

# Heart Failure 2019- The world has changed

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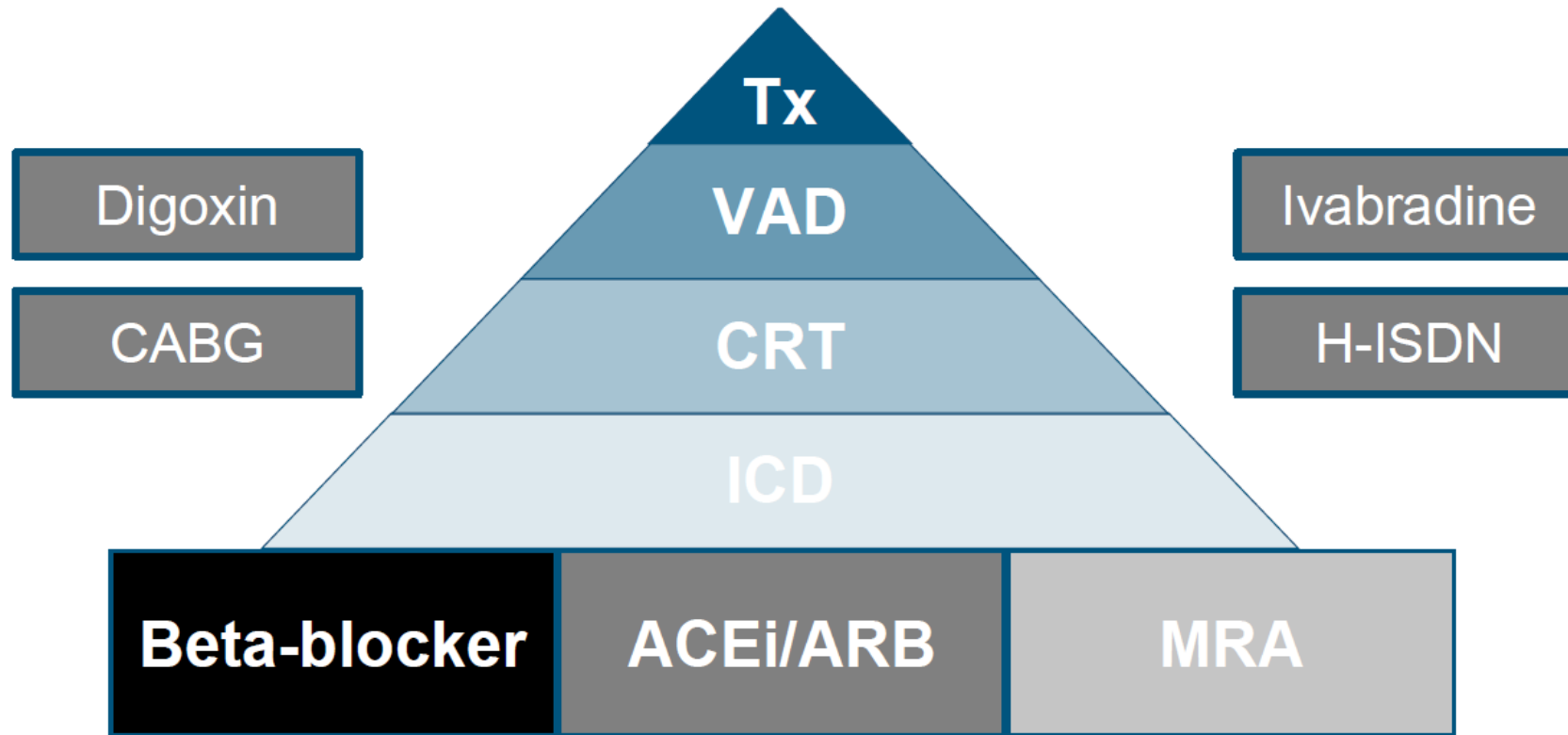
# Heart failure- What are we talking about?

- Heart failure reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF)

**EF < 40%**

- Not heart failure preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)

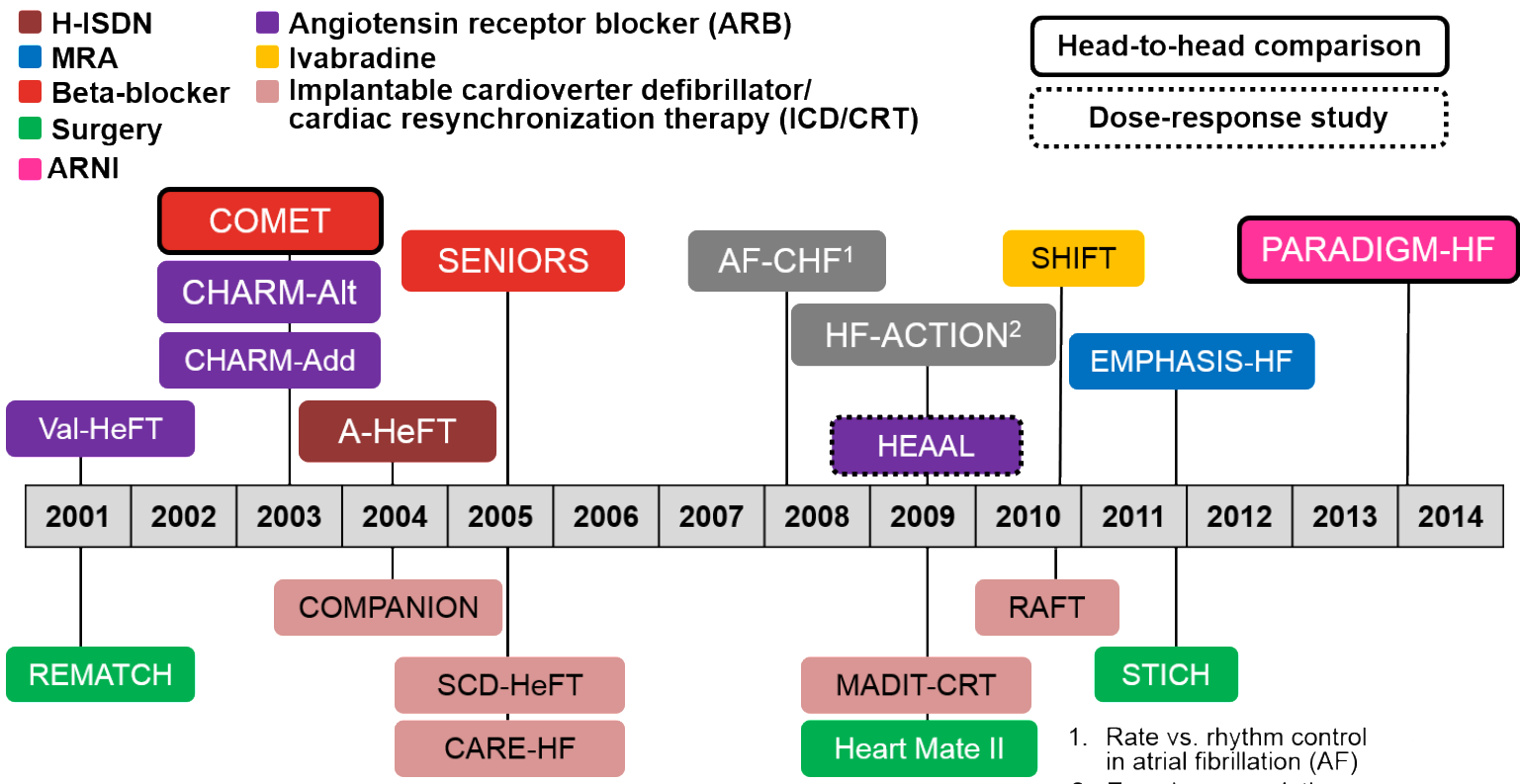
# HF-REF: The building blocks of therapy



ACEi, angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft surgery; CRT, cardiac resynchronisation therapy; HF-REF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; H-ISDN, hydralazine/isosorbide dinitrate; ICD, implantable cardioverter defibrillator; MRA, mineralocorticoid (aldosterone) receptor antagonist; VAD, ventricular assist device

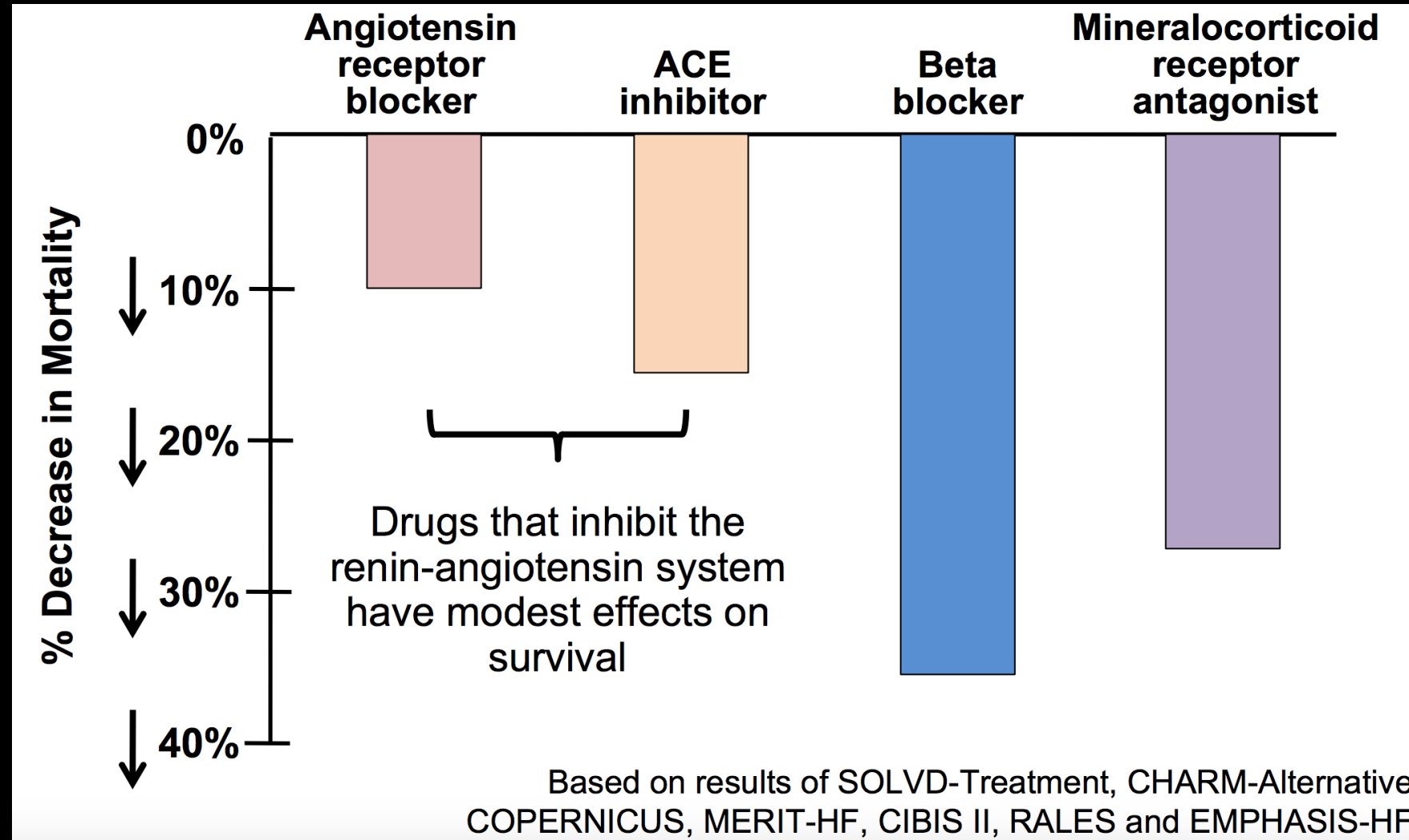
# The old paradigm

# Do we really need more HF therapy? Positive trials 2001 - 2016



1. Rate vs. rhythm control in atrial fibrillation (AF)  
 2. Exercise prescription  
 McMurray JJV. Eur J Heart. 2015;36:3467-70

# Mortality benefit of current HF therapy



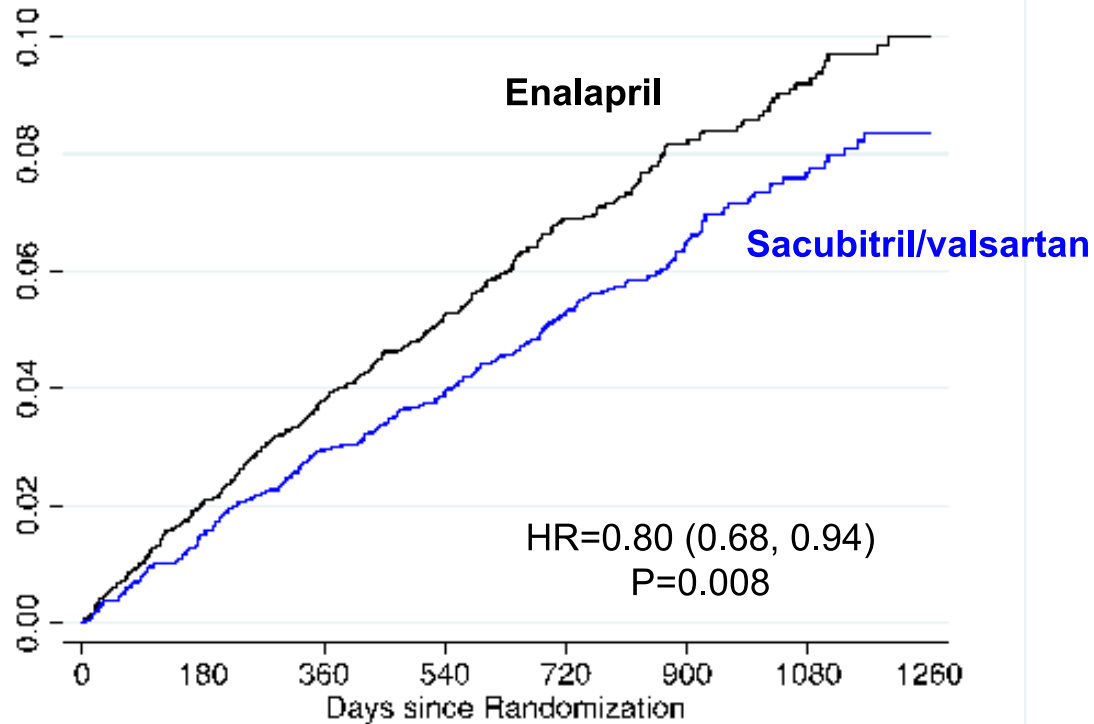
# Do we really need more treatments for HF?

