

# **Redefining diabetic management based on new prospective trial (CREDENCE): time for paradigm shift**

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# 臨床情境

- 64 y/o male patient
- Type 2 DM since 1990
- BH: 172 cm
- BW: 77 kg
- BMI: 26
- CAD(-), CHF(-)

# Brief history

- HTN(+), Hyperlipidemia (+)
- Glucophage 850 1# bid+ Januvia 100# qd
- A1c around 6.5-7.1 during 2017-2018
- Cr 1.3 , eGFR 55
- UP(+) ACR 352.7 mg/g

# Question

你會把這個人的DPP-4i，  
換成 SGLT-2i嗎？

# 爭議

- 以血糖控制的立場，換了SGLT-2i控制不一定比較好 (**gluco-centric**)
- 以器官保護的立場，值得更換 (**cardio-centric**)

# Glucocentric v.s Cardiocentric

## 降血糖帶來的 器官保護效果 并非線性

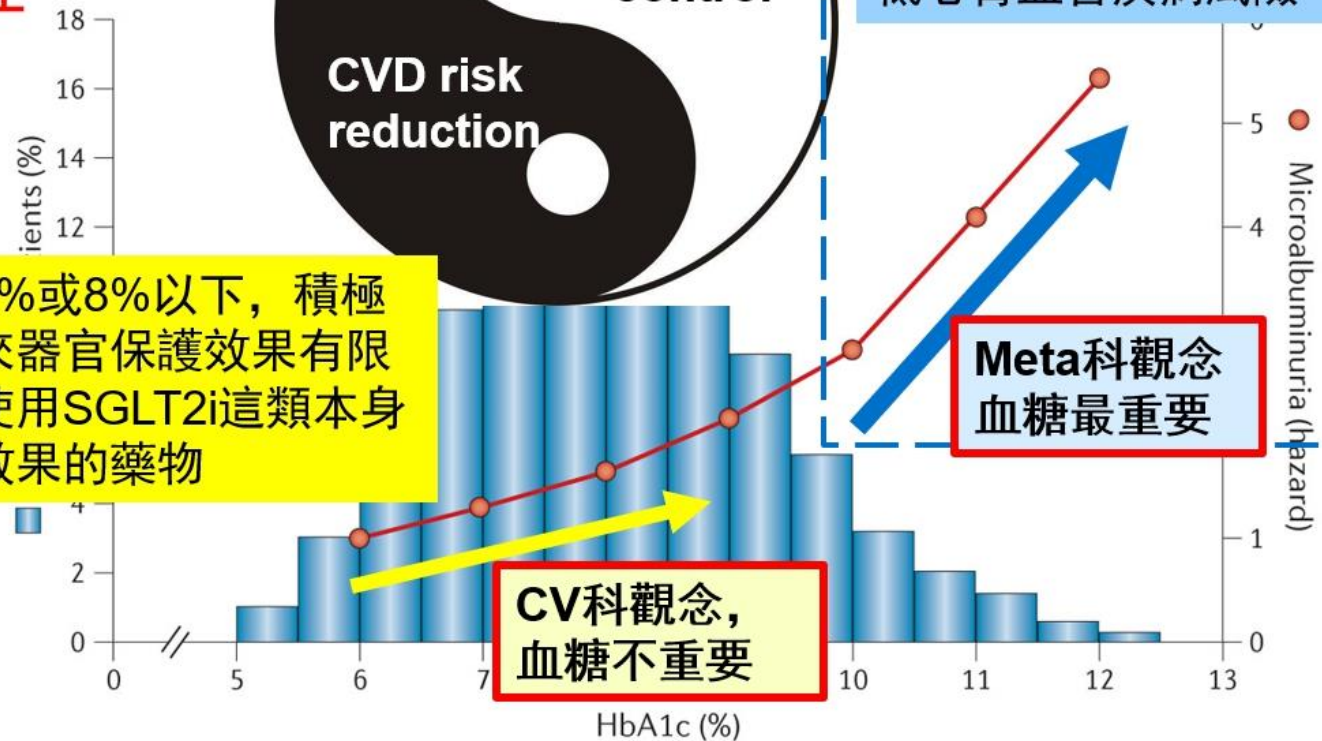


血糖 8%或9%以上，  
積極控糖可以大幅降  
低心腎血管疾病風險

血糖控制在7%或8%以下，積極  
血糖控制帶來器官保護效果有限  
此時更需要使用SGLT2i這類本身  
有器官保護效果的藥物

**Meta科觀念  
血糖最重要**

**CV科觀念，  
血糖不重要**



# ADA guideline

**Use metformin unless contraindicated or not tolerated**

**If not at HbA<sub>1c</sub> target:**

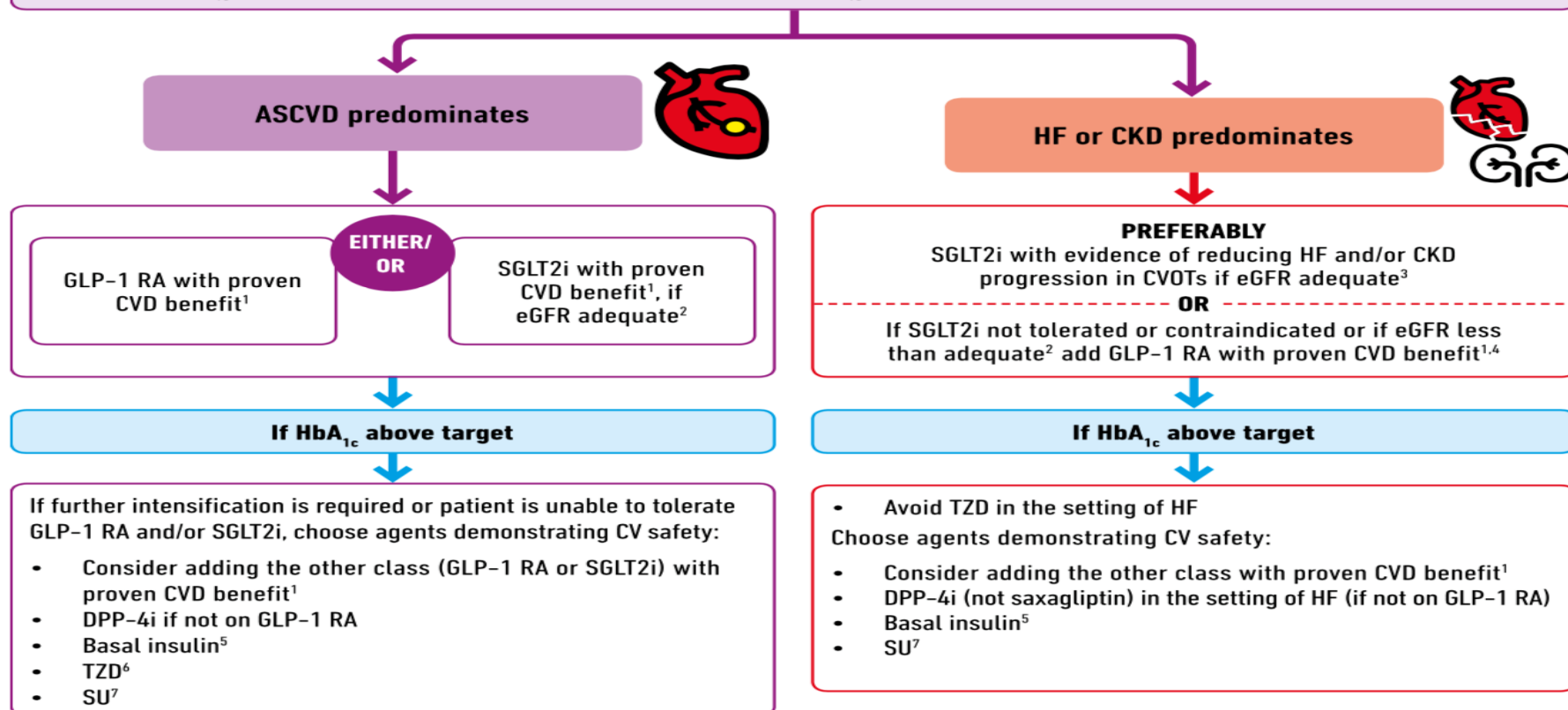
- Continue metformin unless contraindicated (remember to adjust dose/stop metformin with declining eGFR)
- Add SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA with proven cardiovascular benefit<sup>1</sup> (see below)

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**OR** reconsider/lower individualized target and introduce SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA

**OR** reassess HbA<sub>1c</sub> at 3-month intervals and add SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA if HbA<sub>1c</sub> goes above target



# ADA guideline

Use principles in Figure 1



TO AVOID  
CLINICAL INERTIA  
REASSESS AND  
MODIFY TREATMENT  
REGULARLY  
(3-6 MONTHS)

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ASCVD predominates



HF or CKD predominates





# For patients have ASCVD, HF or CKD and GFR is adequate

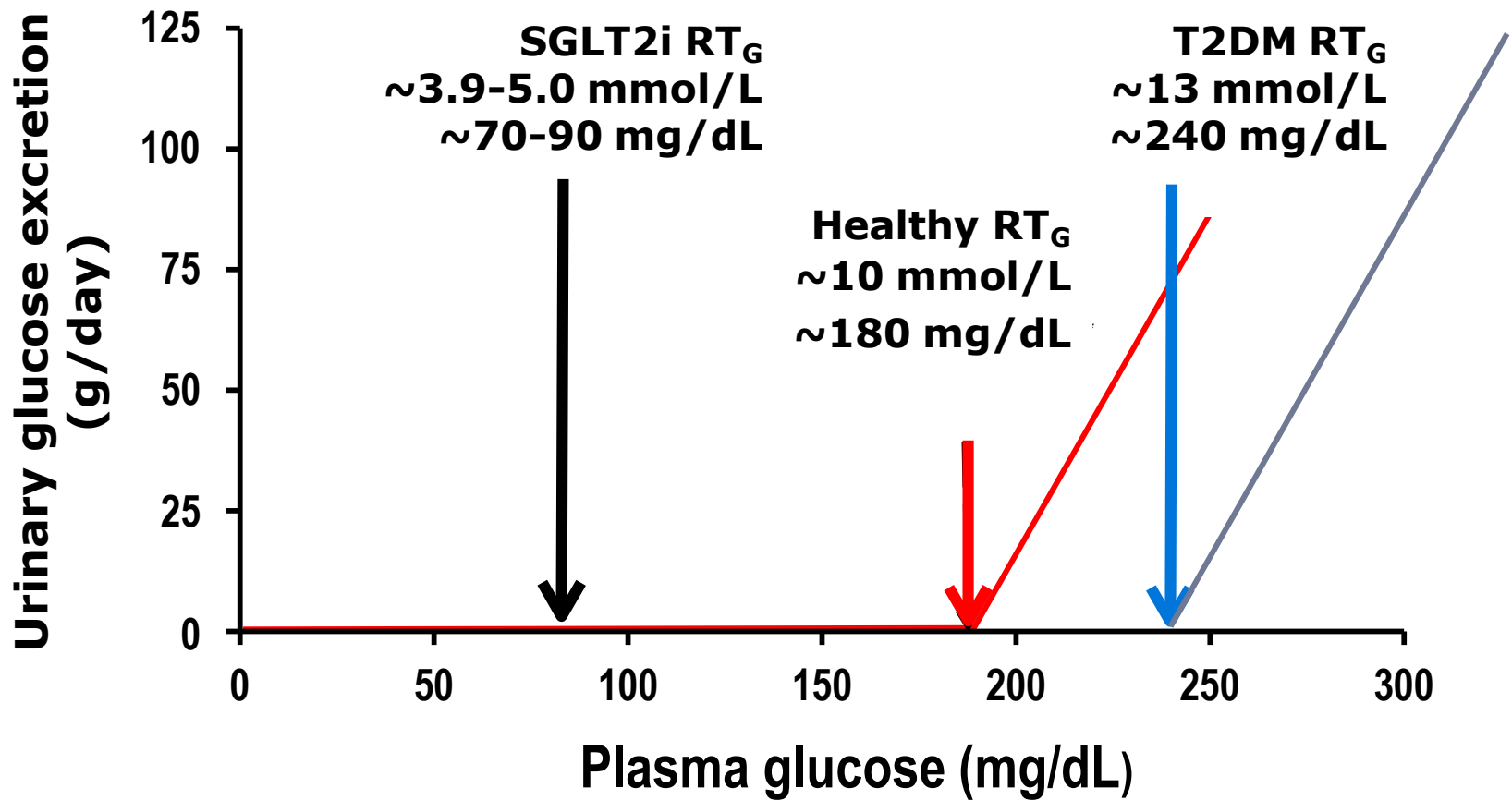
- If at A1c target: **switching**
- If not at A1c target: **add on**

