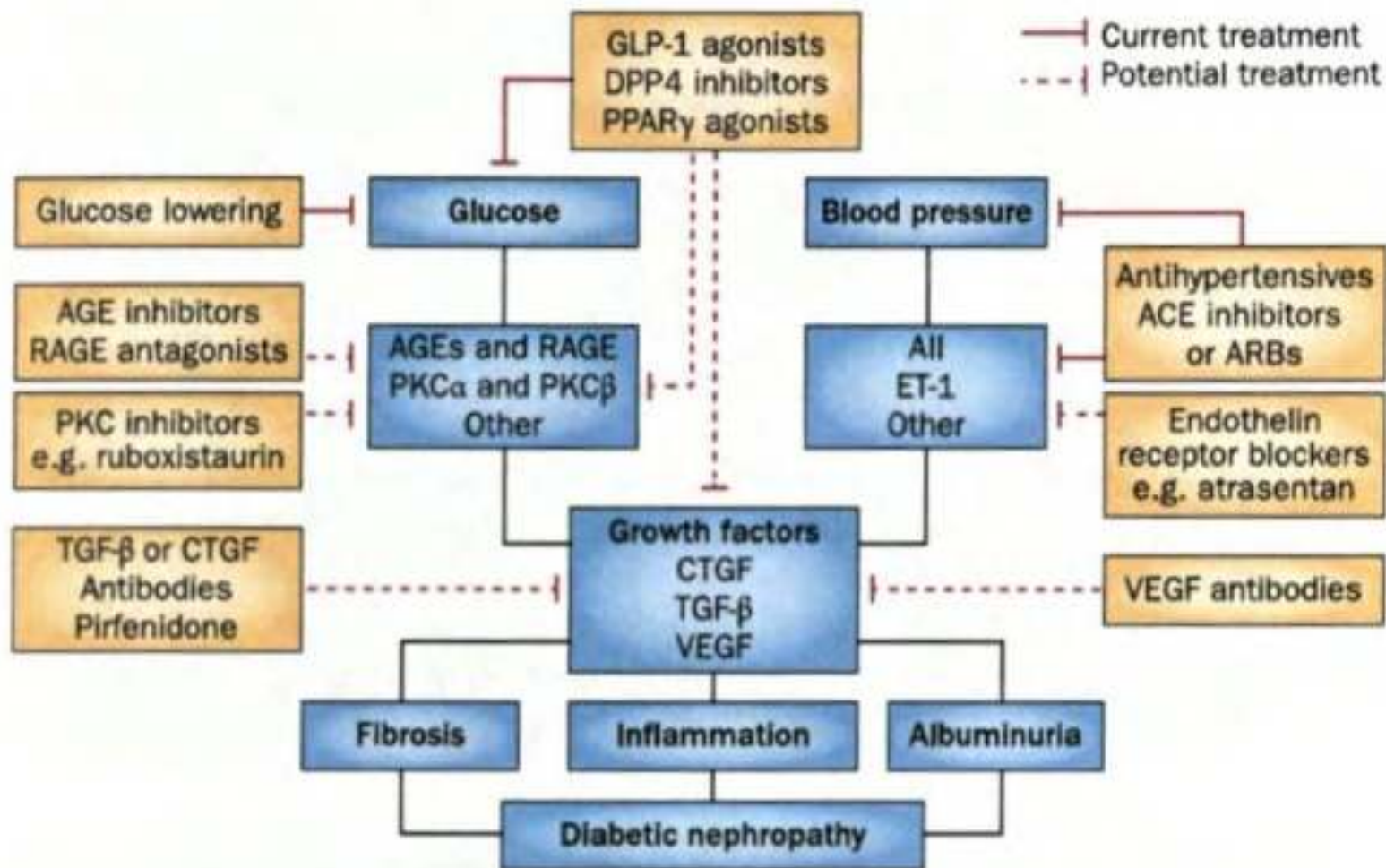
# Storia naturale della malattia

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GD viene in ambulatorio e ti chiede quanto segue

- I miei reni sono affetti da diabete?
- Qual è la mia possibilità di entrare in dialisi?
- Qual è il mio rischio di morire di malattie renali?
- Sarebbe utile una biopsia renale?
- Come devo essere trattato?
- Gli anti-iperglicemizzanti sono tutti uguali?
- Qualche nuovo strumento per capire i miei rischi?
- **Qualche nuova terapia all'orizzonte?**

