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# The prevalence of diabetic chronic kidney disease in adult Greek subjects with type 2 diabetes mellitus: A series from hospital-based diabetes clinics

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## Abstract

**Aims:** To examine the prevalence of diabetic chronic kidney disease (DCKD) and its risk factors in adult Greek subjects with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) in a population from hospital-based diabetes clinics.

**Methods:** This is a cross-sectional multicentre study based on data collected from Greek hospital-based diabetes clinics from June 2015 to March 2016. DCKD severity was defined according to the Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO) 2012 guidelines. Multivariate analyses assessed the associations between DCKD and its potential risk factors.

**Results:** Among the entire population (n = 1759), the overall prevalence of DCKD was 45% including mild, moderate and severe CKD. Older age, male gender, body-mass index, lack of exercise and diabetes duration were significantly associated with DCKD.

**Conclusions:** In Greece, DCKD in T2DM is highly prevalent. It is significantly associated with demographic and lifestyle parameters, as well as T2DM complications, suggesting that further efforts to prevent DCKD should be addressed to subjects with specific characteristics.

# Παράγοντες κινδύνου για την εμφάνιση και εξέλιξη της ΔΝΝ

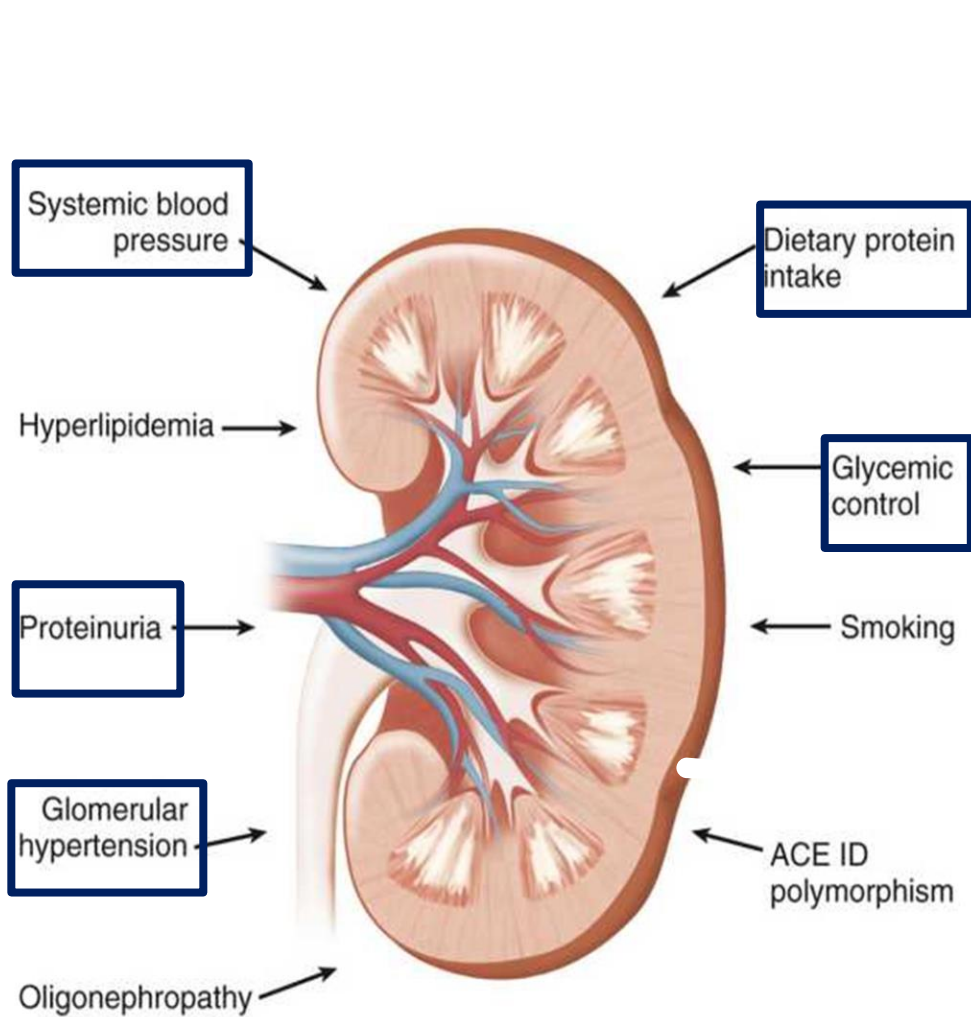
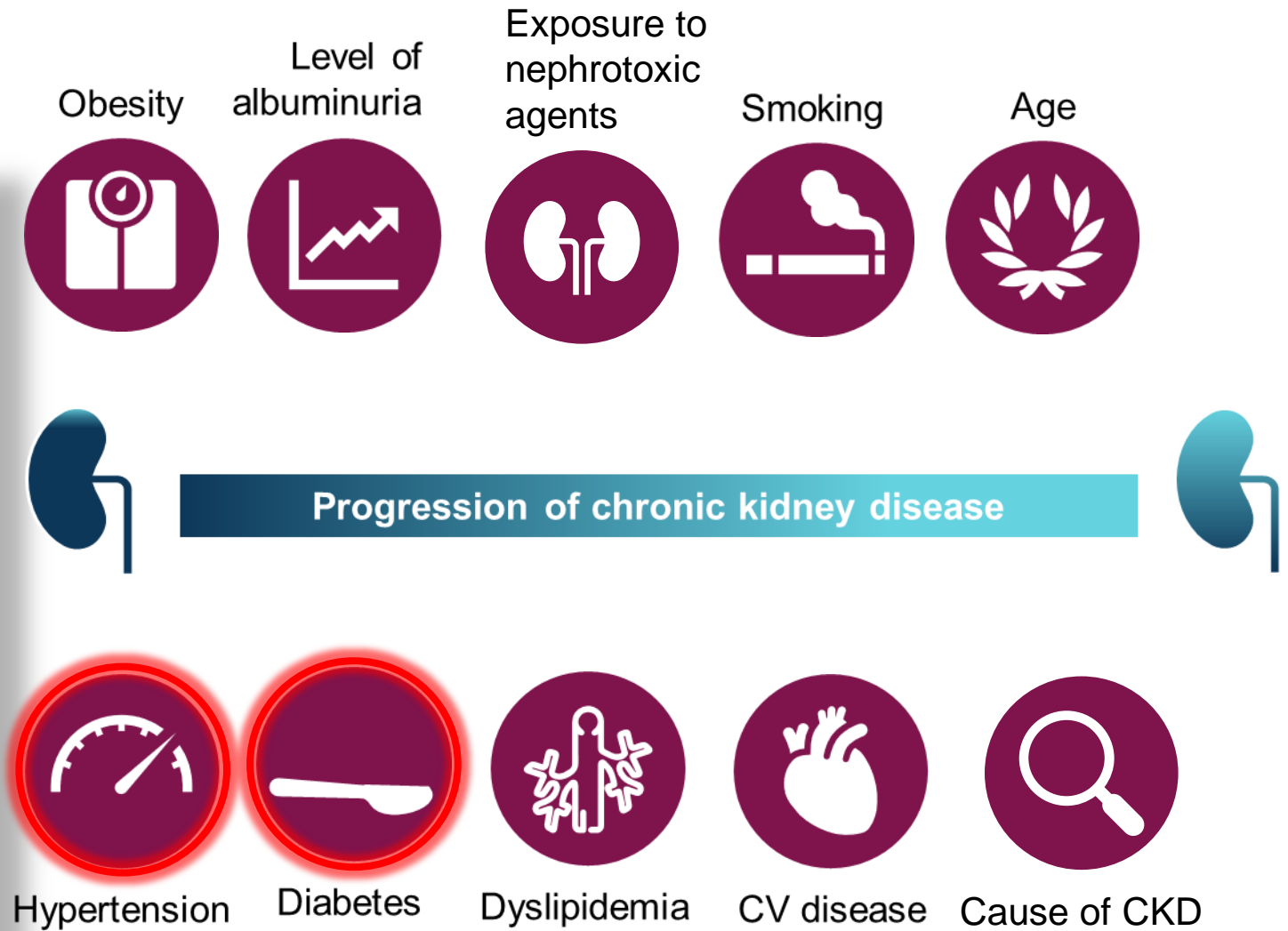


FIGURE 36-15 Putative promoters for progression of diabetic nephropathy.



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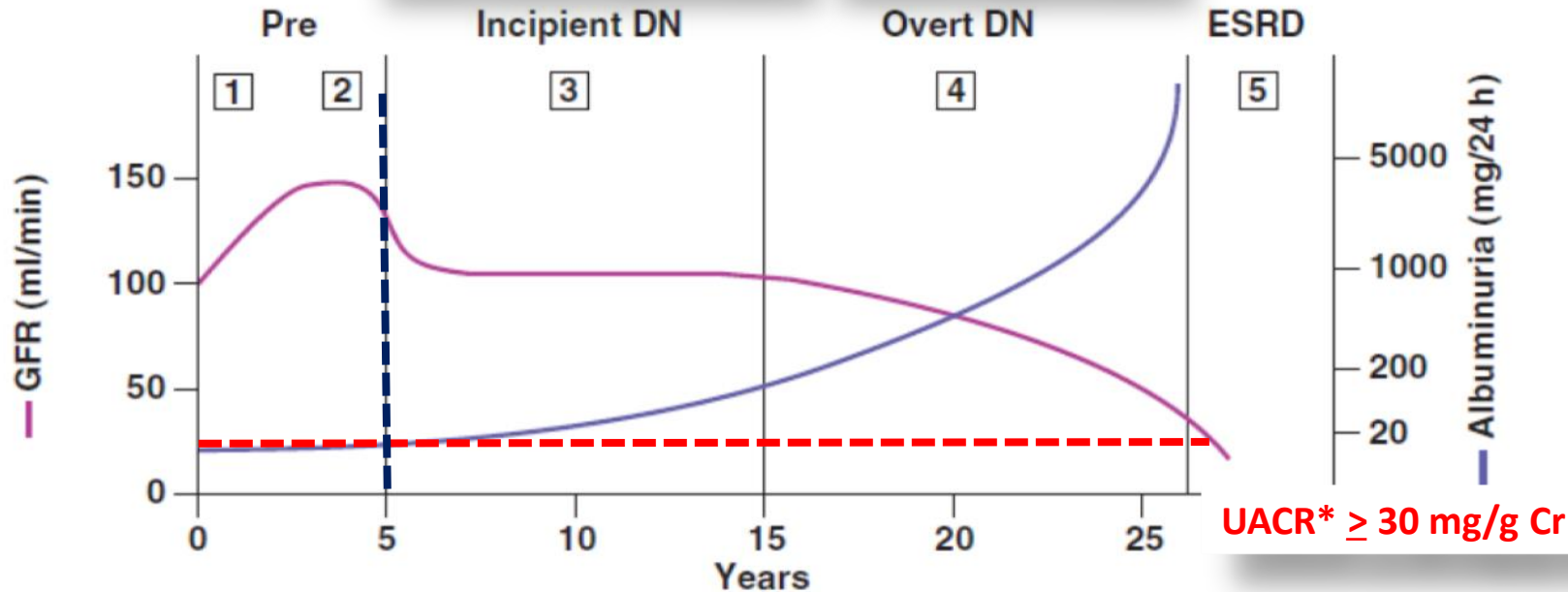
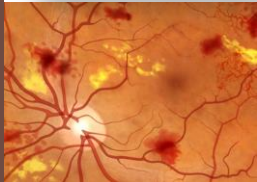
Natural history

**Υποκλινική  
Νεφροπάθεια**  
Αλβουμινουρία  
30 – 300 mg/24ωρο

**Κλινική  
Νεφροπάθεια**  
Αλβουμινουρία  
>300 mg/24ωρο

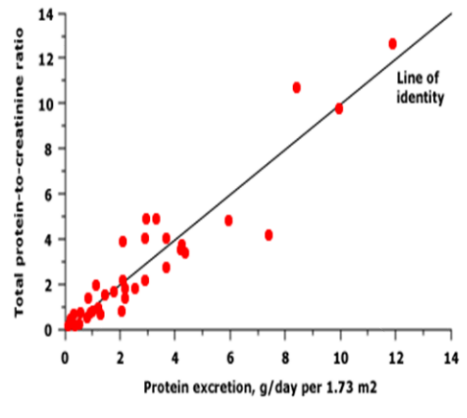
Pathy

20 – 40 %



Stage	Pre	Incipient	Overt
Functional	GFR $\uparrow$ (25%–50%)	Microalbuminuria, hypertension	Proteinuria, nephrotic syndrome, GFR $\downarrow$
Structural	Renal hypertrophy	Mesangial expansion, GBM thickening, arteriolar hyalinosis	Mesangial nodules (Kimmelstiel-Wilson lesions), Tubulointerstitial fibrosis





# Εκτίμηση αλβουμινουρίας

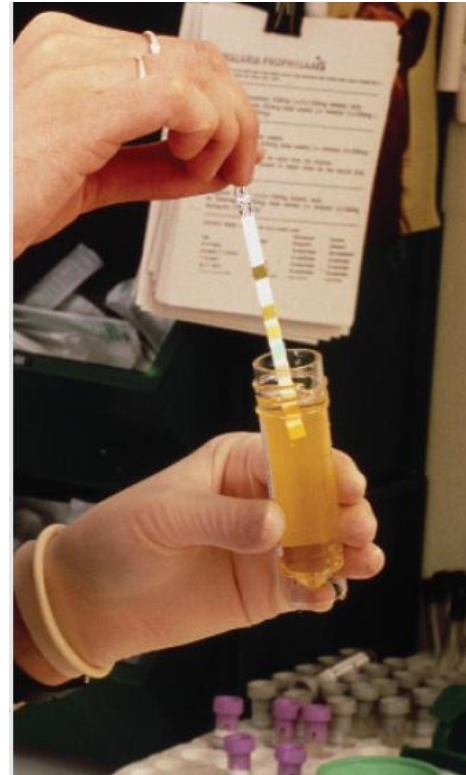


	<b>UAE</b> mg / 24 h	<b>UAER</b> μg / min	<b>ACR</b> mg/g
<b>ΦΥΣΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΑ</b>	<b>&lt; 30</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>	<b>&lt;30</b>
<b>ΥΠΟΚΛΙΝΙΚΗ</b> <b>ΝΕΦΡΟΠΑΘΕΙΑ</b> <i>“Ήπια Αλβουμινουρία”</i>	<b>30-300</b>	<b>20-200</b>	<b>30-300</b>
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**σε πρώτο πρωινό δείγμα σε 2 από 3 δείγματα σε 3-6 μήνες**

[1]. Mogensen CE, Chachati A, Christensen CK, et al: Microalbuminuria: An early marker of renal involvement in diabetes. Uremia Invest 9:85-95, 1985.

