

Maximaliser le traitement médical de l'Insuffisance Cardiaque

Quels bénéfices?

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Heart failure – Terminology related to LVEF

Type of HF		HFrEF	HFmrEF	HFpEF
CRITERIA	1	Symptoms ± Signs ^a	Symptoms ± Signs ^a	Symptoms ± Signs ^a
	2	LVEF ≤40%	LVEF 41–49% ^b	LVEF ≥50%
	3	–	–	Objective evidence of cardiac structural and/or functional abnormalities consistent with the presence of LV diastolic dysfunction/raised LV filling pressures, including raised natriuretic peptides ^c

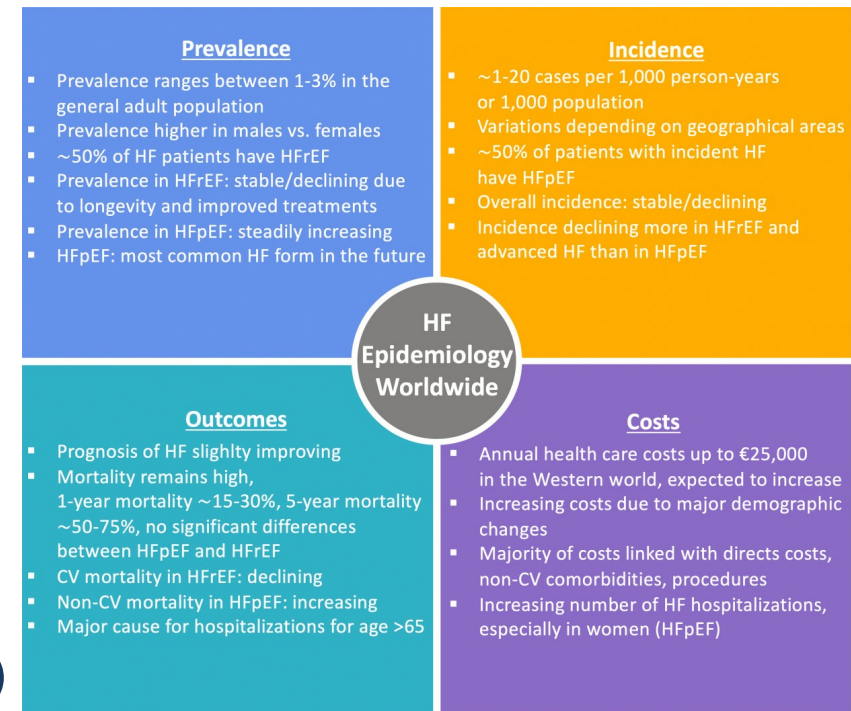
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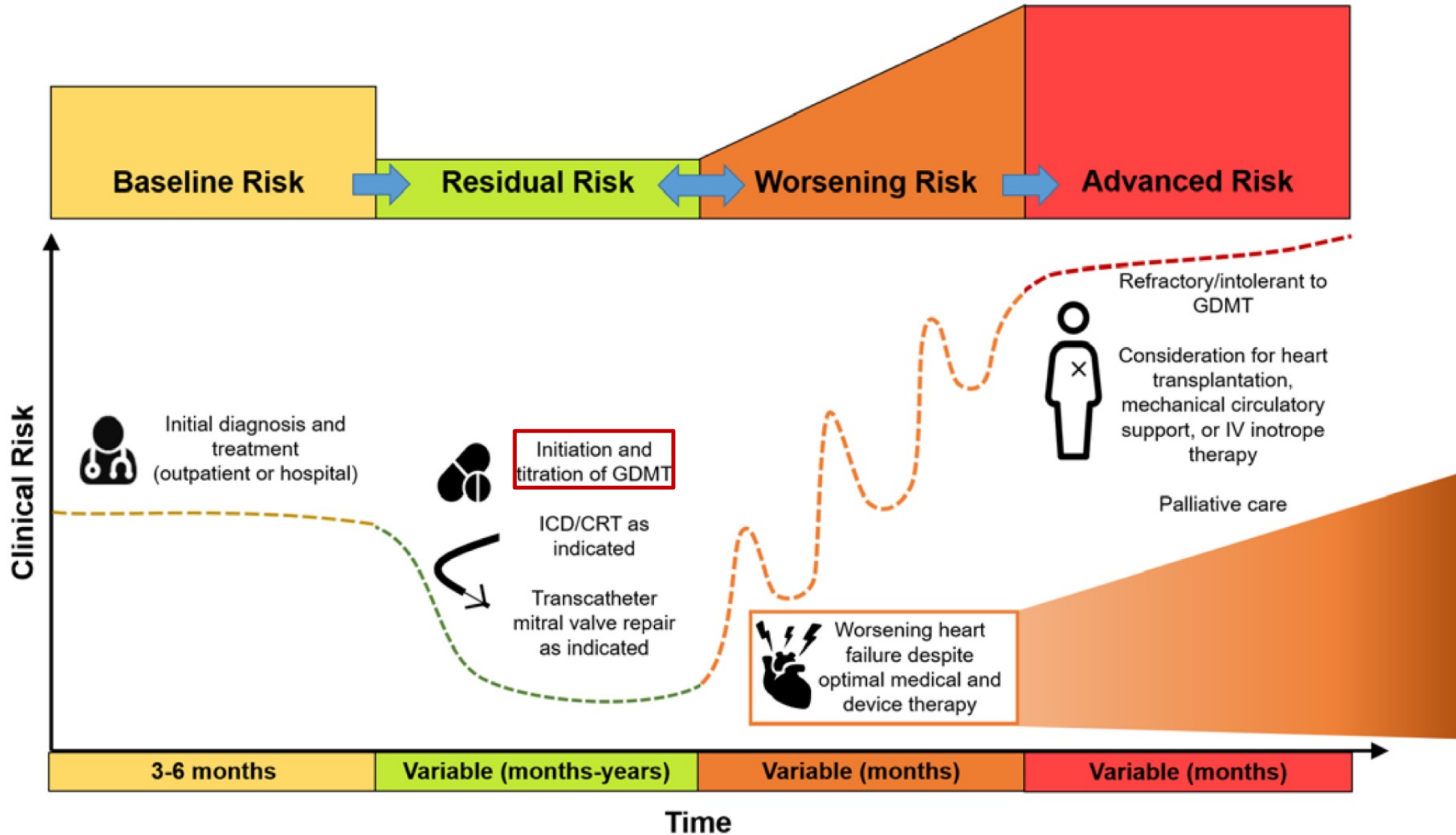
HFpEF → LVEF ≥ 50%

Global epidemiology in heart failure

- 1-3% de la population adulte (250 000 en Belgique): 50% HpEF
- Prevalence in HFpEF steadily increasing: HFpEF most common form of HF in the future
- 50% of incident HF have HFpEF
- Mortality remains high
- CV mortality in HFrEF declining
- Non-CV mortality in HFpEF increasing
- Major cause for hospitalisations for age > 65y
- Increasing number of HF hospitalisations in women (HFpEF)



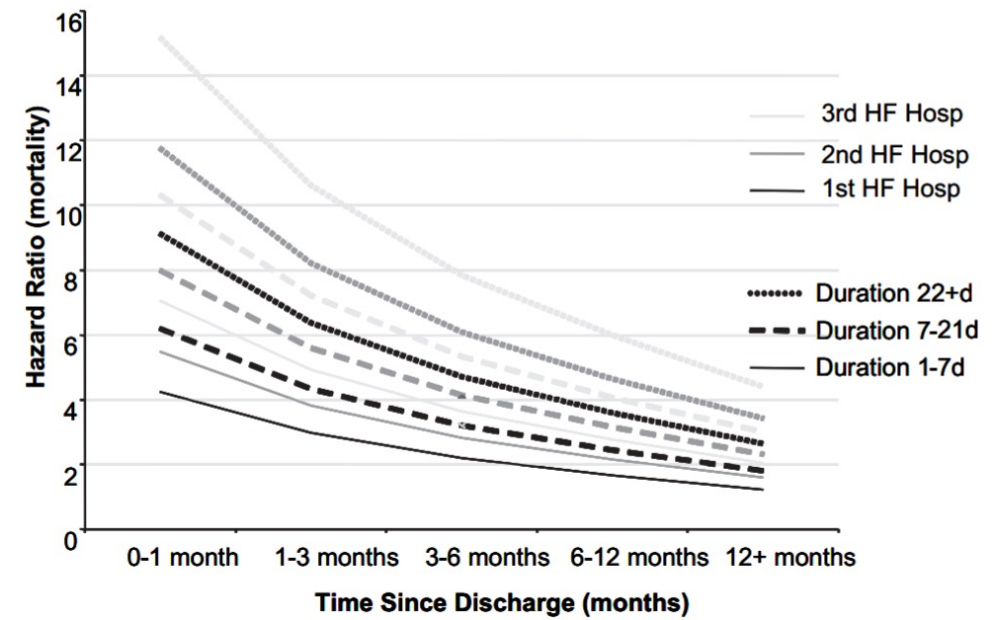
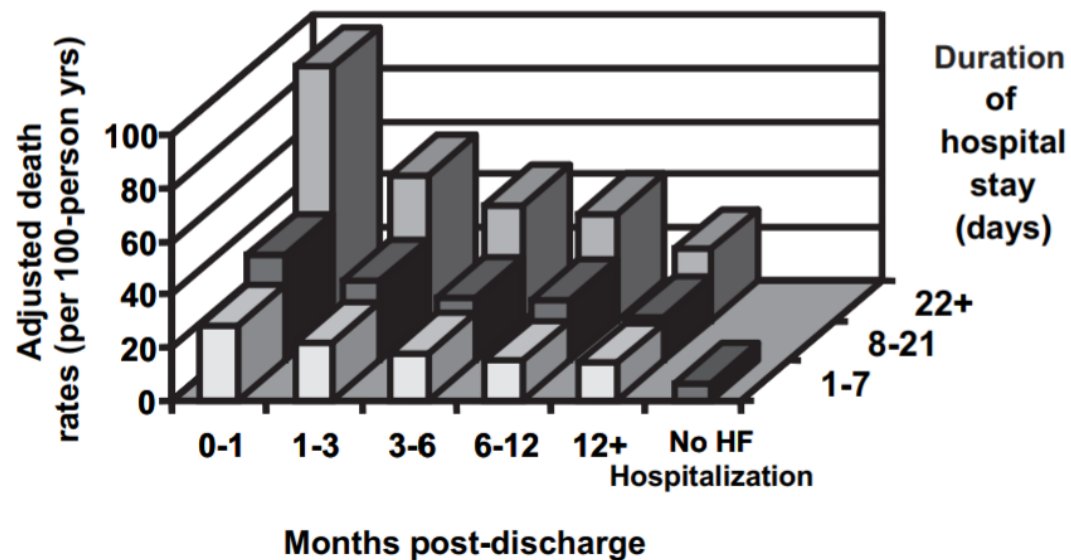
Risk profiles for chronic heart failure over time



Increased mortality due to hospitalisation for HF

Higher risk for mortality

- Shortly after hospitalization
- With increased number of hospitalizations
- With increased duration of hospitalization



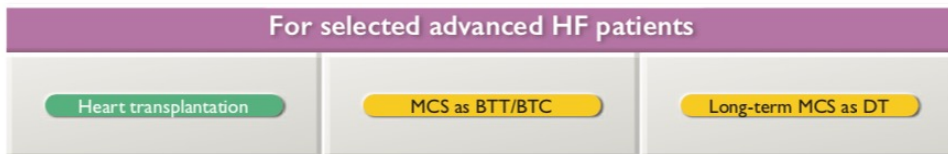
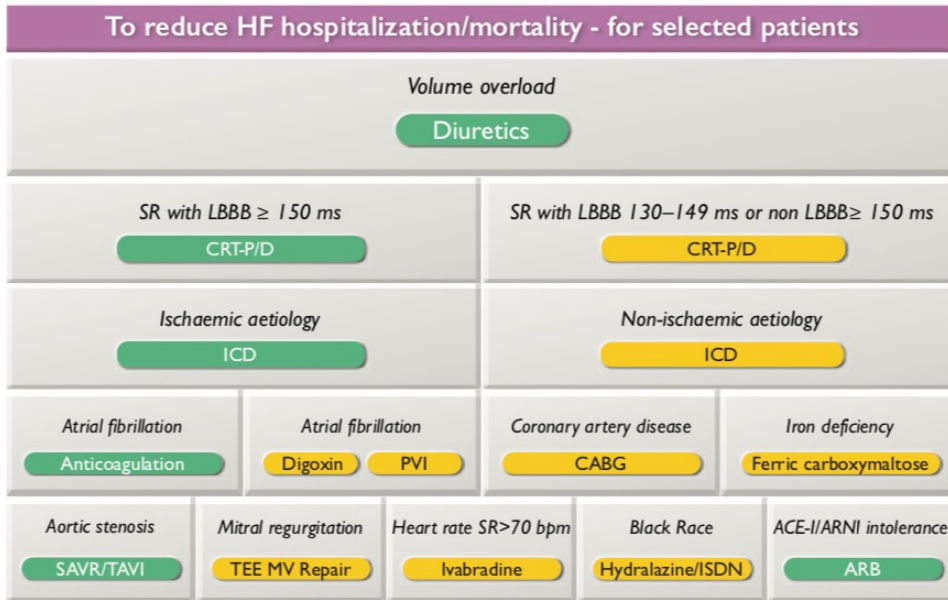
Pharmacological treatments for patients with Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection fraction (HFrEF)