# DKD: Targets e trials



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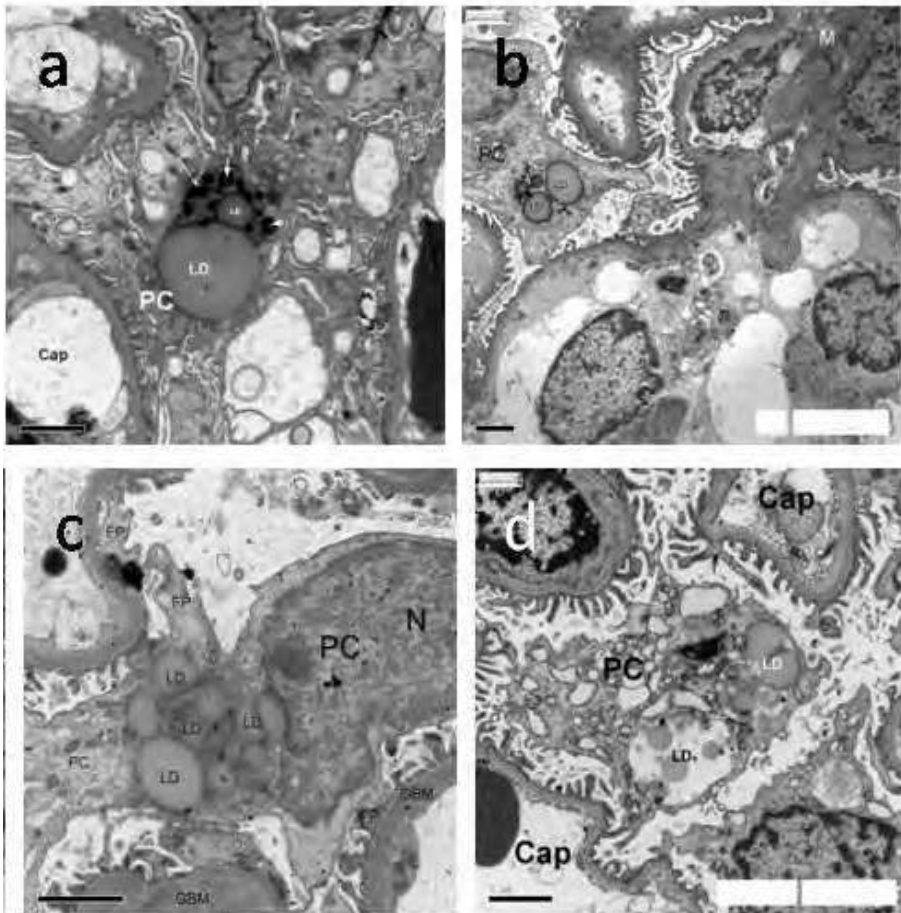
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# DKD: una forma di rene grasso?

