



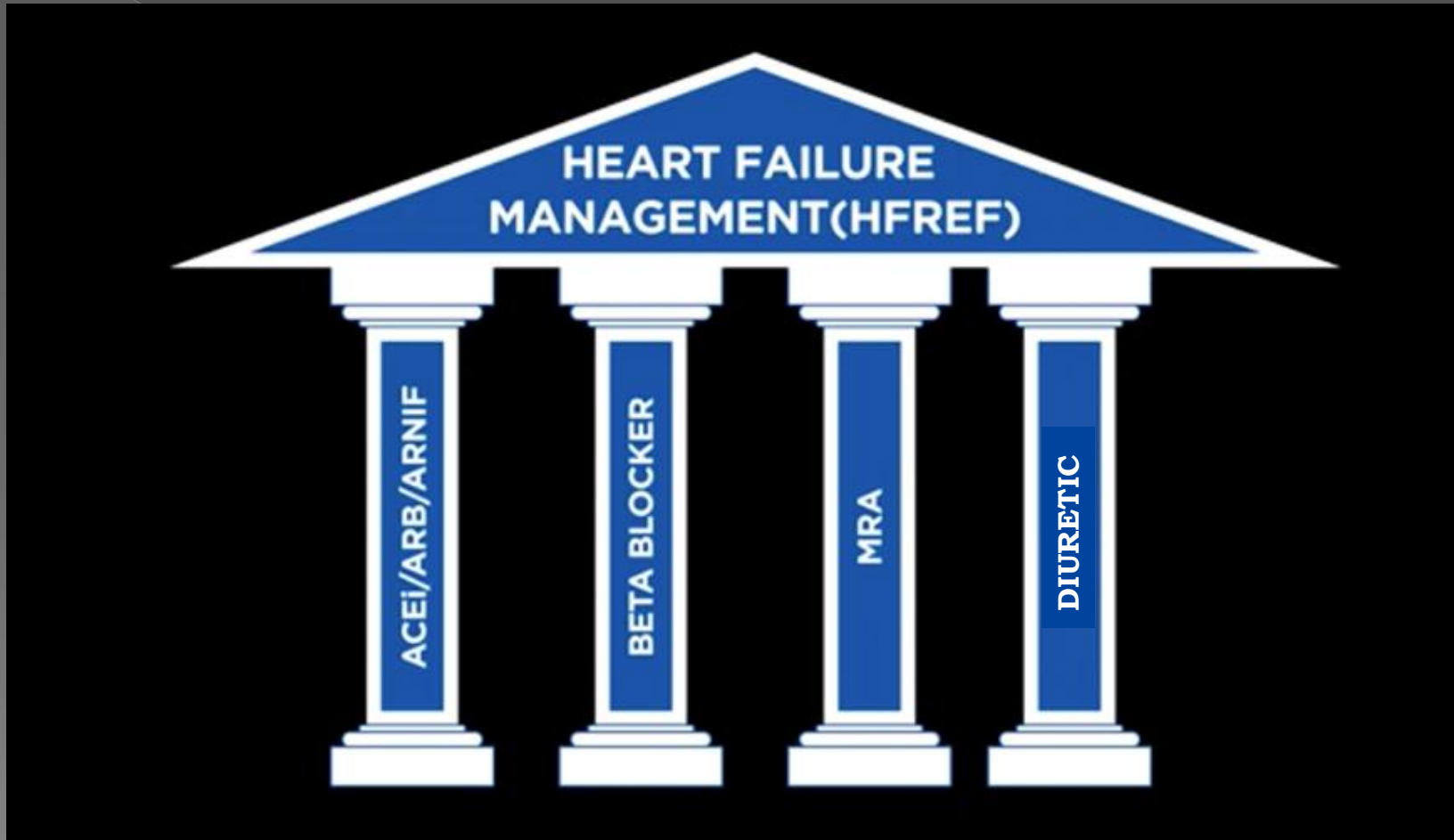
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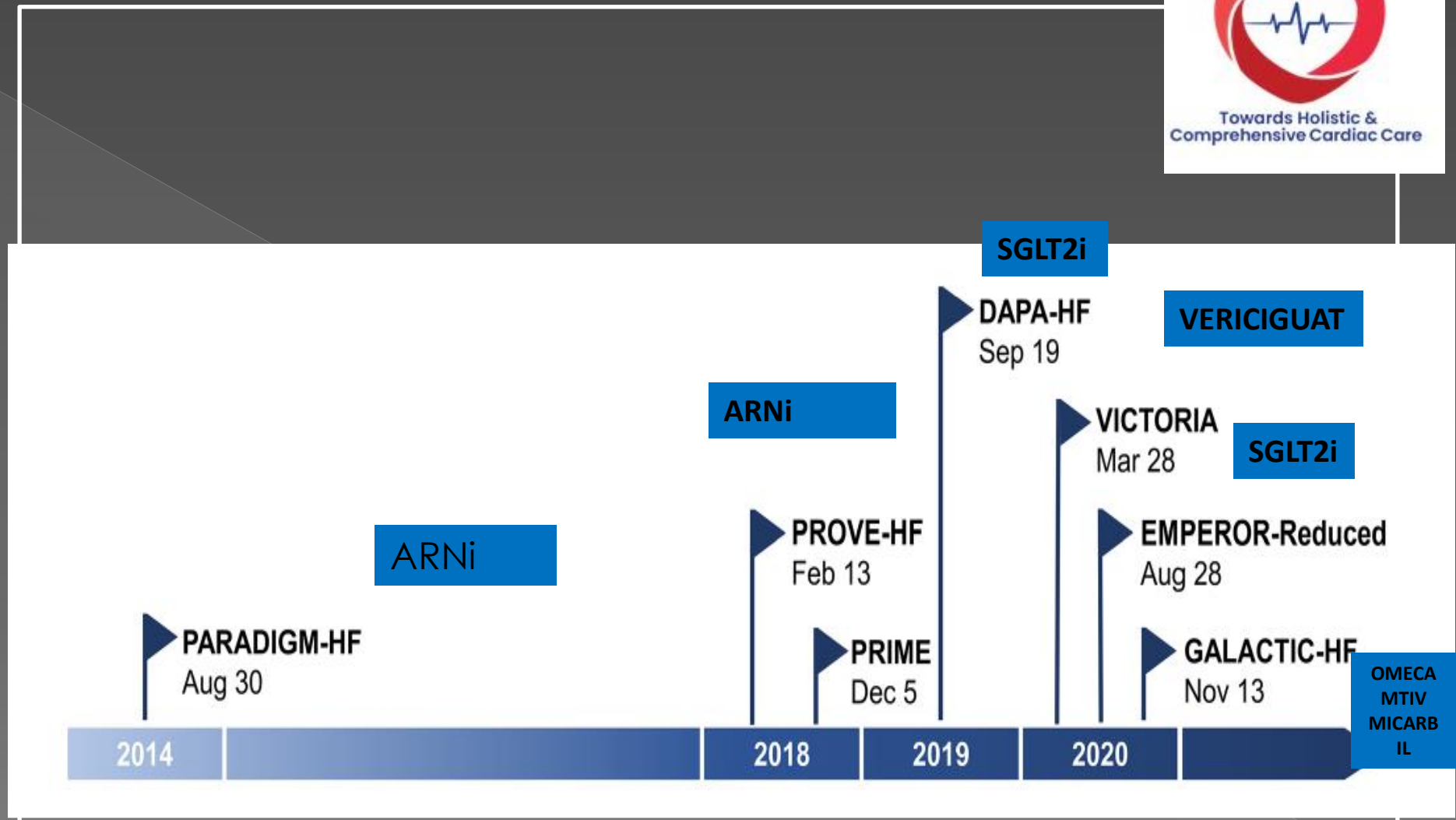


Beyond ARNI: Newer Pharmacotherapy in Heart Failure

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4 Pillars of Heart Failure Management