The goals of pharmacotherapy in patients with HFrEF are:

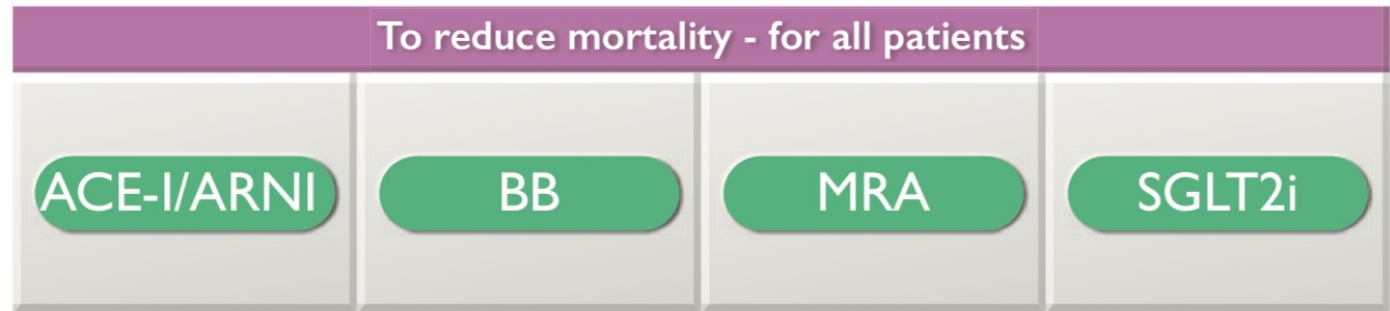
- Reduce mortality
- Prevent recurrent hospitalizations due to worsening HF
- improve their clinical status, functional capacity and quality of life

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Management of HFrEF

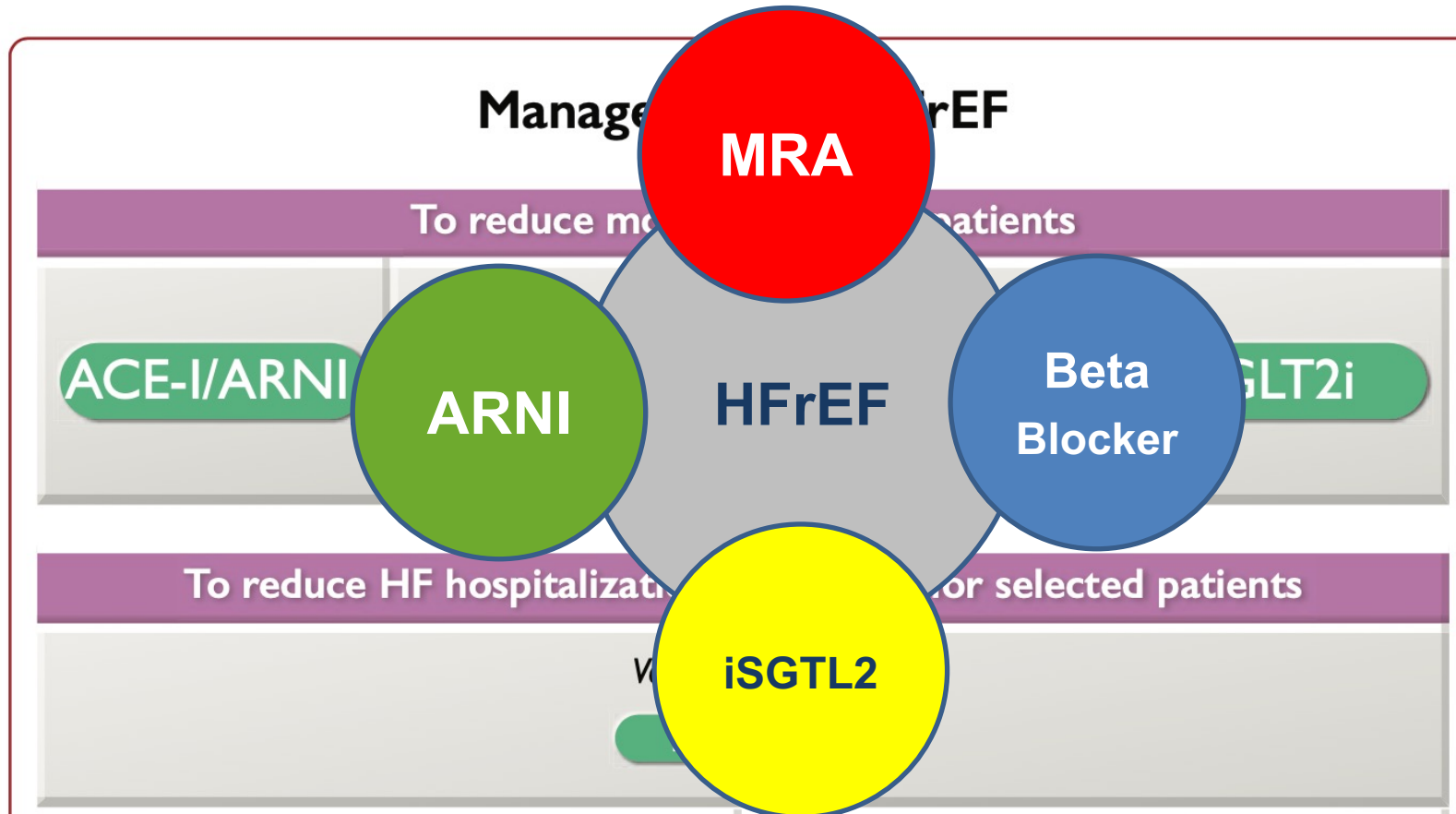


Treatment HFrEF



HF Treatment according to LVEF

HFrEF ($\leq 40\%$)



- Quick introduction
- Quick titration
- No sequential order

Pharmacological treatments for patients with Heart Failure with Reduced Ejection fraction (HFrEF)

In all patients

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
An ACE-I is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. ^{110–113}	I	A
A beta-blocker is recommended for patients with stable HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. ^{114–120}	I	A
An MRA is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. ^{121,122}	I	A
Dapagliflozin or empagliflozin are recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. ^{108,109}	I	A
Sacubitril/valsartan is recommended as a replacement for an ACE-I in patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death. ¹⁰⁵	I	B

In selected patients

Other agents		
Candesartan	4 mg o.d.	32 mg o.d.
Losartan	50 mg o.d.	150 mg o.d.
Valsartan	40 mg b.i.d.	160 mg b.i.d.
Ivabradine	5 mg b.i.d.	7.5 mg b.i.d.
Vericiguat	2.5 mg o.d.	10 mg o.d.
Digoxin	62.5 µg o.d.	250 µg o.d.
Hydralazine/ Isosorbide dinitrate	37.5 mg t.i.d./20 mg t.i.d.	75 mg t.i.d./40 mg t.i.d.

	Starting dose	Target dose
ACE-I		
Captopril ^a	6.25 mg t.i.d.	50 mg t.i.d.
Enalapril	2.5 mg b.i.d.	10–20 mg b.i.d.
Lisinopril ^b	2.5–5 mg o.d.	20–35 mg o.d.
Ramipril	2.5 mg b.i.d.	5 mg b.i.d.
Trandolapril ^a	0.5 mg o.d.	4 mg o.d.
ARNI		
Sacubitril/valsartan	49/51 mg b.i.d. ^c	97/103 mg b.i.d.
Beta-blockers		
Bisoprolol	1.25 mg o.d.	10 mg o.d.
Carvedilol	3.125 mg b.i.d.	25 mg b.i.d. ^e
Metoprolol succinate (CR/XL)	12.5–25 mg o.d.	200 mg o.d.
Nebivolol ^d	1.25 mg o.d.	10 mg o.d.
MRA		
Eplerenone	25 mg o.d.	50 mg o.d.
Spirolactone	25 mg o.d. ^f	50 mg o.d.
SGLT2 inhibitor		
Dapagliflozin	10 mg o.d.	10 mg o.d.
Empagliflozin	10 mg o.d.	10 mg o.d.

Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition vs Enalapril in HF

PARADIGM-HF

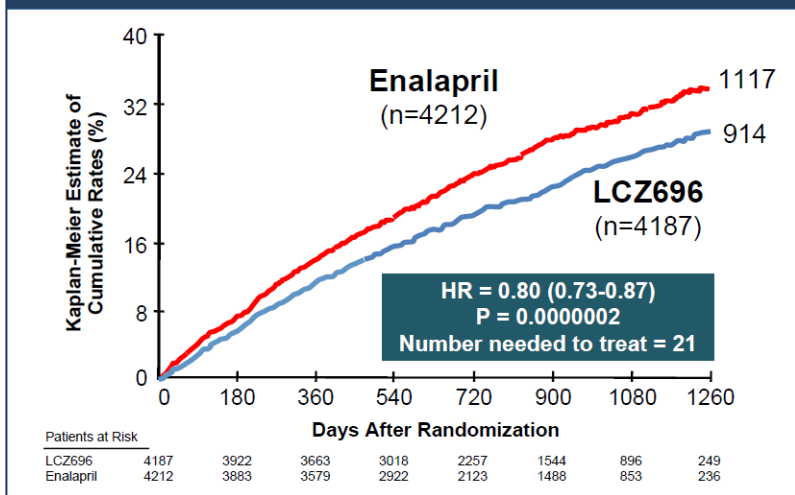
- Reduce the degradation of BNP, enhancing diuresis, natriuresis, myocardial relaxation
- Inhibit renin and aldosterone secretion



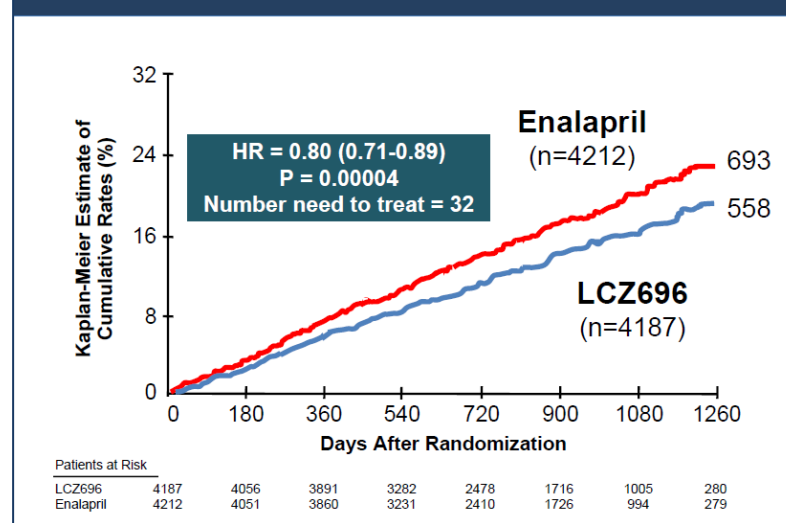
↓ CV death and
↓ hospitalisation for worsening HF

- **N = 8442 patients**
- **EF ≤ 40%**
- **SV x Enalapril**
- **Primary EP:** composite of CV death and hospitalisation for worsening HF

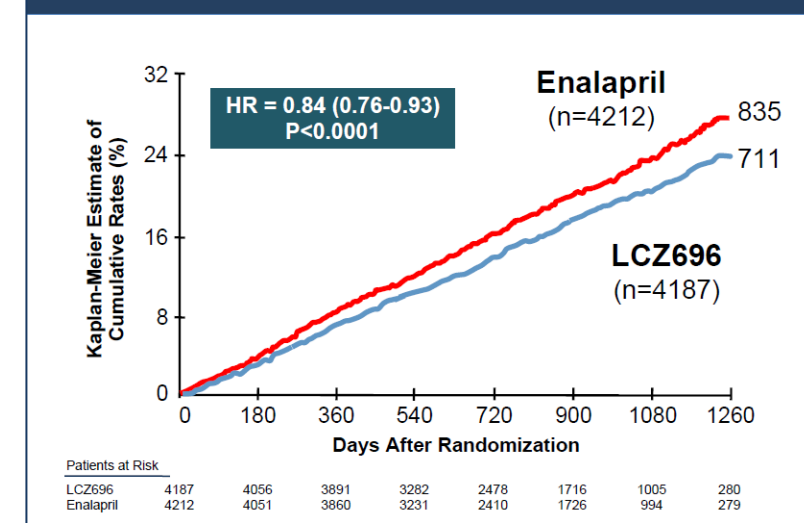
PARADIGM-HF: Cardiovascular Death or Heart Failure Hospitalization (Primary Endpoint)