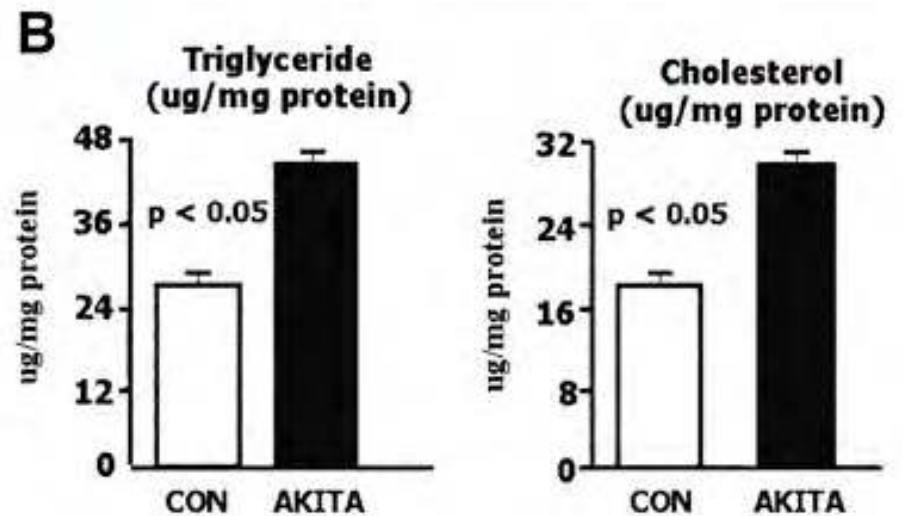
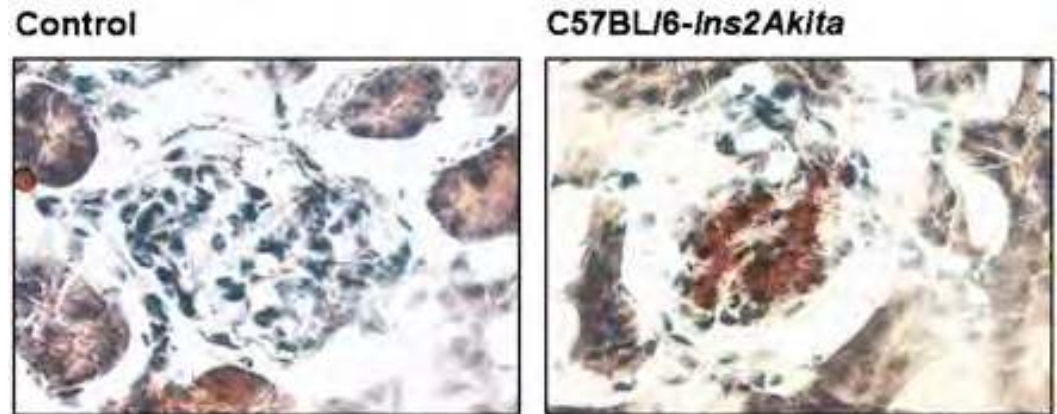
## *Nuovi targets*

### CLINICAL



Herma-Hedelstain et al, J Lipid Res, 55:561, 2013

### EXPERIMENTAL



Gregory Proctor et al, Diabetes, 55, 2502-2509, 2005

# Osservazioni storiche *causa o conseguenza?*

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British Medical Journal  
1883

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REMARKS  
ON  
THE FATTY TRANSFORMATION OF  
THE KIDNEY.

By EDWIN RICKARDS, M.B.,  
Physician to the General Hospital, Birmingham.

IN fatty transformation of the kidney, there is a replacement of renal tissue by true adipose tissue, the contour of the organ being, to a varying extent, preserved. The condition is a rare one, and the cases on record are few. It has not, as far as I am aware, been before portrayed, numerous and excellent as are the illustrations of the various morbid changes in the kidney by Bright and others.

The Lancet  
1982

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Hypothesis

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LIPID NEPHROTOXICITY IN CHRONIC  
PROGRESSIVE GLOMERULAR AND  
TUBULO-INTERSTITIAL DISEASE