**Έλεγχος για ύπαρξη Διαβητικής  
Νεφροπάθειας  
Πότε & Πώς ???**



# 11. Chronic Kidney Disease and Risk Management: *Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2022*

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**Πότε ? → Ετήσια** σε κάθε ασθενή με ΣΔΤ2 και σε κάθε ασθενή με ΣΔΤ1 με > 5 χρόνια διάρκειας διαβήτη

**Πώς ? → Ποσοτικός έλεγχος αλβουμινουρίας με Albumin/Creatinine mg/gr [UACR] & υπολογισμός του **eGFR****

**2 : 3 +ve** σε διάστημα **3 – 6** μηνών

\* **Δεν** προτείνεται η **24ωρη συλλογή** γιατί δεν προσφέρει κάτι επιπλέον

\* Αποφυγή εκτίμησης μετά από άσκηση, σε πυρετό, σε υπεργλυκαιμία, σε λοιμώξεις & σε αρρυθμιστη Α.Π.

# Διαστρωμάτωση κινδύνου για ESRD

## 11. Chronic Kidney Disease and Risk Management: *Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023*

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				Albuminuria categories Description and range		
				A1	A2	Severely increased
				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
GFR categories (mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ) 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+

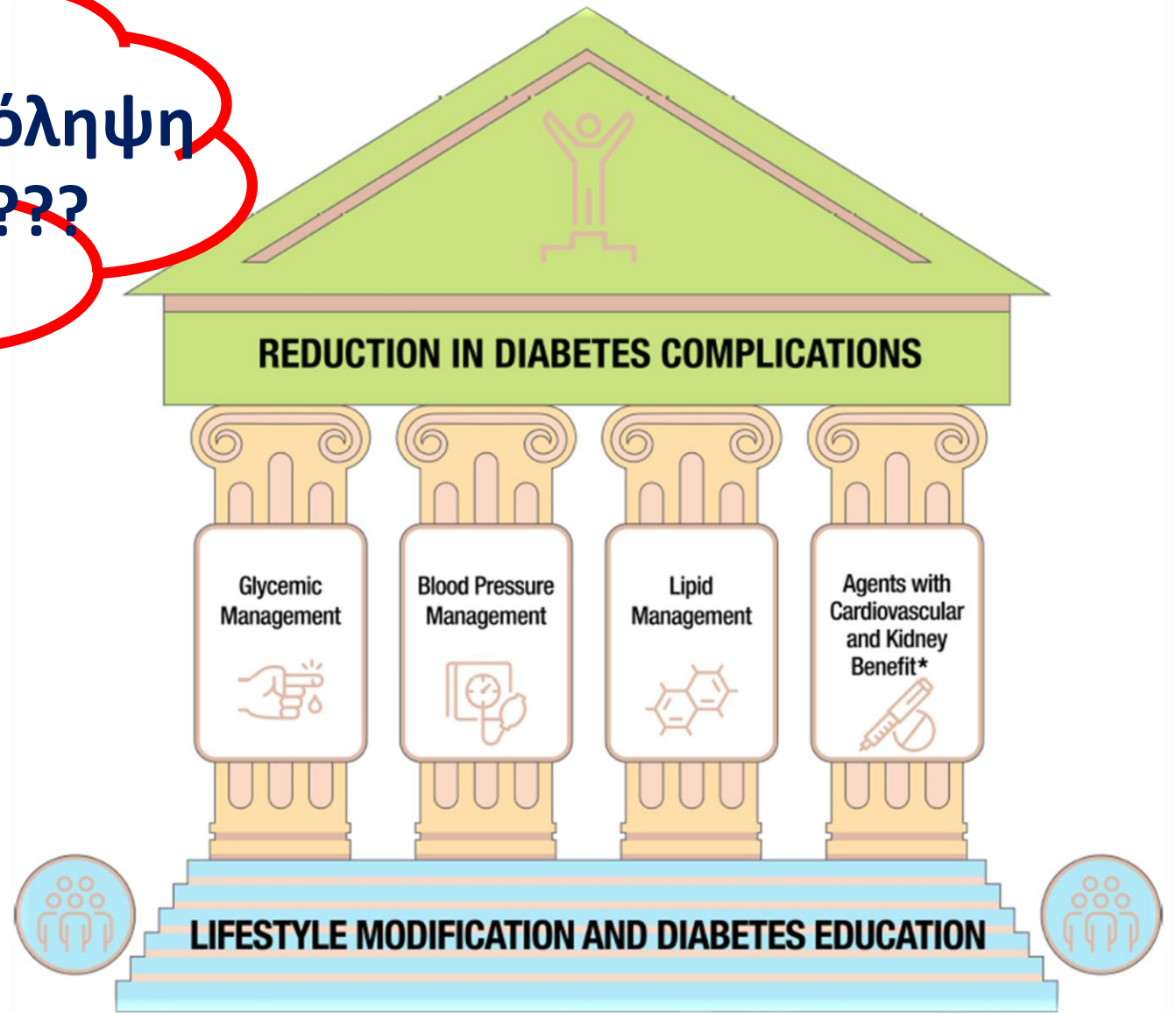
At least annually ACR & eGFR

Σε ΧΝΝ 1- 4 φορές / έτος ανάλογα eGFR

Σε νεφρολόγο ACR >300 ή/και eGFR <30



Ποια τα μέτρα για την πρόληψη  
& θεραπεία της ΔΝΝ ???



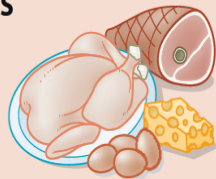
# LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

1. **Recommendation 3.1.1: We suggest maintaining a protein intake of 0.8 g of protein/kg (weight)/d for those with diabetes and CKD not treated with dialysis (2C).**

Practice Point 3.1.2: Patients treated with hemodialysis, and particularly peritoneal dialysis should consume between 1.0 and 1.2 g protein/kg (weight)/d.

2. **Recommendation 3.1.2: We suggest that sodium intake be <2 g of sodium per day (or <90 mmol of sodium per day, or <5 g of sodium chloride per day) in patients with diabetes and CKD (2C).**

## Animal proteins



### Meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs:

28 g (1 oz) = 6–8 g protein

1 egg = 6–8 g protein

### Dairy, milk, yogurt, cheese:

250 ml (8 oz) = 8–10 g protein

28 g (1 oz) cheese = 6–8 g protein

## Plant proteins



### Legumes, dried beans, nuts, seeds:

100 g (0.5 cup) cooked = 7–10 g protein

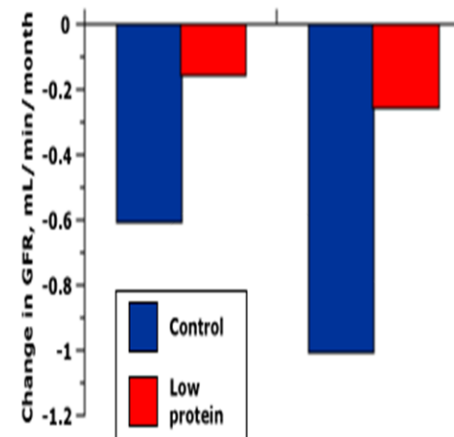
### Whole grains, cereals:

100 g (0.5 cup) cooked = 3–6 g protein

### Starchy vegetables, breads:

2–4 g protein

Graph showing effect of dietary protein restriction on progression of diabetic nephropathy





**Table 1.** Summary of Key Glycemic Control Trials

Trial	Population	N	Achieved Intervention	Findings in Intensive Care Group	Comments
DCCT	T1DM	1,441	HbA <sub>1c</sub> 7.3% vs 9.1%	Decreased microvascular complications (including microalbuminuria, proteinuria, retinopathy, and neuropathy)	
EDIC	T1DM	1,375 patients that completed DCCT	HbA <sub>1c</sub> 7.8% vs 7.9%	Reduction in microalbuminuria and proteinuria	
UKPDS	Newly Diagnosed T2DM	3,867	HbA <sub>1c</sub> 7% vs 7.9%	Reduction in any diabetes-related end point in aggregate	Reduction not seen in kidney-specific events (microalbuminuria, proteinuria, or doubling of Scr)
ACCORD	T2DM and CV event history or risk	10,251	HbA <sub>1c</sub> 6.4% vs 7.5%	Increased CV and total mortality	No benefit on kidney end points
ADVANCE	T2DM and CV event history or risk	11,140	HbA <sub>1c</sub> 6.3% vs 7.0%	No benefit on CV outcomes; reduction in microvascular events	Albuminuria reduced by 21%
VADT	T2DM and poor BP control	1,791	HbA <sub>1c</sub> 6.9% vs 8.4%	No benefit	No benefit on kidney end points



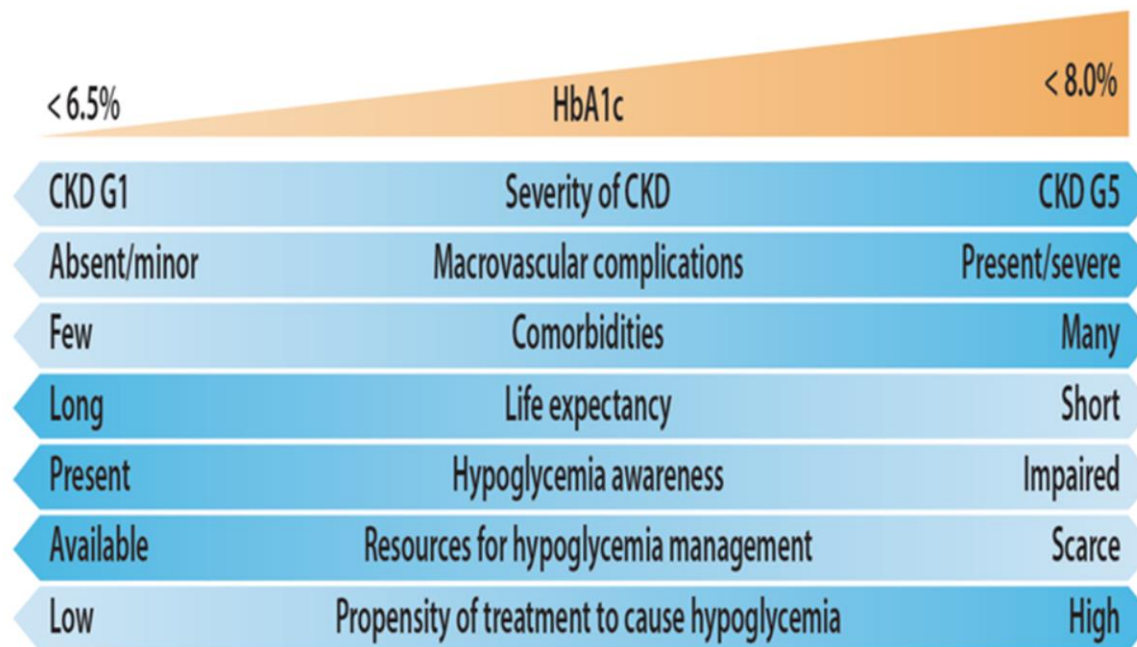
# 6. Glycemic Targets: *Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023*

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## GLYCEMIC MONITORING AND TARGETS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

**Recommendation 2.2.1.** We recommend an **individualized HbA1c target ranging from <6.5% to <8.0%** in patients with diabetes and CKD not treated with dialysis (Figure 9) (1C).



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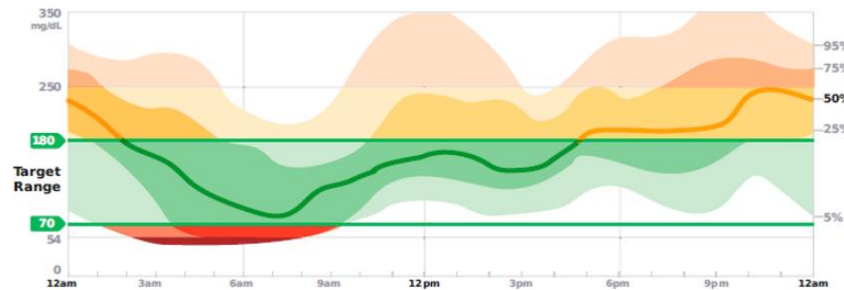
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**6.4** Time in range is associated with the risk of microvascular complications and can be used for

### Ambulatory Glucose Profile (AGP)

AGP is a summary of glucose values from the report period, with median (50%) and other percentiles shown as if they occurred in a single day.



## GLUCOSE STATISTICS AND TARGETS

14 days  
% Sensor Time

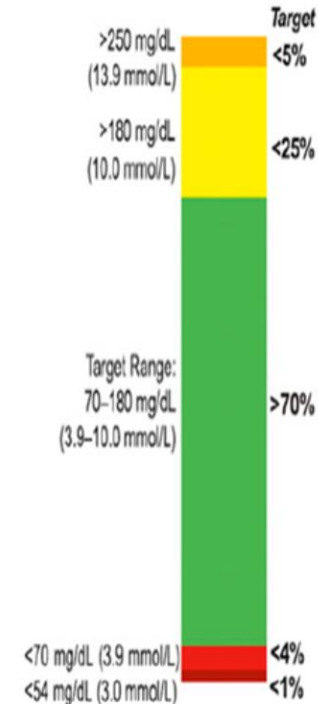
Glucose Ranges	Targets [% of Readings (Time/Day)]
Target Range 70–180 mg/dL	Greater than 70% (16h 48min)
Below 70 mg/dL	Less than 4% (58min)
Below 54 mg/dL	Less than 1% (14min)
Above 180 mg/dL	Less than 25% (6h)
Above 250 mg/dL	Less than 5% (1h 12min)

Each 5% increase in time in range (70–180 mg/dL) is clinically beneficial.