75 year old male



- Diabetic and Hypertensive
- Post MI 8 years back – PTCA done
- LVEF=30% → 35%
- Stable for past 7 years
- Class III dyspnea at present
- LVEF=32%. HBA1C = 9.0%, Creatinine=1.4
- CAG – Patent stents, No De-novo disease

Next Step:



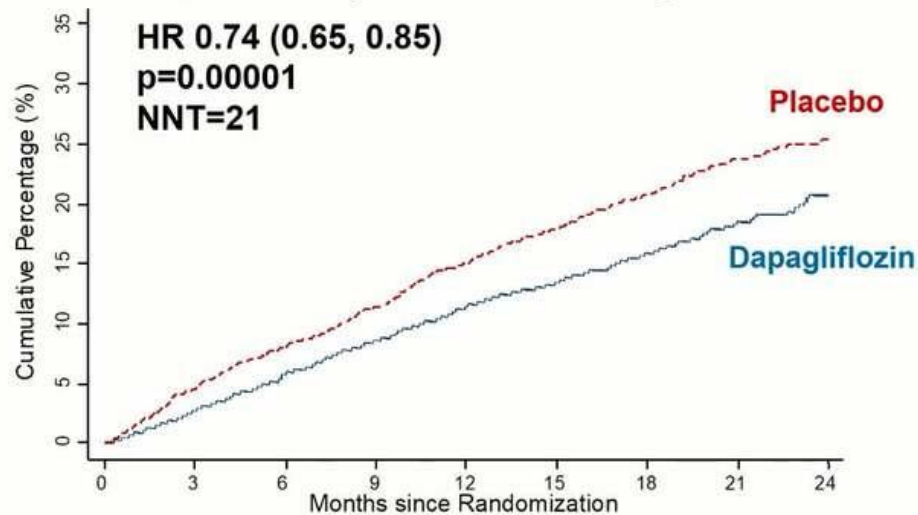
- Add SGLT2 inhibitors –
- Dapagliflozin:
 - > **DAPA-HF**
 - > **DETERMINE-Reduced and DETERMINE-Preserved**
 - > **DELIVER**
- Empagliflozin:
 - > EMPA-REG
 - > EMPEROR – Reduced
 - > EMPACT-MI

5th Pillar of management- SGLT inhibitors



Primary composite outcome

CV Death/HF hospitalization/Urgent HF visit



Number at Risk	
Dapagliflozin	2373 2305 2221 2147 2002 1560 1146 612 210
Placebo	2371 2258 2163 2075 1917 1478 1096 593 210

5th Pillar of management-



50 year old male

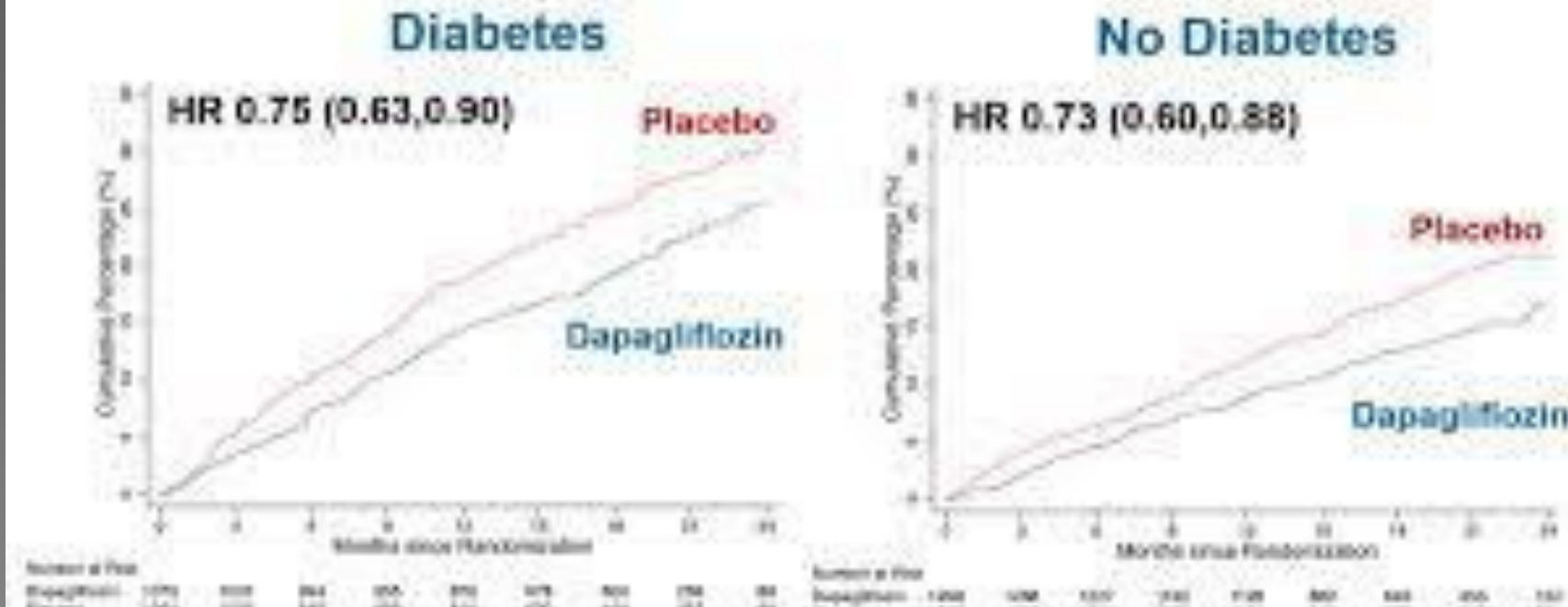


- Non-Diabetic and Non-Hypertensive
- Dilated Cardiomyopathy, Normal CAG
- Class III-IV ~~dyspnea~~,
→
- Admitted with Acute LVF
- LVEF=28%. HBA1C = 5.4%, Creatinine=1.0
- On good doses of Diuretic, ARNI and Betablockers

Can we add SGLT2 Inhibitors?



