

# *L'essentiel de l'année en rythmologie*

## Arythmies

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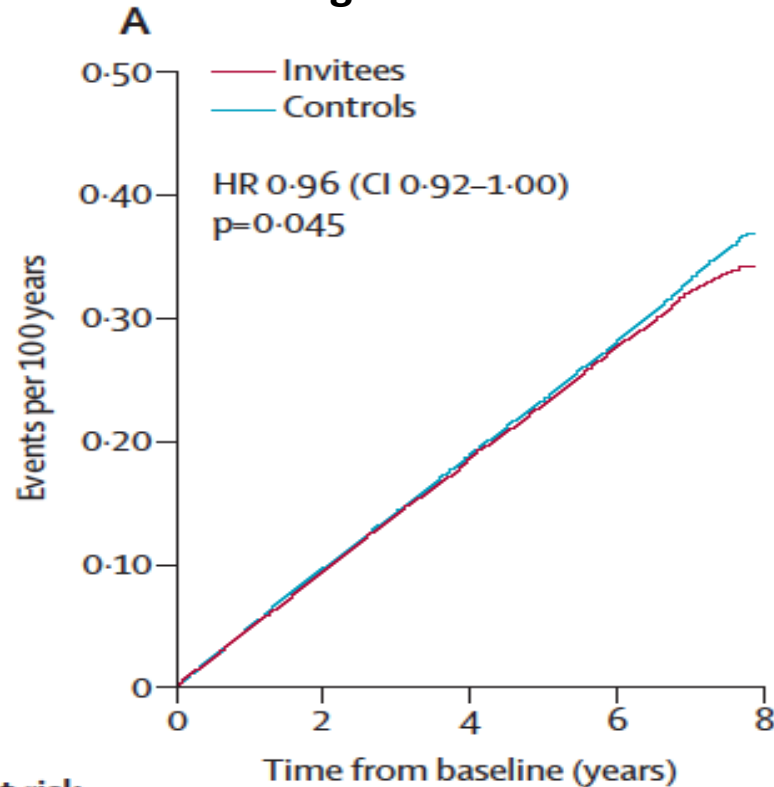
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# STROKESTOP

75 yo, intermittent ECGs for 14 days

Ischaemic or haemorrhagic stroke, SE, bleeding and all-cause death



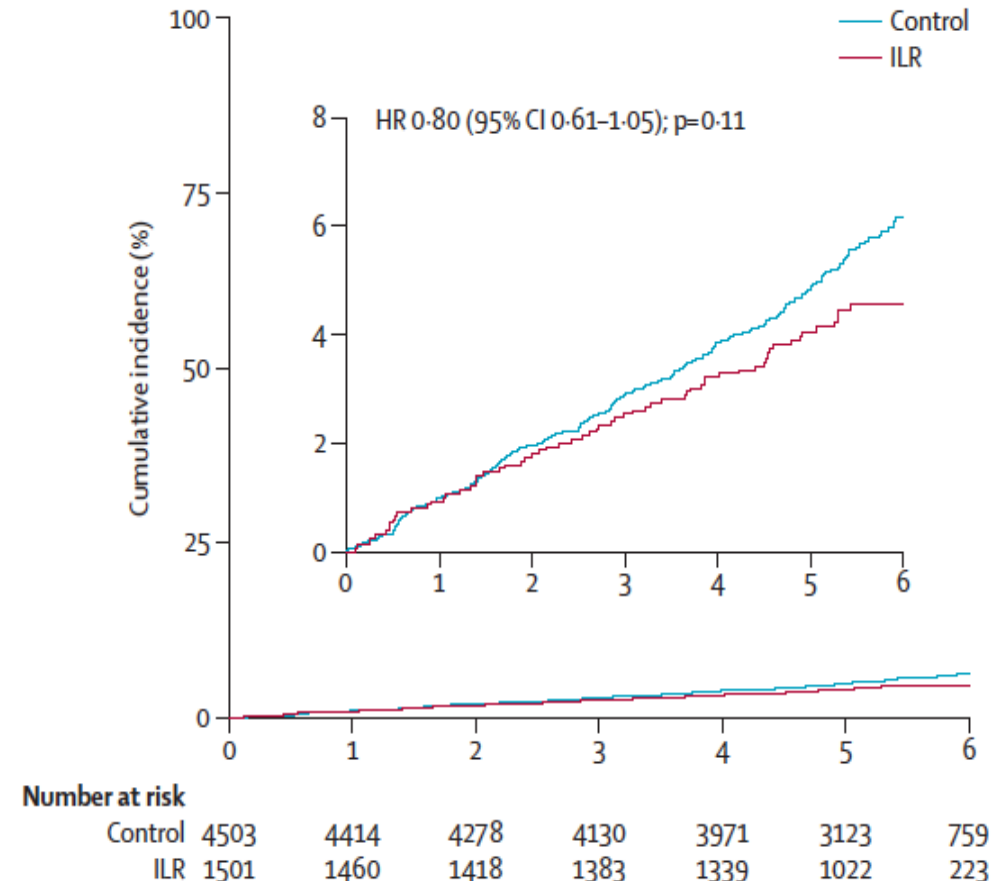
Number at risk					
	0	2	4	6	8
Invitees	13 979	12 639	11 342	9 747	..
Controls	13 996	12 614	11 300	9 727	..