**Time in range of >70%**  
with time below range <4%

## TIME IN RANGES

Type 1 & Type 2  
Diabetes



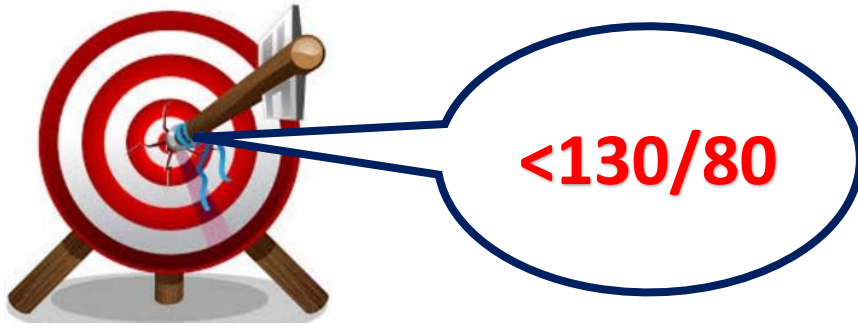
**Practice Point 2.1.2:** Accuracy and precision of HbA1c measurement declines with advanced CKD (G4–G5), particularly among patients treated by dialysis, in whom HbA1c measurements have low reliability.

**Practice Point 2.1.3:** A glucose management indicator (GMI) derived from continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) data can be used to index glycemia for individuals in whom HbA1c is not concordant with directly measured blood glucose levels or clinical symptoms.

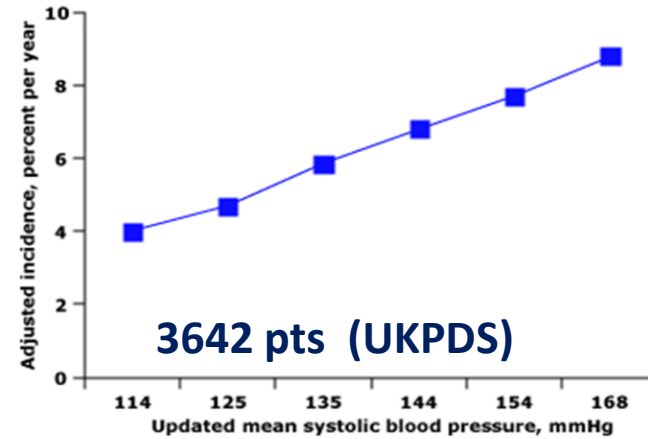


# 10. Cardiovascular Disease and Risk Management: *Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023*

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Lower systolic blood pressure (BP) is associated with fewer complications in patients with type 2 diabetes



on a separate day, to diagnose hypertension. A **Hypertension** is defined as a systolic blood pressure  $\geq 130$  mmHg or a diastolic blood pressure  $\geq 80$  mmHg based on an average of  $\geq 2$  measurements obtained on  $\geq 2$  occasions. A



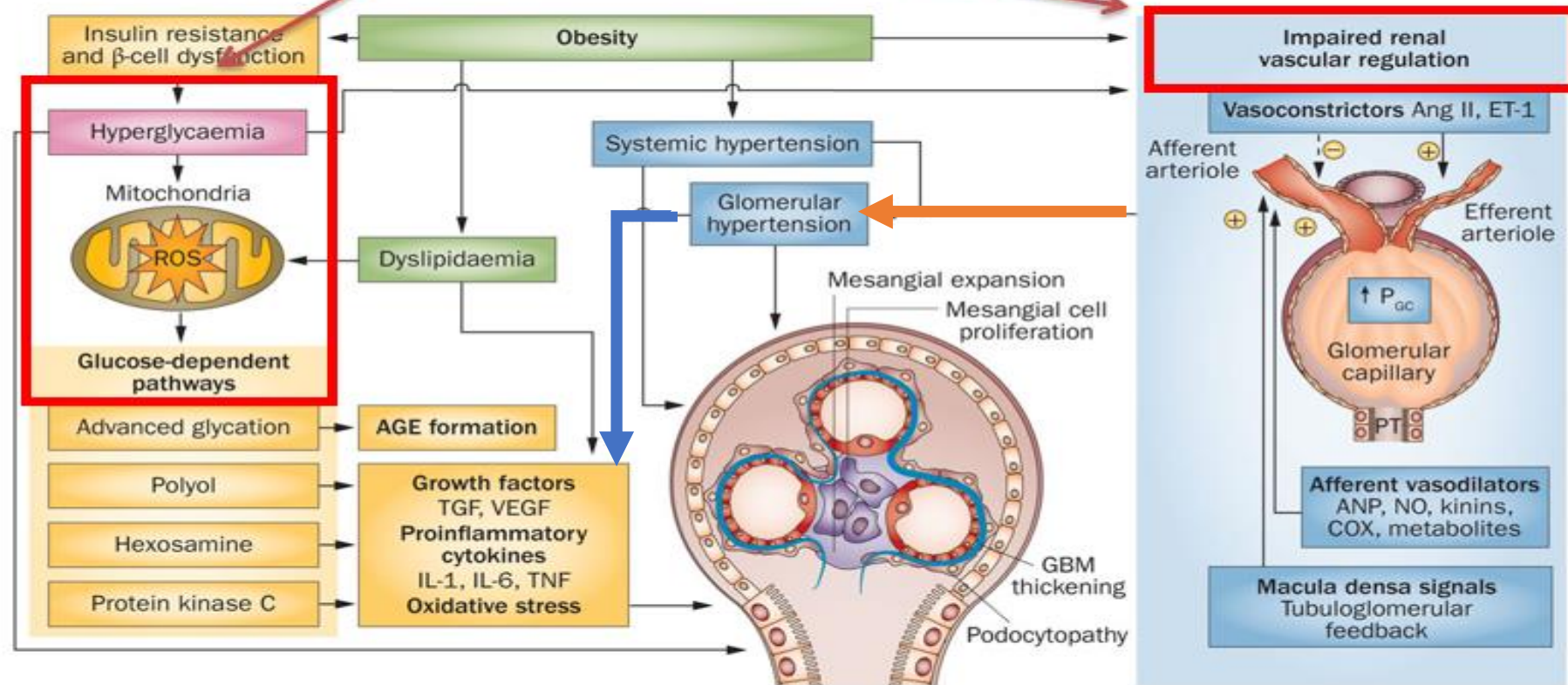
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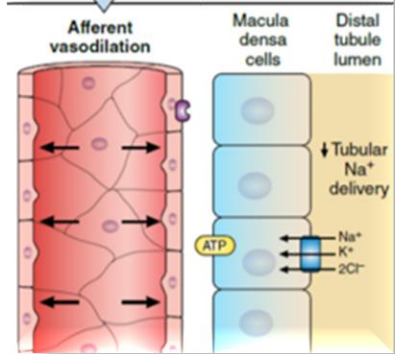
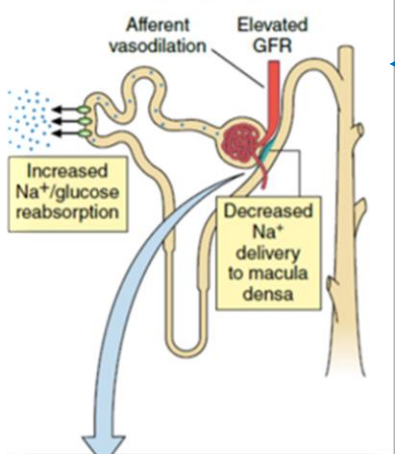
## Pathogenesis of kidney disease in patients with diabetes



nature  
REVIEWS Nephrology

# Αιμοδυναμική απορρύθμιση του σπειράματος

(B) Hyperfiltration in early stages of diabetic nephropathy



**Υπεργλυκαιμία**

**Υπερινσουλιαιμία**



**Angiotensin II (AII)**

**ROS**

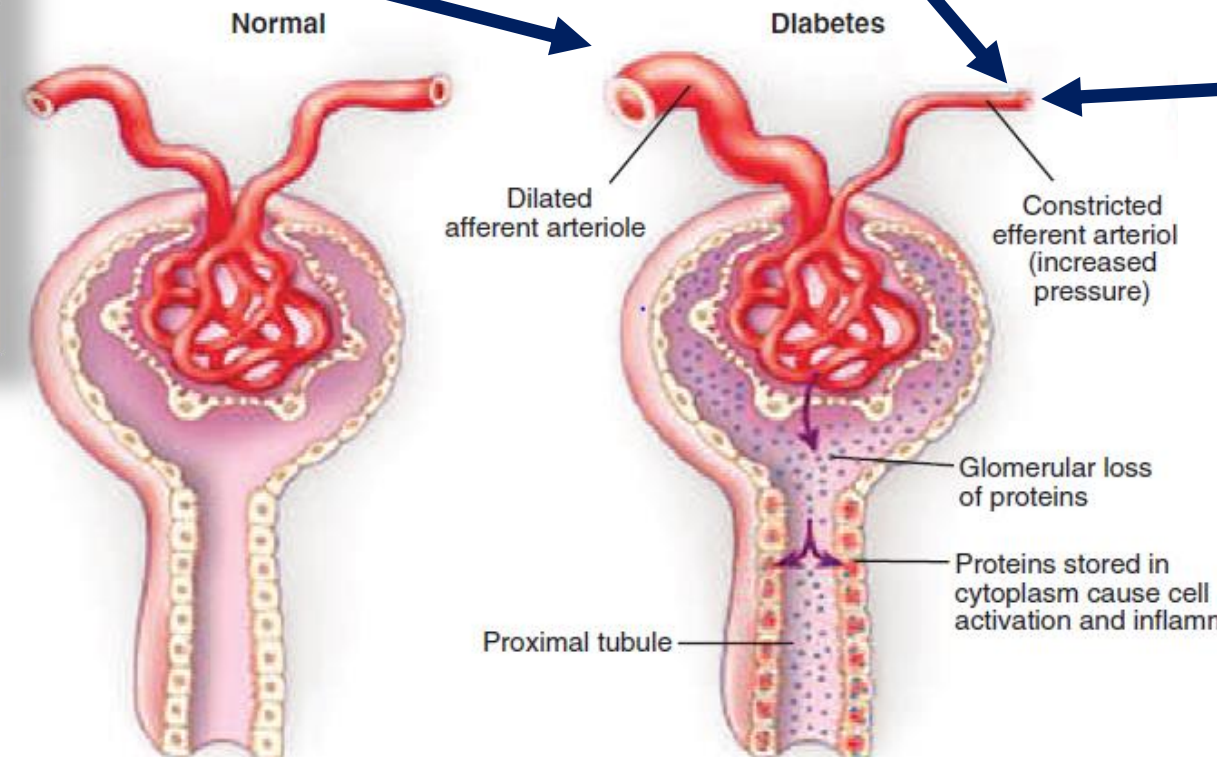
**Ενδοθηλιακή βλάβη**

**ET1**

**ET-A receptors**



**Βλάβη ποδοκυττάρων  
Οξειδωτικό Στρες  
Φλεγμονή  
Ίνωση**





# ΔNN : αΜΕΑ & ARB→Συστηματική/Ενδοσπειραματική Υπέρταση



**Table 2.** Summary of Key Renin-Angiotensin System Inhibition Trials

Trial	Population	N	Intervention	Conclusions	Comments
ROADMAP	T2DM without microalbuminuria	4,449	Olmesartan vs placebo	Olmesartan delayed the onset of microalbuminuria	Olmesartan group had lower BPs and more CV deaths
IRMA-2	T2DM and microalbuminuria	590	Irbesartan 150 mg vs irbesartan 300 mg vs placebo	Irbesartan reduced the development of overt proteinuria	Subgroup analysis suggested a dose-dependent effect
Captopril Trial	T1DM with proteinuria	409	Captopril 25 mg 3×/d vs placebo	Captopril reduced the risk for doubling of SCr as a primary outcome and death, dialysis therapy, or transplantation as a secondary outcome	
IDNT	T2DM with proteinuria and reduced kidney function	1,715	Irbesartan vs amlodipine vs placebo	Irbesartan reduced the risk for doubling of SCr, ESRD, or death	
RENAAL	T2DM with proteinuria and reduced kidney function	1,513	Losartan vs placebo	Losartan reduced the risk for doubling of SCr, ESRD, or death	
ONTARGET	Patients with CV risk	25,620	Ramipril vs telmisartan vs telmisartan and ramipril	No CV benefit among the 3 arms; proteinuria reduction in combination therapy arm	Increase in “DDT” events in combination therapy arm
VA NEPRON-D	T2DM and proteinuria	1,448	Losartan and lisinopril vs losartan and placebo	Trial terminated early due to AKI events and hyperkalemia in combination therapy arm	
ALTITUDE	T2DM, proteinuria, and CV risk	8,561	ACEi or ARB and aliskiren vs ACEi or ARB and placebo	Trial terminated early due to increase in adverse events and no apparent benefit in the dual-therapy arm	