Despite evidence-based pharmacologic therapy, morbidity and mortality associated with HF-rEF remain high,<sup>1</sup> leaving opportunity for further improvement in care

**5 year mortality 30% – 50%**

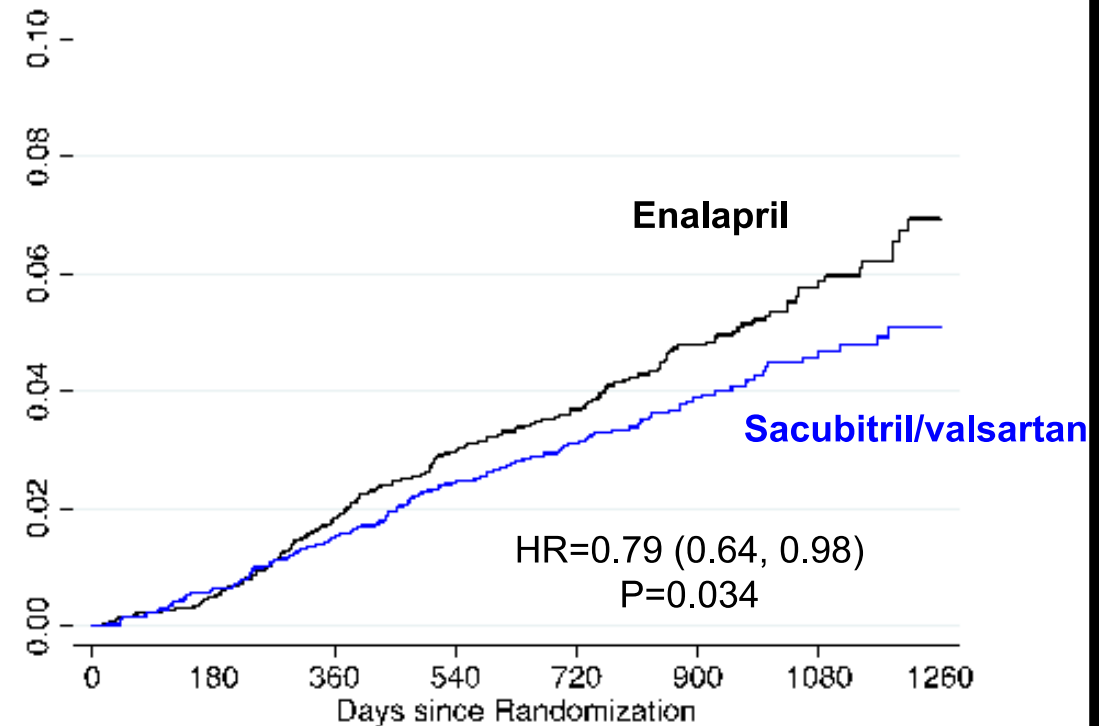
# The two major modes of death in HF

## Sudden death



Number at risk		0	180	360	540	720	900	1080	1260
Enalapril	4212	4051	3860	3231	2410	1726	994	279	
LCZ	4187	4056	3891	3282	2478	1716	1005	280	

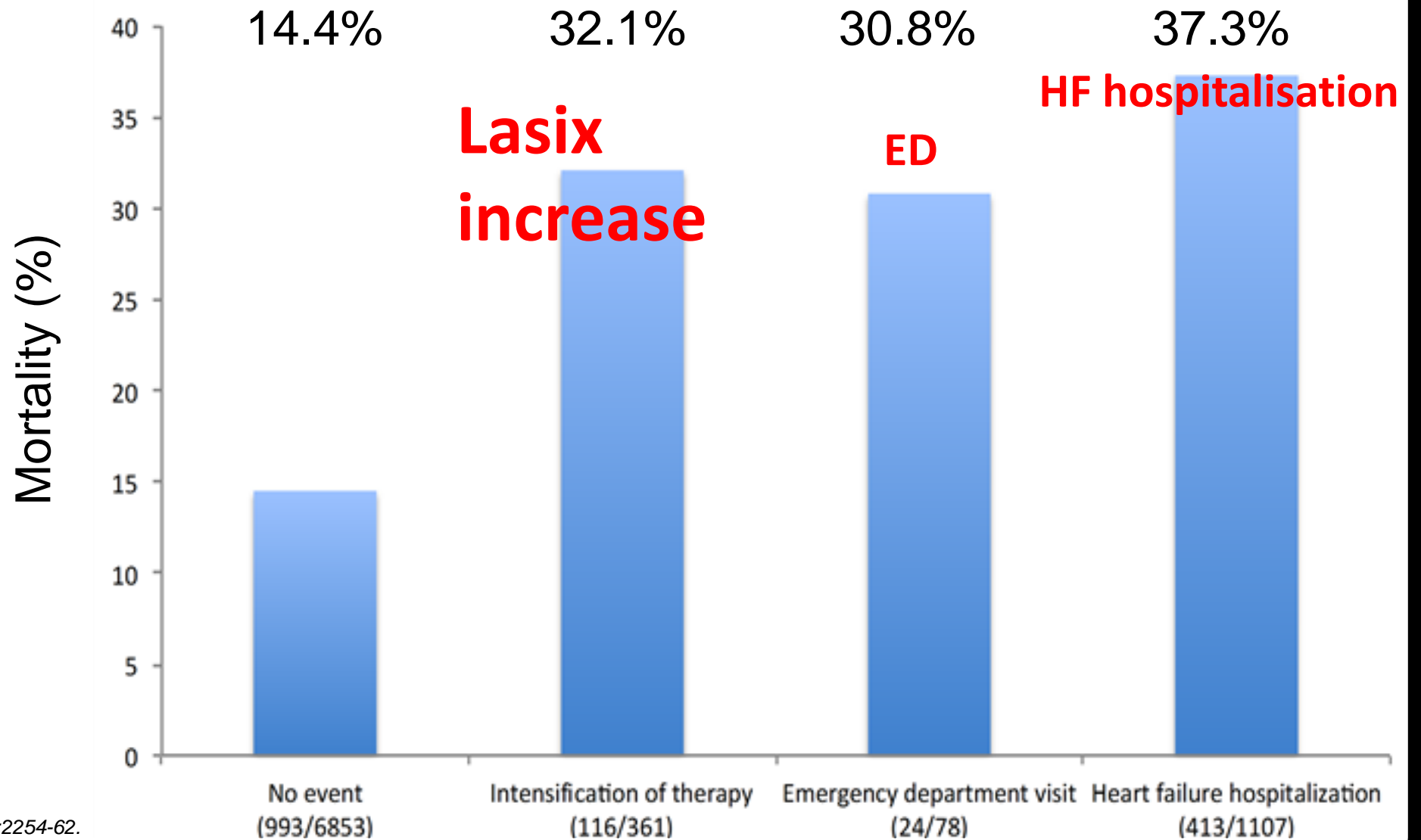
## Death due to worsening HF



Number at risk		0	180	360	540	720	900	1080	1260
Enalapril	4212	4040	3844	3214	2397	1715	988	276	
LCZ	4187	4053	3882	3272	2468	1707	999	277	



# All-cause mortality (%) after a first event (or in patients with no event)



“Stability” is a MYTH



# Mrs IZ- 71yo at original presentation

- 2009 “DCM” + LBBB
- Normal coronary angiogram
- “stabilized on medical therapy”
- Further HF exacerbations- 2010. treated with BiV-ICD
- 2010-2016- stable with recovery of LV function

# Mrs IZ- 2016

- Recurrent admissions to hospital with APO and cardiogenic shock- treated with adrenaline on 2 separate occasions.....
- Severe functional decline
- Repeat left and right heart cath- “low filling pressures” and normal pulmonary artery pressure

# Mrs IZ- multiple admissions continue

- Echo: Blown/dilated LV, severe LV dysfunction
- Severe MR- functional/poor coaptation
- TOE- “not suitable for mitral clip”
- BiV system and lead upgraded- new LV lead more lateral- QRS further narrowed....

# Mrs IZ- referred to HF service for further medical management....

- NYHA class 3+
- Terrified to leave her house
- Meds:., bicor 2.5mg/d, spironolactone 25mg/d, Lasix 80mg bd, crestor, aropax, ivabradine 7.5mg bd, GTN patch 25mg
- Drugs recently down titrated due to hypotension....
- BP 90/60mmHg. Hr 75

# Bloods

Date	28/12/16	29/12/16	07/01/17	14/02/17
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S SODIUM	137	144	136	<b>139</b>	mmol/L	(135-145)
S POTASSIUM	4.9	3.8	3.7	<b>3.2 L</b>	mmol/L	(3.5-5.5)
S CHLORIDE	<b>89 L</b>	95	<b>92 L</b>	<b>95</b>	mmol/L	(95-110)
S BICARB.	32	<b>34 H</b>	30	<b>31</b>	mmol/L	(20-32)
S UREA	<b>15.0 H</b>	<b>13.7 H</b>	<b>10.3 H</b>	<b>5.6</b>	mmol/L	(3.5-9.5)
S CREAT.	<b>107 H</b>	74	79	<b>74</b>	umol/L	(45-90)
eGFR	44	68	63	<b>68</b>		
S T-BIL.			<b>21 H</b>	<b>12</b>	umol/L	(3-15)
S ALP			80	<b>70</b>	U/L	(30-115)
S GGT			<b>103 H</b>	<b>35</b>	U/L	(5-35)
S ALT			<b>47 H</b>	<b>16</b>	U/L	(5-30)
S AST			26	<b>21</b>	U/L	(10-35)
S T-PROTEIN			68	<b>70</b>	g/L	(63-80)
S ALBUMIN			36	<b>40</b>	g/L	(33-44)
S GLOBULIN			32	<b>30</b>	g/L	(26-41)

# NT-proBNP

Date	21/06/10	20/12/16	07/01/17	14/02/17		
S NT-proBNP	18	1244 H	221 H	385 H	pmol/L	(<35)



# Progress

- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2017: sacubitril/valsartan 24/26... BP 90/60
- Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 2017: sacubitril/valsartan 24/26 1 bd BP 85-90/60
- March 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 bloods:

S SODIUM	137
S POTASSIUM	4.7
S CHLORIDE	94 L
S BICARB.	28
S UREA	10.7 H
S CREAT.	96 H
eGFR	50

S NT-proBNP	129 H
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# Functional capacity- April 2017

- Improving
  - NYHA 2
  - Out in the garden
  - Some postural dizziness
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- GTN patch ceased March 2017

# May 2017

- Feeling well. No admissions to hospital

Date:	18/05/17	30/03/17
Coll. Time:	NS	11:20
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Sodium	141		140	
Potassium	4.6	*	<b>5.3</b>	
Chloride	103		99	
Bicarbonate	30	*	<b>34</b>	
Urea	7.1		7.2	
Creatinine	*	<b>109</b>	*	<b>93</b>
eGFR	43		52	

# 2017 – Feb 2018 Progress

- No admissions, independent out of the house

- Frusemide reduced to 80mg/d
- Sacubitril/valsartan 24/26 bd
- Spironolactone 25mg/d
- Bior 2.5 mg /d
- Ivabradine 7.5mg bd
- Frusemide 80mg /daily

**BP 110/70mmHg**

**Hr 55bpm**

**Echo: Severe LV  
dysfunction + mod**

**MR. 6cm LV**

# Feb 2018 – January 2019

- Sacubitril/valsartan gradually uptitrated to 97/103mg bd
- Frusemide gradually reduced to and ceased
- **NYHA class 1.....**

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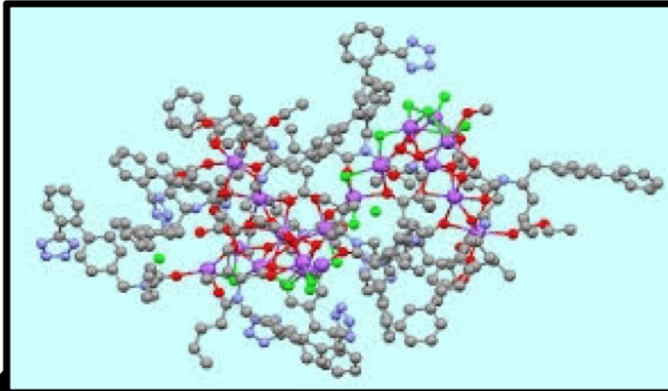
Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition versus Enalapril  
in Heart Failure

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# What is Neprilysin?