# SGLT2i 器官保護效果

- **Dissociation of organ protection and A1c lowering effect**

**SGLT-2 i 降 A1c 最重要的 predictor 是什麼？**

# Renal Glucose Reabsorption

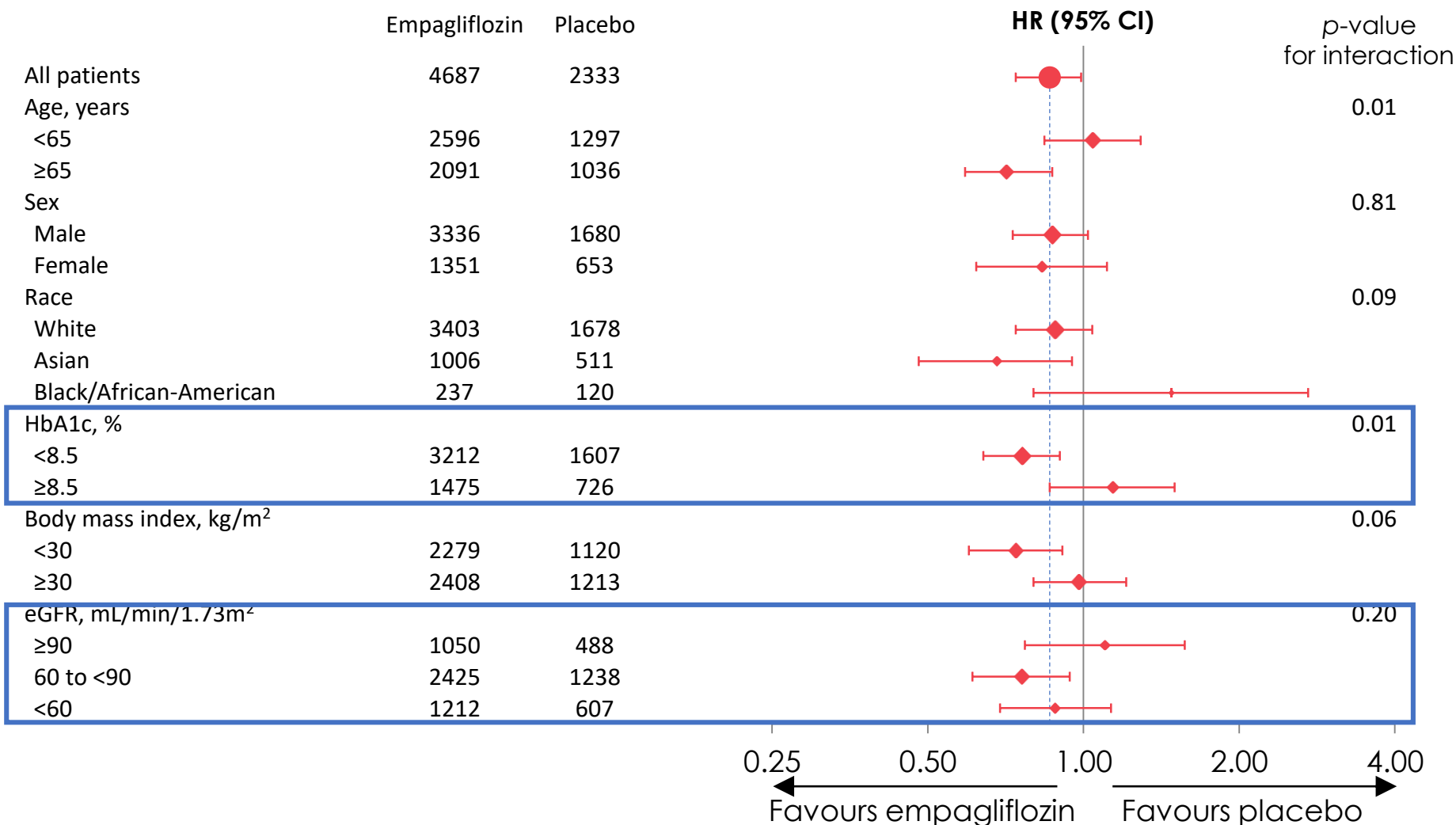


# SGLT2i 血糖降低效果

- SGLT2 排糖效果 (mg/min)=GFR (cc/min)\* Blood sugar (mg/100cc)
- GFR , A1c → 決定SGLT2 效果

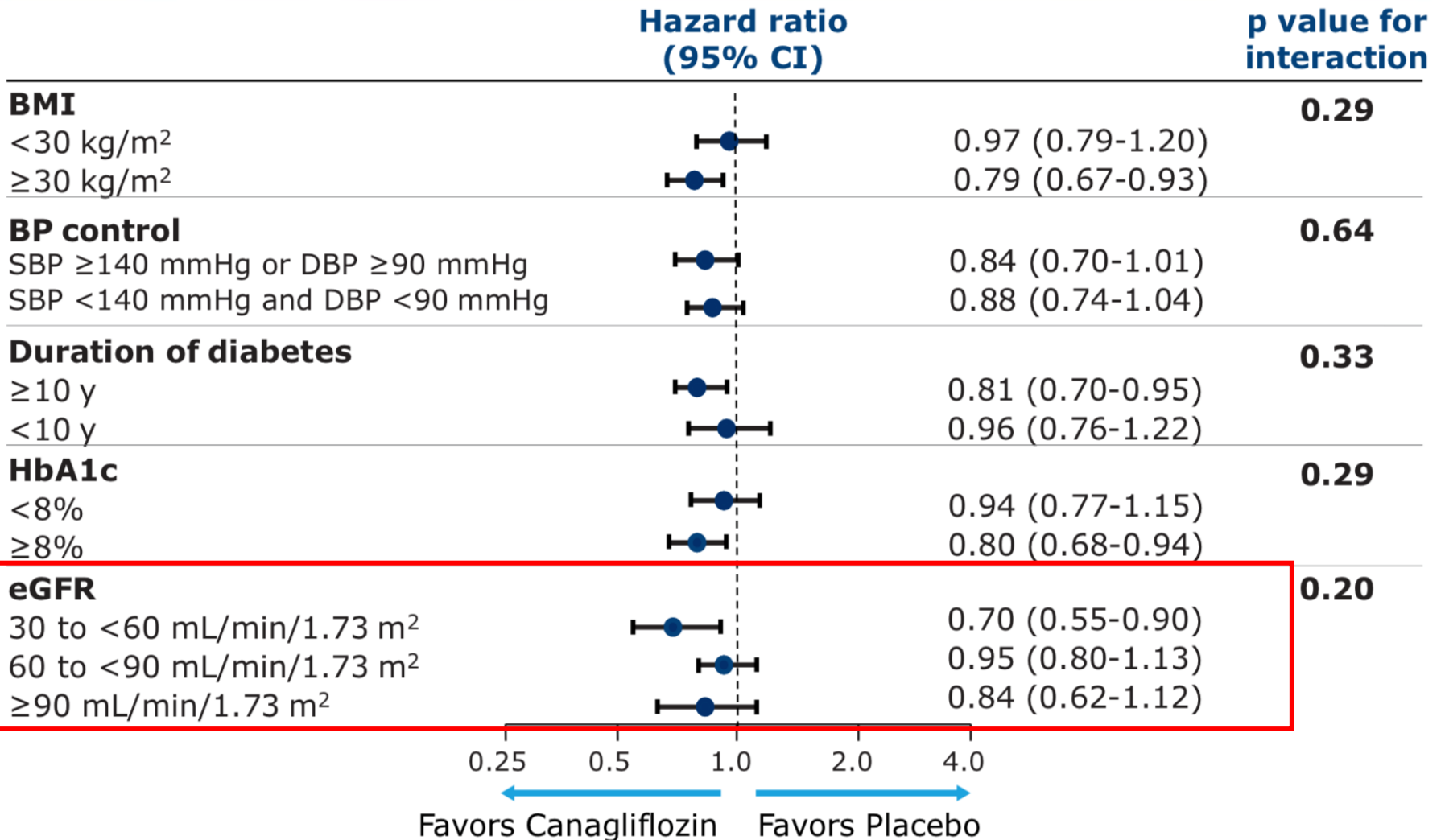
- GFR >90, A1c > 9 → strong responder
- GFR 60-90, A1c 7-9 → average responder
- GFR <60 A1c < 7 → poor responder

# 3-point MACE: subgroup analysis



For the test of homogeneity of the treatment group difference among subgroups with no adjustment for multiple tests.  
 eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate (according to Modification of Diet in Renal Disease equation) Zinman B et al; N Engl J Med 2015; 373:2117-28.

# Risk Factor Subgroups (Primary Outcome)





# SGLT2i 器官保護效果

- SGLT-2i
- 降糖效果
- eGFR > 90 → 好
- > 60 → 可
- < 60 → 幾乎無效
- 器官保護效果 → eGFR > 30
- 器官保護機制, 一定有除了排糖之外的原因

# SGLT2i 器官保護效果

	GFR30- 60	GFR>60
降糖	+	+++
心臟保護	++++	+++
腎臟保護	+++ +	++++
中風保護(cana)	+++	++
降體重	++	++
降血壓	++	+

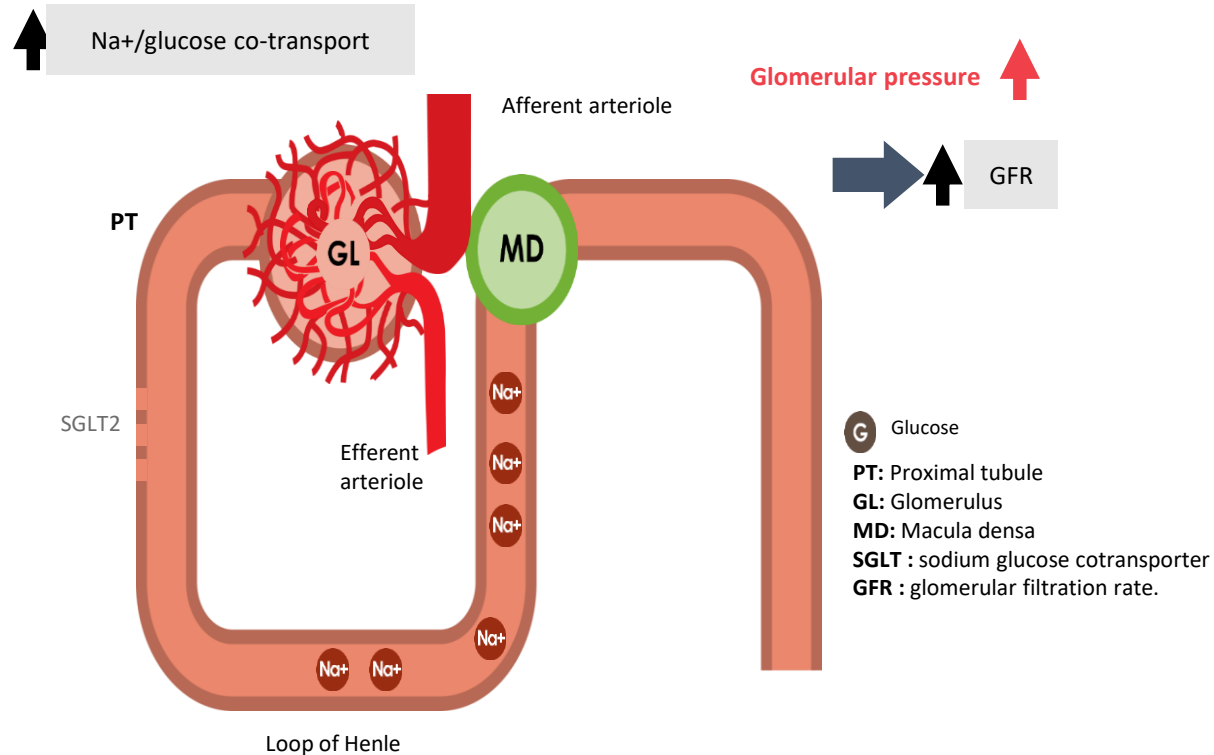
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夠好的降糖

好的降糖藥 好的器官  
保護藥

# Possible mechanisms for renal protective effect of SGLT-2i

- **TGF**
- **Renal ischemia and EPO**
- **Oxidative stress**

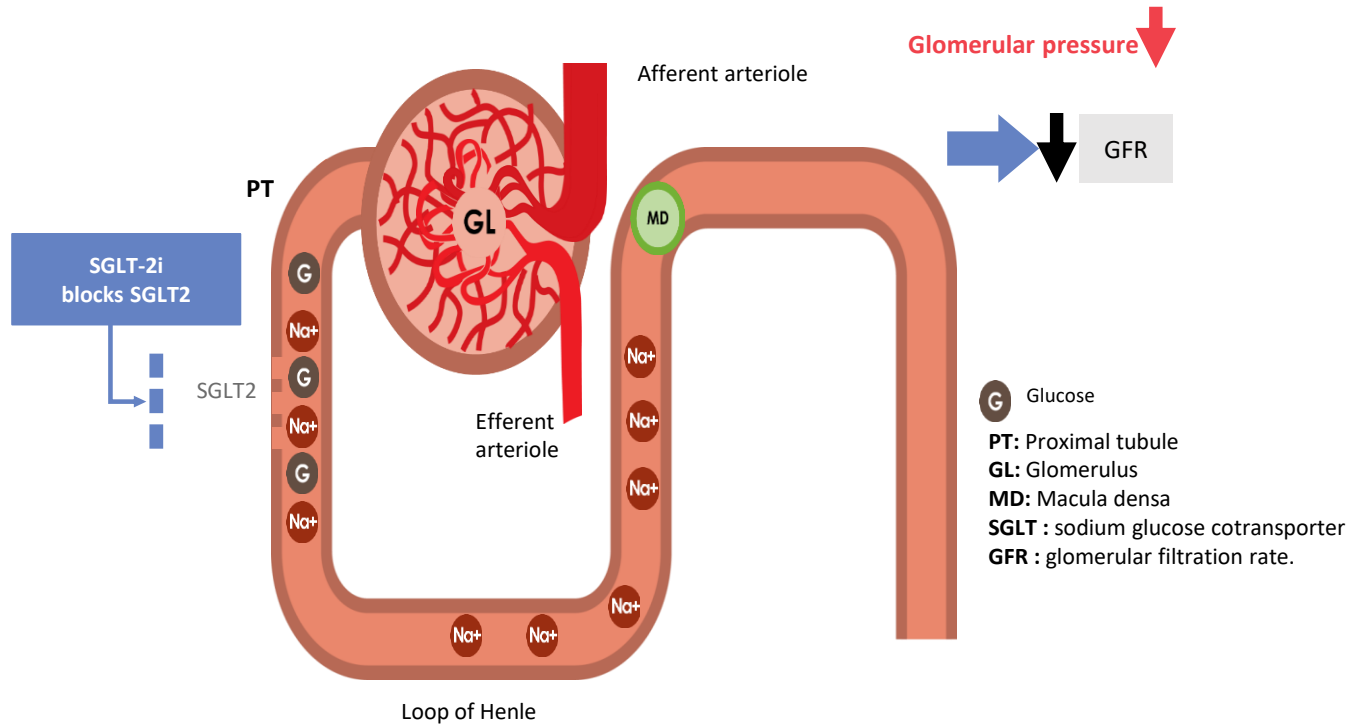
# Diabetes may cause glomerular hypertension