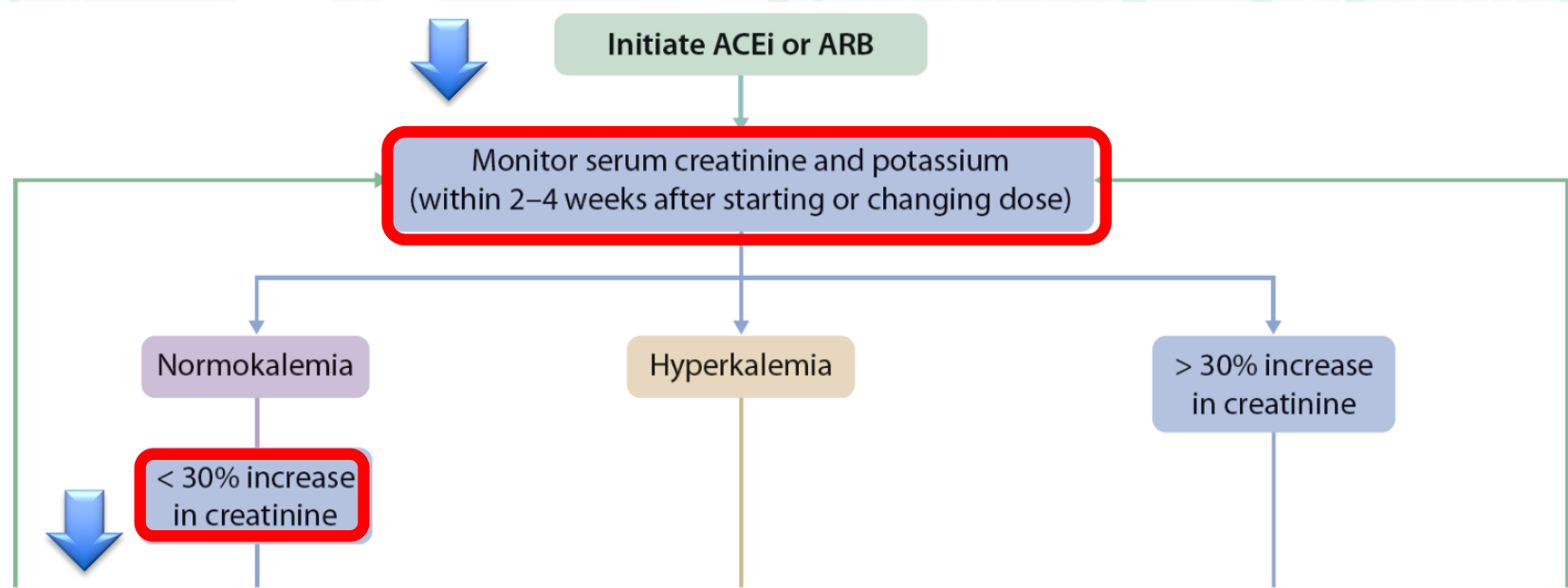
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- **ΔΕΝ** προτείνεται η χορήγηση αΜΕΑ ή ARB σε ασθενείς με ΣΔ φυσιολογική ΑΠ και ACR < 30mg/gr
- Προτείνεται η χορήγηση **αΜΕΑ ή ARB** σε κάθε ασθενή με ΣΔ, **↑ΑΠ** και ACR 30-299 mg/gr Cr (B)
- Προτείνεται ισχυρά σε κάθε ασθενή με ΣΔ, **↑ΑΠ** & ACR ≥ 300mg/grCr και/ή eGFR <60ml/min (A)

*Monitor Cr , K<sup>+</sup> , eGFR , Αποφυγή συνδυασμού αΜΕΑ & ARB*

**FIGURE 4. MONITORING OF SERUM CREATININE AND POTASSIUM DURING ACEi OR ARB TREATMENT - DOSE ADJUSTMENT AND MONITORING OF SIDE EFFECTS**



Practice Point 1.2.6: Reduce the dose or discontinue ACEi or ARB therapy in the setting of **1** either symptomatic hypotension **2** uncontrolled hyperkalemia despite the medical treatment outlined in Practice Point 1.2.5, **3** or to reduce uremic symptoms while treating kidney failure (estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR] <15 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).

Reduce dose or stop ACEi or ARB as last resort



# GFR ?

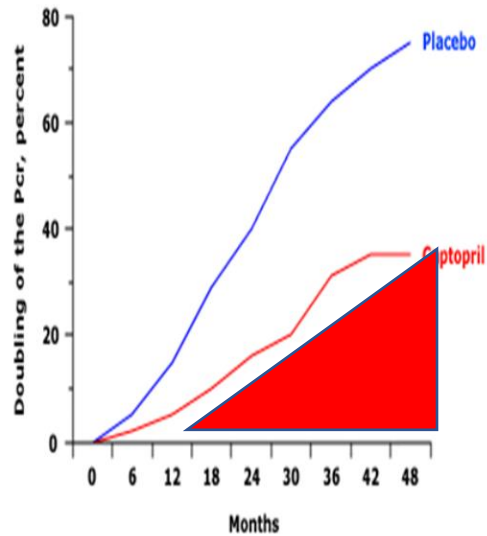
# K<sup>+</sup> ?

Table 1. Summaries of landmark trials with the RAAS blockade.

Trial	Publication Year	Treatment(s)	Primary Composite Kidney Outcome	Risk Reduction
CSG Captopril [11]	1993	Captopril vs. placebo	Doubling of the base-line serum creatinine concentration	48%
RENAAL [12]	2001	Losartan vs. placebo	Doubling of serum creatinine, ESKD or death	16%
IDNT [13]	2001	Irbesartan vs. amlodipine vs. placebo	Doubling of serum creatinine, ESKD or death	20% vs. placebo 23% vs. amlodipine

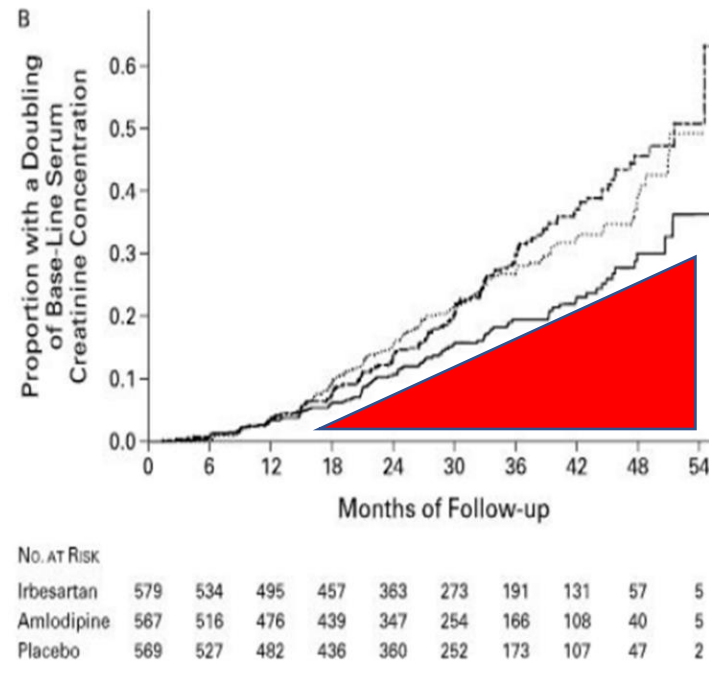
CSG Captopril = the collaborative study group; ESKD = end-stage kidney disease; IDNT = Irbesartan Diabetic Nephropathy Trial; RENAAL = reduction of end-points in non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus with the angiotensin II antagonist losartan.

## ACE inhibitor slows progression of diabetic nephropathy



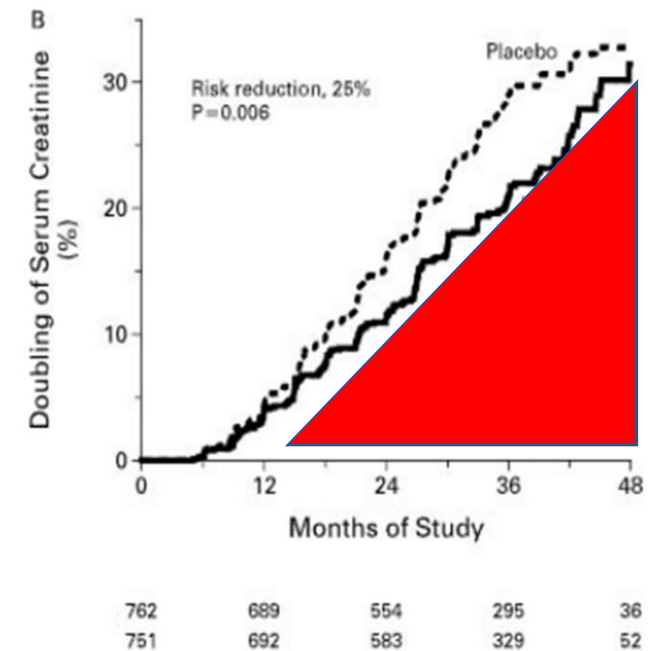
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## IDNT Study



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## RENAAL Study



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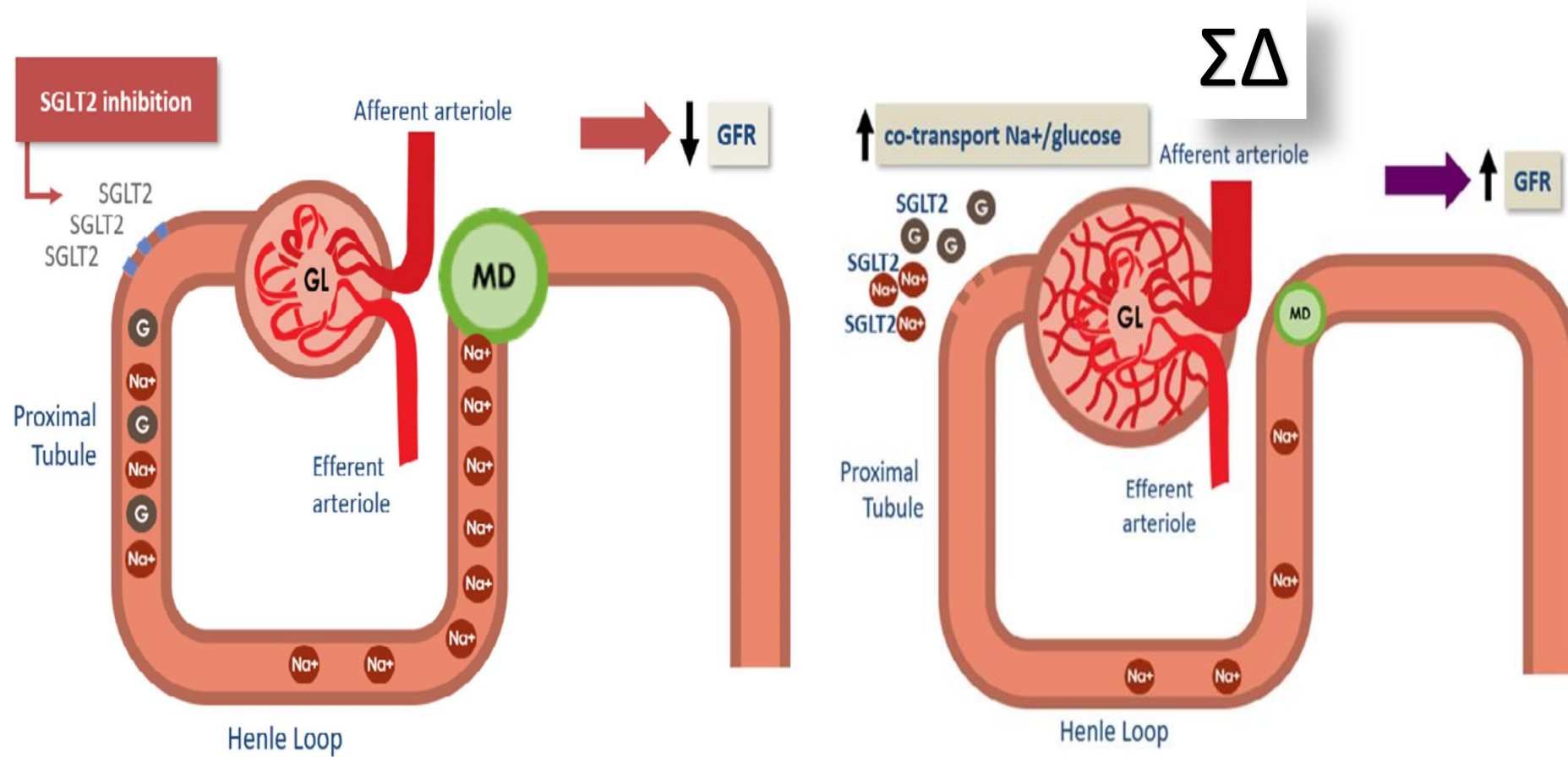
*“Manage the disease from stage 1 not stage 3 of DKD...”*



**It takes 2 to Tango....**



# Ενδοσπειραματική Υπέρταση & ↑ SGLT2



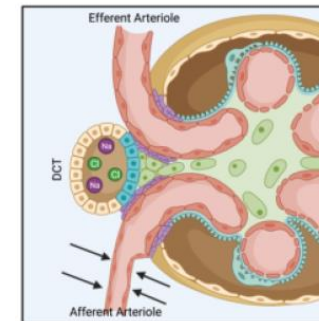
# SGLT2 Inhibitors

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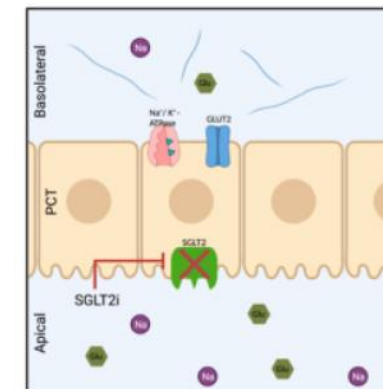
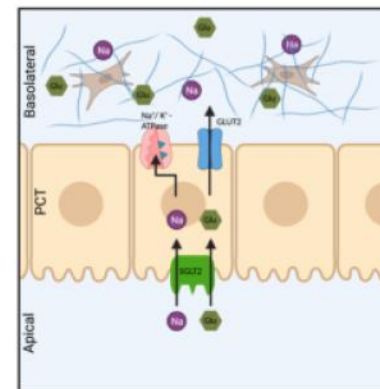
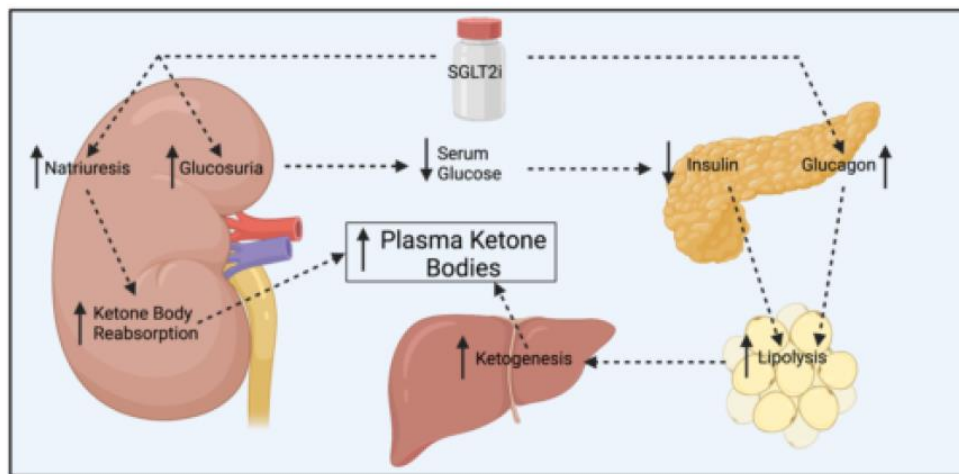
→ Νατριούρηση → ↓ Ενδοσπειραματικής πίεσης & ↓ΑΠ

