

# TERAPIA DELLO SCOMPENSO CARDIACO: certezze assodate e nuovi orizzonti



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# Terapia dello Scompenso Cardiaco

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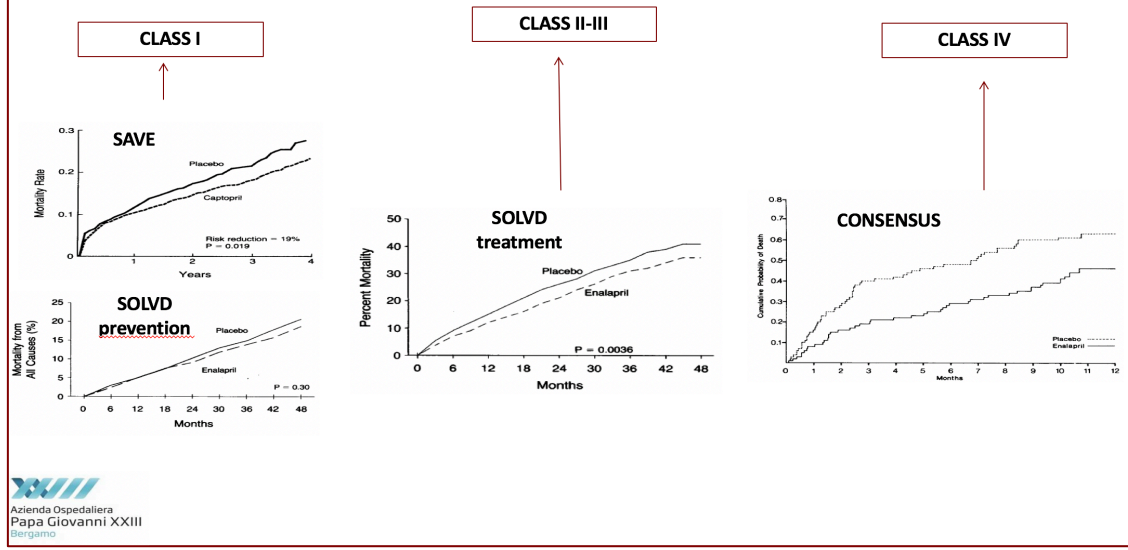
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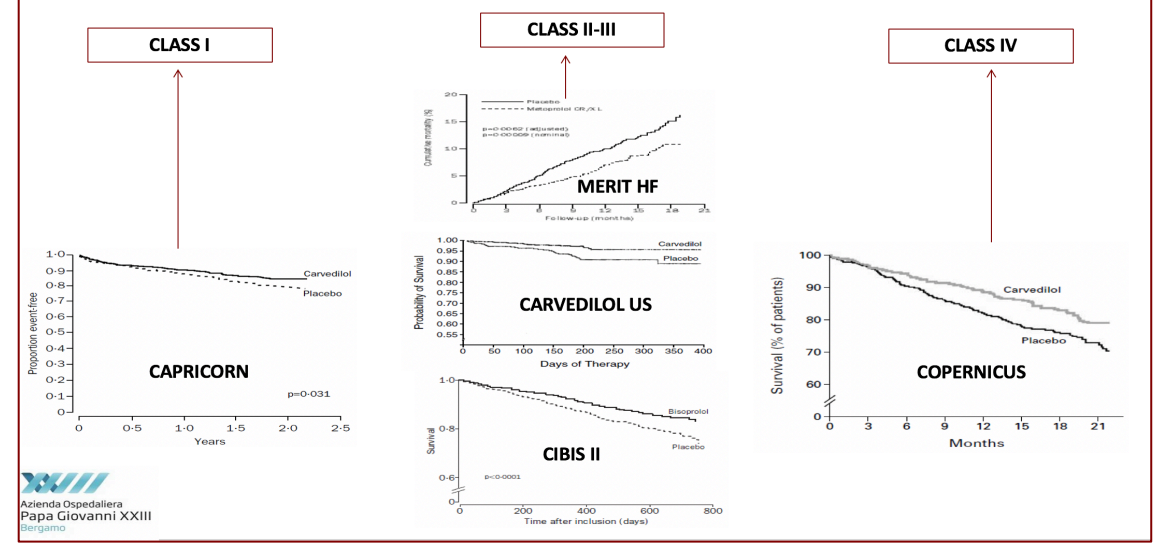


# Certezze nella terapia medica dello Scompenso Cardiaco

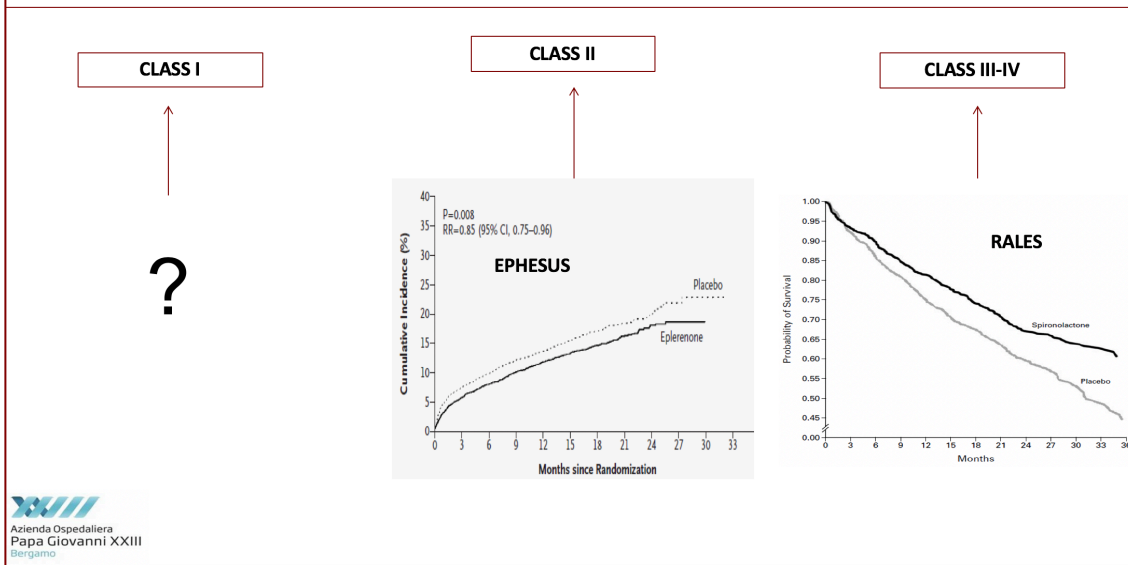
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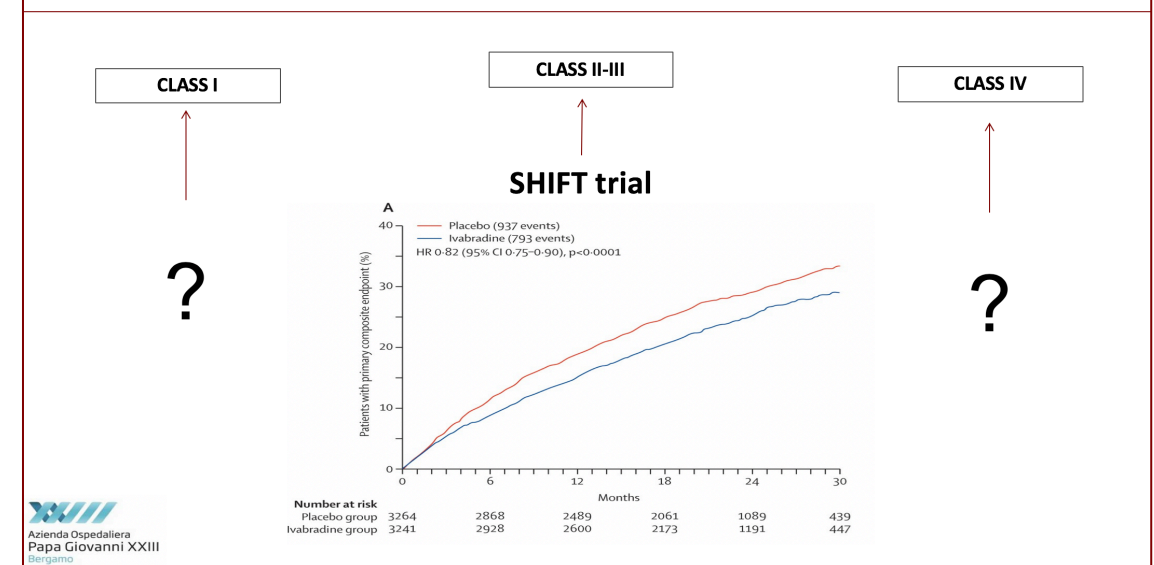
## Beta-bloccanti



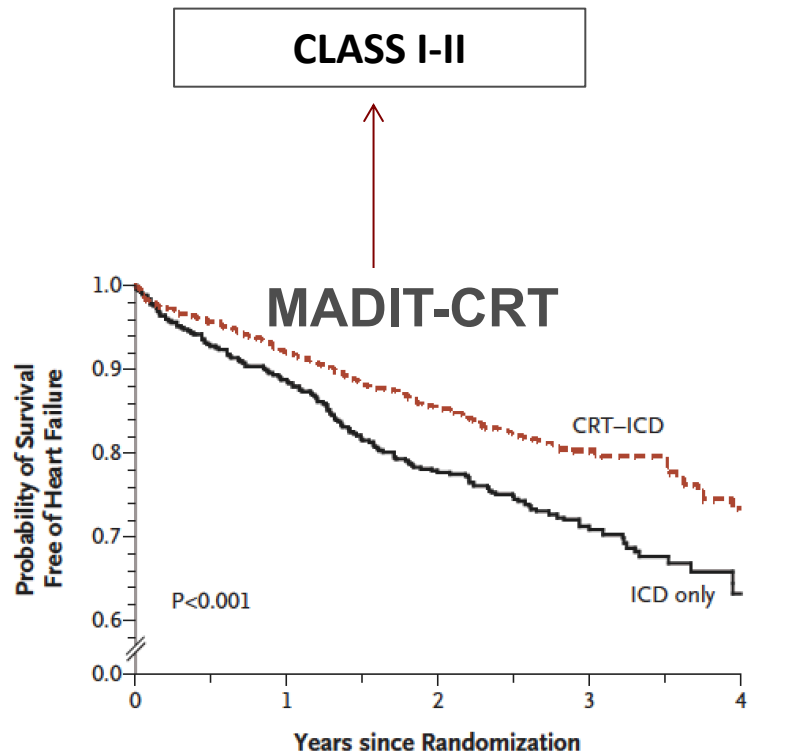
## Antialdosteronici



## Ivabradina

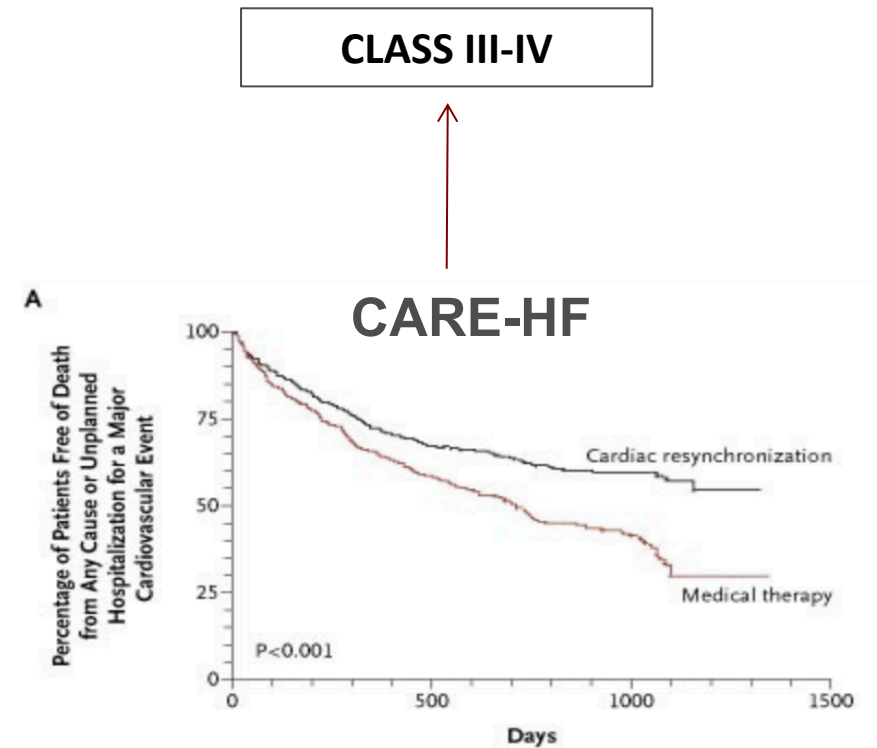


# Terapia di resincronizzazione ventricolare



**No. at Risk (Probability of Survival)**

|          | 0    | 1          | 2          | 3          | 4         |
|----------|------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| ICD only | 731  | 621 (0.89) | 379 (0.78) | 173 (0.71) | 43 (0.63) |
| CRT-ICD  | 1089 | 985 (0.92) | 651 (0.86) | 279 (0.80) | 58 (0.73) |



**No. at Risk**

|                           | 0   | 500 | 1000 | 1500 |    |   |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|---|
| Cardiac resynchronization | 409 | 323 | 273  | 166  | 68 | 7 |
| Medical therapy           | 404 | 292 | 232  | 118  | 48 | 3 |



# Inibitori dell'angiotensina-neprilisina (ARNI)

*Sacubitril/valsartan: una nuova certezza!*

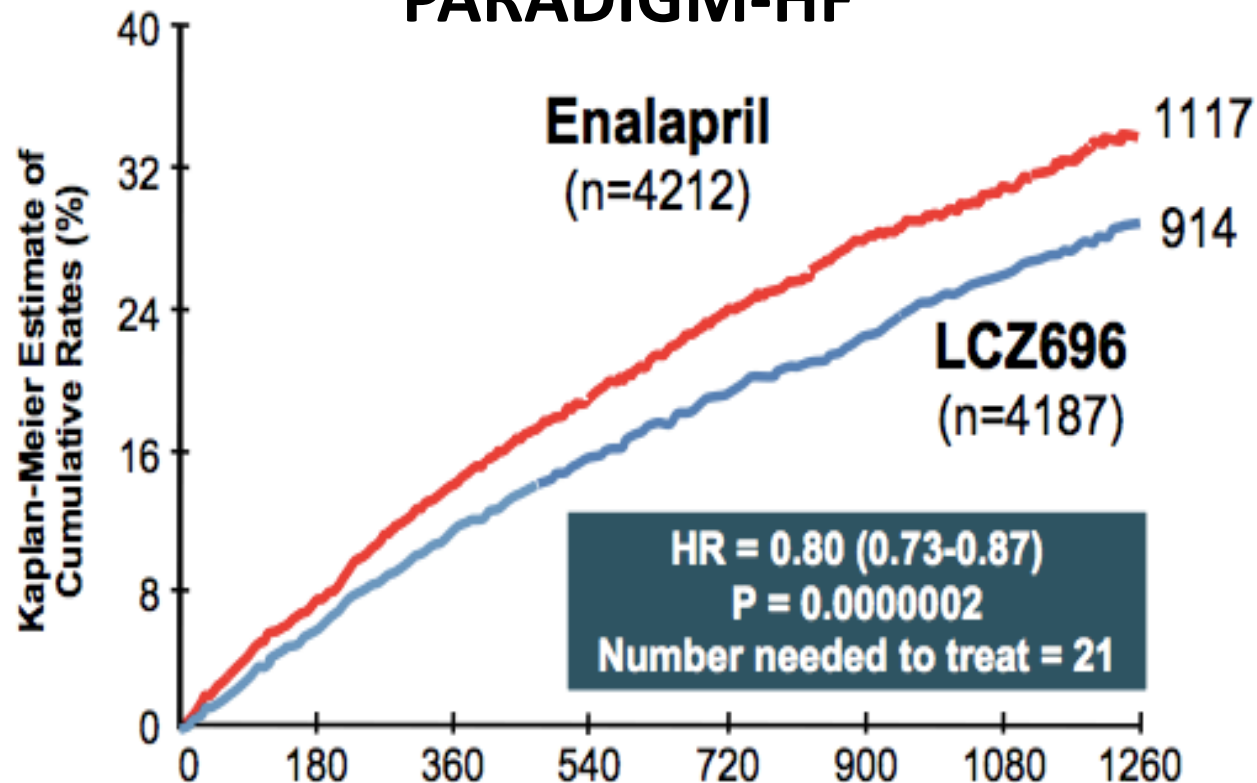
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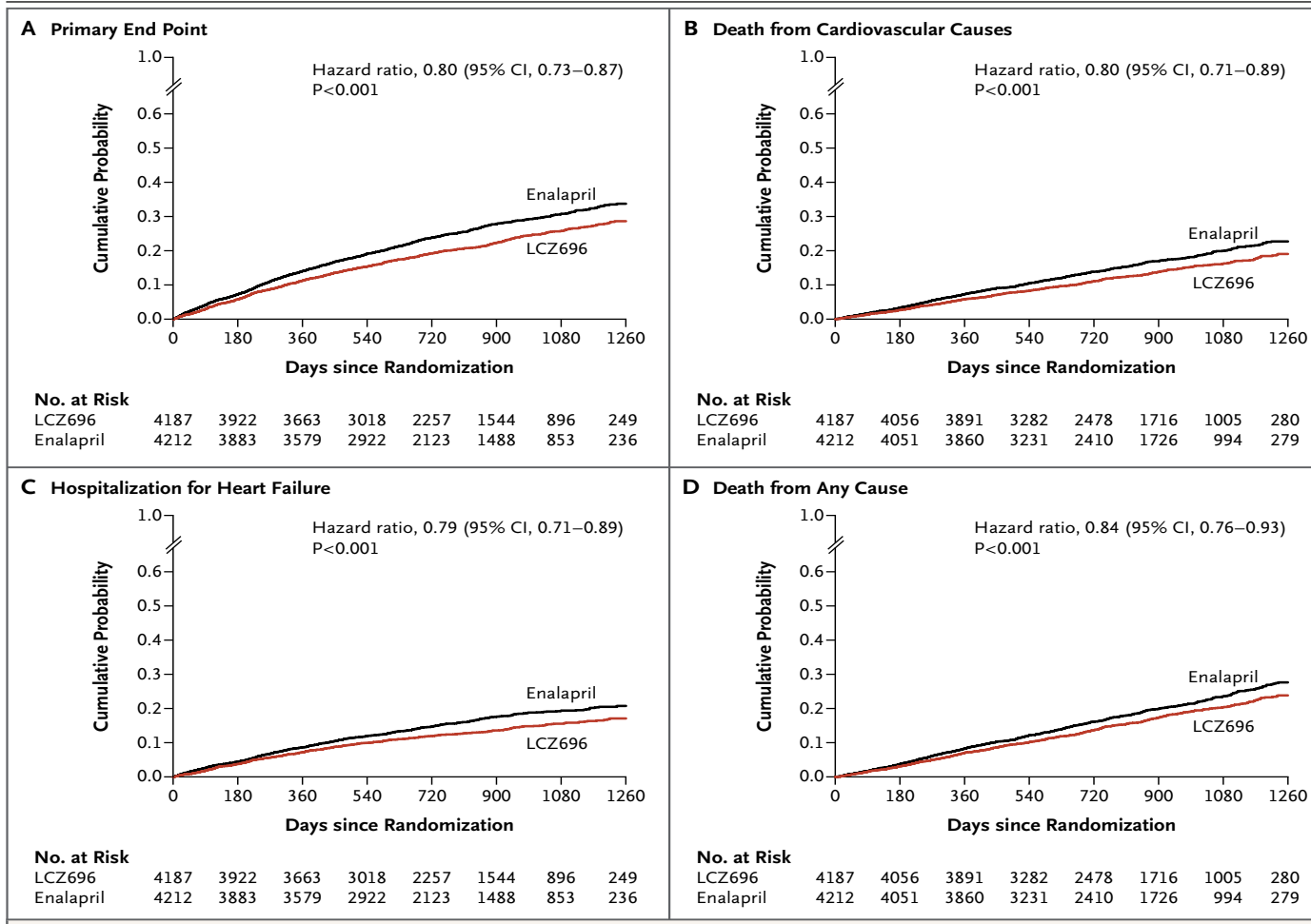
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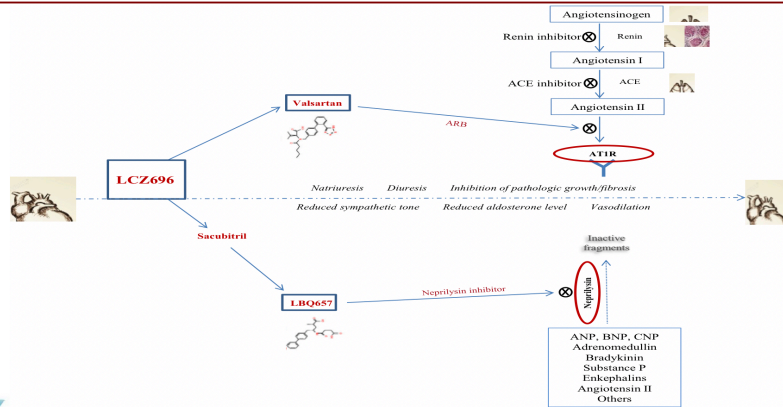
# Angiotensin–Neprilysin Inhibition versus Enalapril in Heart Failure





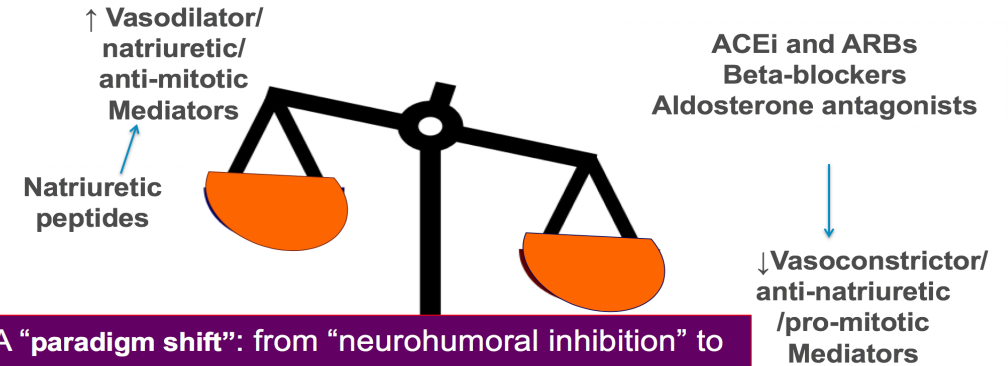
# Sacubitril/valsartan

## Sacubitril/Valsartan (LCZ696) Meccanismo d'azione



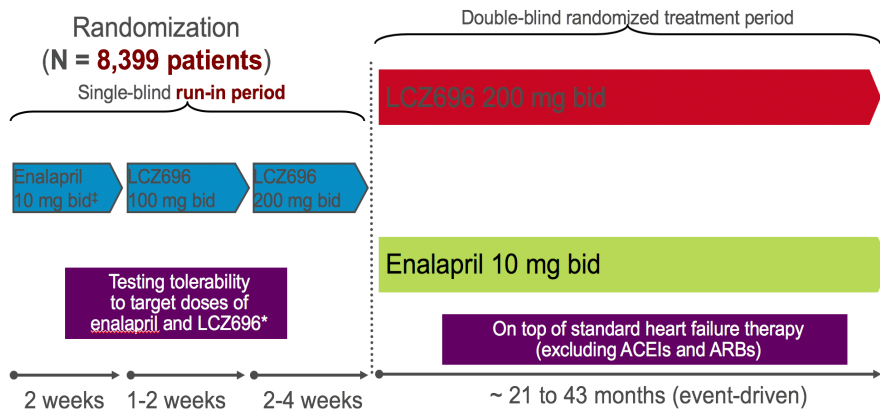
Gori M & Senni M, *Exp Rev Cardiovasc Ther* 2016

## Scompenso cardiaco: “squilibrio neuro-umorale”



A “paradigm shift”: from “neurohumoral inhibition” to “neurohumoral modulation”

## PARADIGM-HF disegno dello studio



McMurray J et al. *N Engl J Med* 2014

## RANDOMIZED CLINICAL TRIALS in HFrEF (N=38) 1988-2014

| #            | Drug                            | Year |
|--------------|---------------------------------|------|
| # VAS        | <b>Drugs reducing mortality</b> |      |
| # ACE        | CONSENSUS enalapril             | 1987 |
| # AILE       | RALES spironolactone            | 1999 |
| # CaA        | CIBIS-2 bisoprolol              | 1999 |
| # DIG        | PARADIGM LCZ696                 | 2014 |
| # INOTROPES: | PROMISE, VEST, PRIME II         |      |

PARADIGM first trial proposing a substitution rather than an “add-on” strategy in HFrEF patients.