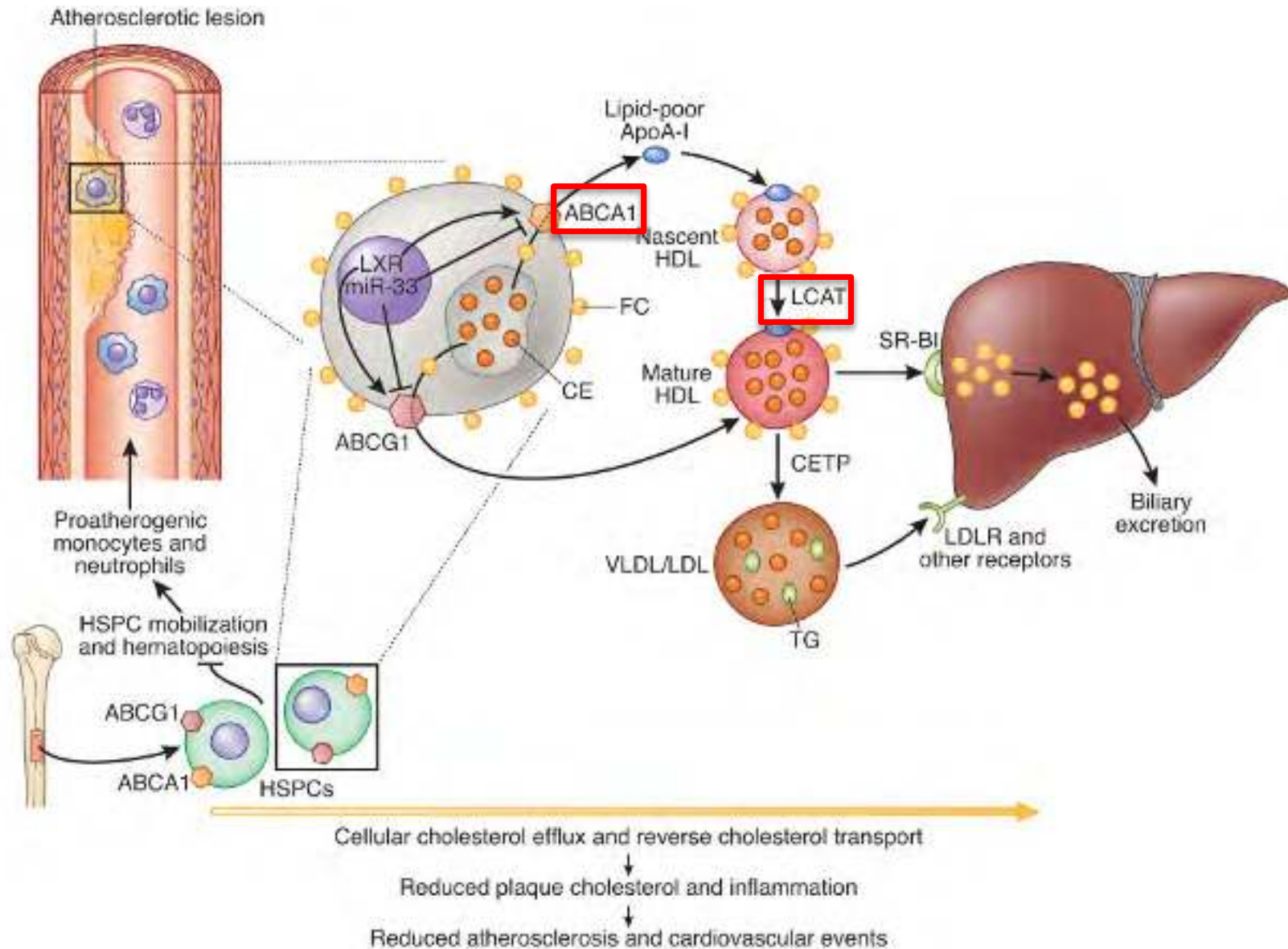
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**Summary** It is hypothesised that chronic progressive kidney disease may be mediated by abnormalities of lipid metabolism. A series of self-perpetuating secondary events follows an initial glomerular injury. Increased glomerular basement membrane permeability leads to loss of lipoprotein lipase activators, resulting in hyperlipidaemia. Circulating low-density lipoprotein binds with glycosaminoglycans in the glomerular basement membrane and increases its permeability. Filtered lipoprotein accumulates in mesangial cells and stimulates them to proliferate and produce excess basement membrane material. The proximal tubular cells metabolise some of the filtered lipoprotein and the remainder are altered on passage down the nephron. Luminal apoprotein precipitates, initiating or aggravating tubulo-interstitial disease, if the intraluminal pH is close to the isoelectric point of the apoprotein. The hypothesis offers new approaches to the study of chronic progressive kidney disease by proposing a major pathogenetic role for lipid abnormalities.

# Ruolo di ABCA1 nell' efflusso di colesterolo nell'aterosclerosi



# Malattie genetiche rare che suggeriscono un ruolo causale dell' efflusso di colesterolo sulla proteinuria

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## Tangier disease

ABCA1 deficiency

Inability of the cells to efflux cholesterol

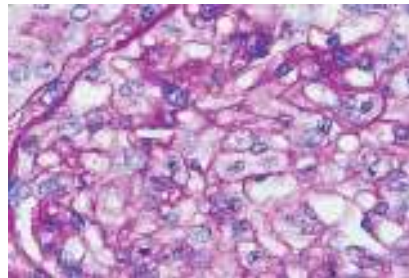


- Very low HDL
- Premature atherosclerosis
- Orange large tonsils
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Corneal opacity
- **Mild proteinuria**
- **Foamy podocytes**

