

# **Vermindering van cardiovasculaire complicaties door nierbescherming**

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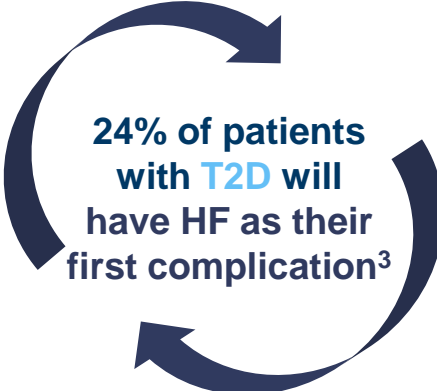
# CKD, heart failure, and T2D are interrelated, leading to a vicious circle of cardiac, renal, and metabolic risk



### Diabetes



2017 global prevalence<sup>1</sup>  
~476M




### CKD




2017 global prevalence<sup>1</sup>  
~698M



### Heart failure



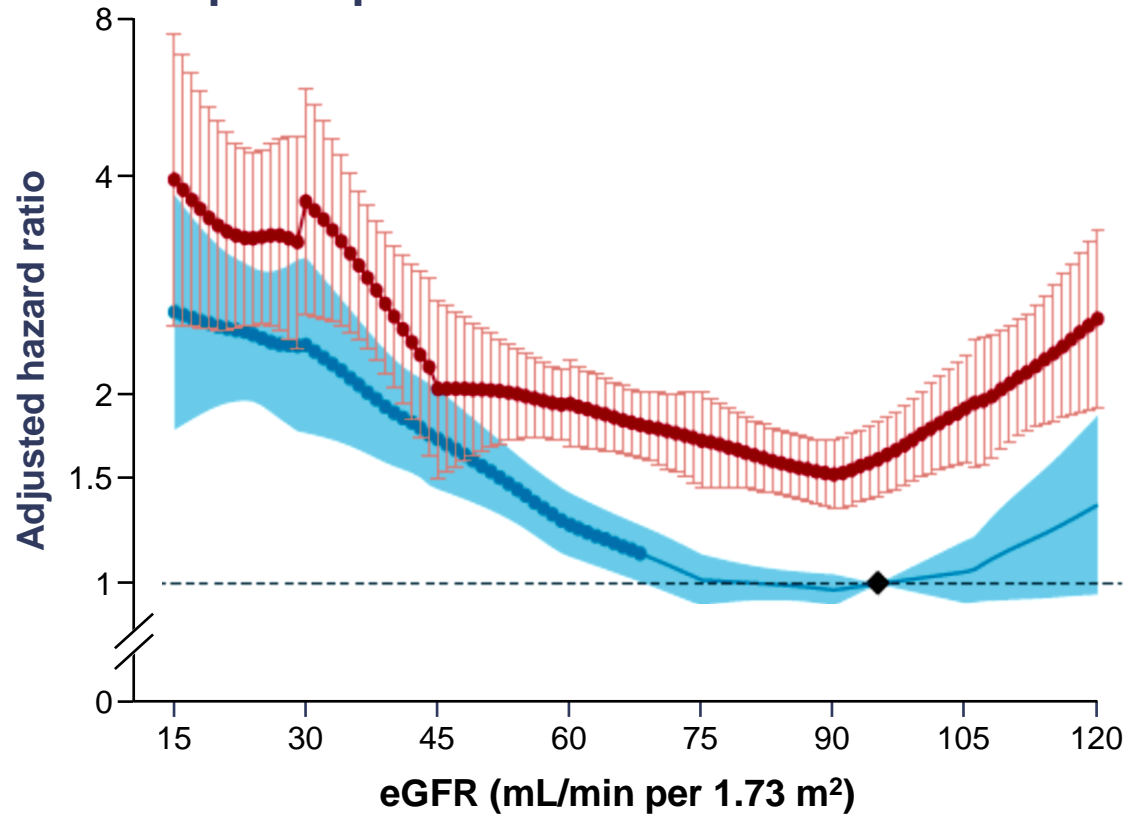
2017 global prevalence<sup>1</sup>  
~64M



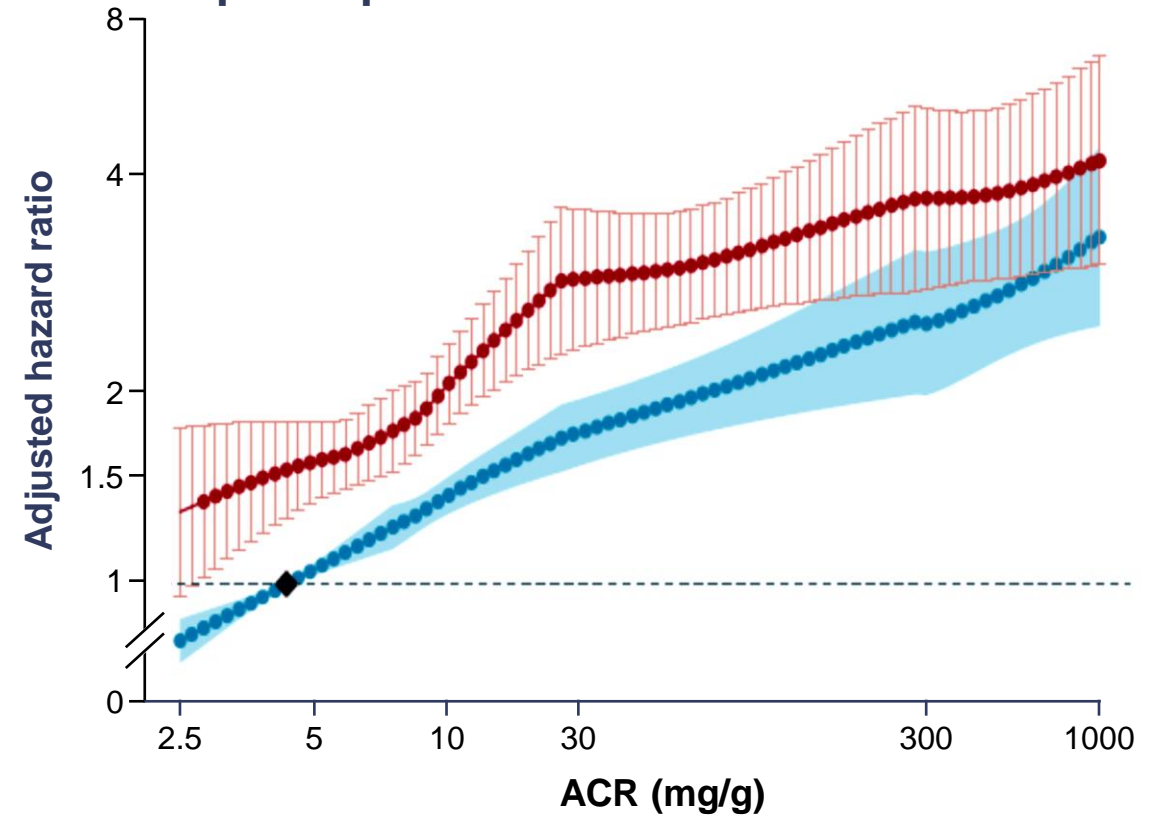
CKD, chronic kidney disease; HF, heart failure; T2D, type 2 diabetes  
1. GBD 2017 Disease and Injury Incidence and Prevalence Collaborators. *Lancet* 2018;392:1789–1858; 2. Parving HH, et al. *Kidney Int* 2006;69:2057–2063;  
3. Birkeland KI, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2020;22:1607–1618; 4. Ronco C, et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2008;52:1527–1539