Primary composite outcome CV Death/HF hospitalization/Urgent HF visit





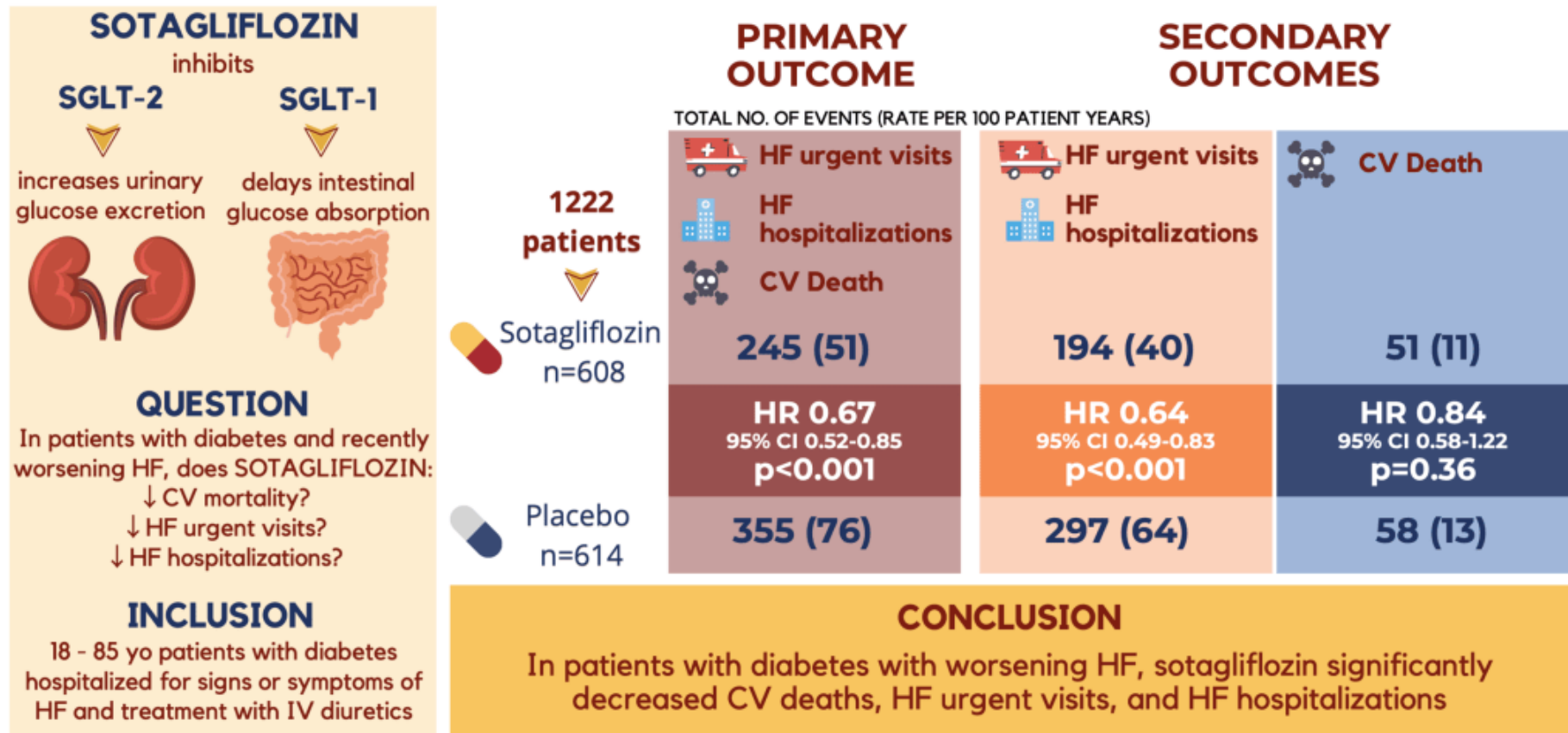
- Both Empa and Dapa have no significant hypoglycemic effects on non-diabetics treated for heart failure
- Ensure adequate hydration and timely food intake

SOTAGLIFLOZIN:

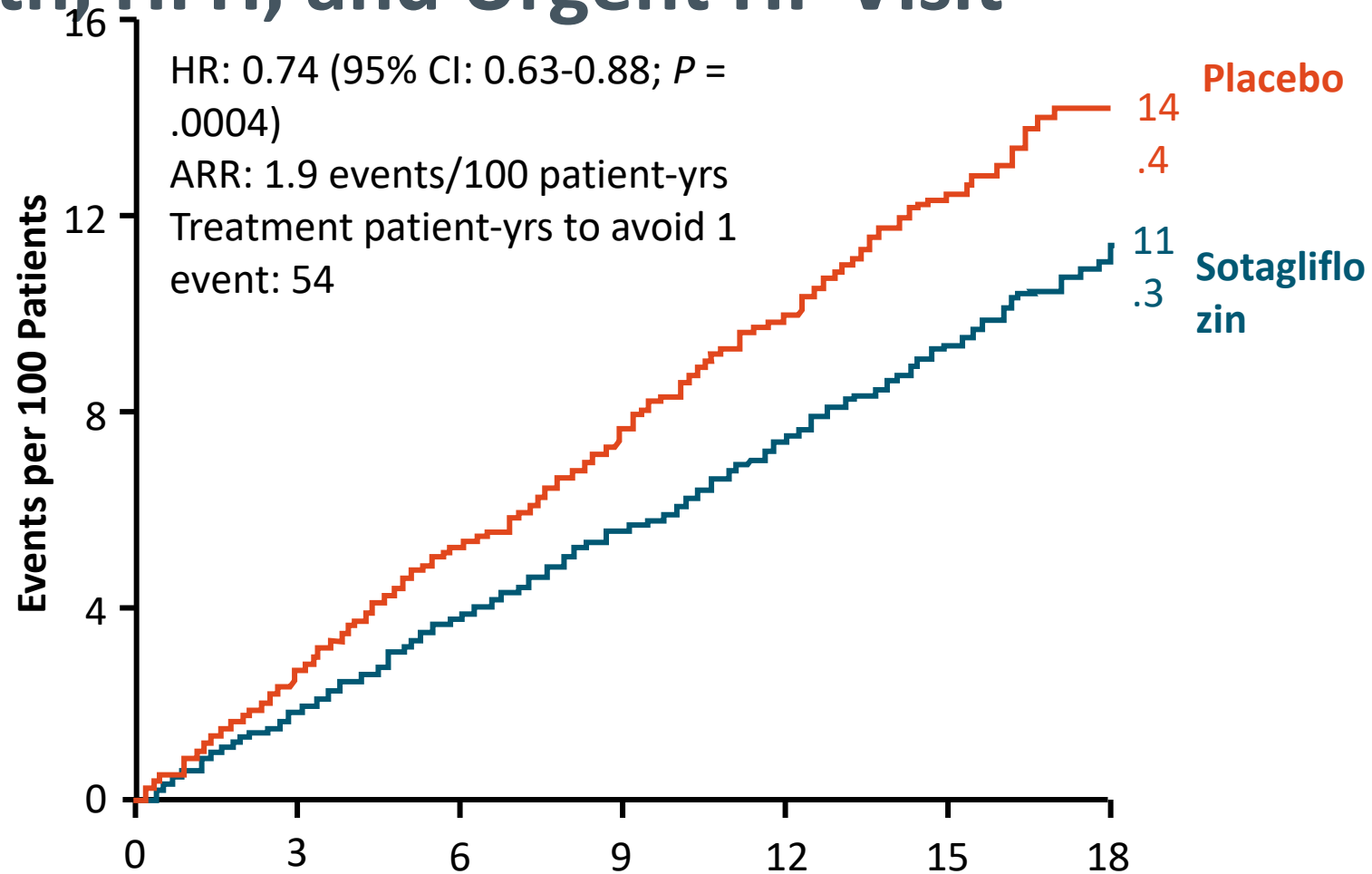


SOLOIST - WHF TRIAL

Bhatt DL et al. Sotagliflozin in Patients with Diabetes and Recent Worsening Heart Failure. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;384(2):117-128.



SCORED: Sotagliflozin Primary Efficacy in T2D and CKD—Total CV Death, HFH, and Urgent HF Visit



Case 3:

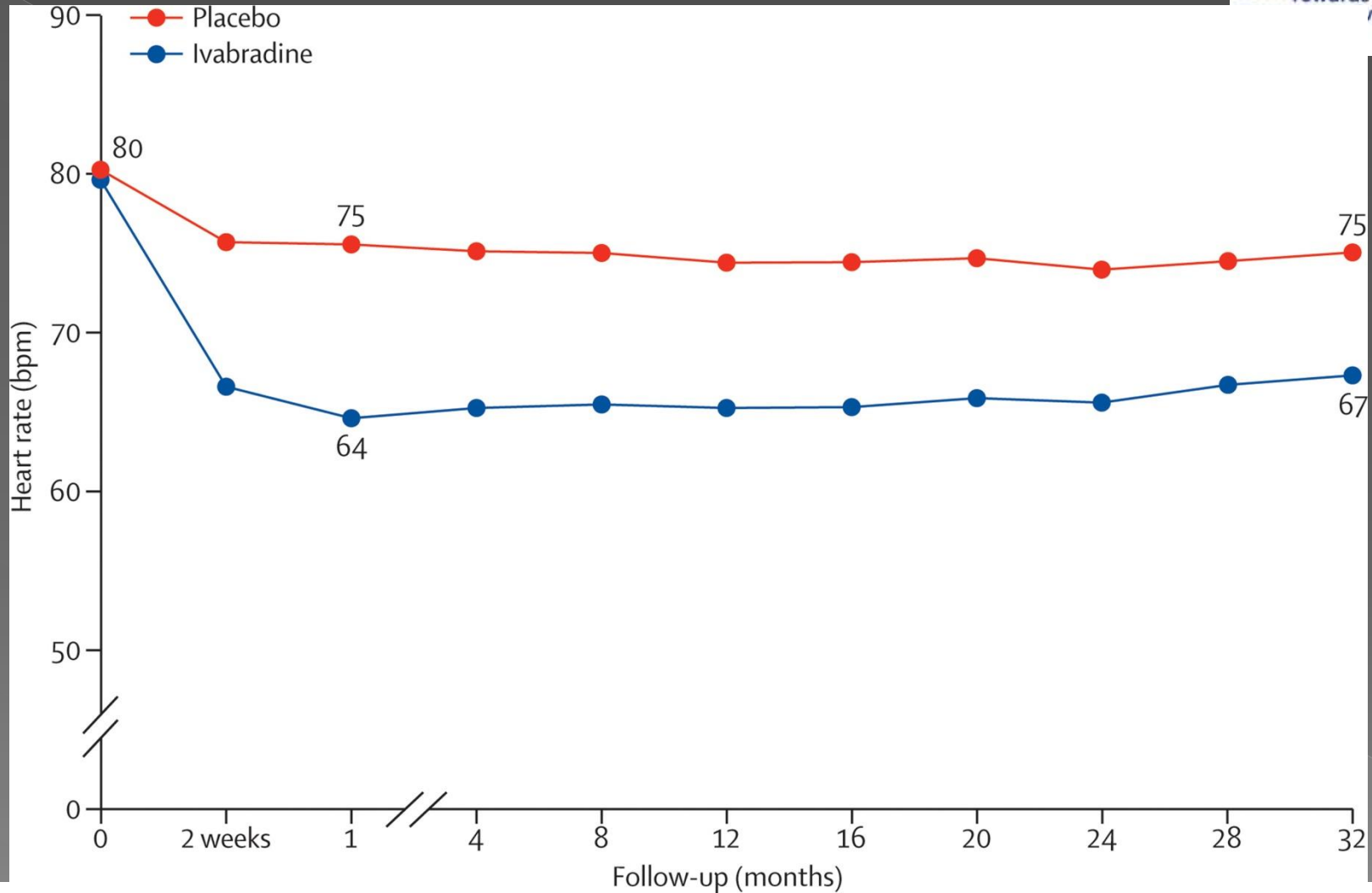


- 51 year old female, Diabetic and Post CABG
- On:
 - > ARNI 100mg bd
 - > Carvedilol 3.125 mg bd
 - > Empa 25 mg od
 - > Torsemide +aldactone
- BP – 90/60 mmHg
- Heart rate 110/min
- Recurrent admission with heart failure

Ivabradine: SHIFT study



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Ivabradine:



SHIFT: Results

- Significant 18% reduction in HR for CV death or hospitalization for worsening HF with ivabradine vs control group—driven by significant 26% HR reductions for the individual secondary end points of death from HF and hospitalization for worsening HF

Primary and secondary end points^a

Outcomes	Ivabradine (n=3241), %	Placebo (n=3264), %	HR (95% CI)	p
Primary end point	24	29	0.82 (0.75–0.90)	<0.001
Death from HF	3	5	0.74 (0.58–0.94)	0.014
HF hospitalization	16	21	0.74 (0.66–0.83)	<0.001
CV death, HF hospitalization, or admission for nonfatal MI	25	30	0.82 (0.74–0.89)	<0.001

Ivabradine:



- An invaluable addition to heart failure management
- Readmissions and Mortality benefit
- Heart rate control even in Hypotension and while on inotropes
- Use in acute heart failure is proposed

Case 4:



- Known hypertensive, non diabetic
- CKD – creat-3.2 mg/dL
- On and off Hyperkalemia
- Post PTCA status, EF 32%
- On Beta blockers, Ivabradine, Hydrallazine-Isosorbide, Empagliflozin and diuretics.
- Class II – III at present

VERICIGUAT:



- Shown to reduce composite rate of CV death or HF hospitalizations after median 10.8 mos of follow-up
- 35.5% with vericiguat vs 38.5% with placebo

VICTORIA Study:

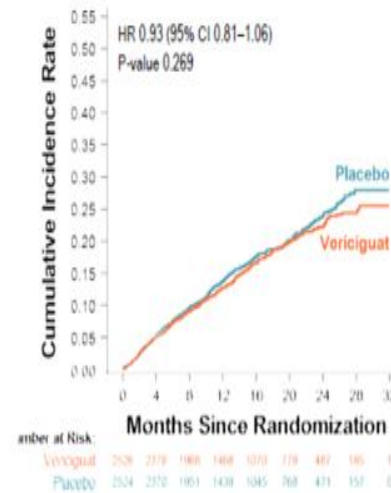
To evaluate the safety and tolerability of vericiguat in this high-risk population with HF with reduced EF (HFrEF)



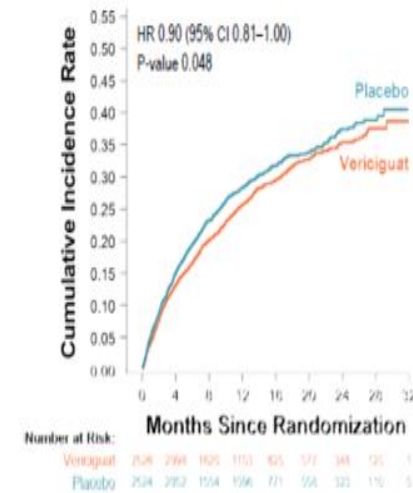
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Primary Endpoint: CV Death and First HF Hospitalization

