

## Atrium Fibrillatie en Chronische Nierschade: een duivelse combinatie



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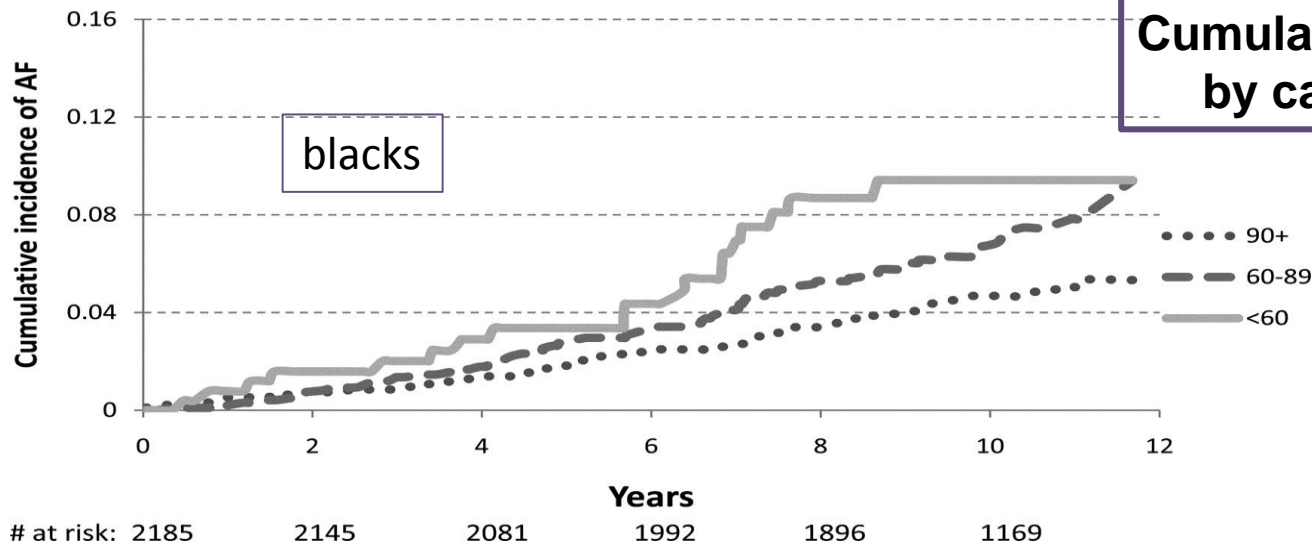
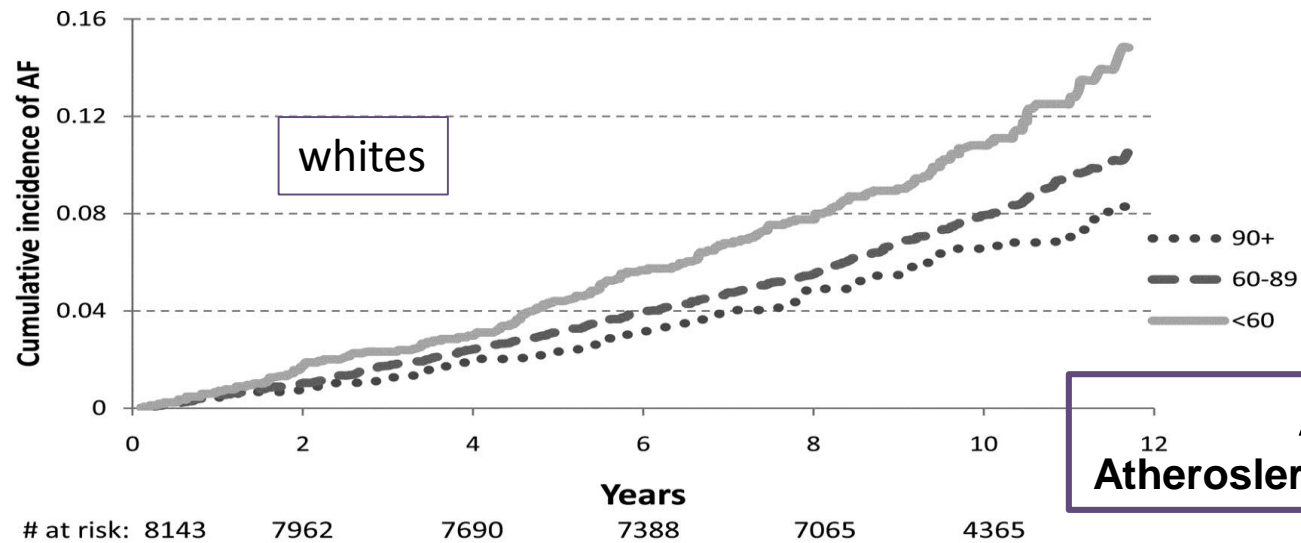
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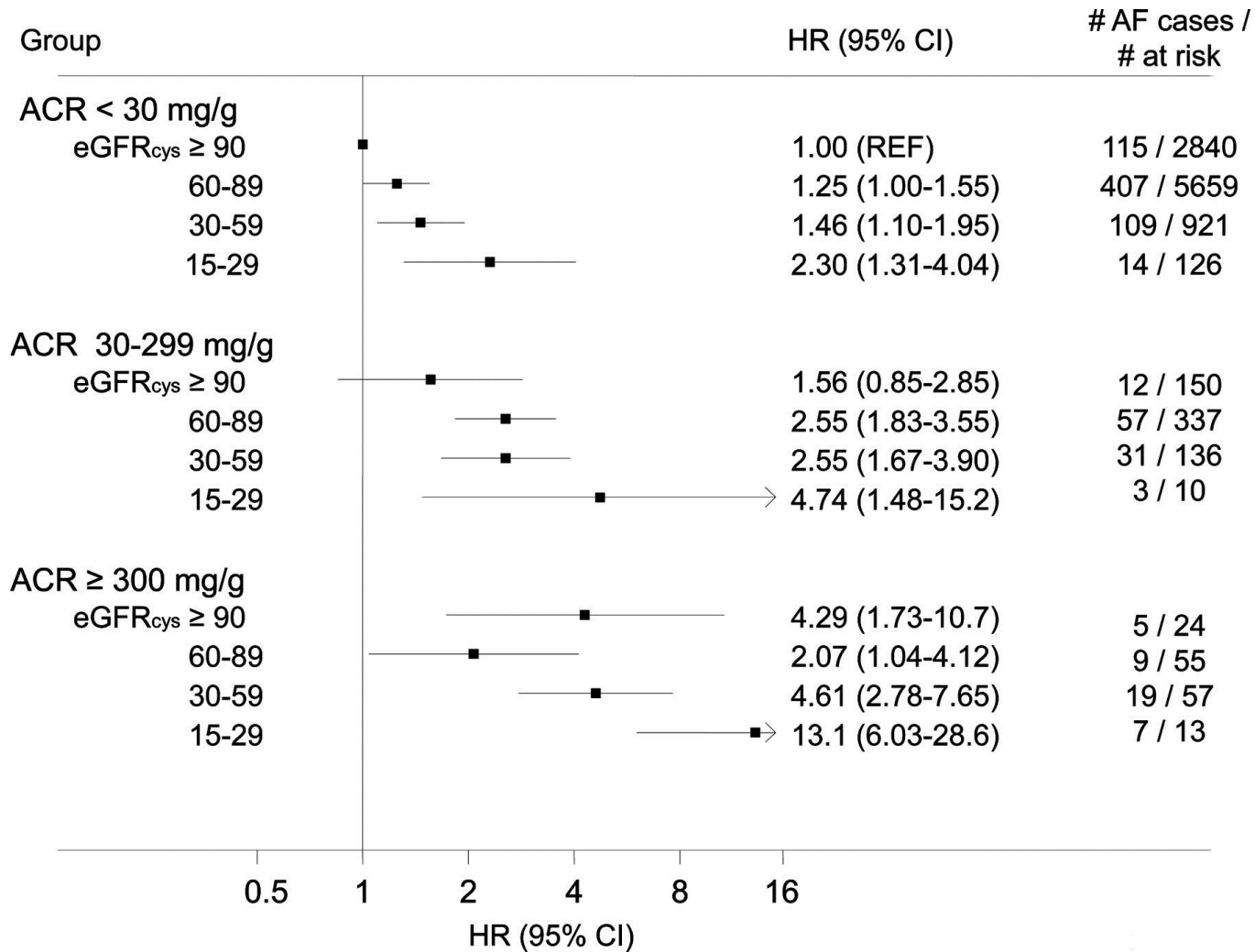
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**ARIC study**