# Both albuminuria and eGFR decline elevate the risk of CV death, which is increased further in T2D patients

CV mortality according to eGFR in participants with and without diabetes

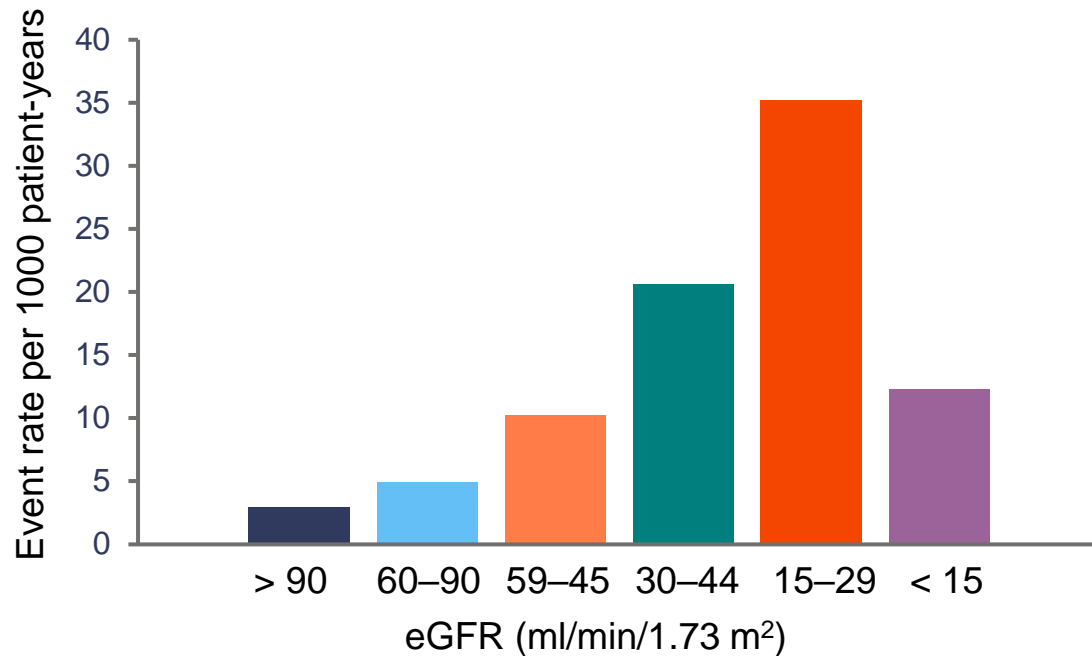


CV mortality according to ACR in participants with and without diabetes

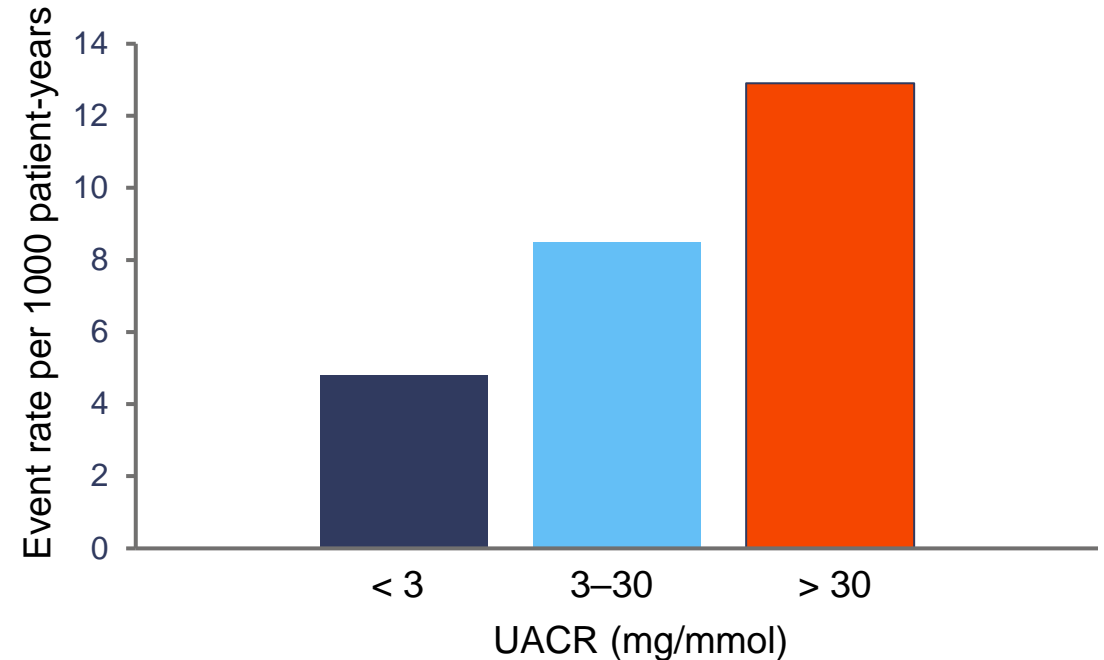


# Kidney impairment in patients with T2D increases the risk of hospitalisation for heart failure

## eGFR and hospitalisation for HF



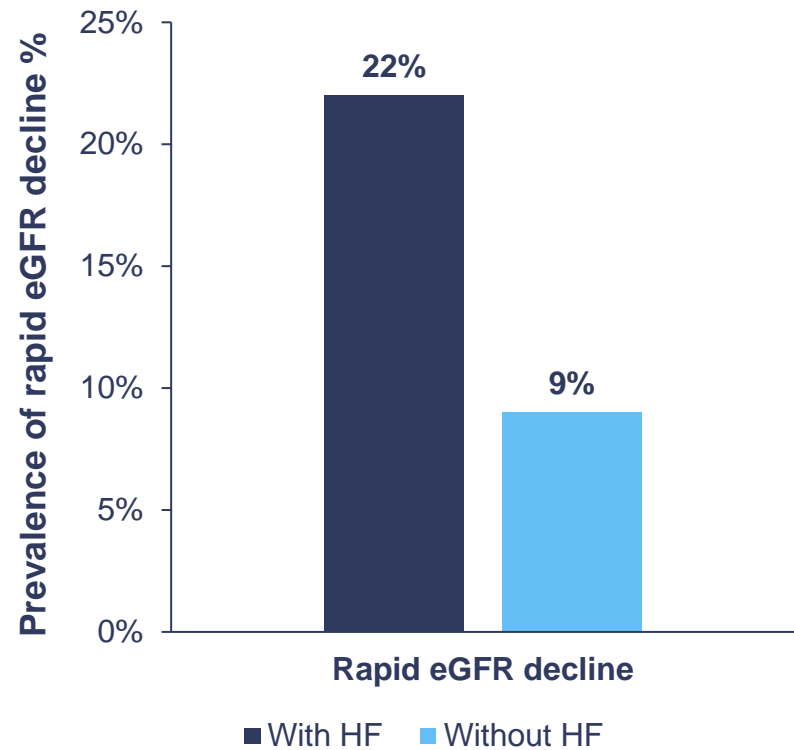
## Albuminuria and hospitalisation for HF



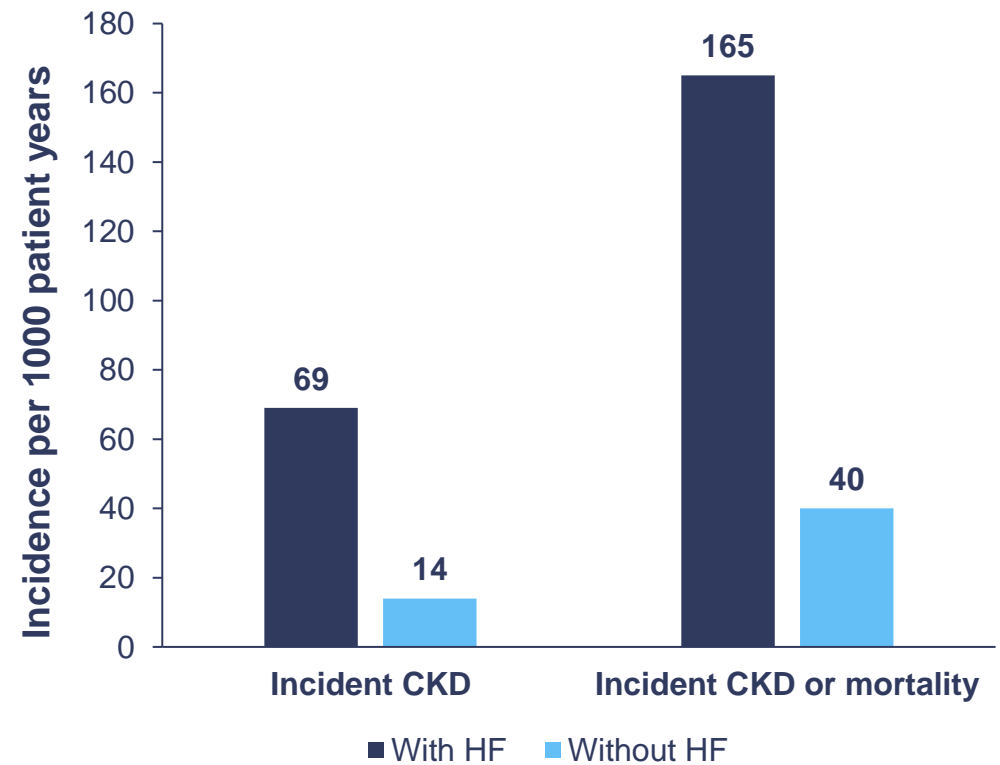
Population-matched Swedish database study; N = 266 305, median follow-up: 5.6 years

# Conversely, heart failure increases the risk of kidney function decline and of adverse kidney outcomes

HF is associated with a more rapid decline in eGFR<sup>a</sup>

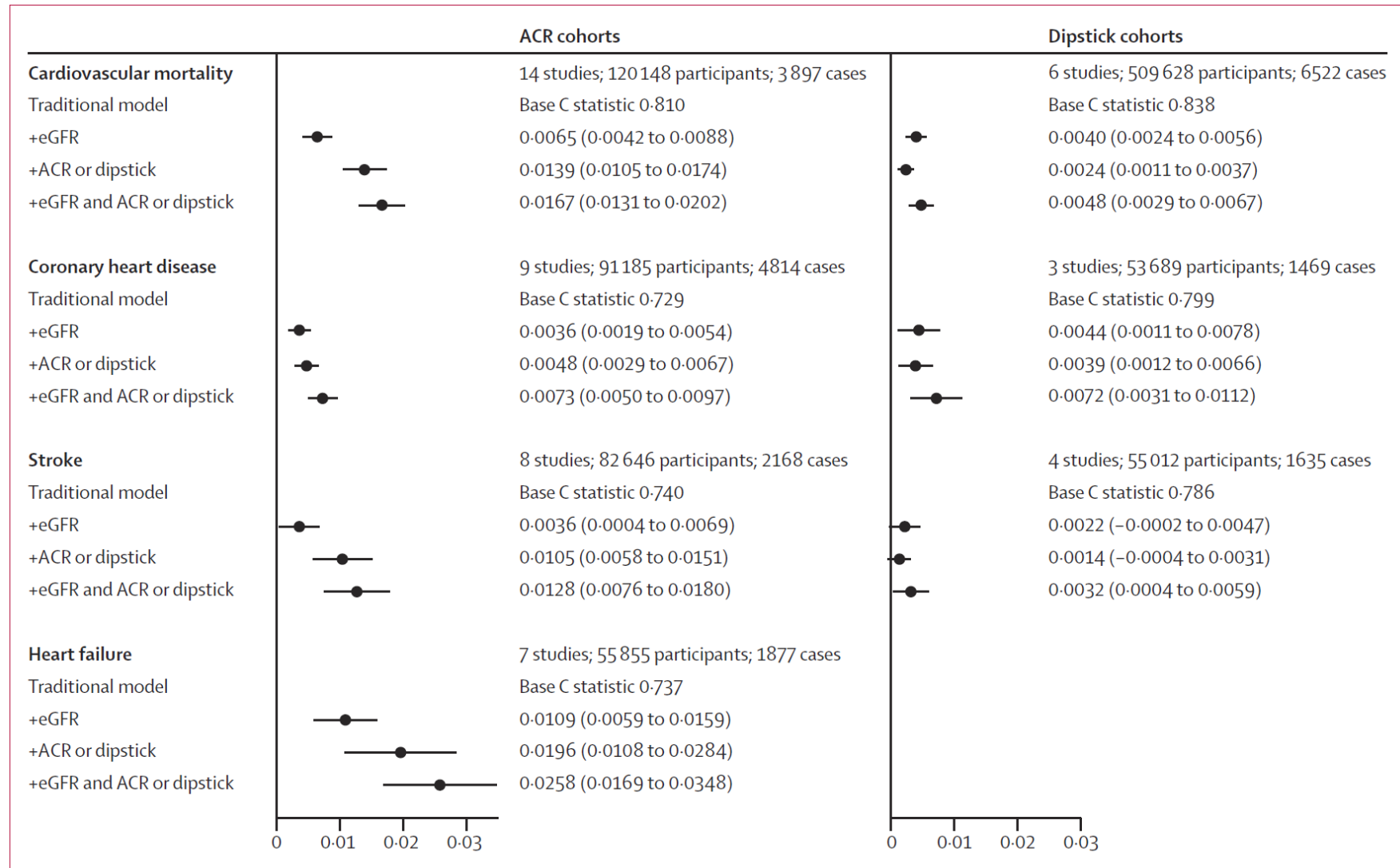


HF is associated with significantly higher risk of incident CKD<sup>b</sup> and incident CKD or mortality