- Protease inactivates many peptides
- Ubiquitous expression
- Membrane protease
- Exists as a soluble active form

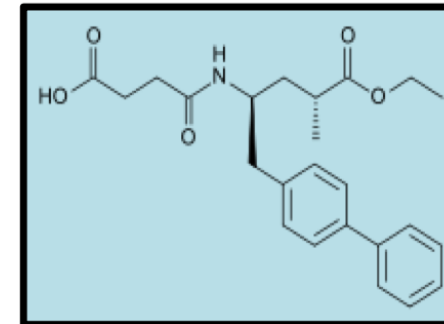
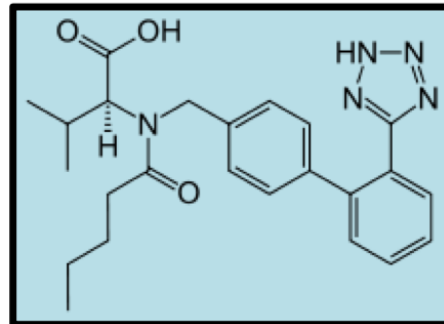
ARNI-  
*sacubitril/*  
*valsartan*



Angiotensin  
receptor blocker



Inhibition of  
neprilysin



**Valsartan**

**Sacubitril**



# PARADIGM- HF- what are we looking at?

Sacubitril/Valsartan  
+ all best optimal  
guideline based  
therapy

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Enalapril 20mg  
+ all best  
optimal  
guideline  
based therapy

- HFrEF
- EF <40%
- NYHA class II/III  
(71.6%/23%)

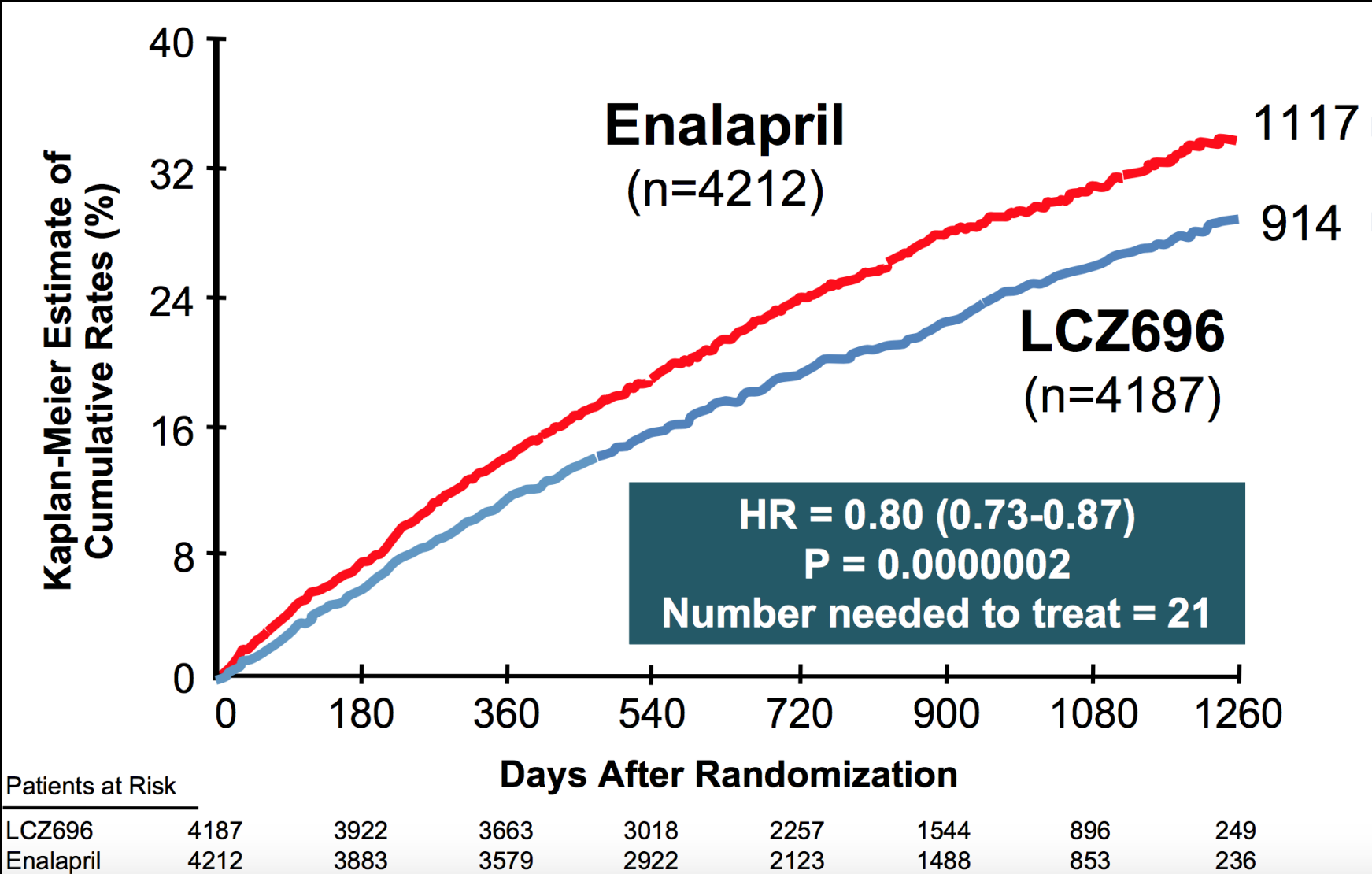
# PARADIGM-HF: Endpoints

- Primary endpoint- Cardiovascular death or heart failure hospitalisation
- Designed and powered to be a cardiovascular mortality trial

# PARADIGM-HF

- Study stopped early
- Overwhelming benefit of Sacubitril/Valsartan
- 27 months

# PARADIGM-HF: CV death and Heart Failure hospitalisation



1117 → **26.5%**

914 → **21.8%**

**NNT = 21**

# PARADIGM-HF- Well treated HF patients

**Table 1.** (Continued.)

Characteristic	LCZ696 (N = 4187)	Enalapril (N = 4212)
Treatments at randomization — no. (%)		
Diuretic	3363 (80.3)	3375 (80.1)
Digitalis	1223 (29.2)	1316 (31.2)
Beta-blocker	3899 (93.1)	3912 (92.9)
Mineralocorticoid antagonist	2271 (54.2)	2400 (57.0)
Implantable cardioverter–defibrillator	623 (14.9)	620 (14.7)
Cardiac resynchronization therapy	292 (7.0)	282 (6.7)



**Beta blocker use >90%**

# PARADIGM-HF: Adverse Events

Increase in hypotension

Better for renal function and potassium

Less cough

LCZ696  
(n=4187)

Enalapril  
(n=4212)

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Value

## Prospectively identified adverse events

Symptomatic hypotension	588	388	< 0.001
Serum potassium > 6.0 mmol/l	181	236	0.007
Serum creatinine $\geq$ 2.5 mg/dl	139	188	0.007
Cough	474	601	< 0.001

# What about angioedema?

	LCZ696 (n=4187)	Enalapril (n=4212)	P Value
<b>Angioedema (adjudicated)</b>			
Medications, no hospitalization	16	9	NS
Hospitalized; no airway compromise	3	1	NS
Airway compromise	0	0	----

**No significant difference**

# Discontinuation for adverse events

Significantly more patients in the Enalapril arm discontinued due to renal dysfunction

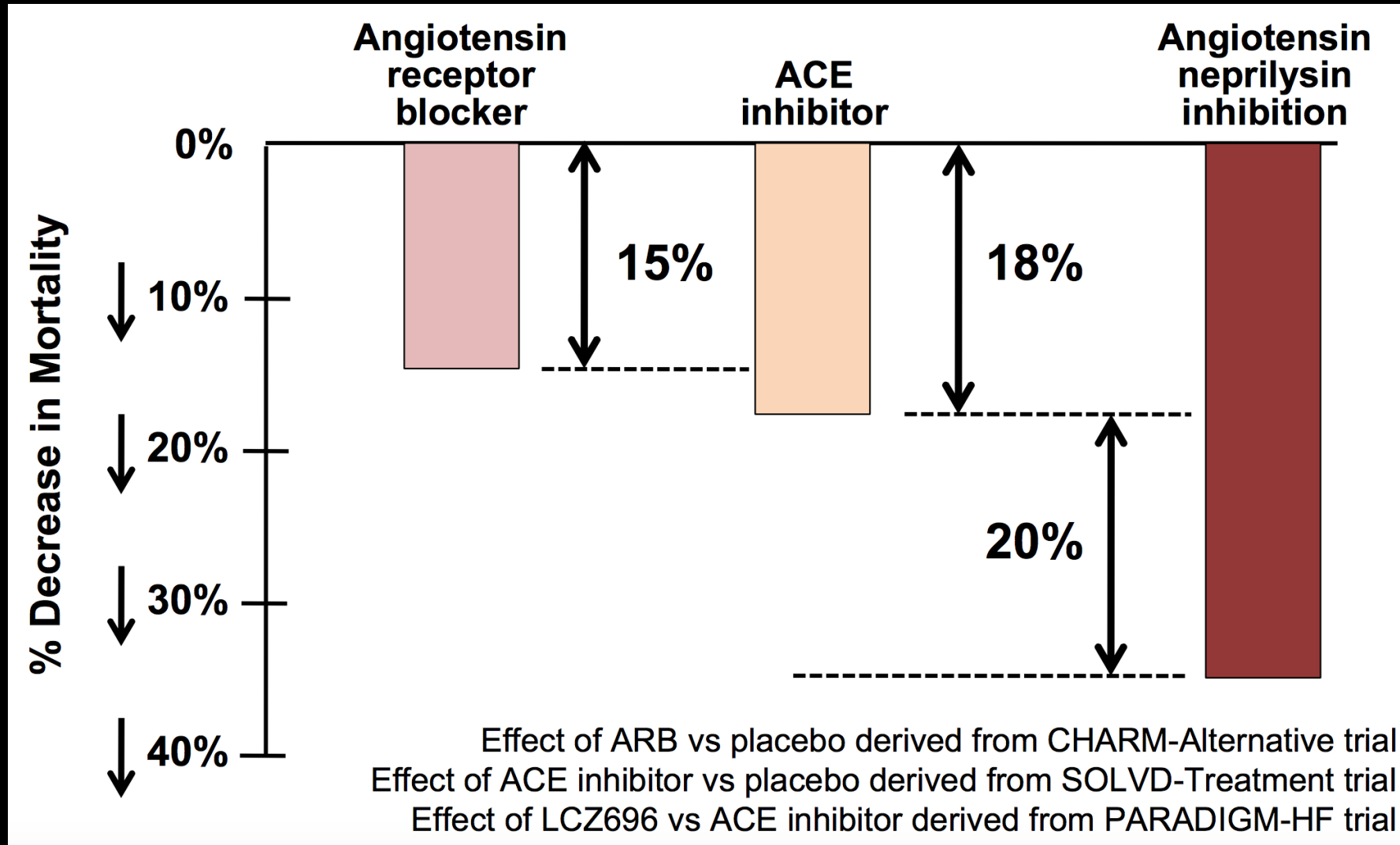
	LCZ696 (n=4187)	Enalapril (n=4212)	P Value
<b>Discontinuation for adverse event</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Discontinuation for hypotension	36	29	NS
Discontinuation for hyperkalemia	11	15	NS
Discontinuation for renal impairment	29	59	0.001



# PARADIGM-HF: Summary

- In heart failure reduced ejection fraction on optimal medical therapy Sacubitril/Valsartan was significantly more effective than Enalapril
  - Reduce CV death and HF hospitalisation
  - Reduce all-cause mortality
  - Improved symptoms and physical limitations
  - Better tolerated than Enalapril

# 20% more benefit with ARNI over standard care



# PARADIGM-HF: Secondary endpoints

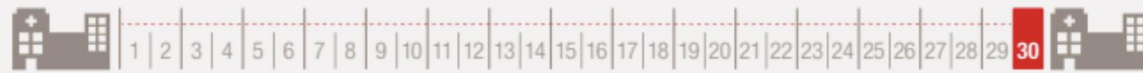
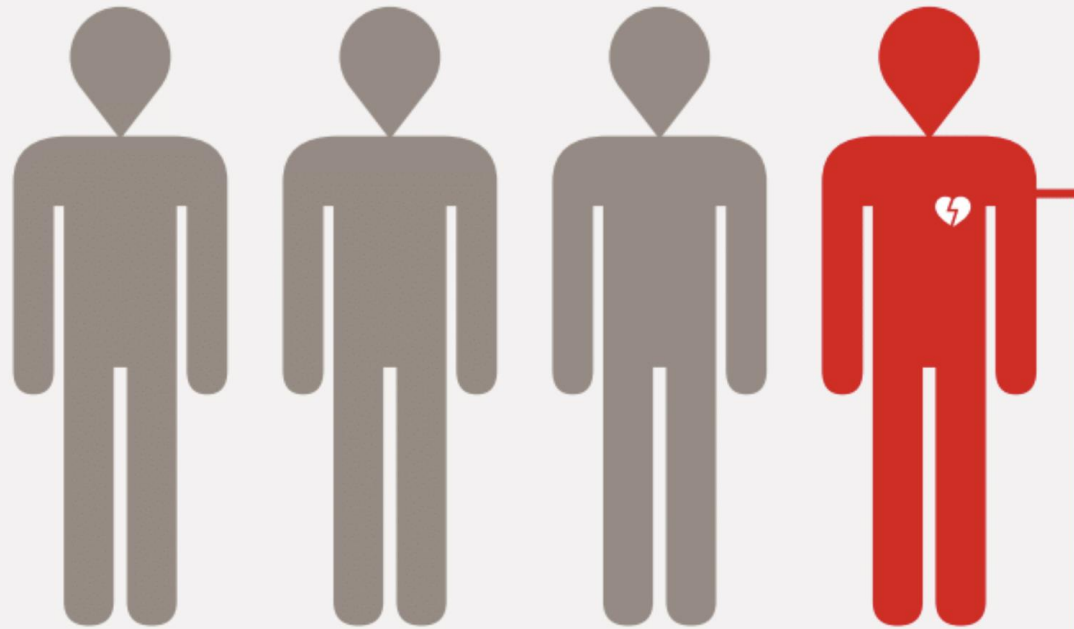
	LCZ696 (n=4187)	Enalapril (n=4212)	Treatment effect	P Value
<b>KCCQ clinical summary score at 8 months</b>	- 2.99 ± 0.36	- 4.63 ± 0.36	1.64 (0.63, 2.65)	0.001
<b>New onset atrial fibrillation</b>	84/2670 (3.2%)	83/2638 (3.2%)	Hazard ratio 0.97 (0.72, 1.31)	0.84
<b>Protocol-defined decline in renal function</b>	94/4187 (2.3%)	108/4212 (2.6%)	Hazard ratio 0.86 (0.65, 1.13)	0.28