**Adjusted HR of AF increases with:**

**lower eGFR  
higher albuminuria**

# AF & CKD: Epidemiology

CKD is associated with an increased prevalence of AF among US adults (>45 yr).

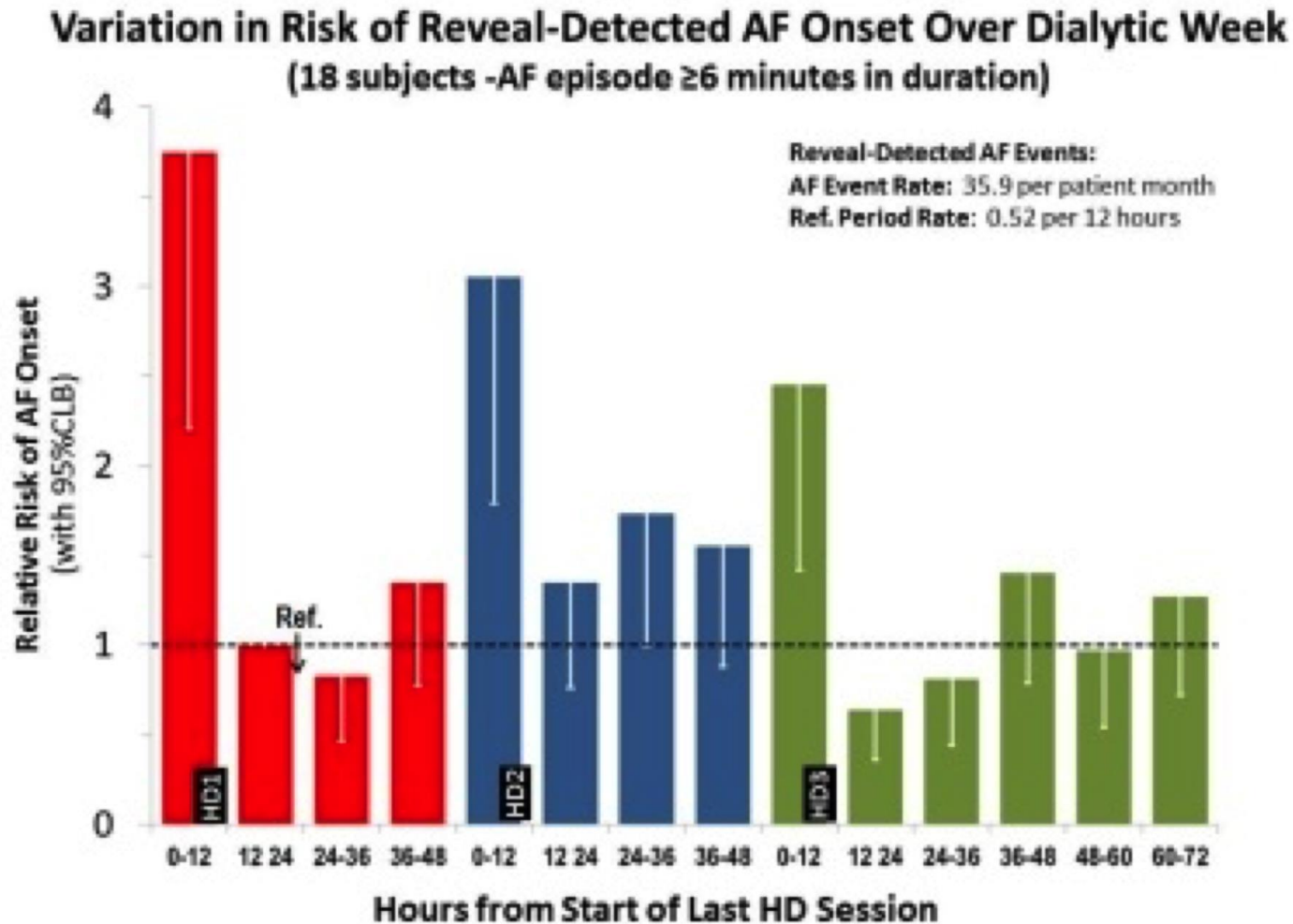
## REGARDS

26 917 participants  
ECG detected AF

	Number	Prevalence of AF	OR for AF (adjusted)
No CKD	21.081	1%	
CKD stage 1-2	2938	2.8%	2.67
CKD stage 3	2638	2.7%	1.68
CKD stage 4-5	215	4.2%	3.52

Albuminuria was strongly associated with AF  
Hypertension was not associated with AF  
African-Americans have lower risk of AF  
RAS blockade does not protect for AF