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# Sacubitril/valsartan

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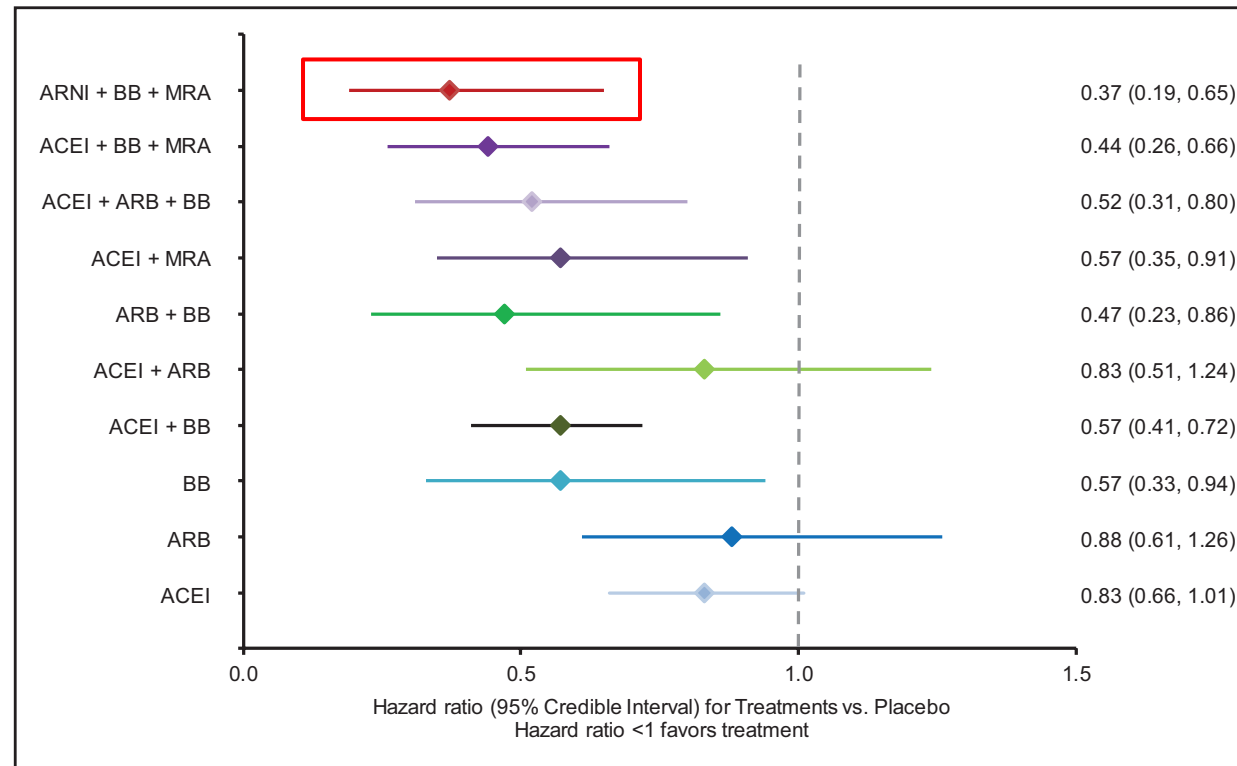
**? Che cosa abbiamo imparato di importante negli ultimi quattro anni e mezzo**



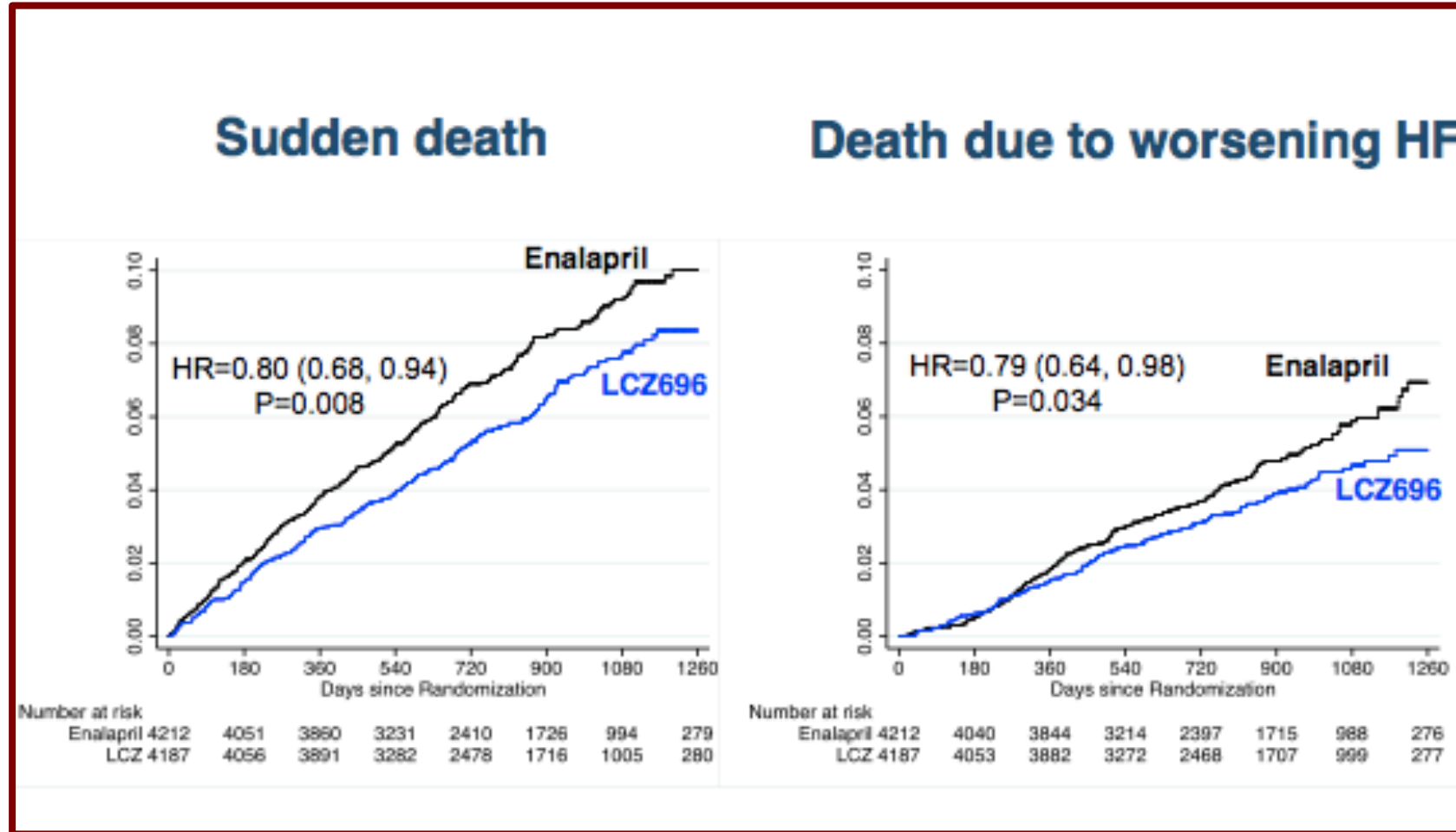
# Thirty Years of Evidence on the Efficacy of Drug Treatments for Chronic Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction

## A Network Meta-Analysis

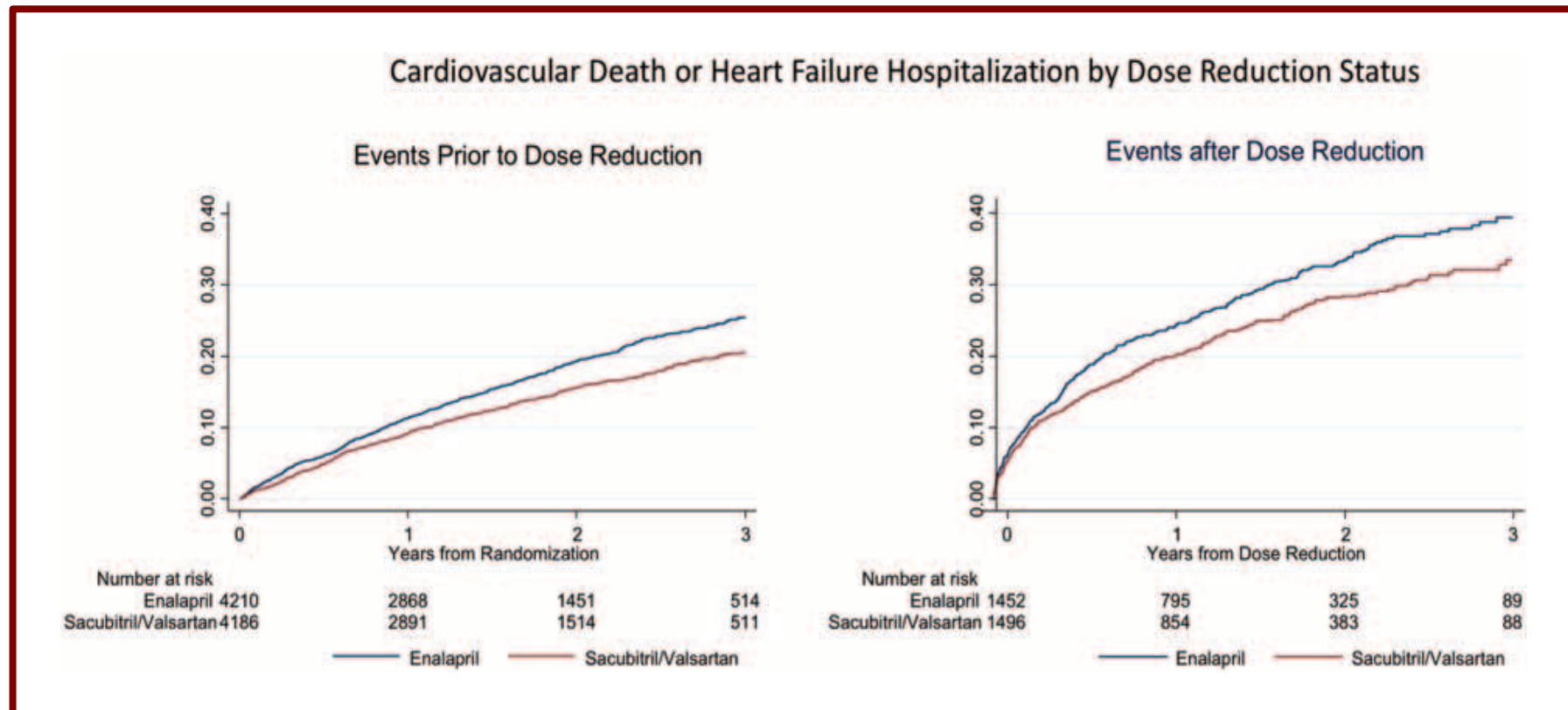
Heather Burnett, MSc; Amy Earley, BSc; Adriaan A. Voors, MD, PhD; Michele Senni, MD; John J.V. McMurray, MD; Celine Deschaseaux, MSc; Shannon Cope, MSc



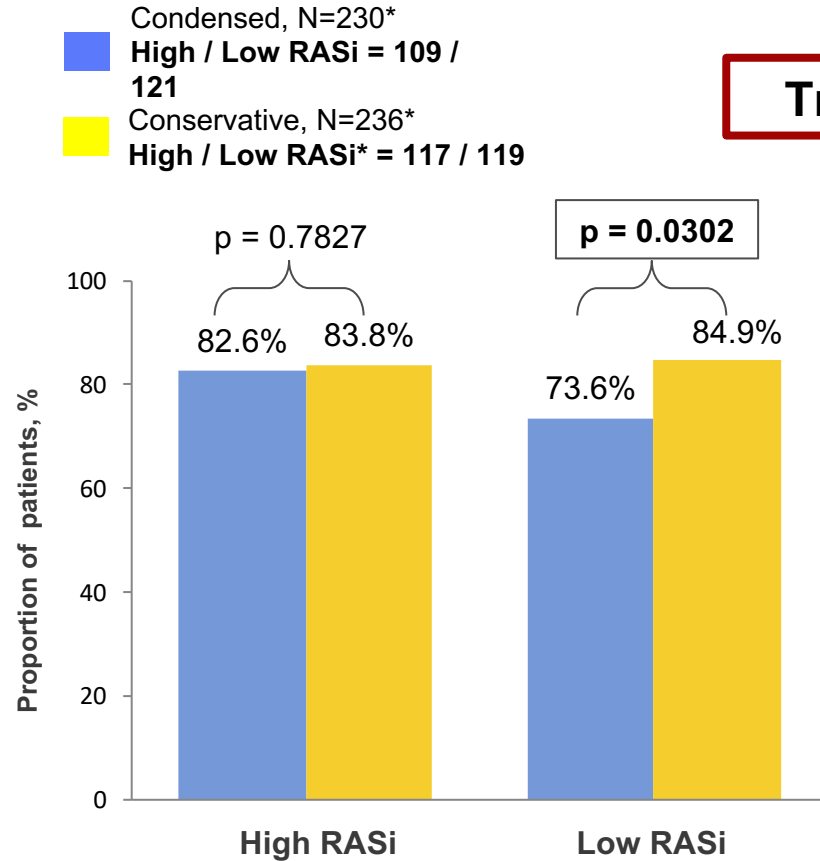
# Effetti sulla causa di morte



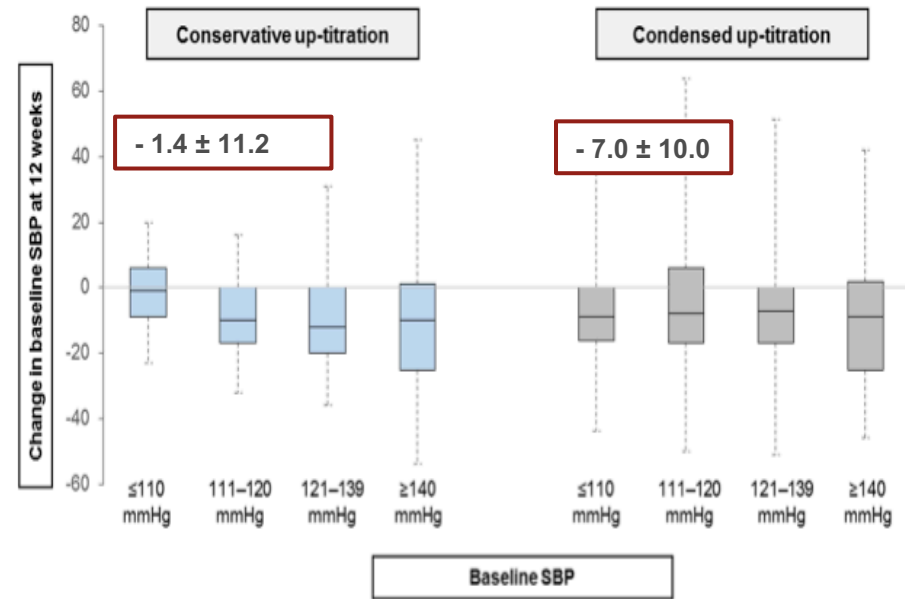
# E' importante raggiungere e mantenere la dose target



# Titration trial



**Treatment success 80%**

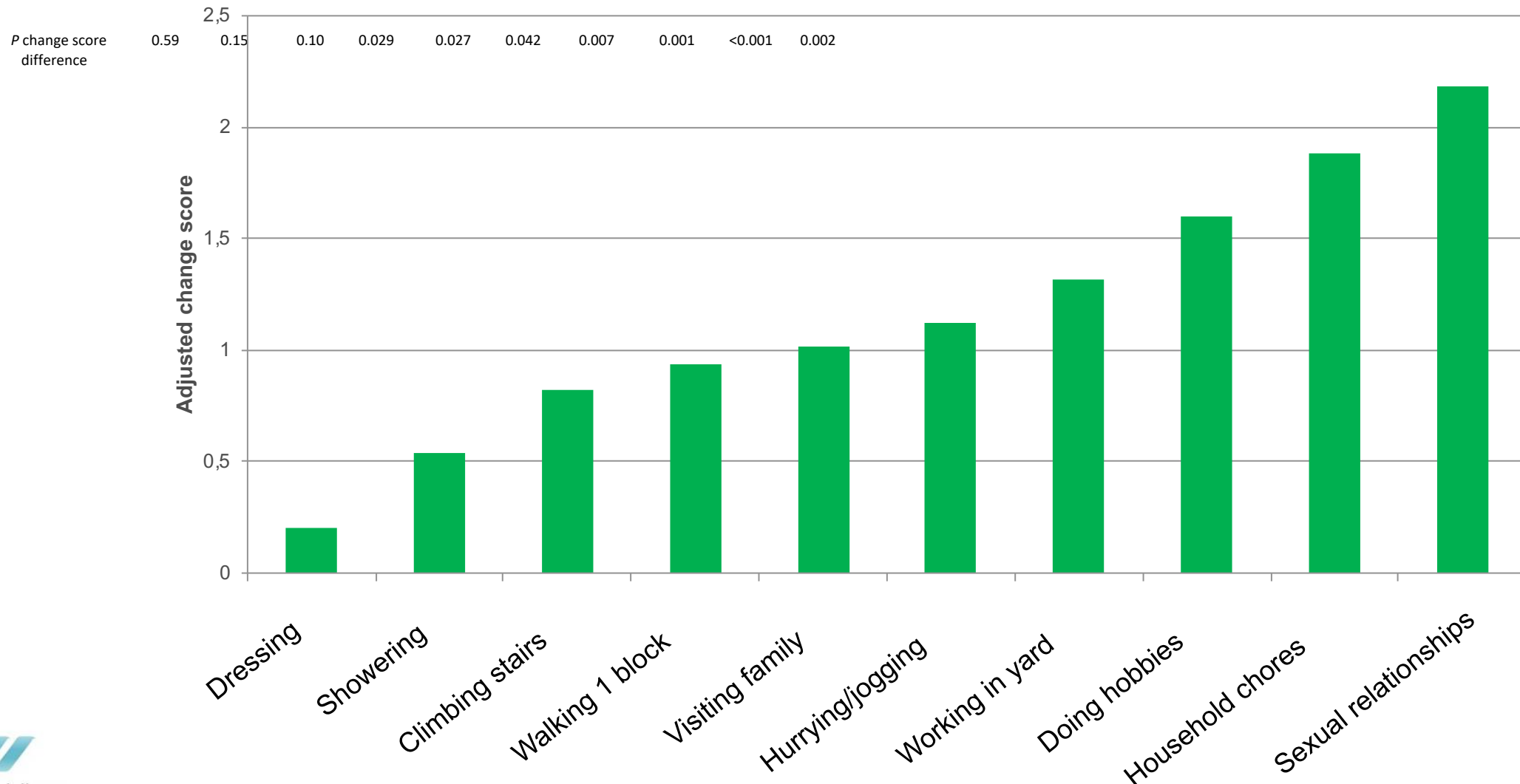


Senni M et al. Eur J Heart Fail 2016

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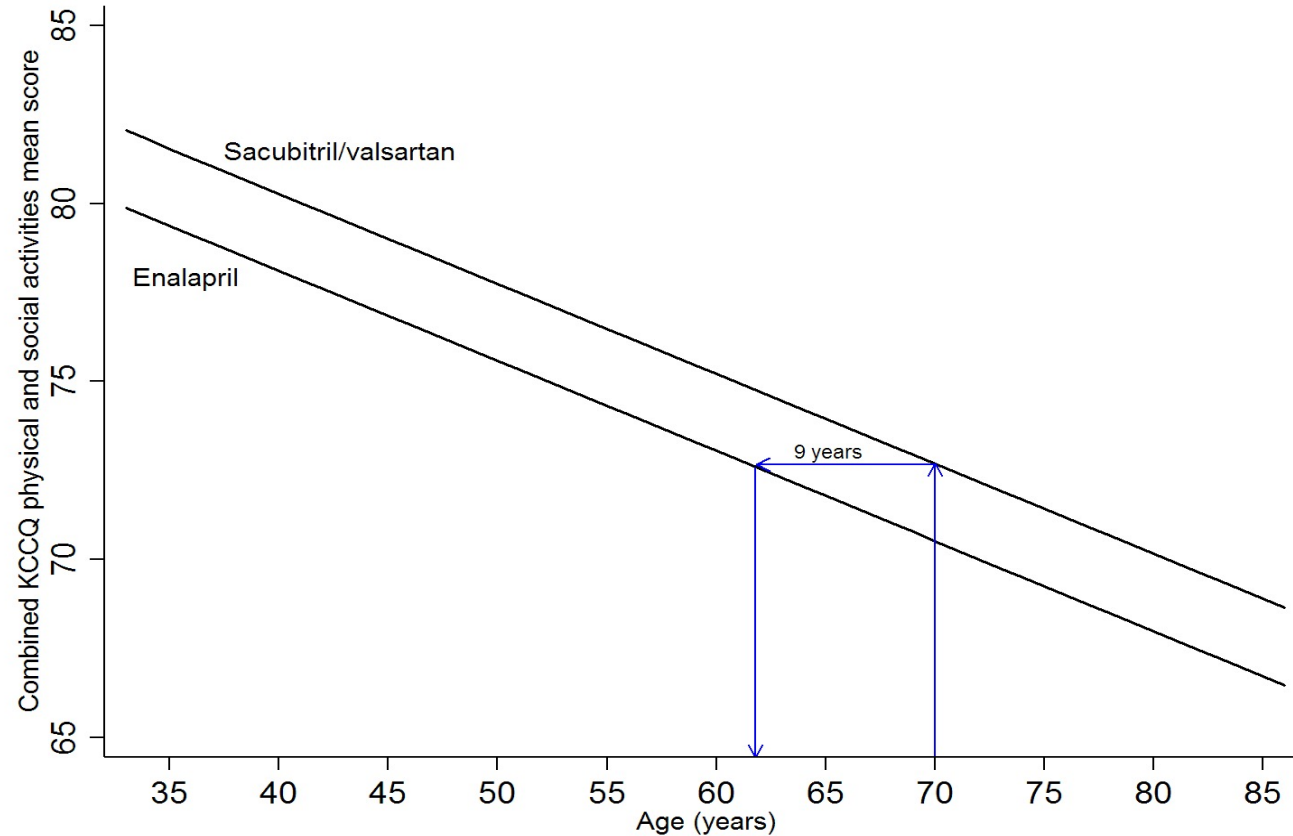
# Cambiamenti della Qualita' della vita KCCQ