<sup>a</sup>Rapid rate of eGFR decline was defined as slopes steeper than -5 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>/yr; <sup>b</sup>Incident CKD was defined as two eGFR values of <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> occurring ≥3 months apart and a decrease from baseline eGFR of at least 25%. CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HF, heart failure George LK, et al. *Circ Heart Fail* 2017;10:e003825

# Adding Albuminuria (and eGFR) to CV risk models significantly improved discrimination and calibration



CKD-PC cohort  
637315 participants  
without CV disease  
Median Follow-up 4.2 yrs

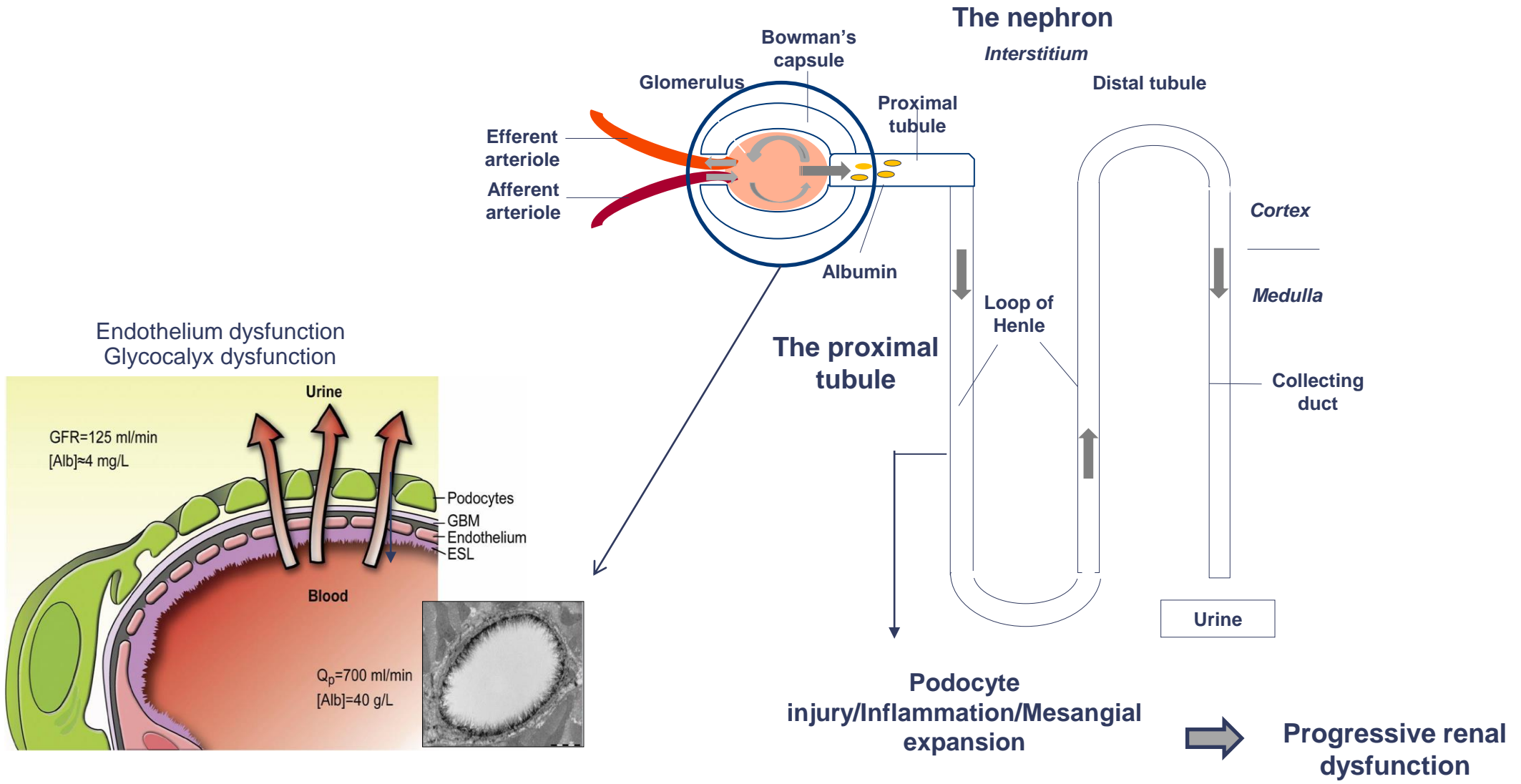
# Risk marker or risk factor?

- eGFR and albuminuria are risk markers of disease progression
  - The lower the eGFR the more advanced CKD
  - Impairment to the glomerular basement membrane leads to increased leakage of albumin
- Albuminuria is also a risk factor for kidney and CV disease progression

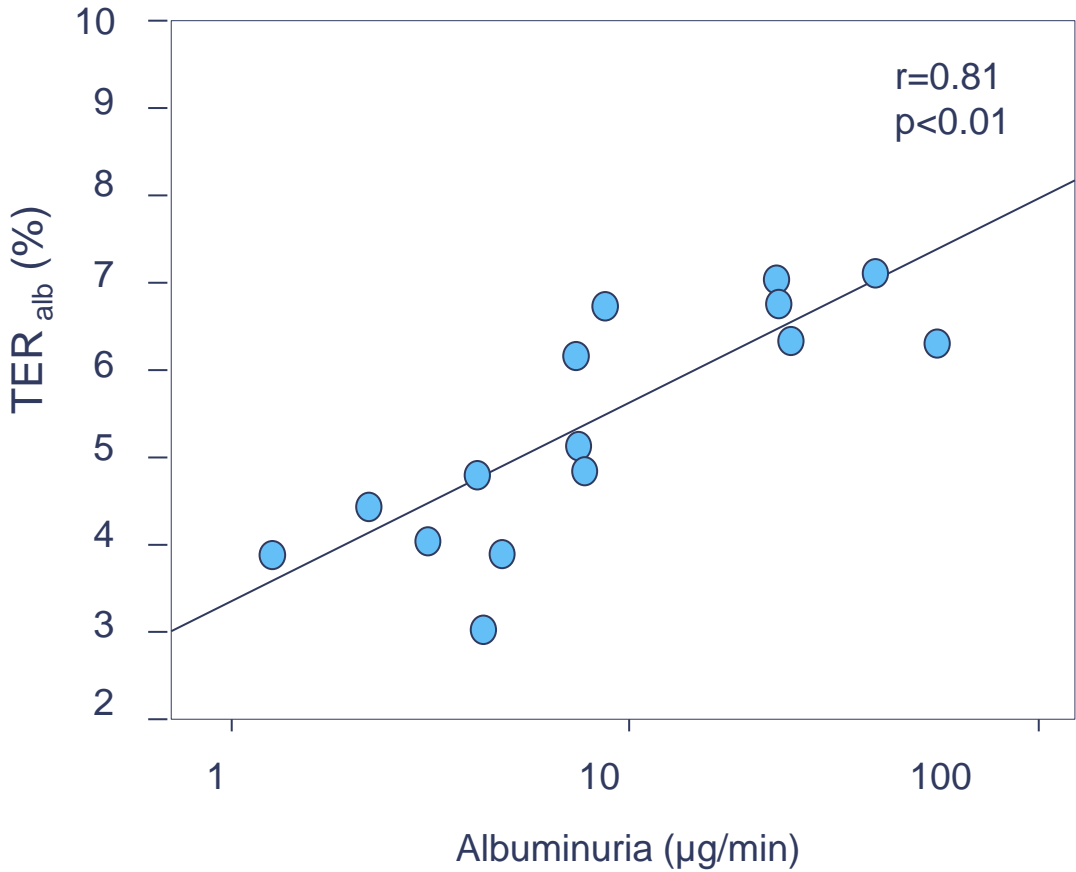
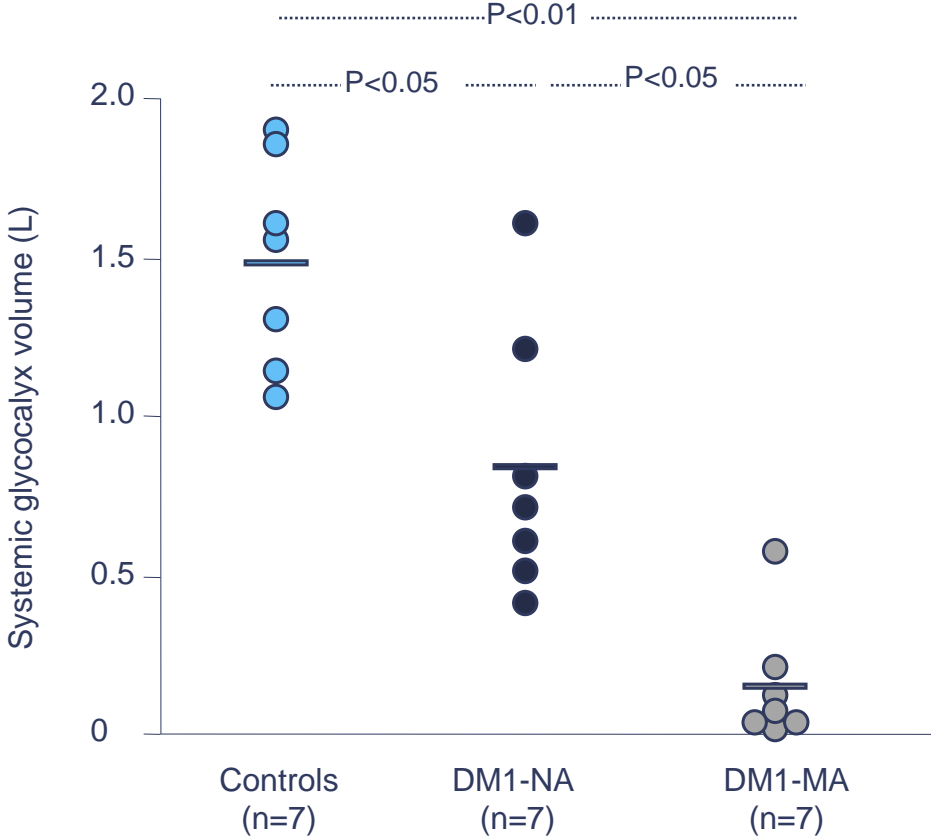
**What is the evidence that albuminuria is a risk factor for kidney and CV disease?**