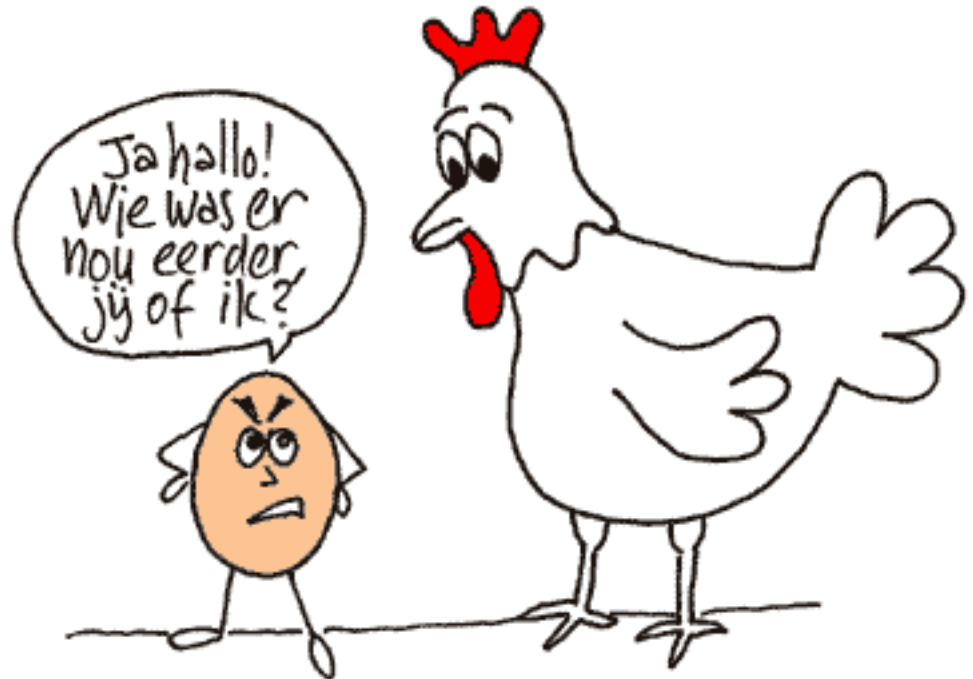
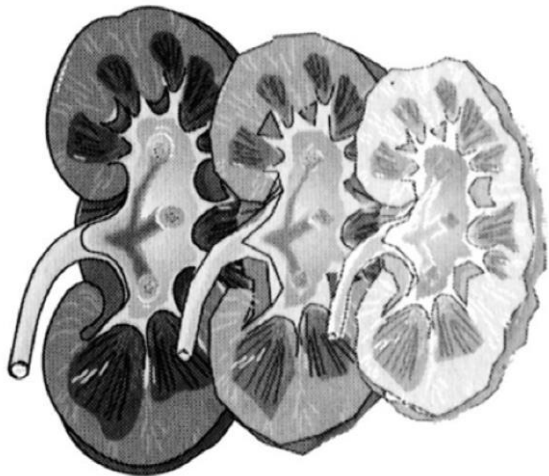
# AF & CKD: Epidemiology



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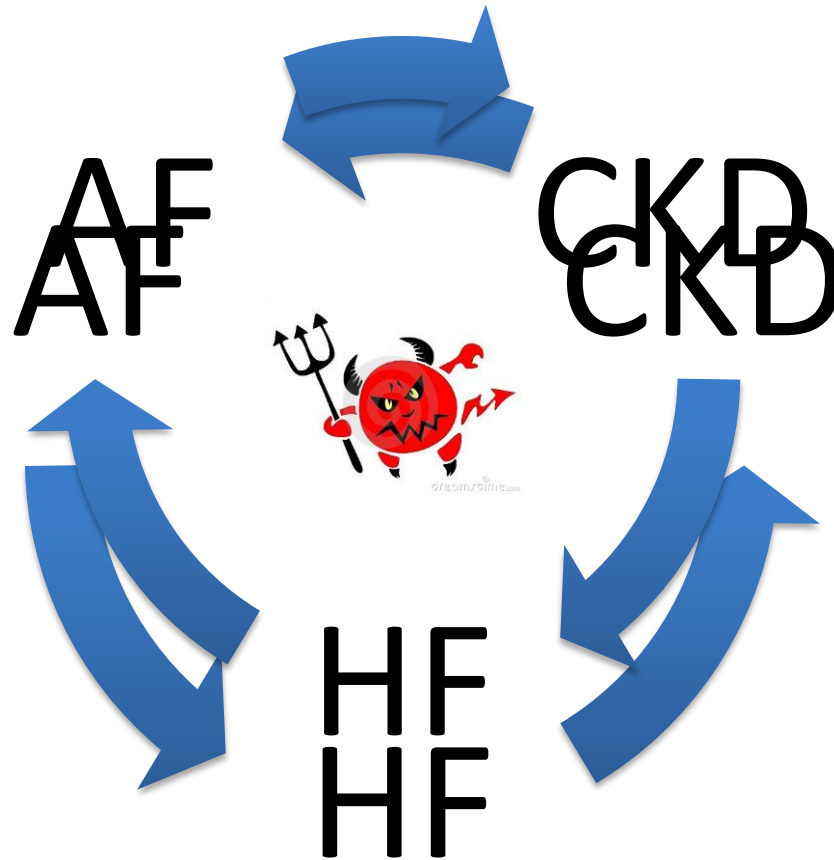
In 40% of 45 HD patients AF is seen,  
with greatest incidence in 12 hours after initiation of dialysis

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CRIC study

Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort

3091 participants without AF at baseline

Association between incident AF (self-reported and/or ECG confirmed) and ESRD during mean follow up of 5.9 years

Incident AF indepently increases the risk of developing ESRD:

4.23 per 100 p-y (with AF)

3.54 per 100 p-y (without AF)

# AF & CKD: chicken or egg?

- 206,229 adults with eGFR < 60

(members of Kaiser Permanente Northern California)

- Follow up 5 yr

⇒ Incident AF (based on primary hospital discharge diagnoses) is associated with 67% increased risk for development of ESRD

⇒ AF may contribute to an accelerated progression of CKD to ESRD independent of other known risk factors.

# AF & CKD: chicken or egg?

Cumulative risk of developing kidney disease and proteinuria by baseline AF.

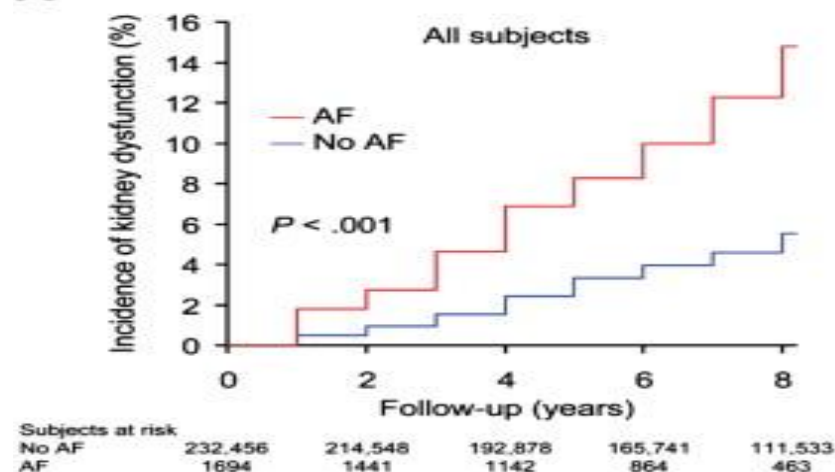
Japanese cohort 235,818 subjects  
Follow up 5.9 yr

Watanabe et al. American Heart Journal, 2009, 629 - 636

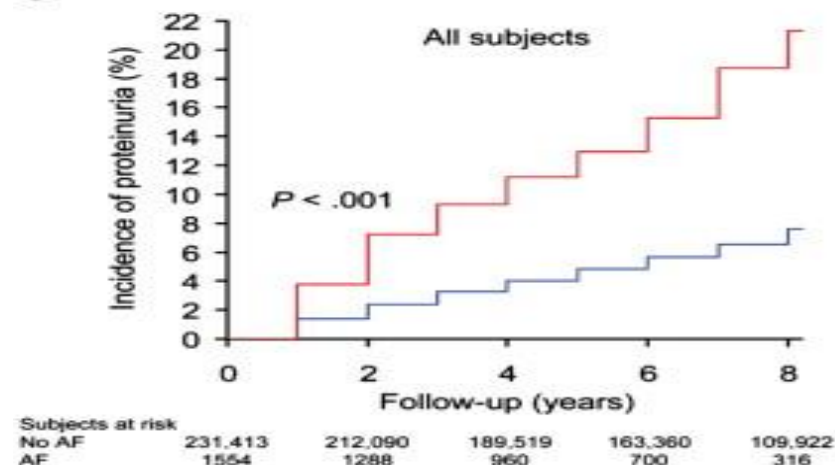
CKD increased risk of new onset AF

AF increased the risk of development of CKD  
HR for kidney dysfunction 1.77 (1.5-2.2)  
HR for proteinuria 2.2 (1.95-2.5)