Renal hemodynamics under hyperglycemia

Adapted from: Cherney D et al. Circulation 2014;129:587

# SGLT2 lowers intraglomerular pressure in T1D

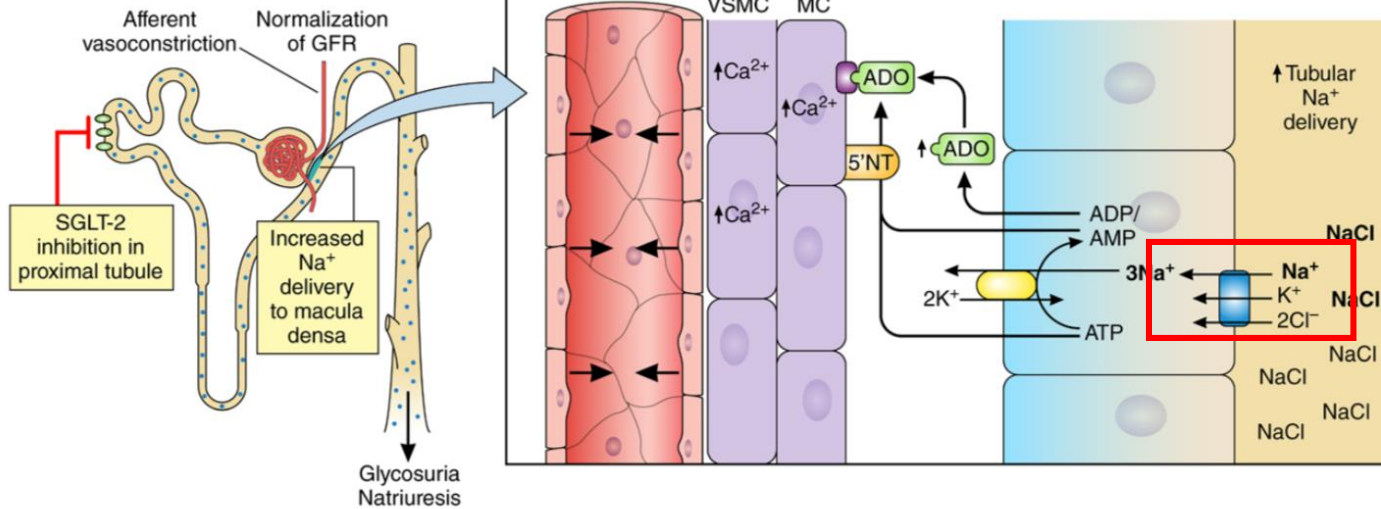


Renal hemodynamics with SGLT-2

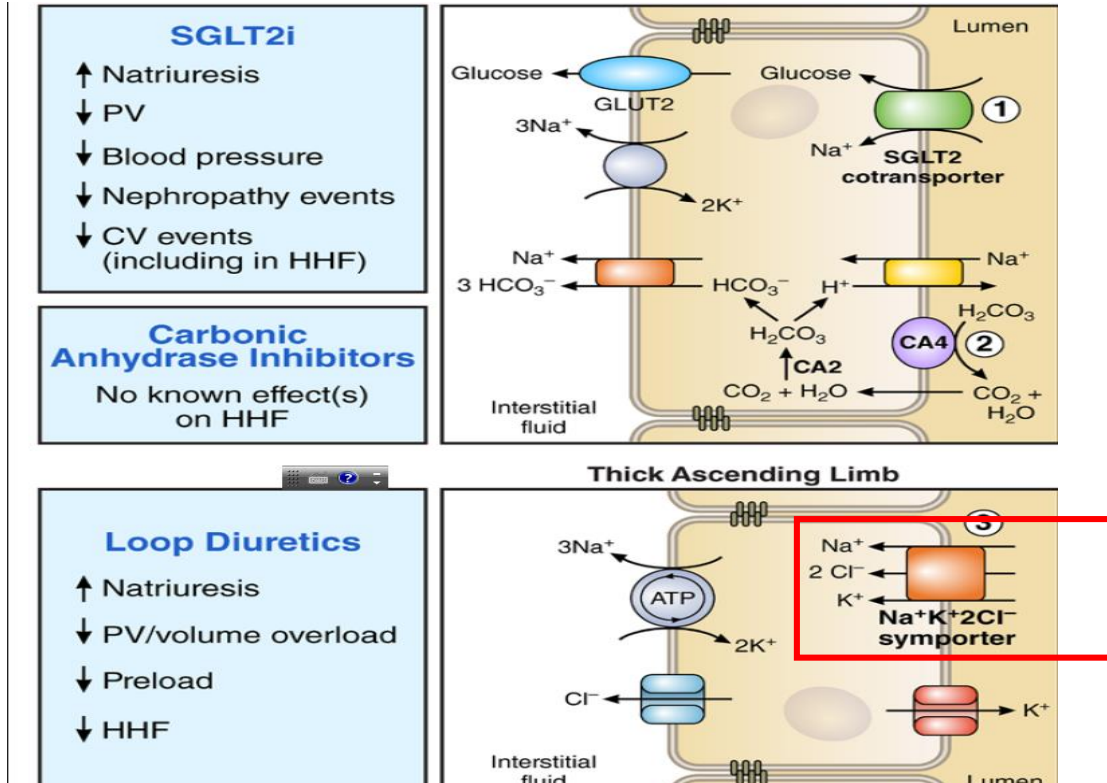
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# tubular glomerular feedback

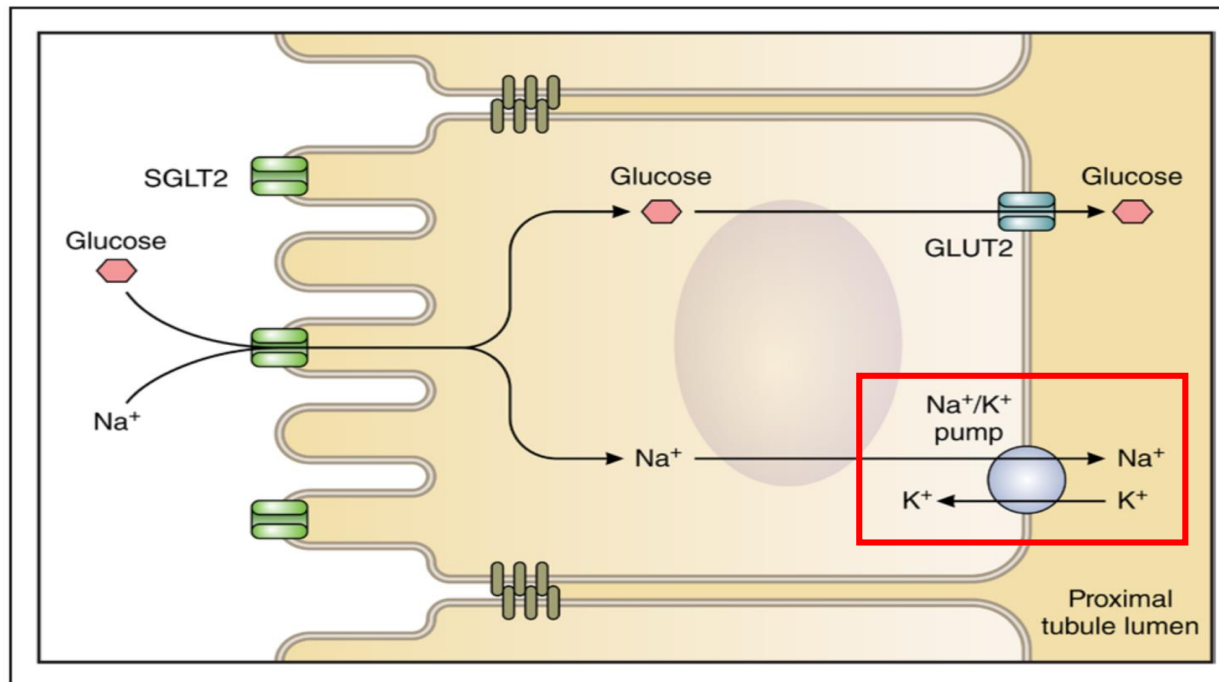
## C SGLT-2 inhibition reduces hyperfiltration via TGF



# Why loop diuretic can't induce TGF



# Renal ischemia and EPO

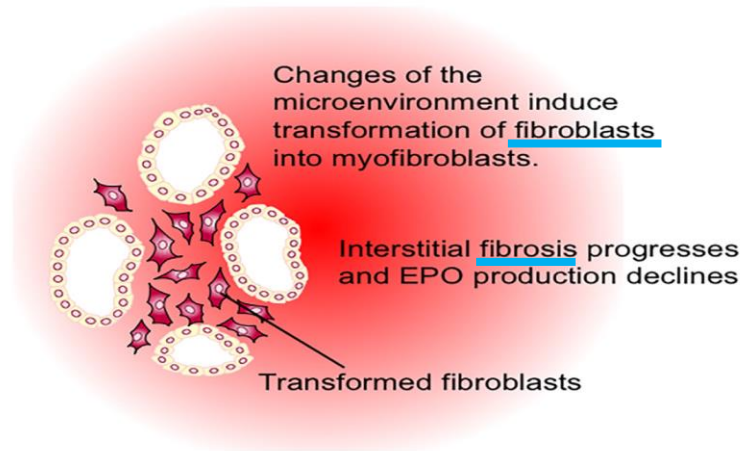




# SGLT-2i therapy suppresses oxygen consumption by the proximal tubules and improves tubulointerstitial hypoxia

## T2DM

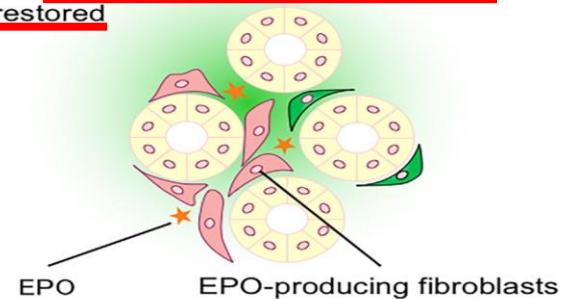
Proximal renal tubular epithelial cells are overloaded by excessive energy-dependent reabsorption of glucose



## T2DM with SGLT2 inhibition

Proximal tubular epithelial cells are relieved from the burden of excessive reabsorption of glucose

Cortical tubulointerstitial damage recovers and EPO production by fibroblasts is restored



1. Sano M. J Cardiol. 2018 May; 71(5): 471-476.; 2. Sano M, Takei M et al. J Clin Med Res. 2016 Dec; 8(12): 844-847.

# Canagliflozin Improves Erythropoiesis in Diabetes Patients with Anemia of Chronic Kidney Disease

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## Abstract

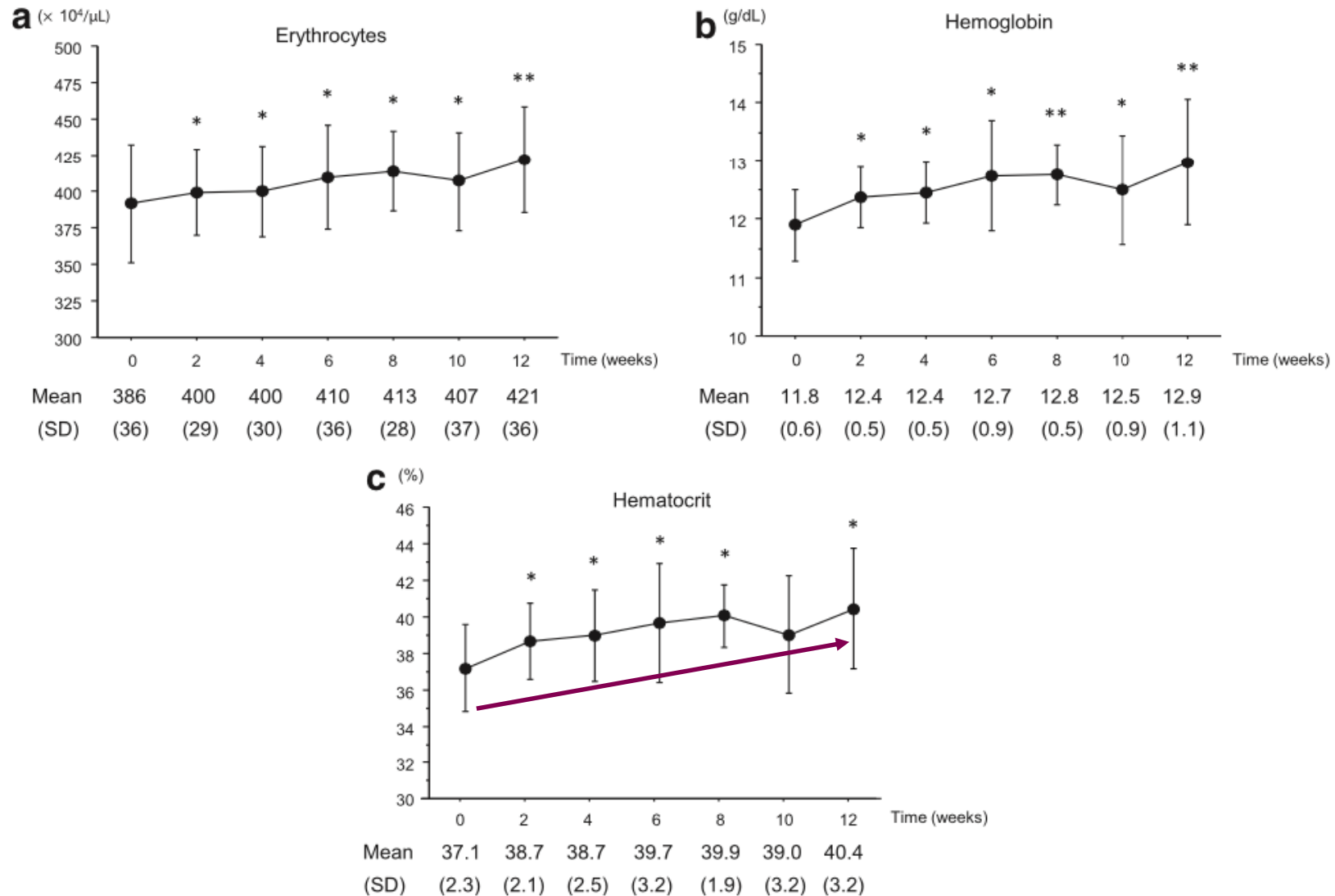
**Background:** We evaluated the erythropoietic effects of canagliflozin, a sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor, in type 2 diabetes patients with anemia of chronic kidney disease.

**Methods:** Nine diabetes patients were enrolled and administered 100 mg canagliflozin once a day for 12 weeks. The patients received fixed doses of conventional antidiabetic drugs and renin-angiotensin system inhibitors for 8 weeks before enrollment; these drugs were continued during the study. Endpoints were changes in erythropoiesis parameters, including erythrocyte and reticulocyte count, hemoglobin, hematocrit, and serum erythropoietin (EPO) concentration from baseline to 12 weeks. All variables were measured every 2 weeks.