Svennberg E et al. *Lancet* 2021

# LOOP

70–90 yo, ≥1 stroke risk factor, ILR

Stroke or systemic arterial embolism

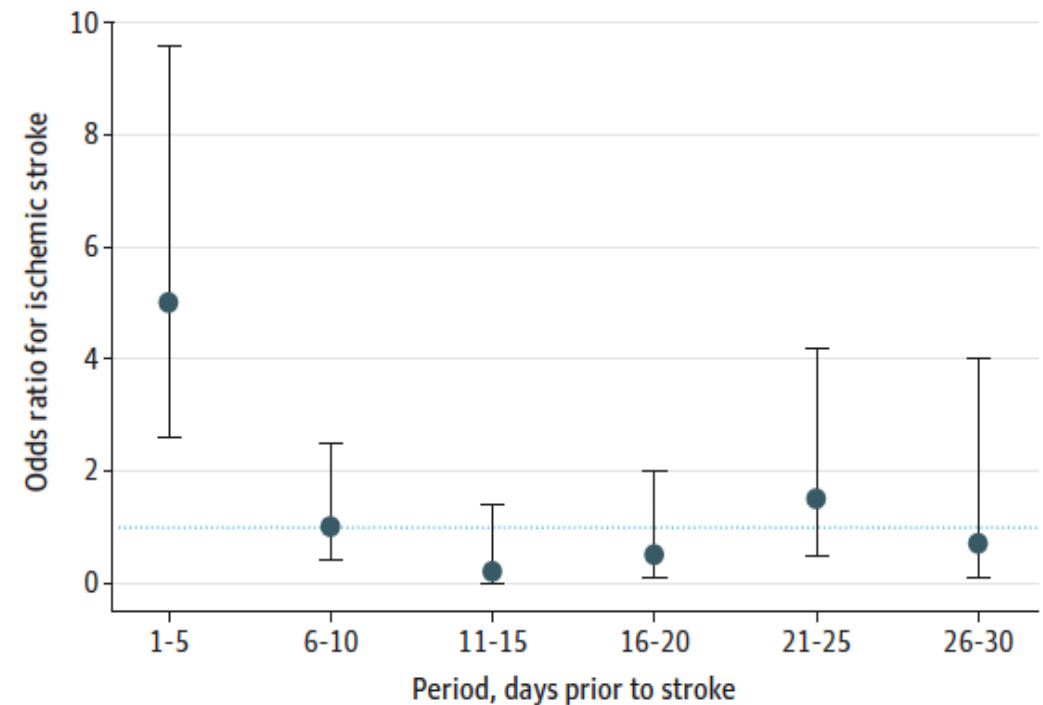


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# Temporal Association Between AF and Risk of Stroke

- 466,635 patients included in both the Optum electronic health record and CareLink databases
- 891 patients with CIEDs and ischemic stroke with continuous monitoring
- AF  $\geq 5.5$  hours on any given day during days 1-30 vs days 91-120 prestroke.
- No AF  $\geq 5.5$  hours in 2 periods: 682/891 (76.5%)
- AF  $\geq 5.5$  hours in 2 periods : 143/891 (16.0%)
- AF  $> 23$  hours on a given day: clear increase in stroke risk OR 5.0 (2.1-12.0)
- **Conclusion:** Excess stroke risk highest within 5 days of an episode of AF of  $\geq 5.5$  hours and diminished rapidly thereafter.

