

# Foundations of Cardiometabolic Health Certification Course

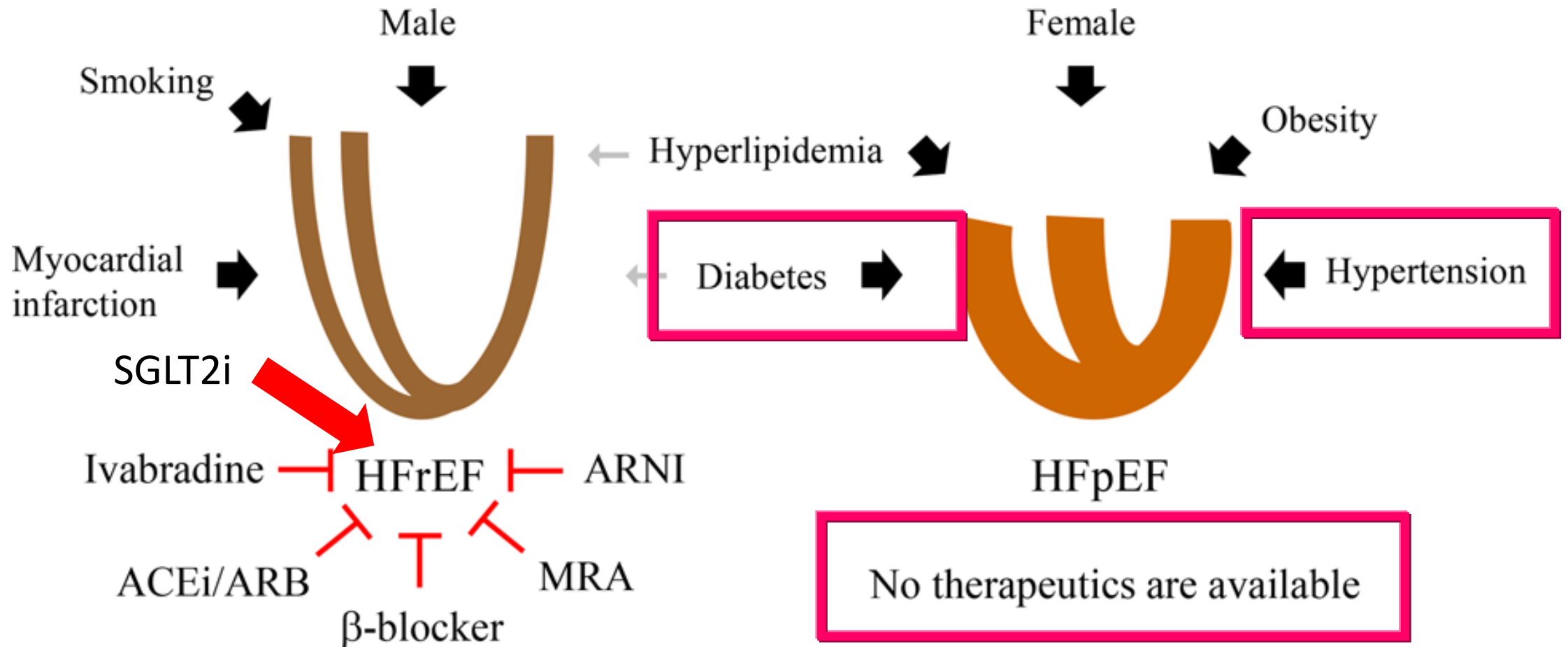
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# Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction

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# Heart Failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction: 2019



# EMPEROR-Preserved in the Context of Other Studies

Trial	Treatment arms	Primary endpoint	Results	Risk reduction	P-value
EMPEROR-Preserved (2021)	Empaglifozin vs. placebo	CV death + HHF	0.79 (0.69 – 0.90)	-21%	0.0003
PARAGON-HF	Sacubitril/valsartan vs valsartan	CV death + total (first and recurrent) HHF	0.87 (0.75 – 1.01)	-13%	0.06
TOPCAT (2014)	Spirololactone vs placebo	CV death + HHF + aborted cardiac arrest	0.89 (0.77-1.04)	-11%	0.14
I-PRESERVE (2008)	Irbesartan vs placebo	All-cause mortality + CV Hospitalization	0.95 (0.86-1.05)	-5%	0.35
PEP-CHF (2006)	Perindopril vs placebo	All-cause mortality + HHF	0.92 (0.70-1.21)	-8%	0.5
CHARM-Preserved (2003)	Candesartan vs placebo	CV death + HF	0.86 (0.74-1.00)	-14%	0.05

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Empagliflozin in Heart Failure  
with a Preserved Ejection Fraction