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**C**



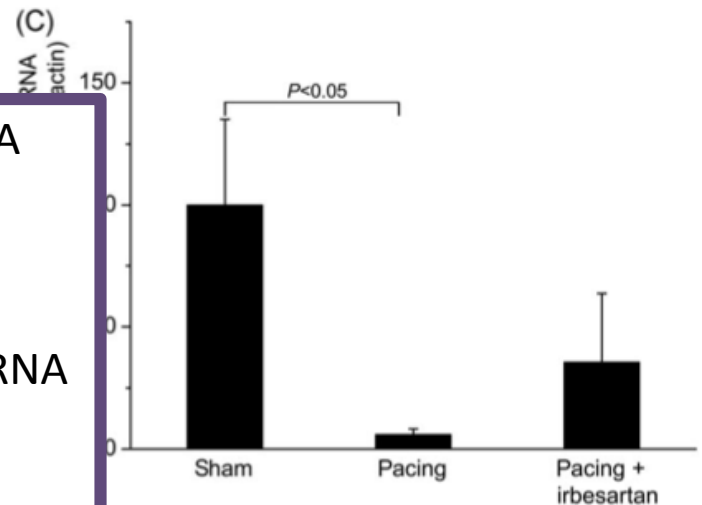
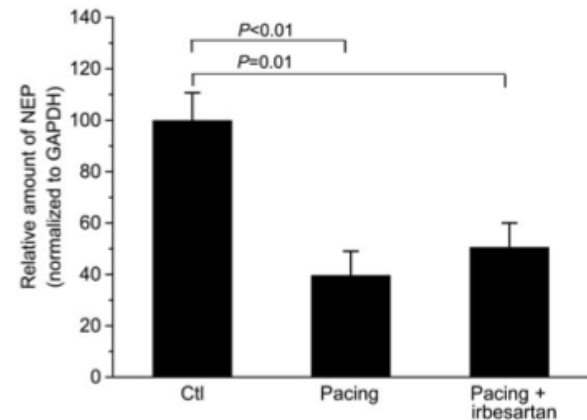
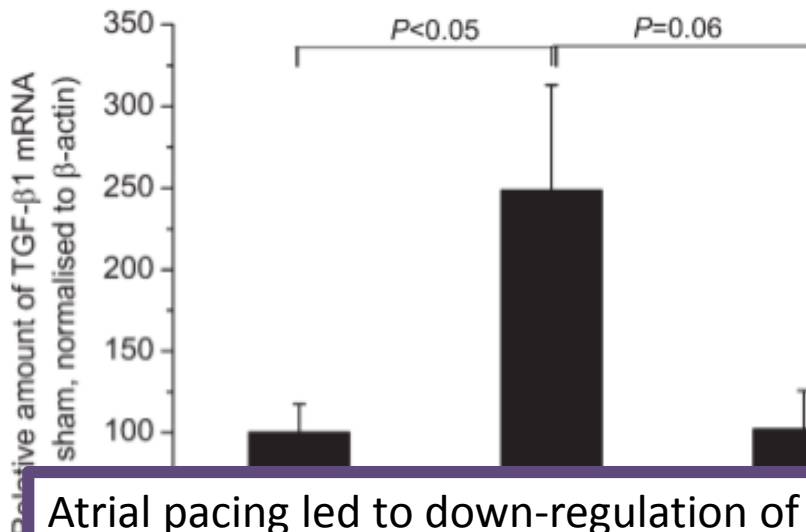
# AF & CKD: chicken or egg?

Potential mechanisms of AF causing CKD:

- Profibrotic effects
- Renal hemodynamic changes
- Activation RAS
- Microthrombi
- Alterations of cardiac hemodynamics

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Effects of rapid atrial pacing on renal gene expression patterns in pigs



Atrial pacing led to down-regulation of NEP-mRNA and ANP-mRNA

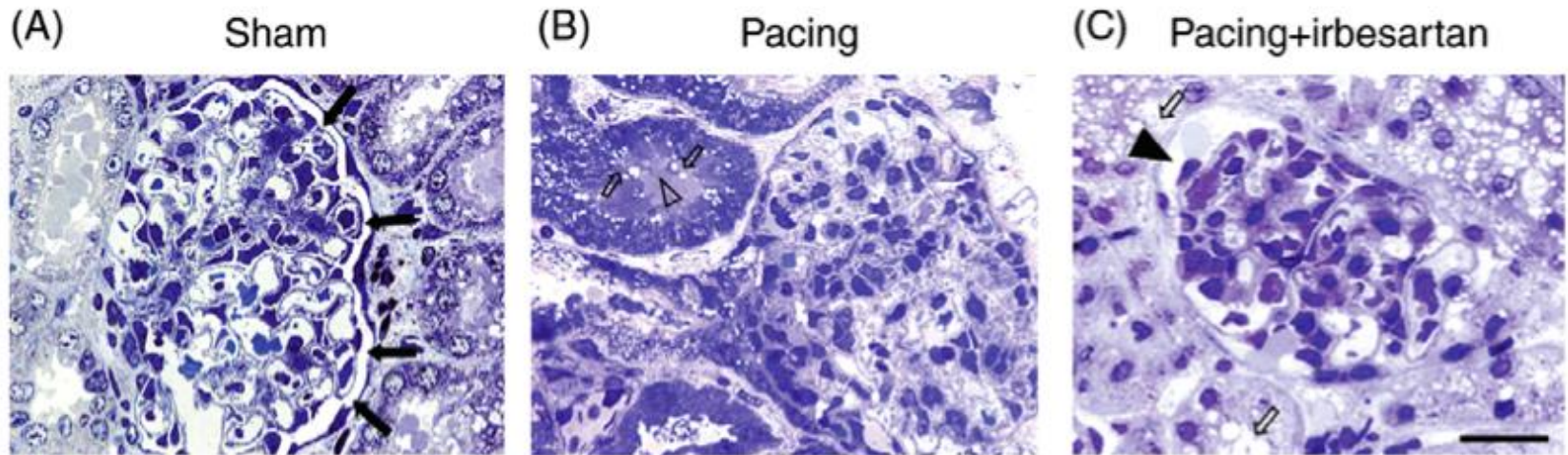
Not prevented by Irbesartan

Atrial pacing led to up-regulation of TGF-beta1 mRNA which is prevented by irbesartan