Improved  
symptoms and  
quality of life

# Hospitalisation



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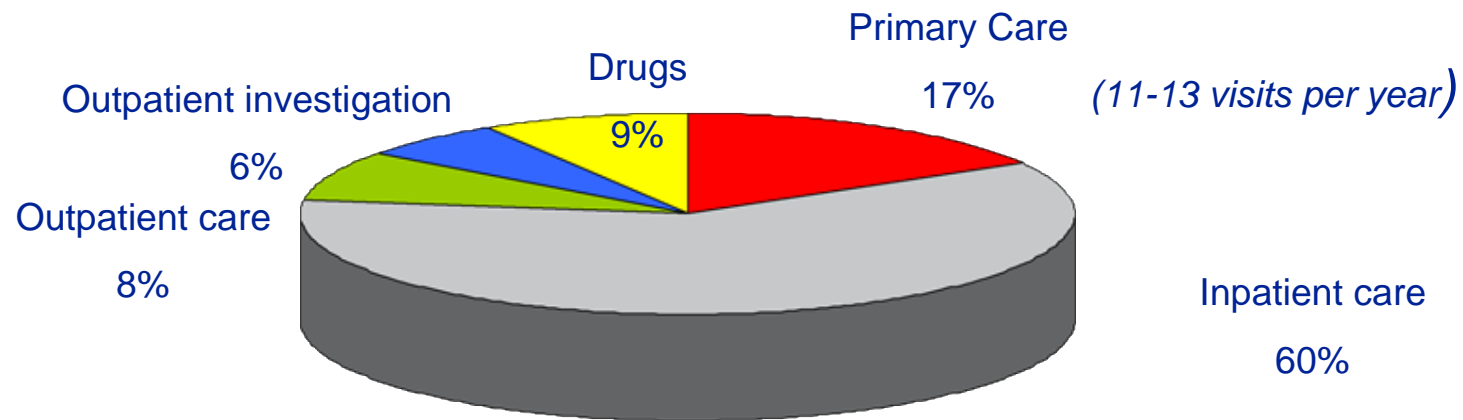
WITHIN **30** DAYS OF BEING DISCHARGED

**1** in **4** PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE WILL BE READMITTED TO HOSPITAL<sup>1</sup>

25.3%

# Burden of Heart Failure Costs

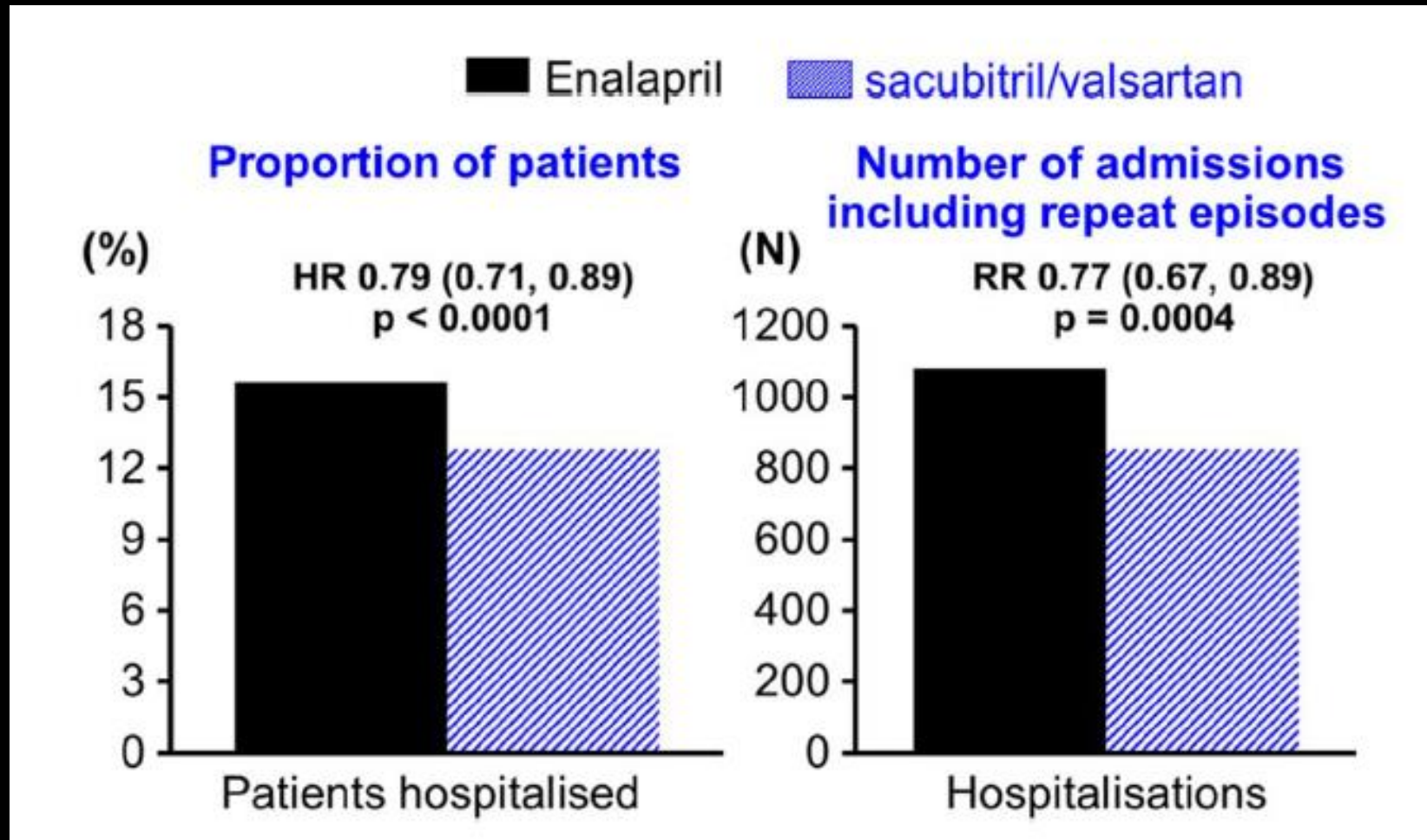
The cost of heart failure is driven by hospitalisation



Total cost > GBP 1 billion (1% of annual NHS budget)



# ARNI- Heart failure hospitalisation



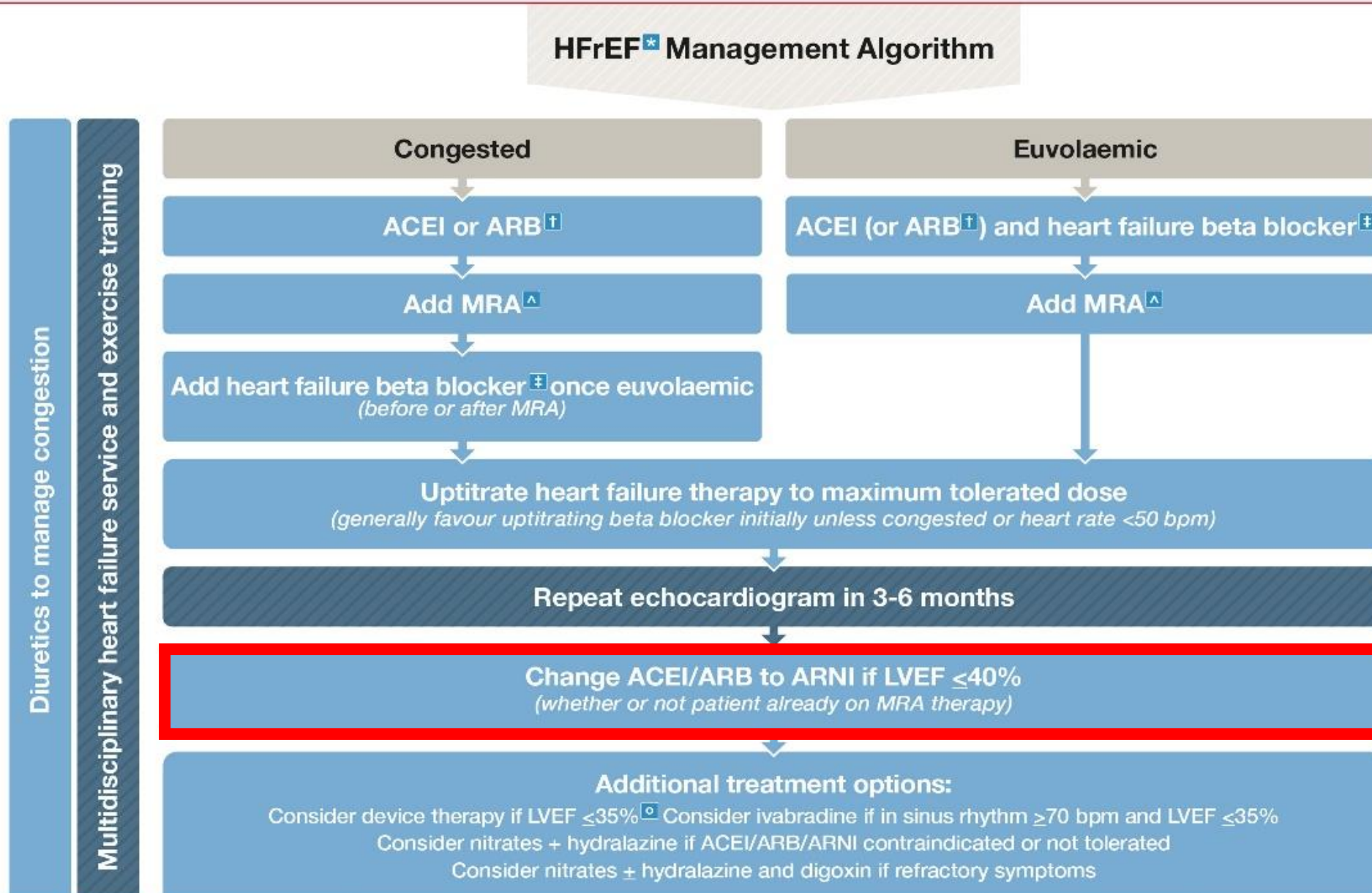
**Figure 2** Effect of sacubitril/valsartan on the rate of heart failure (HF) hospitalisations as a time to first event analysis and as a recurrent event analysis of total hospitalisations for.<sup>26</sup>





# 2018 CSANZ / Heart Foundation Australian Guidelines

Management of patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction



# Pharmacological management (HF with EF $\leq$ 35-40%)

Recommendation	GRADE strength of recommendation	GRADE quality of evidence
An angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) is recommended in patients with HFrEF associated with an LVEF less than or equal to 40% if an ACE inhibitor is contraindicated or not tolerated, to decrease the combined endpoint of cardiovascular mortality and HF hospitalisation. <sup>1</sup>	Strong	Moderate
An <b>angiotensin receptor neprilysin inhibitor (ARNI)</b> is recommended as a replacement for an ACE inhibitor (with at least a 36-hour washout window) or an ARB in patients with HFrEF associated with an LVEF of less than or equal to 40% despite receiving maximally tolerated or target doses of an ACE inhibitor (or ARB) and a beta-blocker (unless contraindicated), with or without an MRA, to decrease mortality and decrease hospitalisation. <sup>2</sup>	Strong	High
Ivabradine should be considered in patients with HFrEF associated with an LVEF of less than or equal to 35% and with a sinus rate of 70 bpm and above, despite receiving maximally tolerated or target doses of an ACE inhibitor (or ARB) and a beta-blocker (unless contraindicated), with or without an MRA, to decrease the combined endpoint of cardiovascular mortality and HF hospitalisation. <sup>3</sup>	Strong	High

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# Case 1: Switching to an ARNI



# Case 1: 63yo HFrEF- ischaemic

- CAGS 4 years ago
- HTN
- Gout

- Meds:

Carvedilol 12.5mg bd

Ramipril 10mg/d

Spirolactone 12.5mg d

aspirin 100mg/d

allopurinol 300mg/d

frusemide 40mg bd

# Case 1- The switch

- Cease ACE-I
- Wait 36 hours
- Commence sacubitril/valsartan 24/26mg bd

Watch for increased diuresis

Advise about hypotension

# Case 1: Up titrate- every 2 -4 weeks?

- Aim for BP no < 100mmHg
- Sacubitril/valsartan 49/51mg bd
- Likely to reduce diuretic need-
- Scope to increase spironolactone

Aim for maximum dose sacubitril/valsartan 97/103mg bd

Aim- discontinue loop diuretics

# Issues to discuss

- Managing hypotension
- Echo requirements
- Using BNP or NT-Pro BNP levels
- Renal dysfunction
- Should patient have an optimal MRA before starting ARNI?



# Sacubitril/Valsartan: What to Do in Case of Hypotension?

- Treatment must not be initiated unless SBP is  $\geq 100$  mmHg
  - Cases of symptomatic hypotension have been reported
  - Especially in patients  $\geq 65$  years old, patients with renal disease and patients with low SBP
  - When initiating therapy or during dose titration with sacubitril/valsartan, blood pressure should be monitored routinely
- Dose reduction, if systolic BP  $< 100$  mmHg\*
- Dose reduction of other antihypertensives (if present)
- Look for over-diuresis and correct it

\*Consult prescribing information for additional details

Summary of prescribing characteristics for sacubitril/valsartan



# How Is Sacubitril/Valsartan Used in Patients With Renal Insufficiency?

- Normal dosing scheme if eGFR > 30ml/min
- eGFR < 30ml/min – There is limited clinical experience; start with lower dose of 24/26 mg twice daily and consult prescribing information for additional details
- Reduce dose if renal function worsens during treatment (drop in eGFR by > 10ml/min)
- Careful in patients with renal artery stenosis (close follow-up; check for increase in creatinine / BUN)

**Renal dysfunction can be very volume dependent- NT-pro BNP valuable clinical**

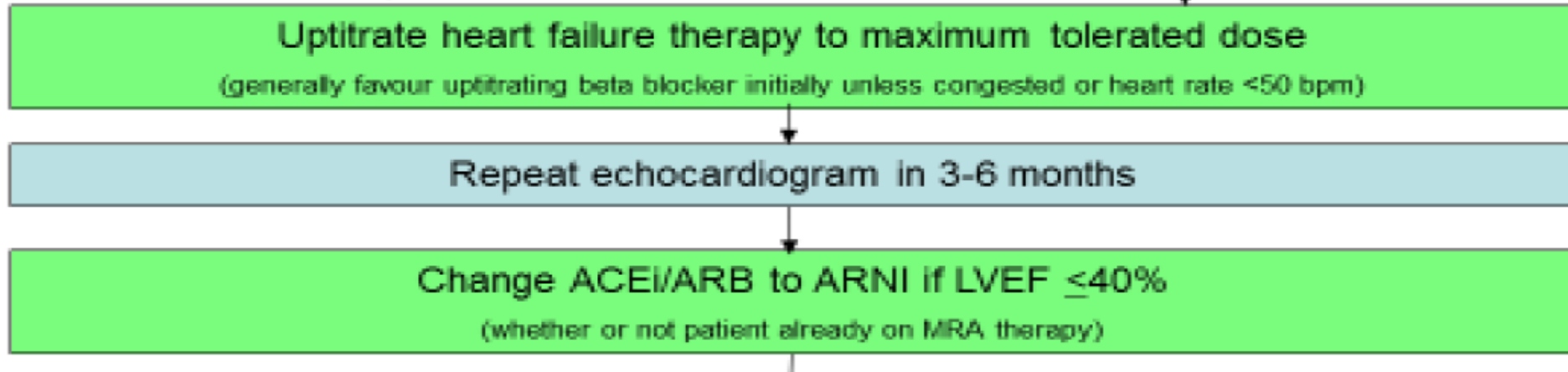
Summary of prescribing characteristics for sacubitril/valsartan.