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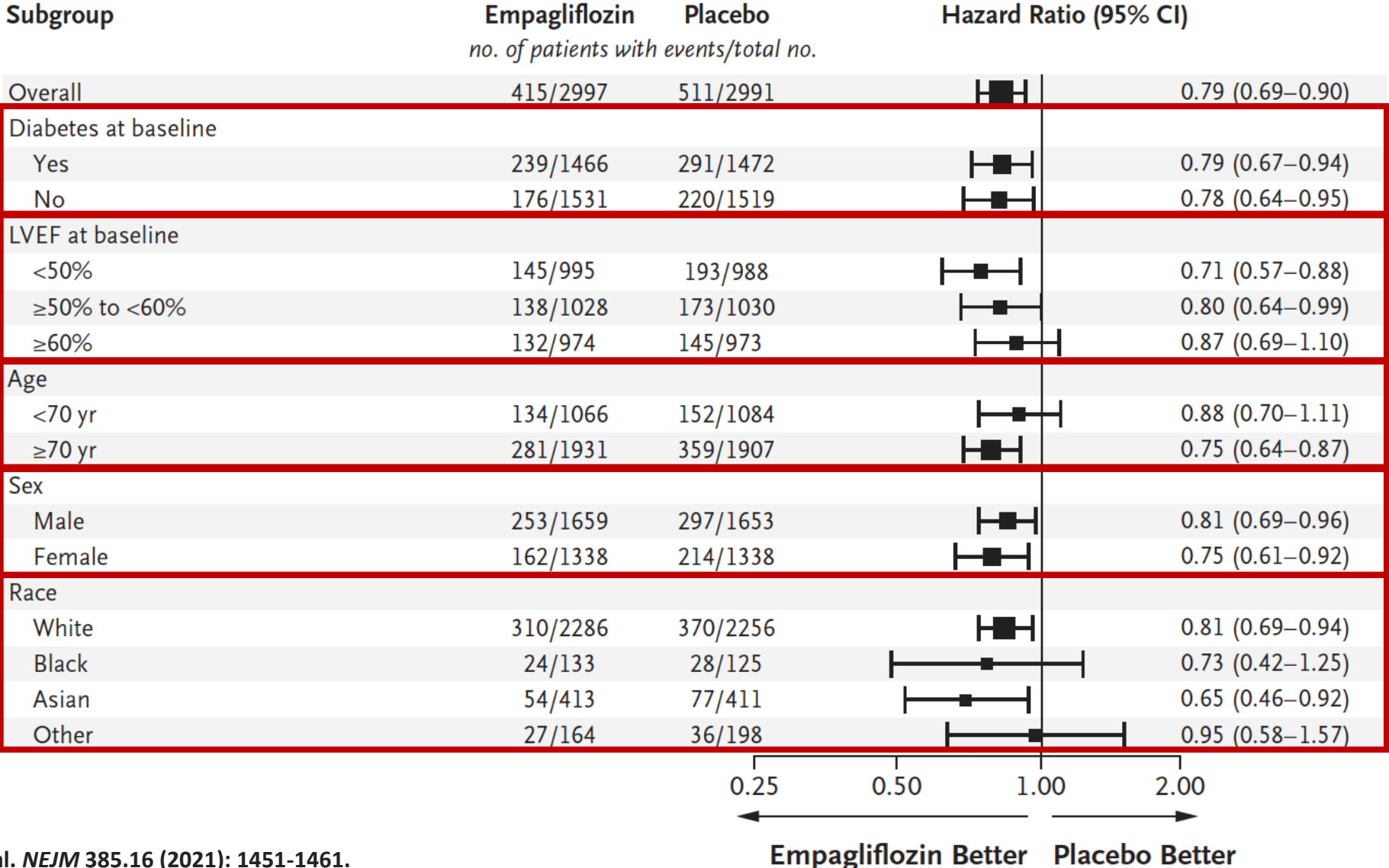
**N=5988**  
**class II–IV**  
**heart failure and**  
**ejection fraction**  
**>40%**

ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND**

Sodium–glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitors reduce the risk of hospitalization for heart failure in patients with heart failure and a reduced ejection fraction, but their effects in patients with heart failure and a preserved ejection fraction are uncertain.

# Subgroup Analysis



Anker, Stefan D., et al. *NEJM* 385.16 (2021): 1451-1461.



# Baseline Medications

Type of medication – number (%)	Empaglifozin (n=2997)
Inhibitor of RAS with or without neprilysin inhibitor	2428 (81.0)
Sacubitril/valsartan	65 (2.2)
Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist	1119 (37.3)
Beta blocker	2598 (86.7)
Digitalis glycosides	293 (9.8)