*Differenze tra sacubitril/valsartan and enalapril*



# Relationship between Age and Physical and Social Activities and Effect of Sacubitril/Valsartan

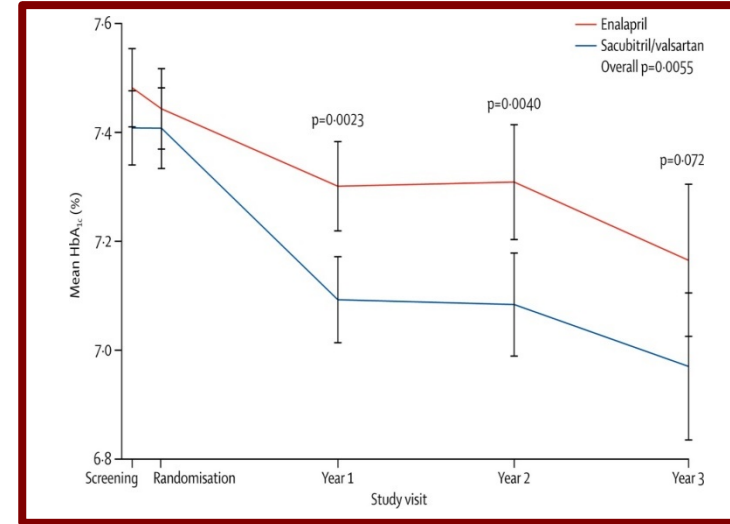
Randomization to Sacubitril/Valsartan Equivalent to Approximately 9 Years of age





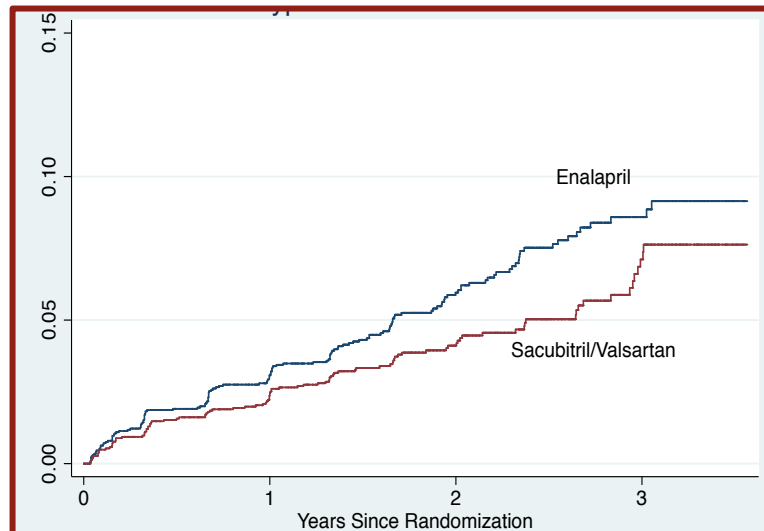
# Sac/Vals e comorbilita'

## Glycaemic control



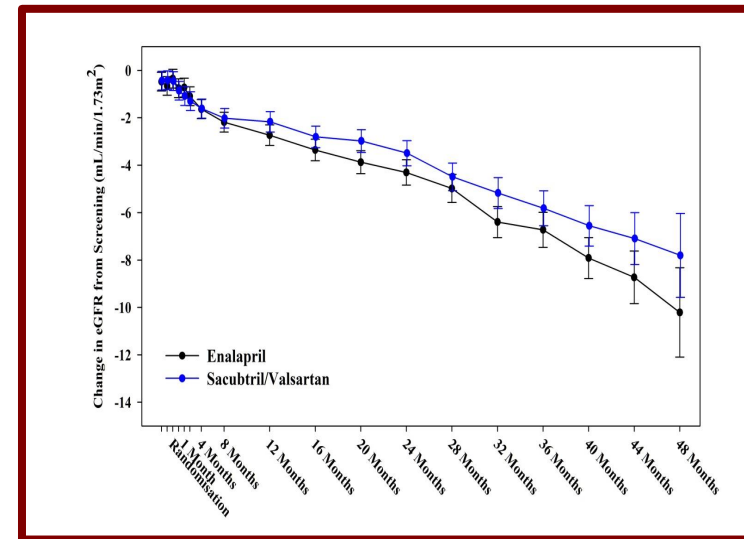
Seferovic JP et al. The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology 2017

## Incidence of hyperkalaemia



Desai AS et al. JAMA Cardiol 2017

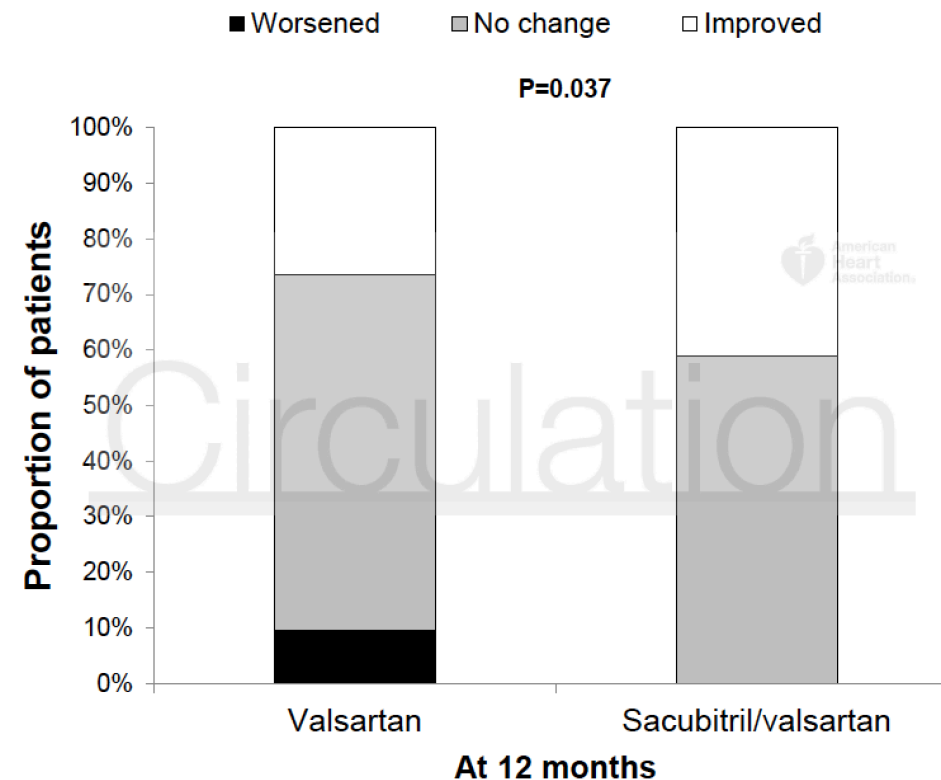
## Change in eGFR



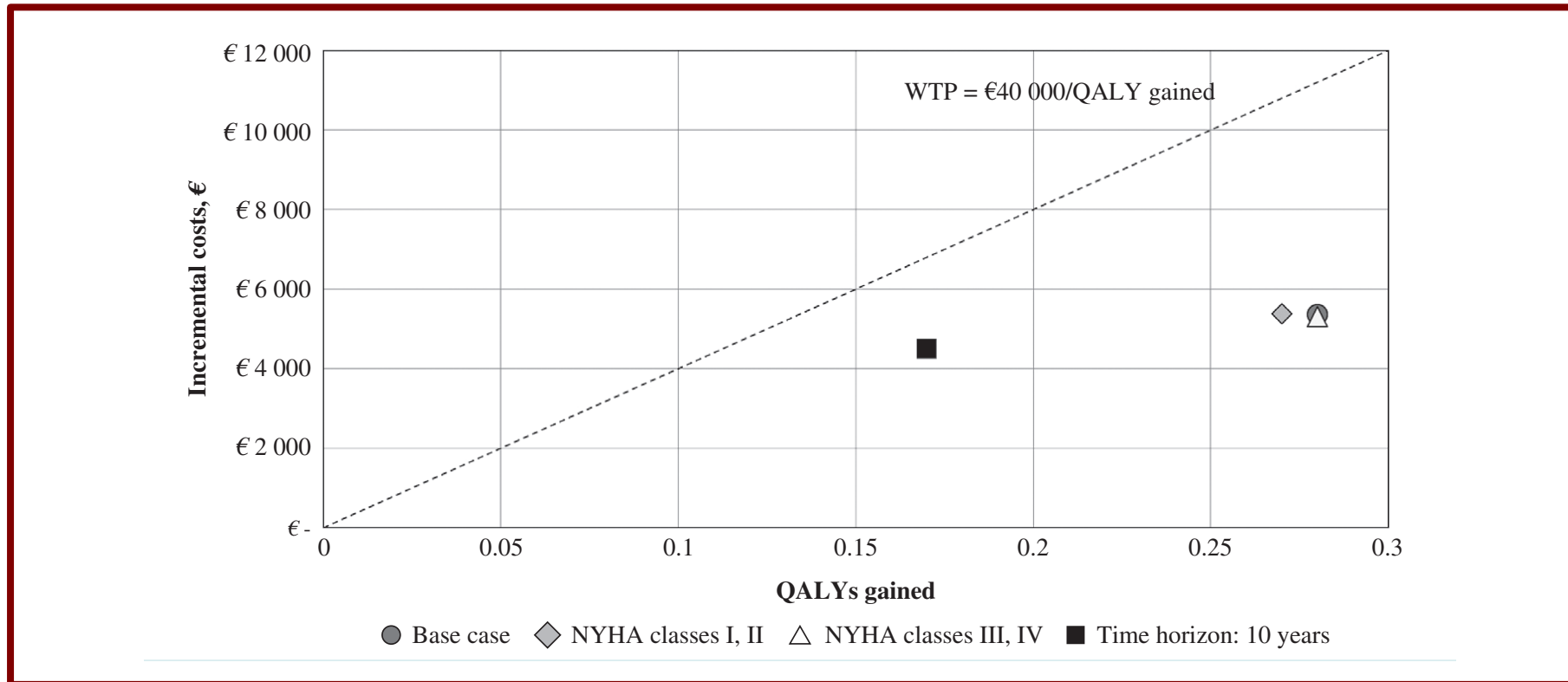
Damman K et al. JACC HF 2018

# PRIME study: Effetti del sacubitril/valsartan sull'insufficienza mitralica e sul ventricolo sx

| Outcome                      | Change            |                                  |                           | P value <sup>±</sup> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                              | Valsartan<br>n=53 | Sacubitril/<br>valsartan<br>n=51 | Difference (95%CI)        |                      |
| Primary endpoint             |                   |                                  |                           |                      |
| EROA of MR – cm <sup>2</sup> | -0.030±0.096      | -0.077±0.080                     | -0.047 (-0.081 to -0.013) | 0.008                |
| Secondary endpoint           |                   |                                  |                           |                      |
| Regurgitant volume – ml      | -5.8±14.6         | -14.1±13.0                       | -8.3 (-13.6 to -2.9)      | 0.003                |
| End-systolic volume – ml     | -12.9±29.9        | -17.7±26.2                       | -4.7 (-15.5 to 6.1)       | 0.40                 |
| ESVI – ml/m <sup>2</sup>     | -7.0±16.5         | -10.8±15.0                       | -3.7 (-9.9 to 2.4)        | 0.23                 |
| End-diastolic volume – ml    | -11.7±35.1        | -22.0±30.4                       | -10.3 (-22.9 to 2.2)      | 0.11                 |
| EDVI – ml/m <sup>2</sup>     | -6.3±19.6         | -13.3±17.5                       | -7.07 (-14.30 to 0.16)    | 0.055                |
| ILCA – cm <sup>2</sup>       | -0.20±0.41        | -0.26±0.32                       | -0.06 (-0.20 to -0.09)    | 0.58                 |



# Costo-efficacia del sac/val in Italia



Sac/vals had an Incremental Cost to Effectiveness Ratio (ICER) of € 19.487 per Quality- Adjusted Life Years (QUALY) gained, which is below the usually accepted willingness-pay (WTP) threshold of € 40.000 QUALY gained

# PARADIGM-HF trial fantastico ma ...

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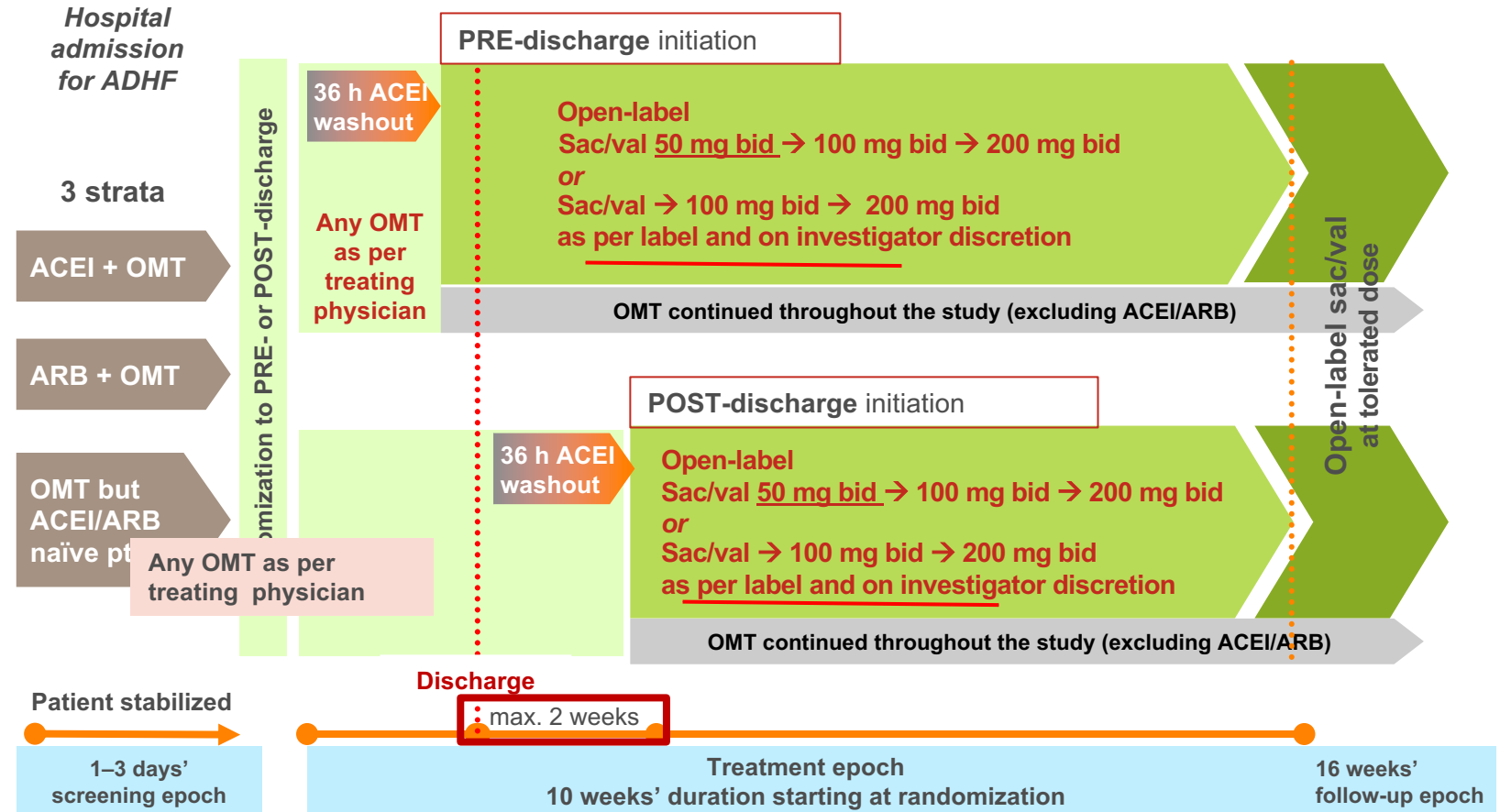
- **SC acuto**
- **Run-in**
- **De-novo**



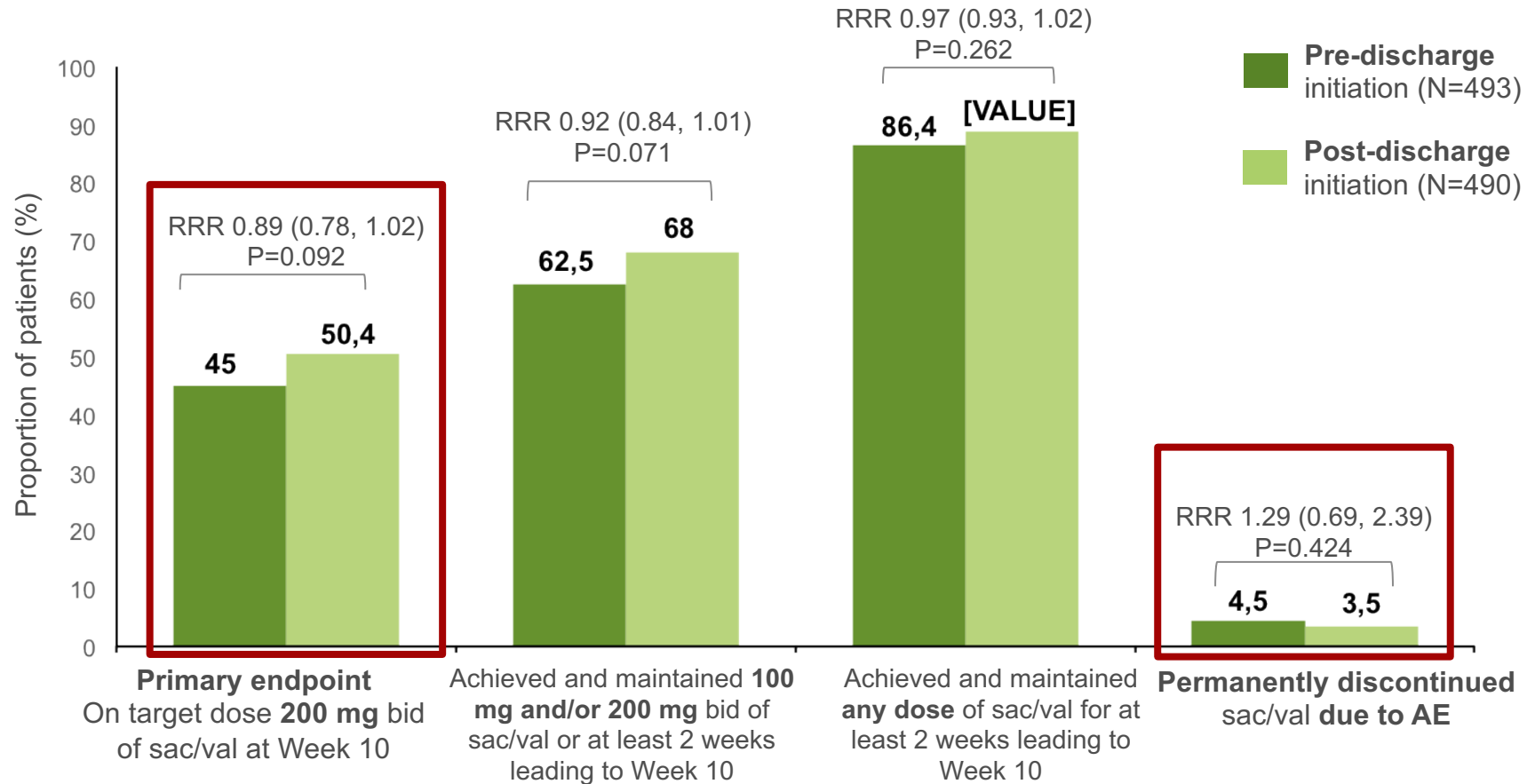
# TRANSITION study design

993 patients  
 EF  $\leq$  40%  
 BP  $\geq$  110 mmHg  
 Stable therapy  
 (oral diuretics from 24h)

*Down-titration or temporary discontinuation of sac/val is allowed in all groups at any time*



# TRANSITION: Primary and secondary endpoints



# PIONEER-HF

## Study design

881 patients  
NTproBNP >1600  
EF ≤ 40%  
BP ≥ 100 mmHg  
Stable therapy  
(including i.v. diuretics)