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# Sacubitril/Valsartan: What to Do in Case of Hyperkalemia?

- Treatment should not be initiated if the serum potassium level is  $> 5.4$  mmol/l
- Monitoring of serum potassium is recommended especially in patients with:
  - Renal impairment
  - Diabetes mellitus
  - On mineralocorticoid antagonists
- Adjust concomitant medication
- If patients experience clinically significant hyperkalemia adjustment of concomitant medicinal products, or temporary down-titration or discontinuation is recommended
- Stop sacubitril/valsartan if serum potassium level is  $> 5.4$  mmol/l

# Do Patients Need a Repeat Echocardiogram Before Starting Sacubitril/Valsartan?



1. If a patient has improved on ACE/ARB + Beta-blocker +/- MRA and you think that their LVEF has improved to  $> 40\%$ , then repeat echo
  2. If a patient is on ACE/ARB + Beta-blocker +/- MRA and they are still symptomatic, then *two options* could be taken:
    - a) repeat the echo if you think that something else has occurred, eg worsening valvular regurgitation, pericardial effusion, new wall motion abnormality
- Or
- b) change the ACE/ARB to ARNI in the knowledge that this will improve the patient's survival, symptoms, left ventricular function and reduce heart failure hospitalisations





Discussion....

# Beyond PARADIGM-HF

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# Does Sac/Val work at low dose?

- Post hoc analysis of PARADIGHM-HF
- 43% (Enalapril) and 42% (Sac/Val) reduced dose during the study



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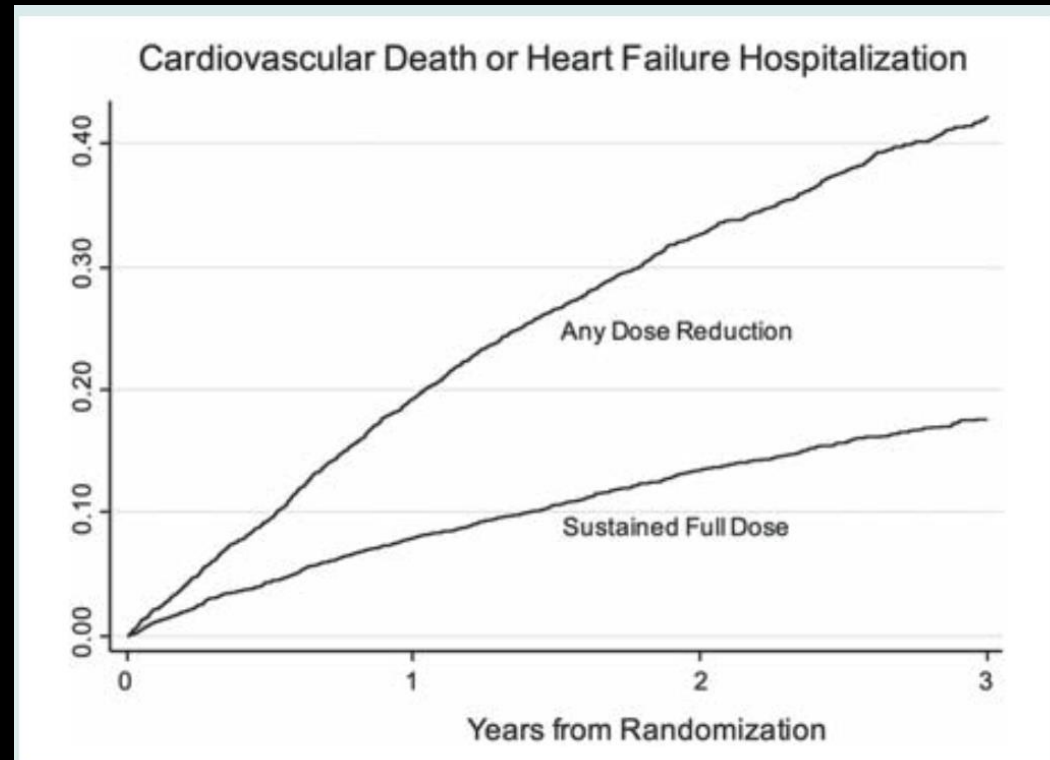
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**Efficacy of sacubitril/valsartan vs. enalapril at lower than target doses in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction: the PARADIGM-HF trial**

# Dose reduction is associated with higher rates of CV death and HF hospitalization

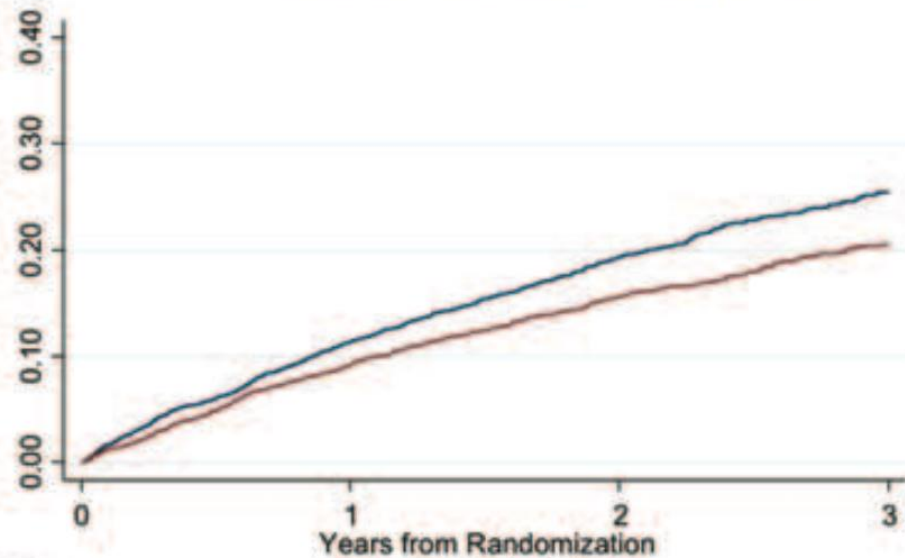


**Figure 1** Kaplan–Meier curves showing primary outcome events by dose reduction status. Participants with a dose reduction had a higher risk of the primary event compared with those who remained on full study medication doses.

# Sac/Val better than Enalapril in dose reduced patients- CV death and HF hospitalisation

Cardiovascular Death or Heart Failure Hospitalization by Dose Reduction Status

Events Prior to Dose Reduction

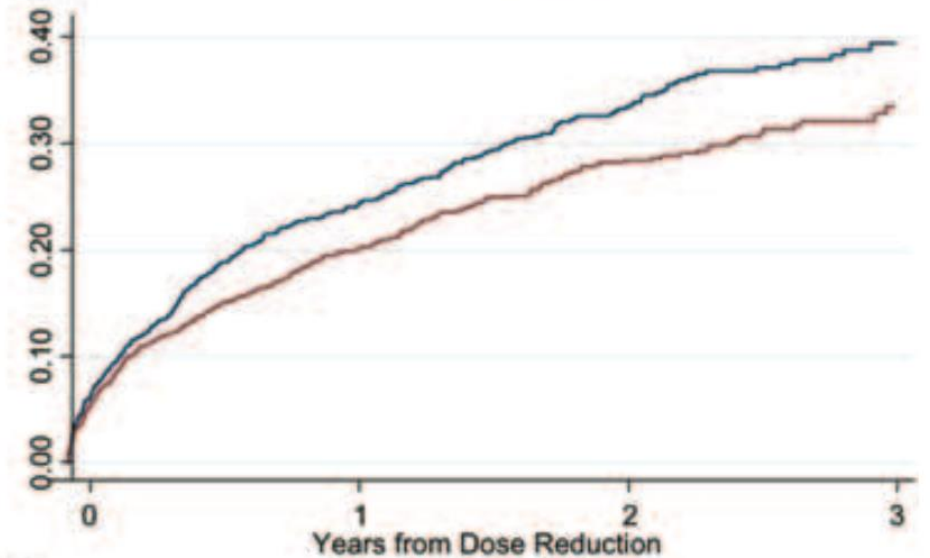


Number at risk

Years from Randomization	Enalapril	Sacubitril/Valsartan
0	4210	4186
1	2868	2891
2	1451	1514
3	514	511

— Enalapril — Sacubitril/Valsartan

Events after Dose Reduction



Number at risk

Years from Dose Reduction	Enalapril	Sacubitril/Valsartan
0	1452	1496
1	795	854
2	325	383
3	89	88

— Enalapril — Sacubitril/Valsartan



# PIONEER –HF: Sac/Val in acute decompensated HF- 8 week trial

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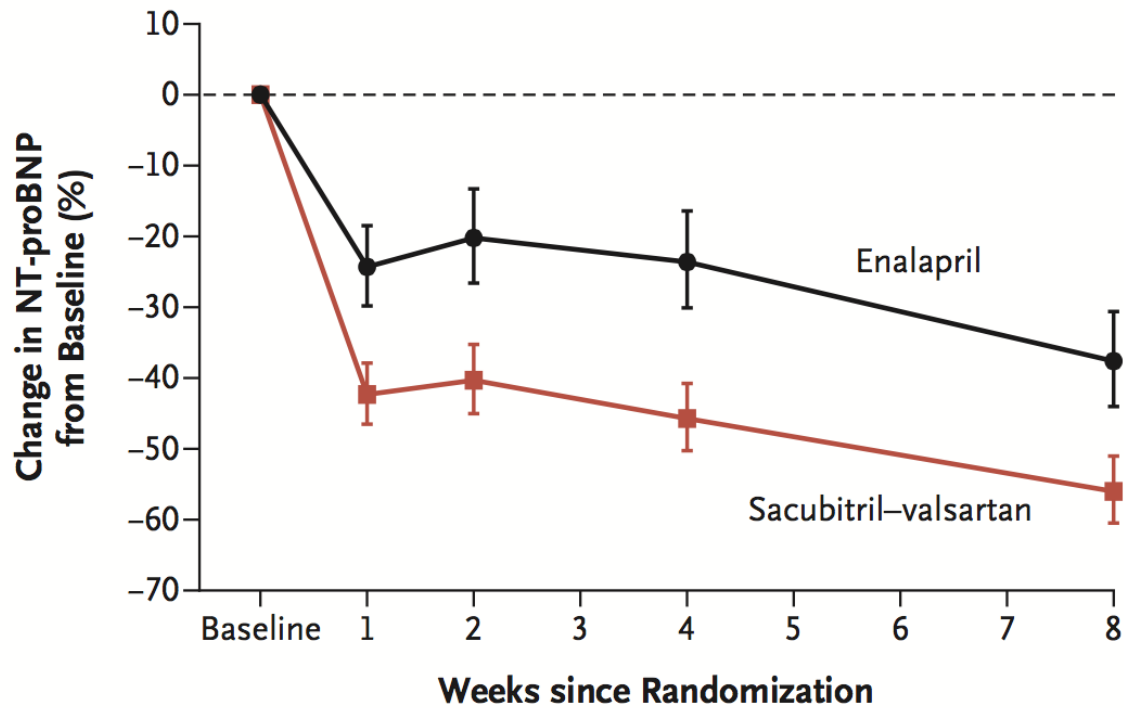
## Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition in Acute Decompensated Heart Failure

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# PIONEER-HF: key points of study design

- N=440 in each arm
- 65%- prior heart failure
- Admitted for ADHF- randomized after haemodynamic stabilization
- Sac/Val vs Enalapril
- MRA use was low at 10%

# End point of the trial was reduction in NT-proBNP



### No. at Risk

Enalapril	394	359	351	350	348
Sacubitril-valsartan	397	355	363	365	349

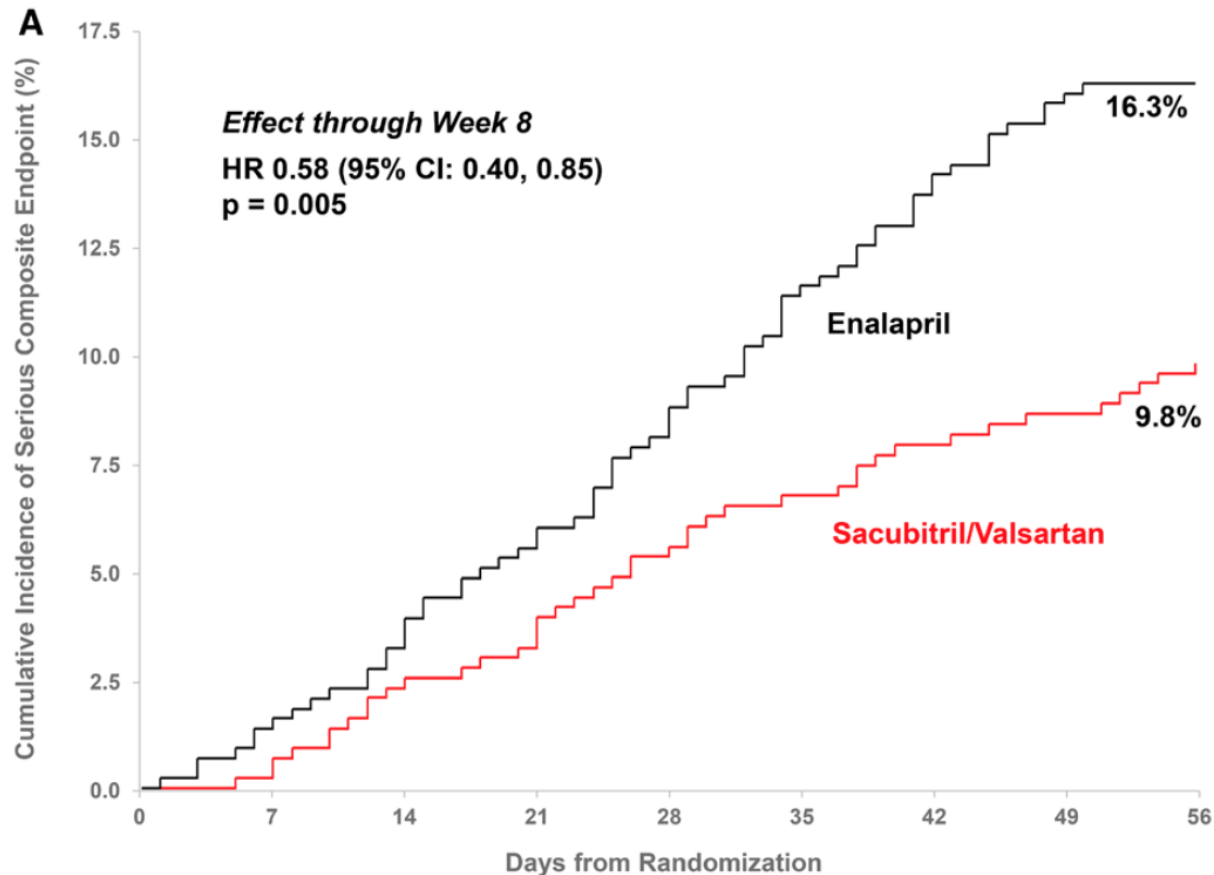
### Figure 2. Change in the NT-proBNP Concentration.