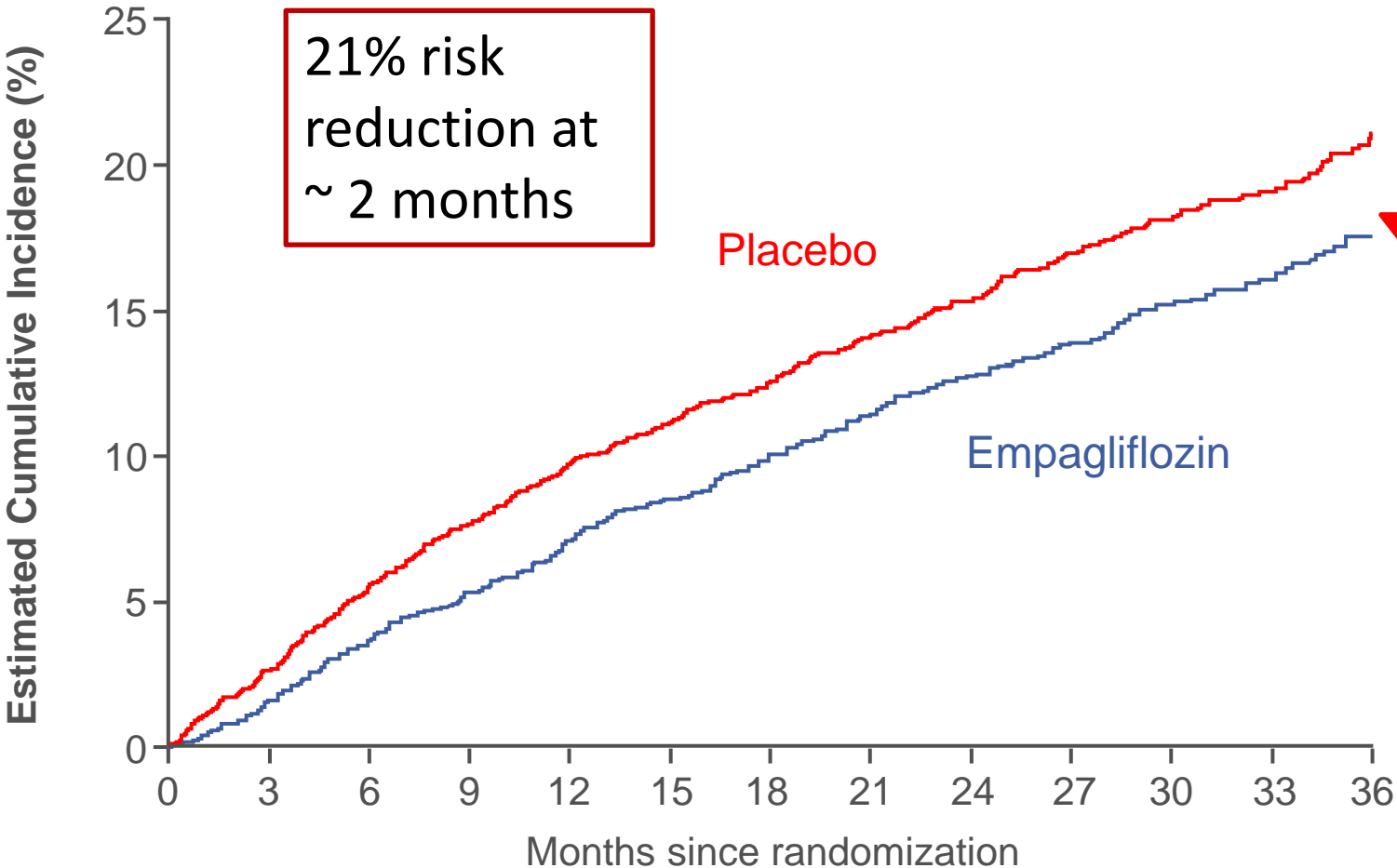


# Secondary Outcomes: Laboratory and Other Measurements

*Laboratory and other measurements (adjusted change from baseline to 52 weeks)*

Variable	Empagliflozin	Placebo	Adjusted mean difference / geometric mean ratio (95% CI)
Glycated hemoglobin (%) in patients with diabetes – mean (SE)	- 0.16 ± 0.02	0.03 ± 0.02	- 0.19 (- 0.25 to - 0.14)
Hematocrit (%) – mean (SE)	1.94 ± 0.07	- 0.41 ± 0.07	2.36 (2.17 to 2.54)
NT-proBNP (pg/mL) – median (IQR)	- 29 (- 335 to 263)	- 9 (- 286 to 322)	0.95 (0.91 to 0.99)
Body weight (kg) – mean (SE)	- 1.39 ± 0.09	- 0.11 ± 0.09	- 1.28 (- 1.54 to - 1.03)
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg) – mean (SE)	- 1.8 ± 0.3	- 0.6 ± 0.3	- 1.2 (- 2.1 to - 0.3)
Uric acid (mg/dL)	- 0.90 ± 0.03	- 0.10 ± 0.03	- 0.80 (- 0.88 to - 0.72)