Hospitalised with acute decompensated  
HF with reduced EF



Stabilised



**ENTRESTO**  
97/103 mg twice daily\*

vs

**Enalapril**  
10 mg twice daily\*



In-hospital initiation

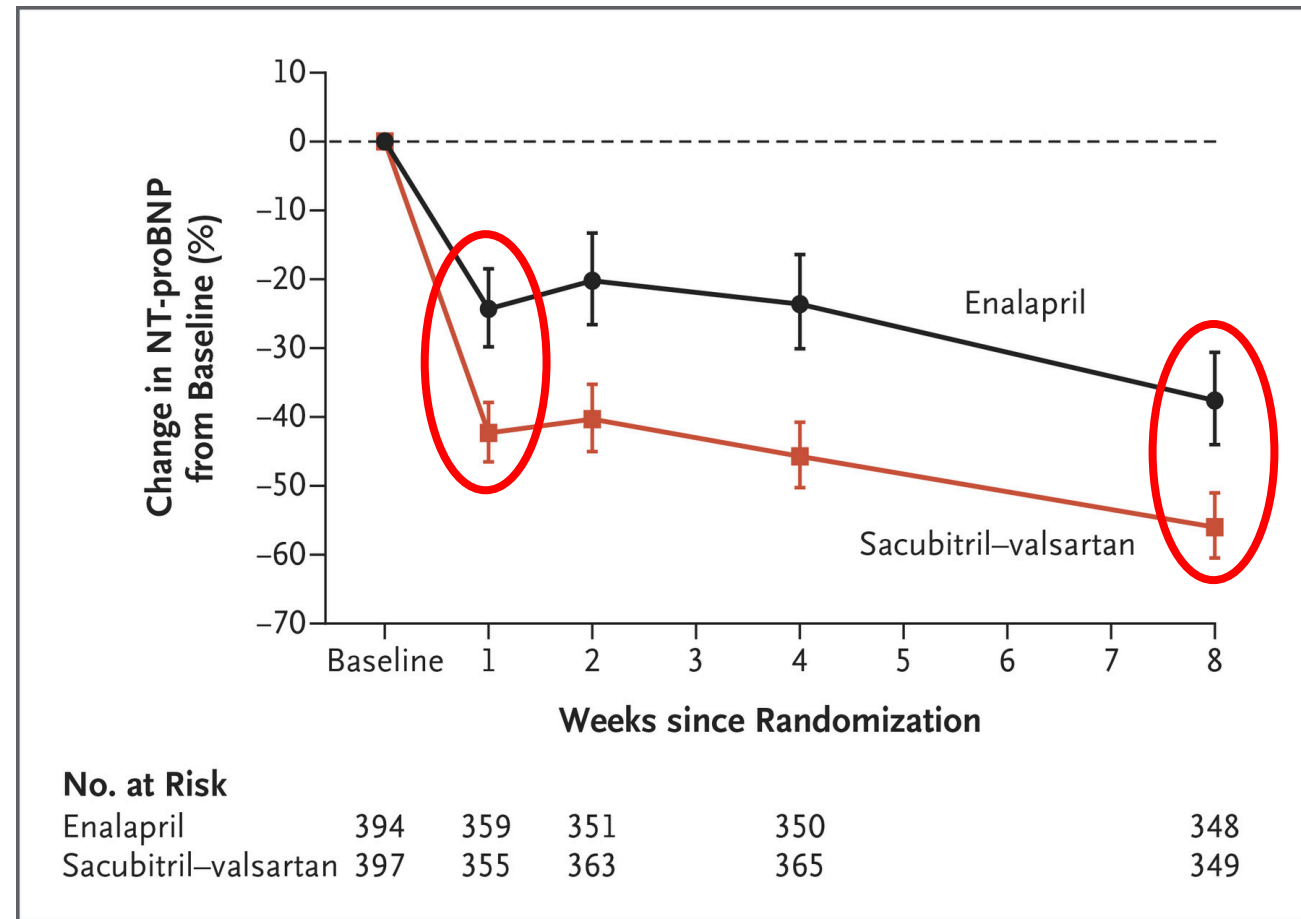


**Study drug for 8 weeks**  
Evaluate biomarker surrogates of  
efficacy  
Evaluate safety and tolerability  
Explore clinical outcomes



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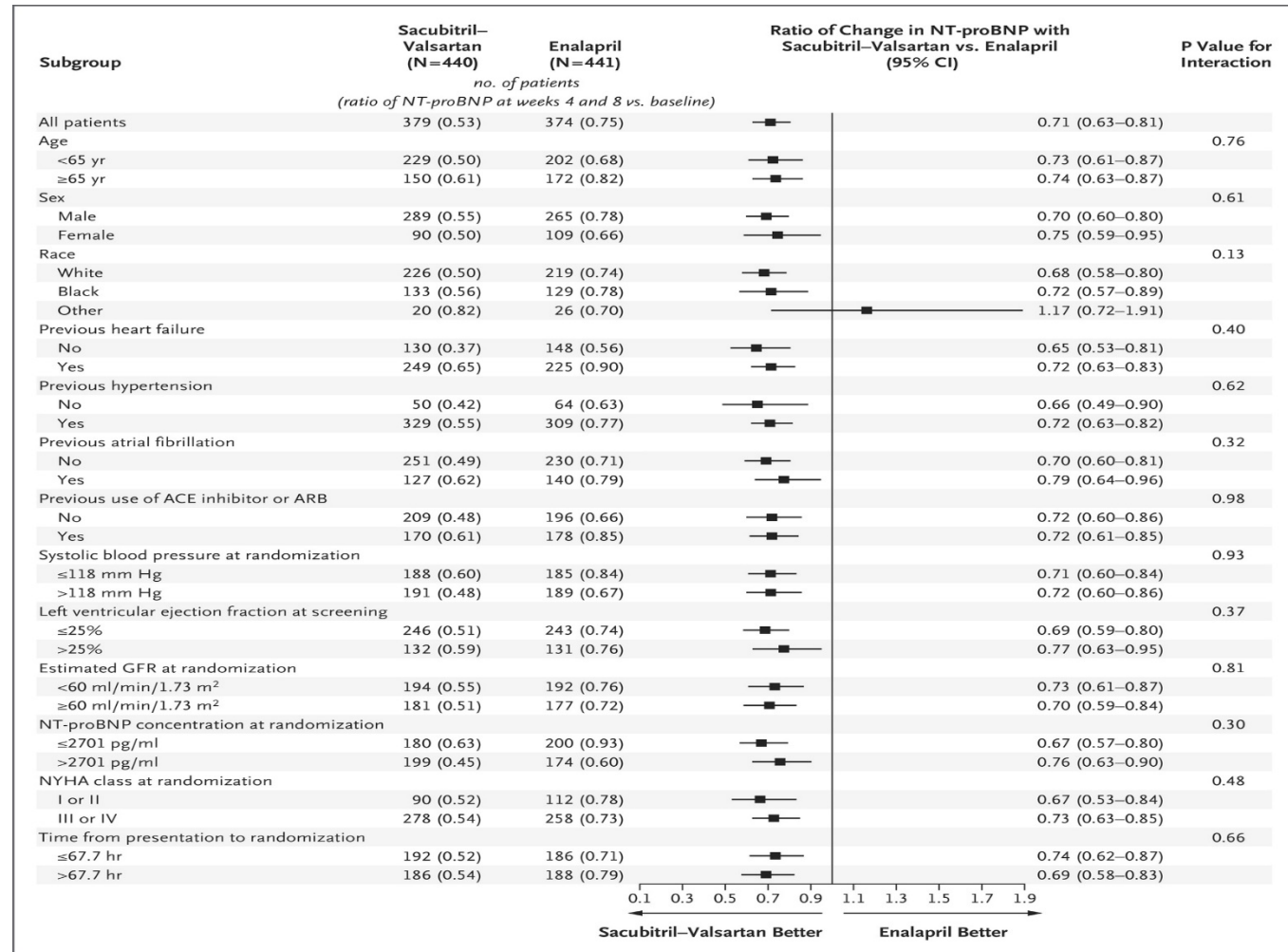
## Primary endpoint: Changes in NTproBNP concentration





# PIONEER-HF

## Subgroup analysis of changes in NTproBNP level



# PIONEER-HF

## Secondary endpoints: efficacy

| Exploratory clinical outcomes — no. (%)                            |            |            | Hazard ratio (95% CI) <sup>§</sup> |
|--|------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Composite of clinical events                                       | 249 (56.6) | 264 (59.9) | 0.93 (0.78 to 1.10)                |
| Death  | 10 (2.3)   | 15 (3.4)   | 0.66 (0.30 to 1.48)                |
| Rehospitalization for heart failure                                | 35 (8.0)   | 61 (13.8)  | 0.56 (0.37 to 0.84)                |
| Implantation of left ventricular assist device                     | 1 (0.2)    | 1 (0.2)    | 0.99 (0.06 to 15.97)               |
| Inclusion on list for heart transplantation                        | 0          | 0          | NA                                 |
| Unplanned outpatient visit leading to use of intravenous diuretics | 2 (0.5)    | 2 (0.5)    | 1.00 (0.14 to 7.07)                |
| Use of additional drug for heart failure                           | 78 (17.7)  | 84 (19.0)  | 0.92 (0.67 to 1.25)                |
| Increase in dose of diuretics of >50%                              | 218 (49.5) | 222 (50.3) | 0.98 (0.81 to 1.18)                |
| Composite of serious clinical events <sup>¶</sup>                  | 41 (9.3)   | 74 (16.8)  | 0.54 (0.37 to 0.79)                |

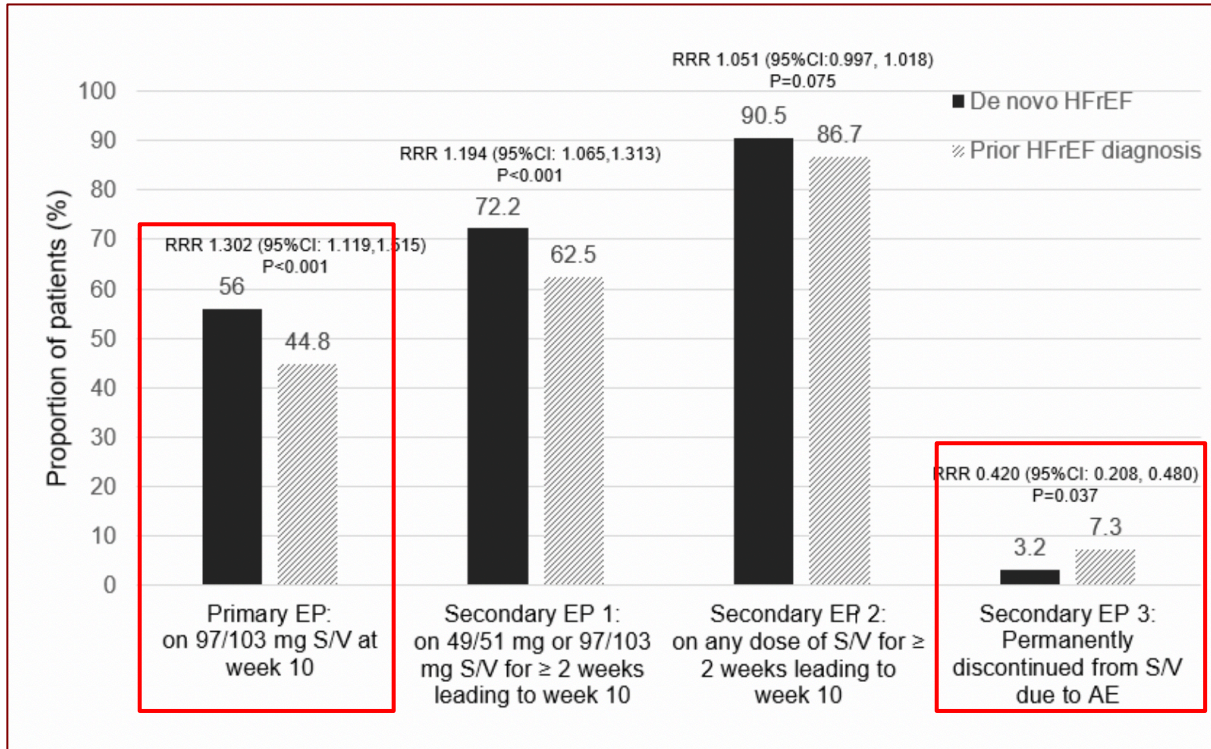
# PIONEER-HF

## Secondary endpoints: safety

| <b>Permanent discontinuations</b> | <b>Sacubitril/Valsartan</b> | <b>Enalapril</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
|                                   | 51 (11.5%)                  | 45 (10.1%)       |

| <b>Outcome</b>                       | <b>Sacubitril–Valsartan<br/>(N = 440)</b> | <b>Enalapril<br/>(N = 441)</b> | <b>Sacubitril–Valsartan vs.<br/>Enalapril</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Key safety outcomes — no. (%)</b> |   |                                | <b>Relative risk (95% CI)</b>                 |
| Worsening renal function†            | 60 (13.6)                                 | 65 (14.7)                      | 0.93 (0.67 to 1.28)                           |
| Hyperkalemia                         | 51 (11.6)                                 | 41 (9.3)                       | 1.25 (0.84 to 1.84)                           |
| Symptomatic hypotension              | 66 (15.0)                                 | 56 (12.7)                      | 1.18 (0.85 to 1.64)                           |
| Angioedema                           | 1 (0.2)                                   | 6 (1.4)                        | 0.17 (0.02 to 1.38)                           |

# Pazienti De-novo nel TRANSITION trial



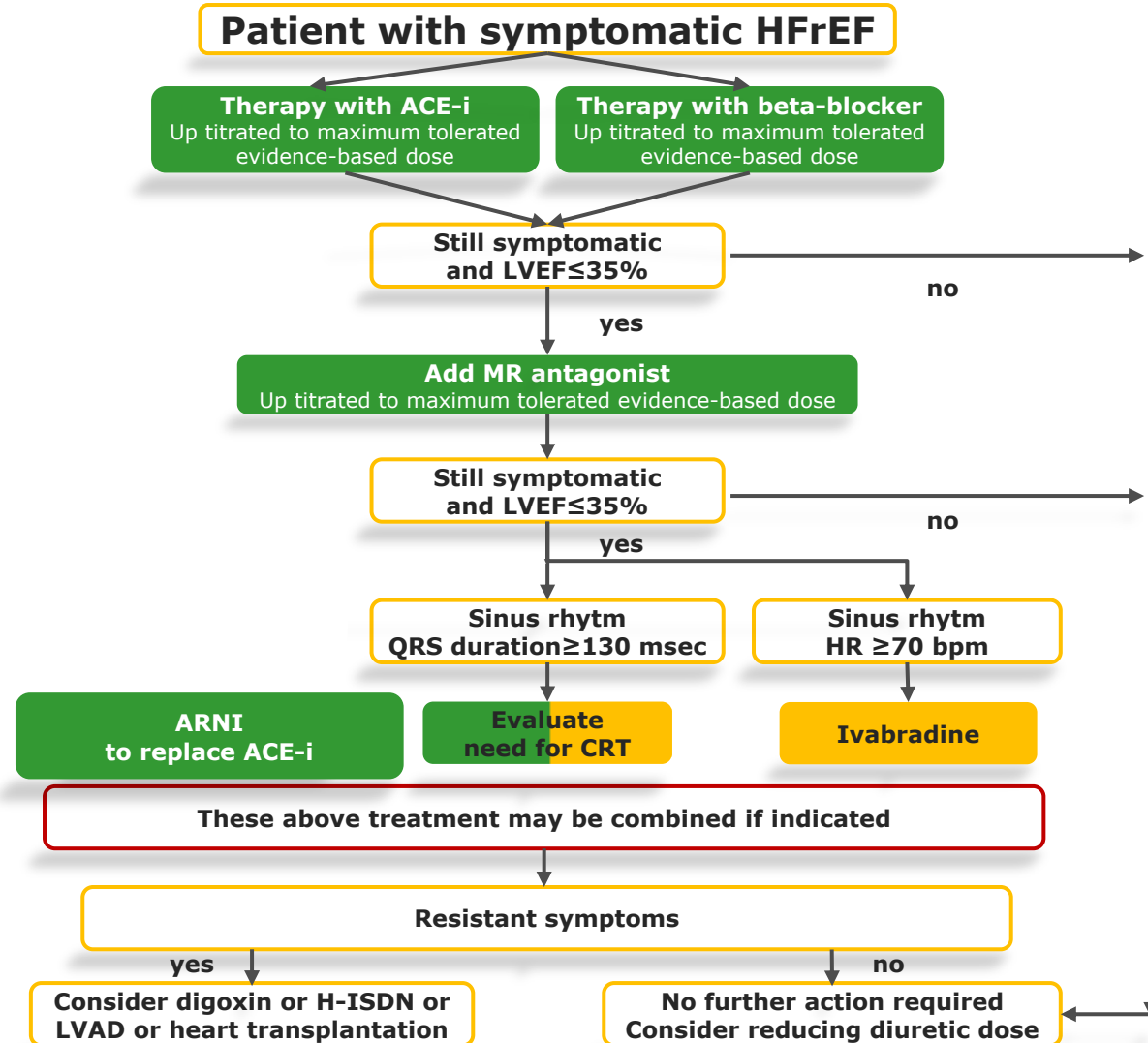
| Event                                      | De novo HFrEF (N=286) n (%) | Previous diagnosis of HFrEF (N=705) n (%) | P-value |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---------|
| At least one AE                            | 178 (62.2)                  | 478 (67.8)                                | 0.103   |
| <b>Selected AEs of interest</b>            |                             |   |         |
| Hyperkalemia                               | 24 (8.4)                    | 85 (12.1)                                 | 0.116   |
| Hypotension                                | 26 (9.1)                    | 108 (10.9)                                | 0.263   |
| Cardiac failure                            | 13 (4.5)                    | 58 (8.2)                                  | 0.042   |
| Renal failure                              | 3 (1.0)                     | 16 (2.3)                                  | 0.306   |
| Blood creatinine increased                 | 3 (1.0)                     | 26 (3.7)                                  | 0.023   |
| Renal impairment                           | 8 (2.8)                     | 32 (4.5)                                  | 0.284   |
| At least one serious AE                    | 33 (11.5)                   | 130 (18.4)                                | 0.008   |
| Death                                      | 1 (0.3)                     | 5 (0.7)                                   | 0.679   |
| Temporary treatment interruption due to AE | 22 (7.7)                    | 87 (12.3)                                 | 0.034   |

# ESC Guidelines

## Therapeutic algorithm for a patient with symptomatic HFrEF

Diuretics to relieve symptoms and sign of congestion

If LVEF ≤ 35% or a history of VT/VF, implant ICD



**CLASS I**

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# Prima linea di trattamento dello SC: Caratteristiche

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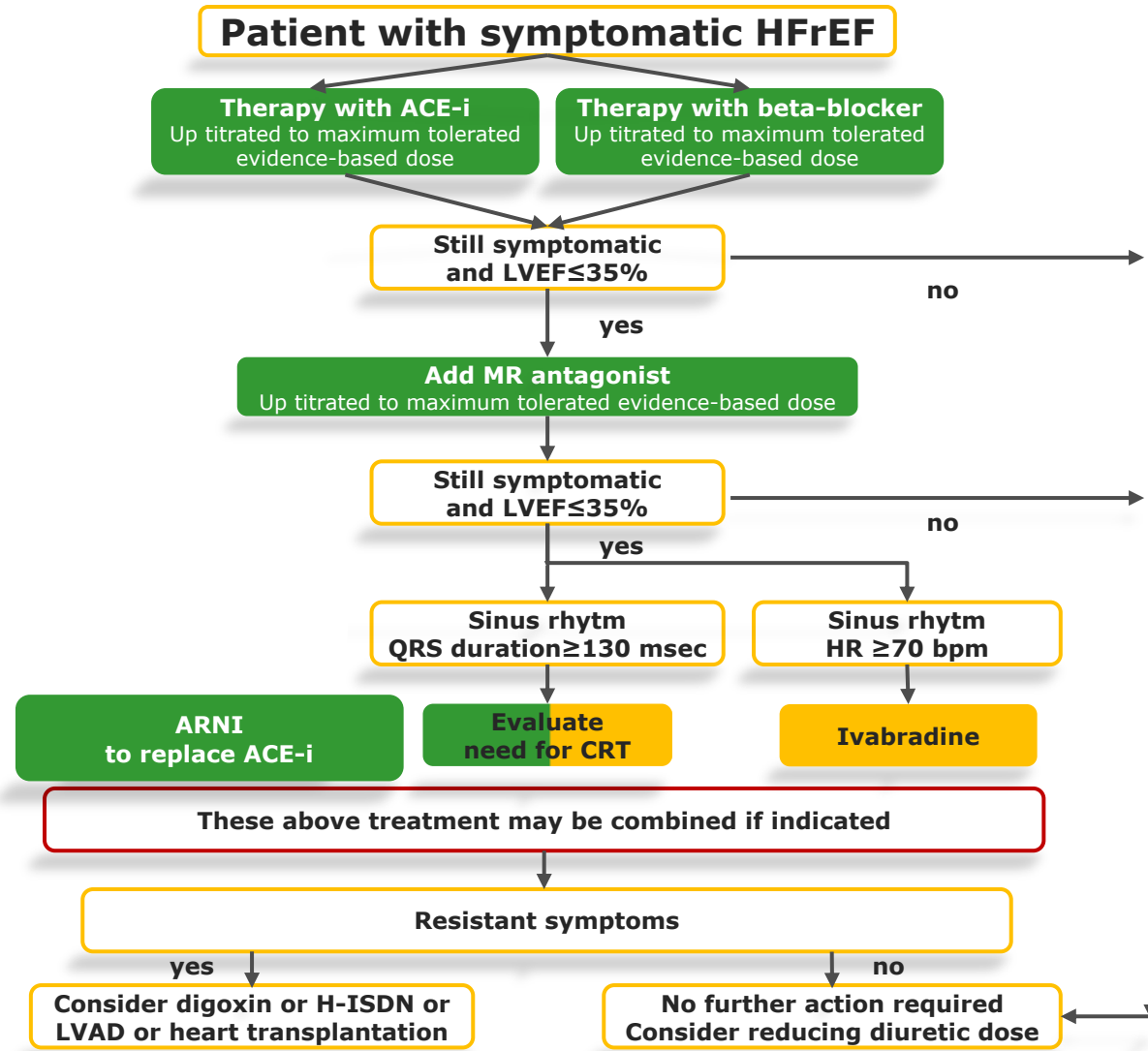
- **Requisiti Classe I and livello di evidenza A**
- **Corretto comparatore**
- **Miglioramento della Qualita' della vita**
- **Ridotti eventi avversi seri**
- **Facilitare l'uso di terapia «certe»**
- **Utilizzo nei pazienti de-novo**

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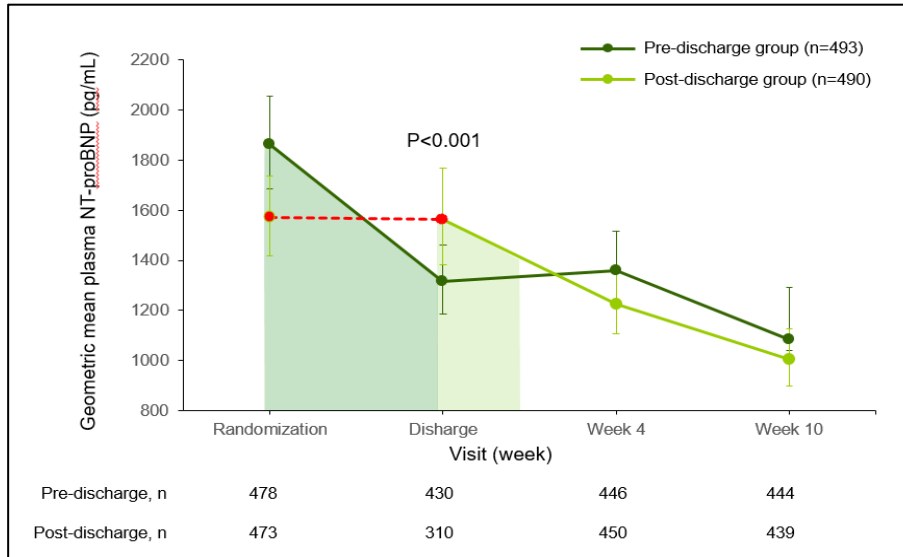