Atrial pacing induces pro-fibrotic pathways

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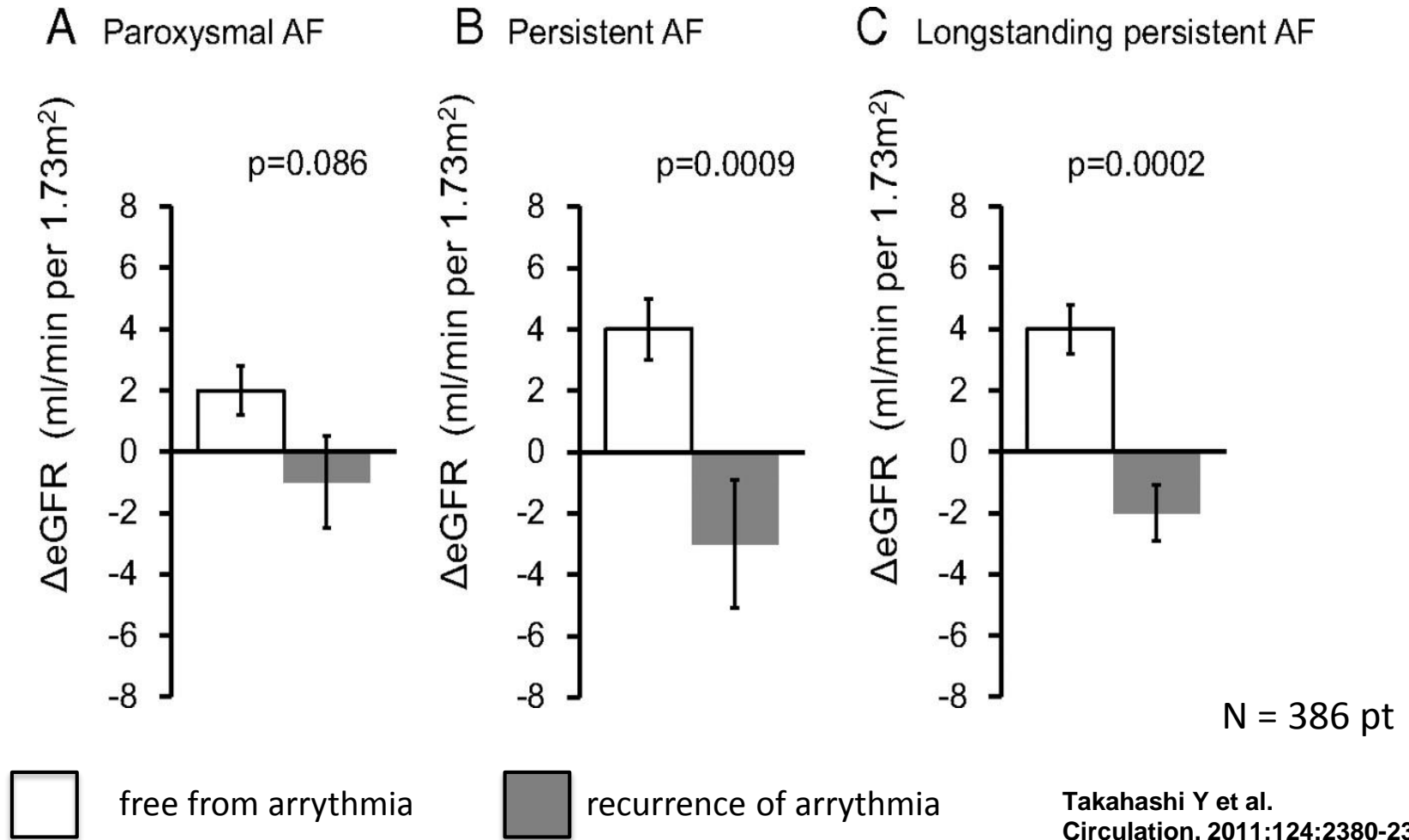
Histomorphology of the kidney is affected by AF



Disintegrated Bowman's capsules  
Vacuoles in proximal tubules  
Segmental attachments of glomerular tufts  
Protein casts

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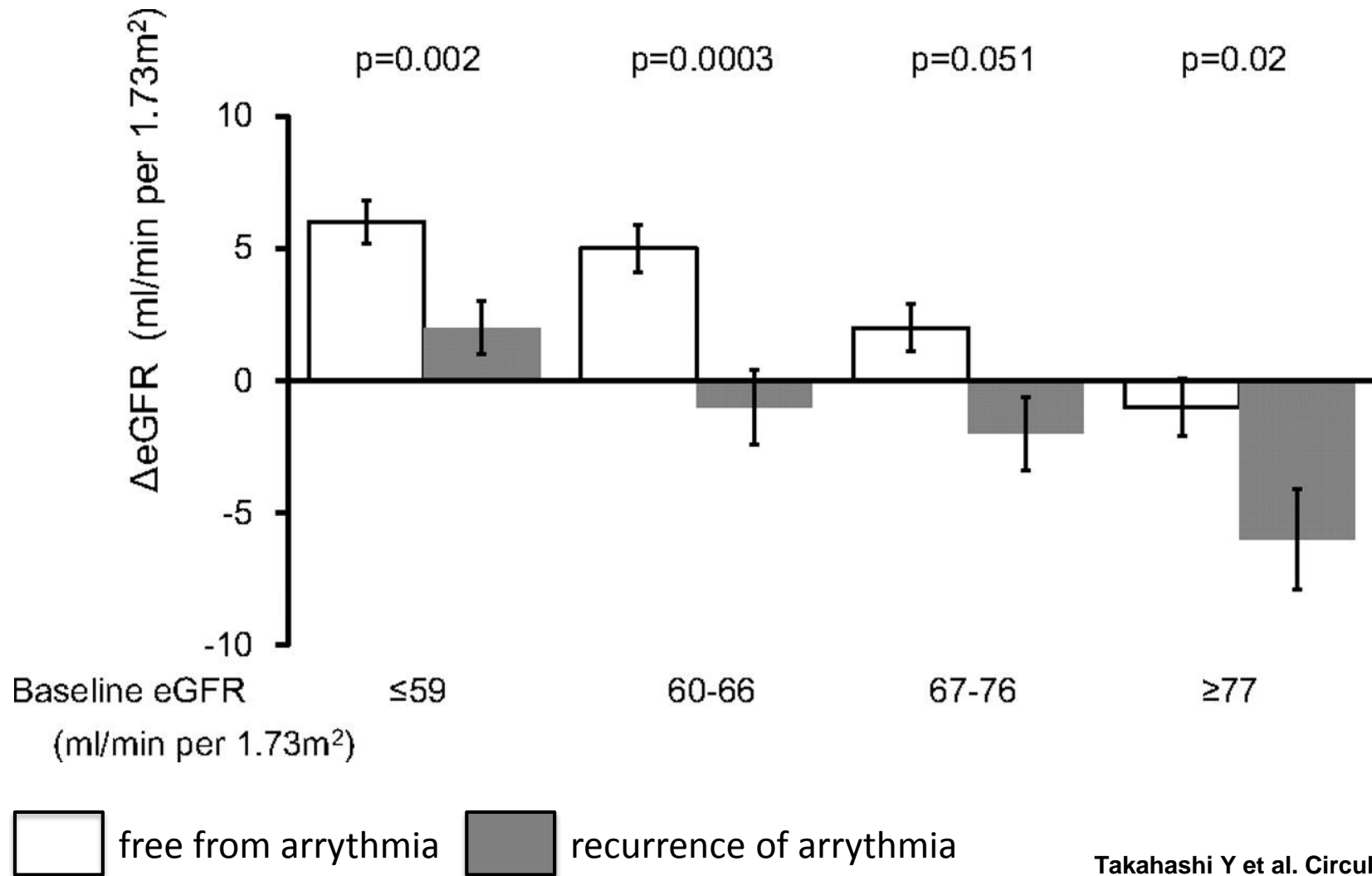
Renal function 1 year after catheter ablation for AF