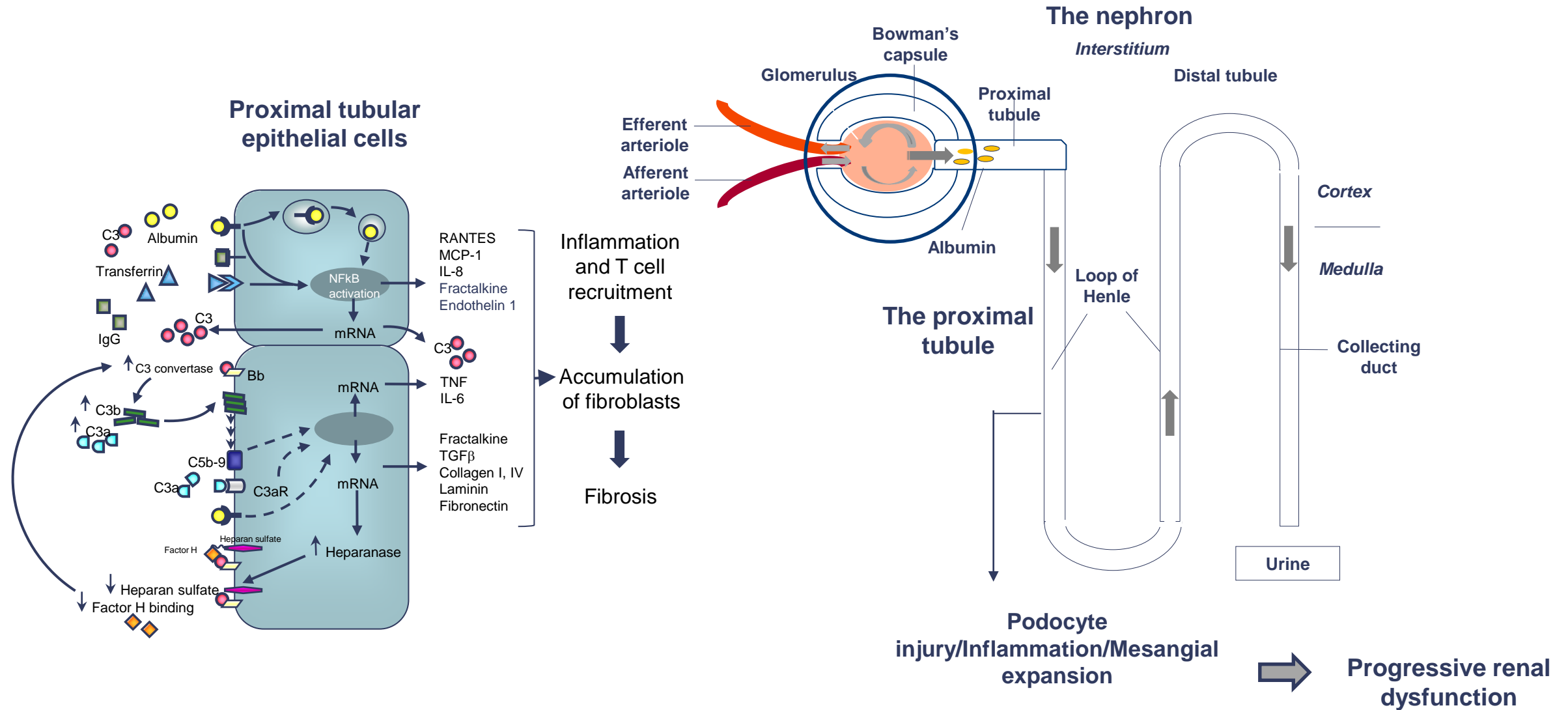
# Glomerular albumin leakage reflects glycocalyx / endothelial dysfunction



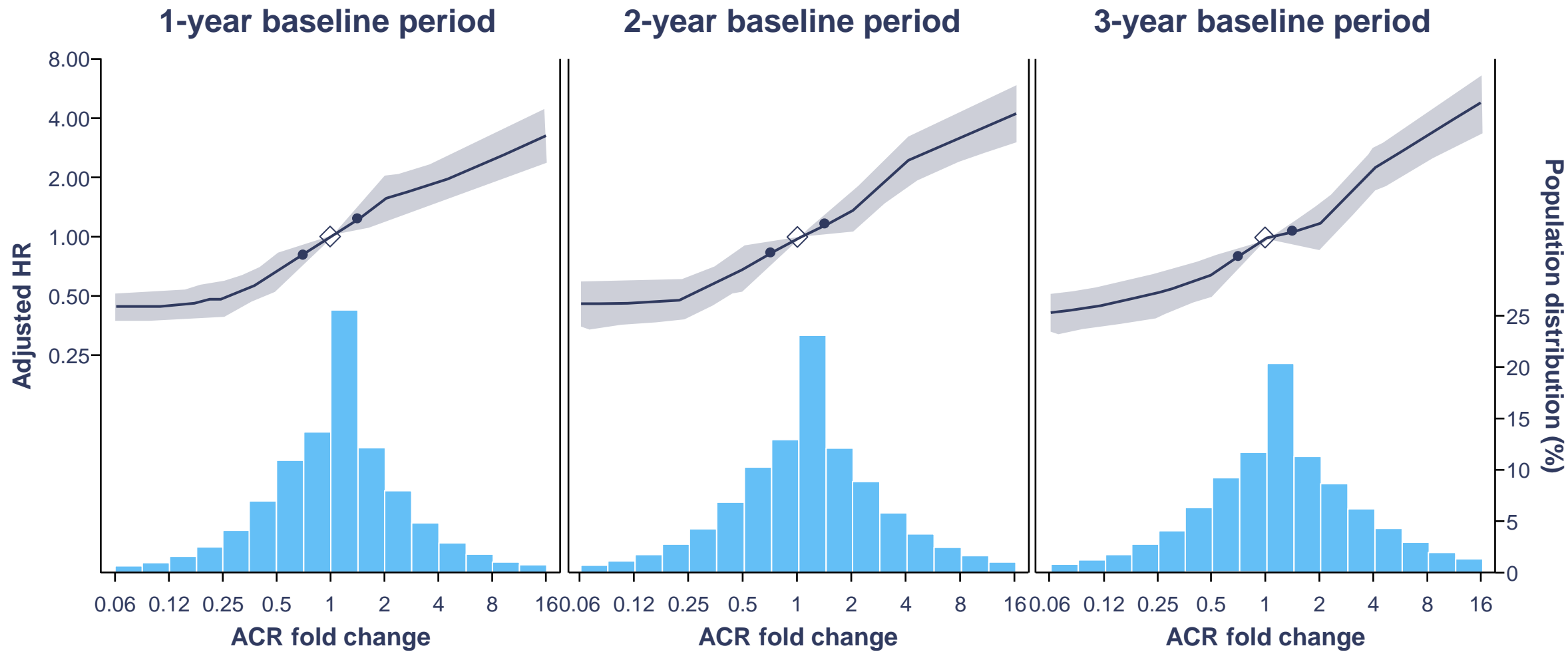
# Glomerular albumin leakage associated with endothelial glycocalyx and vascular permeability