# Primary endpoint – Composite of cardiovascular death or heart failure hospitalization



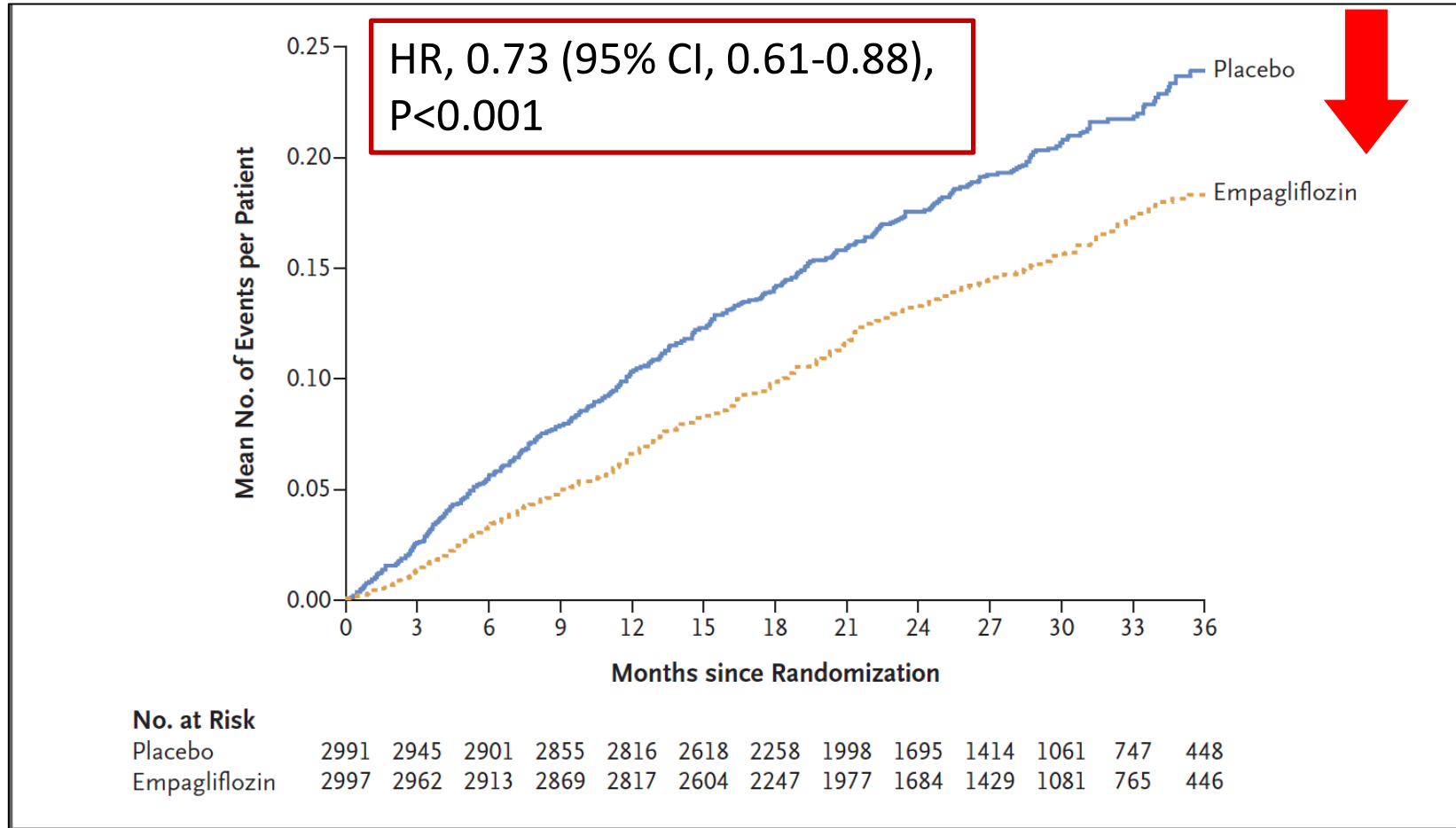
**HR 0.79**  
 (95% CI 0.69, 0.90)  
 P = 0.0003

**Empagliflozin:**  
 415 patients with event  
 Rate: 6.9 per 100 patient-years

**Placebo:**  
 511 patients with event  
 Rate: 8.7 per 100 patient-years

	Patients at risk	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
Placebo	2991	2786	2627	2066	1534	961	400						
Empagliflozin	2997	2843	2708	2134	1578	1005	402						

# Hospitalizations for HF



22% risk  
reduction at  
~ 2 months

# Primary and Secondary CV Outcomes

	Empagliflozin (n=2997)		Placebo (n=2991)		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P- value
	Number of events (%)	Events/100 patient-yrs	Number of events (%)	Events/100 patient-yrs		
Primary composite outcome – no (%)	415 (13.8%)	6.9	511 (17.1%)	8.7	0.79 (0.69 – 0.90)	<0.001
→ First hospitalization for heart failure	259 (8.6%)	4.3	352 (11.8%)	6.0	0.71 (0.60 – 0.83)	
→ Cardiovascular death	219 (7.3%)	3.4	244 (8.2%)	3.8	0.91 (0.76 – 1.09)	
→ Composite renal outcome – no (%)	108 (3.6%)	2.1	112 (3.7%)	2.2	0.95 (0.73 – 1.24)	
→ Death from any cause – no (%)	422 (14.1%)	6.6	427 (14.3%)	6.7	1.00 (0.87 – 1.15)	

# Conclusions

- HF and EF >40%, empagliflozin reduced composite of CV death and HF hospitalization by 21% (P = 0.0003) → clinically meaningful effect
- Benefit of empagliflozin on primary endpoint consistent across all pre-specified subgroups, including LVEF, sex and diabetes
- Empagliflozin reduced total (first & recurrent) hospitalizations for HF by 27% (P=0.0009)
- EMPEROR-Preserved is first trial to show unequivocal clinical benefits with a drug in patients with HF and a preserved EF