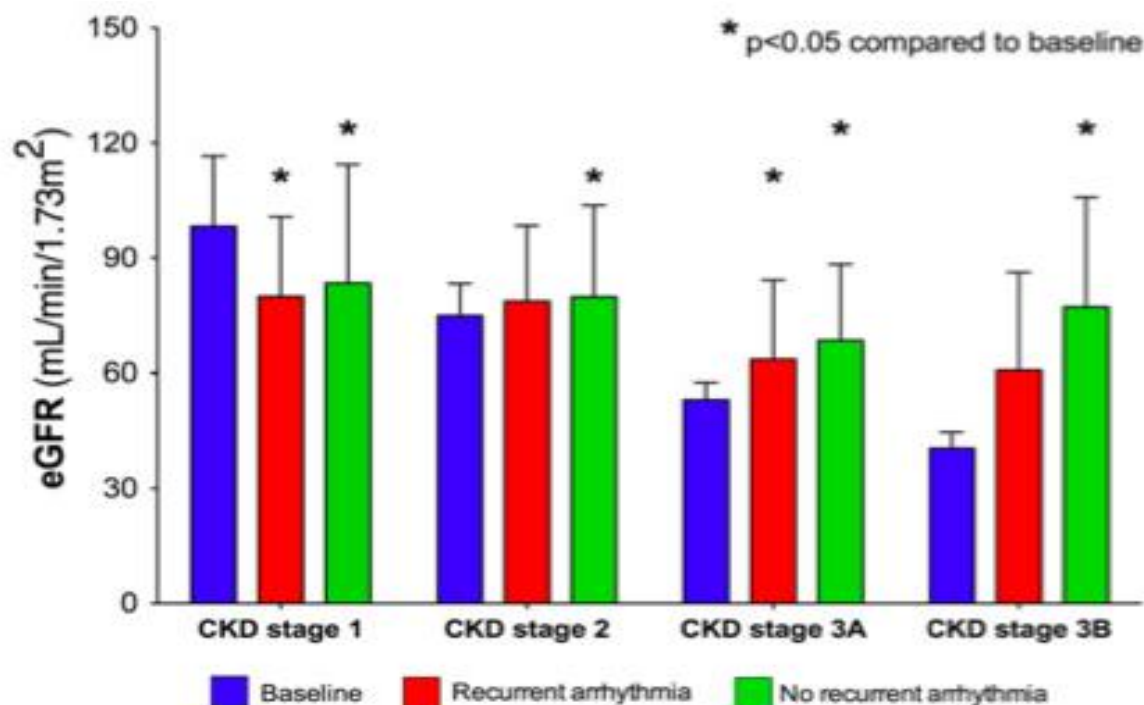
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Improvement in eGFR after catheter ablation best in lowest eGFR group



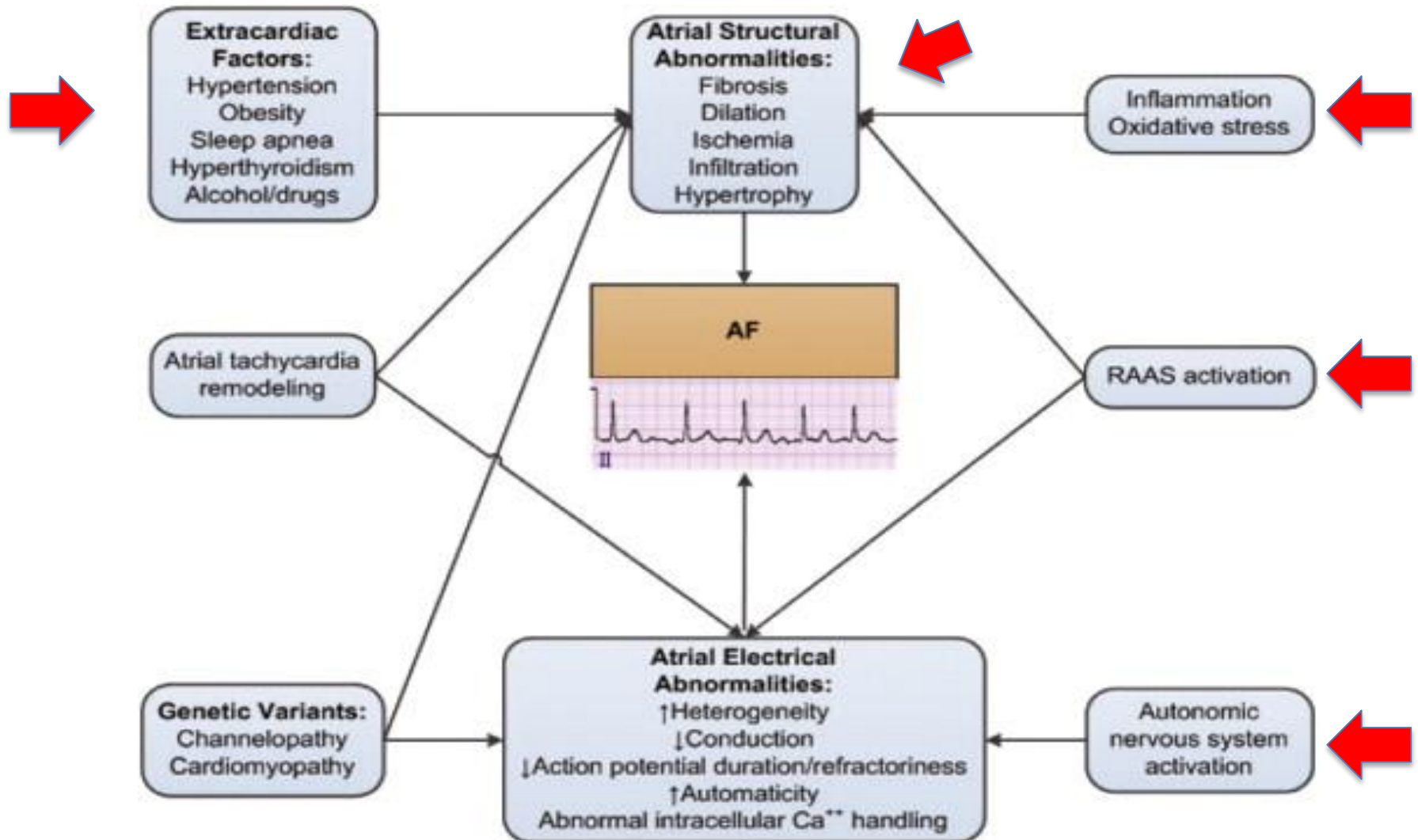
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Restoration of arrhythmia after ablation increases eGFR in stage 3 CKD