*Am J Pathol, 78:101, 1975*

## LCAT deficiency/fish-eye dx

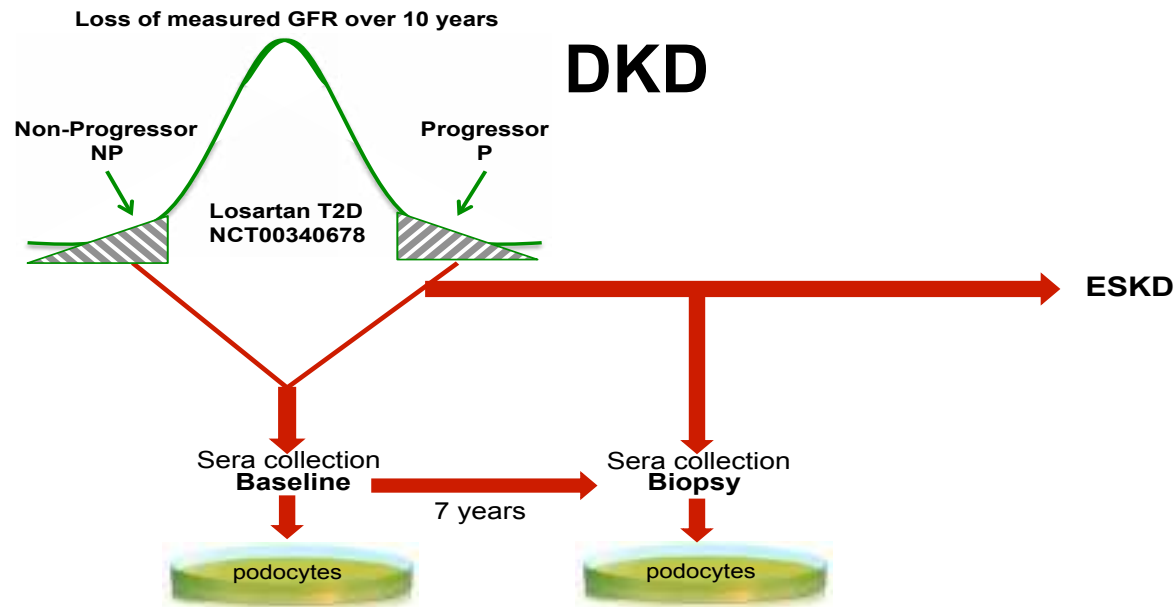
Impairment of cholesterol esterification



- **Nephrotic syndrome leading to ESRD**
- Premature atherosclerosis
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Corneal opacity