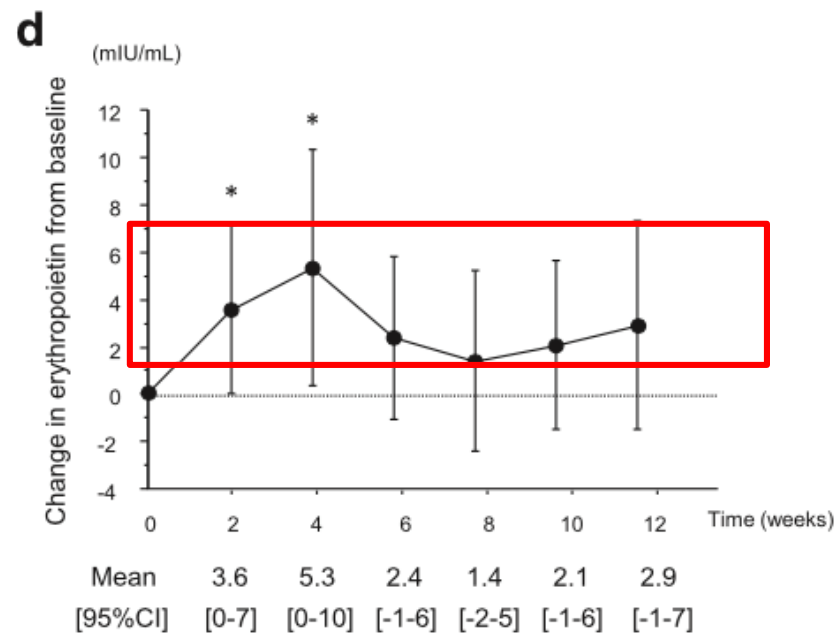
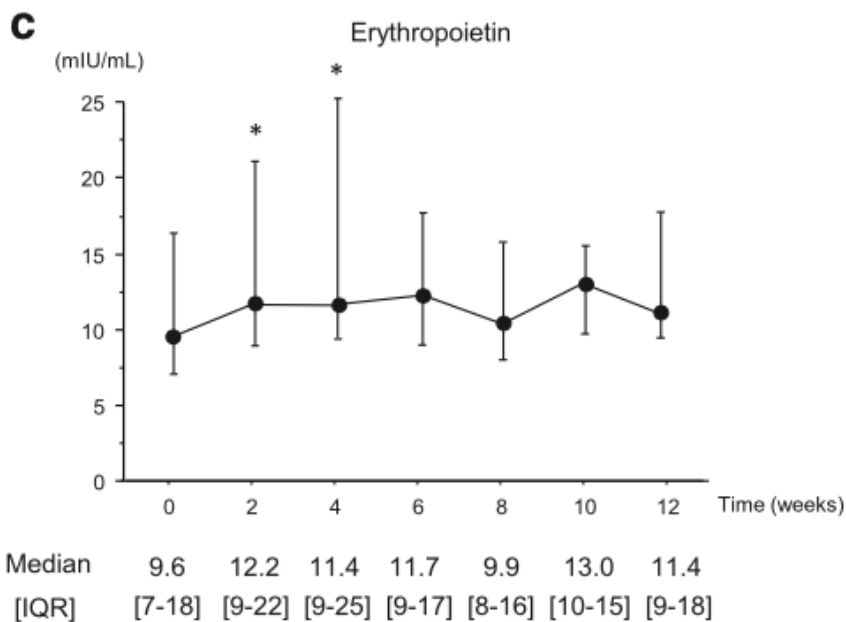
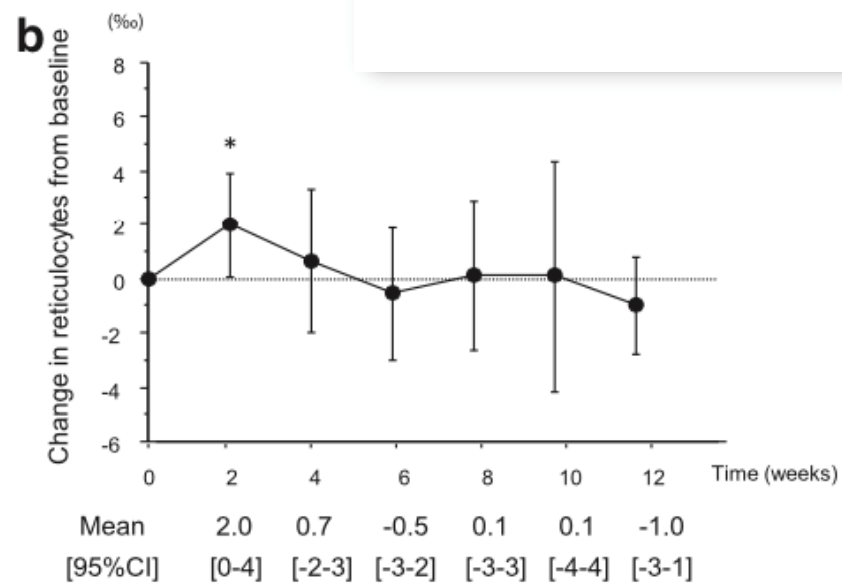
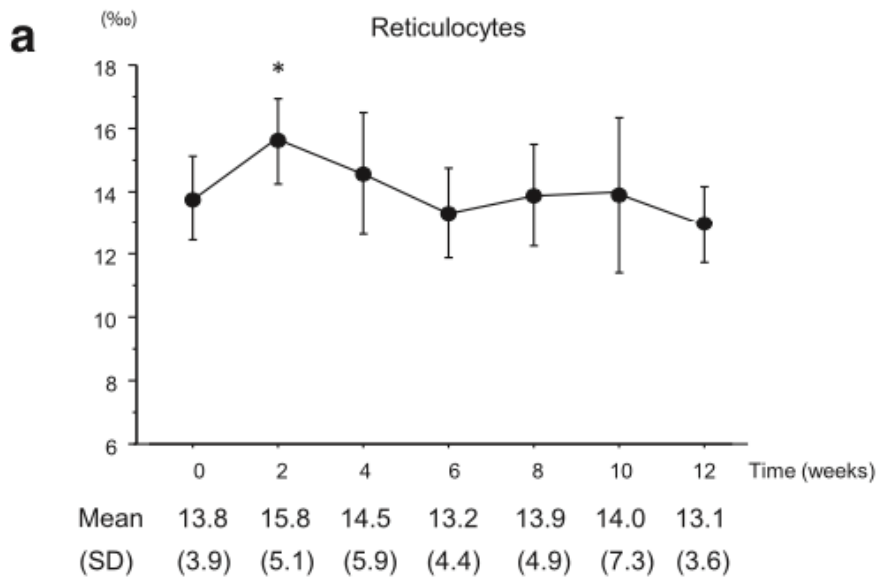
**Results:** Serum EPO concentration increased by 38 [15–62]% ( $P=0.043$ ) between baseline and 2 and 4 weeks. Reticulocyte count transiently increased at 2 weeks. Erythropoiesis occurred after 2 weeks of canagliflozin treatment. Erythrocyte count (from  $386 \pm 36 \times 10^4/\mu\text{L}$  to  $421 \pm 36 \times 10^4/\mu\text{L}$ ;  $P=0.0009$ ), hemoglobin (from  $11.8 \pm 0.6 \text{ g/dL}$  to  $12.9 \pm 1.1 \text{ g/dL}$ ;  $P=0.0049$ ), and hematocrit (from  $37.1 \pm 2.3\%$  to  $40.4 \pm 3.2\%$ ;  $P=0.002$ ) increased from baseline to study completion. Although there were no significant changes in transferrin saturation, serum ferritin levels were decreased ( $P=0.003$ ).

**Conclusions:** Canagliflozin treatment led to an improvement in erythropoiesis in patients with impaired kidney function. The effect on erythropoiesis appeared to be due to an EPO production-mediated mechanism and might be independent of glycemic control; however, further studies are needed to clarify this since the present study had a small sample size and no comparator group.

**Keywords:** Canagliflozin, Chronic kidney disease, Erythropoiesis, Erythropoietin, Renal anemia, Type 2 diabetes.



**G. 1.** Change in erythropoiesis profiles. **(a)** Changes in erythrocyte count at each time point. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD. **(b)** Changes in hemoglobin level at each time point. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD. **(c)** Changes in hematocrit level at each time point. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SD. \* $P < 0.05$ ; \*\* $P < 0.01$  versus baseline. SD, standard deviation.



# Univariable analysis show changes from baseline in hematocrit and hemoglobin mediated the most on the HR for CV Death in EMPA REG

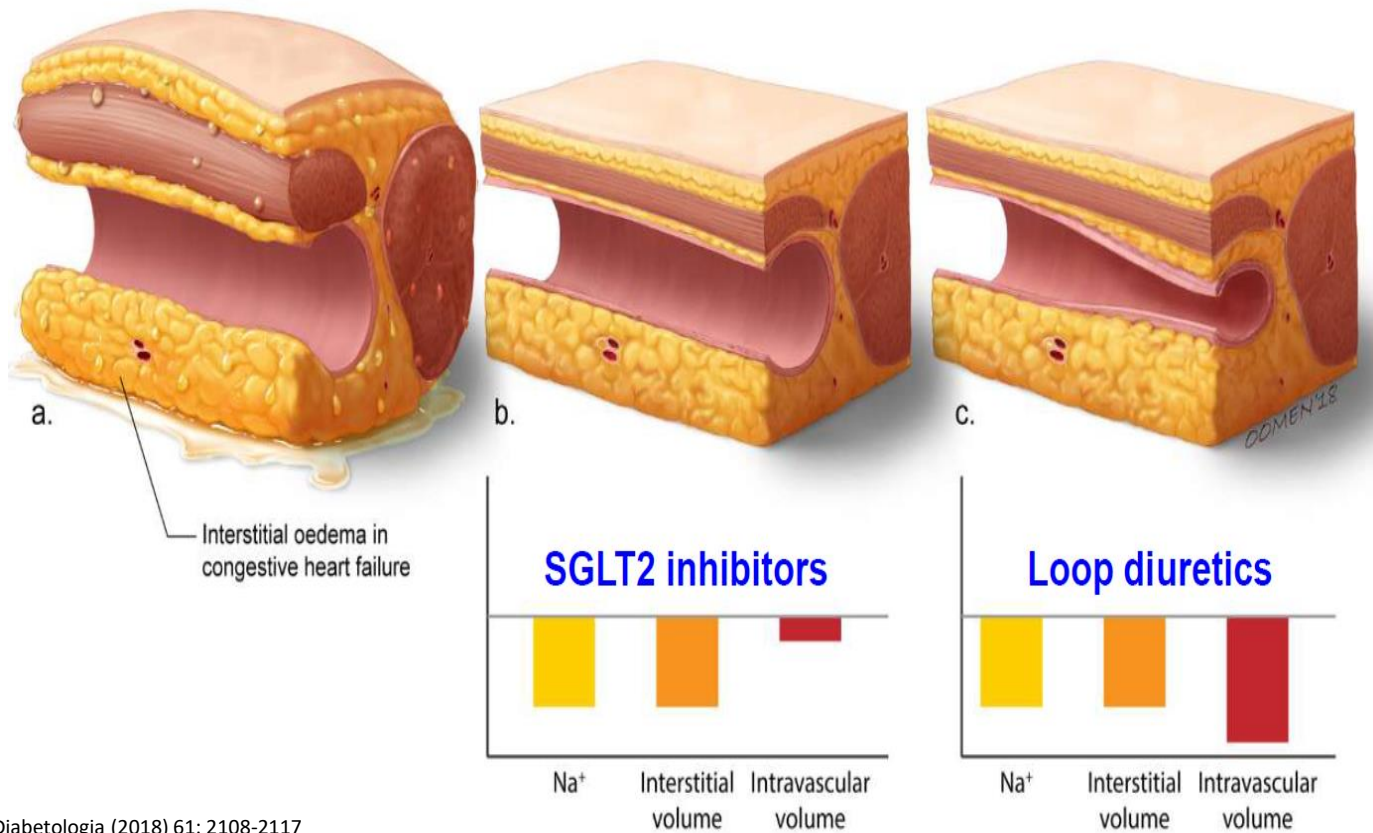
	HR for CV death with empagliflozin vs. placebo (95% CI)	Percentage mediation
Unadjusted	0.615 (0.491, 0.770)	
Adjusted for		
HbA <sub>1c</sub>	0.624 (0.496, 0.785)	3.0
FPG	0.665 (0.529, 0.837)	16.1
SBP	0.593 (0.473, 0.743)	-7.5
DBP	0.614 (0.490, 0.769)	-0.3
Heart rate	0.621 (0.495, 0.780)	2.0
LDL-C	0.596 (0.475, 0.748)	-6.5
HDL-C	0.636 (0.506, 0.799)	6.9
logTG	0.604 (0.482, 0.758)	-3.7
FFAs	0.586 (0.463, 0.741)	-9.9
logUACR	0.649 (0.518, 0.815)	11.1
eGFR (MDRD)	0.631 (0.504, 0.790)	5.3
eGFR (CKD-EPI)	0.632 (0.505, 0.791)	5.6
Weight	0.579 (0.461, 0.727)	-12.4
BMI	0.578 (0.460, 0.726)	-12.8
WC	0.598 (0.477, 0.750)	-5.8
Hematocrit	0.791 (0.626, 1.000)	51.8
Hemoglobin	0.780 (0.619, 0.983)	48.9
Albumin	0.696 (0.555, 0.873)	25.5
Uric acid	0.693 (0.553, 0.869)	24.6



**Univariable mediation analysis of risk of CV death with Empa versus placebo:** time-dependent covariate analysis adjusting for the change from baseline in each variable

FFA, free fatty acid; HDL-C, HDL cholesterol; LDL-C, LDL cholesterol; TG, triglyceride; WC, waist circumference.