- 1. ↑ παραγωγή ΚΕΤΟΝΩΝ
- 2. ↓ έκκριση ΚΕΤΟΝΩΝ

→ ↓ Επαναρρόφηση γλυκόζης → ↓ Περισκληνιακή φλεγμονή & ίνωση



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Προτεραιότητα στην οξείδωση σε σχέση με ΕΛΟ



↓ Οξειδωτικού Στρες σε καρδιά και νεφρό



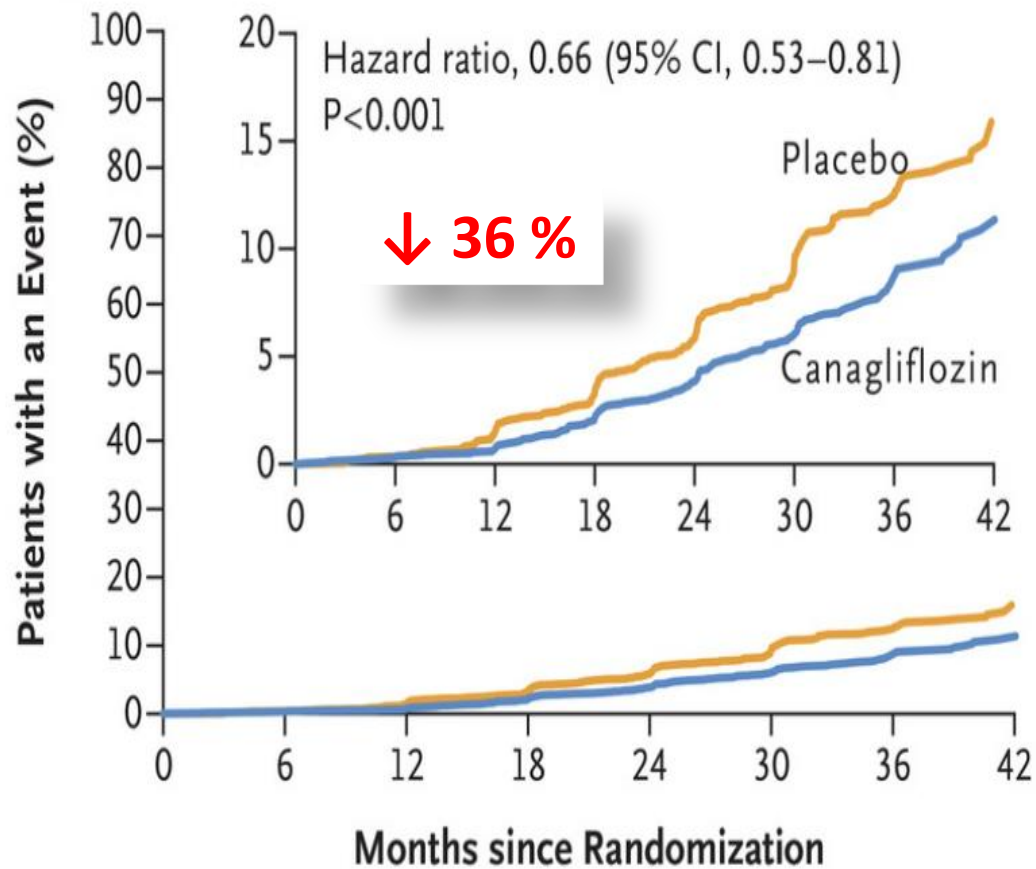
# Σύνοψη μελετών με SGLT2i : Πρωτεύων/Δευτερεύων Νεφρικό τελικό σημείο

Table 2. Summaries of landmark trials with SGLT2 inhibitors.

Trial	Year Published	Treatment (s)	Primary or Secondary End-Point	Composite Kidney Outcome	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)
EMPA-REG OUTCOME [24]	2015	Empagliflozin vs. placebo	Secondary	Doubling of serum creatinine, initiation of kidney replacement therapy or death from renal disease	0.54 (0.40–0.75)
CANVAS [25]	2017	Canagliflozin vs. placebo	Secondary	Sustained 40% reduction in eGFR, need for kidney replacement therapy, or death from renal cause	0.6 (0.47–0.77)
CREDESCENCE [26]	2019	Canagliflozin vs. placebo	Primary	End-stage kidney disease, doubling of the serum creatinine level, or death from renal or cardiovascular causes	0.70 (0.59–0.82)
DECLARE-TIMI [27]	2019	Dapagliflozin vs. placebo	Secondary	Sustained $\geq 40\%$ reduction in eGFR to $< 60$ mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , new end-stage kidney disease or death from renal cause	0.53 (0.43–0.66)
DAPA-CKD [28]	2020	Dapagliflozin vs. placebo	Primary	Sustained $\geq 50\%$ reduction in eGFR, end-stage kidney disease, or death from renal or cardiovascular cause	0.61 (0.51–0.72)
EMPEROR-Reduced [29]	2020	Empagliflozin vs. placebo	Secondary	Sustained $\geq 40\%$ reduction in eGFR, chronic dialysis, renal transplant or sustained eGFR $< 10$ – $15$ mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	0.50 (0.32–0.77)
EMPA-KIDNEY	2022	Empagliflozin vs. placebo	Primary	End-stage kidney disease, a sustained reduction in eGFR to $< 10$ mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , renal death, or a sustained decline of $\geq 40\%$ in eGFR	Ongoing

# Canagliflozin and Renal Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes and Nephropathy

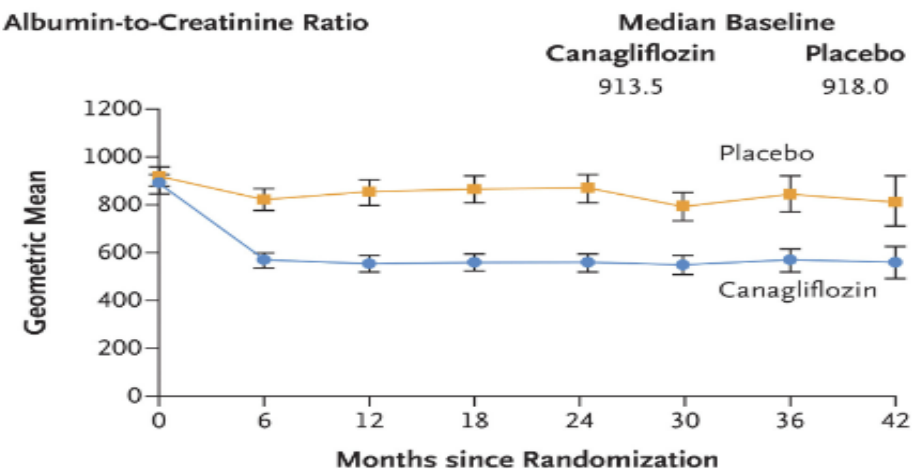
## B Renal-Specific Composite Outcome



### No. at Risk

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2178	2131	2046	1724	1129	621	170
Canagliflozin	2202	2181	2144	2080	1786	1211	646	196

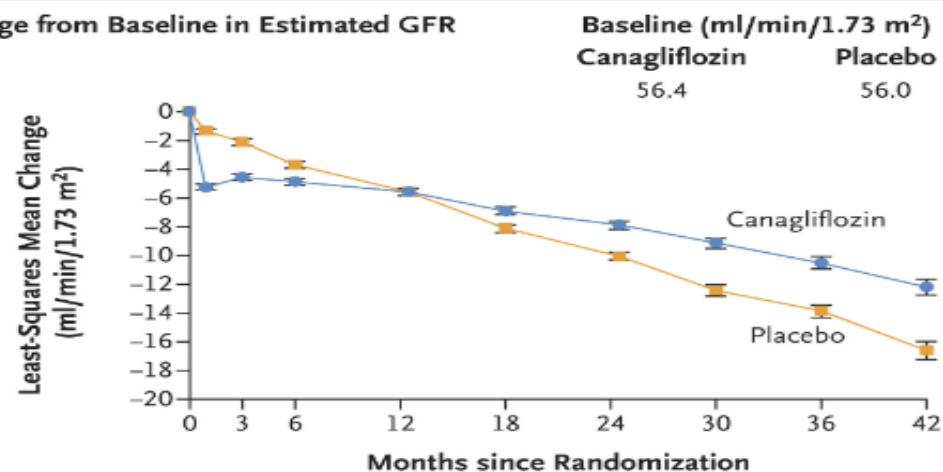
## A Urinary Albumin-to-Creatinine Ratio



### No. of Patients

	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2113	2061	1986	1865	1714	1158	685	251
Canagliflozin	2114	2070	2019	1917	1819	1245	730	271




## B Change from Baseline in Estimated GFR



### No. of Patients

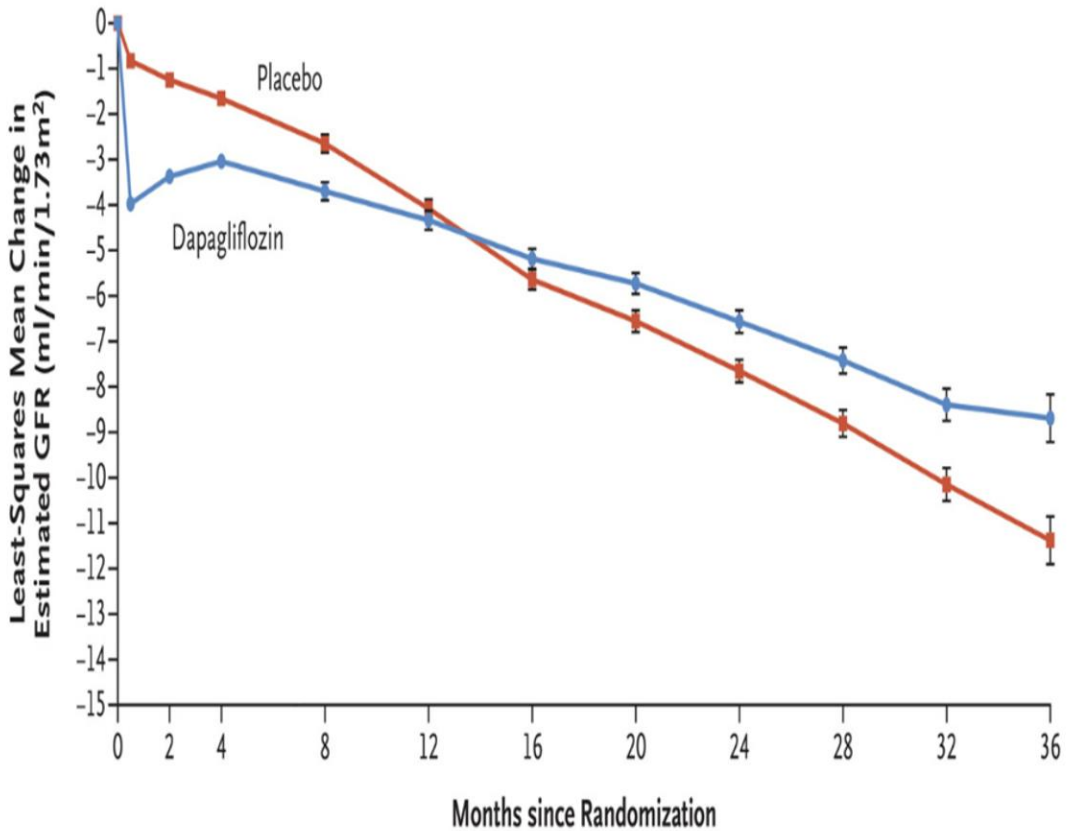
	0	3	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2178	1985	1882	1720	1536	1006	583	210	
Canagliflozin	2179	2005	1919	1782	1648	1116	652	241	

# DAPA-CKD: Baseline characteristics

	Dapagliflozin (N=2152)	Placebo (N=2152)
Age, years, mean	62	62
Sex, female, %	33	33
Type 2 diabetes, % 	68	67
Hypertension, %	96	96
<b>Any cardiovascular disease, %</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>37</b>
Myocardial infarction, %	8.6	9.6
Stroke, %	6.7	7.2
Atrial fibrillation/flutter, %	5.3	5.2
Heart failure, %	11	11
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg, mean	137	137
eGFR, mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> , mean 	43	43
ACEi or ARB, % 	97	97