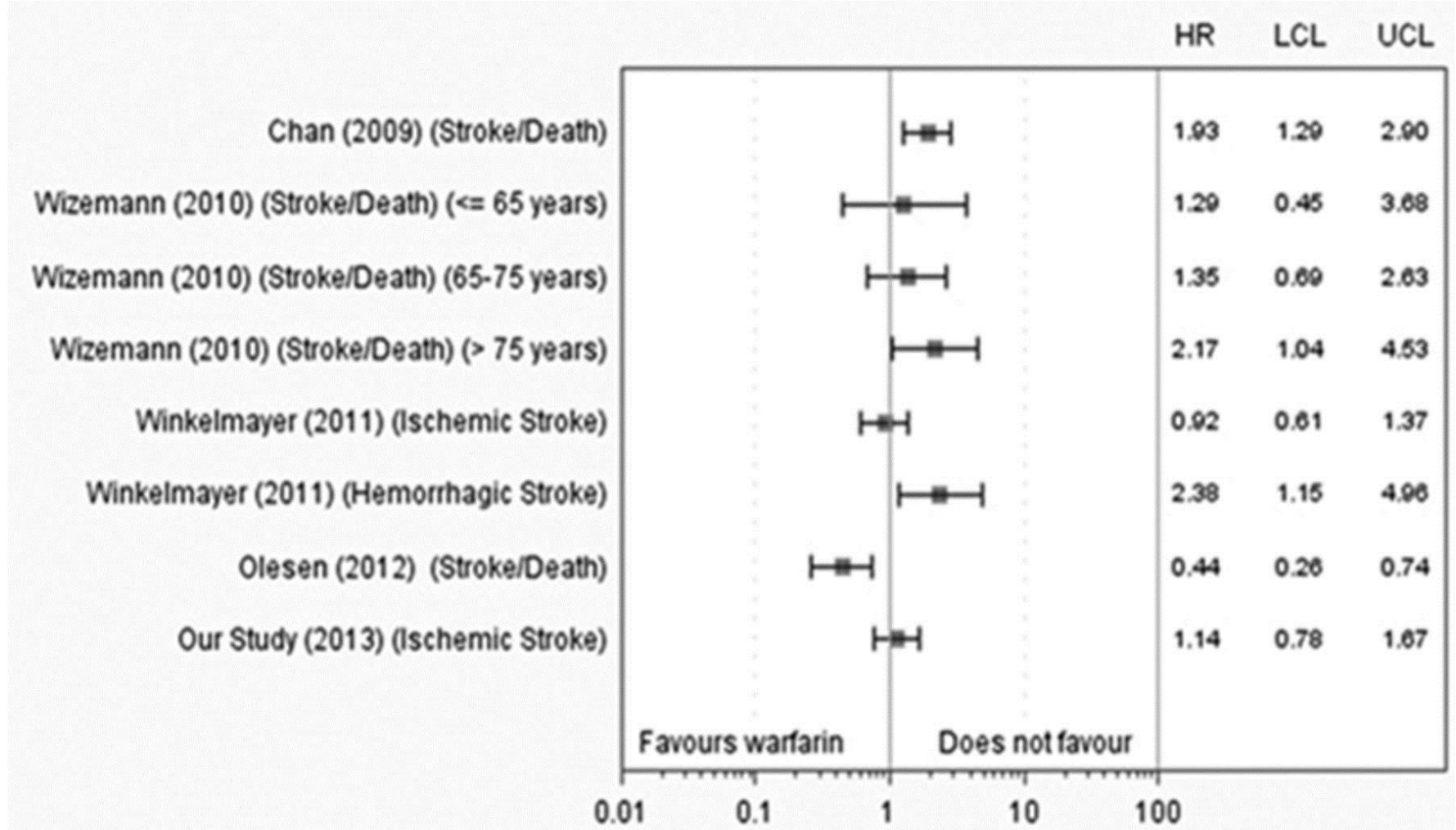
**Figure 4.** Bar graphs of eGFRs at baseline (blue) and after ablation in patients with (red) and without (green) arrhythmia recurrence across the different stages of CKD.

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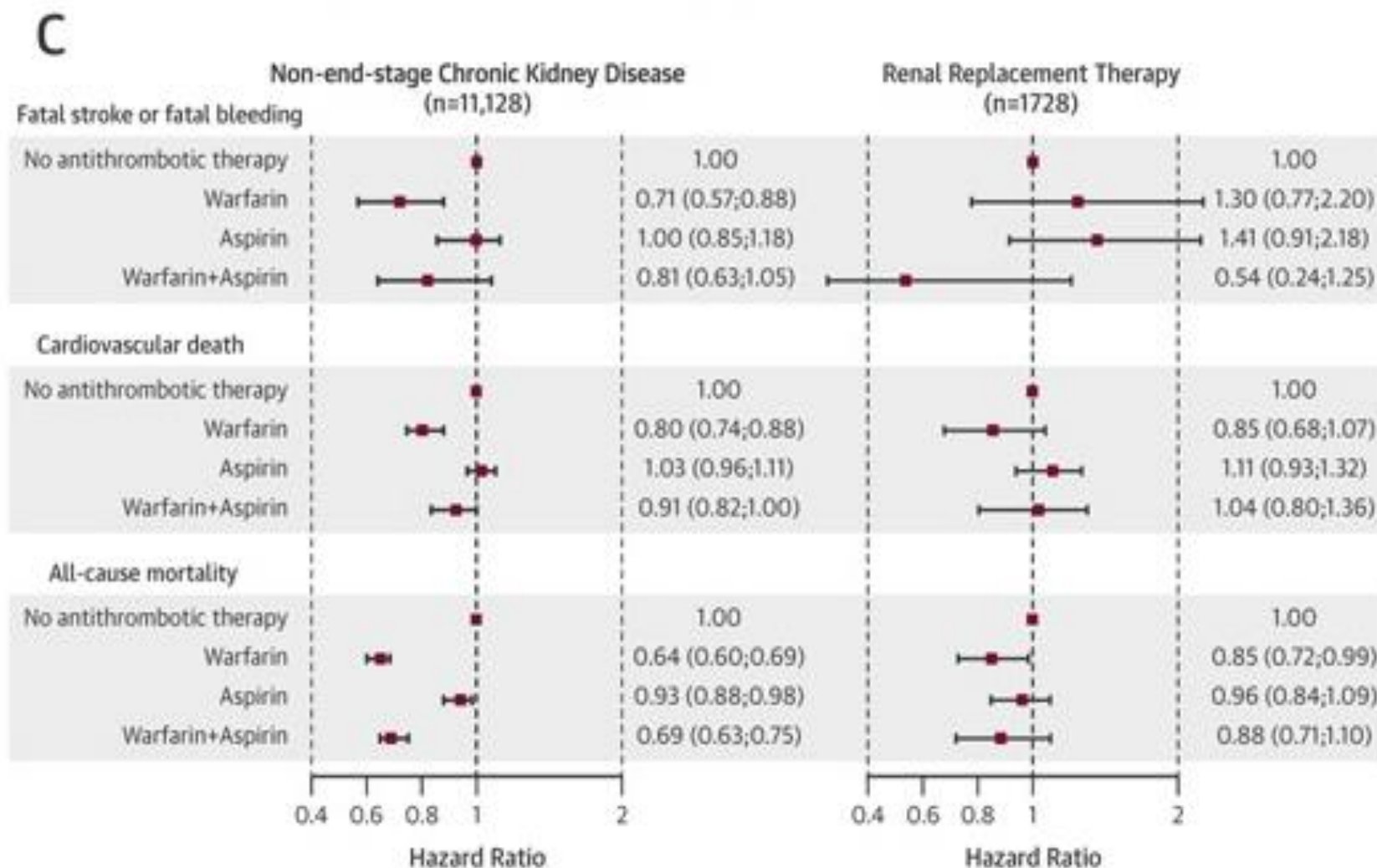


# AF in CKD: To treat or not to treat?

Warfarin use and the risk for stroke in patients with atrial fibrillation undergoing dialysis.