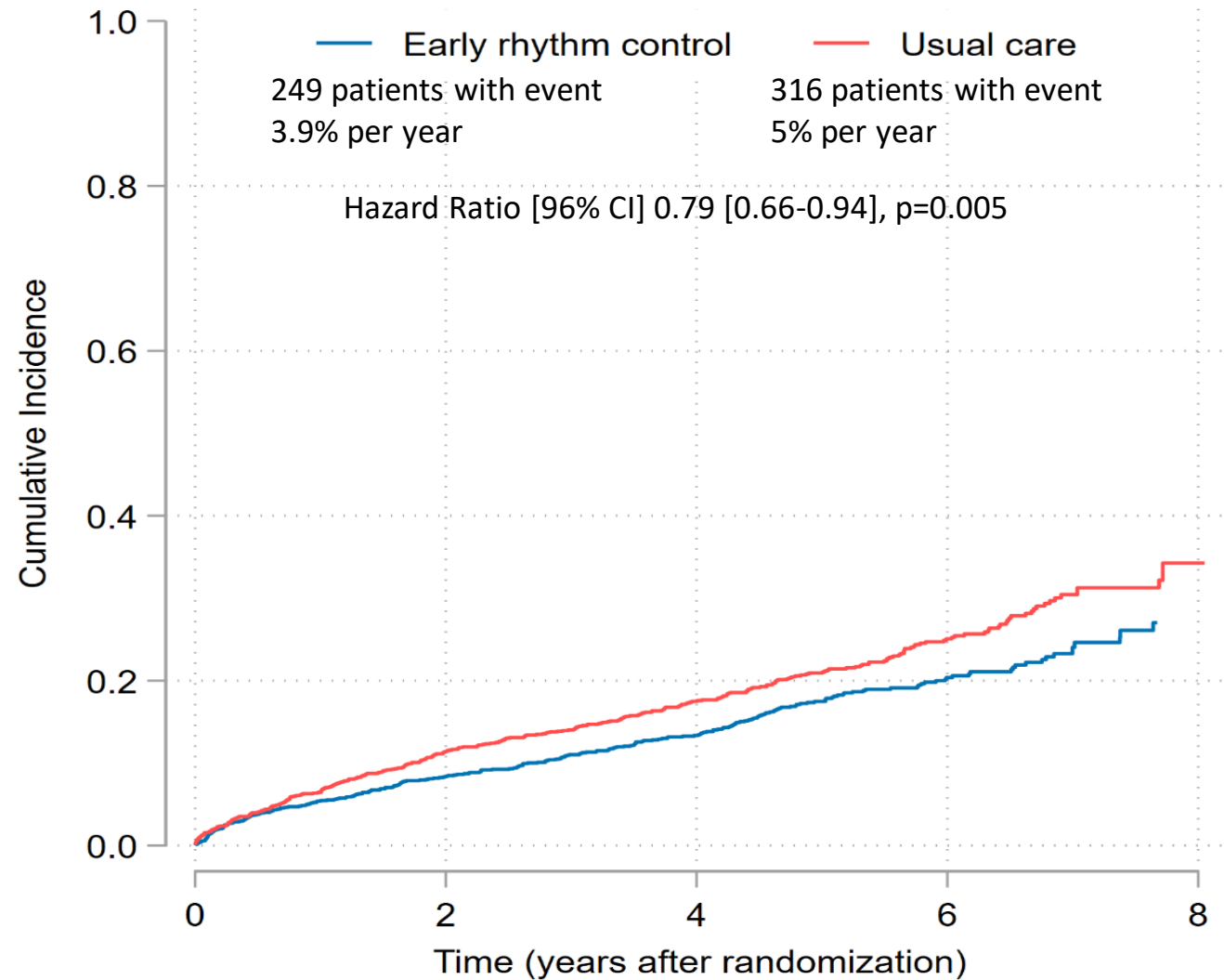
Figure. Odds Ratios for Ischemic Stroke for Sequential, Nonoverlapping 5-Day Intervals Containing at Least 1 Day With 5.5 Hours or More of Atrial Fibrillation