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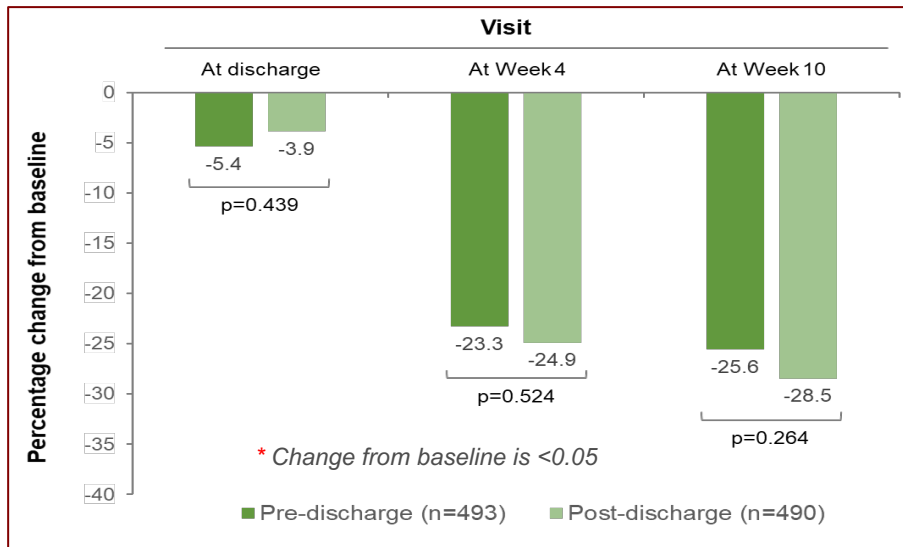
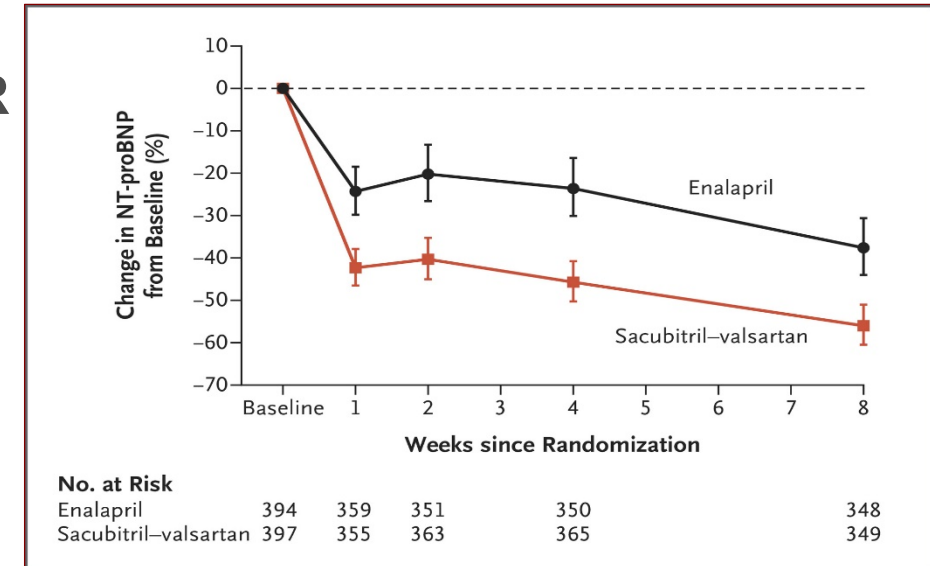
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# Effetti su NT-proBNP e hs-troponin

## TRANSITION Trial

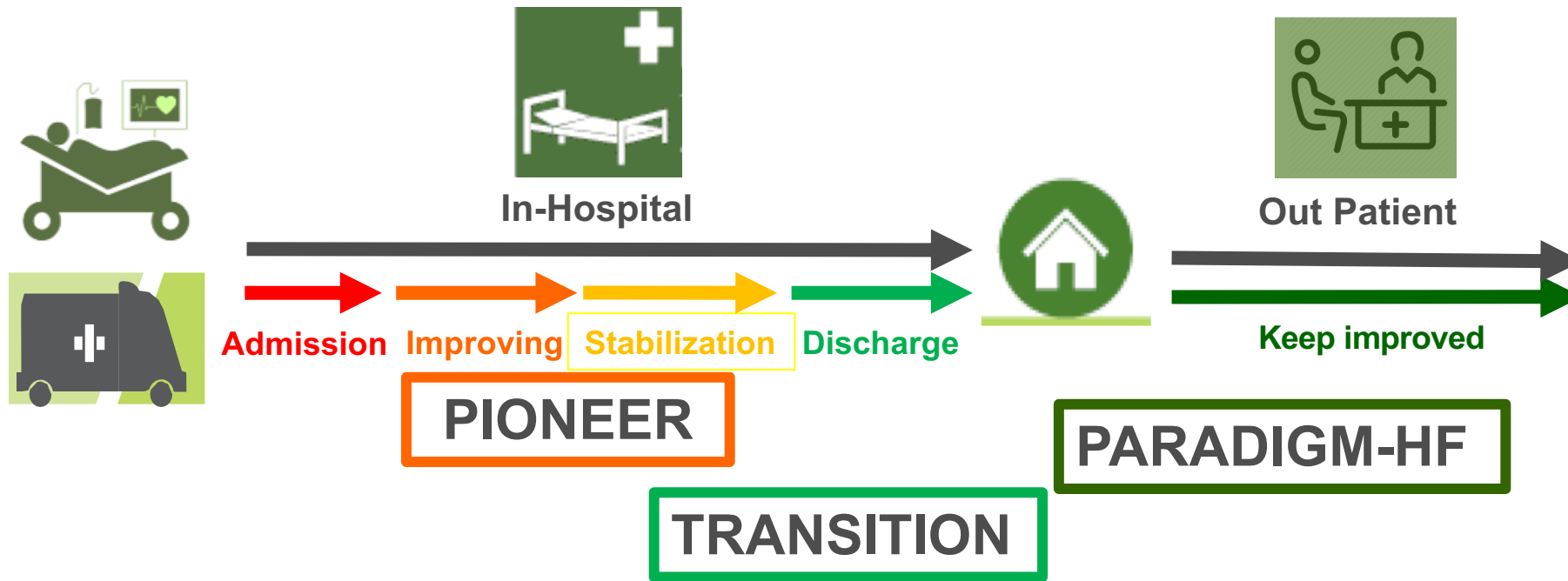


## PIONEER Trial





# Storia naturale del paziente con SC



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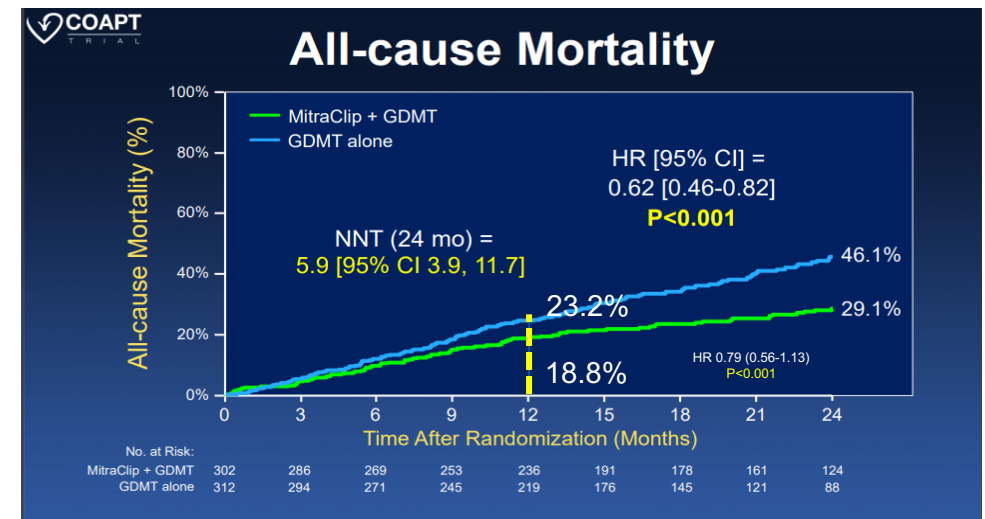
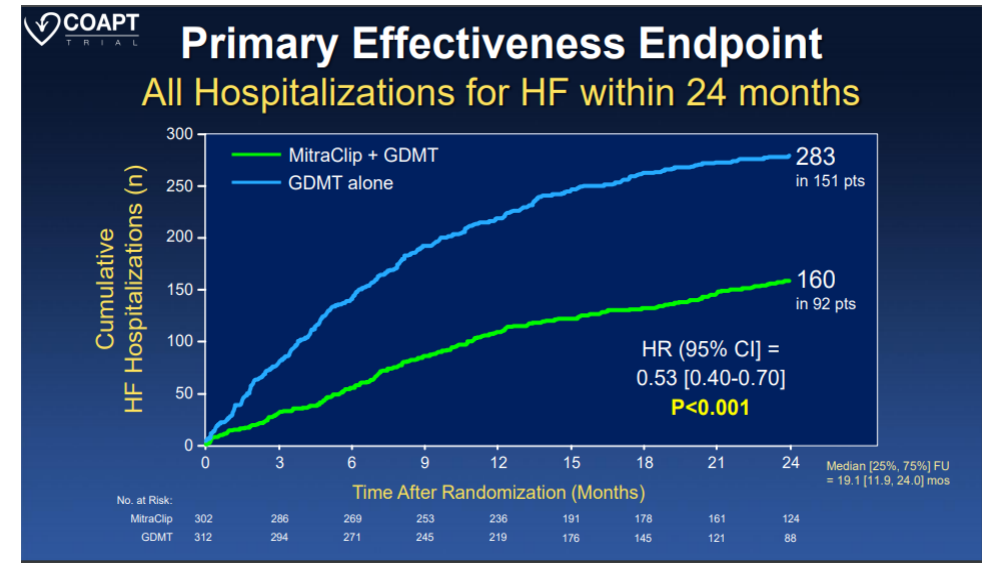
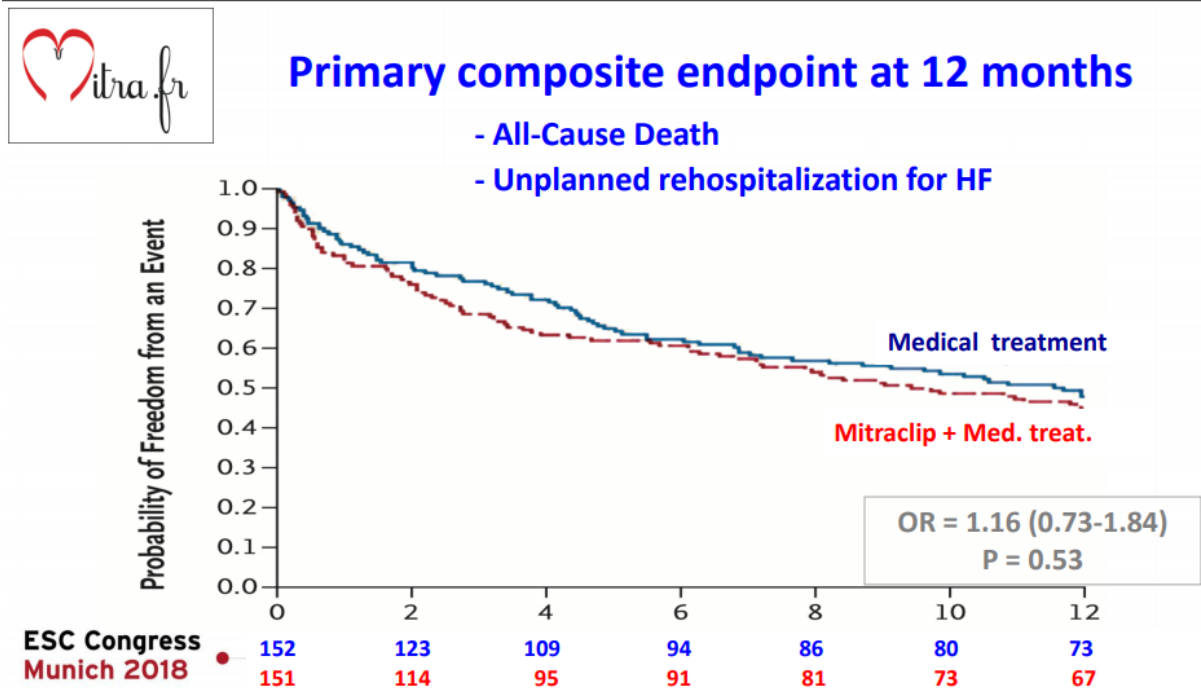
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**Altre recenti certezze ?**



# MitraFR e COAPT trials nell'insufficienza mitralica funzionale

## Contraddittori o Complementari ?



# Differenze tra COAPT trial e MITRA FR: Criteri di inclusione

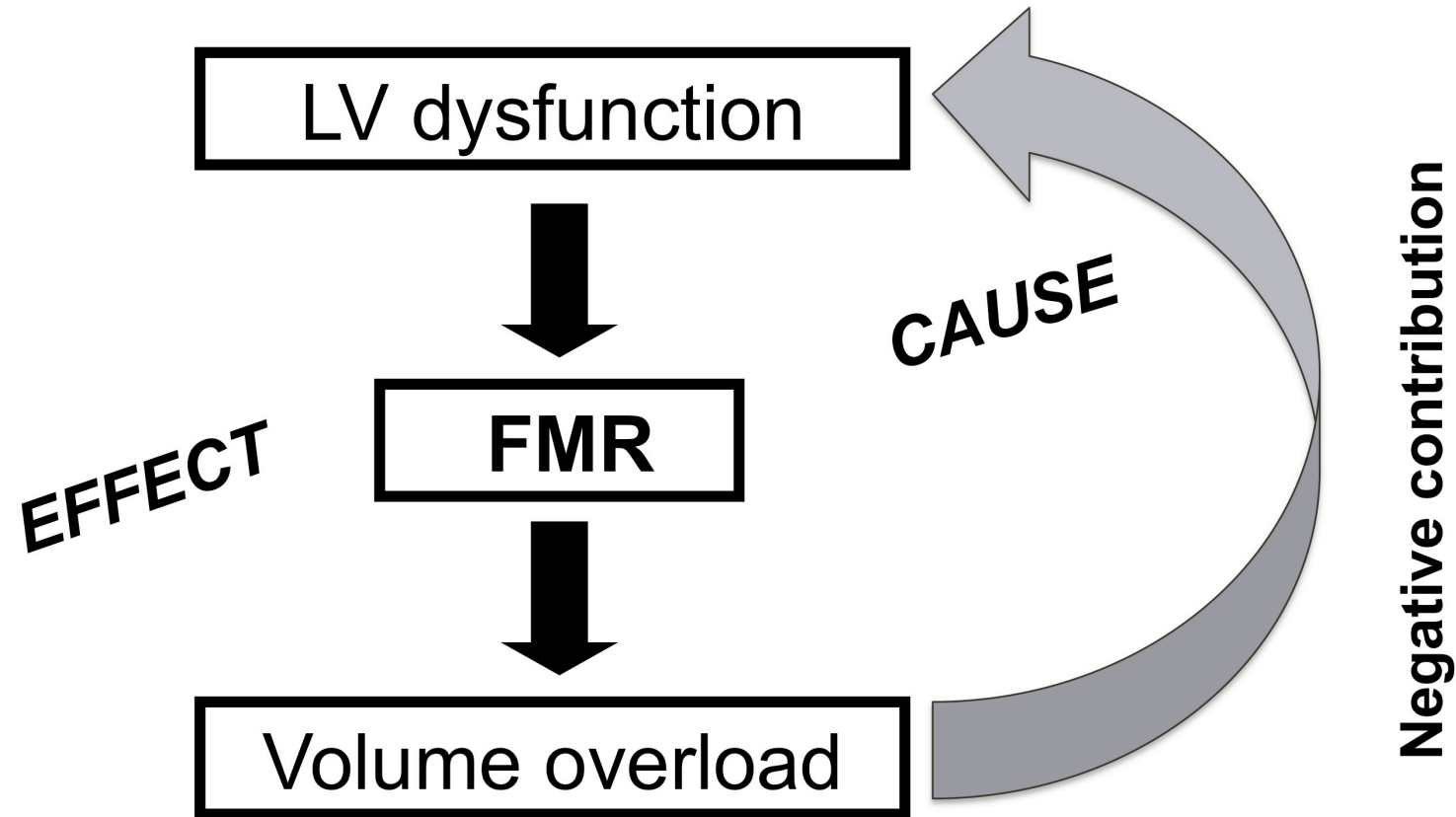
| VARIABLE                                      | COAPT<br>(N=614)   | MITRA FR<br>(N=304)  |
|---|--|--|
| Etiology                                      | Ischemic and non ischemic cardiomyopathy   | Ischemic and non ischemic cardiomyopathy                   |
| NHYA  | II-IV despite a stable OMT   | II-IV despite a stable OMT                                 |
| LVEF (%)                                      | <b>20-50</b>   | 15-40  |
| LVESD (mm)                                    | <b>&lt; 70</b>   | NA   |
| Severity of MR                                | Moderate to severe (3+) or severe (4+)   | <b>ERO &gt; 20 mm<sup>2</sup> or RV &gt; 30 ml</b>         |
| Previous HF hospitalization and/or BNP values | At least one HHF within 12 months and/or BNP > 300 pg/ml or NT-proBNP > 1500 pg/ml | At least one HHF within 12 months, <b>BNP not required</b> |

# Differenze tra COAPT e MITRA FR: Ragioni

- **Heart Team:** COAPT comitato centrale di elegibilita'
- **Selezione della popolazione:** COAPT maggiore (annual rate 1,66)
- **Potenza statistica del trial:** COAPT 614 - MitraFR 304 (sottogruppi pre-specificati)
- **“Qualita' di conduzione” del trial**
  - **echo missing** (MitraFR: 19% alla dimissione, 25% a 1 anno f-up)
  - **cambiamenti nella terapia dello SC:** (solo riportati nel COAPT)
- **Grado dell'IM:** COAPT ERO  $41_{\pm}15$  – MitraFR ERO  $31_{\pm}10$
- **Volumi VSx:** COAPT VTD  $101_{\pm}34$  – MitraFR VTD  $135_{\pm}35$
- **MitraClip risultati:**
  - IM 3+ periop COAPT 5%, MitraFR 9%
  - Complicazioni periop COAPT 8.5%, MitraFR 14.6%
  - IM 3+ 1 anno COAPT 5%, MitraFR 17%

# “Treatment of functional mitral regurgitation in chronic heart failure: Can we get a “proof of concept” from the MITRA-FR and COAPT trials?”

Michele Senni MD, Marianna Adamo MD, Ottavio Alfieri MD, Alec Vahanian MD



# Criteri per la selezione del paziente

1. Accurata valutazione della OMT, prima e dopo l'intervento
2. Presenza di una severa IM (EROA  $>30$  mm<sup>2</sup> e RV  $>45$  mL)
3. Assenza di:
  - cardiopatia avanzata, (severa dilatazione e riduzione della FE)
  - NYHA class IV
  - disfunzione ventricolare dx
  - severa insufficienza tricuspидale

**Importanza dell'Heart Team**

**Scelta del Timing per la correzione dell'IM**

# Terapia dello Scompenso Cardiaco

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# Terapie promettenti nel trattamento dello scompenso cardiaco

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**Sacubitril/valsartan nello SC a frazione di eiezione preservata**