The time-averaged reduction in the N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP) concentration was significantly greater in the sacubitril-valsartan group than in the enalapril group; the ratio of the geometric mean of values obtained at weeks 4 and 8 to the baseline value was 0.53 in the sacubitril-valsartan group as compared with 0.75 in the enalapril group (percent change, -46.7% vs. -25.3%; ratio of change with sacubitril-valsartan vs. enalapril, 0.71; 95% CI, 0.63 to 0.81;  $P < 0.001$ ).

# PIONEER-HF: Safety

- No difference in the following
  - Worsening renal function
  - Symptomatic hypotension
  - Hyperkalaemia
  - Angioedema

# PIONEER-HF: Sac/Val better than Enalapril for CV death and HF hospitalization

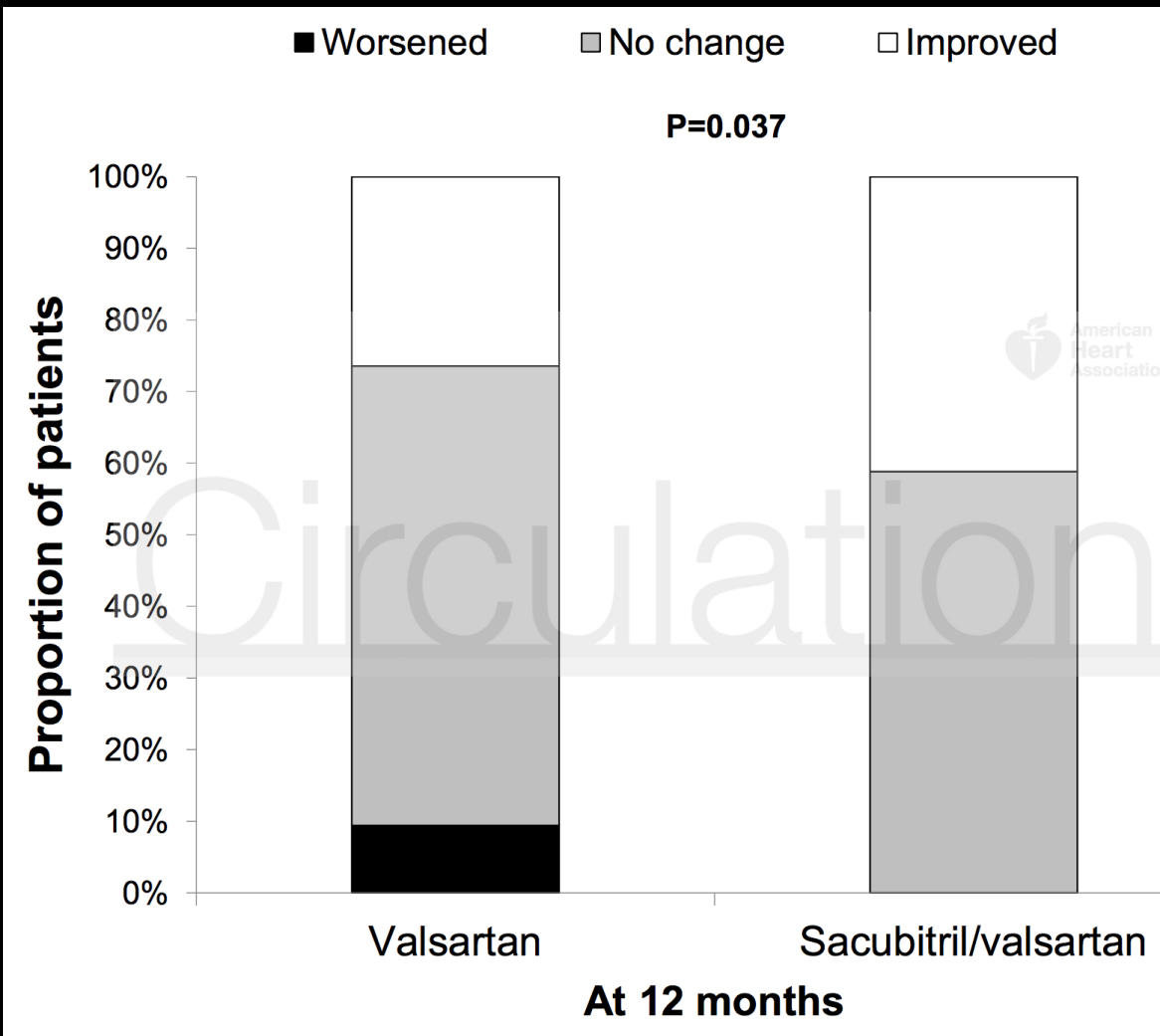


Circulation

**RESEARCH LETTER**

**Clinical Outcomes in Patients With Acute Decompensated Heart Failure Randomly Assigned to Sacubitril/Valsartan or Enalapril in the PIONEER-HF Trial**

# Functional Mitral Regurgitation Improves with Sacubitril/Valsartan



118 patients randomised to valsartan or sac/val for "significant" functional MR

90%- NYHA 2

EF- 25-50%

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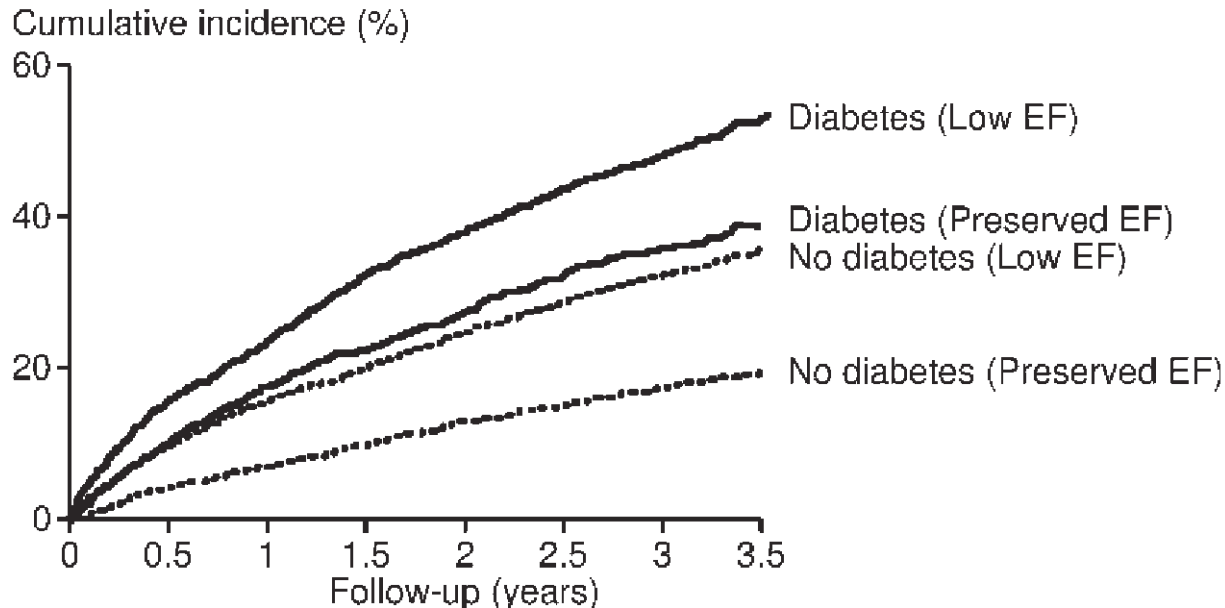
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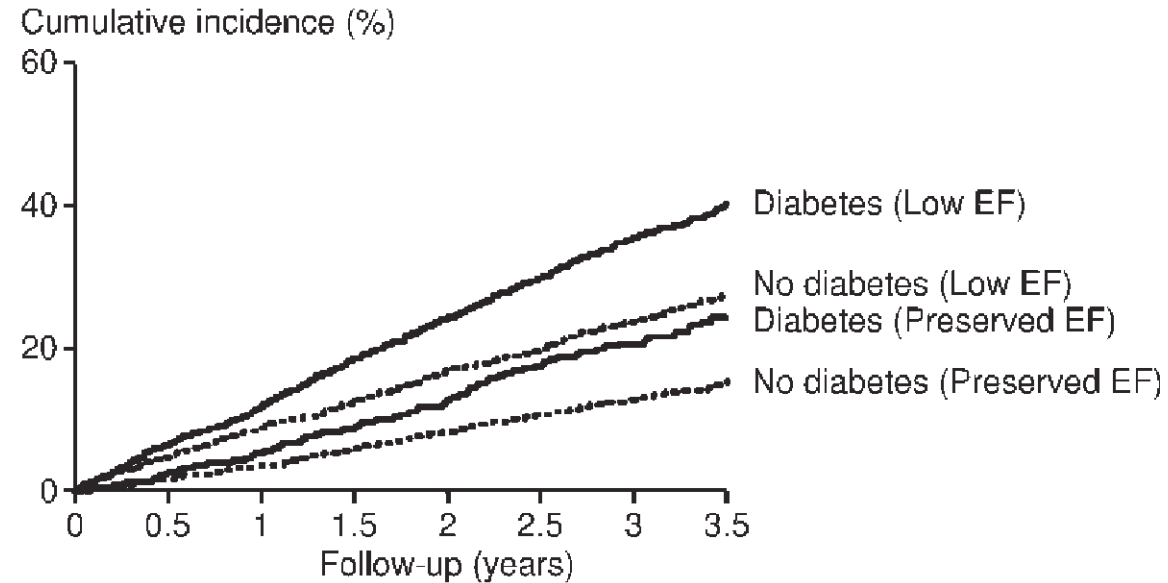
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### CV death or hospitalization due to HF



### All-cause mortality



# Glucose lowering drugs and HF- A new era?

**Lower the HbA1c**

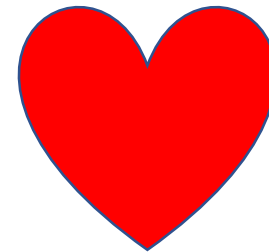


Eye disease



neuropathy

**?CV disease**



# Impact of Intensive Glucose-Lowering Therapy in DM: Summary of Major RCTs

Study	Microvasc	CVD	Mortality
UKPDS33 (7.0 vs. 7.9%)	↓	↔	↔
DCCT / EDIC* (7.2 vs. 9.1%)	↓	↔	↔
ACCORD (6.4% vs. 7.5%)	↓	↔	↑
ADVANCE (6.3% vs. 7.0%)	↓	↔	↔
VADT (6.9% vs. 8.4%)	↓	↔	↔