Cardiovascular Death



First HF Hospitalization



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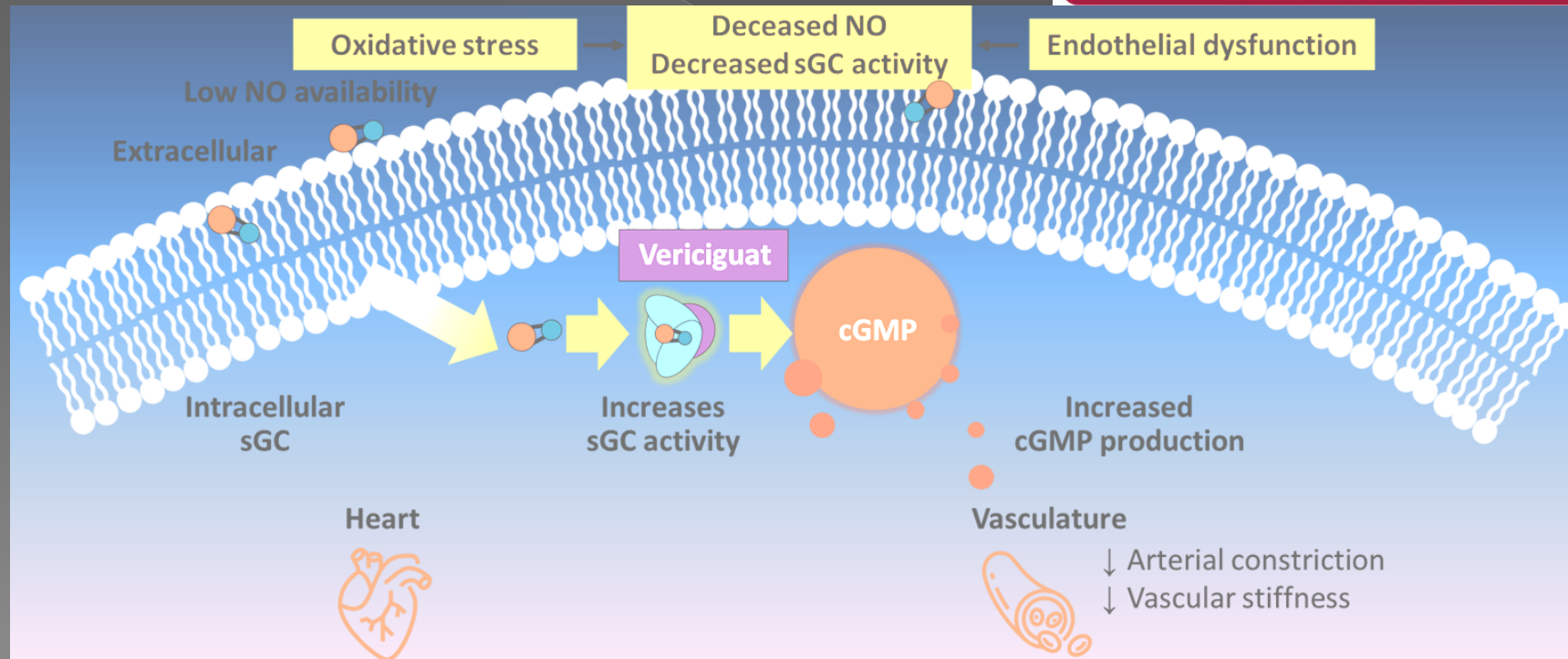
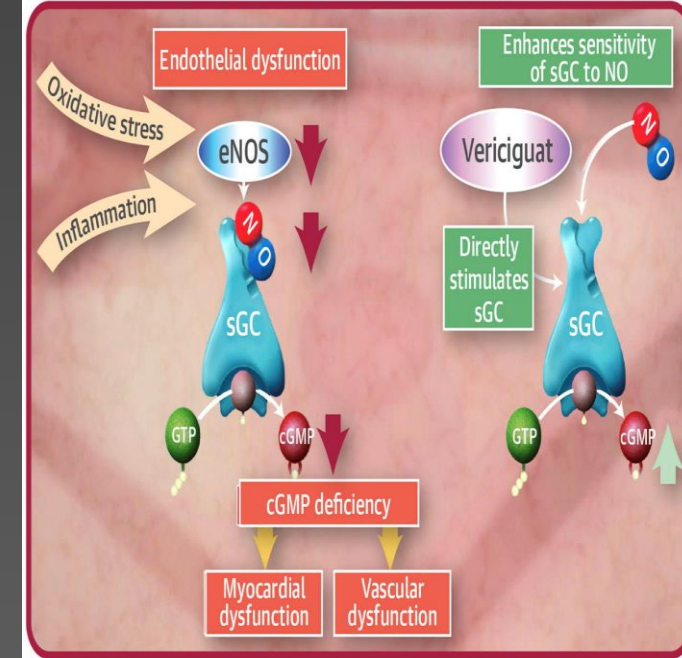
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%

Vericiguat:

- Oral soluble guanylate cyclase stimulator – Myocardial and vascular function



VERICIGUAT:



- Start with 2.5 mg and can titrate to 10 mg OD
- Irrespective of renal status
- Watch for hypotension in first few weeks
- Do not use with Riociguat (For PAH)

Case 5:

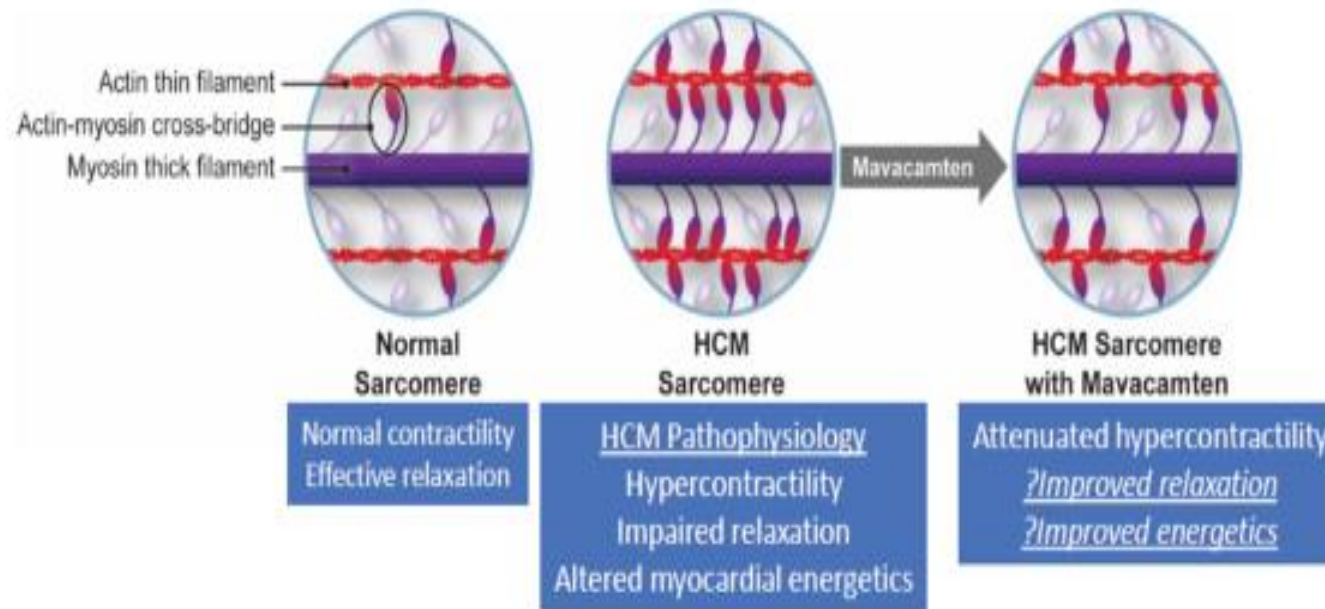


- 18 year old young adult male
- Diagnosed with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy on calaptin
- IVS – 2.3cm.
- LVOT gradient – 14 mmHg. LVEF- 78%
- Class III dyspnea , not tolerating diuretics or beta blockers

MAVACAMTEN:

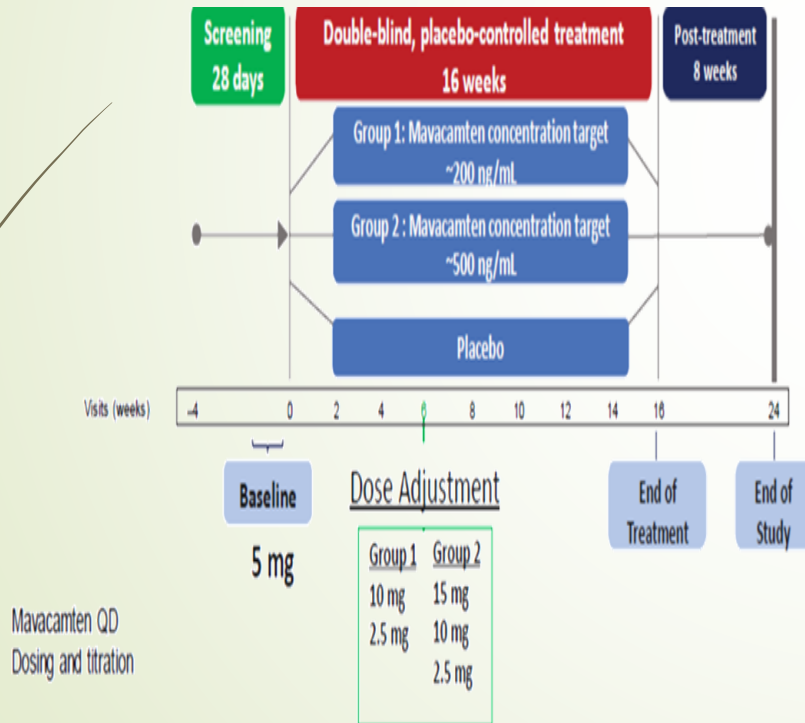


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Mavacamten is a first-in-class, selective allosteric inhibitor of cardiac myosin
→ Reduces the number of myosin-actin cross-bridges and thus decreases excessive