**Attivatori della Guanilato ciclastasi (vericiguat)**

**SGLT-2 inibitori (empaglifozin, dapaglifozin)**

**Ferro carbossimaltoso**

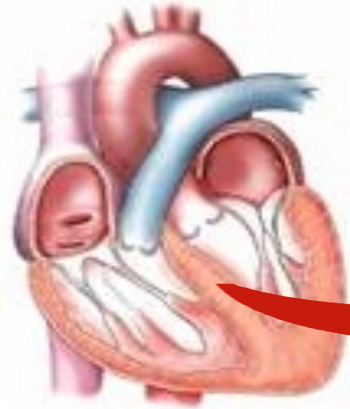
**Agenti inotropi**



# Sac/vals meccanismi di azione nel HFpEF

Substrates  
Multiorgan beneficial effect

NPs  
ADM  
CGRP  
BK



↓ Myocyte hypertrophy  
↓ LV stiffness  
↓ Fibroblast proliferation

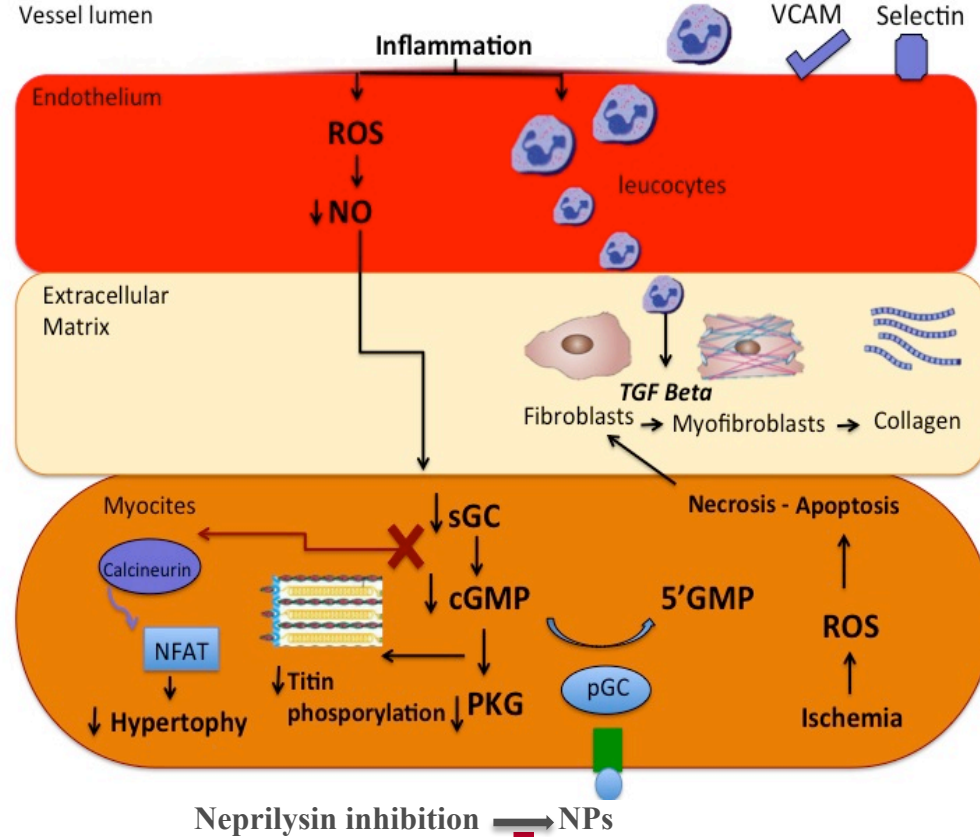
ET-1  
ALD  
AT I-II  
✗  
↑

↓ Fibroblast proliferation  
↑ Diuresis and natriureis

↓ Endothelial dysfunction  
↓ Fibroblast proliferation  
↓ Arterial stiffness

Inhibited by RAAS inhibitors

Myocardium action



↓ Volume overload

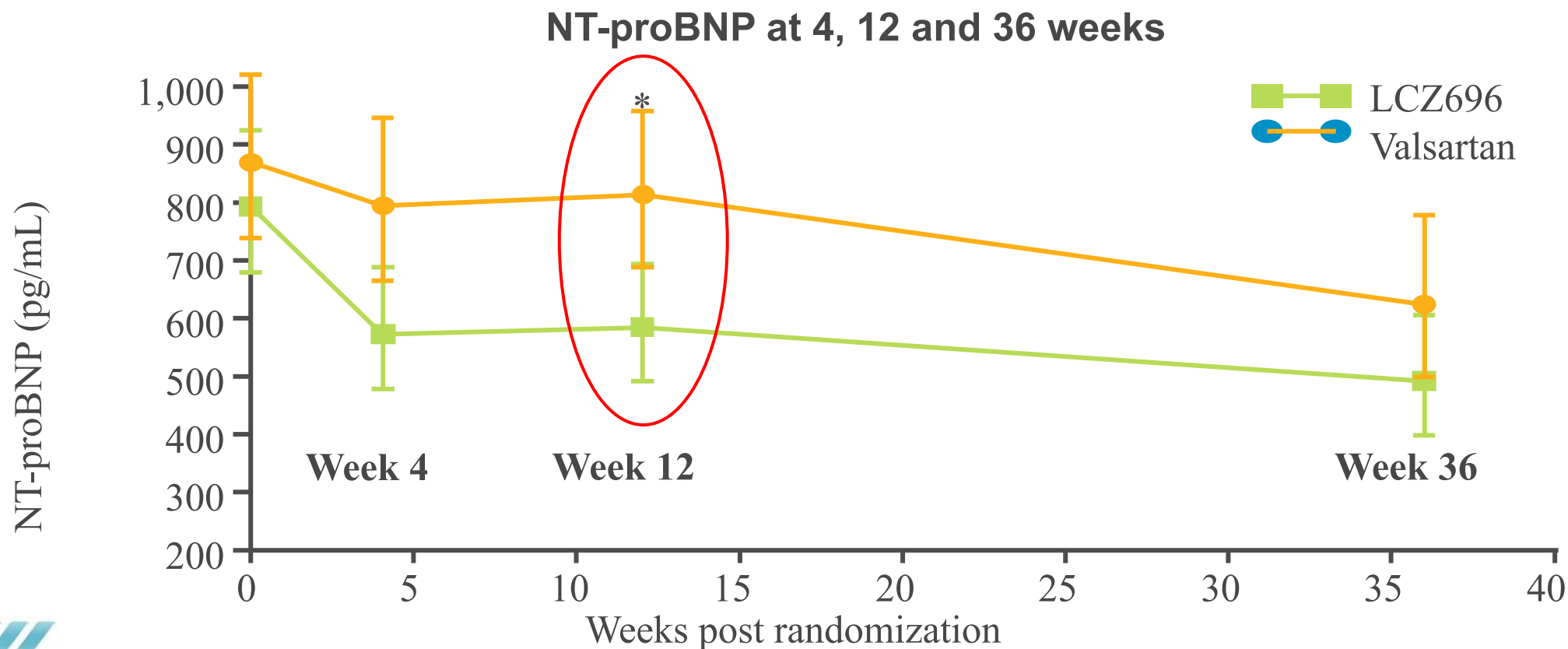
Improvement of arterial ventricular coupling

↓ LVEDP rest/effort

↓ HF signs and symptoms

# PARAMOUNT: NT-proBNP con LCZ696 a 12 settimane

- Reduction in NT-proBNP from baseline was sustained to Week 36 with LCZ696, although the difference between treatment groups was no longer significant ( $p=0.20$ ) due to further reduction in NT-proBNP with valsartan



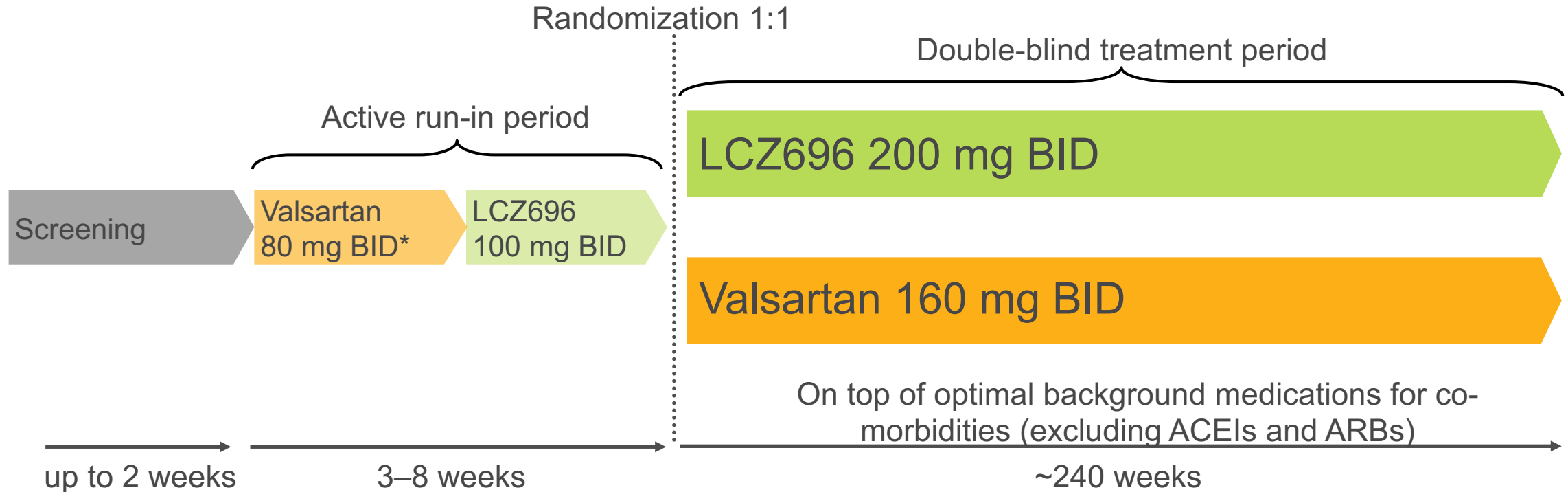
\* $p=0.005$ , LCZ696 vs valsarta

# PARAMOUNT: variazione dei parametri ecocardiografici

|   | 12 weeks |                 |                    |           |                 |                   |         | 36 weeks |                 |                 |           |                 |                 |         |
|---|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
|   | LCZ696   |                 |                    | Valsartan |                 |                   | p value | LCZ696   |                 |                 | Valsartan |                 |                 | p value |
|   | n        | Baseline        | Δ from baseline    | n         | Baseline        | Δ from baseline   |         | n        | Baseline        | Δ from baseline | n         | Baseline        | Δ from baseline |         |
| Ejection fraction   | 114      | 58.2%<br>(7.6)  | 1.06%<br>(5.0)     | 118       | 58.0%<br>(8.0)  | 1.04%<br>(4.9)    | 0.85    | 94       | 58.3%<br>(7.7)  | 2.7%<br>(6.5)   | 111       | 58.1%<br>(8.0)  | 3.07%<br>(5.9)  | 0.69    |
| Lateral mitral annular relaxation velocity (e'; cm/s)                     | 97       | 7.7<br>(2.7)    | 0.57<br>(1.7)      | 106       | 7.2<br>(2.9)    | 0.55<br>(1.5)     | 0.56    | 84       | 7.6<br>(2.7)    | 0.55<br>(2.3)   | 96        | 7.3<br>(2.8)    | 0.92<br>(2.0)   | 0.40    |
| Mitral inflow velocity to mitral annular relaxation velocity ratio (E/e') | 96       | 12.6<br>(8.4)   | -1.3<br>(3.4)      | 106       | 13.0<br>(7.3)   | -1.3<br>(4.3)     | 0.71    | 83       | 12.3<br>(5.5)   | -1.3<br>(3.1)   | 95        | 12.7<br>(6.2)   | -1.0<br>(4.7)   | 0.42    |
| Early to late mitral inflow velocity ratio (E/A)                          | 72       | 1.1<br>(0.56)   | -0.09<br>(0.36)    | 78        | 1.1<br>(0.66)   | -0.08<br>(0.67)   | 0.90    | 60       | 1.1<br>(0.51)   | -0.05<br>(0.39) | 68        | 1.1<br>(0.65)   | -0.03<br>(0.61) | 0.43    |
| Left atrial width (cm)  | 116      | 3.7<br>(0.42)   | -0.07<br>(0.25)    | 114       | 3.7<br>(0.53)   | -0.02<br>(0.22)   | 0.07    | 99       | 3.7<br>(0.43)   | -0.15<br>(0.31) | 108       | 3.7<br>(0.53)   | -0.08<br>(0.30) | 0.03    |
| Left atrial volume (mL)   | 113      | 67.0<br>(23.2)  | -3.2<br>(12.2)     | 119       | 68.1<br>(28.1)  | -1.3<br>(12.5)    | 0.18    | 96       | 65.3<br>(22.5)  | -4.6<br>(13.7)  | 112       | 68.3<br>(29.3)  | 0.37<br>(15.9)  | 0.003   |
| Left atrial volume index (mL/m <sup>2</sup> )                             | 110      | 35.9<br>(12.5)  | -0.98<br>(7.6)     | 118       | 36.5<br>(14.4)  | -0.41<br>(6.8)    | 0.45    | 90       | 35.0<br>(11.7)  | -2.6<br>(7.3)   | 106       | 36.8<br>(14.8)  | 0.31<br>(9.3)   | 0.007   |
| Left ventricular end-diastolic volume (mL)                                | 114      | 110.3<br>(26.4) | -2.90<br>(10.5)    | 118       | 113.1<br>(31.3) | -3.27<br>(12.3)   | 0.99    | 94       | 111.8<br>(26.3) | -10.4<br>(14.4) | 111       | 114.3<br>(31.5) | -12.7<br>(17.3) | 0.39    |
| Left ventricular end-systolic volume (mL)                                 | 114      | 46.5<br>(15.7)  | -3.3<br>(6.5)      | 118       | 48.5<br>(20.9)  | -2.7<br>(8.9)     | 0.97    | 95       | 46.9<br>(15.8)  | -6.9<br>(9.1)   | 111       | 48.8<br>(20.6)  | -8.70<br>(11.0) | 0.31    |
| Left ventricular mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )                          | 112      | 77.4<br>(20.7)  | -1.2<br>(13.0)     | 112       | 78.8<br>(21.5)  | -4.2<br>(11.8)    | 0.10    | 91       | 76.6<br>(19.8)  | -2.8<br>(14.0)  | 100       | 79.5<br>(22.7)  | -1.9<br>(19.2)  | 0.35    |
| Relative wall thickness   | 116      | 0.38%<br>(0.09) | -0.002%<br>(0.045) | 114       | 0.37%<br>(0.07) | 0.001%<br>(0.033) | 0.76    | 98       | 0.37%<br>(0.07) | 0.01%<br>(0.06) | 107       | 0.37%<br>(0.07) | 0.01%<br>(0.06) | 0.96    |
| Tricuspid regurgitant velocity (m/s)                                      | 45       | 2.5<br>(0.36)   | 0.008<br>(0.25)    | 42        | 2.5<br>(0.33)   | 0.09<br>(0.33)    | 0.19    | 35       | 2.6<br>(0.44)   | -0.01<br>(0.24) | 42        | 2.52<br>(0.34)  | 0.06<br>(0.35)  | 0.38    |

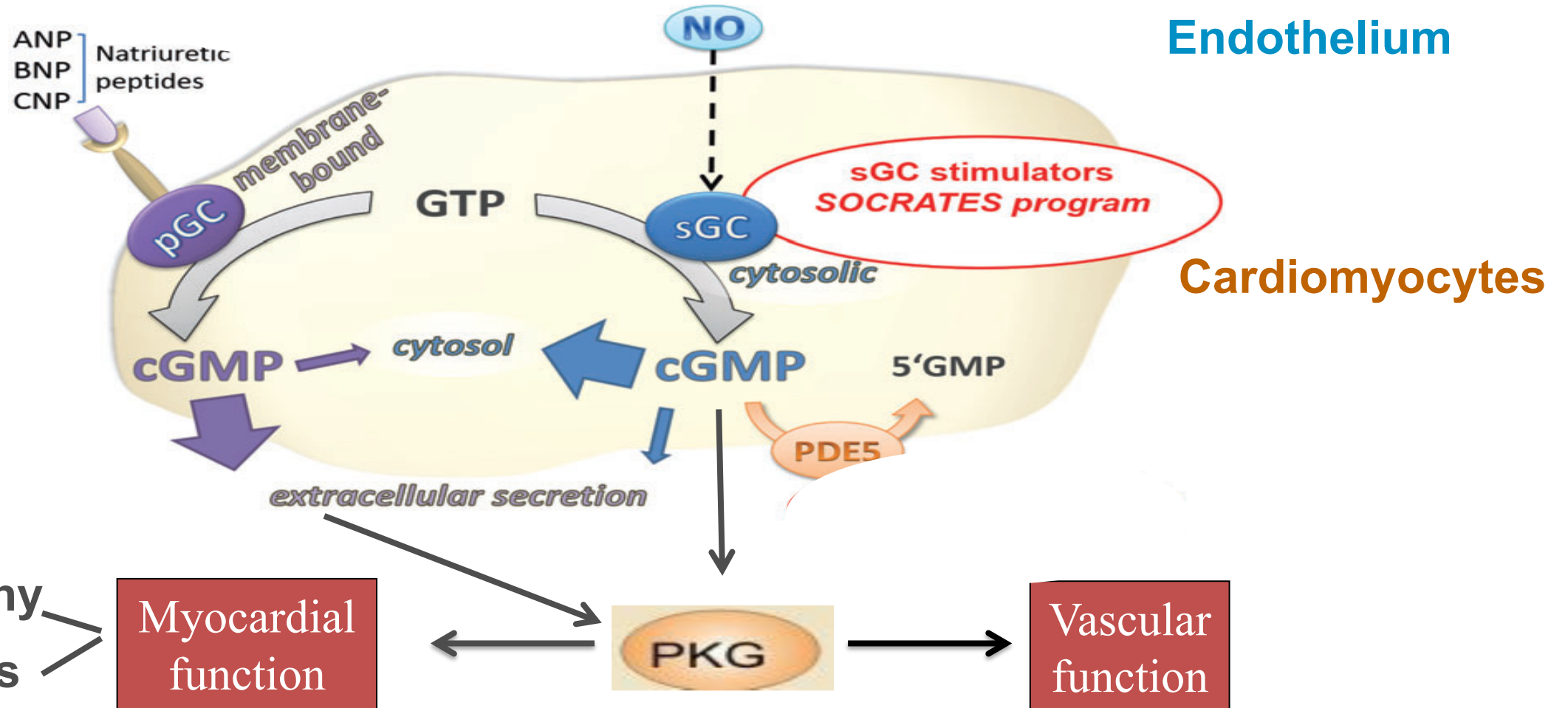
# PARAGON-HF

Target patient population: ~4,300 patients with symptomatic HF (NYHA Class II–IV) and LVEF  $\geq$ 45%



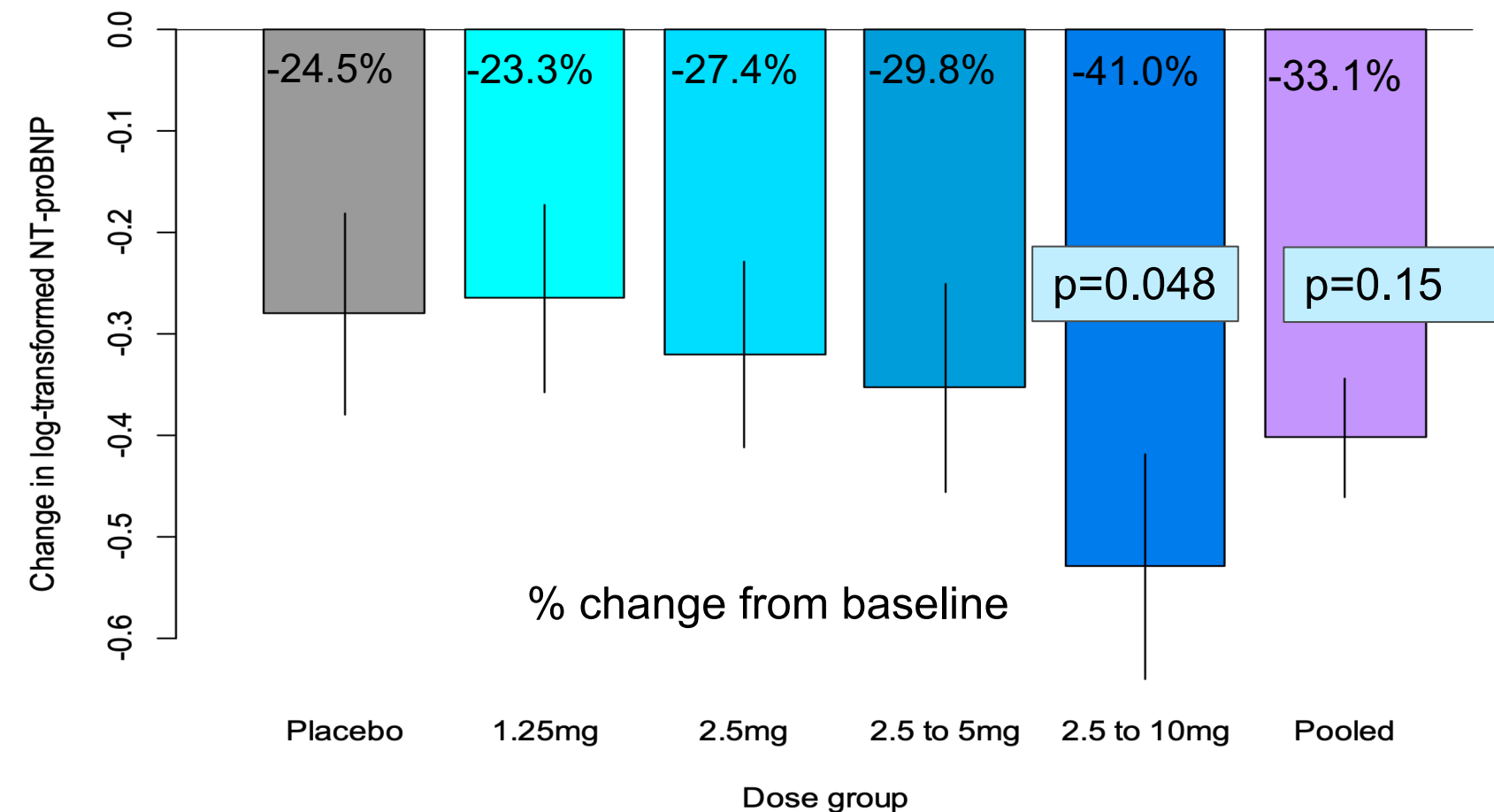
**Primary outcome: CV death and total (first and recurrent) HF hospitalizations (anticipated ~1,721 primary events)**

# Via NO/cGMP



# SOCRATES-REDUCED: vericiguat

## Change in NT-proBNP at 12 weeks (per protocol analysis)



### **Primary endpoint**

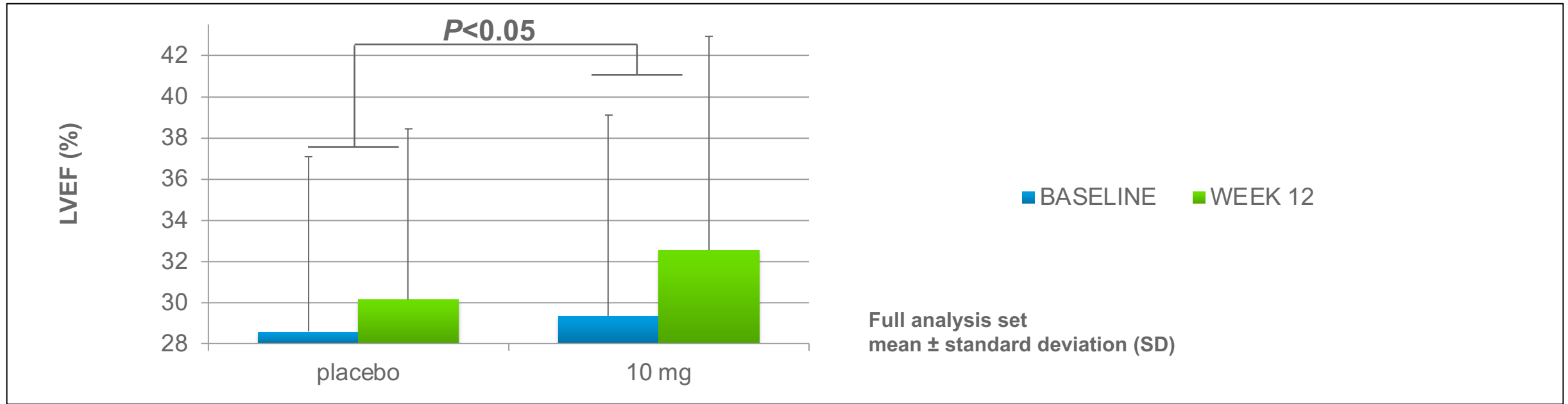
#### ▶ **Primary analysis:**

NTproBNP reduction in pooled 2.5/5/10 mg dose groups > reduction in placebo (NS,  $p=0.1506$ )

#### ▶ **Secondary analyses:**

NT-proBNP reduction in 10 mg group > placebo ( $p=0.0483$ ; pre-specified pairwise comparison, exploratory only)

# SOCRATES-REDUCED: funzione sistolica



| Parameter  | Placebo  |                 | 1.25 mg  |                 | 2.5 mg   |                 | 2.5 to 5 mg |                 | 2.5 to 10 mg |                 |
|------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
|            | Baseline | Change at wk 12 | Baseline | Change at wk 12 | Baseline | Change at wk 12 | Baseline    | Change at wk 12 | Baseline     | Change at wk 12 |
| LVEF (%)   | 28.6     | + 1.5           | 29.5     | + 2.8           | 29.2     | + 2.7           | 31.5        | + 2.1           | 29.3         | + 3.7           |
| LVEDV (mL) | 174      | - 7             | 173      | -6              | 174      | -10             | 177         | -17             | 161          | -7              |
| LVESV,(mL) | 127      | - 7             | 125      | -9              | 126      | -11             | 125         | -15             | 120          | -11             |

LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction; LVEDV: left ventricular end-diastolic volume; LVESV: left ventricular end-systolic volume

mean values

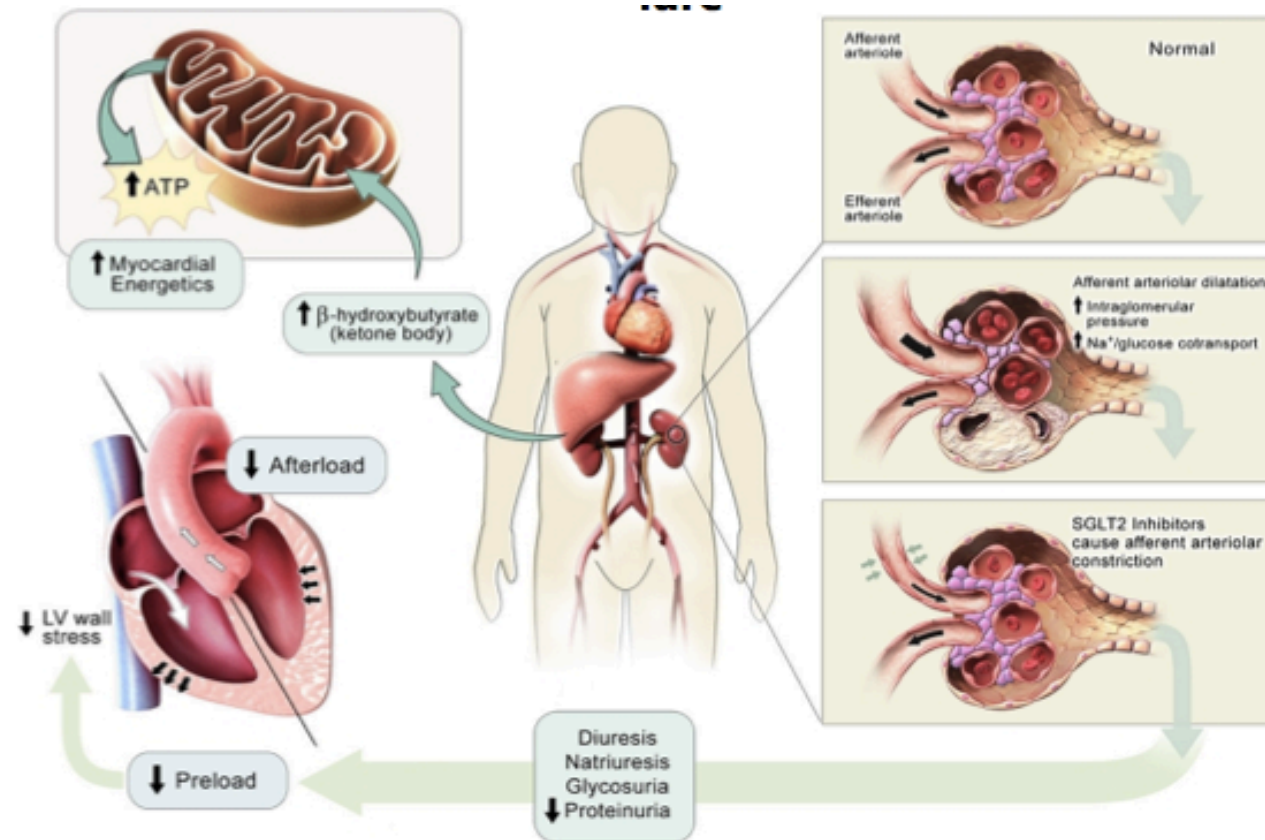


# VICTORIA Trial

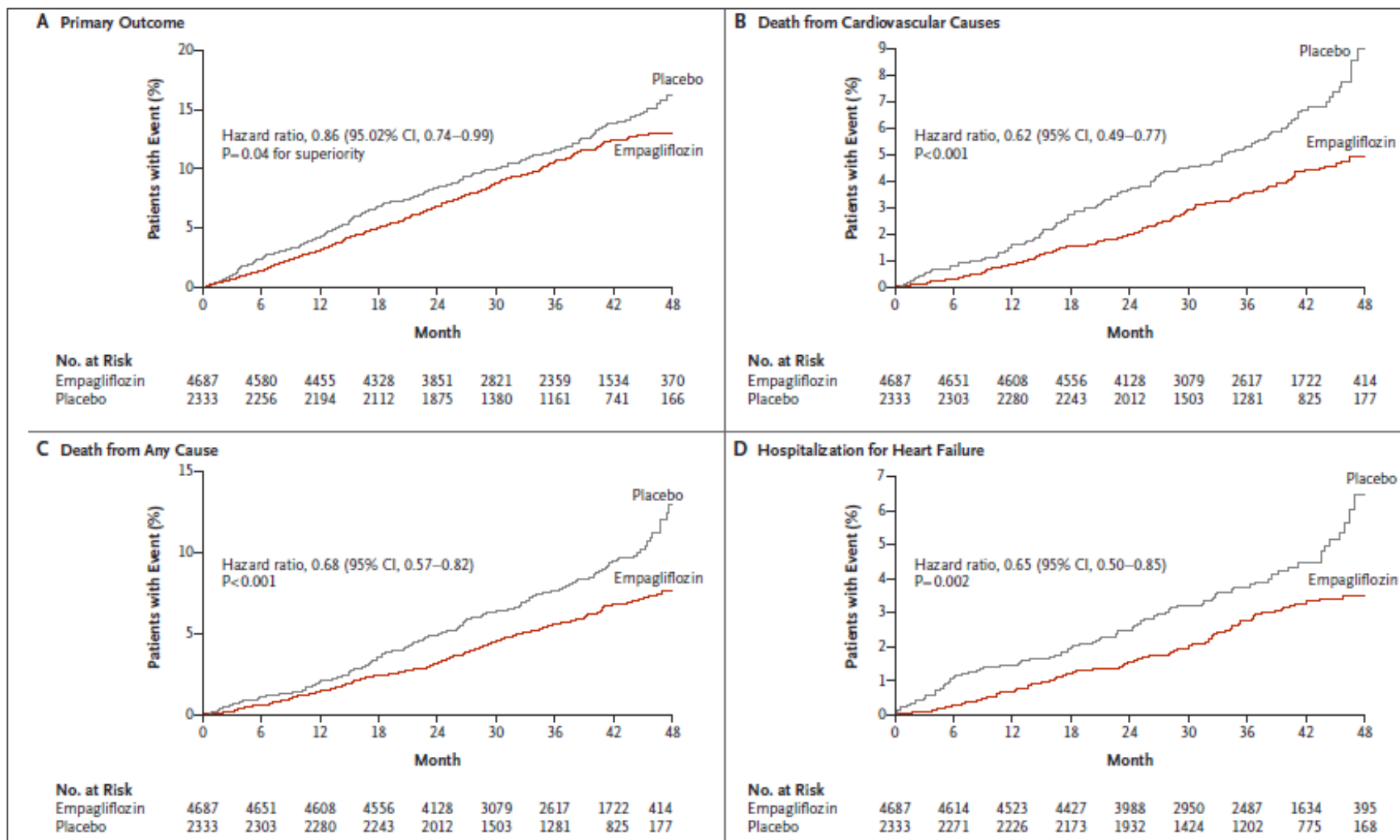
## Studio di fase III - NYHA II-IV - HFrEF

- **Primary objective:** To study the efficacy and safety of vericiguat vs. placebo on a background of usual care in HFrEF patients
- Target enrollment of approximately 4800 patients with the following:
  - HFrEF (EF < 45%)
  - NYHA II-IV on standard therapy
  - Prior HF hospitalization (6 months) or IV diuretic (3 months)
  - Elevated natriuretic peptides
  - Not taking long-acting nitrates
- Primary outcome: composite endpoint of cardiovascular (CV) mortality or HF hospitalization
- Secondary outcomes include:
  - Time to the First Occurrence of CV Death
  - Time to the First Occurrence of HF Hospitalization
  - Time to Total HF Hospitalizations (including first and recurrent events)
  - Time to First Occurrence of Composite Endpoint of All-cause Mortality or HF Hospitalization
  - Time to All-cause Mortality

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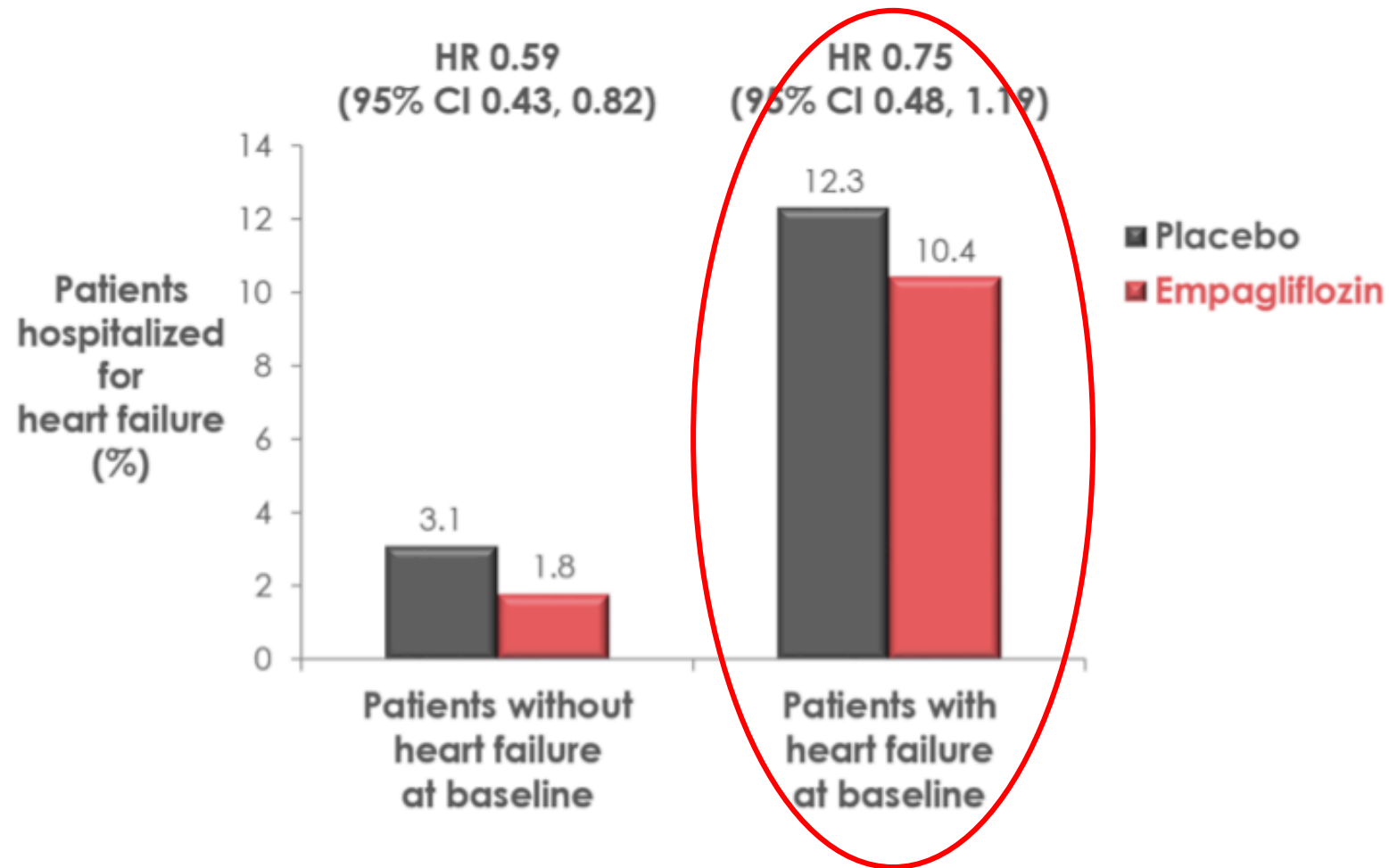


# EMPA-REG Outcome trial



# EMPEROR trial

HF Hospitalizations in patients with or without HF



Fitchett et al. Eur Heart J 2016

# SGLT2 inibitori

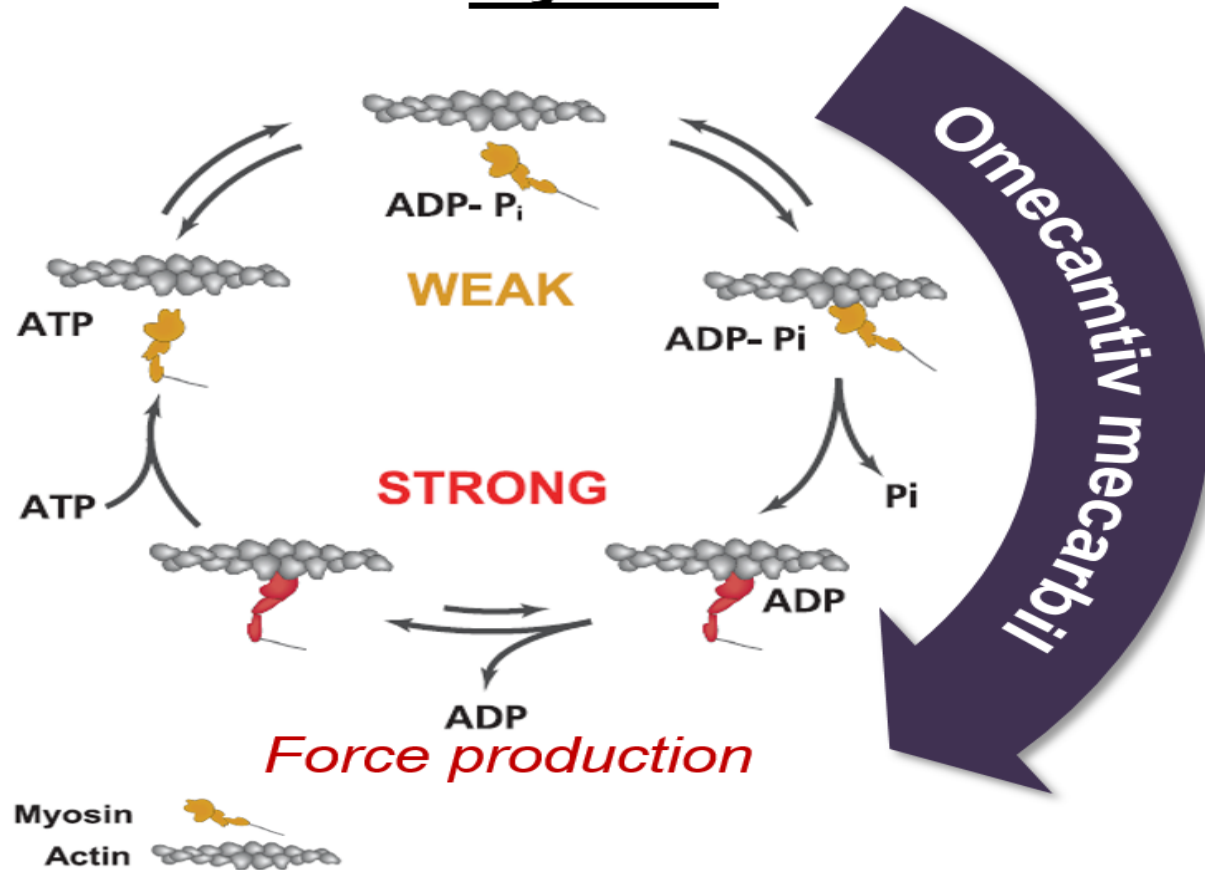
## Trials fase III in corso

| Drug                       | Cohort     | Primary endpoint   |
|----------------------------|------------|--|
| Canagliflozin <sup>a</sup> | Chronic HF | Change from baseline aerobic exercise capacity at 12 weeks<br>Change from baseline ventilator efficiency at 12 weeks |
| Dapagliflozin <sup>a</sup> | Chronic HF | Time to first occurrence of CV death or hospitalization for HF or urgent HF visit                                    |
|                            | CKD        | Time to first occurrence of $\geq 50\%$ sustained decline in eGFR or reaching ESRD or CV death or renal death        |
| Empagliflozin <sup>a</sup> | HFpEF      | Time to first adjudicated CV death or adjudicated hospitalization for HF   |
|                            | HFrEF      |  |
|                            | CKD        | Composite CV death and renal disease progression   |
| Luseogliflozin             | HFpEF      | Change in BNP at 12 weeks  |
| Ertugliflozin              | N/A        | N/A  |
| Sotagliflozin              | N/A        | N/A  |

Butler J et al. Eur J Heart Fail 2017

# Omecamtiv mecarbii: attivatore selettivo della miosina

## Mechanochemical Cycle of Myosin



**OM increases the entry rate of myosin into the tightly-bound, force-producing state with actin**

**“More hands pulling on the rope”**

Increases duration of systole

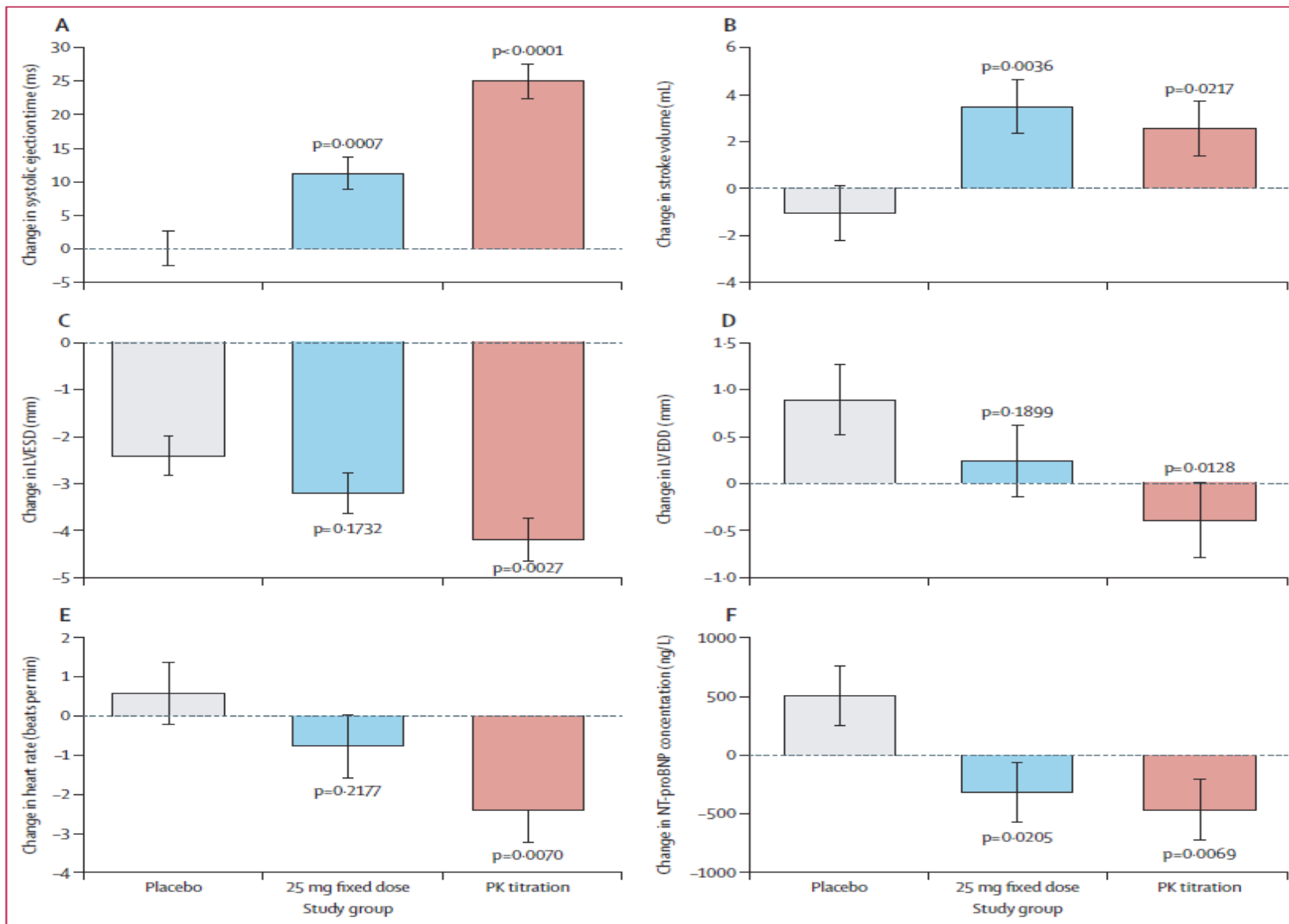
Increases stroke volume

No increase in myocyte calcium

No change in  $dP/dt_{\max}$

No increase in  $MVO_2$

# Omecamtiv mecarbil in HFrEF: COSMIC-HF



Teerlink JR et al.  
Lancet 2016

# Title: A Double-blind, Randomized, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Omecamtiv Mecarbil on Mortality and Morbidity in Subjects With Chronic Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction

Amgen Protocol Number (Omecamtiv Mecarbil [AMG 423]) 20110203

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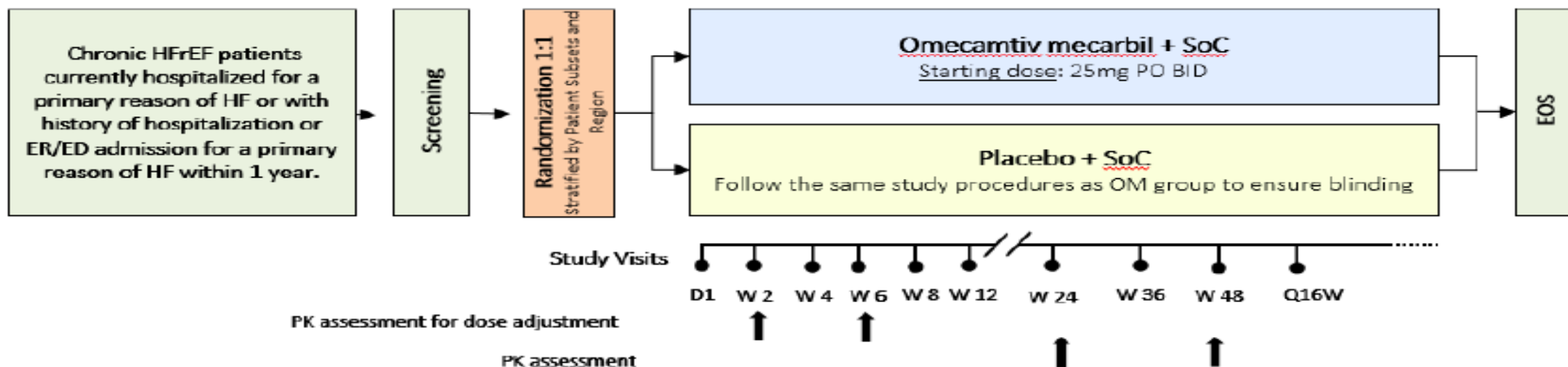
GALACTIC-HF