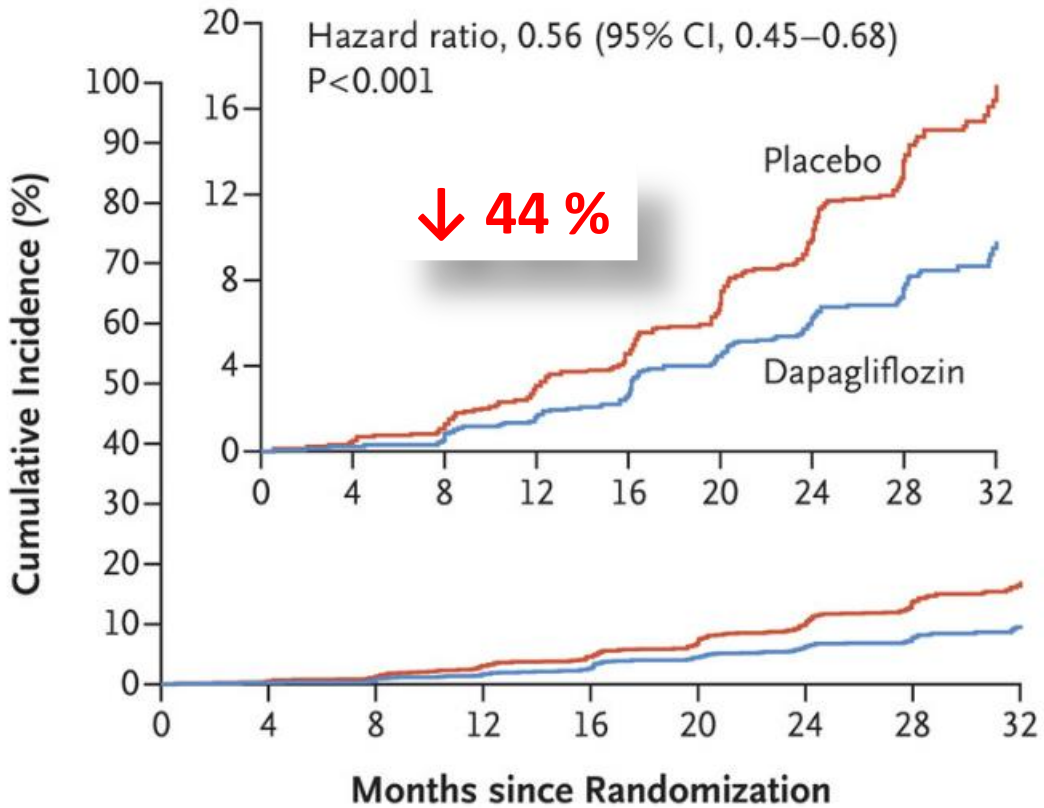
# DAPA – CKD : πρωτεύοντα / δευτερεύοντα τελικά σημεία



**No. of Participants**

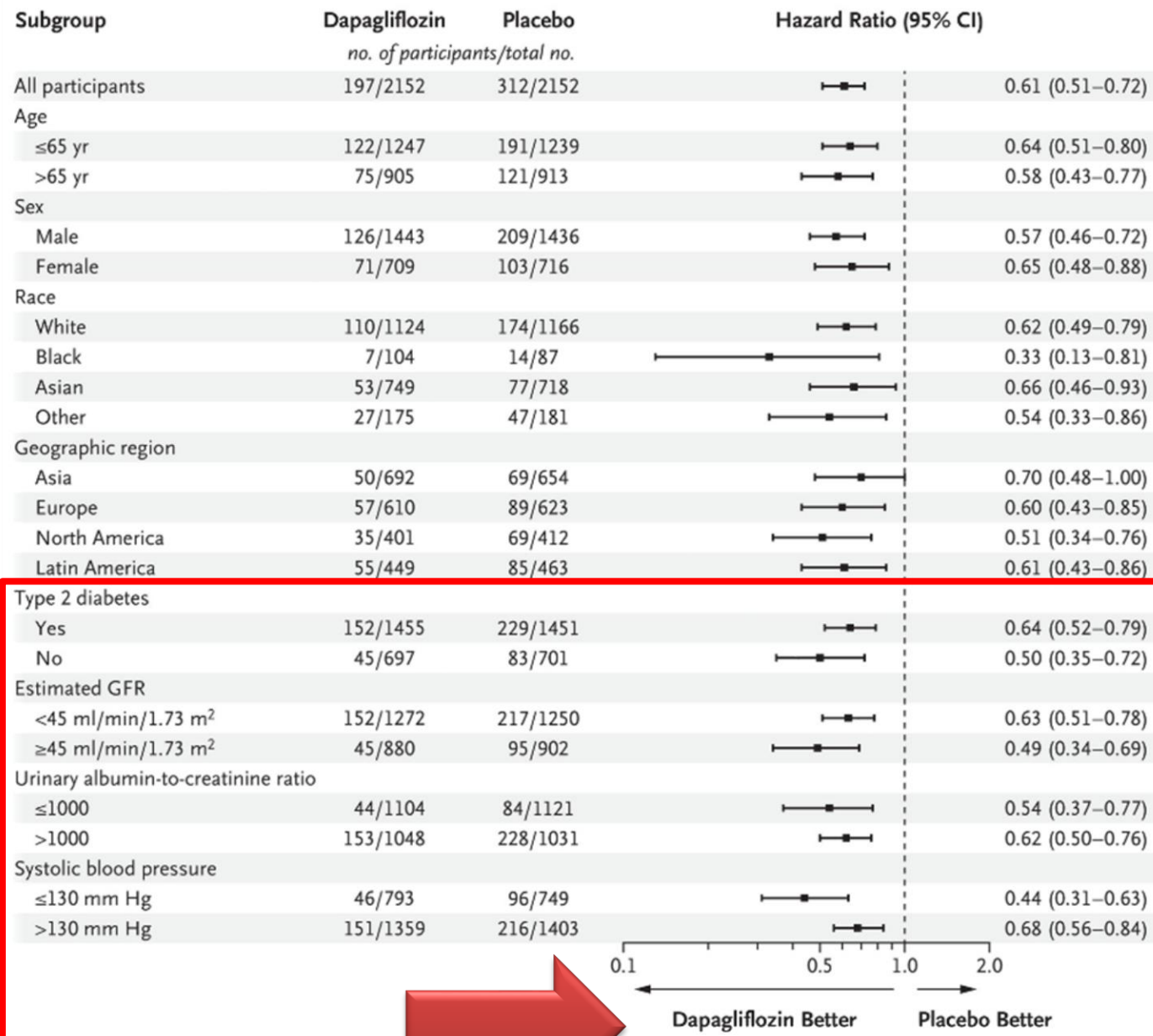
Placebo	2152	2029	1981	1866	1795	1753	1672	1443	935	447	157
Dapagliflozin	2152	2031	2001	1896	1832	1785	1705	1482	978	496	157

**B Renal-Specific Composite Outcome**

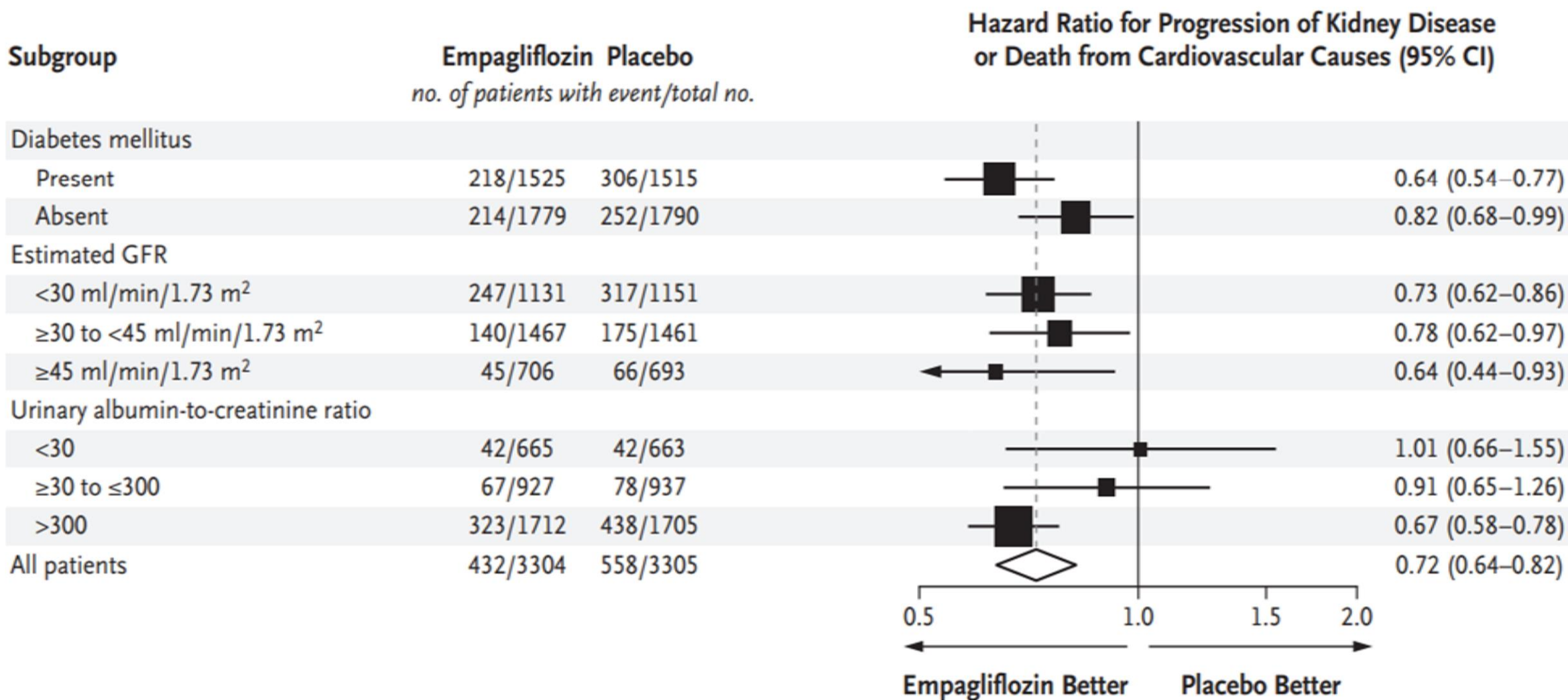


**No. at Risk**

Placebo	2152	1993	1936	1858	1791	1664	1232	774	270
Dapagliflozin	2152	2001	1955	1898	1841	1701	1288	831	309