MAVERICK-HCM: Phase 2, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging study in symptomatic non-obstructive HCM



Primary objective: Safety and Tolerability

Key safety endpoint:

- Frequency and severity of treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs), AEs of special interest, and serious adverse events (SAEs)

Exploratory Efficacy Objectives

Change from baseline to Week 16 in:

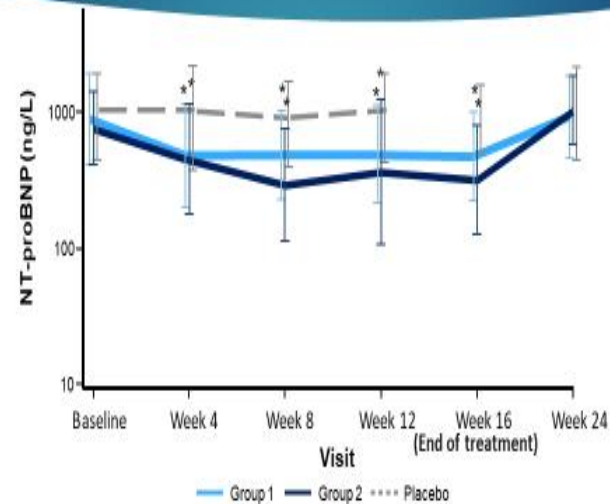
- N-terminal pro b-type natriuretic peptide (NT-proBNP)
- Peak oxygen uptake (pVO_2) measured by cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET)
- New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Class
- Echocardiographic measures of LVEF and parameters of diastolic function (eg, E/e')
- Composite functional endpoint:
 - 1) ≥ 1.5 mL/kg/min increase in pVO_2 and ≥ 1 NYHA Class improvement; **OR**
 - 2) ≥ 3.0 mL/kg/min increase in pVO_2 with no worsening in NYHA Class

MAVERICK-HCM:



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Reduction in NT-proBNP

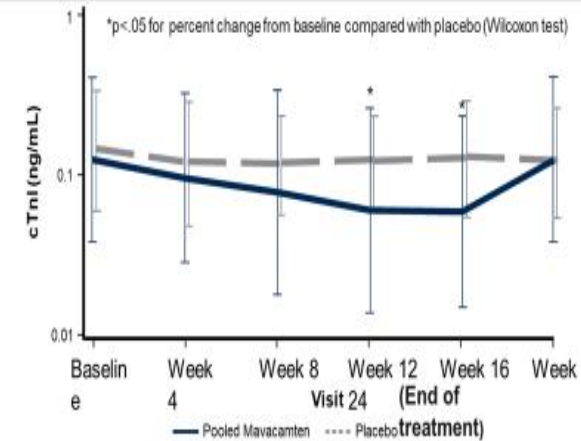


*p<.05 for percent change from baseline compared with placebo (Wilcoxon test)

Group 1	Group 2	Placebo
mavacamten	mavacamten	(n = 19)
~200 ng/mL	~500 ng/mL	
(n = 19)	(n = 21)	

Reduction in cTnI

cTnI Geometric Mean: Baseline to End of Washout
Subpopulation with Baseline cTnI >99th Percentile



*p<.05 for percent change from baseline compared with placebo (Wilcoxon test)

WHAT ABOUT OBSTRUCTIVE HCM?

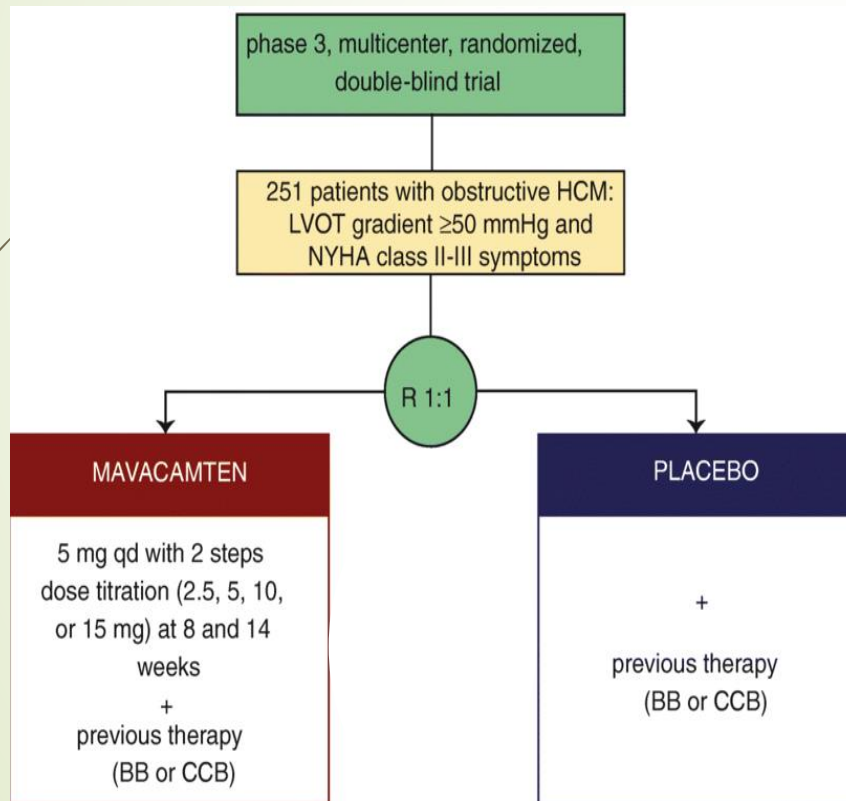


- EXPLORER HCM trial

EXPLORER- HCM



STUDY DESIGN



RESULT

Endpoints	MAVACAMTEN	PLACEBO	P value
≥ 1.5 ml/kg/min increase in pVO ₂ with ≥ 1 NYHA class improvement OR ≥ 3.0 ml/kg/min increase in pVO ₂ with no worsening of NYHA class	37%	17%	0.0005
Post-exercise LVOT gradient	- 47mmHg	-10mmHg	<0.0001
pVO ₂ (ml/kg/min)	+1.40	- 0.05	0.0006
≥ 1 NYHA class improvement	+ 65%	+31%	<0.0001
KCCQ-CSS (n)	+14	+ 4	<0.0001

Case 6:



- 56 year old Female
- Well controlled Diabetic
- Poorly controlled Hypertensive
- Class III dyspnea,
- Admitted with Acute LVF
- HBA1C = 5.4%, Creatinine=1.0
- LVEF=60%. Grade 2 Diastolic dysfunction
- Normal CAG
- On Telmisartan, Diuretics and Betablockers

HF with PEF?