PARADIGM-HF: Cardiovascular Death

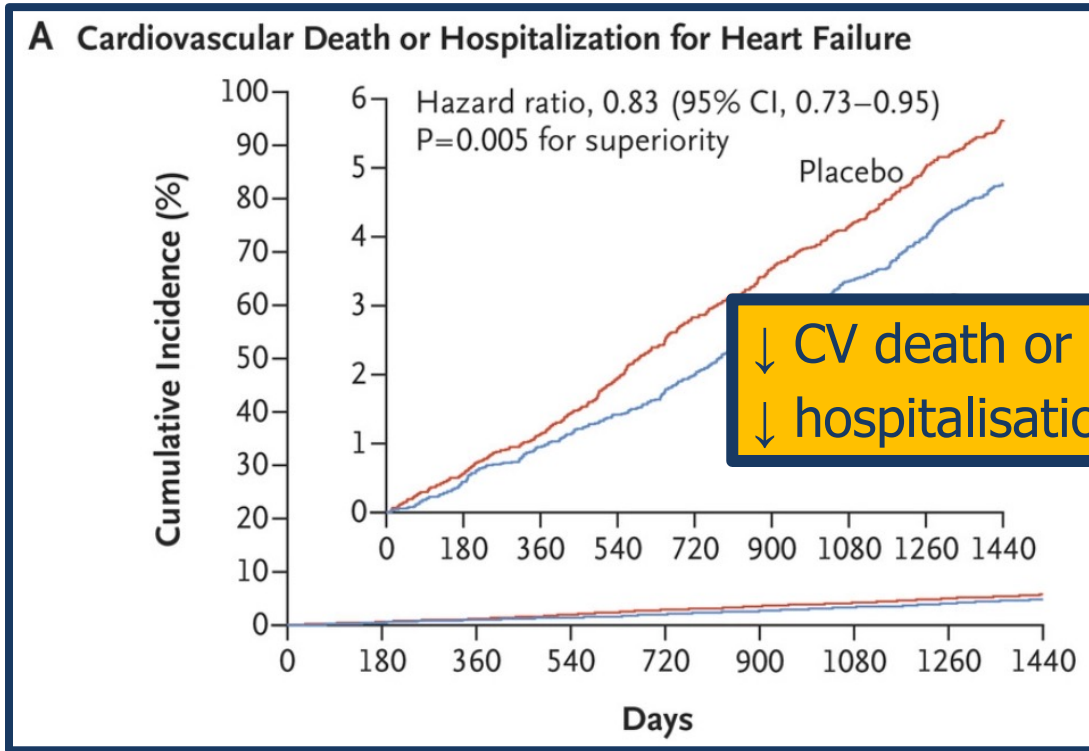


PARADIGM-HF: All-Cause Mortality



Sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitors - iSGTL2

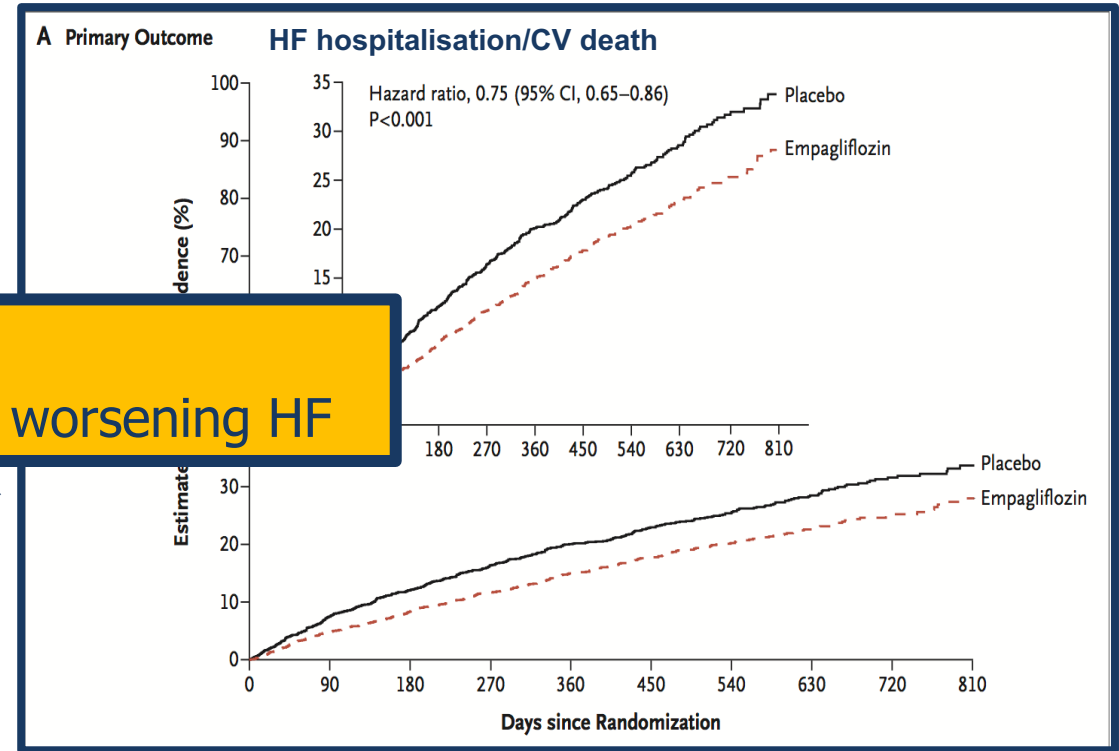
DAPA-HF (Dapagliflozin)



↓ CV death or
↓ hospitalisation for worsening HF

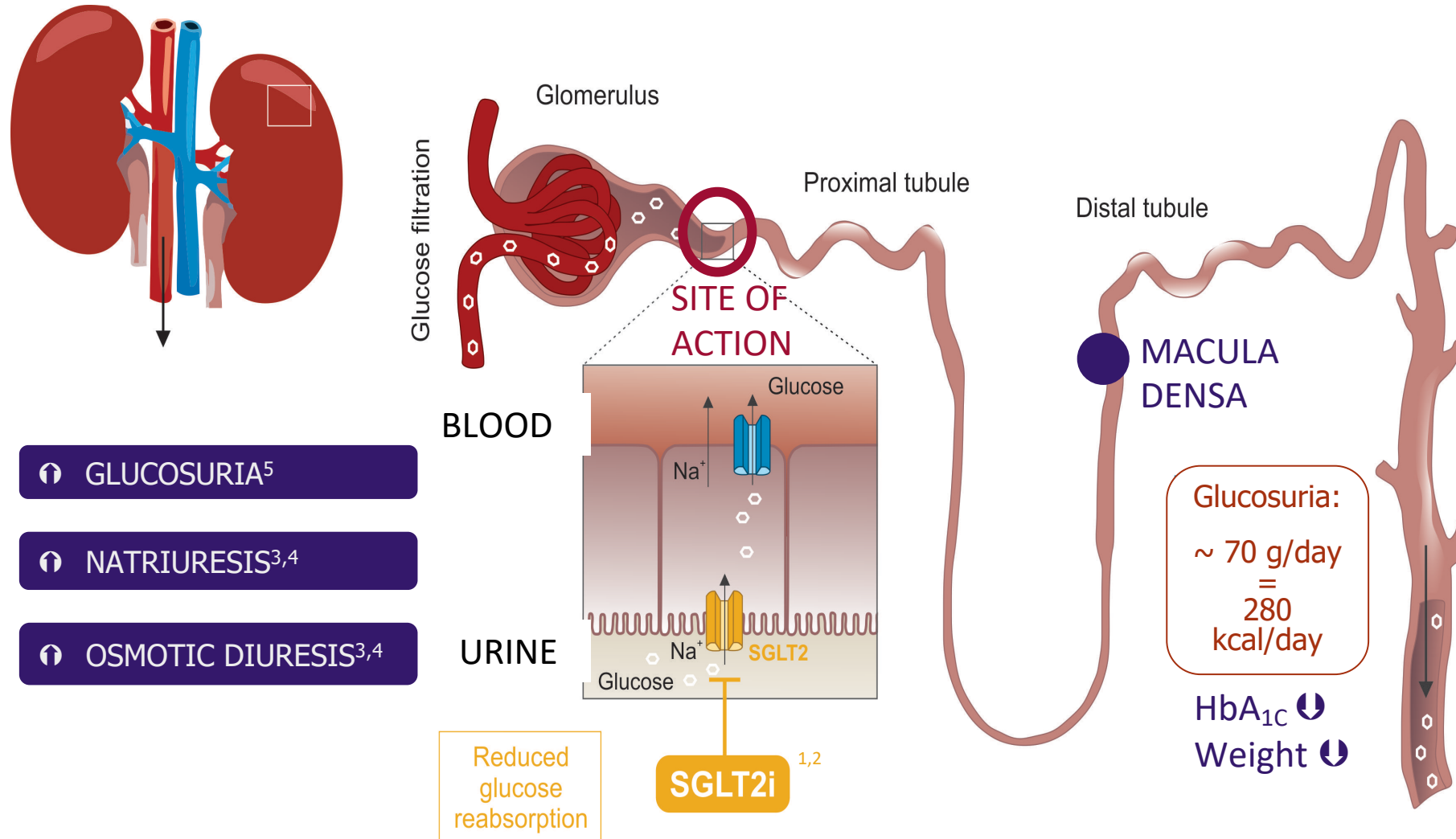
- N = 4744 patients
- EF ≤ 40%
- Dapagliflozin or placebo
- Primary EP: HF hospitalisation/urgent visit, CV death

EMPEROR-Reduced Trial (Empagliflozin)



- N = 3730 patients
- EF ≤ 40%
- Empagliflozin or placebo
- Primary EP: composite: HF hospitalisation/CV death

Sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitors - iSGLT2

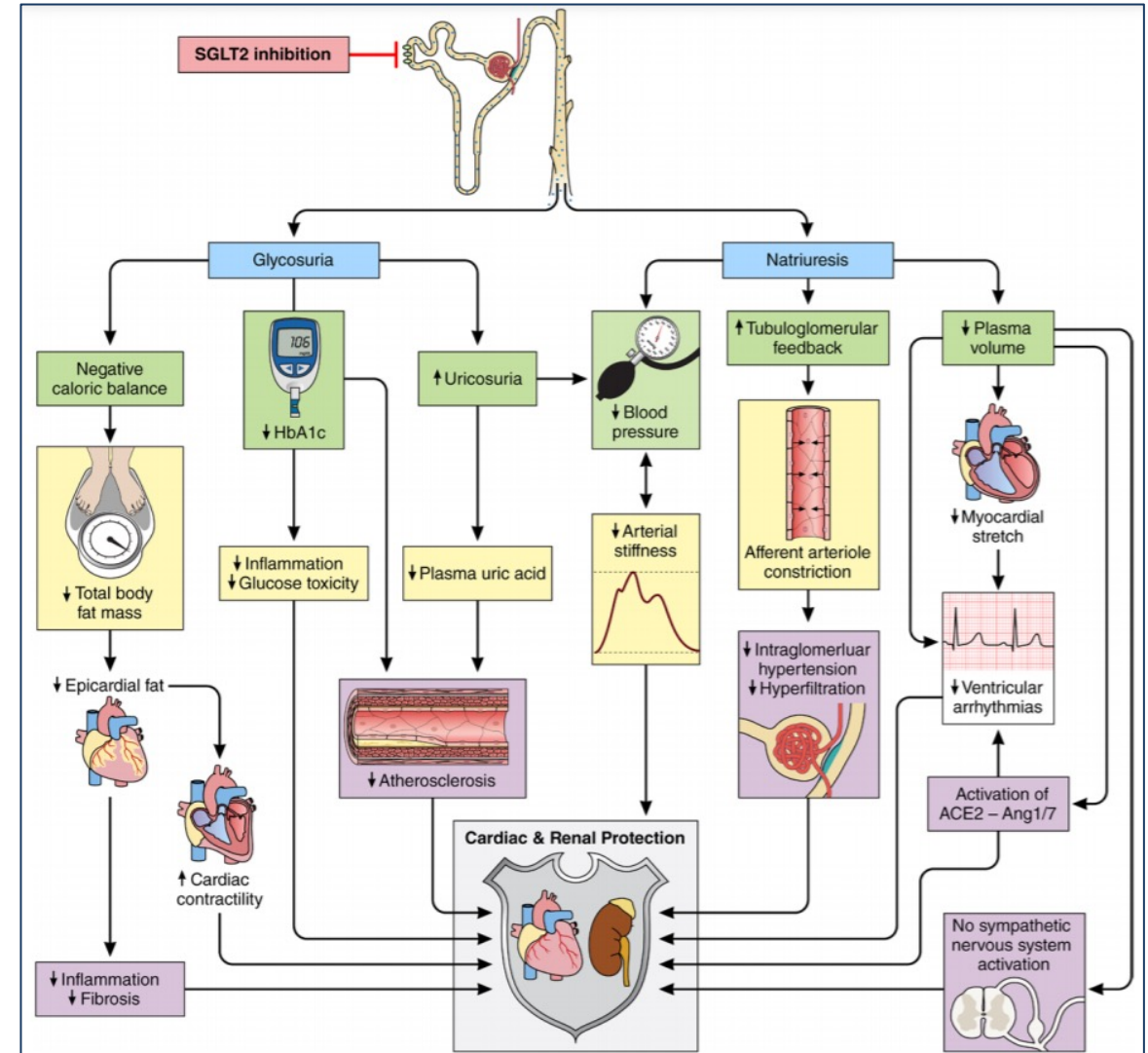


1. Glycosuria

- Decreased inflammation and glucotoxicity
- Weight loss decreasing epicardial fat
- Uricosuria with beneficial effect on atherosclerosis
- Improving myocardial energetics (ketonbodies)