Global Approach to Lowering Adverse Cardiac Outcomes Through Improving Contractility in Heart Failure

## Study Design and Treatment Schema

2 years enrollment, approx. 4 years total follow-up/study period

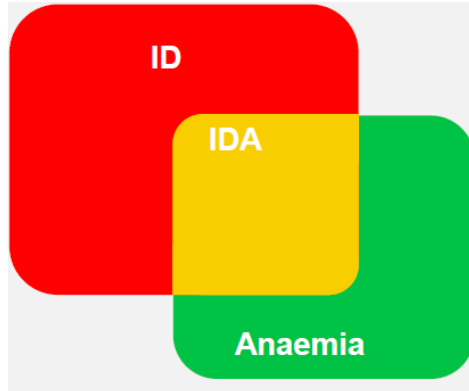
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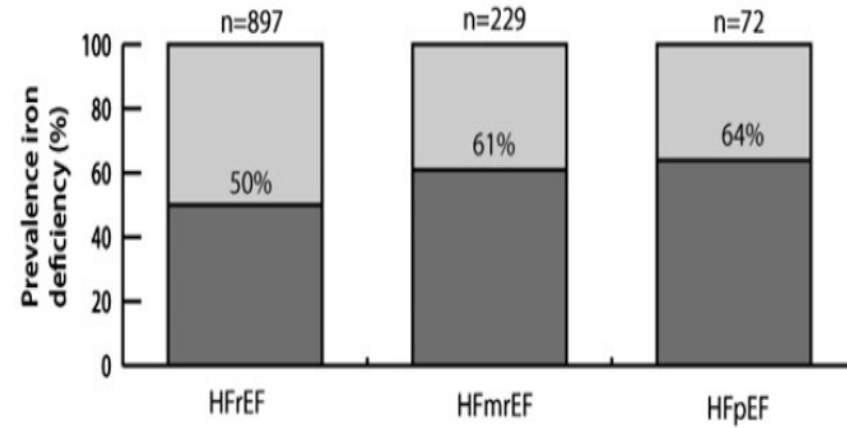


# DEFICIT DI FERRO NELLO SCOMPENSO CARDIACO

## ID and Anemia relationship

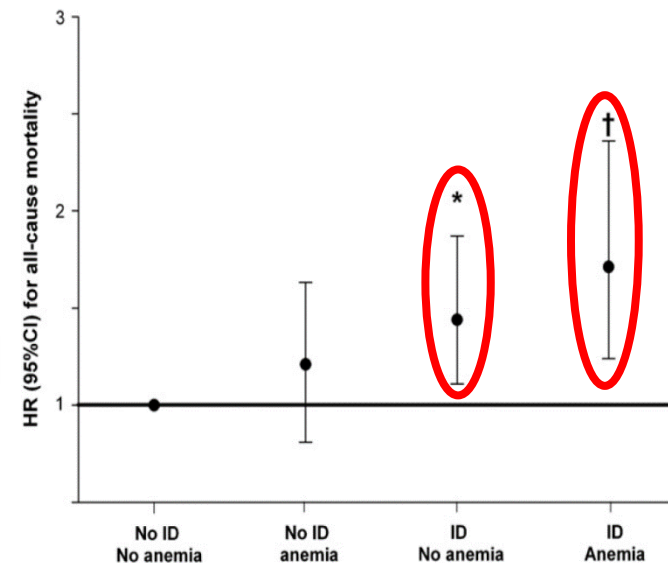
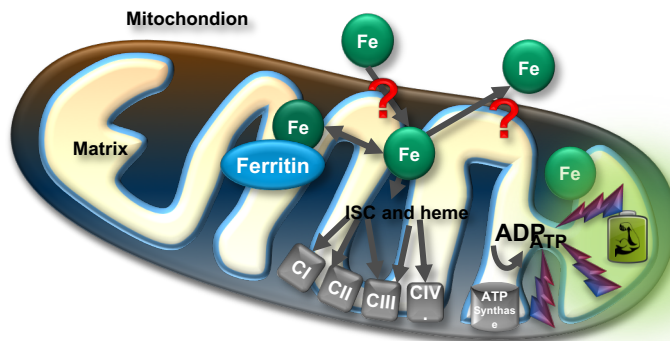


PANEL B



Martens P et al. Acta Cardiol 2017

## ID and ATPasi sintetasi



Jankowska EA et al. Eur Heart J 2010

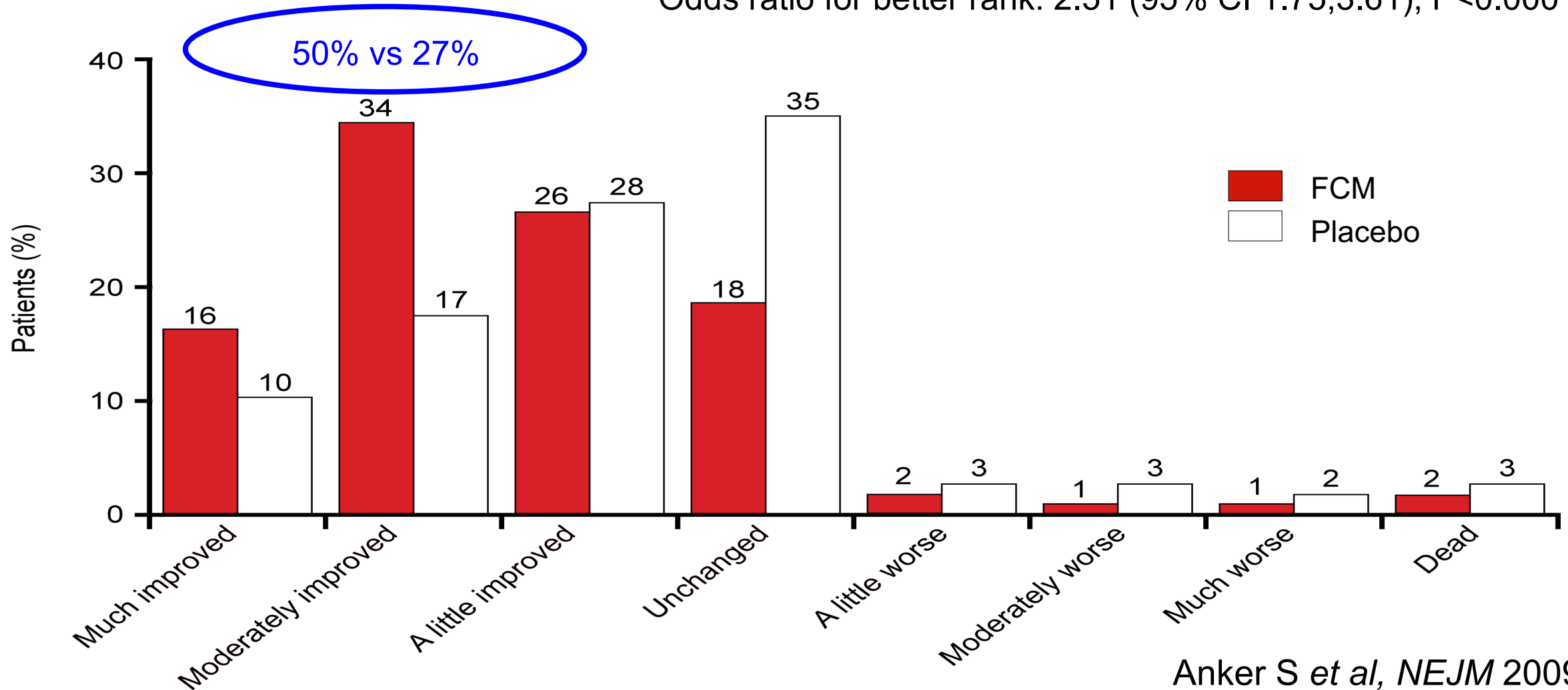


# Endpoint primario 1: Patient Global Assessment a 24 settimane



459 HFrEF patients, LVEF<sub>≤</sub>45%

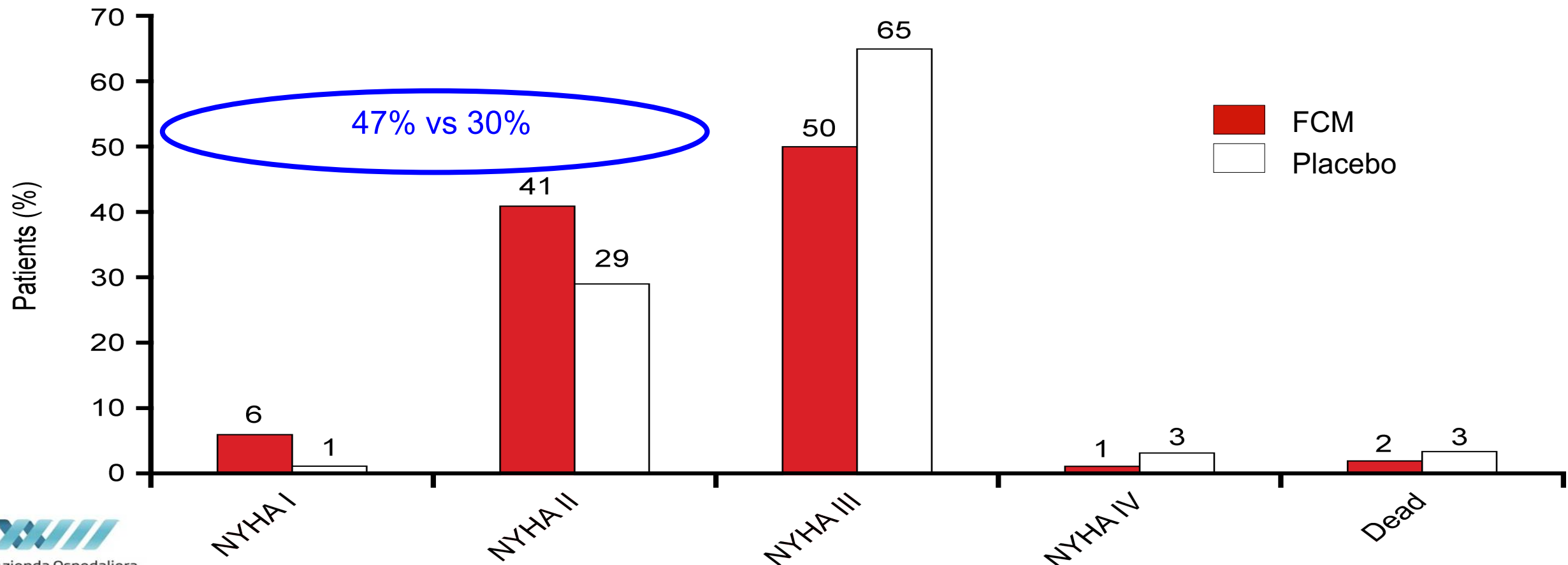
FCM improved self-reported PGA scores at week 24  
Odds ratio for better rank: 2.51 (95% CI 1.75,3.61), P<0.0001



# Endpoint primario 2: classe NYHA a 24 settimane

FCM improved NYHA functional class at week 24

Odds ratio for improvement by 1 class: 2.40 (95% CI 1.55,3.71),  $P < 0.0001^*$



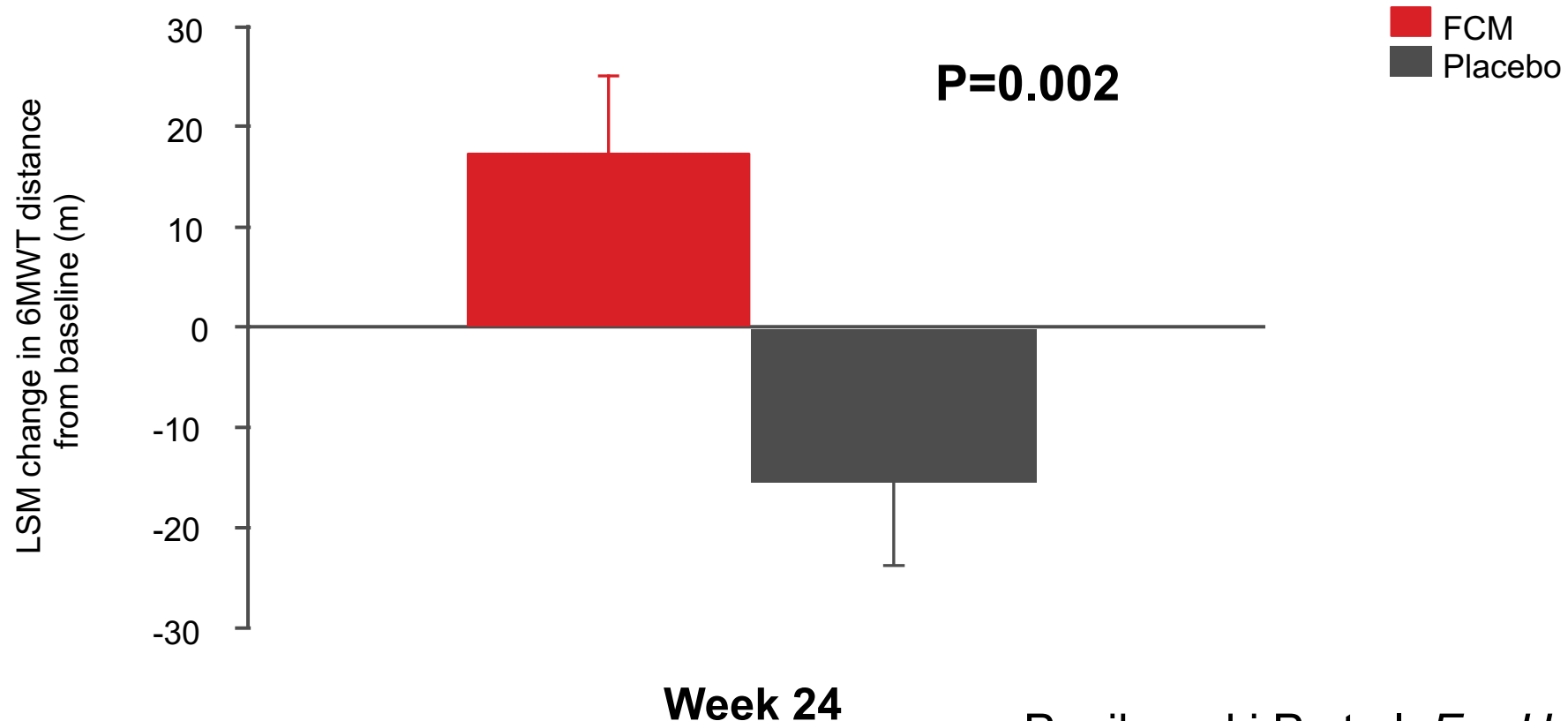


# CONFIRM-HF: endpoint primario

## 6-minutes walking distance a 24 settimane

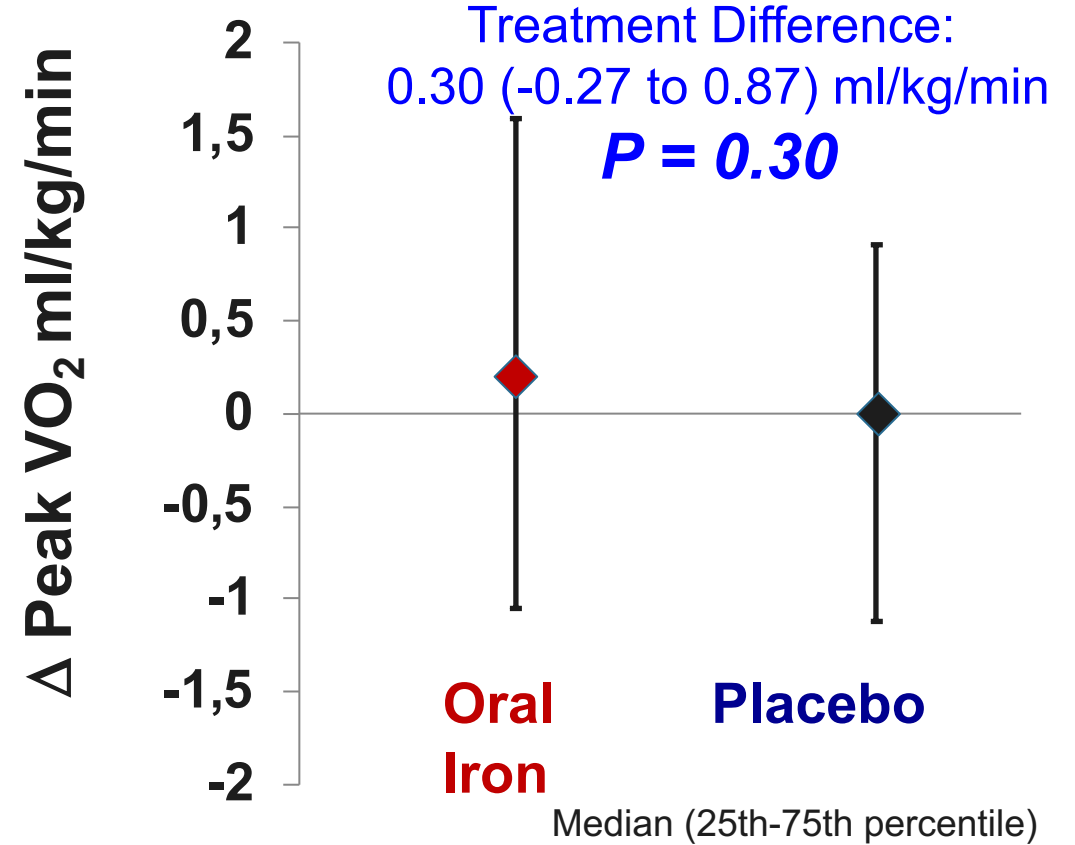
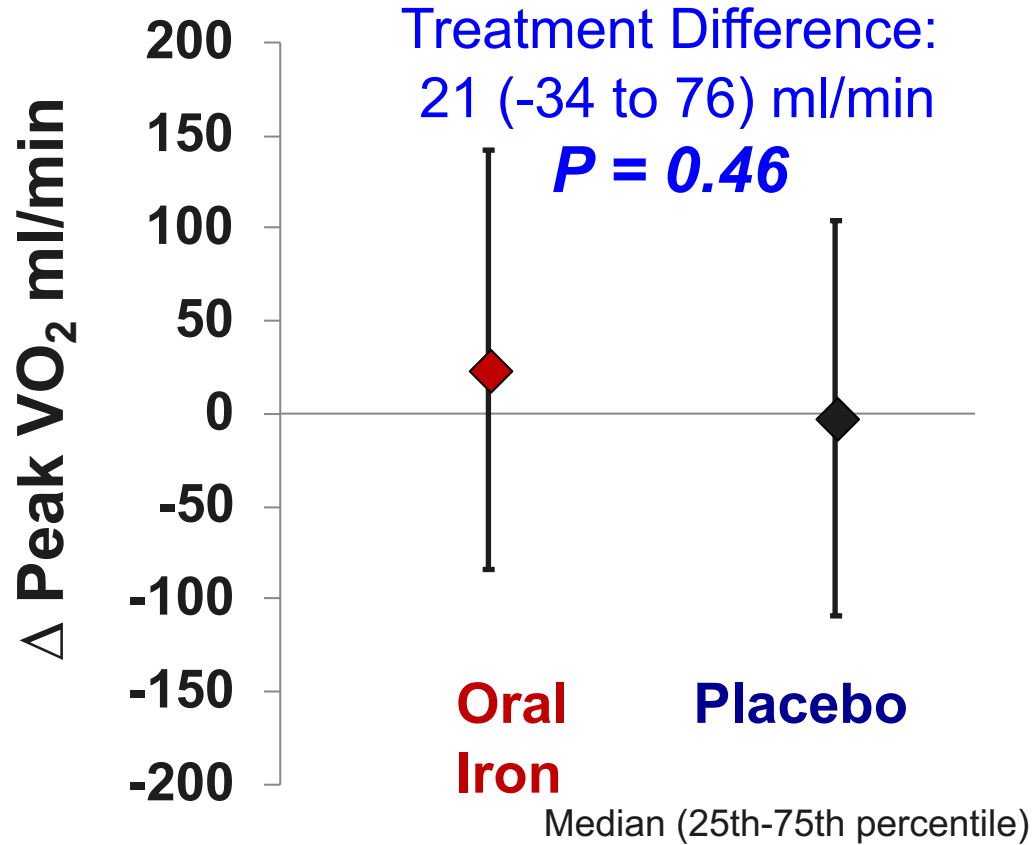
300 HFrEF patients, LVEF $\leq$ 45% FCM improved 6MWT at week 24

FCM vs placebo:  $33 \pm 11$  m (*least squares mean  $\pm$  SE*)



# Ironout-HF

300 patients, LVEF<40%



Baseline peak VO<sub>2</sub> (IQR) 13.3 12.9  
(11.4–15.8) (10.5–15.6)

# Studi in corso di Mortalita' e Morbidita' con terapia marziale e.v.

| Study            | AFFIRM AHF <sup>1</sup>   | FAIR HF2 <sup>2</sup>  | HEART FID <sup>3</sup>   | IRONMAN <sup>4</sup>   |
|------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Design           | Prospective, double-blind, randomised, parallel-group, placebo controlled   | Prospective, double-blind, randomised, parallel-group, placebo controlled                                | Prospective, double-blind, randomised, parallel-group, placebo controlled  | Prospective, single-blind, parallel group, randomized, open-label, multicentre   |
| Population       | Patients (N=1100) admitted with acute HF and stabilized, and iron deficiency  | Patients (N=1200) with CHF (or acute HF) and iron deficiency   | Patients (N=3014) with CHF and iron deficiency   | Patients (N=1300) with HFrEF and iron deficiency   |
| i.v. iron        | Ferric carboxymaltose   | Ferric carboxymaltose  | Ferric carboxymaltose  | Iron (III) isomaltoside  |
| Primary endpoint | Effect on the composite of recurrent HF hospitalizations for worsening HF and CV death up to 52 weeks after randomization | Combined rate of recurrent hospitalizations for HF and of CV death after at least 12 months of follow-up | Treatment response over 12 months for incidence of death, incidence of hospitalization for heart failure and change in 6 MWT | CV mortality or hospitalization for worsening HF (analysis will include first and recurrent hospitalisations). Minimum 2.5 years follow-up from last patient recruited |



# Conclusione

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**Sebbene siano stati ottenuti grandi risultati nel trattamento dello scompenso cardiaco, la strada d'avanti a noi e' ancora lunga.**

**Farmaci promettenti e nuovi approcci alla terapia (personalizzazione) potranno migliorare i risultati anche in aree dove non abbiamo ad oggi nessuna terapia basata sull'evidenza (HFpEF).**



**“Now, this is not the end.  
It is not even the beginning of the end.  
But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”**

*Sir Winston Churchill, 1942*