*Shamburek RD et al, Circ Res. 2015 Dec*

# Riduzione di ABCA1 glomerulare nelle fasi precoci di nephropatia

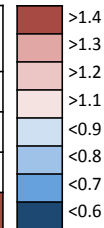


## Podocytes+sera      Kidney biopsies

Genes	Progressor
ABCA1	0.4
HMGCoA	0.9
LDL-Rec	2.8
SREBP1	1.2
SREBP2	1.4

ABCA1  
HMGCoA  
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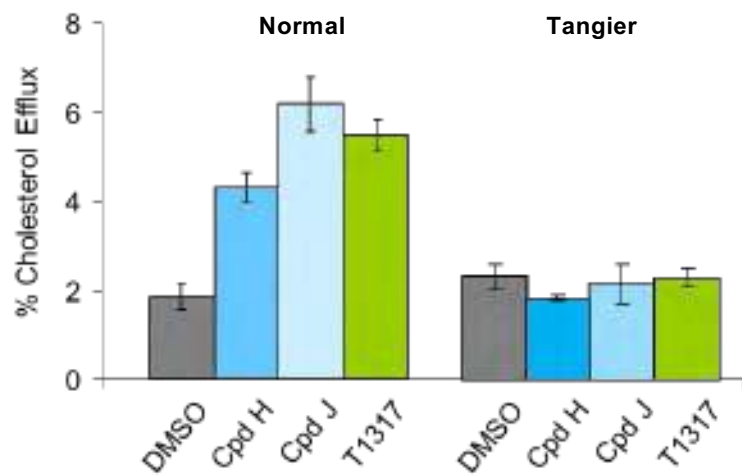
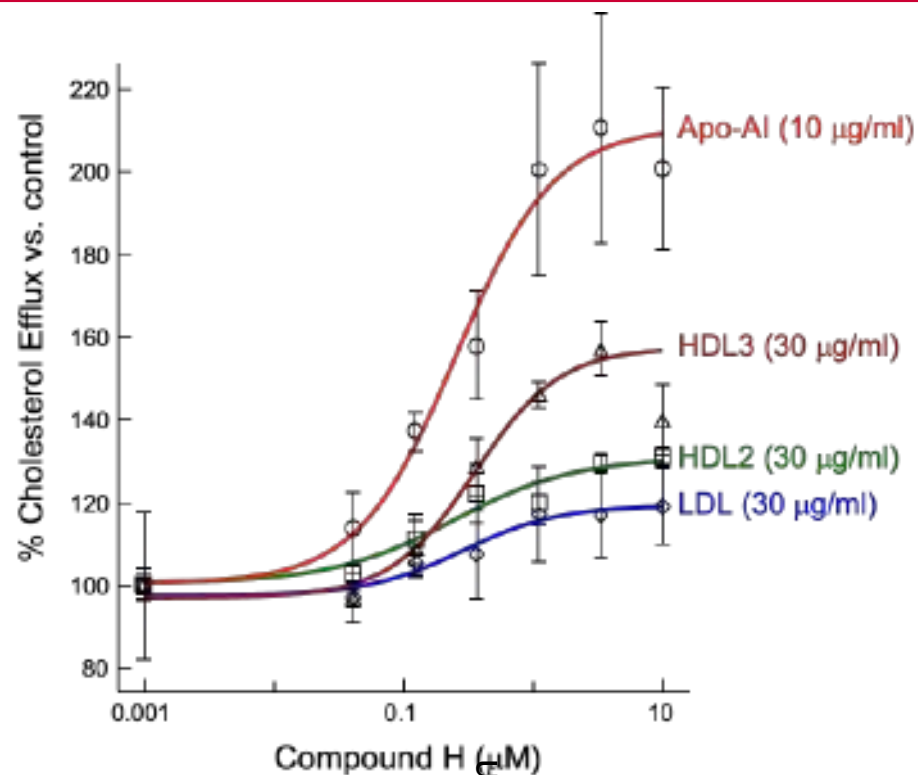
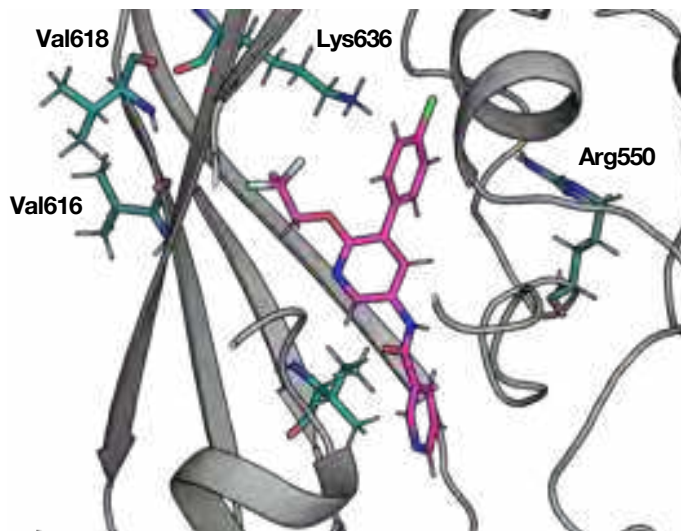
DKD (70)	MN (21)	FGS (18)
<b>0.77</b>	0.88	1.01
1.1	1.03	1.04
1.19	1.07	0.97
<b>1.23</b>	1.11	<b>1.42</b>
1.09	1.03	0.99