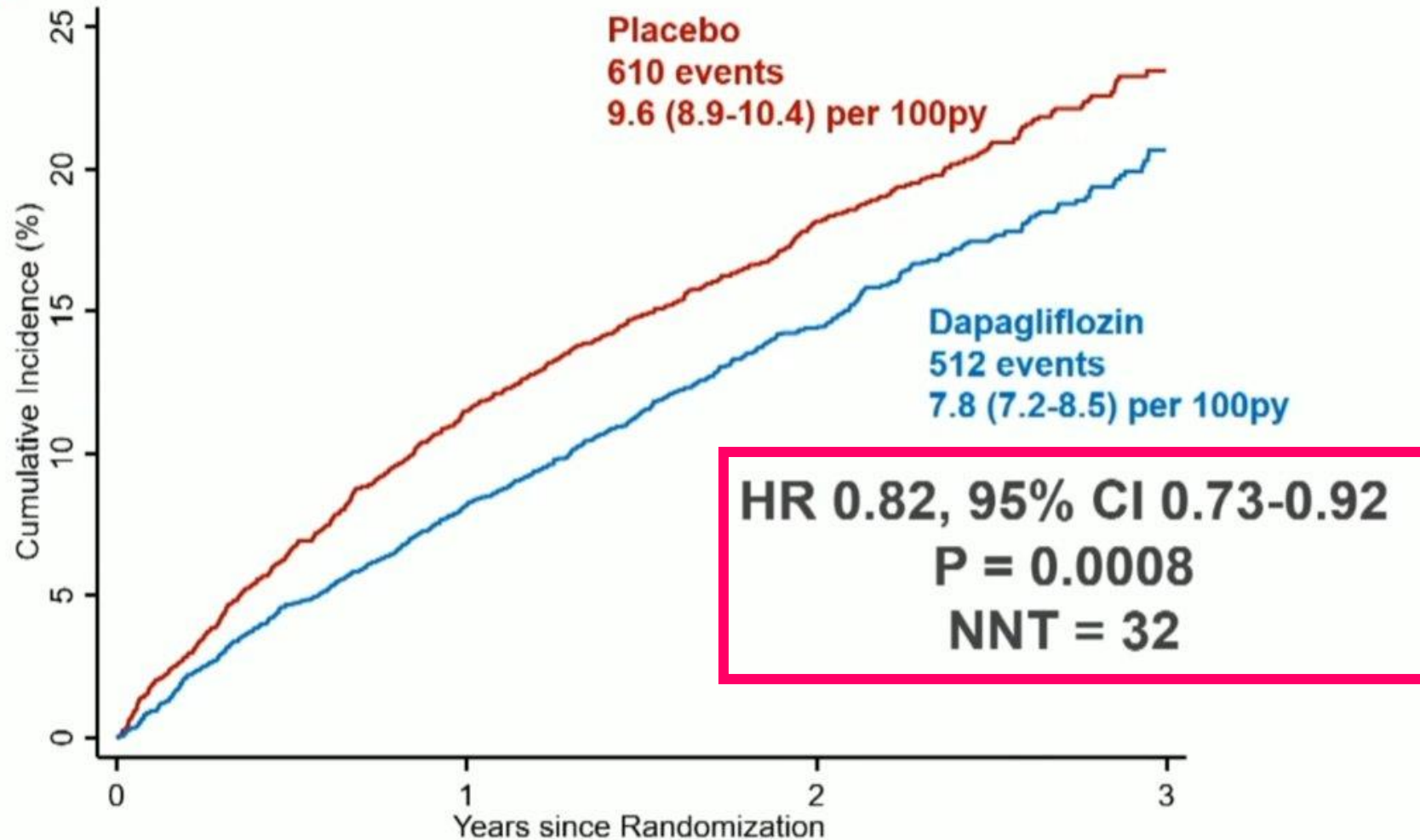
# Dapagliflozin in HF with mildly reduced or HFpEF