2. Natriuresis

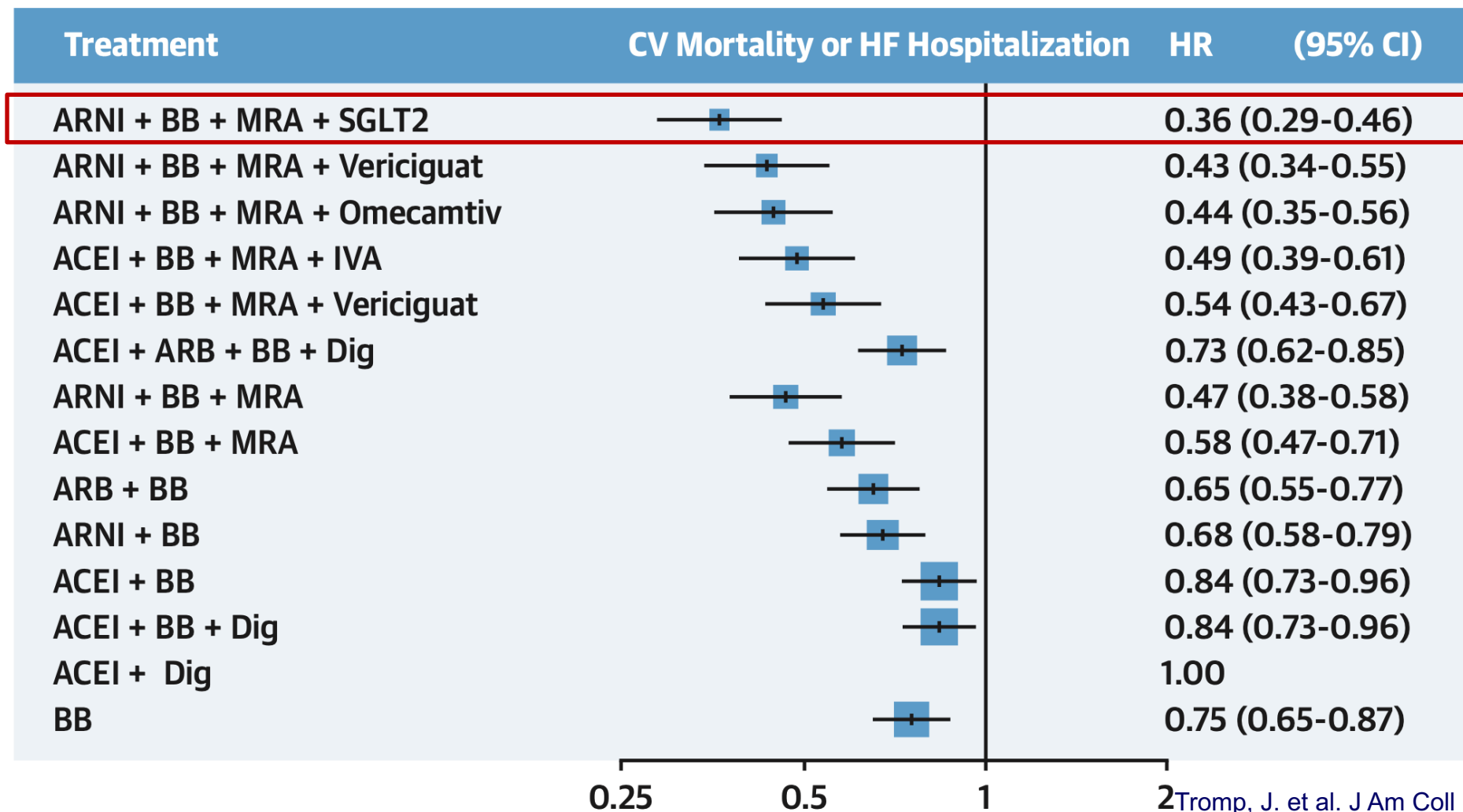
- Lowering blood pressure and improving endothelial function
- Restoring the tubuloglomerular feedback and reducing hyperfiltration
- Lowering plasma volume and congestion



Guideline recommended therapy in HFrEF

Impact on mortality

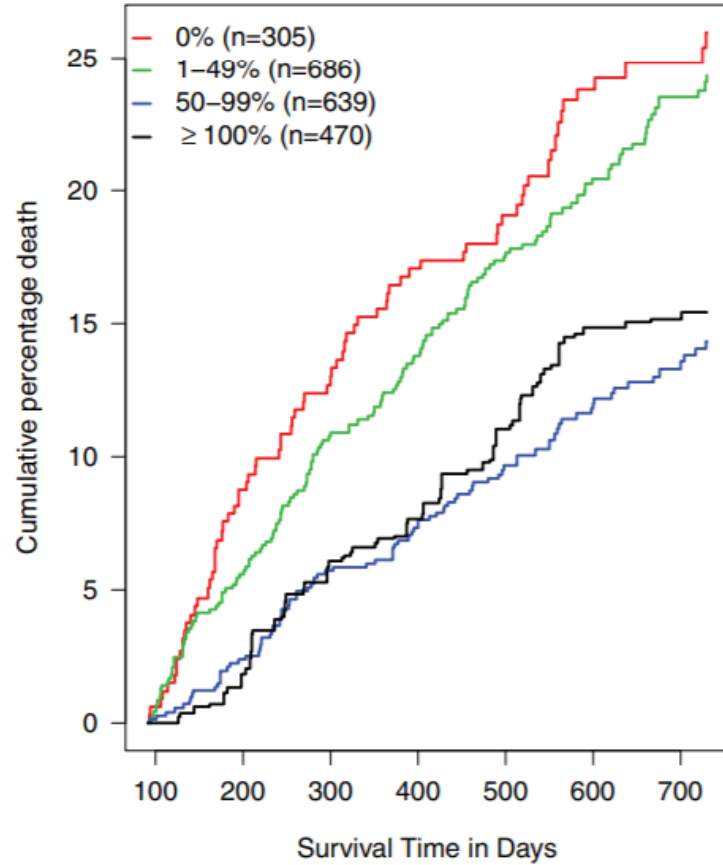
Network meta-analysis for all-cause mortality:
Study drug vs placebo



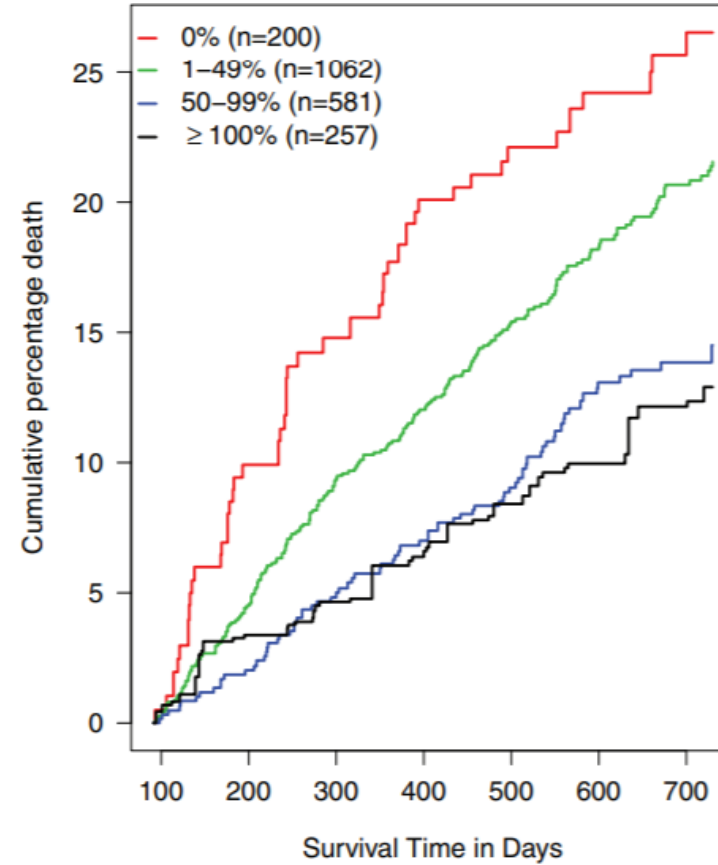
Titration of guideline recommended therapy

Impact on mortality

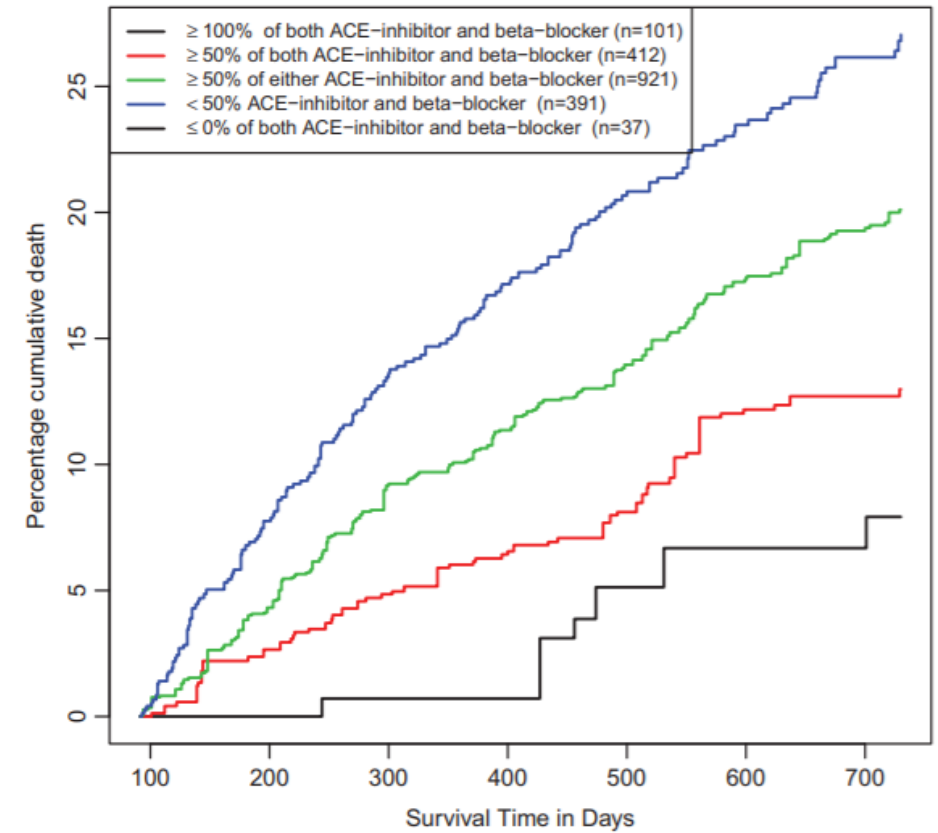
ACEinhibitor/ARB



Betablocker



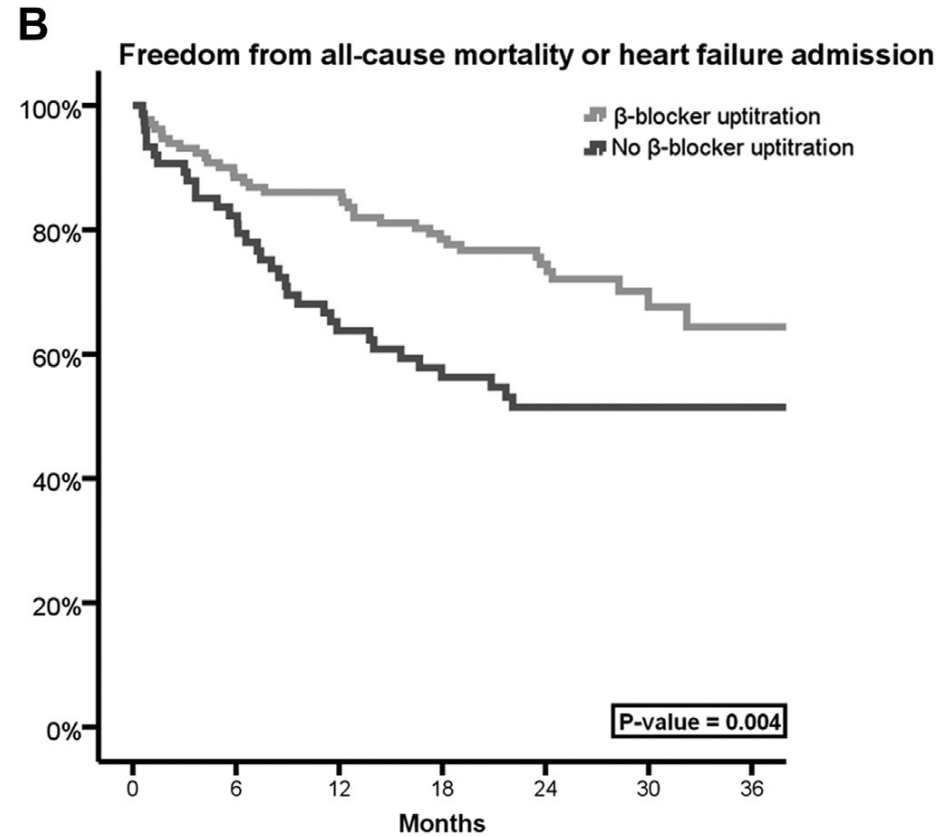
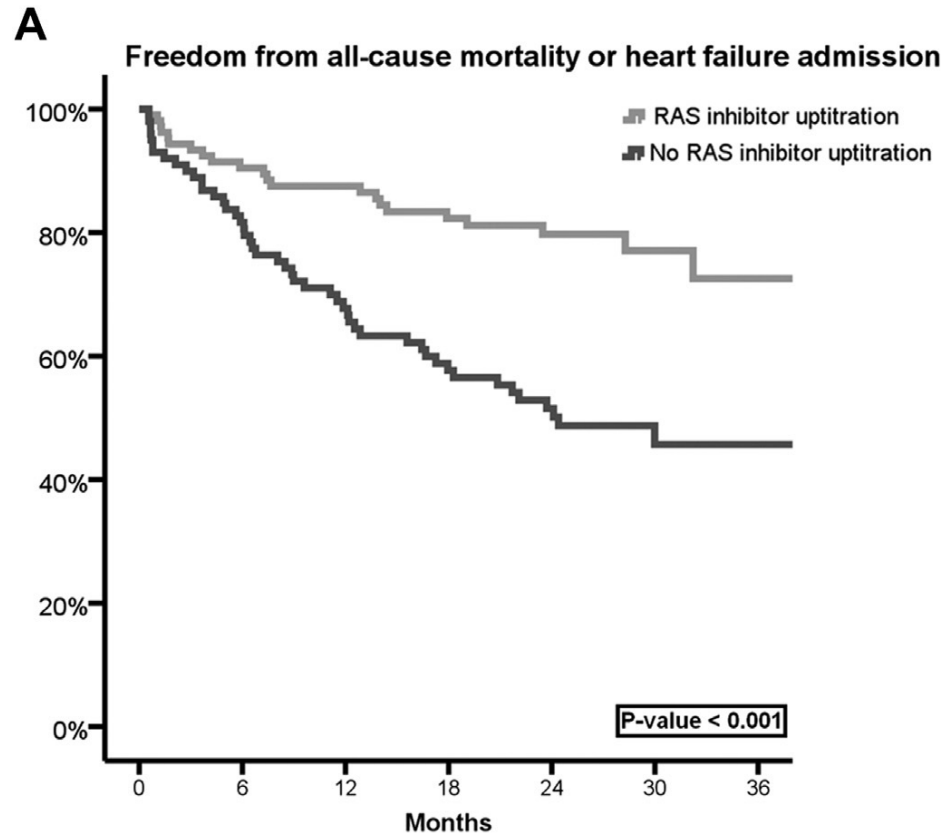
Combination