# SGLT2i may differentially regulate the interstitial vs intravascular compartment when compared with loop diuretics

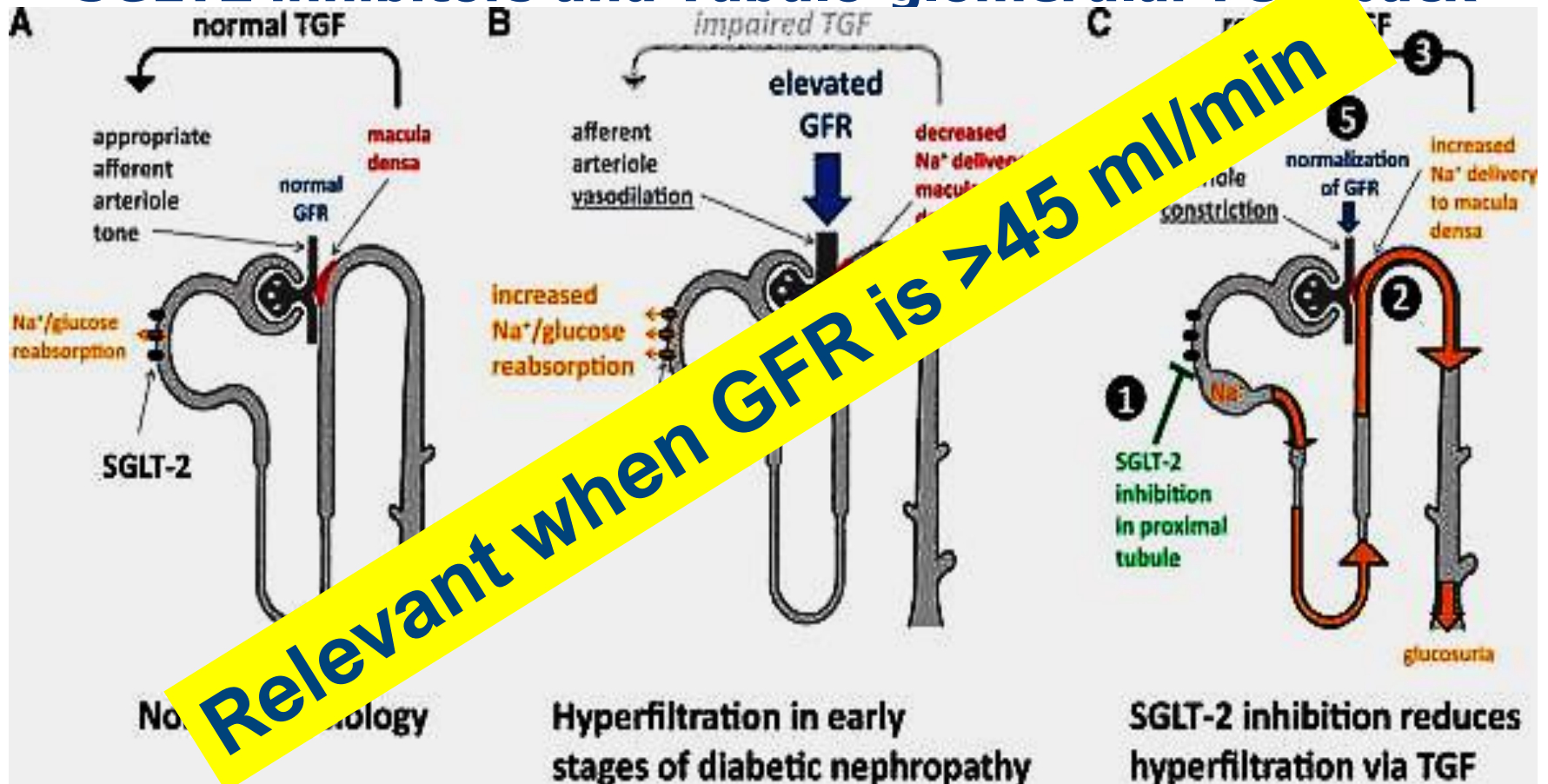


Diabetologia (2018) 61: 2108-2117

# Osmotic diuresis different from loop diuresis

- **Reduce interstitial edema**
- **Loop diuretics sparing**
- **Prevent prerenal azotemia**
- **Reduce reflex tachycardia**
- **Reduce RAS activation**

# SGLT2 inhibitors and Tubulo-glomerular Feedback

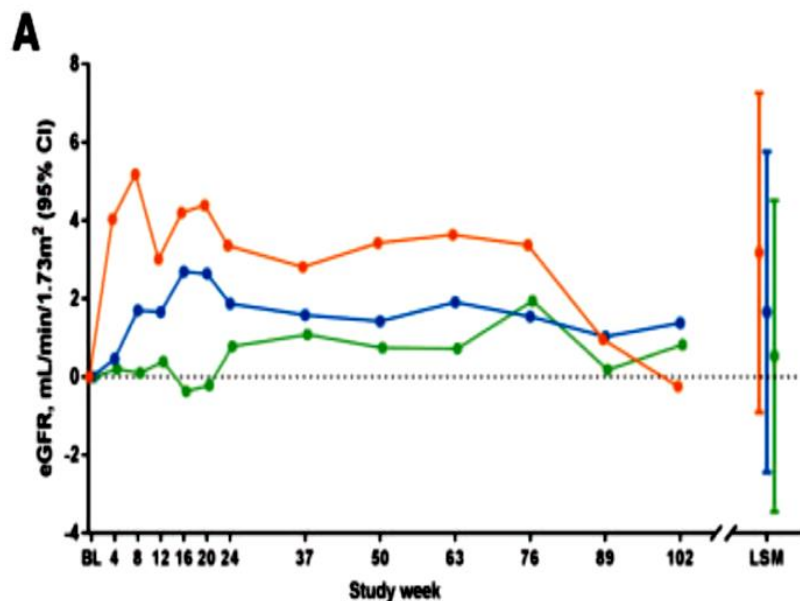


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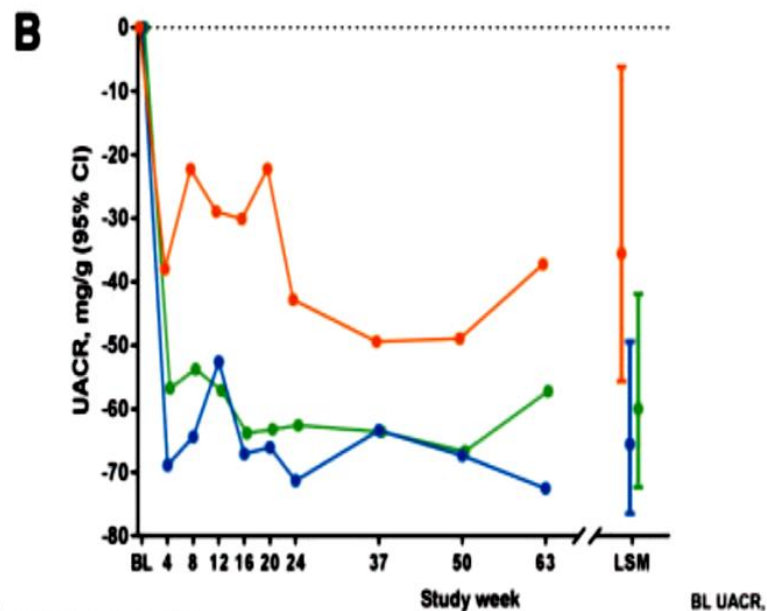


# Changes in parameters of kidney function (Stages 3b & 4 CKD) over time during treatment with placebo or dapagliflozin: (A) eGFR, (B) UACR

Placebo (N=69)\*    Dapa 5 mg (N=58)\*    Dapa 10 mg (N=93)\*

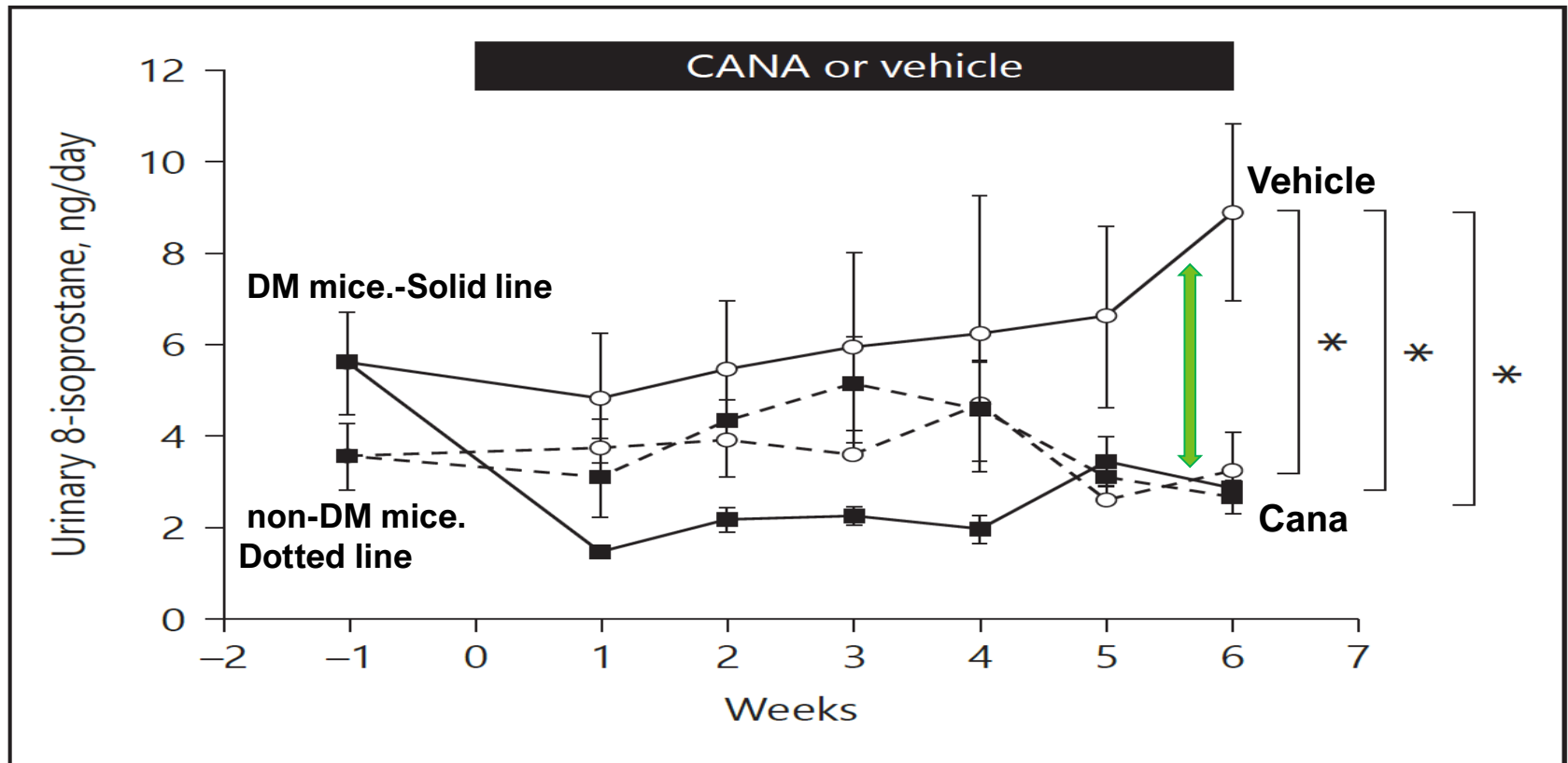


Patients per timepoint		Study week											BL eGFR, mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>		
Placebo	62	59	52	42	50	37	51	49	43	28	23	20	19	62	38.8
Dapa 5 mg	56	55	53	53	51	52	51	49	46	38	35	32	26	56	37.5
Dapa 10 mg	85	82	77	61	68	59	66	85	60	43	39	37	37	85	38.3



Patients per timepoint		Study week											BL UACR, mg/g
Placebo	37	36	30	25	28	23	29	28	23	13	37	357.8	
Dapa 5 mg	36	36	35	35	34	33	33	30	29	22	36	819.8	
Dapa 10 mg	54	54	47	35	43	34	41	41	37	29	54	486.3	

## Effects of CANA on renal oxidative stress in T2DM mice.



# Case 1

- 55 y/o female patient
- Type 2 DM since 2016
- BH: 157 cm
- BW: 88 kg
- BMI: 35.7

# Brief history

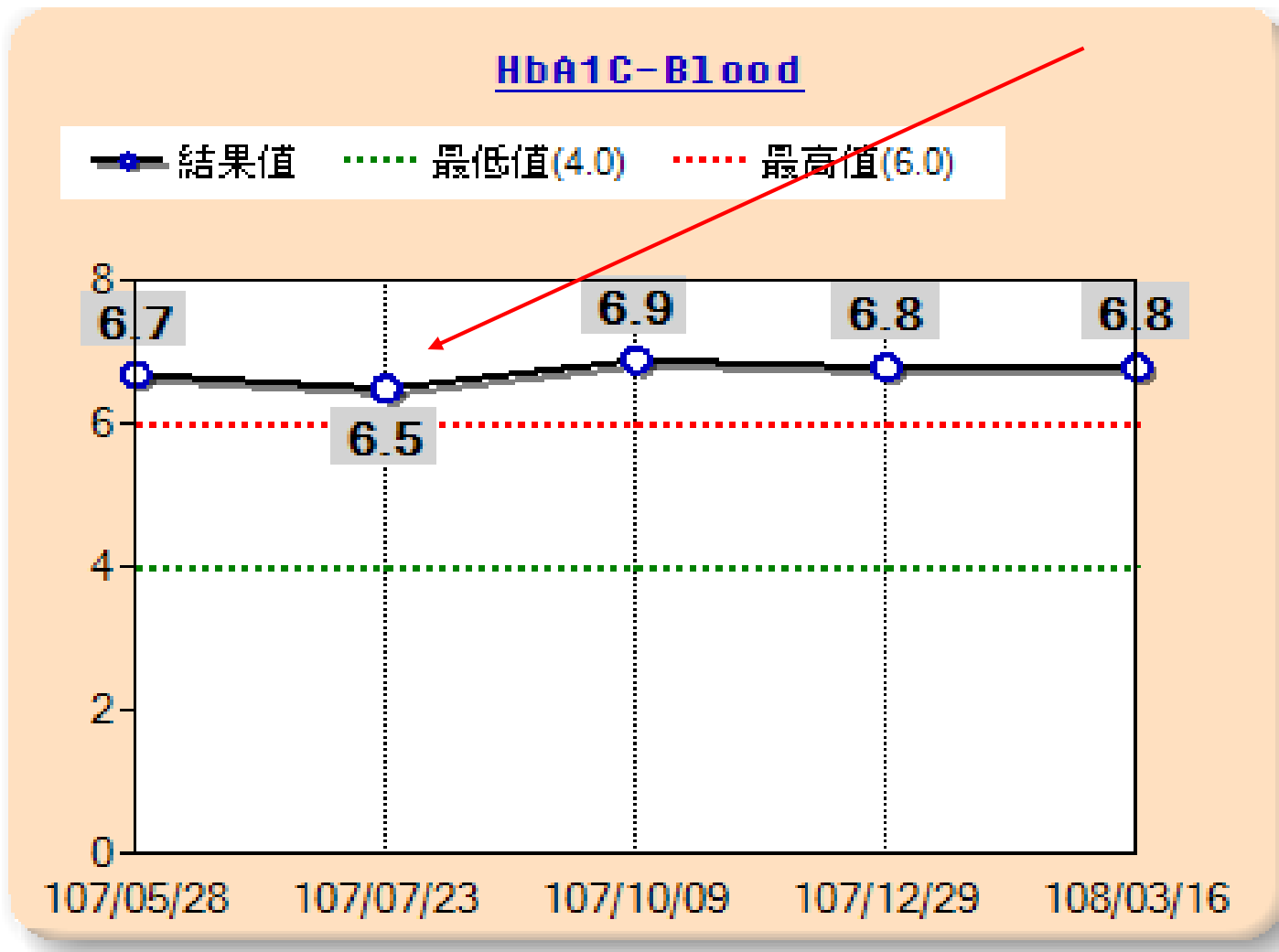
- type 2 DM diagnosed since 2016
- Under Glucophage 500 mg 1# bid + Januvia 1# qd
- A1c 6.5- 7
- GFR 87
- Urine protein 3+
- ACR 792 mg/g (2018/7/23)

# Brief history

- Cr 0.7 GFR 87
- BP Under Micardis for blood pressure control
- → change regimen to Glucophage 500 mg 1# bid+ canaglu 100 mg qd