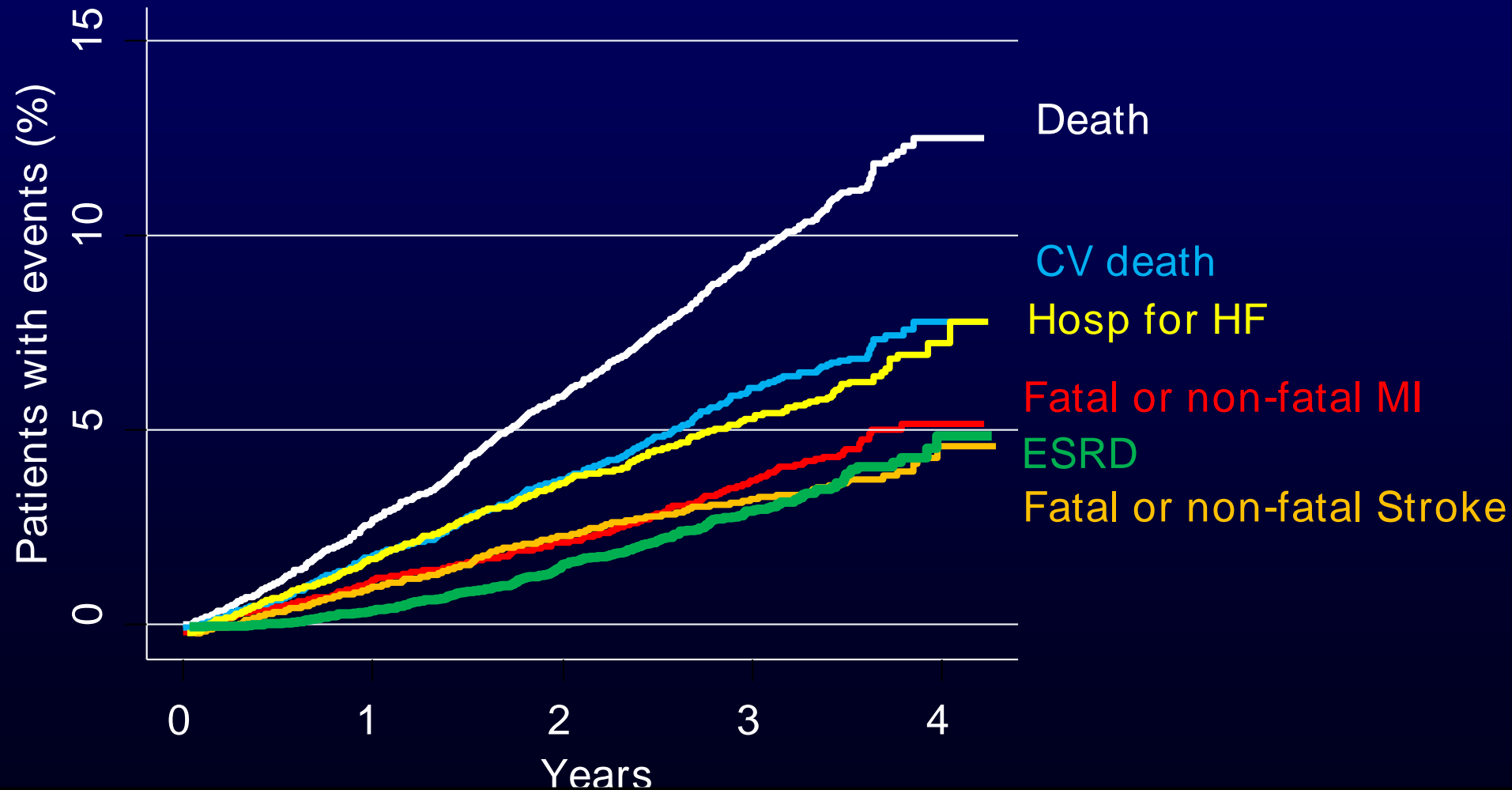
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**Heart failure  
not primary  
endpoint in any  
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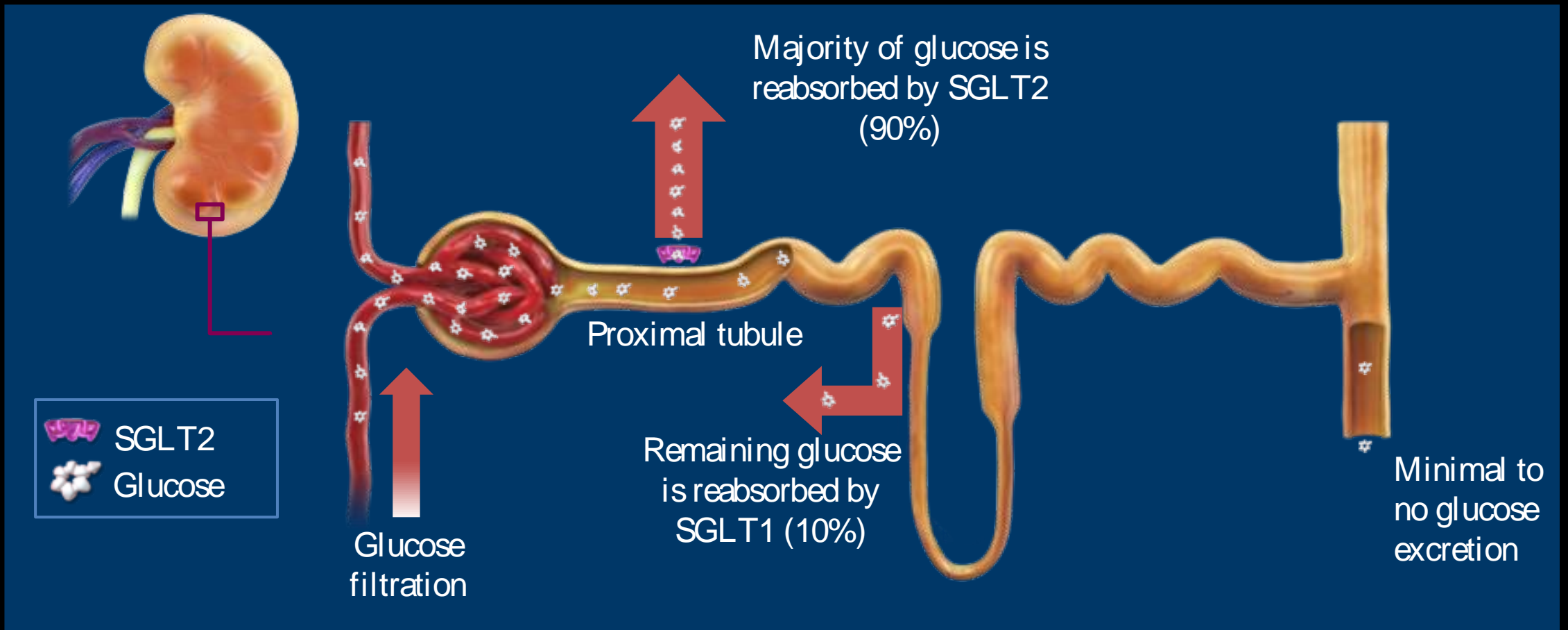
<b>CV Outcome Trials by drug class</b>							
<b>Agent</b>	<b>Trial</b>	<b>Additional factors</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>CV Death in 1°</b>	<b>MI/ACS in 1°</b>	<b>Stroke in 1°</b>	<b>HF in 1°</b>
Saxagliptin	SAVOR-TIMI 53	CVD and/or RFs, A1C ≥6.5%	16,496	✓	✓	✓	✗
Sitagliptin	TECOS	Pre-existing CVD, A1C 6.5-8%	14,671	✓	✓	✓	✗
Linagliptin	CAROLINA	CVD or end-organ damage or RFs A1C 6.5-8.5%	6,000	✓	✓	✓	✗
Alogliptin	EXAMINE	ACS, A1C 6.5-11%	5,380	✓	✓	✓	✗
MK-3102	MK-3102-018 AM5	Pre-existing CVD	4,202	✓	✓	✓	✗
Liraglutide	LEADER	CVD risk or age/RFs, A1C ≥7%,	9,340	✓	✓	✓	✗
Lixisenatide	ELIXA	ACS, A1C 5.5-11%	6,068	✓	✓	✓	✗
Dulaglutide QW	REWIND	High CV risk, A1C ≤9.5%	9,622	✓	✓	✓	✗
Exenatide QW	EXSCEL	A1C 6.5-10% and CVD	14,000	✓	✓	✓	✗
Semaglutide	SUSTAIN	Pre-existing CVD	3,297	✓	✓	✓	✗
Canagliflozin	CANVAS	High CV risk, A1C 7-10.5%	4,411	✓	✓	✓	✗
Dapagliflozin	DECLARE-TIMI 58	High CV risk	17,150	✓	✓	✓	✗
Empagliflozin	C-SCADE 8	Pre-existing CV	7,097	✓	✓	✓	✗
Aleglitazar	ALEPREVENT	CVD + T2D or glucose abnormality	19,000	✓	✓	✓	✗
	ALECARDIO	ACS + T2D	7,226	✓	✓	✓	✗
Insulin degludec	Not known	Criteria not known	7,637	✓	✓	✓	✗
<b>All trials</b>			<b>151,597</b>	✓	✓	✓	<b>ZERO</b>

# Heart failure is the top non-fatal event in diabetic trials



M Pfeffer, 2017  
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Data from NEJM  
2012- Trial of  
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# SGLT-2 inhibition: Focus on EMPA REG CV outcome study