# Increased albumin exposure to the tubules causes kidney injury

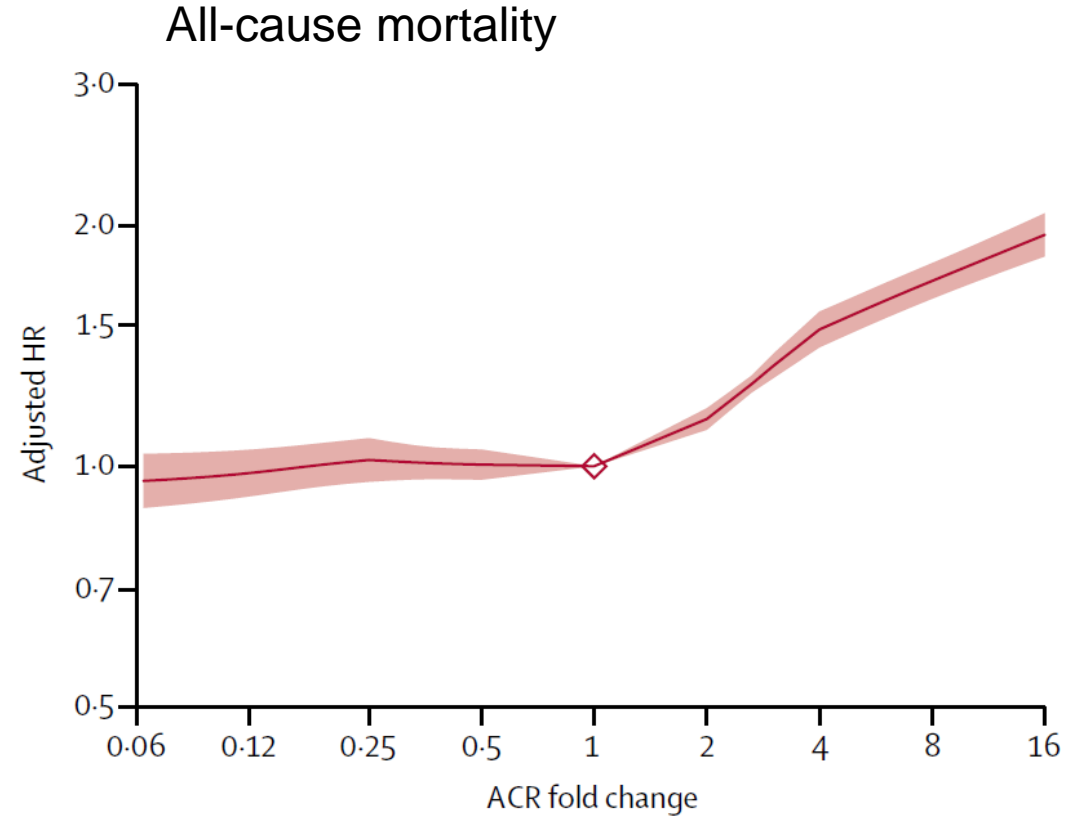
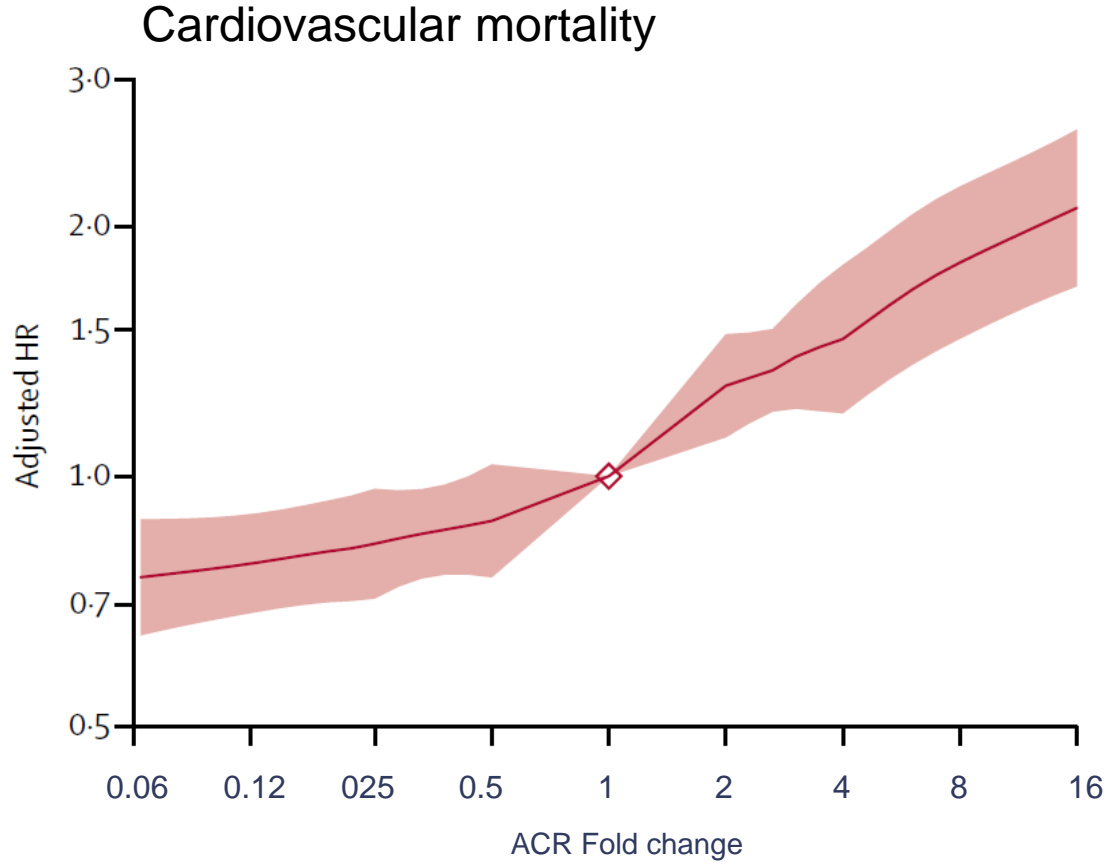


# Changes in albuminuria are associated with kidney failure

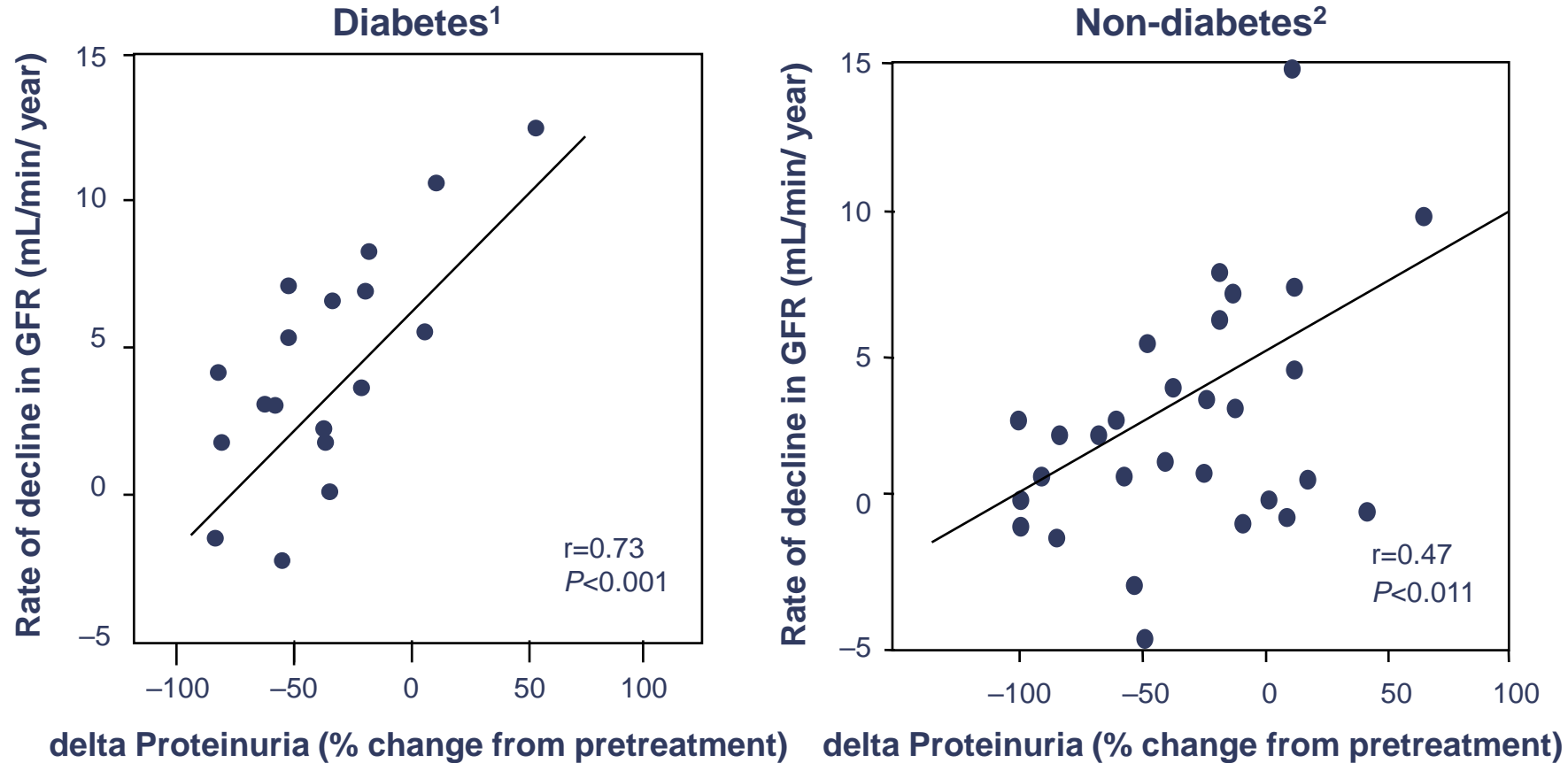


Meta-analysis of observational studies involving 675,904 participants and 7914 kidney failure events  
 ACR, albumin:creatinine ratio; HR, hazard ratio  
 Coresh J, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2019;7:115–127