# EAST – AFNET 4

## Analysis of first primary outcome

Composite of CV death, stroke, or hosp. with worsening HF or ACS



Patients at risk

Early rhythm control	1395	1193	913	404	26
Usual care	1394	1169	888	405	34

Kirchhof P et al.  
*NEJM* 2020

# EAST – AFNET 4

## CONSORT diagram

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*NEJM* 2020

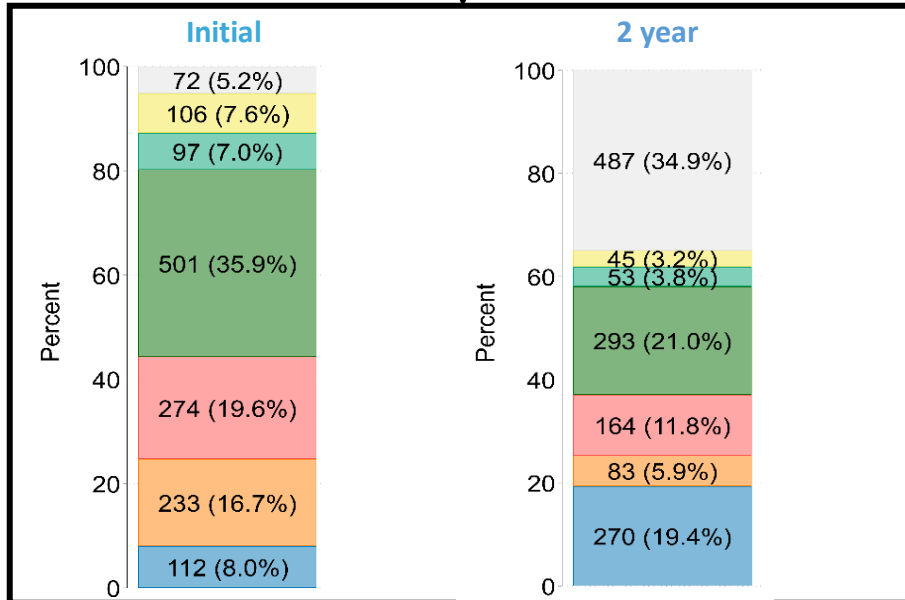
- Early AF (AF diagn. <1 year)
- + e.g. CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>VASc ≥2

2789 patients randomized by 135 sites in 11 countries

### Randomization

#### Early Rhythm Control (n=1,395)

Included in primary analysis n=1,395

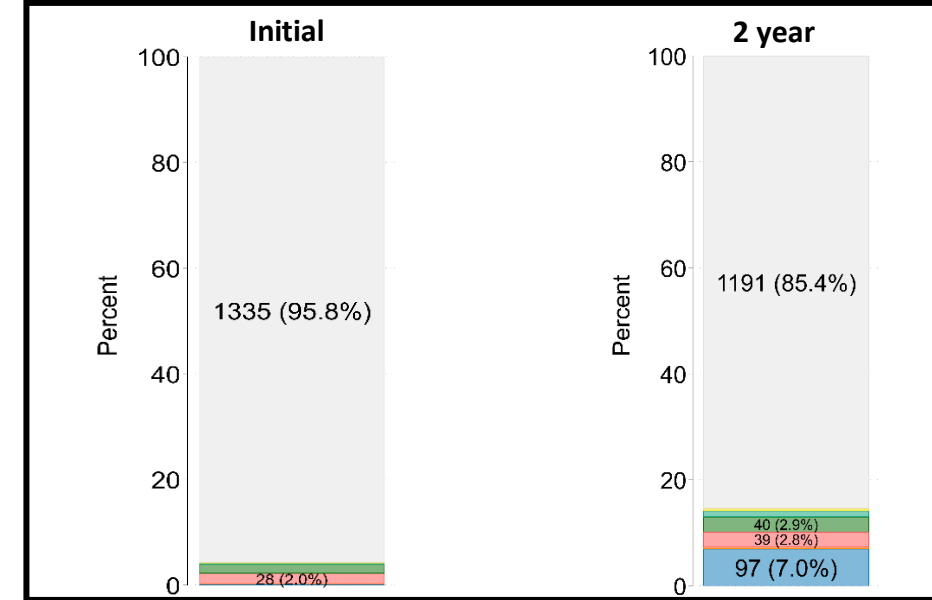


Total FU-years lost: 582/6963 (8.4%)

465 FU-years because 115 patients withdrew (6.7%)  
117 FU-years lost to follow-up in 56 patients (1.7%)

#### Usual Care (n=1,394)

Included in primary analysis n=1,394



Total FU-years lost: 409/6859 (6.0%)

299 FU-years because 79 patients withdrew (4.4%)  
110 FU-years lost to FU in 65 patients (1.6%)

## EAST – AFNET 4

### Analysis of primary and secondary outcomes

- CV death: 1 vs. 1.3/100 P-Y (HR 0.72, 95% CI 0.52-0.98)
- Stroke: 0.6 vs. 0.9/100 P-Y (HR 0.65, 95% CI 0.44-0.98)
- HF hospitalization: 2.1 vs. 2.6/100 P-Y
- ACS hospitalization: 0.8 vs. 1.0/100 P-Y
- **Secondary outcomes for rhythm control vs. usual care:**
- Nights spent in the hospital: 5.8 vs. 5.1 days
- Change in left ventricular ejection fraction at 2 years: 1.5 vs. 0.8%
- Sinus rhythm: 82.1% vs. 60.5% ( $p < 0.05$ )
- All-cause mortality: 9.9% vs. 11.8%
- Adverse event related to rhythm-control therapy: 4.9% vs. 1.4%