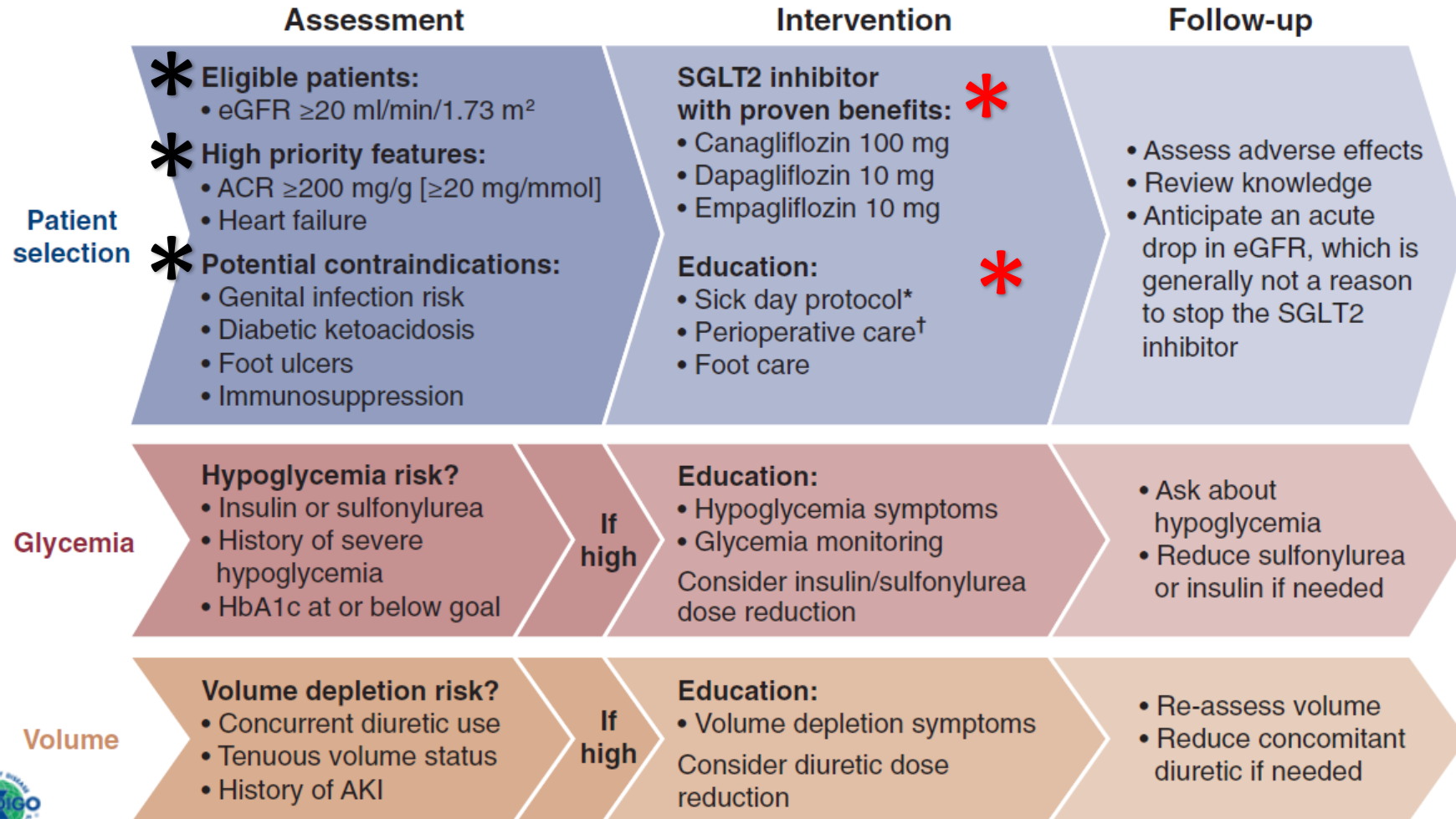


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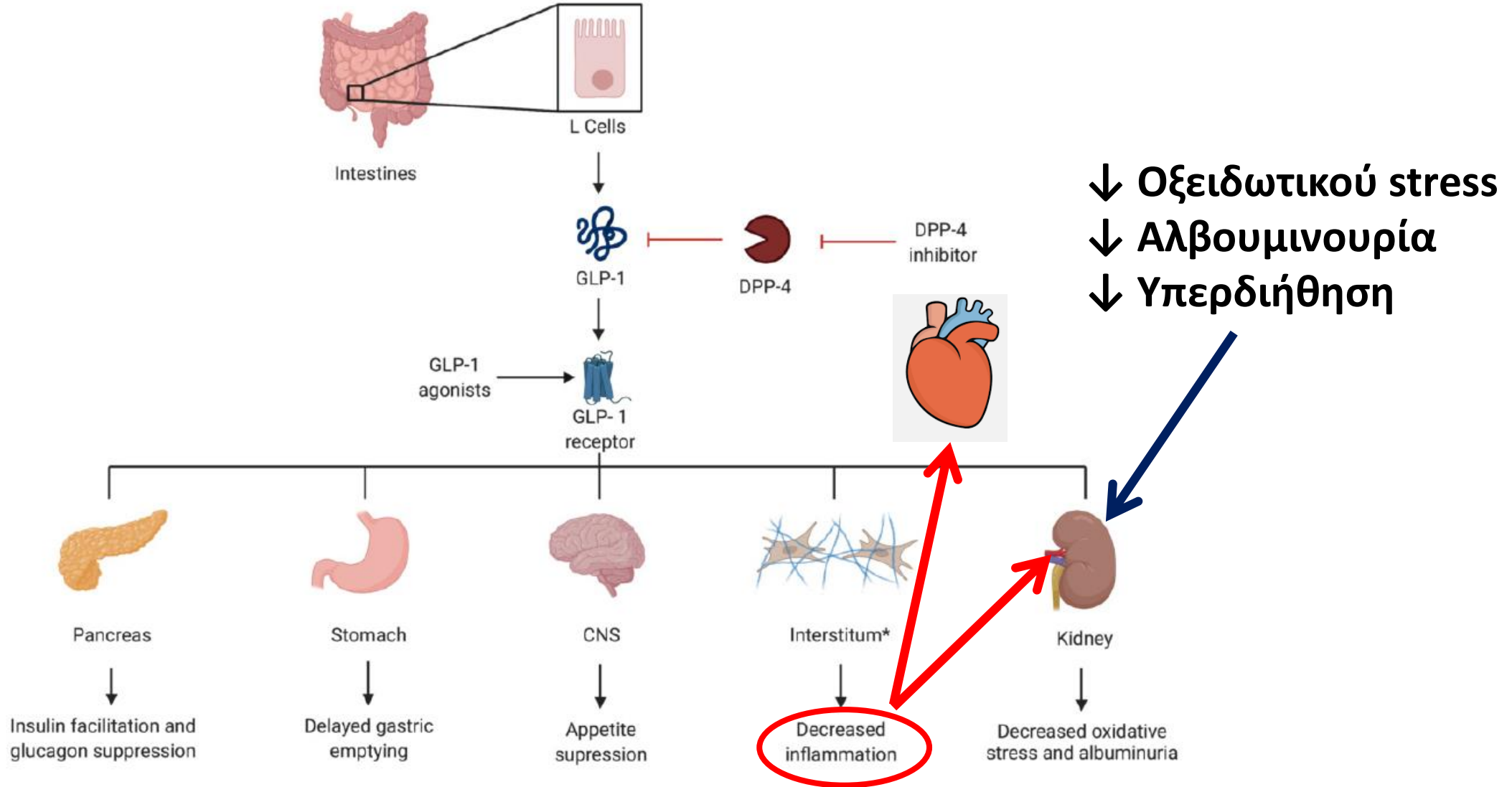




## Practical provider guide to initiating SGLT2 inhibitors in patients with type 2 diabetes and CKD



# GLP-1 Agonists



# Σύνοψη μελετών με GLP-1 Agonists : Πρωτεύων/Δευτερεύων Νεφρικό τελικό σημείο

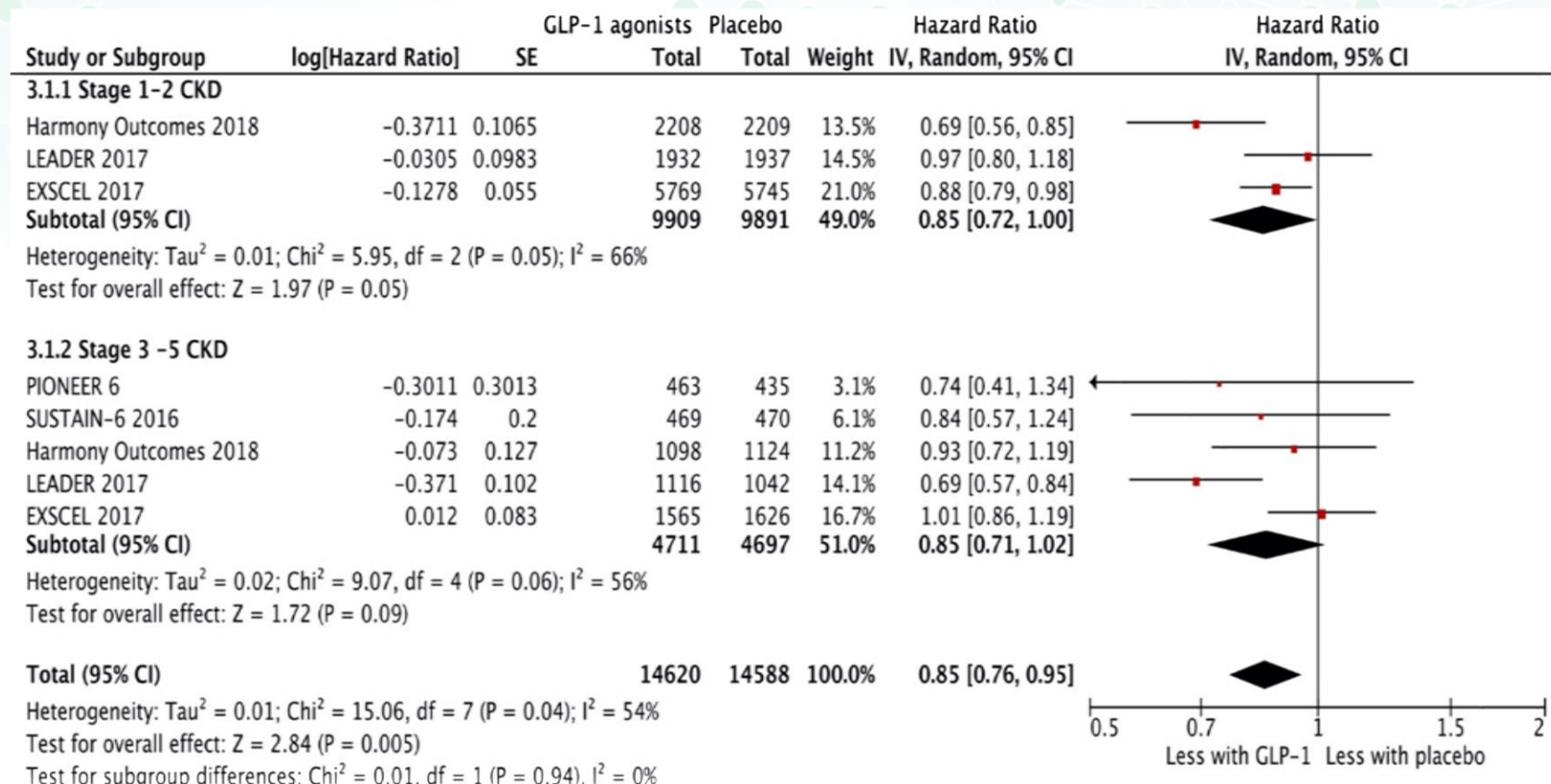
Table 3. Summaries of landmark trials with GLP-1 agonists.

Trial	Year Published	Treatment (s)	Primary or Secondary	Kidney Outcome	Results
LEADER [39]	2016	Liraglutide vs. placebo	Secondary	Diabetic Nephropathy	HR 0.78 (95% CI 0.67–0.92)
SUSTAIN-6 [40]	2016	Semaglutide vs. placebo	Secondary	Macroalbuminuria, doubling of serum creatinine, Creatinine clearance $\leq$ 45 mL/min or KRT	HR 0.64 (95% CI 0.46–0.88)
AWARD-7 [41]	2018	Dulaglutide vs. insulin glargine	Secondary	eGFR and UACR	A decline in eGFR of the insulin arm but not in the higher-dose dulaglutide arm
REWIND [42]	2019	Dulaglutide vs. placebo	Secondary	300 mg/g > UACR in lower baseline concentration, sustained 30% > eGFR decline, KRT	HR 0.85 (95% CI 0.77–0.93)
Kristensen et. al. meta-analysis [43]	2019	GLP-1's	—	New-onset macroalbuminuria, decline in eGFR, progression of kidney disease or death of kidney cause	HR 0.83 (95% CI 0.78–0.89)
AMPLITUDE-O [44]	2021	Efpeglenatide vs. placebo	Secondary	Incident microalbuminuria > 300mg/g, increase in UACR of at least 30% from baseline, sustained eGFR decrease > 40% for > 30 days, KRT for 90 days or more, eGFR < 15 for 30 days or more	HR 0.68 (95% CI 0.57–0.79)
FLOW	To be completed in 2024	Semaglutide vs. placebo	Primary	Persistent $\geq$ 50% reduction in eGFR, reaching ESKD, death from kidney disease or death from CV cause	Ongoing

# ANTI-HYPERGLYCEMIC THERAPIES IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

**Recommendation 4.3.1:** In patients with T2D and CKD who have not achieved individualized glycemic targets despite use of metformin and SGLT2i treatment, or who are unable to use those medications, we recommend a long-acting GLP-1 RA (1B).

## 3-point Major Cardiovascular Events





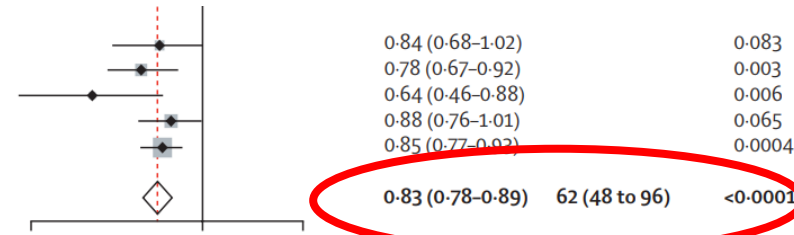
# Cardiovascular, mortality, and kidney outcomes with GLP-1 receptor agonists in patients with type 2 diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis of cardiovascular outcome trials

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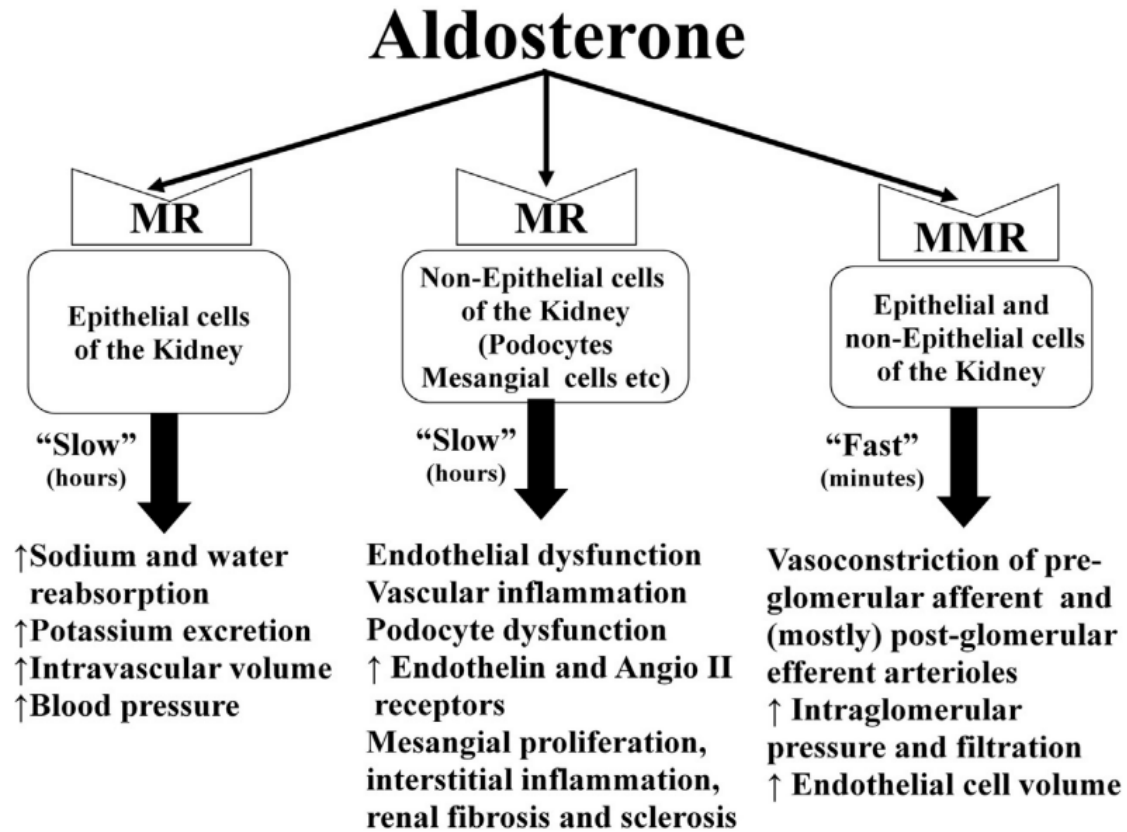
Composite kidney outcome including macroalbuminuria		
ELIXA	172/2639 (6%)	203/2647 (6%)
LEADER	268/4668 (6%)	337/4672 (7%)
SUSTAIN-6	62/1648 (4%)	100/1649 (6%)
EXSCEL	366/6256 (6%)	407/6222 (7%)
REWIND	848/4949 (17%)	970/4952 (20%)
Overall (I <sup>2</sup> =0.0%, p=0.413)	1716/20160 (9%)	2017/20142 (10%)