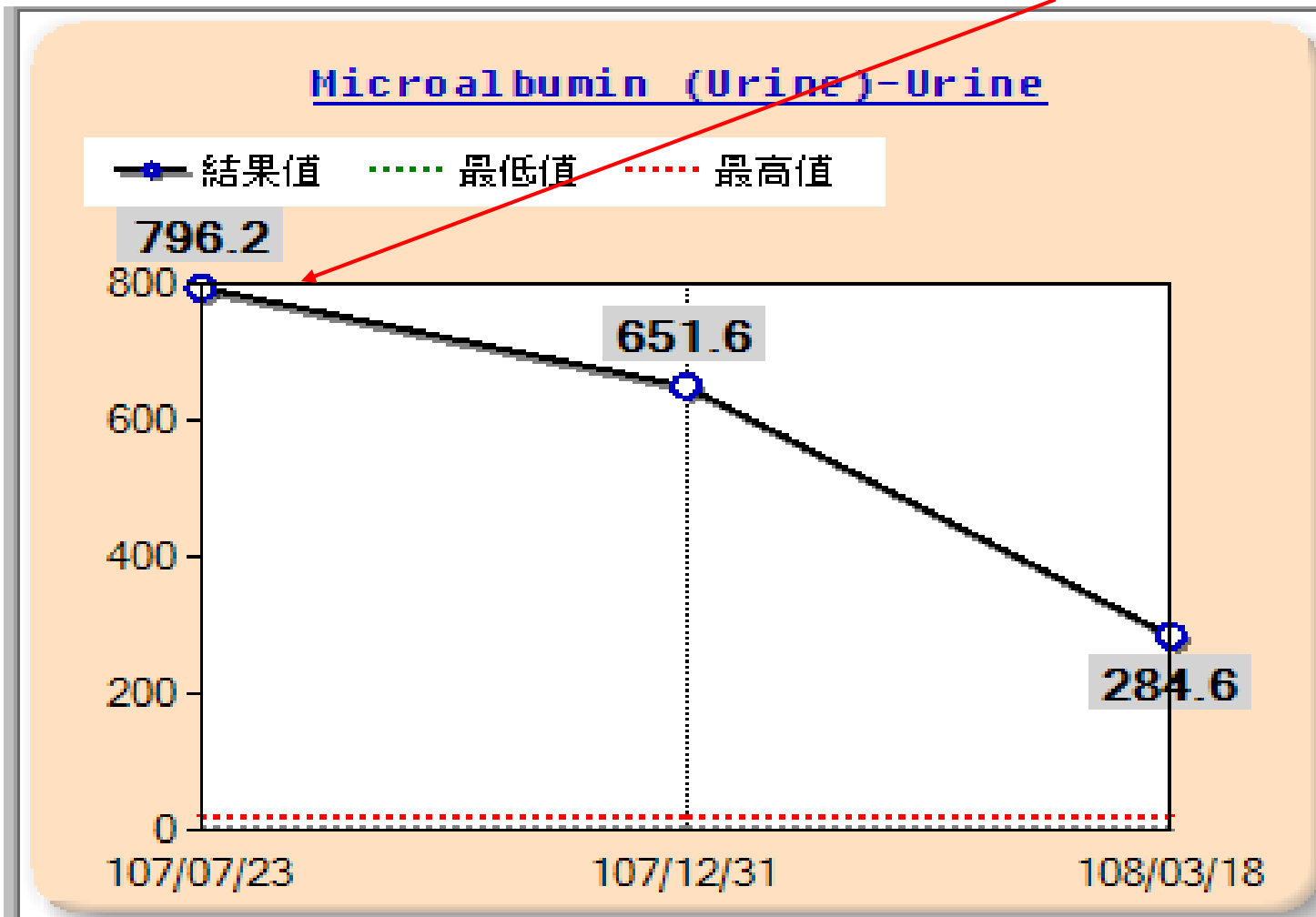
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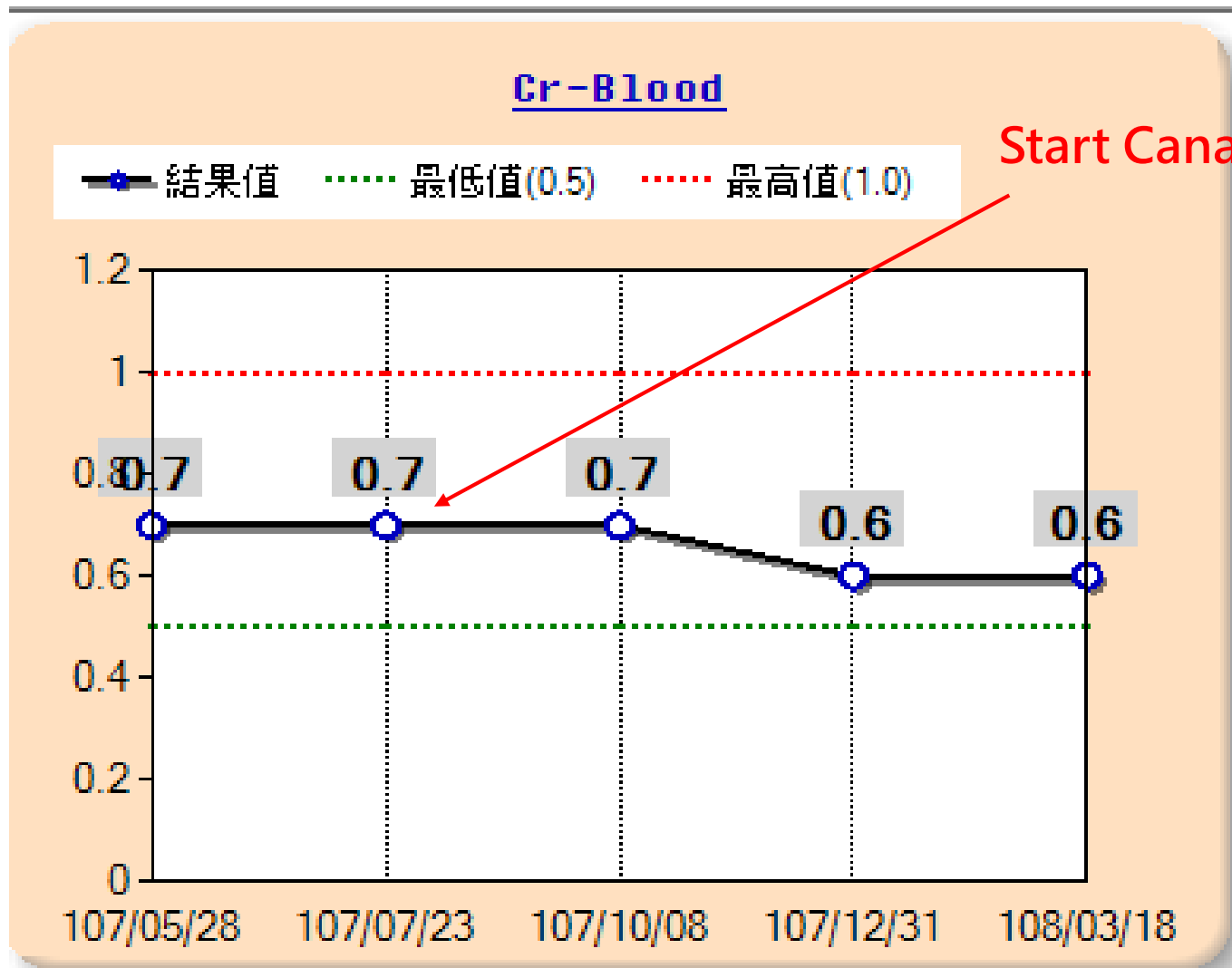


# Case 1

Start canaglu



# Case 1





# Case 1

- Current medication

Glucophage 500 mg 1# bid+ Canaglu 100 mg qd

- ACR:796 mg/g → 284 mg/g

- BW : 88- > 85 Kg

- Cr 0.7- > 0.6

# Case 2

- 71 y/o female patient
- Type 2 DM since 2006
- BH: 148 cm
- BW: 58 kg
- BMI: 26.4

# Brief history

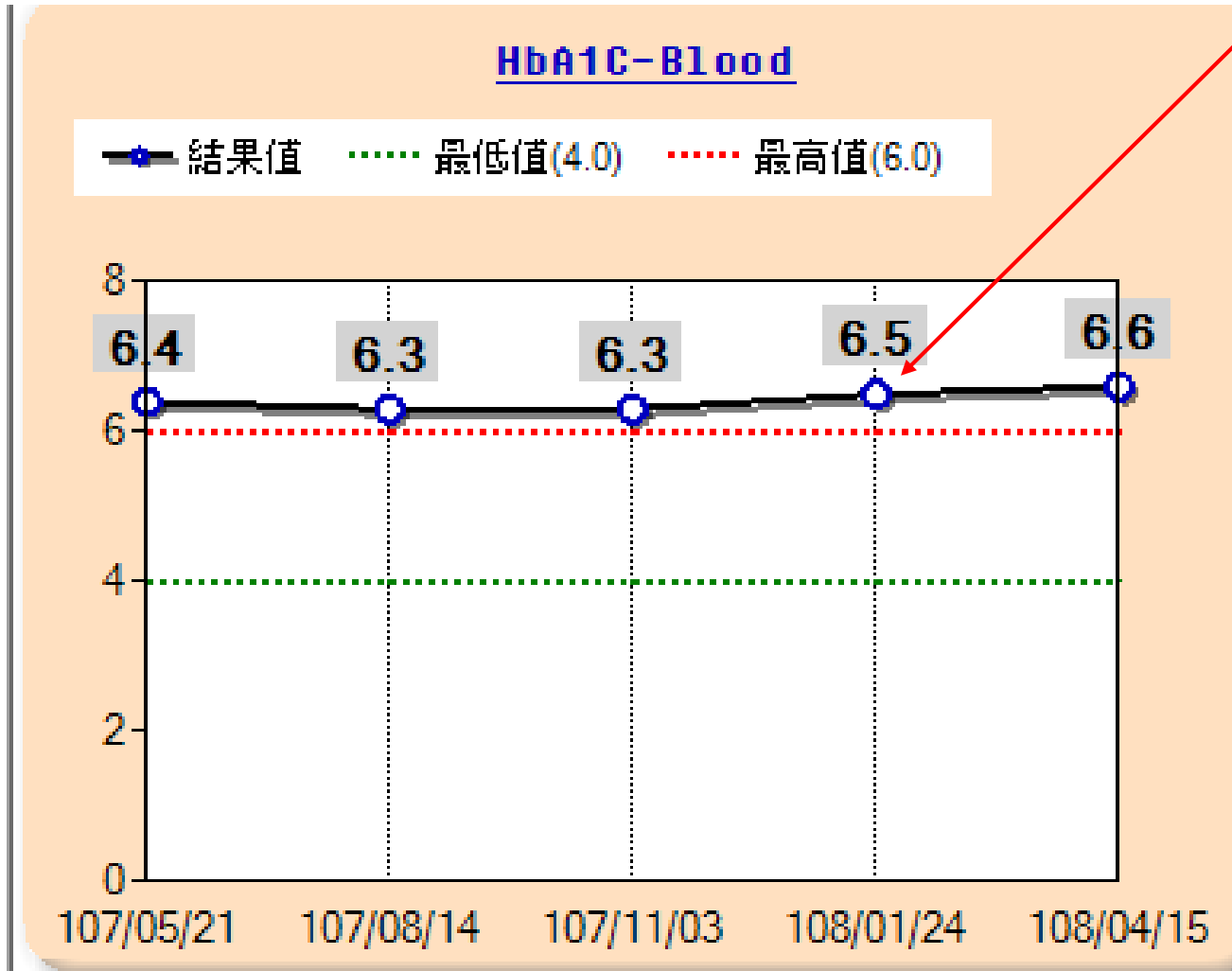
- type 2 DM diagnosed since 2006
- Under actosmet 850 mg 1# bid
- A1c 6.3->6.8
- MA(+)
- ACR 58.9 mg/g (2018/5/21)

# Case 2

- Cr 0.8 GFR 71
- BP Under Olmetec 40 mg for blood pressure control
- → change regimen to Glucophage 850 mg 1# bid+ canaglu 100 mg qd

# Case 2

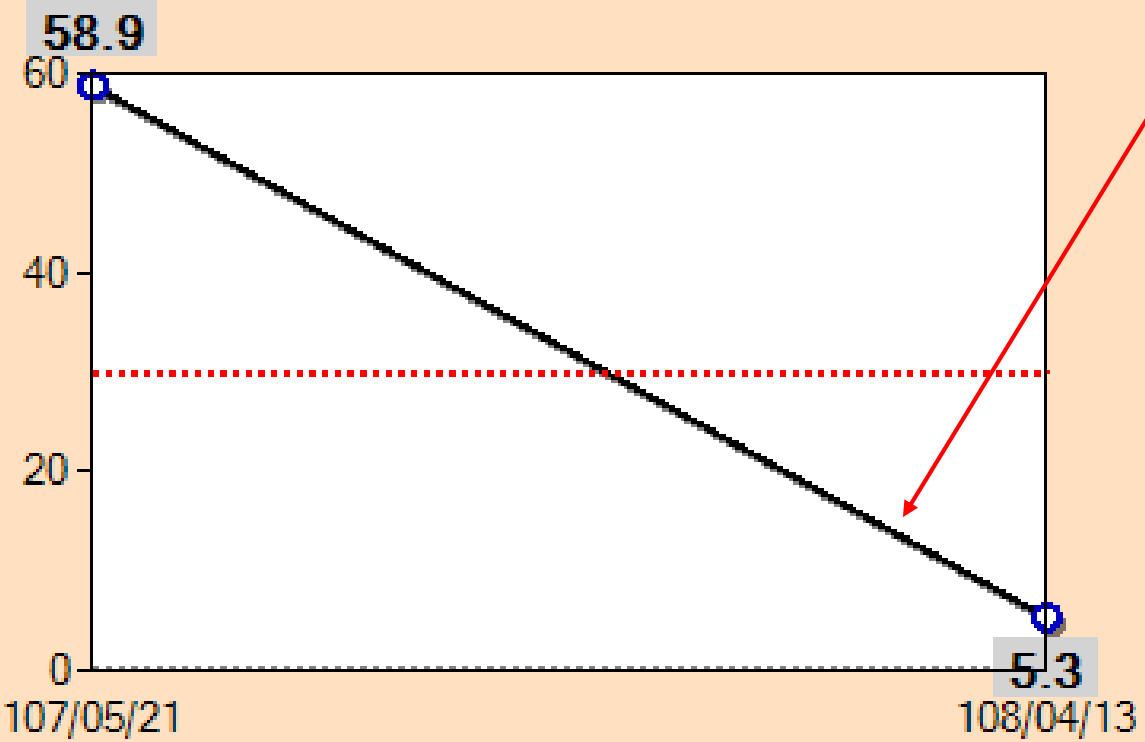
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### ACR-Urine