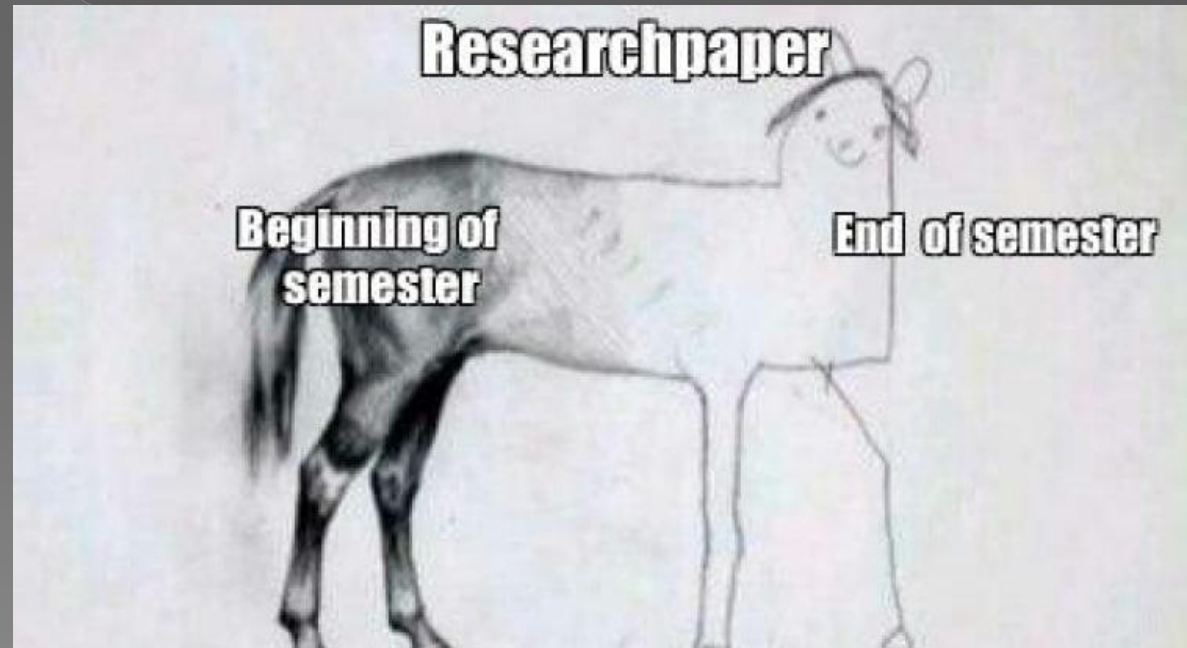


- SGLT2 Inhibitors –
 - > -Emperor Preserved
 - > - DELIVER
- Beta Blockers – only Nebivolol (SENIORS Study) has evidence of benefit
- No role for ARNI or ACEI or Digoxin

NEWER DRUGS in the pipeline:

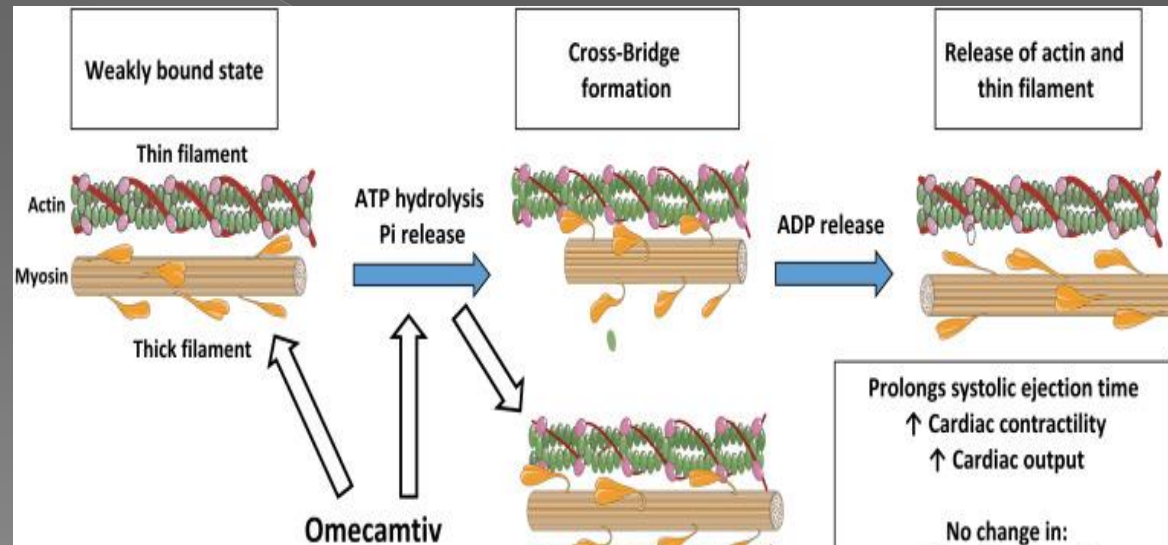


○ Omecativ Mecarbil



Omeacativ Mecarbil

- ▶ activates myocardial ATPase and improves energy utilization.
- ▶ Enhances effective myosin cross-bridge formation and duration,
- ▶ Velocity of contraction remains the same.



COSMIC-HF – Phase 2

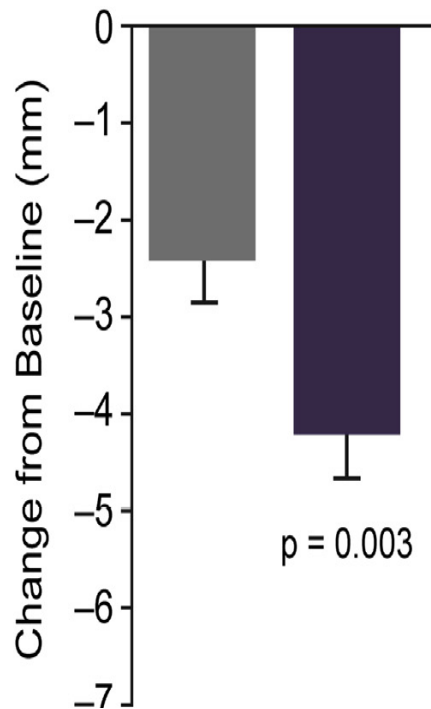


- Chronic Oral Study of Myosin Activation to Increase Contractility in Heart Failure trial
- The role of 20 weeks of and omecamtiv mecarbil (OM) in patients with stable HF
 - 448 outpatients with chronic symptomatic class II or III), LVEF <40%, and elevated natriuretic peptides.
 - Patients were randomized 1:1 to placebo or an oral OM pharmacokinetic (PK)-guided dose titration group (initial 25 mg twice daily dose increased to 50 mg.

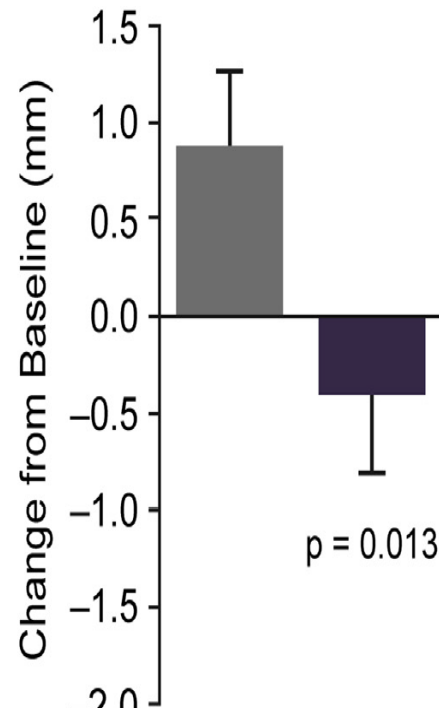
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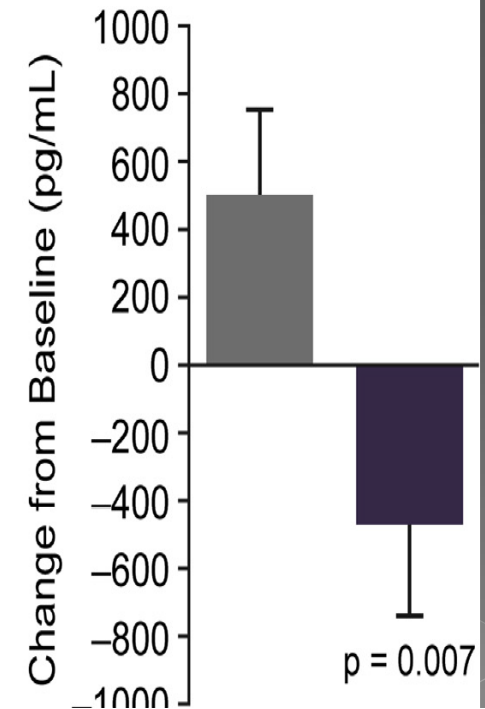
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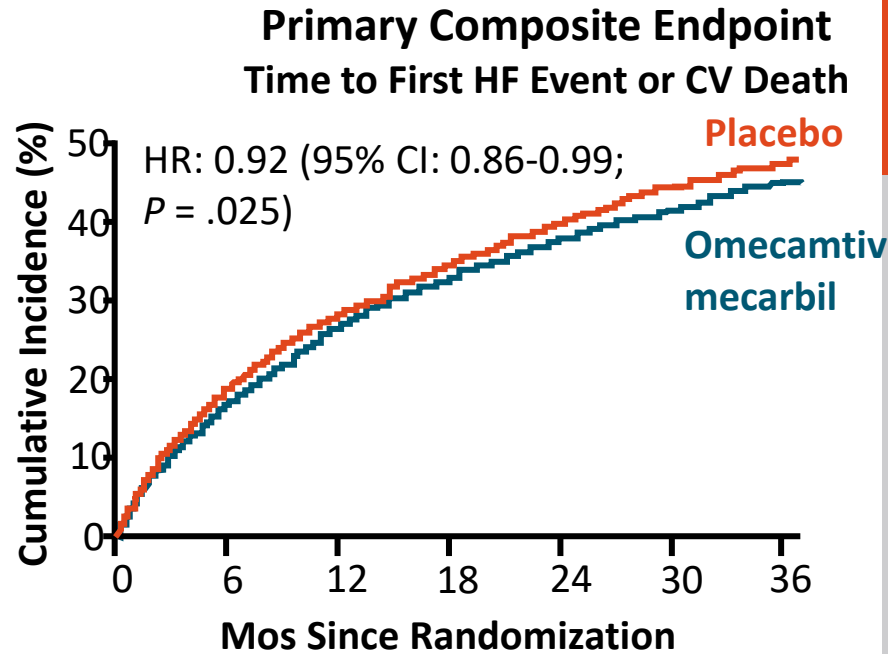
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F NT-proBNP