# Changes in albuminuria over 2 years are associated with CV mortality and all cause mortality

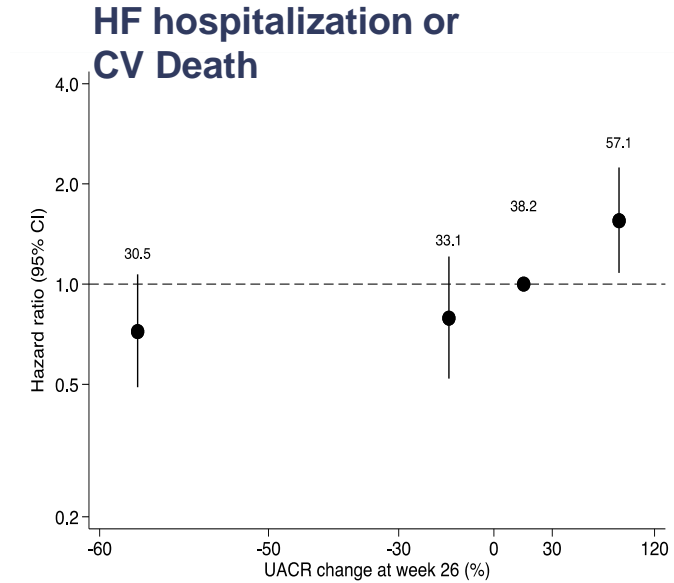
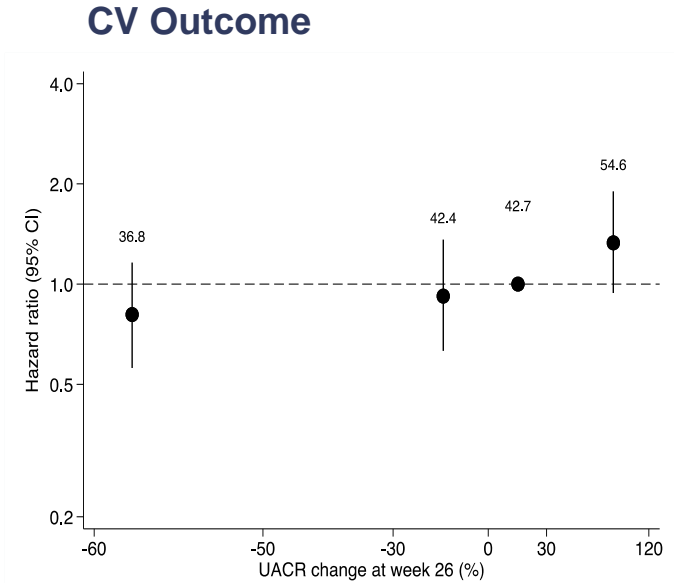
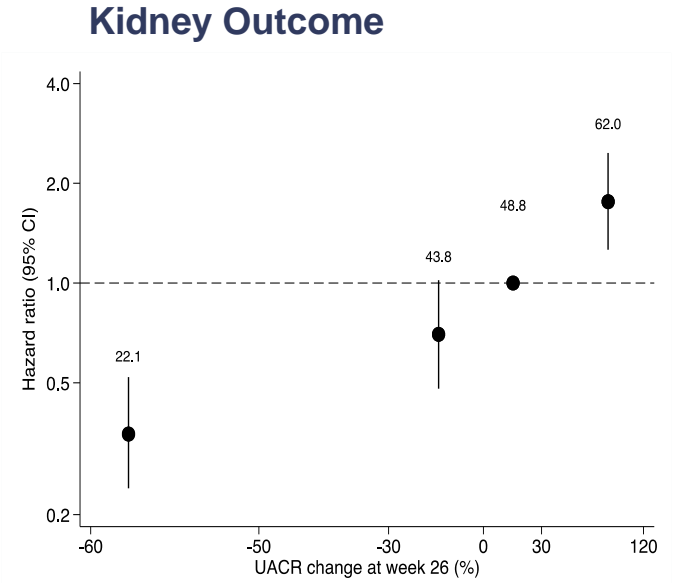


# Initial albuminuria response to RAASi predicts long-term GFR decline



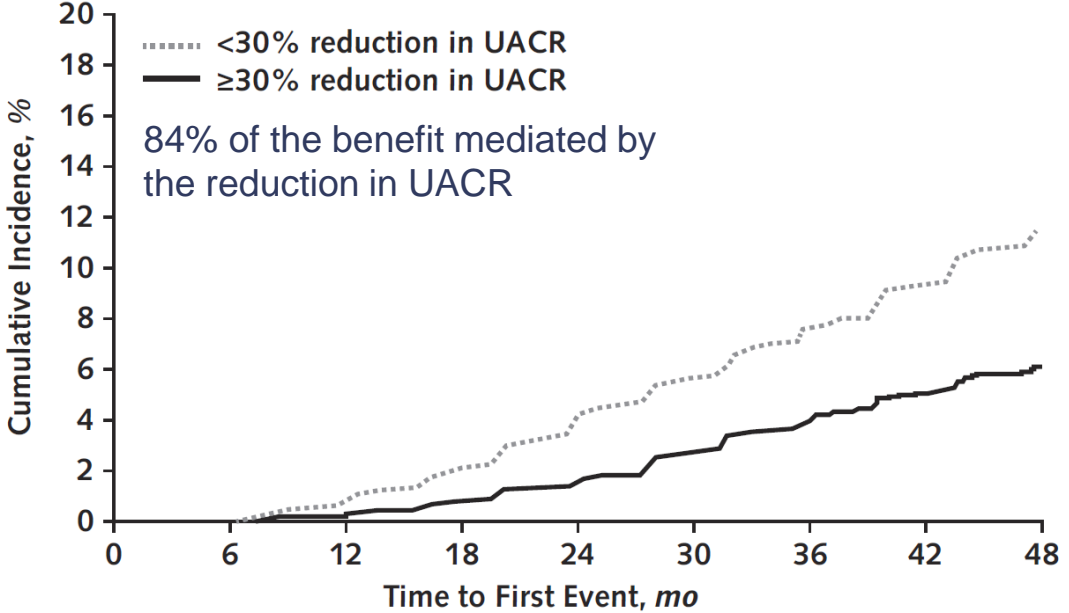
- Diabetes patients (n=18) treated in a non-randomised controlled trial with captopril alone, or in combination with furosemide/bendrofluazide
- Non-diabetes patients (N=29) treated in a randomised controlled trial with enalapril or atenolol

# CREDESCENCE: Early changes in UACR are associated with kidney and CV outcomes



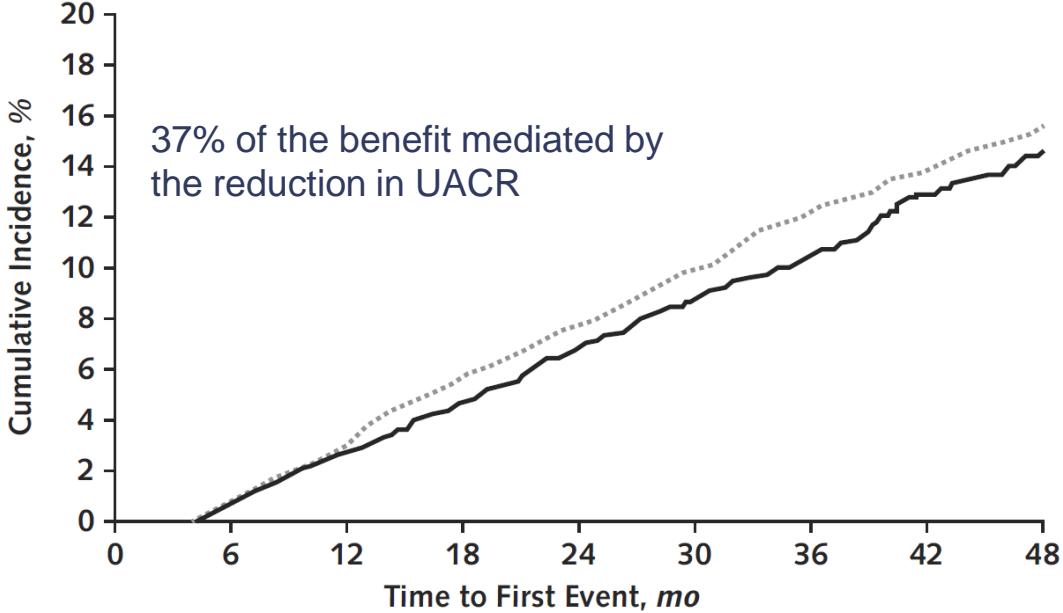
# Impact of Finerenone Induced Decrease in UACR on CKD and CV Outcomes

**Kidney Outcome**



At risk, <i>n</i>	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
..... <30% reduction in UACR	7449	7382	7124	6799	5770	4527	3264	2232	1119
— ≥30% reduction in UACR	4998	4962	4834	4656	4051	3210	2276	1667	777