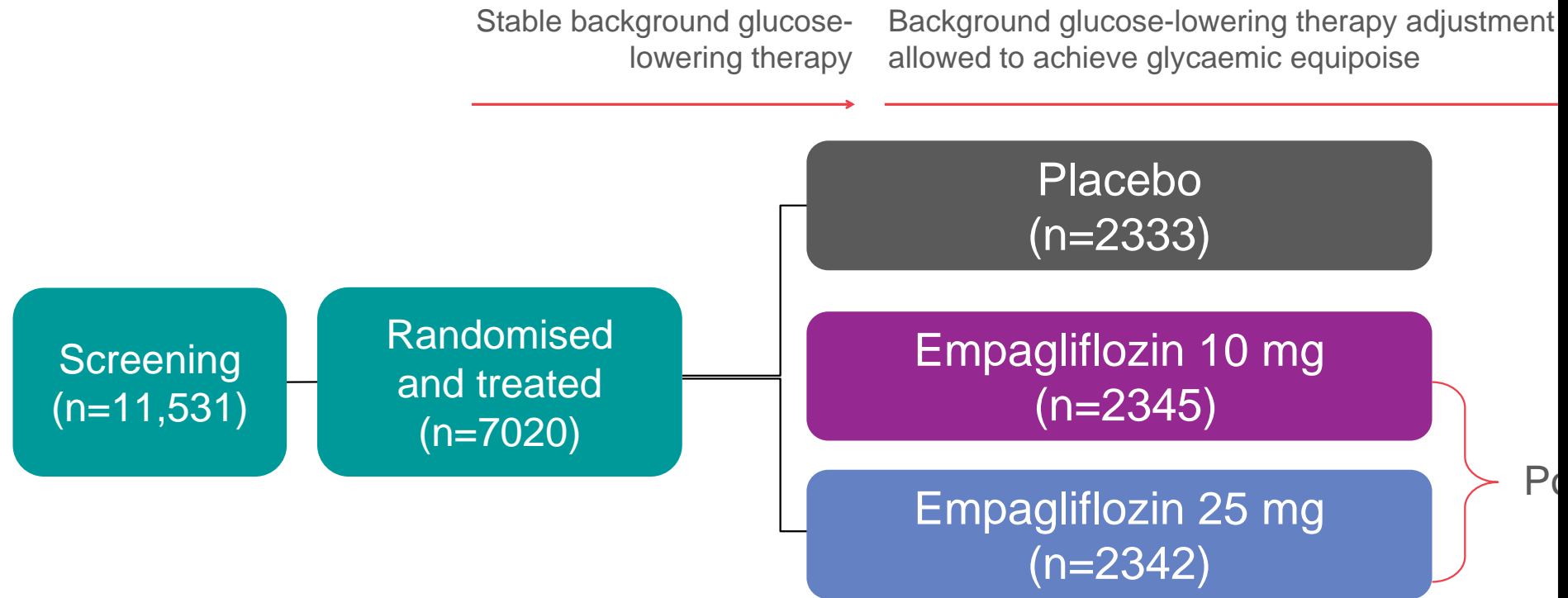


**Empaglifozin: WOW!!!**



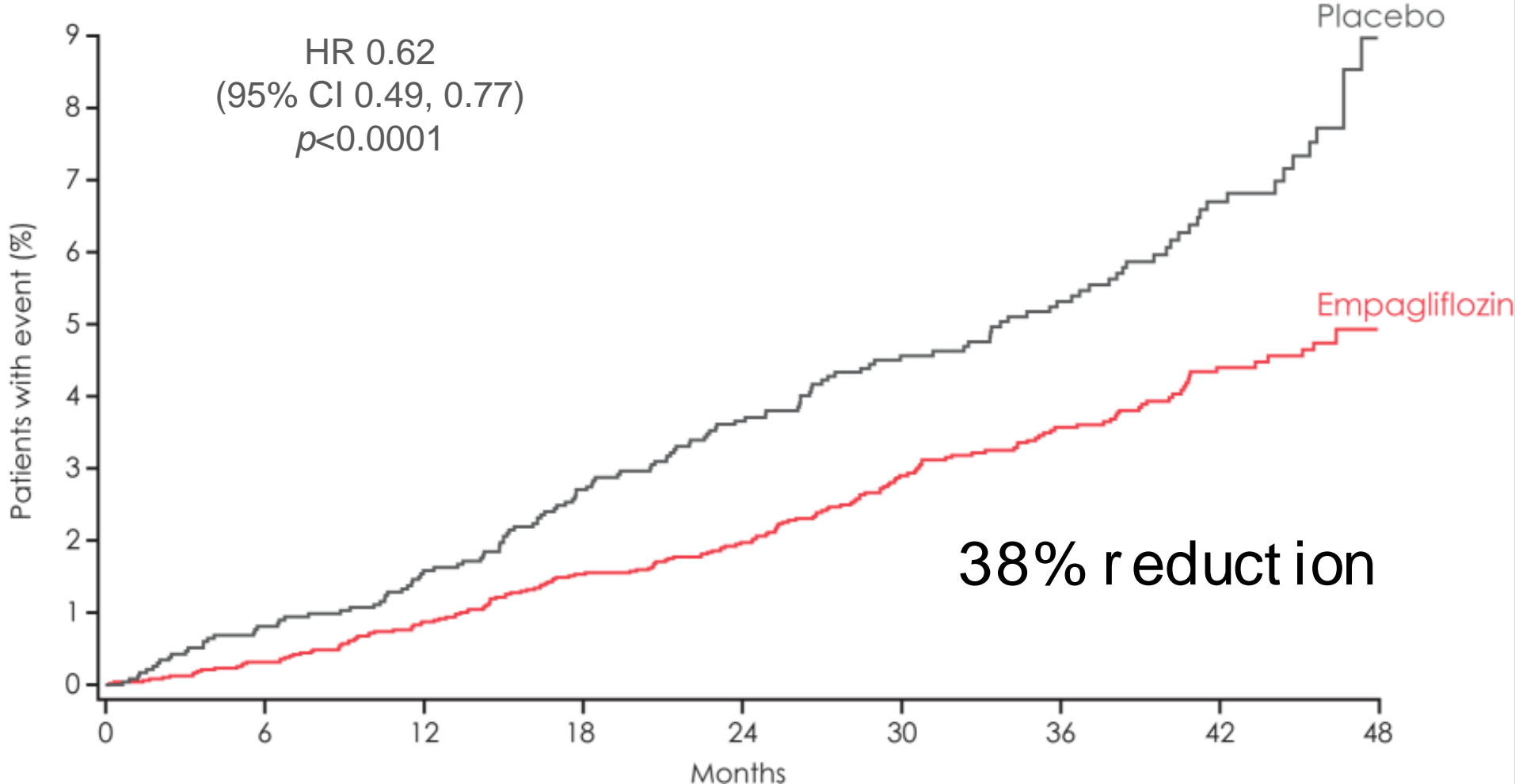


# EMPA REG OUTCOME: Trial design



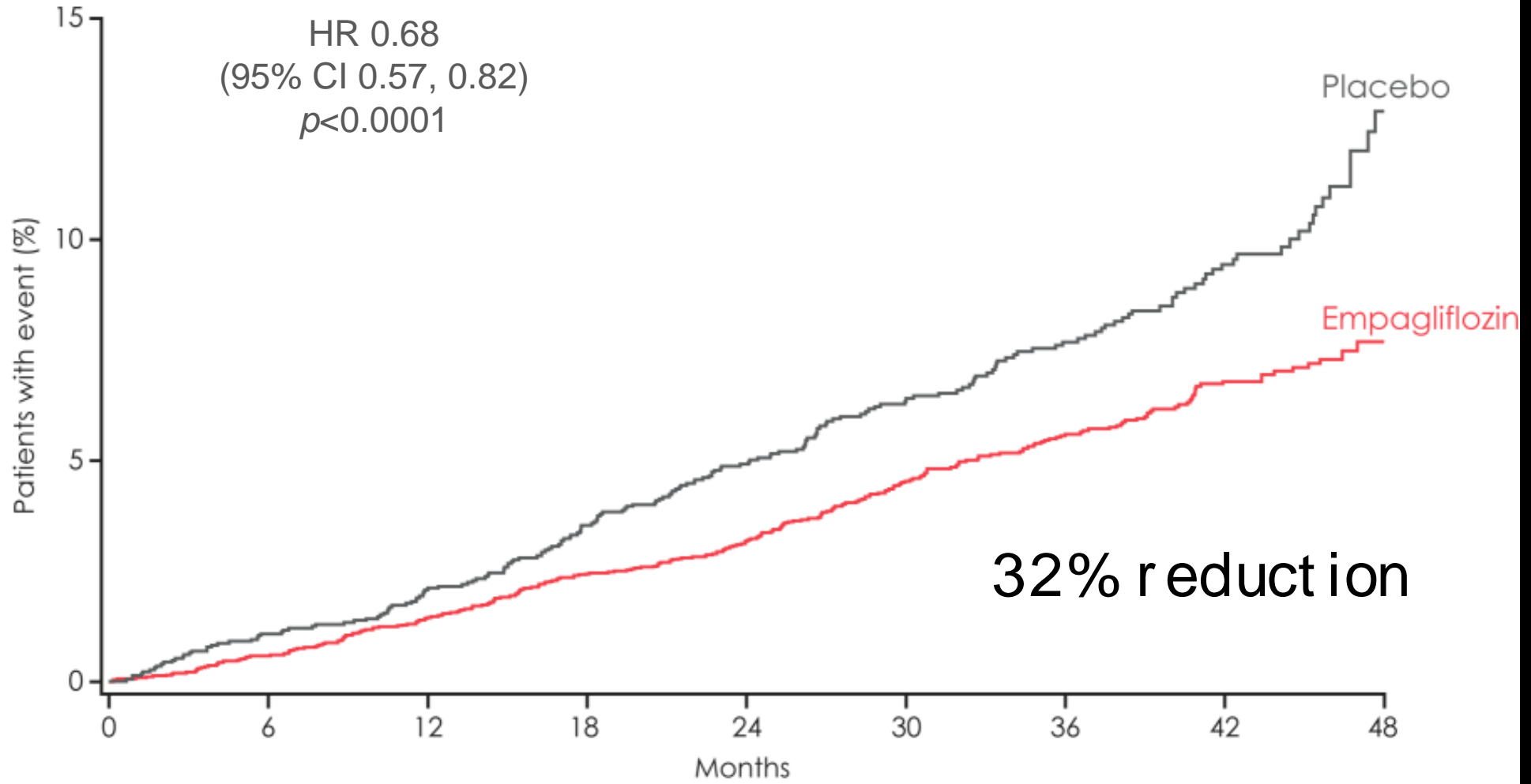
- Study medication was given in addition to standard of care
  - Glucose-lowering therapy was to remain unchanged for first 12 weeks
- Treatment assignment double-blinded
- The trial was to continue until at least 691 patients experienced an adjudicated primary outcome event

# CV Death



No. of patients	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
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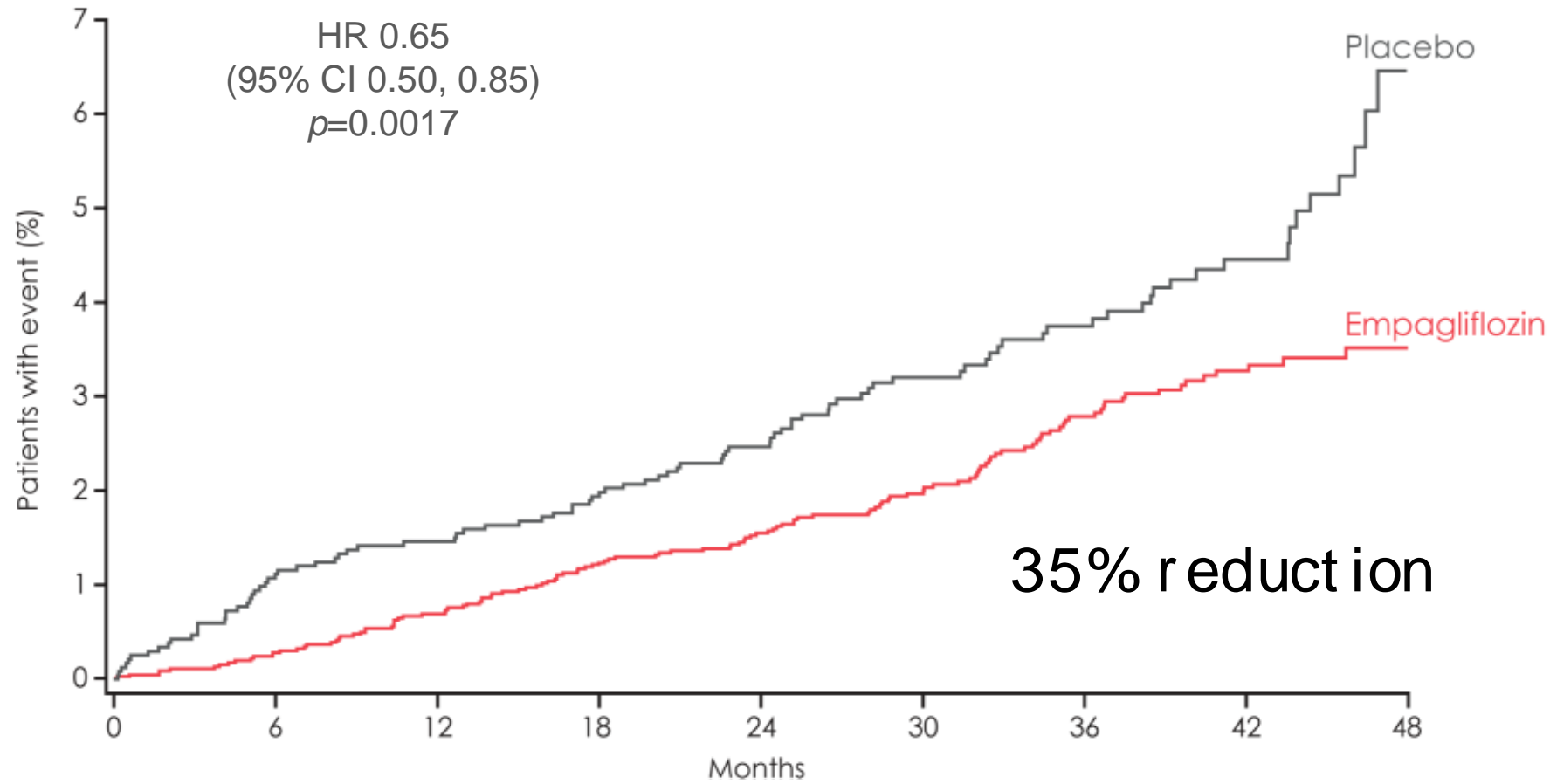
# All Cause mortality



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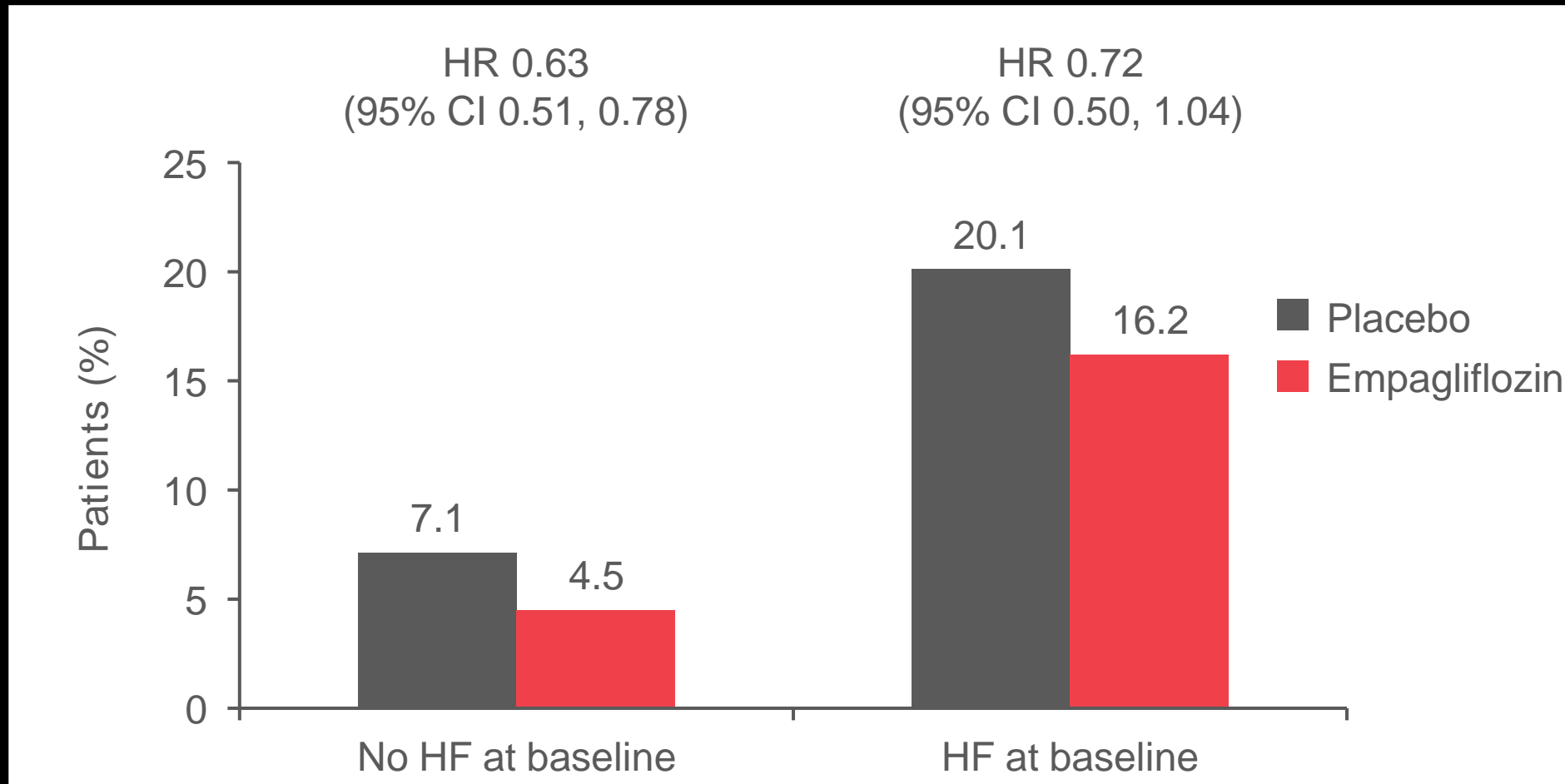
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# HF hospitalisation and CV death with or without HF at baseline



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**Indication:** Treatment of chronic heart failure (NYHA Class II-IV) with reduced ejection fraction. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to sacubitril, valsartan, or excipients. ACE inhibitors (ACEi). Do not administer within 36 hours of switching from or to an ACEi. Angioedema related to previous ACEi or ARB therapy. Use with aliskiren in Type 2 diabetes (T2D). Severe hepatic impairment, biliary cirrhosis and cholestasis. Pregnancy.

**Precautions:** Caution switching from ACEi or while co-administering with aliskiren in T2D (see Contraindications). Should not be co-administered with an ARB. May cause symptomatic hypotension, especially in those  $\geq 75$  years old, renal disease and systolic BP  $< 112$  mmHg or patients with an activated RAAS. Initiation not recommended in systolic BP  $< 100$  mmHg. Monitor BP when initiating therapy or during dose titration. If hypotension occurs, dose adjustment of diuretics, antihypertensives, and consider treatment of other causes of hypotension. If hypotension persists, consider dose reduction or temporary interruption. Correct sodium and/or volume depletion before starting treatment. May be associated with decreased renal function; assess renal function before initiation and during treatment. Monitor serum creatinine, and down-titrate or interrupt if a clinically significant decrease in renal function develops. May increase urea and creatinine levels in patients with renal artery stenosis. Not recommended with end-stage renal disease. Should not be initiated and consider discontinuation if the serum potassium level is  $> 5.4$  mmol/L. Monitor serum potassium periodically and treat appropriately, especially in patients with risk factors, dosage reduction or interruption may be required. Caution with medications known to raise potassium levels. If clinically significant hyperkalaemia occurs, consider adjusting the dose of concomitant medications. If angioedema occurs, immediately discontinue, and provide appropriate therapy and monitoring until complete and sustained resolution; black patients or patients with a prior history of angioedema may be at higher risk. Caution in NYHA Class IV or in moderate hepatic impairment or with AST/ALT  $> 2X$  ULN. Use in lactation not recommended. Use contraception during treatment and for 1 week after last dose.

**Interactions:** Aliskiren in T2D, ACEi/ARB. Caution with statins, sildenafil, lithium, potassium-sparing diuretics including mineralocorticoid antagonists, potassium supplements, or salt substitutes containing potassium, NSAIDs including selective COX-2 Inhibitors, frusemide, inhibitors of OATP1B1/B3, OAT3 or MPR2 and metformin.

**Dosage:** Target dose one tablet of 97 mg/103 mg twice daily. Starting dose one tablet of 49 mg/51 mg twice daily. Starting dose one tablet of 24 mg/26 mg taken twice daily recommended for ACEi/ARB naive patients, those with severe renal impairment, moderate hepatic impairment, and in those  $\geq 75$  years old. Double every 2-4 weeks to the target dose.

**Adverse effects:** Very common ( $\geq 10\%$ ): Hyperkalaemia, hypotension, renal impairment. Common (1 to 10%): Cough, dizziness, renal failure, diarrhoea, hypokalaemia, fatigue, headache, syncope, nausea, asthenia, orthostatic hypotension, vertigo. Uncommon (0.1 to 1%): Angioedema, dizziness postural. Unknown: Hypersensitivity (including rash, pruritus, and anaphylaxis).

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