Titration of guideline recommended therapy

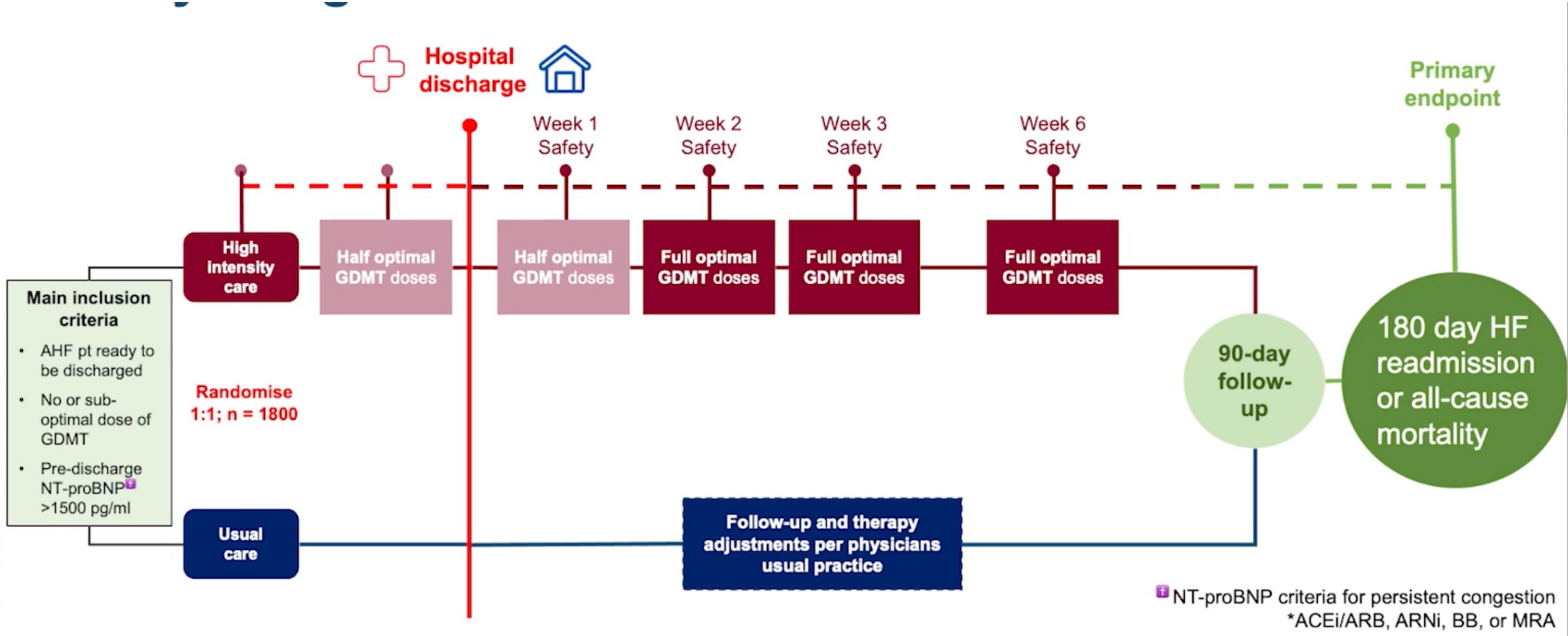
Impact on outcome

- N=209 consecutive patients with EF < 40%, after discharge and at follow up



STRONG-HF trial

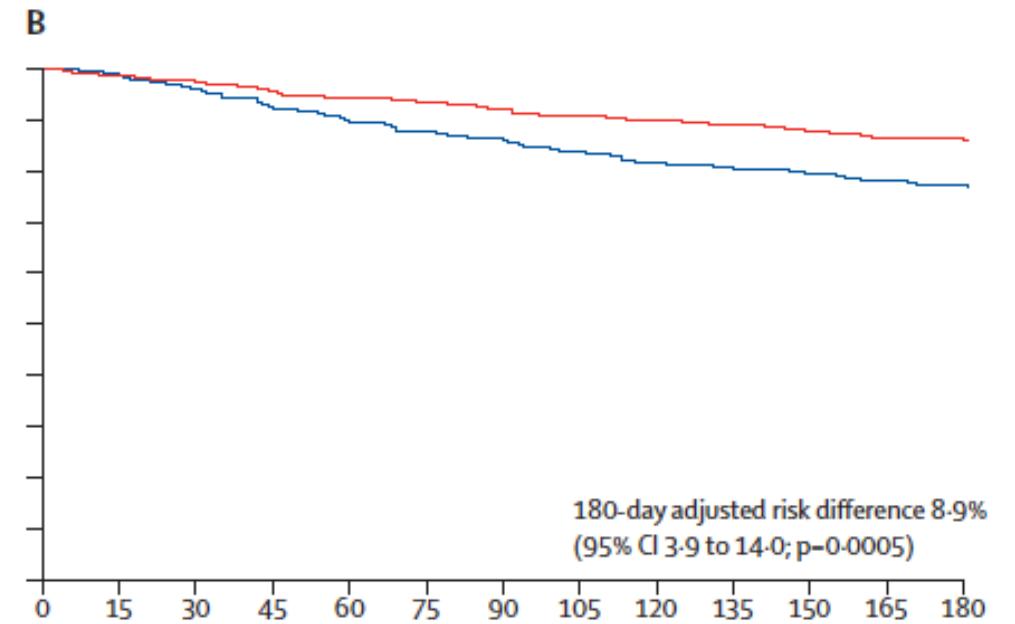
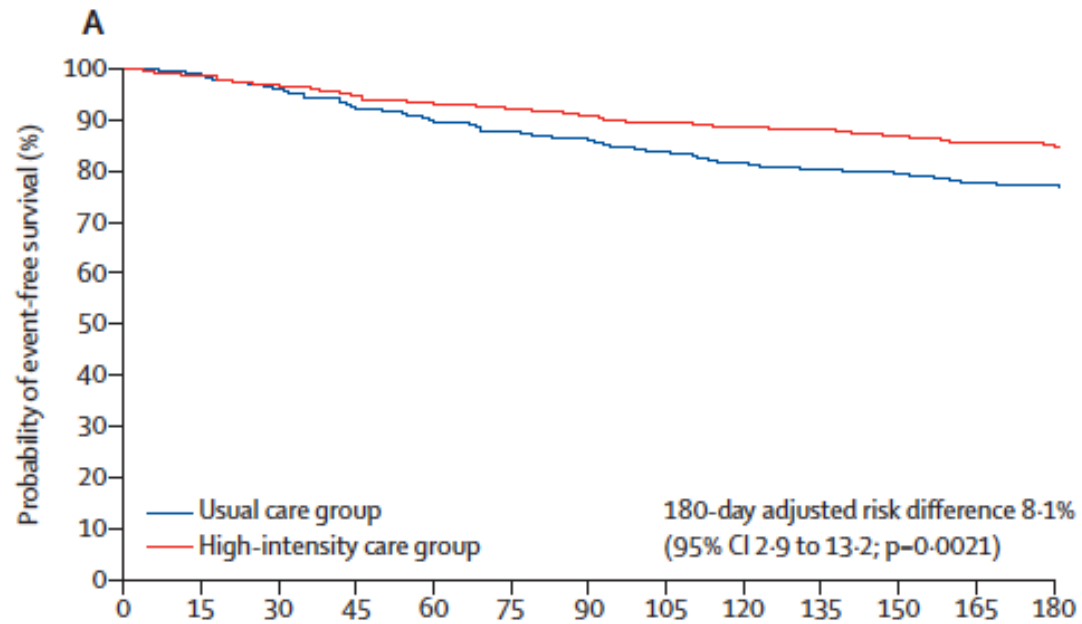
Study design



STRONG-HF trial

Primary endpoint

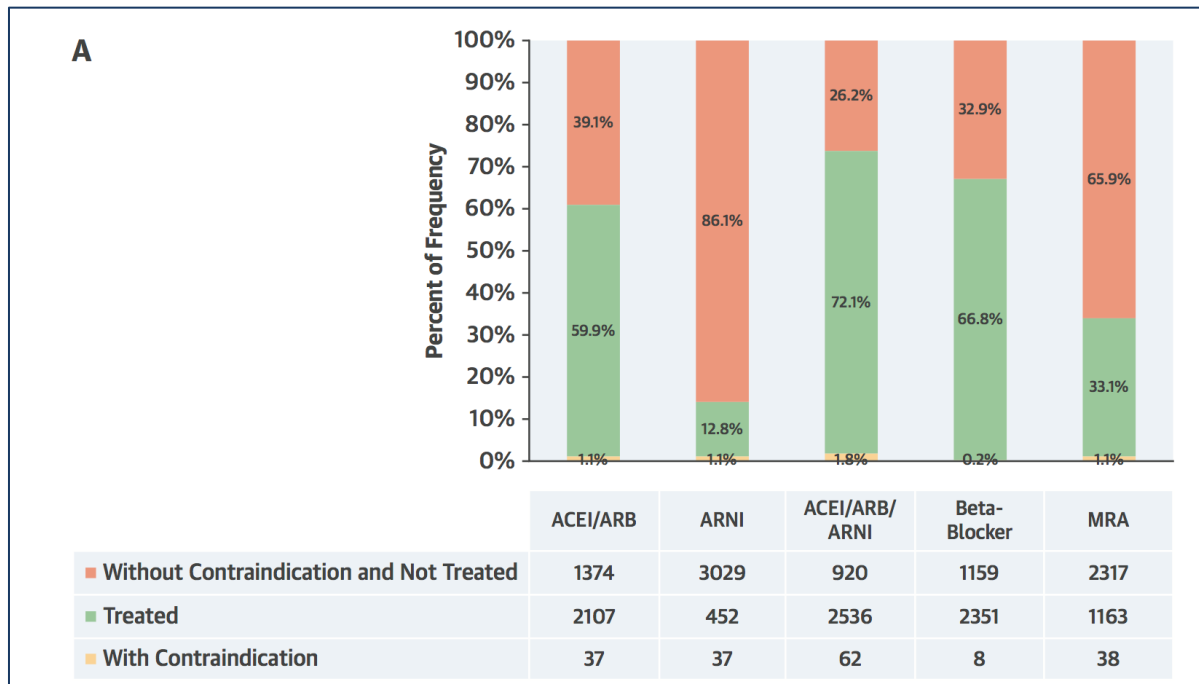
↓ HF readmission or all-cause mortality at 180 days



	0	15	30	45	60	75	90	105	120	135	150	165	180
Usual care group	502	494	474	454	439	423	410	394	381	373	366	353	329
High-intensity care group	506	497	484	466	449	440	430	419	415	408	397	384	345

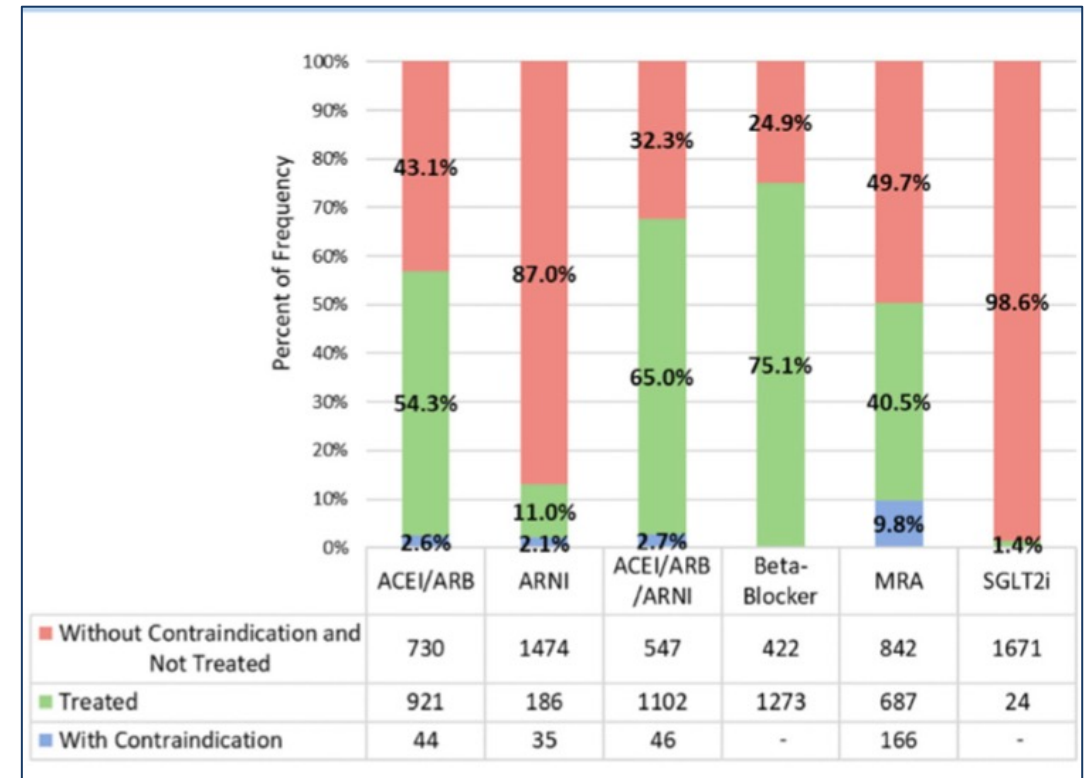
Use of guideline recommended therapy In real life daily practice

GDMT Patients With Chronic HFrEF
(3518 HFrEF patients)



Greene, S.J. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;72(4):351–66.