## Primary Endpoint: CV Death or Worsening HF


Full Population



Further evidence to support SGLT2i as foundational HF therapy

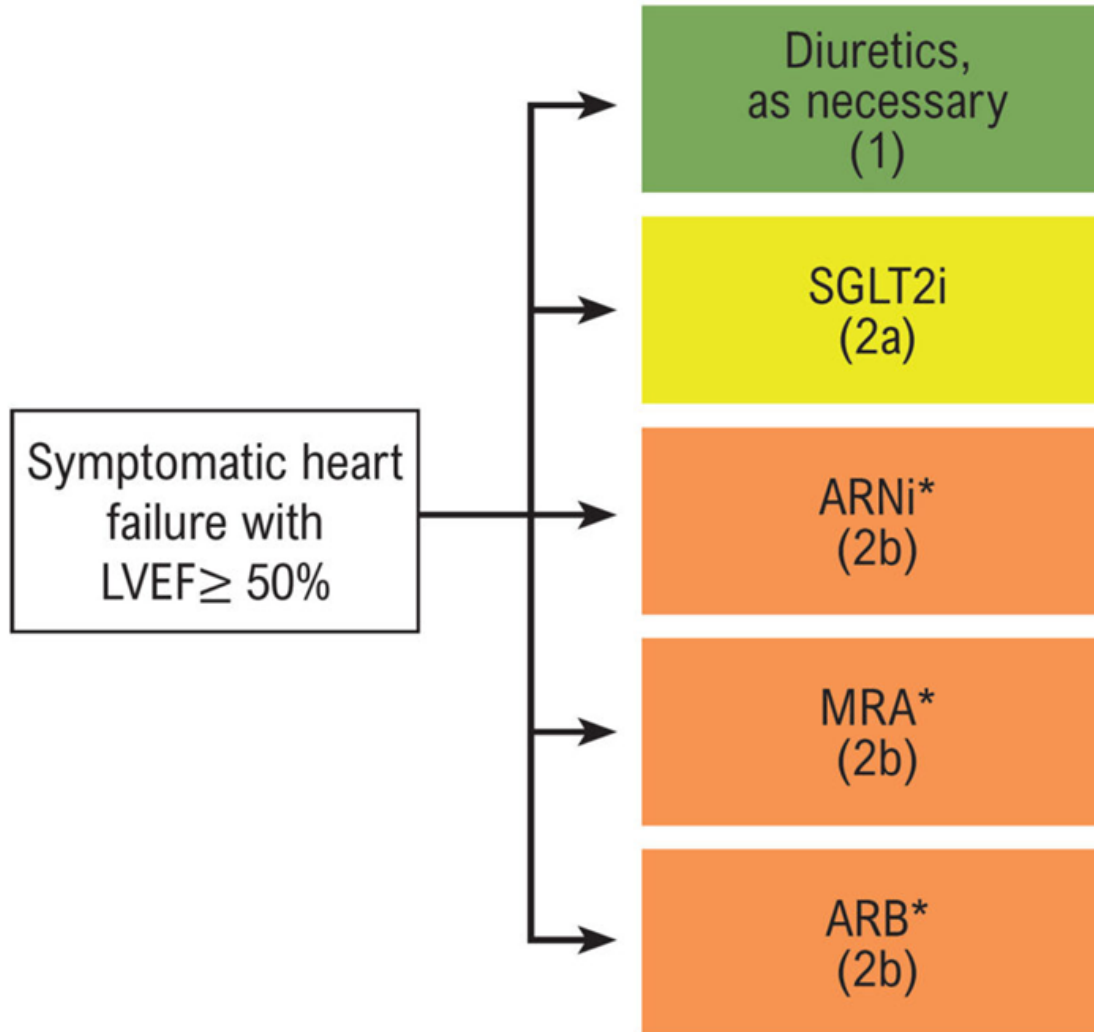


# 2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA Guideline

 • New recommendations for HFpEF: • SGLT2 inhibitors (2a) , • MRAs (2b) and ARNi (2b). • Several prior recommendations renewed including: treatment of HTN (1), treatment of AF (2a), use of ARBs (2b) avoidance of routine use of nitrates or phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors (3-no Benefit).



## Treatment of HFpEF



## 7.7. Preserved EF (HFpEF)

### 7.7.1. HF With Preserved Ejection Fraction

**Recommendations for HF With Preserved Ejection Fraction\***  
Referenced studies that support the recommendations are summarized in the Online Data Supplements.

COR	LOE	Recommendations
<b>1</b>	<b>C-LD</b>	1. Patients with HFpEF and hypertension should have medication titrated to attain blood pressure targets in accordance with published clinical practice guidelines to prevent morbidity. <sup>1-3</sup>
<b>2a</b>	<b>B-R</b>	2. In patients with HFpEF, SGLT2i can be beneficial in decreasing HF hospitalizations and cardiovascular mortality. <sup>4</sup>
<b>2a</b>	<b>C-EO</b>	3. In patients with HFpEF, management of AF can be useful to improve symptoms.

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<b>2b</b>	<b>B-R</b>	4. In selected patients with HFpEF, MRAs may be considered to decrease hospitalizations, particularly among patients with LVEF on the lower end of this spectrum. <sup>5-7</sup>
<b>2b</b>	<b>B-R</b>	5. In selected patients with HFpEF, the use of ARB may be considered to decrease hospitalizations, particularly among patients with LVEF on the lower end of this spectrum. <sup>8,9</sup>
<b>2b</b>	<b>B-R</b>	6. In selected patients with HFpEF, ARNi may be considered to decrease hospitalizations, particularly among patients with LVEF on the lower end of this spectrum. <sup>10,11</sup>
<b>3: No-Benefit</b>	<b>B-R</b>	7. In patients with HFpEF, routine use of nitrates or phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors to increase activity or QOL is ineffective. <sup>12,13</sup>

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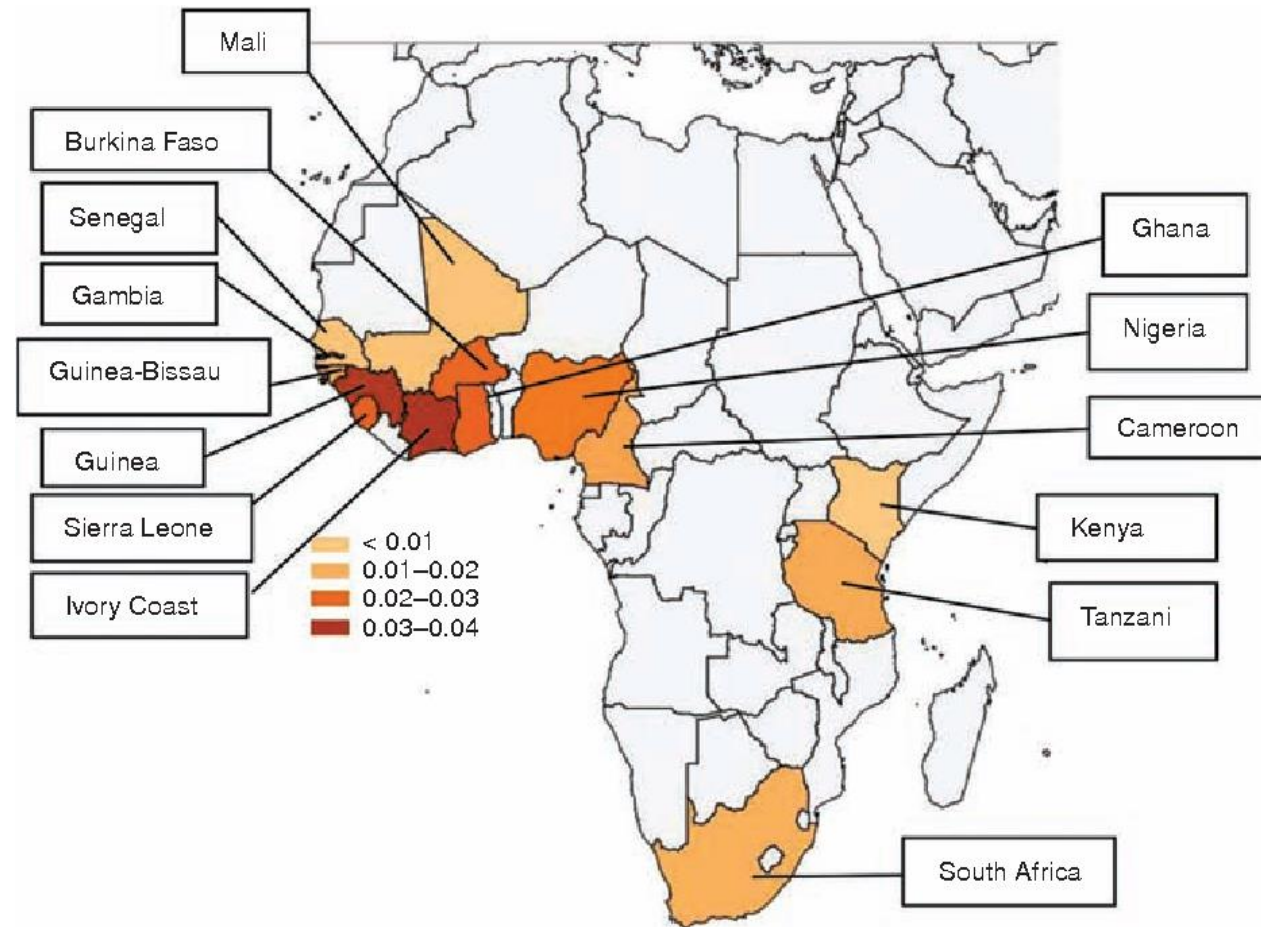
# Amyloid Cardiomyopathy