—●— 結果値    - - - 最低値    - . . . 最高値

Start canaglu



# Summary

- Current medication

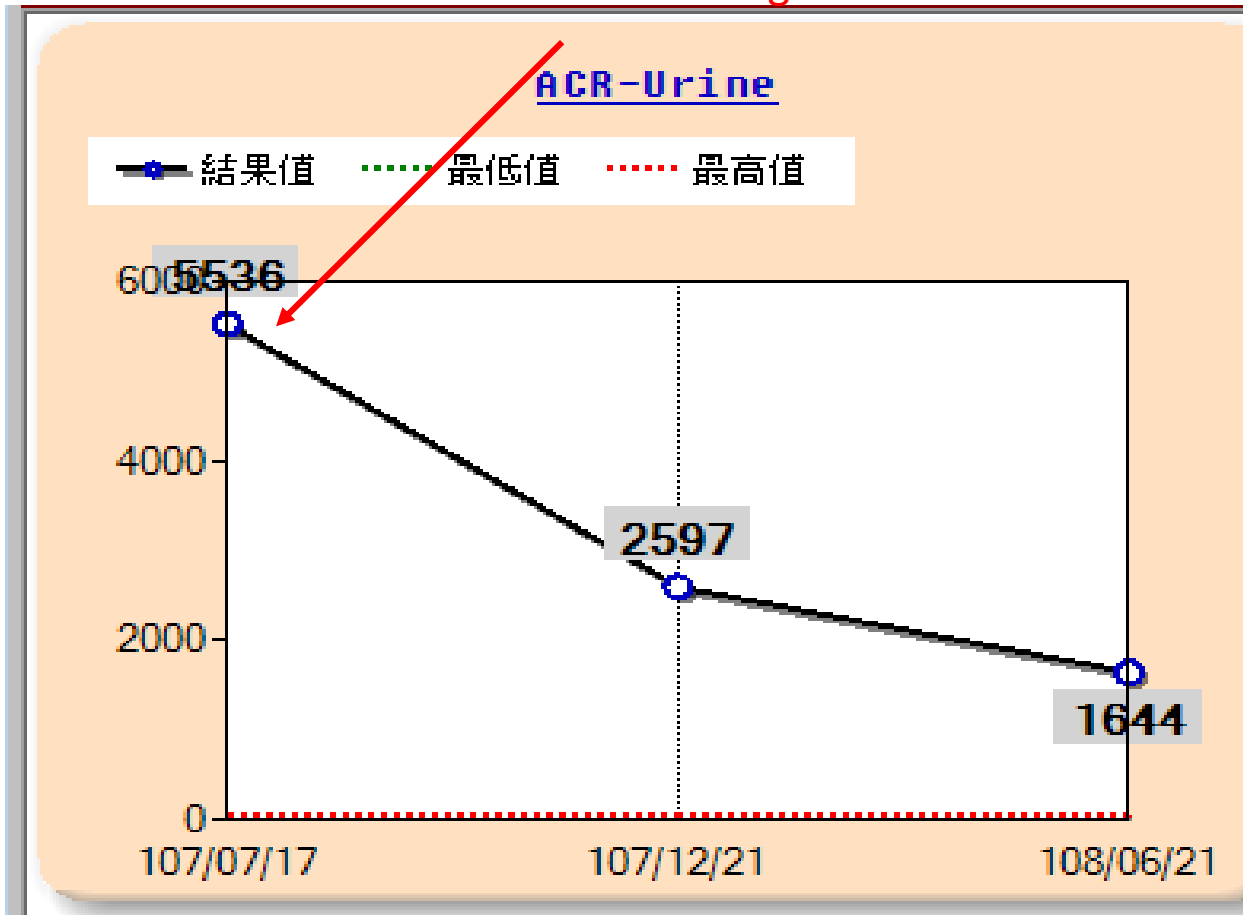
Glucophage 850 mg 1# bid+ Canaglu 100 mg qd

- ACR:58 mg/g → 5.3 mg/g

- BW : 58- > 54 Kg

- Cr 0.8- > 0.9

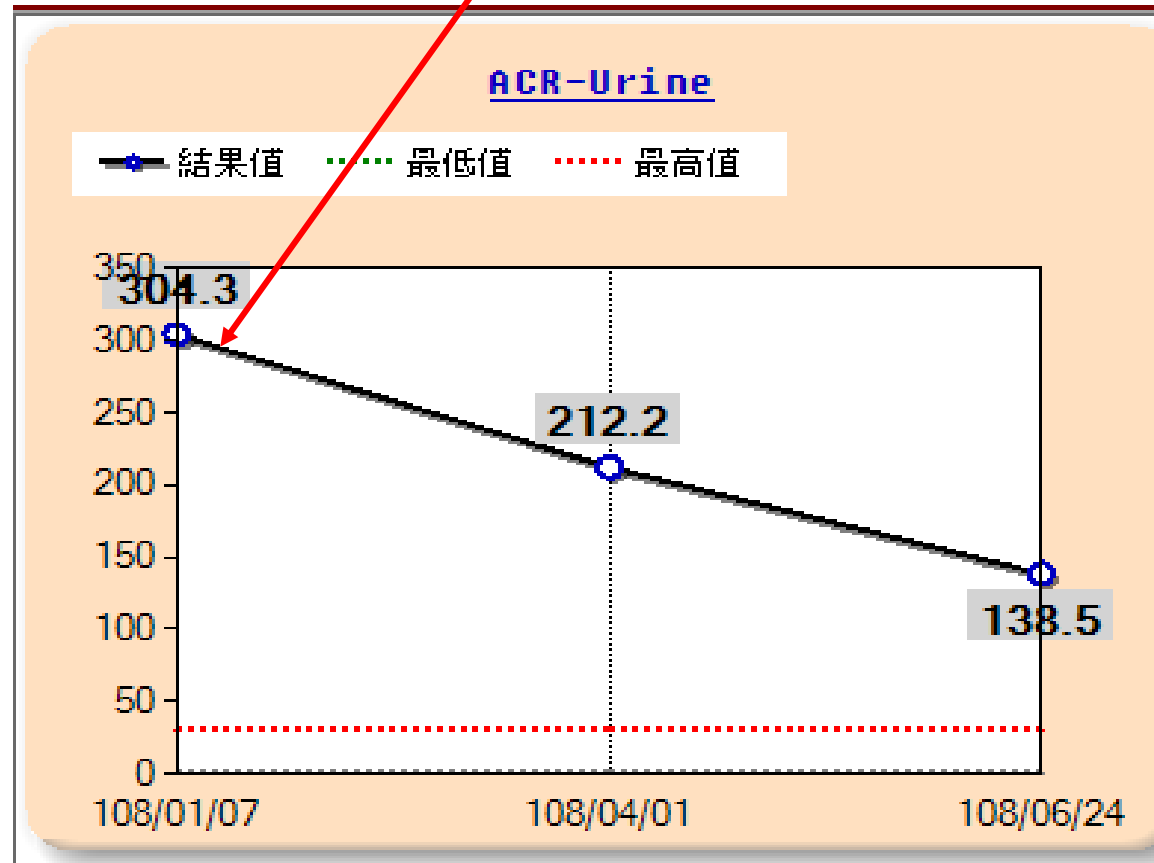
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62 y/o male , GFR 47

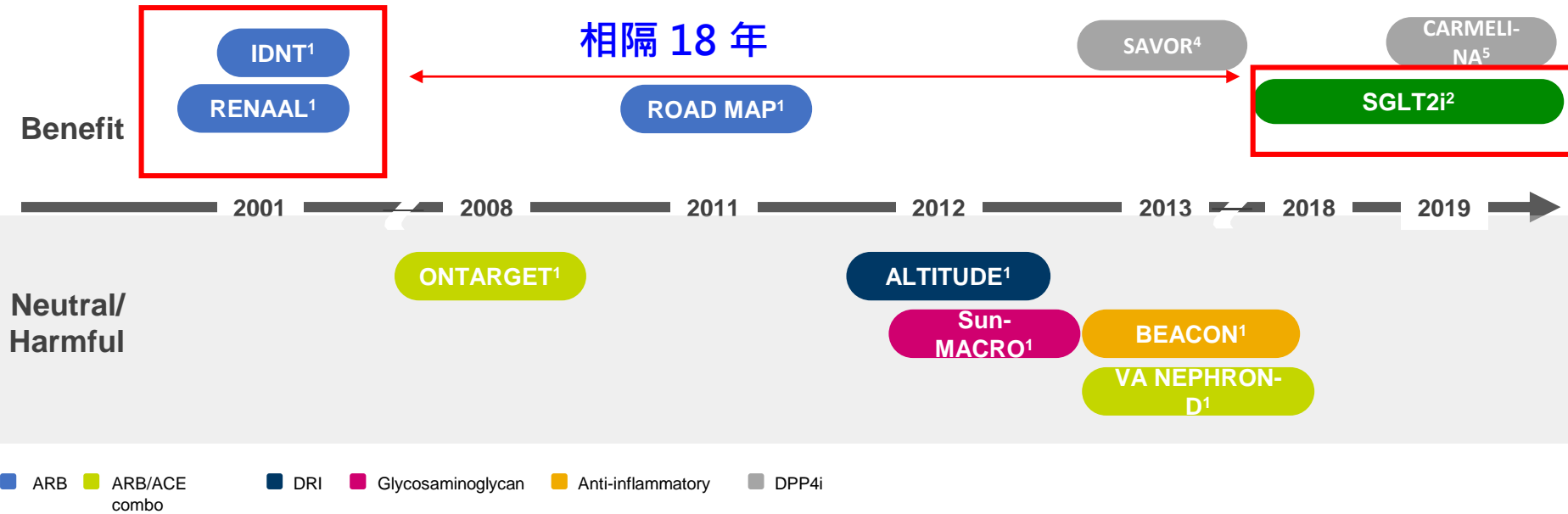


Start canaglu



49 y/o male GFR 75

# Before SGLT2i, the options to prevent new onset or worsening renal function are limited



**ONTARGET, BEACON demonstrated increased risk of events.**

ALTITUDE, Aliskiren Trial in Type 2 Diabetes Using Cardio-Renal Endpoints; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ACE, angiotensin-converting enzyme; BEACON, Bardoxolone Methyl Evaluation in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus; DRI, dopamine reuptake inhibitor; IDNT, Irbesartan Diabetic Nephropathy Trial; ONTARGET, Ongoing Telmisartan Along and in Combination with Ramipril Global Endpoint Trial; RENAAL, Reduction of Endpoints in NIDDM with the Angiotensin II Antagonist Losartan; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; Sun-MACRO, Sulodexide macro-albuminuria; VA NEPHRON-D, Veterans Affairs Nephropathy in Diabetes.

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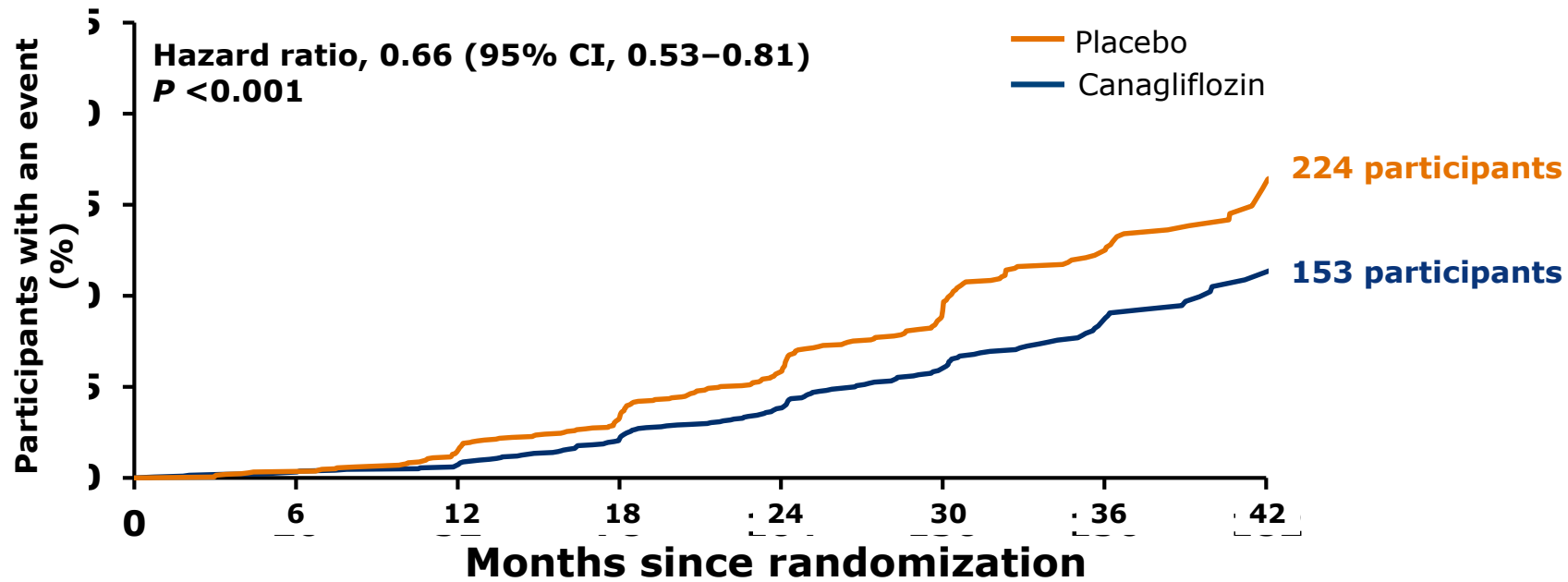
*Canagliflozin and Renal Events in Diabetes with Established Nephropathy*

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**Stopped Early for  
Overwhelming Efficacy-  
No Safety Issues**