GDMT at discharge after hospitalisation in HFrEF patients
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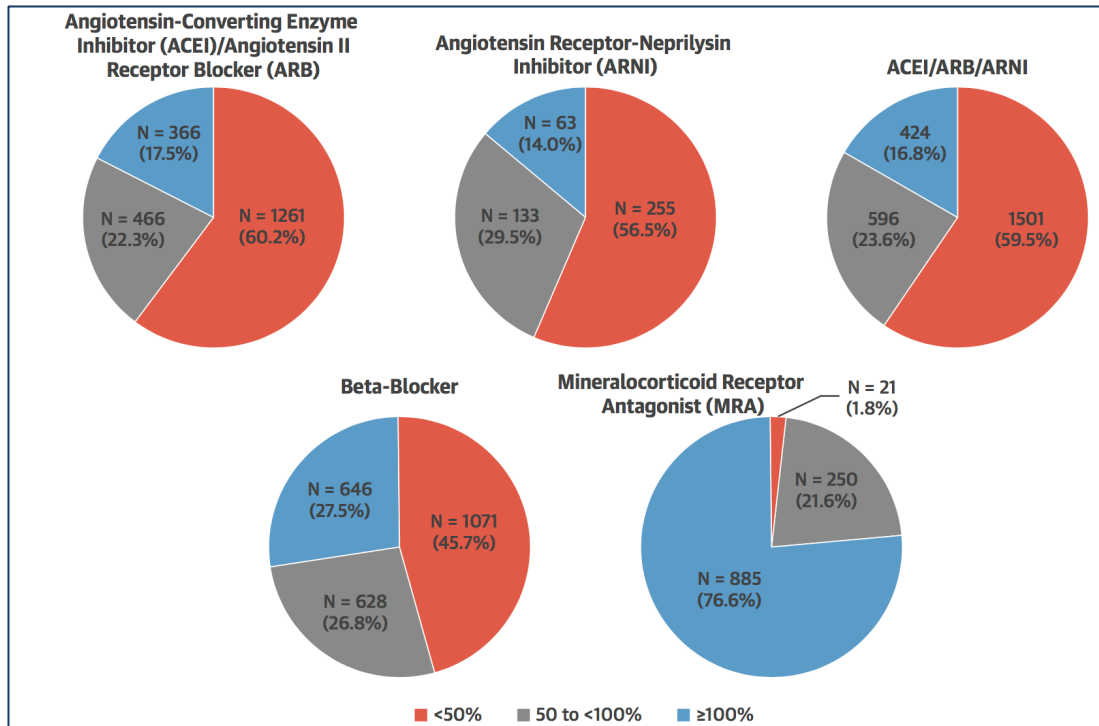


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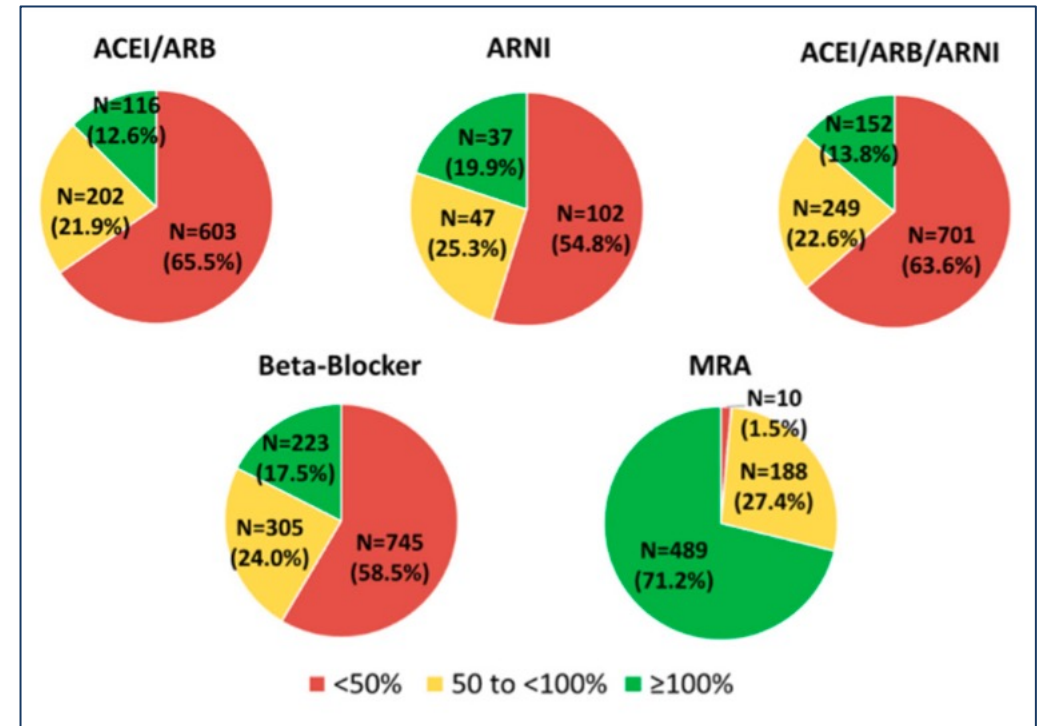
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In real life daily practice

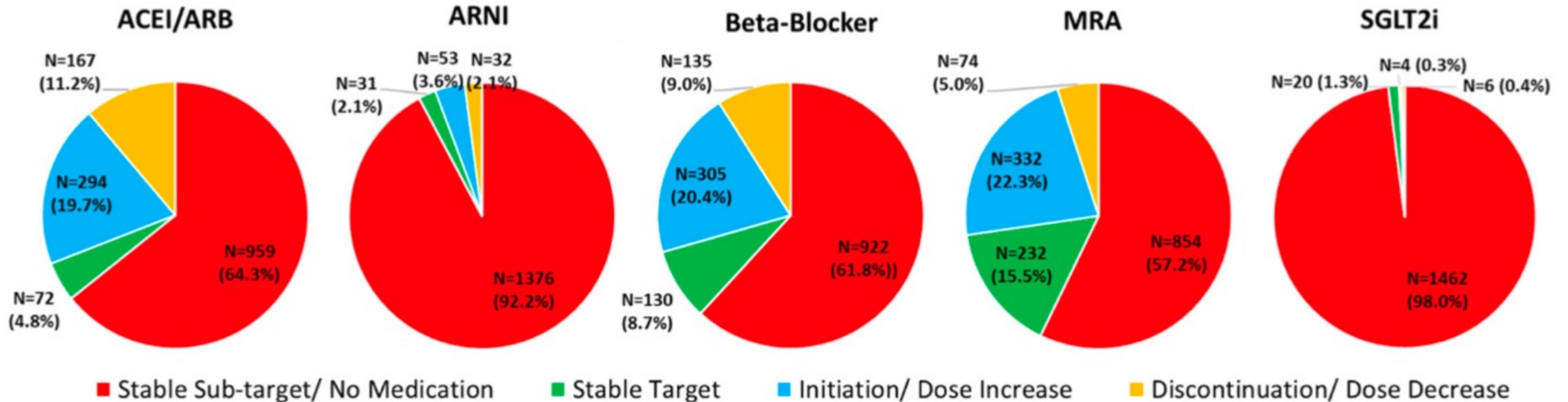
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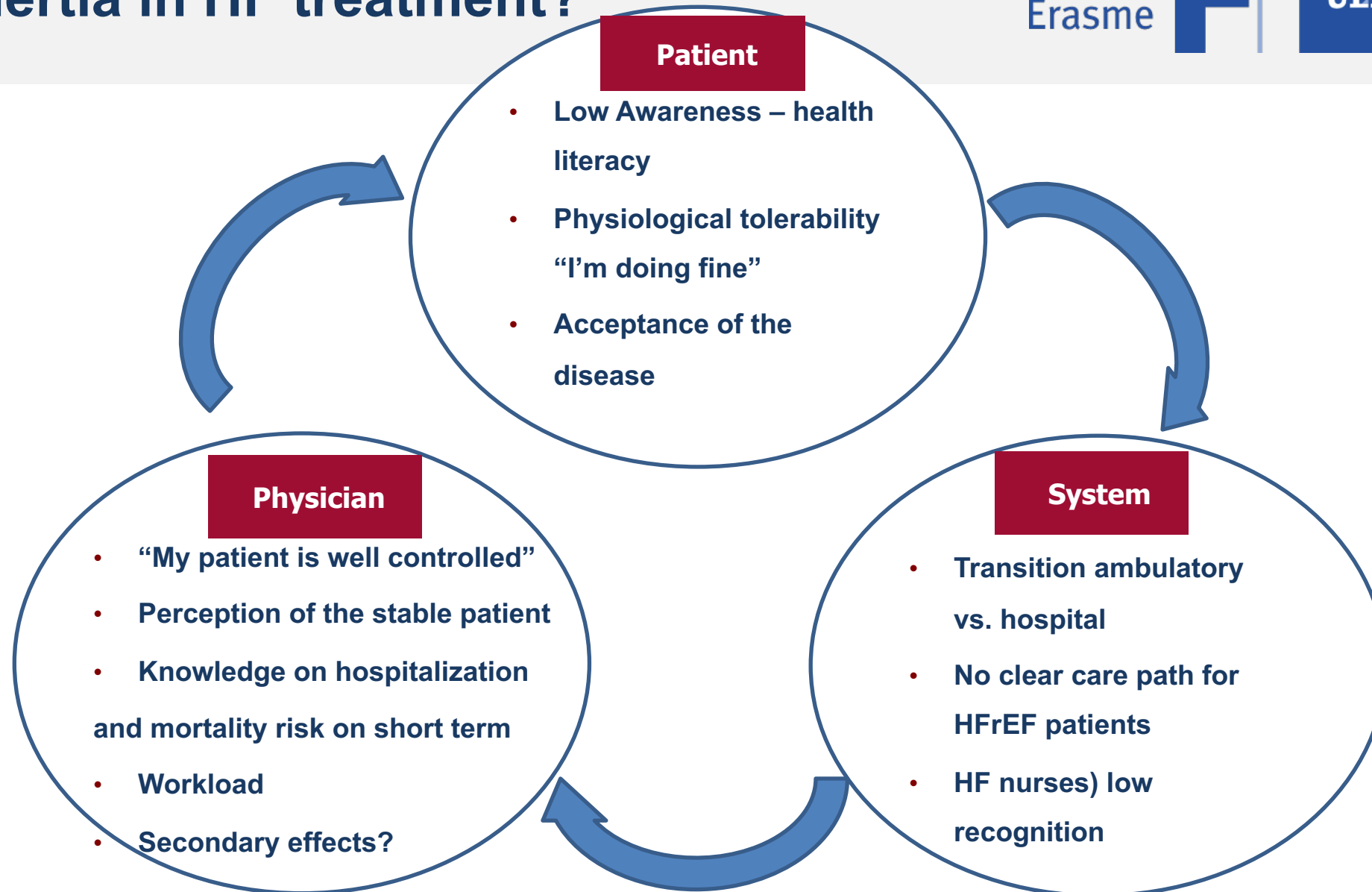
GDMT at discharge after hospitalisation in HFrEF patients
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Dose of guideline recommended therapy At discharge compared to admission



Why inertia in HF treatment?



Hypotension

- **Symptomatique?**
- Tt de l'IC est le seul responsable de l'hypotension?
- Fièvre? Tr digestifs?
- Traitements non nécessaires pour l'IC à FEVG réduite ?
- Besoin en diurétiques?