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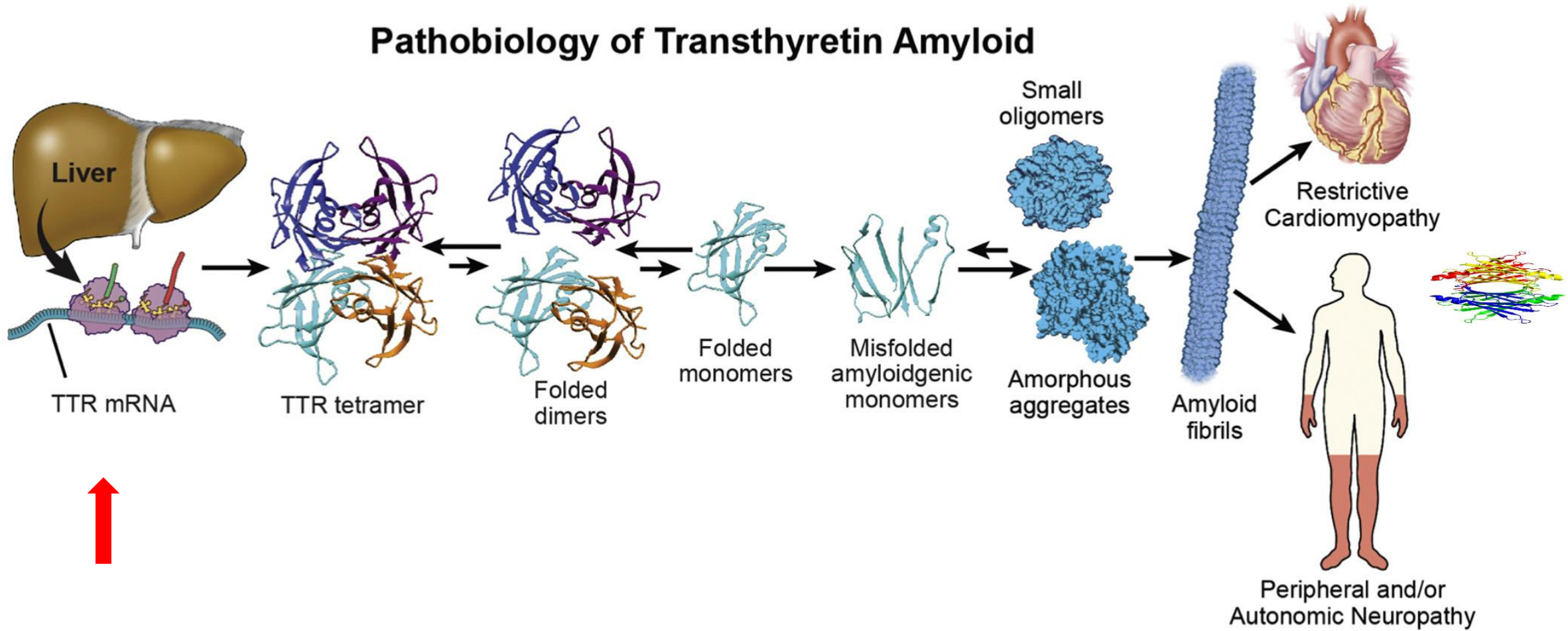
# Distribution TTR V122I Allele in Africa: Various Locales Genotyped for the V122I Allele

**DNA N  $\approx$  2,700**



# TTR V122I Cardiac Amyloidosis: An Age-dependent AD Cardiomyopathy Commonly Overlooked as Cause of Significant Heart Disease in Elderly AAs