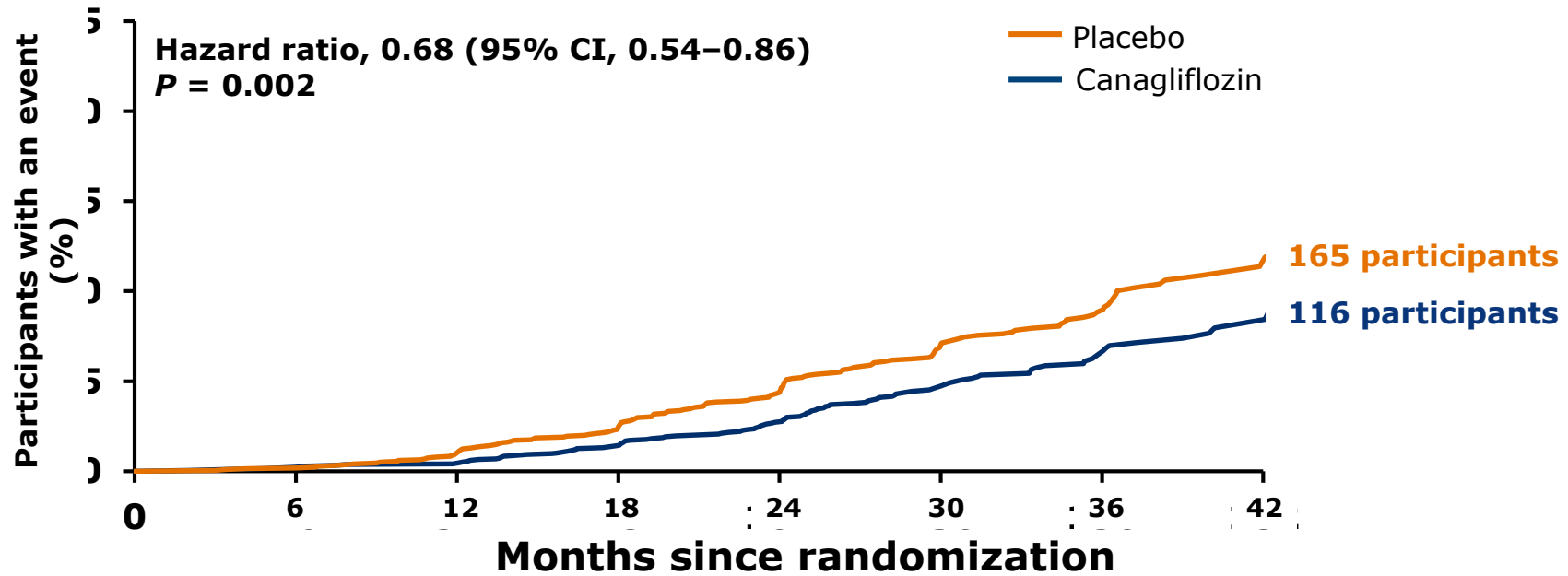
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# ESKD, Doubling of Serum Creatinine, or Renal Death



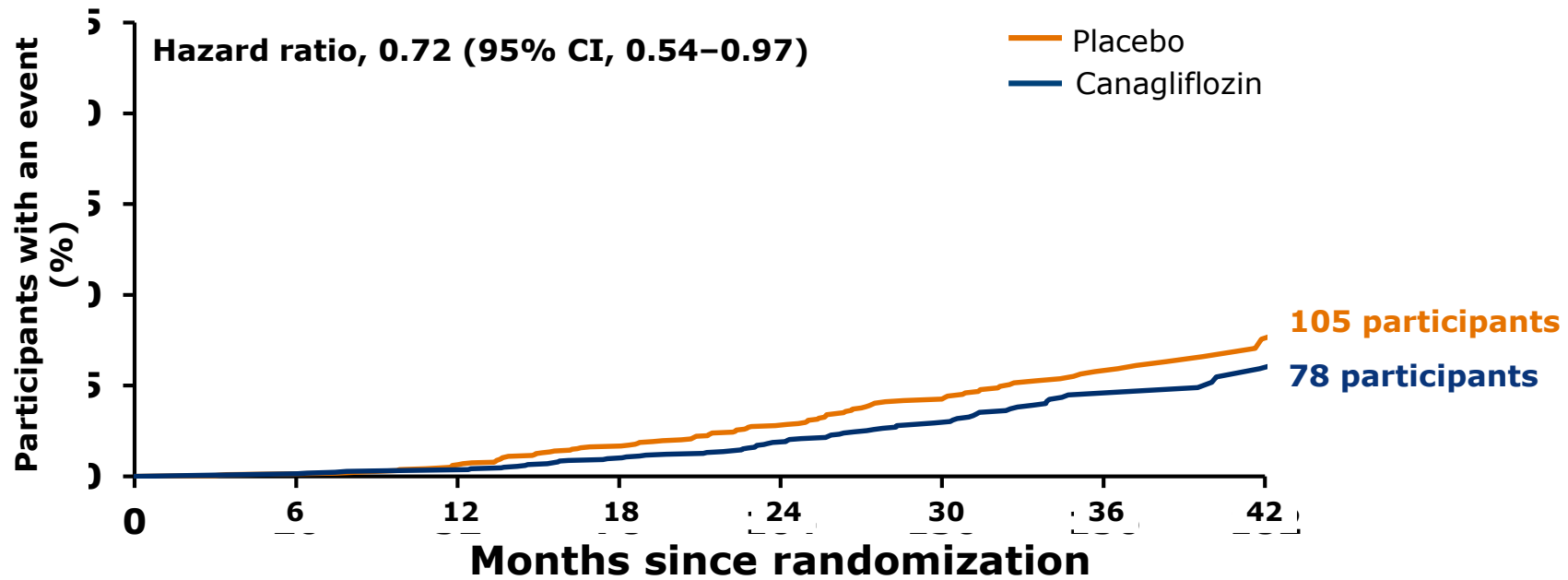
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2178	2131	2046	1724	1129	621	170
Canagliflozin	2202	2181	2144	2080	1786	1211	646	196

# End-stage Kidney Disease



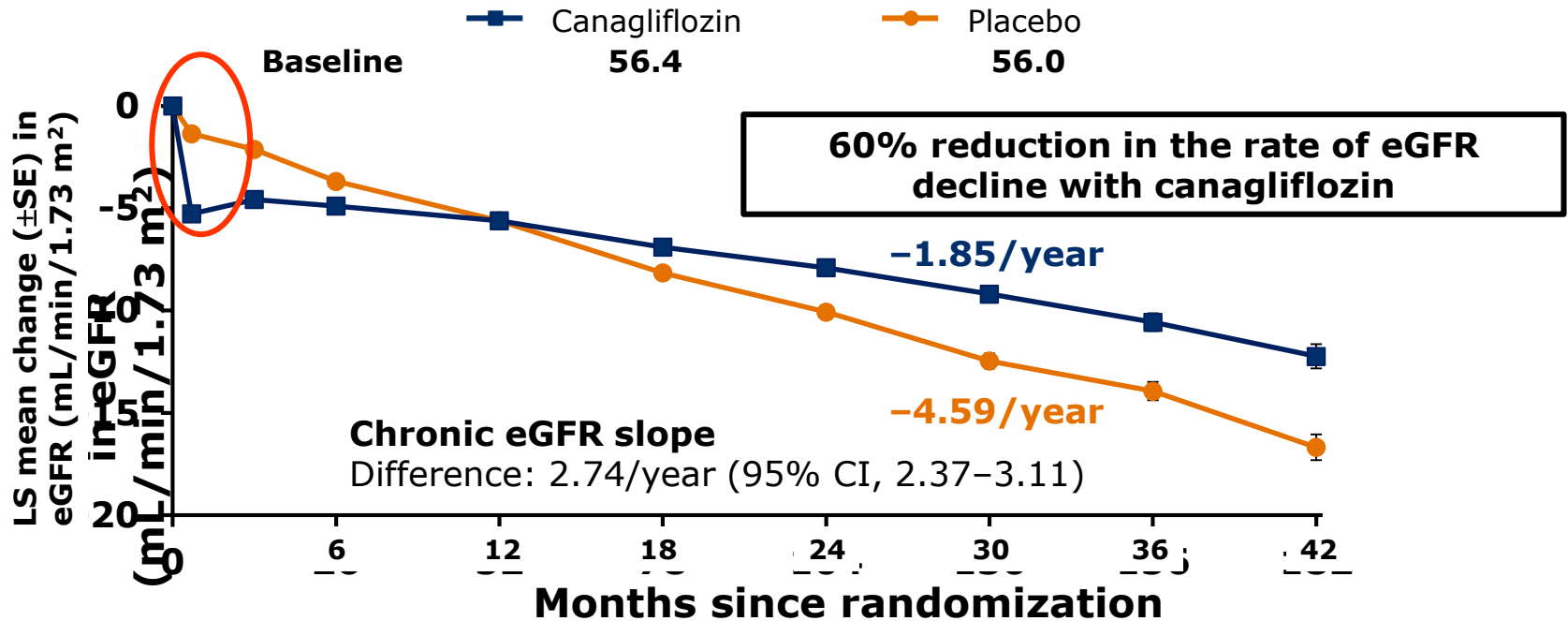
No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2182	2141	2063	1752	1152	641	178
Canagliflozin	2202	2182	2146	2091	1798	1217	654	199

# Dialysis, Kidney Transplantation, or Renal Death\*



No. at risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42
Placebo	2199	2183	2147	2077	1776	1178	653	180
Canagliflozin	2202	2184	2148	2100	1811	1236	661	199

# Acute and Long-term Effects on eGFR



No. of Participants

Placebo	2178	2084	1985	1882	1720	1536	1006	583	210
Canagliflozin	2179	2074	2005	1919	1782	1648	1116	652	241

On treatment

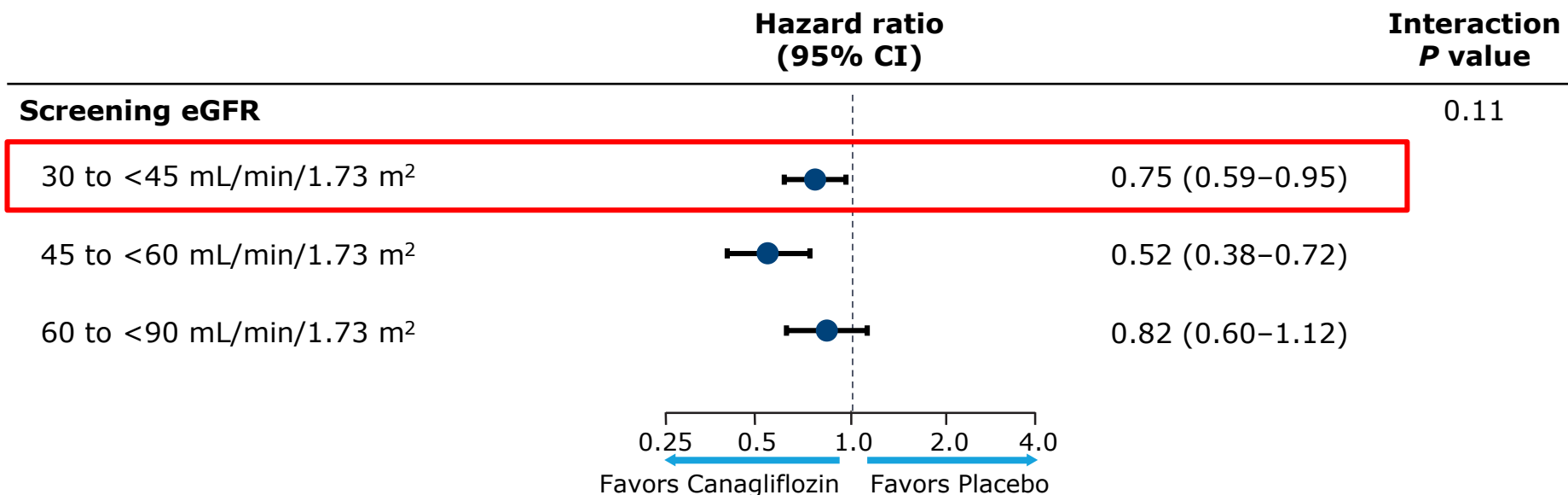
Perkovic V, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1811744.

# Canagliflozin slows progression to ESRD for more than 20 years

- GFR 60, UP(+)
- No intervention → -10 / year → **5** years progressed to ESRD
- Add RAS blockade → -5 /year → **10** years progressed to ESRD
- Add **Canagliflozin** → -1.85/year → **27** years progressed to ESRD



## Primary Outcome: Benefits in eGFR 30 to <45 Subgroup



**NNT in patients with eGFR 30 to <45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>**



目前 G F R 30-45 仍未取得 **indication**

# How Trump's Executive Order Could Save Lives by Transforming How the U.S. Treats Kidney Disease



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The **policy** is intended to improve kidney care in three major ways:

1. Emphasizing more effective and convenient treatments
2. Making more kidneys available for transplant
3. Improving preventive care and education with the goal of reducing the number of people who develop end-stage renal disease by 25% by 2030



# 去年健保支出最高10大疾病排行

排行	治病項目	醫療費用	就醫人數
1	慢性腎臟疾病	約513.78億元	36.4萬人
2	糖尿病	約291.68億元	145.9萬人
3	齒齦炎及牙周疾病	約171.02億元	877.8萬人
4	齲齒	約167.09億元	578.5萬人
5	高血壓	約139.20億元	177萬人
6	到院抗腫瘤治療	約125.42億元	7.5萬人
7	呼吸衰竭	約124.24億元	4.1萬人
8	慢性缺血性心臟病	約118.41億元	37.7萬人
9	思覺失調症	約113.58億元	10.6萬人
10	急性上呼吸道感染	約103.76億元	852萬人

資料來源：衛福部健保署

# Four conditions to add Canagliflozin as second line therapy

- CKD
- CHF
- ASCVD
- Diabetesity

# Other conditions suitable for Canagliflozin use

- Add on insulin therapy
- High glucose variability
- Shifting from other OADs (esp: SUs, TZDs, DPP-4i)
- NASH

# In relation to other OADs

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- SUs: reduce dose
- TZD: add on , may reduce to half dose
- Insulin: reduce basal insulin dose 10-20%
- DPP-4i: switching
- GLP-1 analog : add on
- **請確保 血糖控制不受影響**

# ADA Standards of Care Updated With Renal Guidance Based on CREDENCE

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- “The CREDENCE trial was the first sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitor trial to assess renal-specific primary outcomes and ended early due to efficacy. Incorporating these findings into the Standards of Care now gives providers the latest evidence-based recommendations to treat people with type 2 diabetes and diabetes-related chronic kidney disease...”
  - William T. Cefalu, MD, Chief Scientific, Medical and Mission Officer of the ADA<sup>1</sup>
- **Based on the Grade A evidence from the **CREDENCE trial**, the ADA *living guidelines* (updated on June 3, 2019)<sup>2</sup> propose the following:**
  - “For patients with type 2 diabetes and diabetic kidney disease, consider use of an SGLT2 inhibitor in patients with **an eGFR  $\geq 30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>** and particularly in those with  $>300$  mg/g albuminuria to reduce risk of CKD progression, cardiovascular events, or both.”

1. American Diabetes Association. <http://www.diabetes.org/newsroom/press-releases/2019/updates-standards-medical-care-diabetes.html>. Accessed June 5, 2019.

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# Use of Canagliflozin in Clinical Practice for Patients With T2DM

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Canagliflozin as Treatment for Cardiovascular Disease  
Canagliflozin as Treatment for Chronic Kidney Disease  
Canagliflozin as Treatment for Diabetes