GALACTIC-HF: Omecamtiv Mecarbil in HFrEF



Outcome	HR (95% CI)	P Value
Time to first HF event or CV death (primary outcome)	0.92 (0.86-0.99)	.025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subgroup with baseline LVEF $\leq 28\%$ 	0.84 (0.77-0.92)	$P_{interaction} = .003$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subgroup with baseline LVEF $> 28\%$ 	1.04 (0.94-1.16)	
Time to first HF event	0.93 (0.86-1.00)	.06
Time to CV death	1.01 (0.92-1.11)	.86

GALACTIC HF – Phase 3



- Reduced composite risk of first HF or CV death
 - > However, no significant reduction in components of primary endpoint
- KCCQ symptom score change from BL to Wk 24 with omecamtiv mecarbil did not reach multiplicity controlled significance threshold of $P = .002$

ULARITIDE

- Synthetic analog of urodilatin
- Inhibits Na⁺ reabsorption



TRUE-AHF was a randomized double-blind parallel group placebo-controlled trial in 2,157 patients

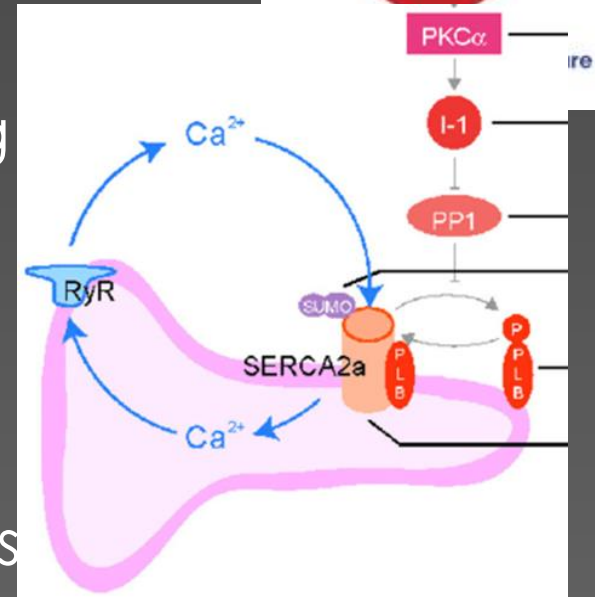
- Effect of **ularitide** on CV mortality and 48-hour clinical status
- The drug produced satisfactory hemodynamic effects such as **reduced SBP and decreased NT-proBNP levels.**

It did not significantly impact any of the primary or secondary outcomes like CV Mortality.

Gene Therapy: SERCA2a



- ▶ SERCA2a, is a critical ATPase responsible for Ca^{2+} re-uptake during excitation–contraction coupling
- ▶ The regulation of calcium levels inside cardiomyocytes is often imbalanced in the heart of a person with LV dysfunction, therefore proteins that regulate calcium levels are the main targets of gene therapy
- ▶ Supplying a cell with genes for SERCA2a restores the intracellular calcium concentration in different phases of myocardial activity



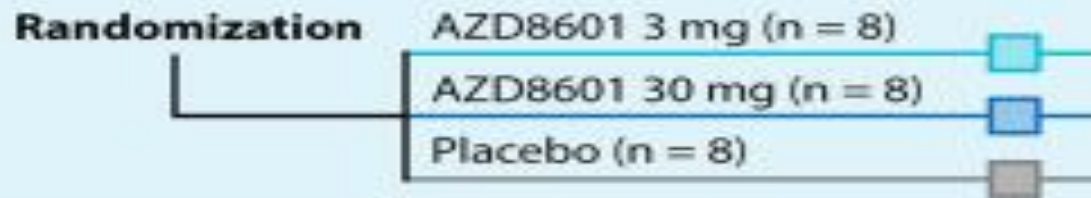


- 12-month observational study concluded that a high-dose treatment significantly decreases the risk of CV events (HR =0.12; P=0.003) and reduces the average time of hospitalization 11-fold vs a placebo (P=0.05).
- An additional 3-year experiment proved that this gene therapy is safe and reduces the risk of CV events.

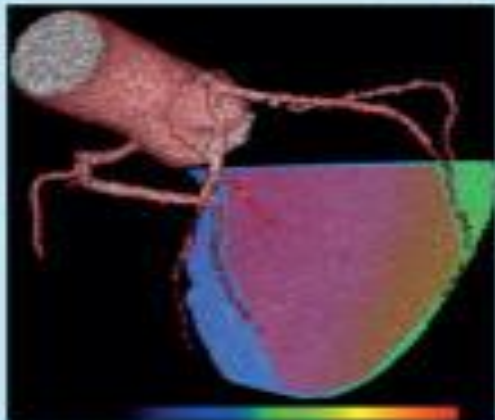
VEGF synthetic m-RNA



VEGF-A₁₆₅ synthetic mRNA (AZD8601)



¹⁵O-water PET myocardial blood flow imaging



Personalized
injection map

30 epicardial
injections to
**ischemic but
viable areas of
myocardium**
during surgery

**Coronary artery
bypass grafting**



Outcomes (6-month follow-up)

Myocardial blood
flow improvement?

Safety

Clinical / functional
improvement?

EPICCURE STUDY



- Preliminary data on adverse events, echocardiography and clinical laboratory findings indicate no safety signals of concern
- ACC November 2021 showed that the primary endpoint of safety and tolerability was met, and exploratory efficacy analyses support further clinical development of VEGFA mRNA.

CONCLUSION:



- The four pillars of Heart Failure therapy are augmented by the SGLT2 inhibitors as the fifth pillar
- HFpEF has unique challenges – with promising results by the SGLT2i and newer drugs
- Vericiguat and Ivabradine are a very valuable addition in HFrEF

MESSAGE



- ▶ Till newer drugs are proven, titrate the GDMT to as much target doses as possible

**THANKS
FOR
YOUR KIND ATTENTION**