## Pathobiology of Transthyretin Amyloid



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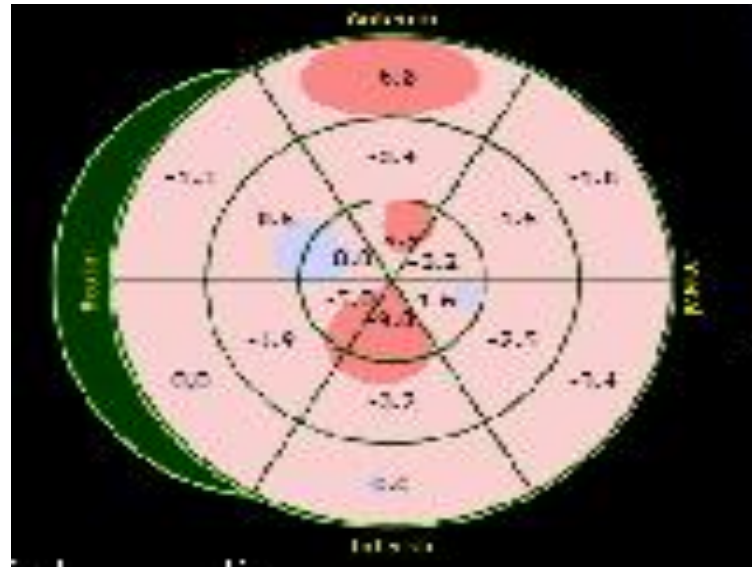
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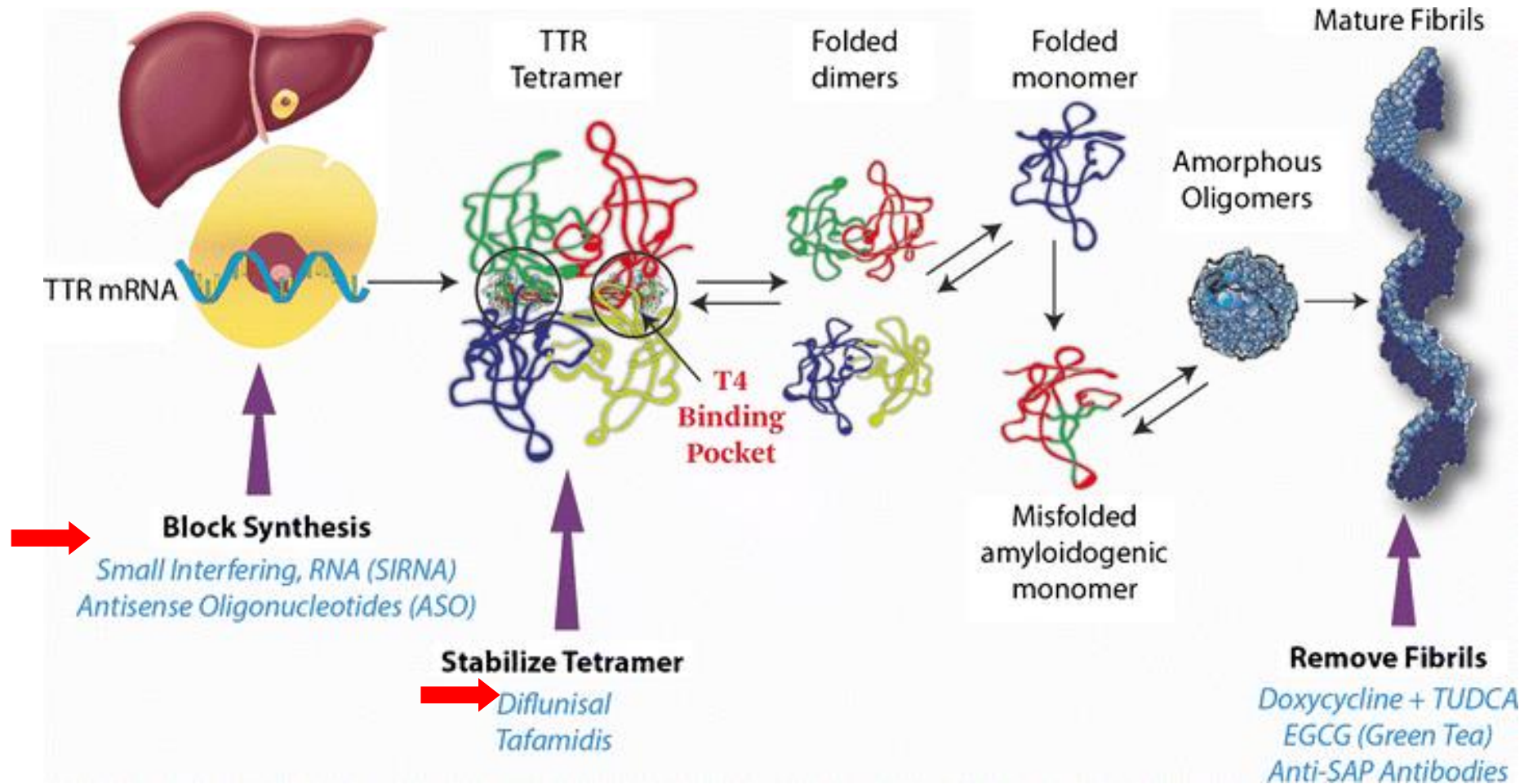
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- A fib
- EF 15-20%
- LVH
- Concentric remodeling

# Novel Drugs Targeting Transthyretin Amyloidosis



Diagnostic and Treatment Algorithm of Cardiac Amyloidosis