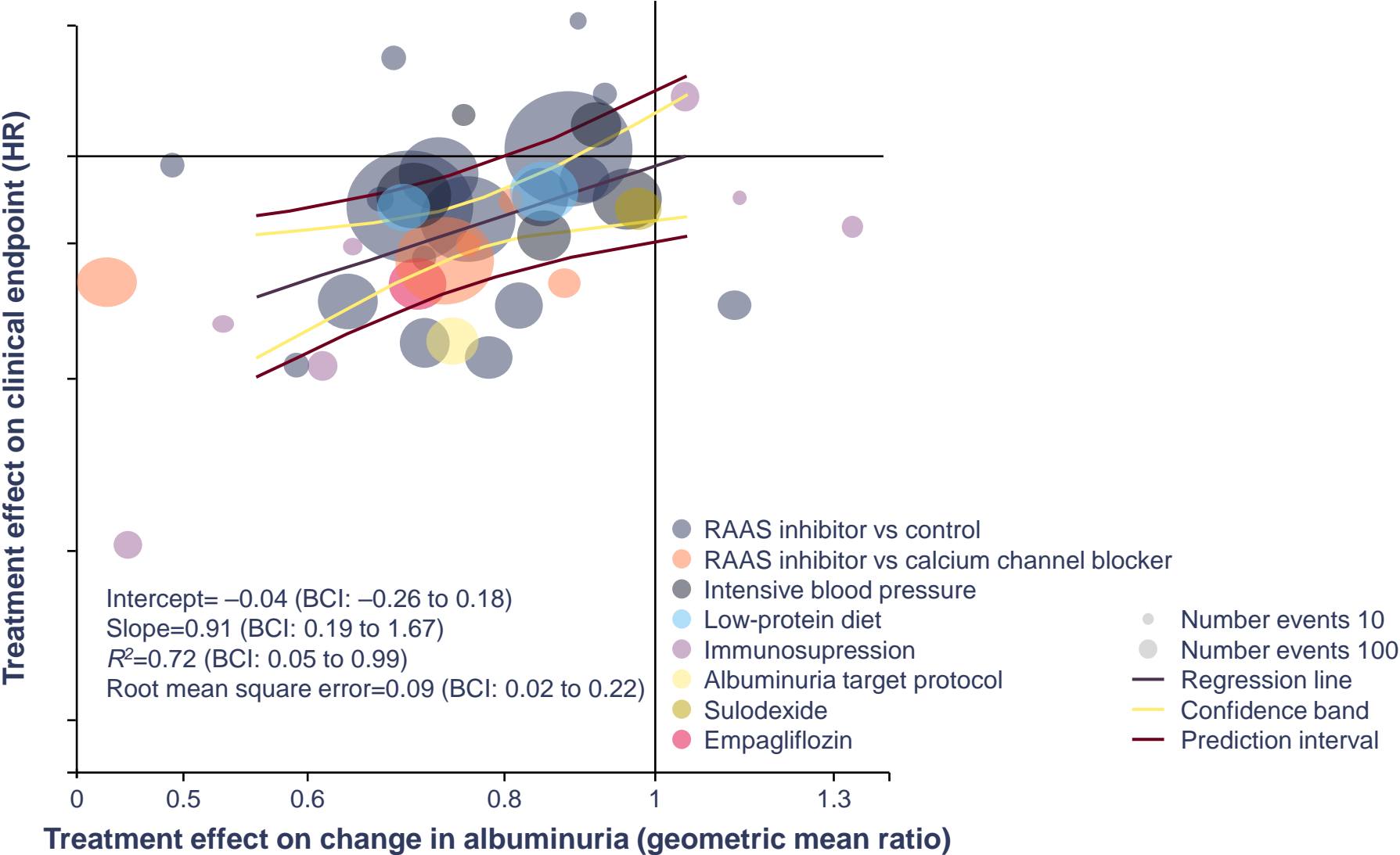
**CV Outcome**



At risk, <i>n</i>	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
..... <30% reduction in UACR	7428	7365	7157	6909	6043	4784	3496	2409	1261
— ≥30% reduction in UACR	4962	4923	4799	4667	4109	3276	2387	1739	848

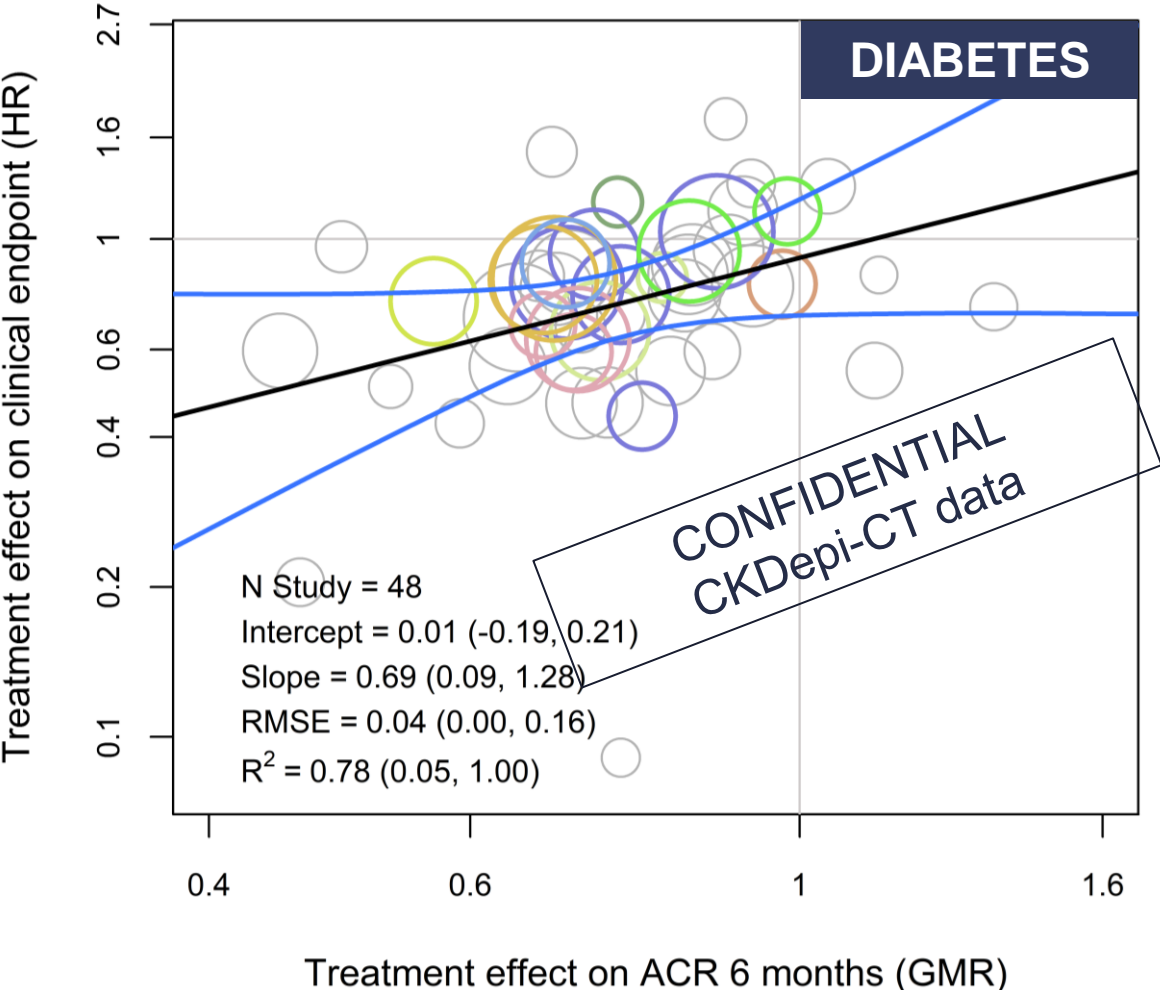


# Trial level analysis for the treatment effect on UACR and clinical kidney outcomes



BCI, bootstrap standard confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system; UACR, urine albumin:creatinine ratio  
 Heerspink HJL, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol* 2019;7:128-139

# Trial level analysis for the treatment effect on UACR and clinical kidney events in diabetes (at high CV risk) clinical trials



Type 2 diabetes	
<i>CV disease</i>	<i>Kidney disease</i>
ALTITUDE	CSG
ABCD	CREDENCE
CARMELINA	FIDELIO
CAROLINA	IDNT
CANVAS	ORIENT
EMPAREG	RENAAL
FIGARO	SUN-MACRO
LEADER	SONAR

# A brief history of albuminuria



*Hermann Senator (1834-1911)  
Charité Hospital, Berlin*

## Questions addressed (1882)

“How is albumin handled by the kidneys?”

“How often is albuminuria found in “normal” individuals?”

“What is the variability of albuminuria?”

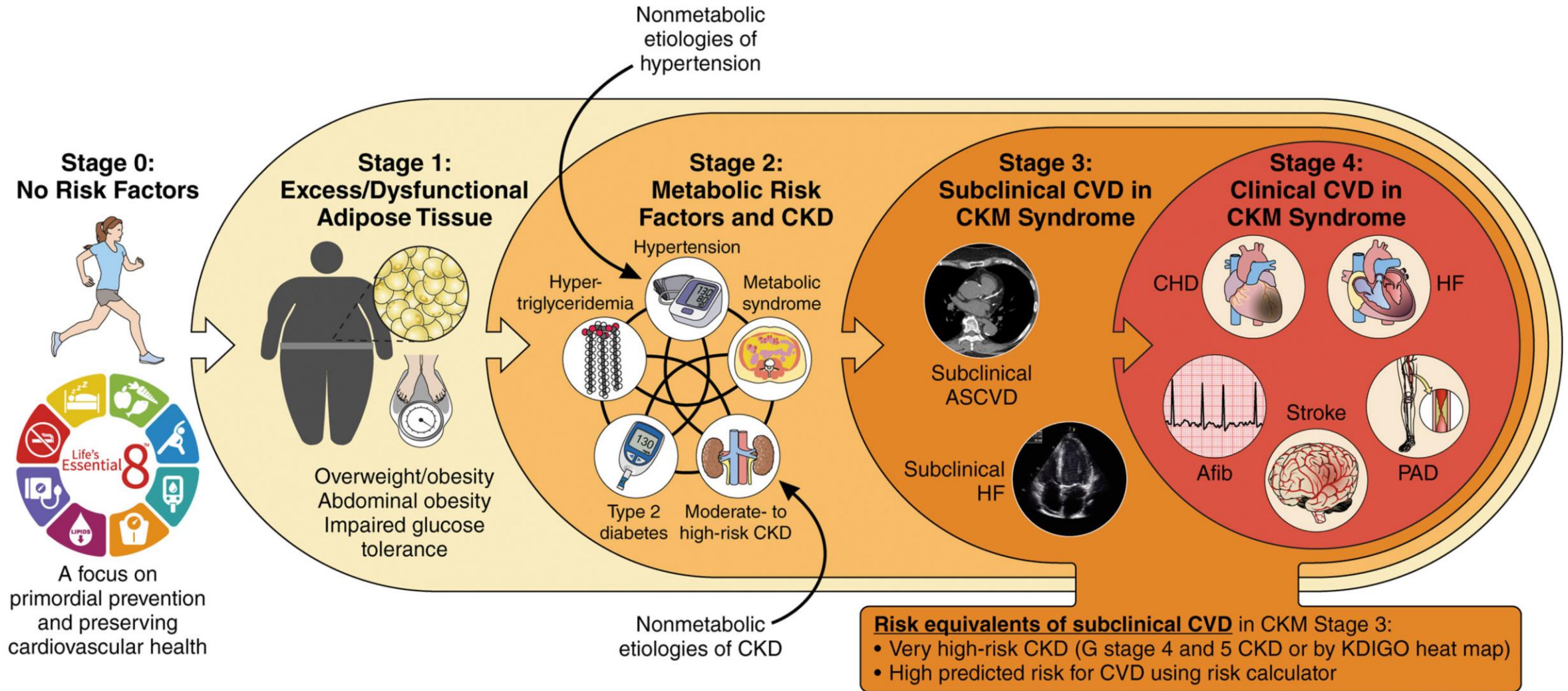
“Which factors influence intensity of albuminuria?”