- Diminution/arrêt diurétiques
- Répartition du traitement dans la journée
- Si les symptômes d'hypotension persistent, ↓ du traitement
- Revalidation Cardiaque

Insuffisance rénale

- Augmente la mortalité toute cause
Introduction RAASi et iSGTL2
- Baisse attendue DFG
 - ↓ mortalité malgré la ↓ DFG

Arrêt temporaire RAASi :

- ↑ Cr >100% ou >3.5 mg/dL
- DFG <20 mL/min/1.73 m²
- $K^+ > 5.5$ mEq/L

Maintenir RAASi dose:

- ↑ Cr < 50% (<3 mg/dL),
- DFG >25 mL/min/1.73 m².
- ↑ $K^+ \leq 5.5$ mmol/L

Hyperkaliémie

- Hyperkalemia ↑ risque d'arythmie
- RAASi ↑ risque d'hyperkaliémie

- Si $K^+ > 5.0$ pendant la titration ou sous traitement optimal
- Cation-exchange resins
- K^+ binders: patiromer, sodium zirconium cyclocilate

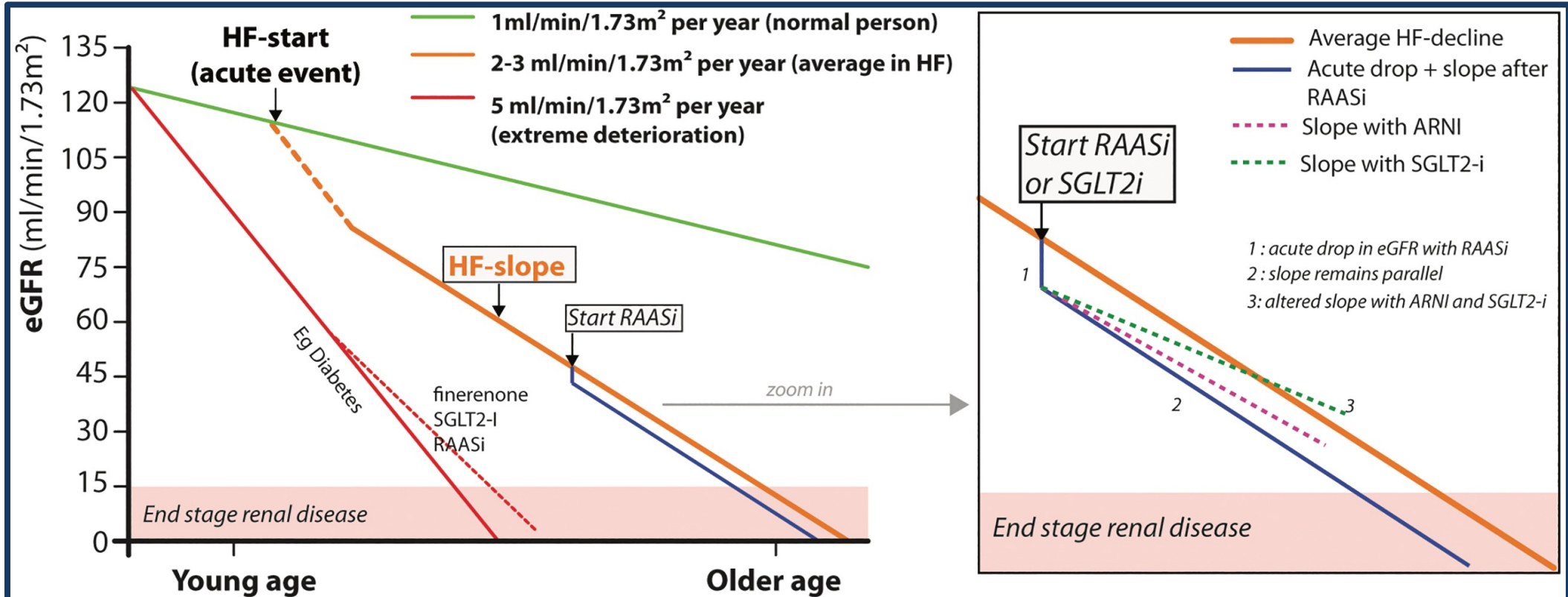
McDonagh T, et al. Eur Heart J 2021

Cautela J et al. Eur J Heart Failure 2020

Rosano G et al. Eur Heart J – Cardio Pharmacotherapy 2018

Chronic kidney disease (CKD) and HF

Effect of GDMT on renal slope



Key messages

1. Acute drop in GFR with RAASi, ARNI and SGLT2-i does not diminishes treatment effect
2. A reduction in slope deterioration in HFrEF with ARNI and SGLT2-i is associated with reduced hard renal endpoints

In-hospital initiation and uptitration of quadruple medical therapy HFrEF

In-Hospital Initiation of Quadruple Medical Therapy for HFrEF

Hospitalized Post-Discharge 

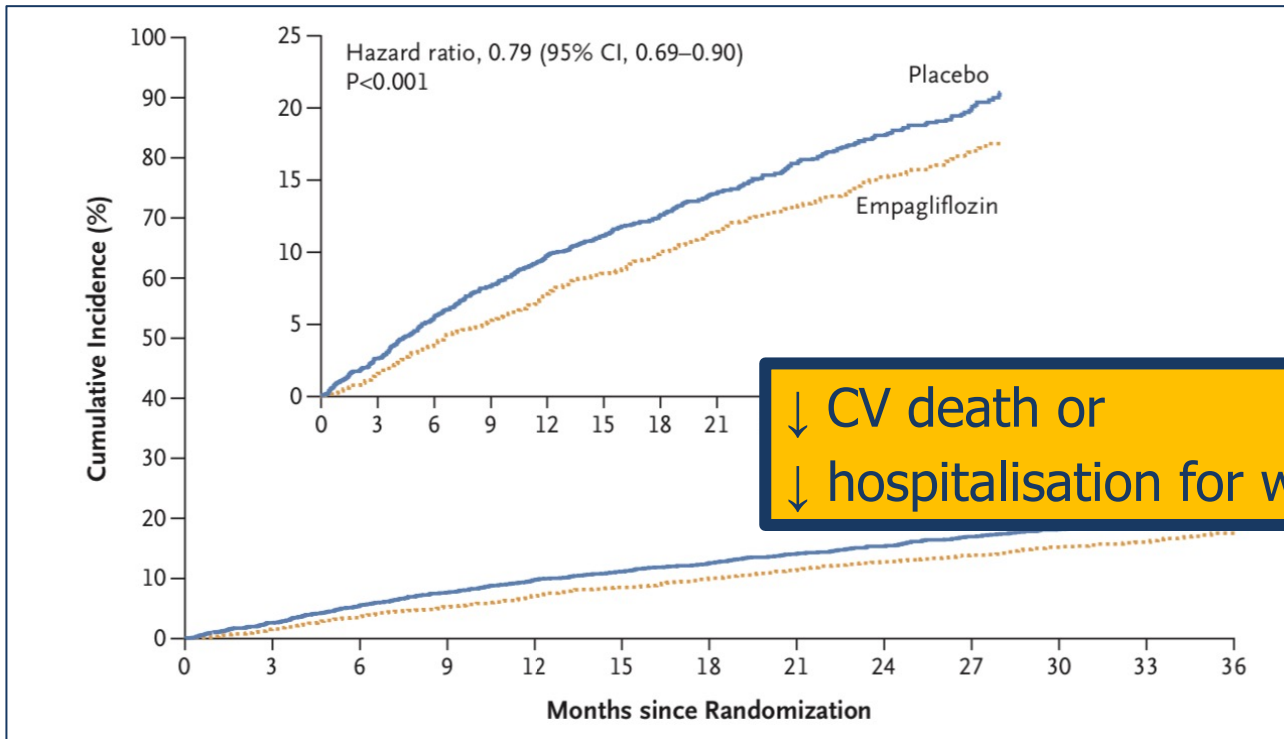
Day 1-4	Days 7-14	Days 14-28	Days 21-42	Beyond
ARNI	Continue	Titrate, as tolerated	Titrate, as tolerated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance / further optimization of quadruple therapy • Consideration of EP device therapies/ Mitraclip • Consideration of add-on medical therapies or advanced therapies, if refractory • Manage comorbidities
Beta-blocker	Titrate, as tolerated	Titrate, as tolerated	Titrate, as tolerated	
MRA	Continue	Titrate, as tolerated	Continue	
SGLT2i	Continue	Continue	Continue	
Low starting doses Prioritize beta-blocker titration	Benefits of each Rx demonstrated within 30 days of initiation Cumulative benefits within 30 days (>75% relative risk reduction)			Focus on complete set of quadruple medical therapies being implemented

In-Hospital Initiation

- More likely to be treated
- More likely to tolerate
- More likely to fill prescription
- More likely to adhere
- More likely to persist
- More likely to feel better
- More likely to be home
- More likely to survive

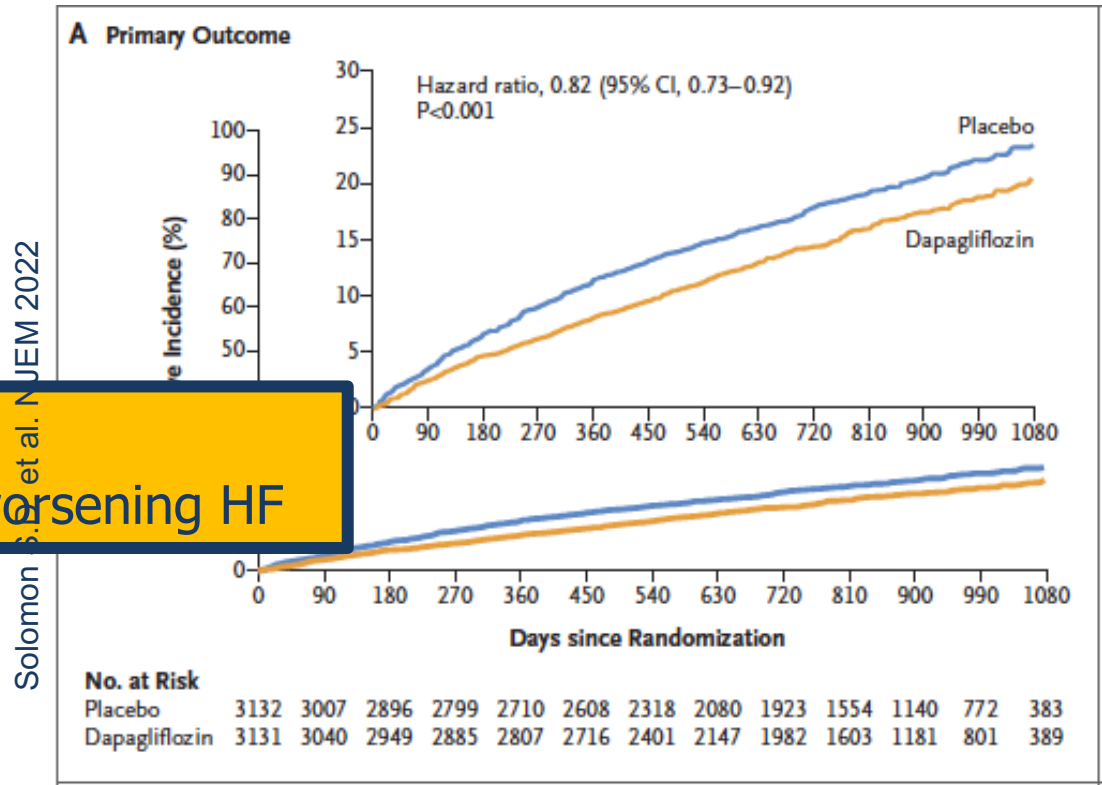
iSGTL2 in HF with not reduced EF

EMPEROR-PRESERVED trial



↓ CV death or
↓ hospitalisation for worsening HF

DELIVER trial



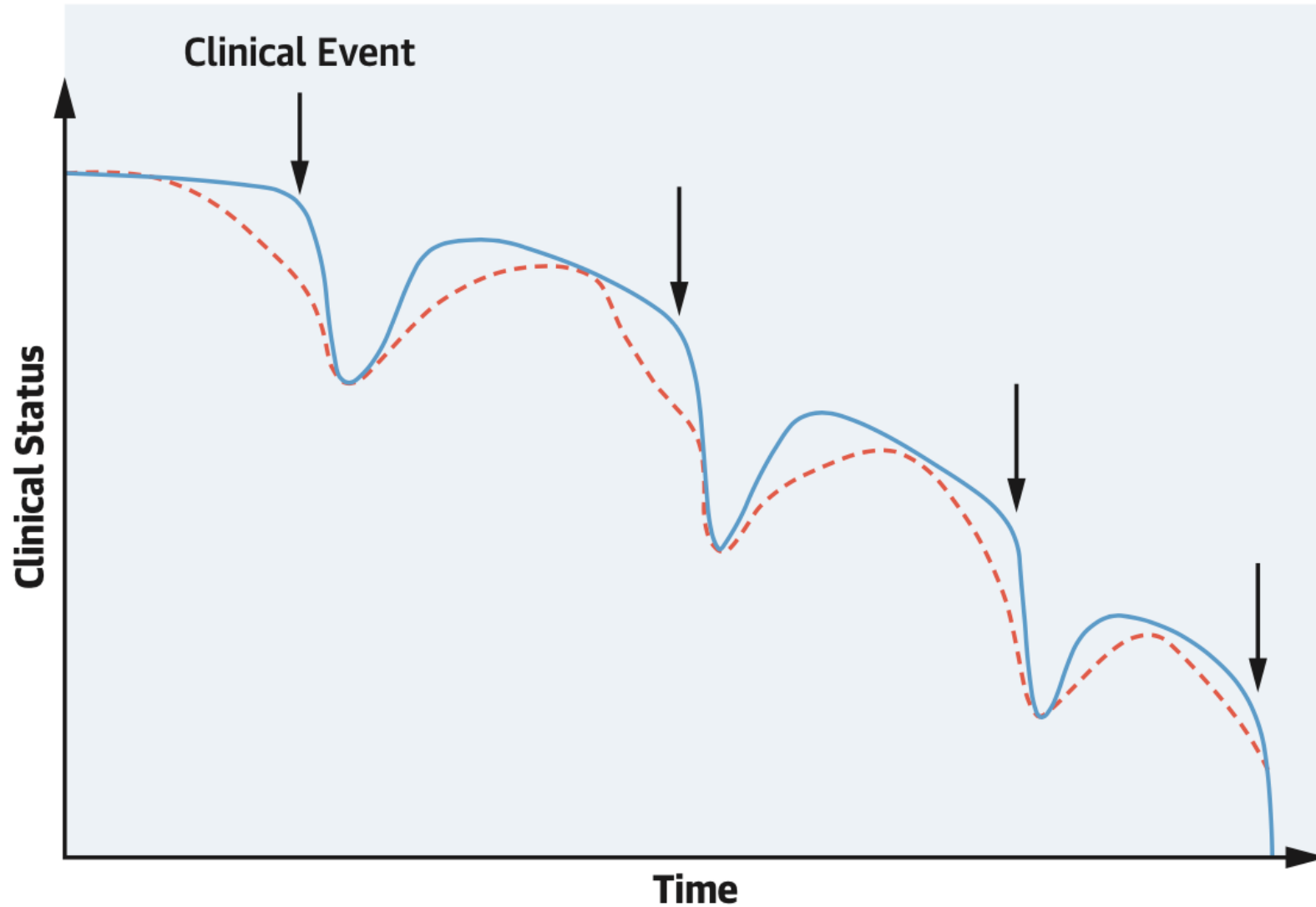
- N = 5988 patients
- EF > 40%
- Empagliflozin or placebo
- Primary EP: Composite of CV Death or Hospitalization for Heart Failure