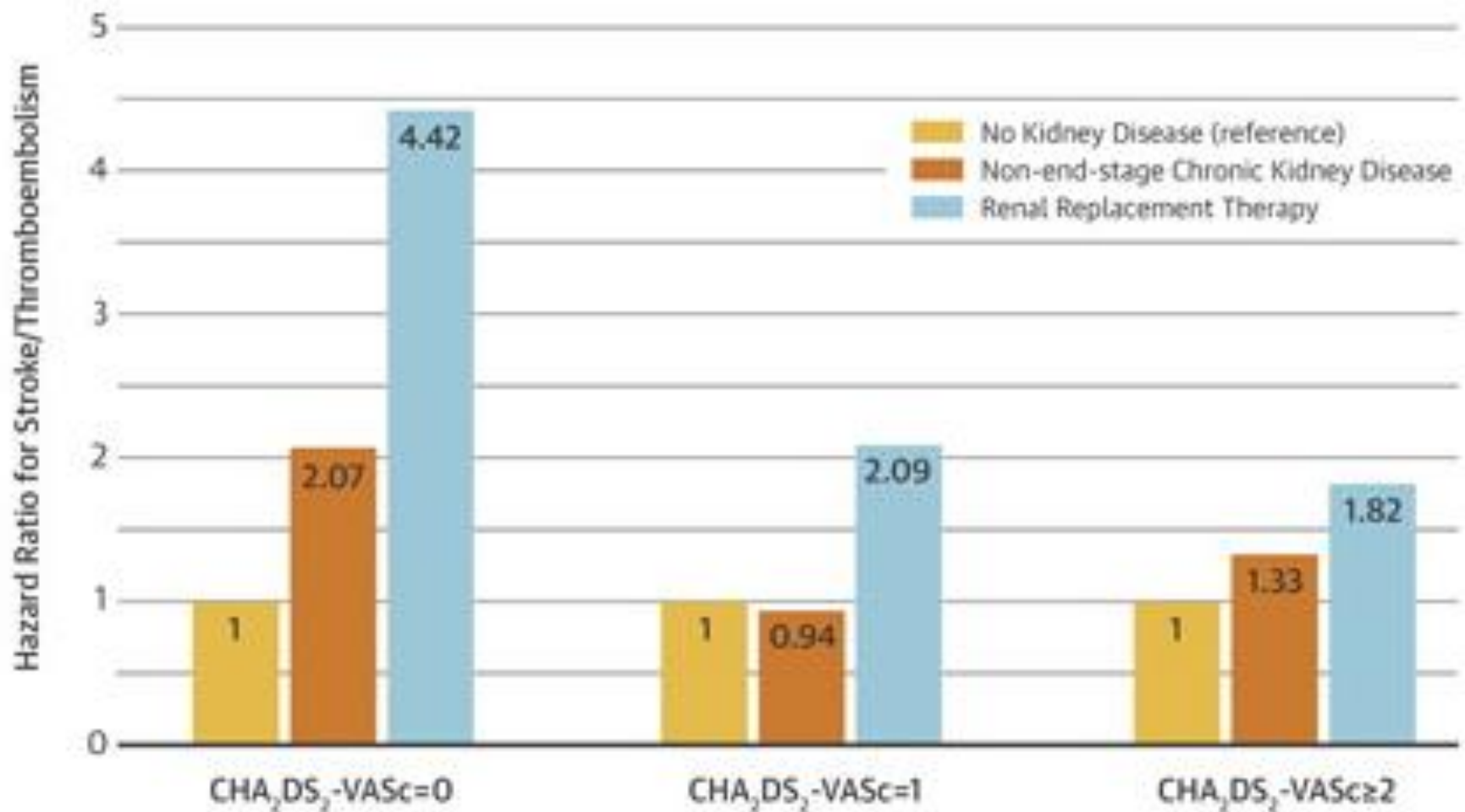


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AF in RRT is associated with higher risk of stroke, especially in low risk patients





# AF in CKD: To treat or not to treat?

Risk of onset stroke is increased in incident HD patients, and associates with CV risk factors but not with prevalent AF

- 1382 HD patients
- Age 62.9 yrs
- Prevalence of AF 21,2% (59,4% incident)
- Stroke incidence 39,7/1000 patient years (prevalent pt) and 54,3/1000 patient years (incident patients).
- No correlation between AF and stroke
- No difference in stroke in patients with AF treated with warfarin or not
- Factors associated with high risk of stroke:
  - Incident AF
  - Hypo albuminemia
  - DM
  - Age
  - Prior CeVD

Abstract FR-PO1031  
M D Findlay

# AF in CKD: To treat or not to treat?

USRDS data

443,890 incident HD patients

39,387 with diagnosis of AF at incident date of dialysis

Mortality following anticoagulation therapy (OAT) for AF in ESRD

Table 1			
Patients with AF (39,387); with AF and OAT (5,048)			
	<90d from IDD	>90d from IDD	none
Stroke (3,129)	5.3%	2.6%	92.1%
OAT with Stroke (446)	6.0%	2.9%	91.1%
Death (27,632)	50.8%	19.3%	29.8%
OAT with Death (3,837)	57.4%	18.6%	24.0%
OR for Death Controlling for OAT (95% CI)	1.31 (1.21-1.42)	1.09(0.99-1.20)	

## Conclusion:

AF in incident HD patients carries a high mortality  
OAT increases risk of death in first 3 months of dialysis

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MJ Diamond et al



**CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE: FULL TEXT**

## **2014 AHA/ACC/HRS Guideline for the Management of Patients With Atrial Fibrillation**

A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association  
Task Force on Practice Guidelines and the Heart Rhythm Society

Developed in Collaboration With the Society of Thoracic Surgeons

For patients with nonvalvular AF with a CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score of 2 or greater and who have end-stage chronic kidney disease (CKD) (creatinine clearance [CrCl] <15 mL/min) or are on hemodialysis, it is reasonable to prescribe warfarin (INR 2.0 to 3.0) for oral anticoagulation (Level of Evidence: B)

For patients with nonvalvular AF and moderate-to-severe CKD with CHA2DS2-VASc scores of 2 or greater, treatment with reduced doses of direct thrombin or factor Xa inhibitors may be considered (e.g., dabigatran, rivaroxaban, or apixaban), but safety and efficacy have not been established.

(Level of Evidence: C)

The direct thrombin inhibitor dabigatran and the factor Xa inhibitor rivaroxaban are not recommended in patients with AF and end-stage CKD or on dialysis because of the lack of evidence from clinical trials regarding the balance of risks and benefits

(Level of Evidence: C)

# Take home messages

- CKD and albuminuria are associated with higher risk of AF, especially in whites
- AF can cause deleterious effects on kidney function and albuminuria by both hemodynamic and pro-inflammatory effects
- Treatment of AF by ablation can be beneficial for kidney function especially in stages CKD 3-5



# Take home messages

- CKD increases risk for thrombo-embolic events among patients with AF
- Treatment with warfarin (and NOAC's) seems beneficial in patients with CKD stages 1-3
- Treatment with aspirin does not show any benefit in any group of CKD patients
- There are still conflicting data on benefit of treatment with warfarin for AF in patients with ESRD