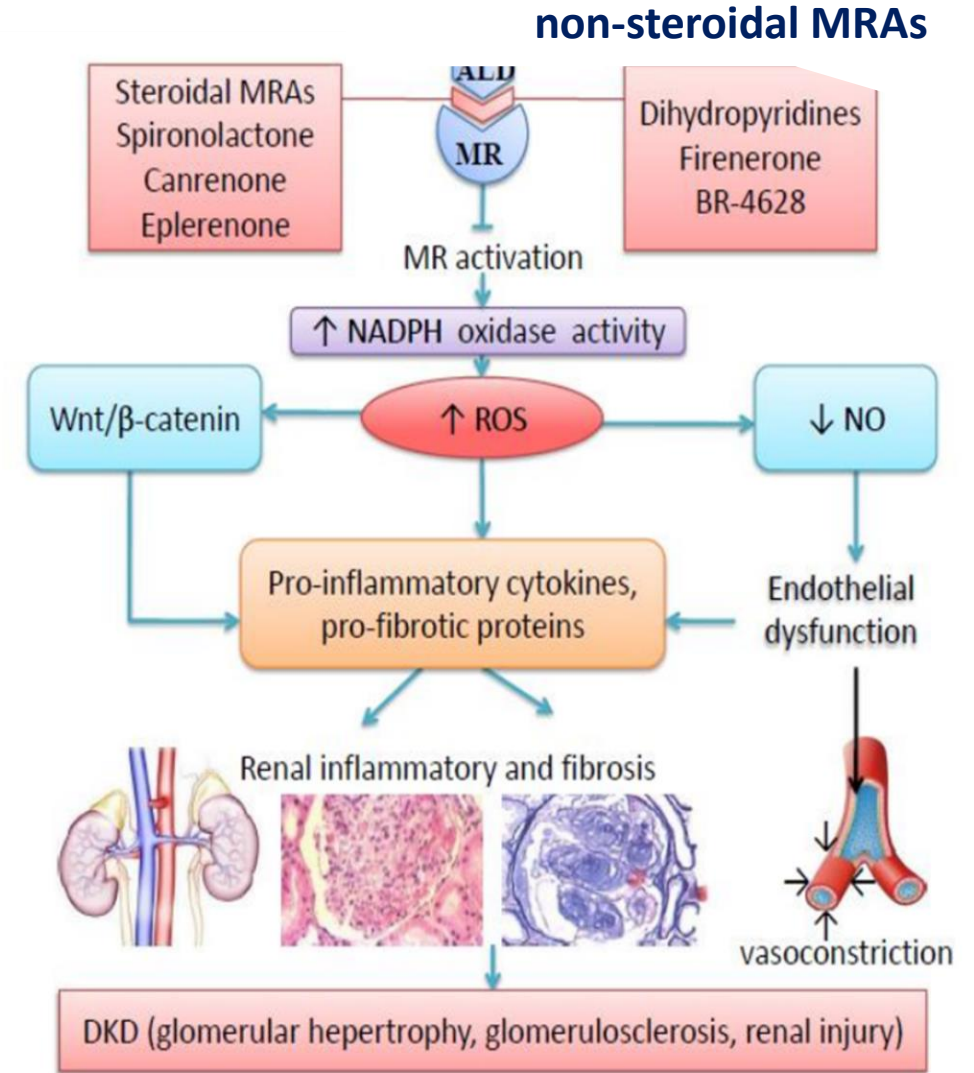
A meta-analysis with a total of **56,004 participants from seven trials**, including the LEADER, SUSTAIN-6, REWIND, ELIXA, EXSCEL, Harmony Outcomes, PIONEER 6 trials showed a **17% decrease in the composite renal outcome with GLP-1 agonists**

Favours GLP-1 receptor agonist Favours placebo

# Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists



Pingping Yang et al *Metabolism* VOLUME 65, ISSUE 9, P1342-1349, SEPTEMBER 01, 2011



# Μελέτες με non-steroidal MRAs : Πρωτεύων/Δευτερεύων Νεφρικό τελικό σημείο

Trial	Year Published	Composite Kidney Outcome	Primary or Secondary End-Point	Findings or Results
ARTS [62]	2013	Change in serum potassium	Primary	Significant increases in potassium concentrations at 10 mg/day or more
		Effect eGFR	Secondary	No change in renal impairment
ARTS-DN [63]	2015	Change in UACR	Primary	Dose dependent placebo-corrected mean UACR
		Potassium and eGFR safety points	Secondary	1.7–3.2% discontinuation for hyperkalemia in finerenone arm No finerenone discontinuation due to drop in eGFR
FIDELIO-DKD [64]	2020	Kidney failure, >40% decrease in eGFR, death from kidney cause	Primary	HR 0.82 (95% CI 0.73–0.93)
FIGARO-DKD [65]	2021	Kidney failure, >40% decrease in eGFR, death from kidney cause	Secondary	HR 0.87 (95% CI 0.76–1.01)

*A prespecified exploratory analysis from FIDELITY examined finerenone use and kidney outcomes in patients with chronic kidney disease and type 2 diabetes.*

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$K^+ \leq 4.8$  mmol/l

- Initiate finerenone
  - 10 mg daily if eGFR 25–59 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup> \*
  - 20 mg daily if eGFR  $\geq 60$  ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>
- Monitor  $K^+$  at 1 month after initiation and then every 4 months
- Increase dose to 20 mg daily, if on 10 mg daily
- Restart 10 mg daily if previously held for hyperkalemia and  $K^+$  now  $\leq 5.0$  mmol/l

$K^+ 4.9$ – $5.5$  mmol/l

- Continue finerenone 10 mg or 20 mg
- Monitor  $K^+$  every 4 months \*

$K^+ > 5.5$  mmol/l

- Hold finerenone \*
- Consider adjustments to diet or concomitant medications to mitigate hyperkalemia
- Recheck  $K^+$
- Consider reinitiation if/when  $K^+ \leq 5.0$  mmol/l

**Bakris et al., 2022**

\*Time to first onset of kidney failure, sustained  $\geq 57\%$  decrease in eGFR from baseline over  $\geq 4$  weeks, or renal death; †post hoc analysis.

**Abbreviations:** AE, adverse event; CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; HR, hazard ratio; RAS, renin-angiotensin system; RRR, relative risk reduction; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UACR, urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio.

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## CONCLUSION

*Finerenone improves kidney outcomes, including reducing the risk of ESKD, and is well tolerated in patients with CKD and T2D*



# Αντιδιαβητικά δισκία ανάλογα με το στάδιο της ΧΝΝ

	Stage 3b (eGFR 30–44 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Stage 4 (eGFR 15–29 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Stage 5 (eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )
* Metformin	Reduce dose to 1000 mg/day	Contraindicated	
Insulin	Initiate and titrate conservatively to avoid hypoglycemia		
* SGLT2 inhibitors*			
Canagliflozin	Maximum 100 mg daily	Initiation not recommended; may continue 100 mg daily if tolerated for kidney and CV benefit until dialysis	
Dapagliflozin	10 mg daily <sup>†</sup>	Initiation not recommended with eGFR <25 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ; may continue if tolerated for kidney and CV benefit until dialysis	
Empagliflozin	10 mg daily <sup>‡</sup>		Initiation not recommended with eGFR <20 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> ; may continue if tolerated for kidney and CV benefit until dialysis
Ertugliflozin	Use not recommended with eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>GLP-1 receptor agonists<sup>§</sup></b>			
Exenatide	Caution initiating or increasing dose; avoid once-weekly formulation	Use not recommended	
Dulaglutide	No dose adjustment required		
Liraglutide	No dose adjustment required		
Lixisenatide	No dose adjustment required		Use not recommended
Semaglutide	No dose adjustment required		
<b>DPP-4 inhibitors</b>			
Alogliptin	Maximum 12.5 mg daily	Maximum 6.25 mg daily	
Linagliptin	No dose adjustment required		
Saxagliptin	Maximum 2.5 mg daily		
Sitagliptin	Maximum 50 mg daily	Maximum 25 mg once daily	
<b>Sulfonylureas (2nd generation)</b>			
Glimepiride	Initiate conservatively at 1 mg daily and titrate slowly to avoid hypoglycemia		
Glipizide	Initiate conservatively (e.g., 2.5 mg once daily) and titrate slowly to avoid hypoglycemia		
Glyburide	Use not recommended		
<b>Thiazolidinediones</b>			
Pioglitazone	No dose adjustment required		

HbA1C < 7%

Pr: 0.8 gr/Kg  
ΣB

Lifestyle



Healthy diet



Physical activity



Smoking cessation



Weight management

Regular risk factor reassessment (every 3-6 months)

1.

2.

First-line drug therapy

SGLT2i  
(Initiate eGFR ≥ 20;  
continue until dialysis  
or transplant)

Metformin  
(if eGFR ≥ 30)

RAS inhibitor at maximum  
tolerated dose (if HTN\*)

Regular reassessment  
of glycemia, albuminuria,  
BP, CVD risk, and lipids

Additional  
risk-based  
therapy

GLP-1 RA if needed to  
achieve individualized  
glycemic target

Nonsteroidal MRA<sup>†</sup> if  
ACR ≥ 30 mg/g  
[≥ 3 mg/mmol]  
and normal potassium

Dihydropyridine CCB  
and/or diuretic\* if  
needed to achieve  
individualized  
BP target

NOT for primary prevention

? GFR / K<sup>+</sup>

Other glucose-lowering  
drugs if needed to  
achieve individualized  
glycemic target

Steroidal MRA if  
needed for resistant  
hypertension  
if eGFR ≥ 45

■ T2D only  
■ All patients  
(T1D and T2D)



Figure 2 | Holistic approach for improving outcomes in patients with diabetes and chronic kidney disease. \*Angiotensin-converting

# SGLT2i (ADA23)

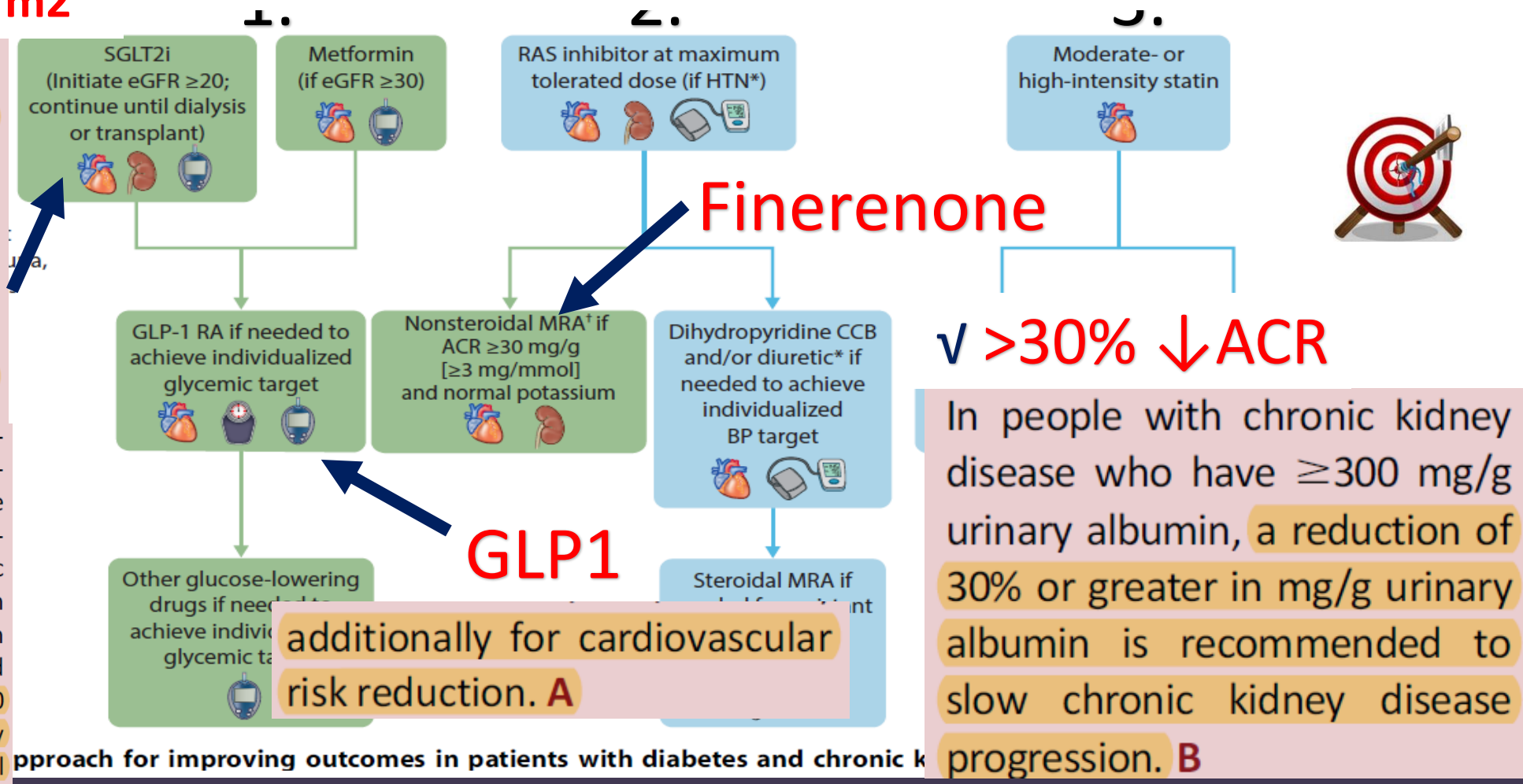
**≥20mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**

**Recommendation 1.4.1:** We suggest a nonsteroidal mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist with proven kidney or cardiovascular benefit for patients with T2D, an eGFR ≥25 ml/min per 1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, normal serum potassium concentration, and albuminuria (≥30 mg/g [≥3 mg/mmol]) despite maximum tolerated dose of RAS inhibitor (RASi) (2A).



**11.5a** For people with type 2 diabetes and diabetic kidney disease, use of a sodium–glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor is recommended to reduce chronic kidney disease progression and cardiovascular events in patients with an estimated glomerular filtration rate ≥20 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and urinary albumin ≥200 mg/g creatinine. **A**

**11.5b** For people with type 2 diabetes and diabetic kidney disease, use of a sodium–glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor is recommended to reduce chronic kidney disease progression and cardiovascular events in patients with an estimated glomerular filtration rate ≥20 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and urinary albumin ranging from normal to 200 mg/g creatinine. **B**



Approach for improving outcomes in patients with diabetes and chronic kidney disease



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