“Is some albumin not captured by the available techniques?”

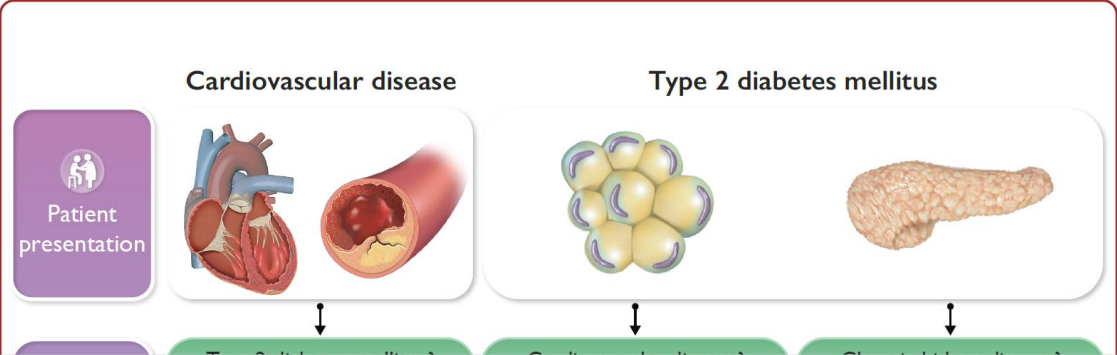
**“What are the causes and risk associated with albuminuria?”**

**“Can albuminuria and its risk be treated?”**

# AHA consensus statement: Kidney Cardiovascular Metabolic

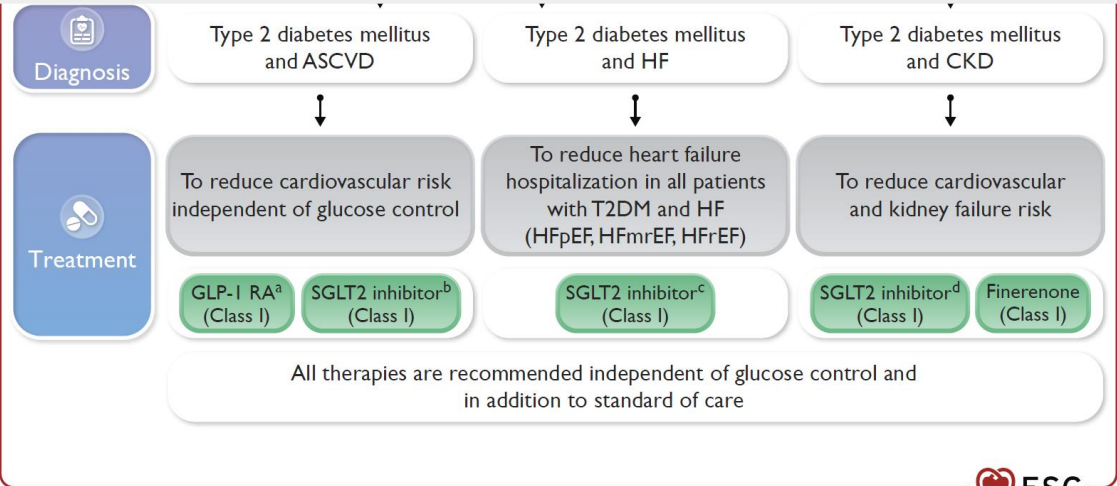


# 2023 ESC Guideline for the management of cardiovascular disease in patients with type 2 diabetes



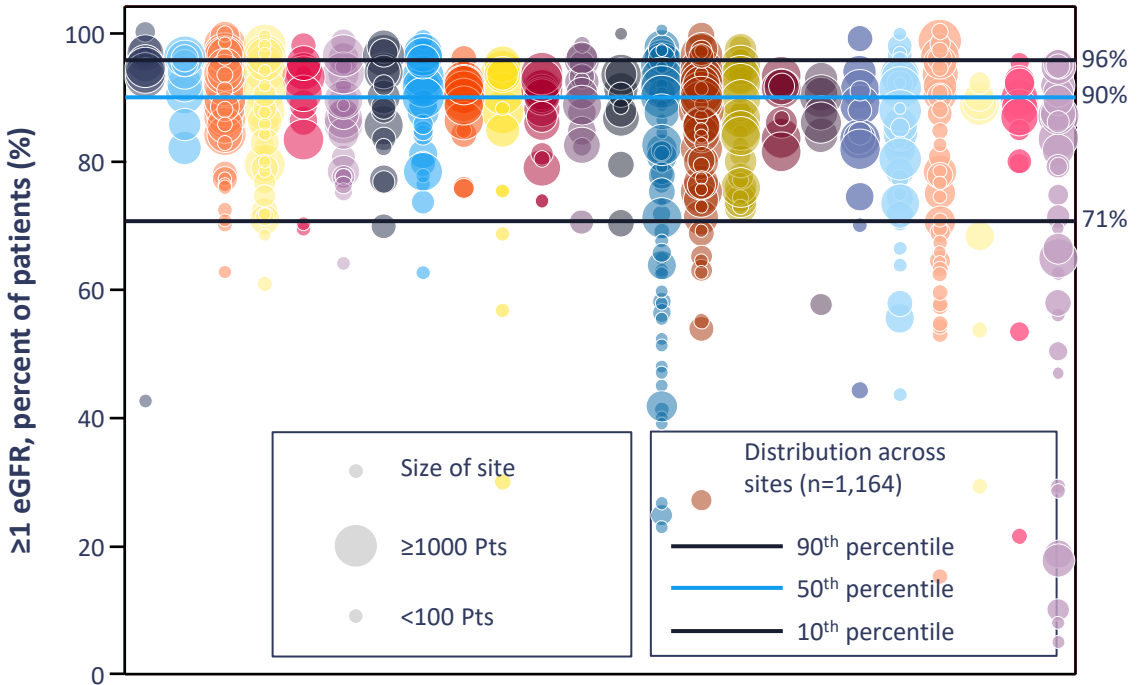
## Chronic kidney disease and diabetes

A dedicated section on managing CV risk in patients with CKD and diabetes is introduced covering aspects of screening (including regular screening with eGFR and UACR) and treatment.

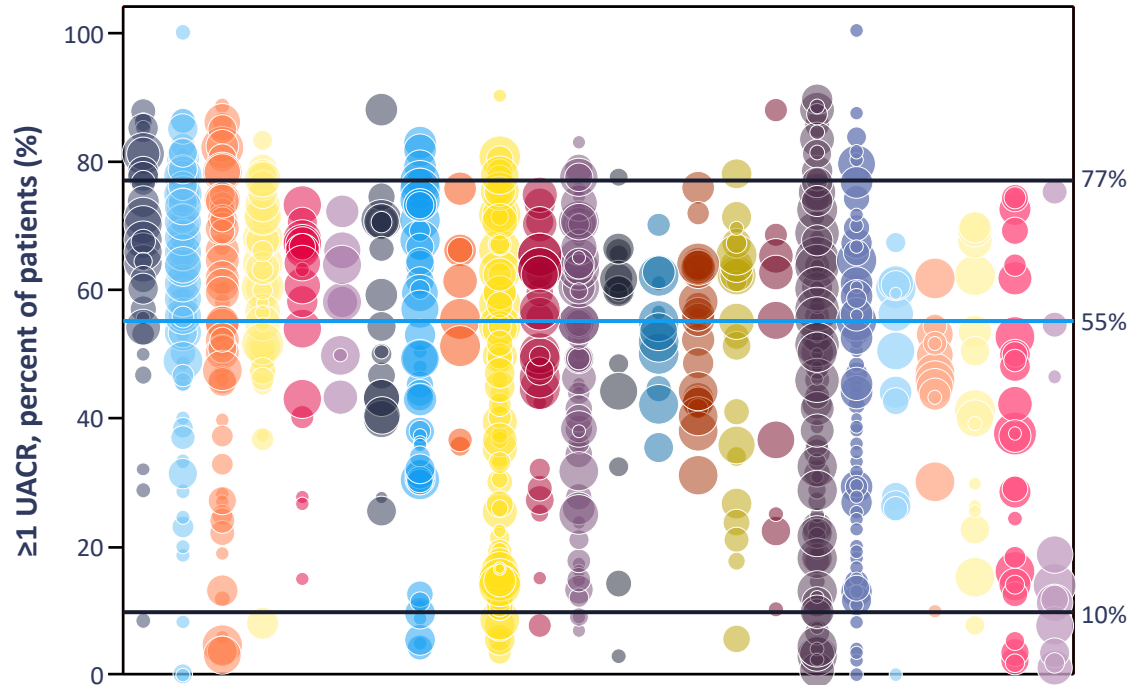


# In general, clinical practice monitoring of eGFR is appropriate but UACR monitoring is suboptimal in Type 2 diabetes

Distribution of eGFR testing rates (1-year) by clinical practice site



Distribution of UACR testing rates (1-year) by clinical practice site



eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; Pts, patients; UACR, urine albumin:creatinine ratio  
Stempwienicz N, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2021;44:2000–2009

# Summary

- eGFR and UACR are strong CV risk markers in people with or without diabetes
- Changes in albuminuria induced by different therapies are associated with risk of CV outcomes
- Early treatment effects on albuminuria are associated with treatment effects on kidney outcomes
  - Consistent association by different types of disease including diabetes (with high CV risk populations)
- More research required whether early treatment effects on albuminuria predict treatment effects on CV outcomes