- N = 6263 patients
- EF > 40%
- Dapagliflozin or placebo
- Primary EP: Composite of worsening heart failure (unplanned hospitalization or an urgent visit for HF) or cardiovascular death,

Anker SD. Et al. NJEM 2021

Solomon SD. et al. NJEM 2022

Traditional and New Theories of HF Clinical Course



HFrEF treatment

- Quick introduction
- Quick titration
- No sequential order

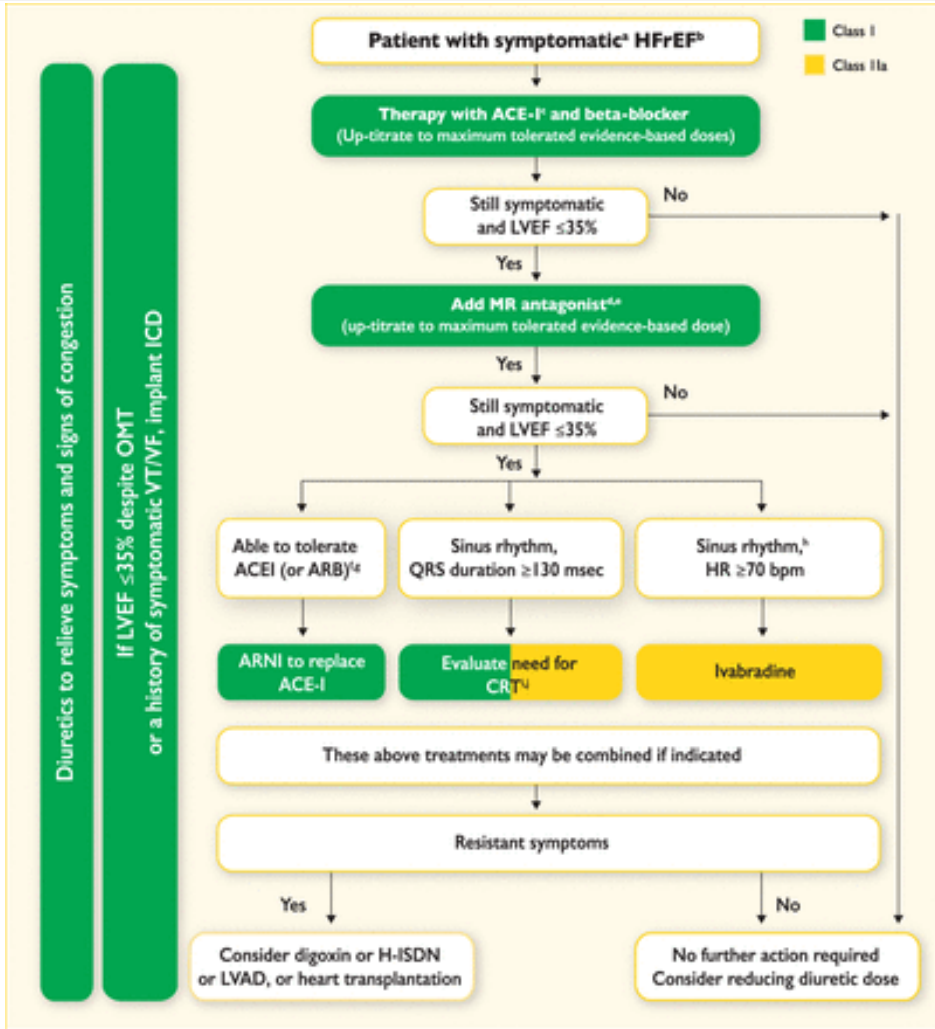
HF treatment and titration

- Reduce Mortality
- Reduce morbidity (HF hospitalisation and worsening HF)

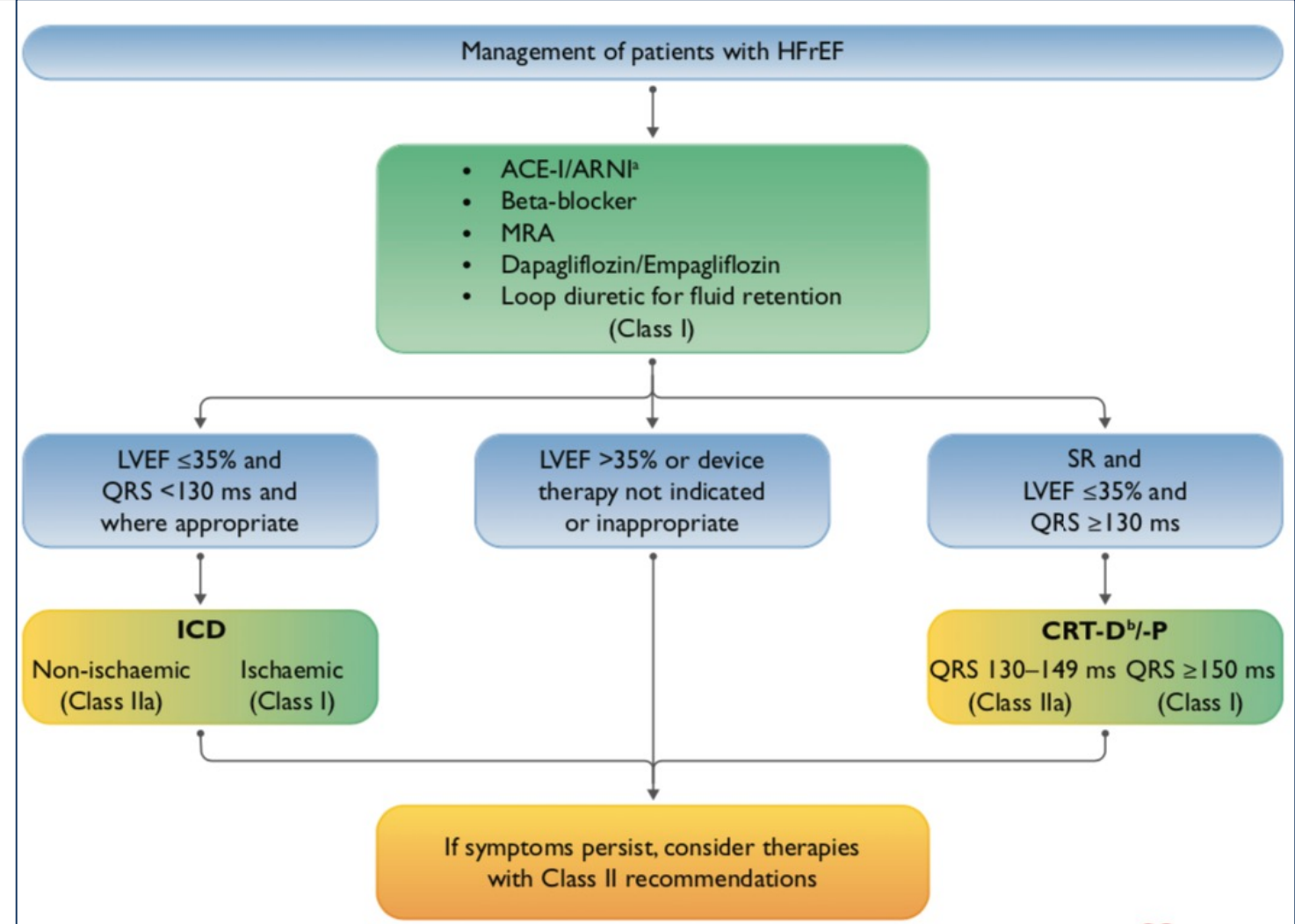
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Management of patients with HFrEF

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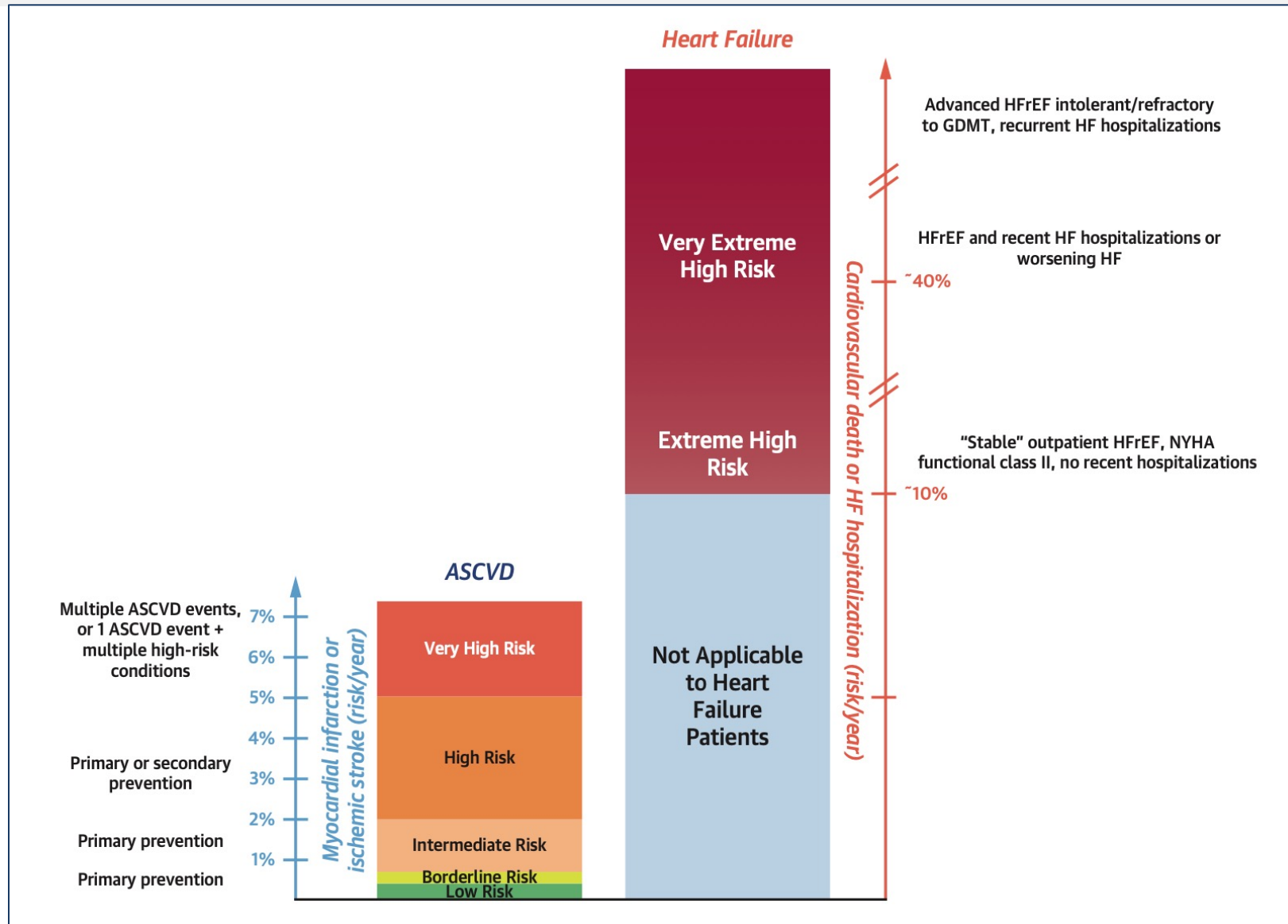


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HFrEF patients

Cardiovascular death or HF hospitalization (risk/year)



HF is a clinical syndrome characterized by:

- Cardinal **symptoms** (breathlessness, ankle swelling, fatigue) that may be accompanied by **signs** (elevated jugular venous pressure, pulmonary crackles, peripheral oedema)
- Due to structural and/or functional cardiac abnormality
- Resulting in elevated intracardiac pressures an/or inadequate cardiac output at rest and/or during exercise.
- Demonstration of an underlying cardiac cause is central to the diagnosis of HF.

HF Treatment according to LVEF

HFrEF ($\leq 40\%$)