# Sviluppo di un farmaco che provoca efflusso di colesterolo dal rene

## Discovery of 5-arylnicotinamides

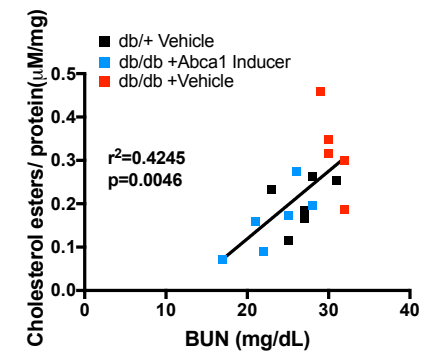
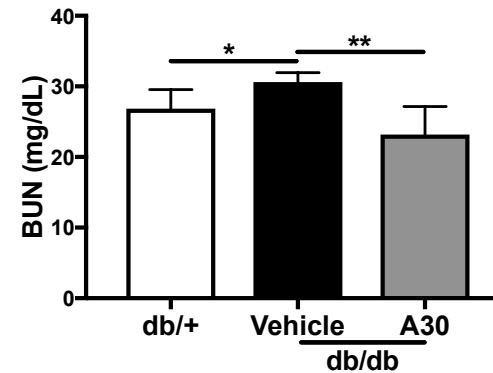
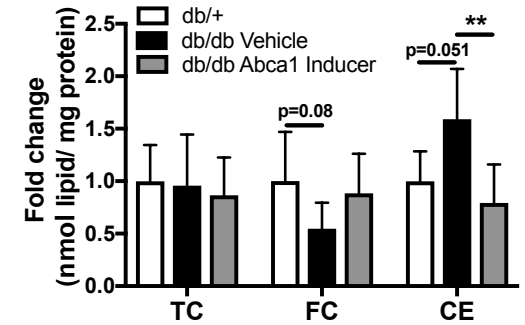
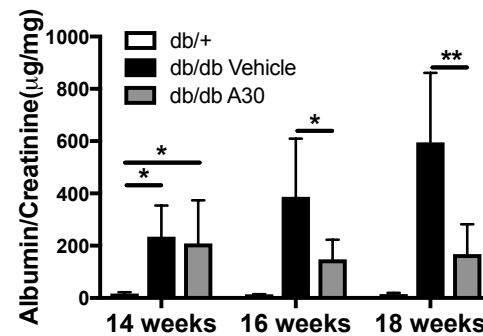
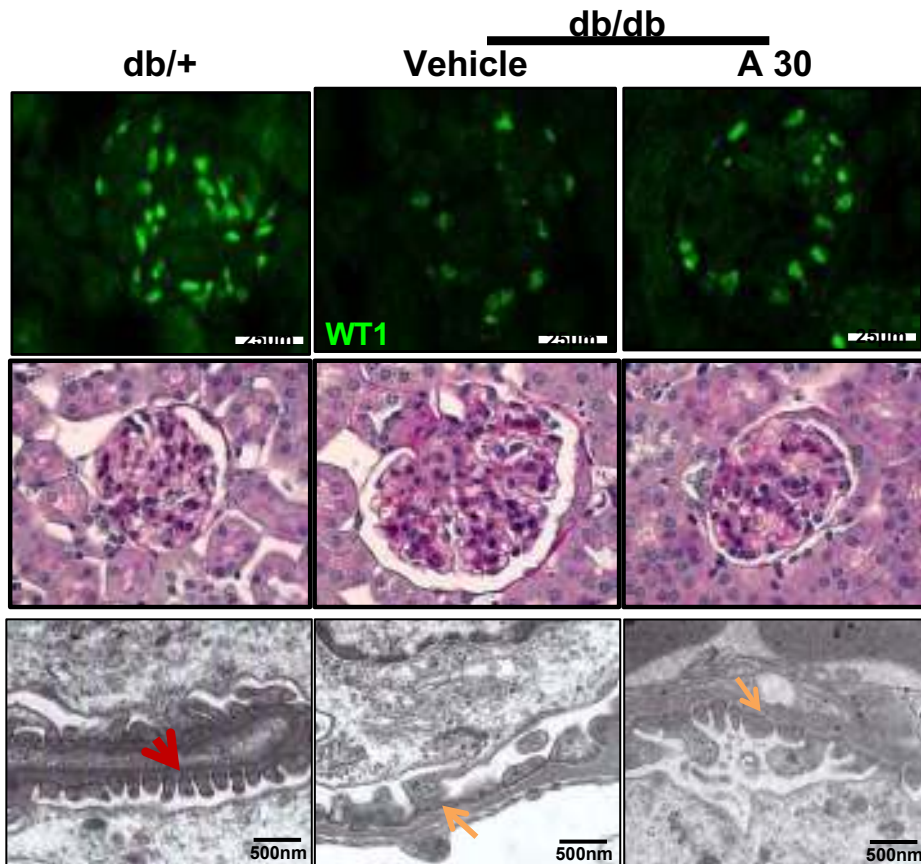
Cpd G: ABCA1 inducer



UM-Roche Collaboration



# Effetto degli induttori di ABCA1 sulla nefropatia



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