# EAST. Early rhythm control in AF with or w/o symptoms

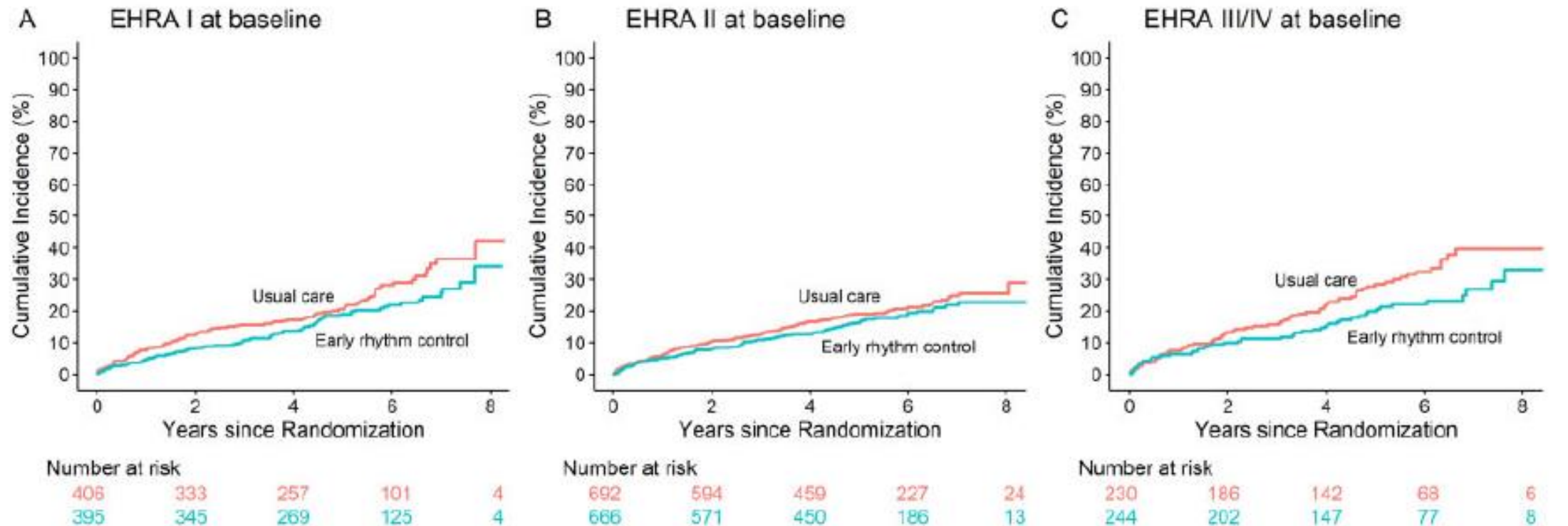
## First primary outcome

*Composite of CV death, stroke, or hosp. with worsening HF or ACS*

HR 0.77 (0.57, 1.03)

HR 0.84 (0.66, 1.09)

HR 0.68 (0.47, 0.99)

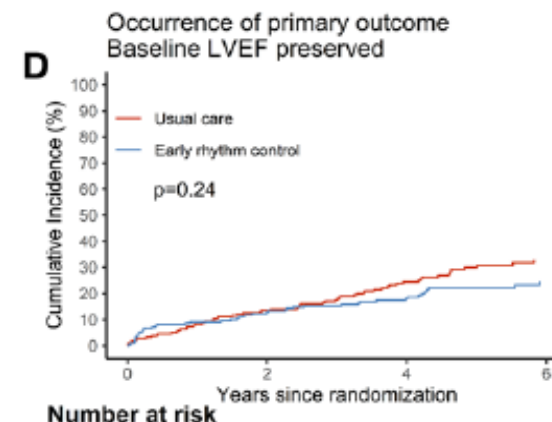
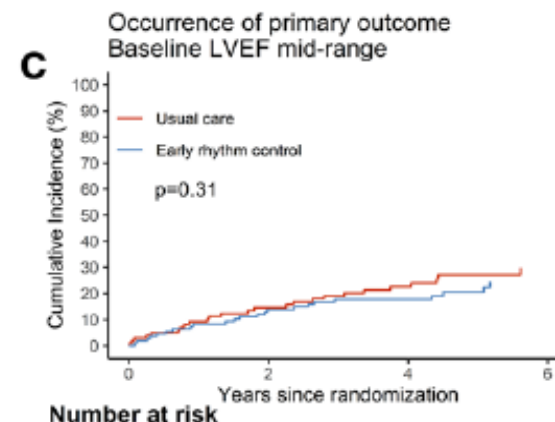
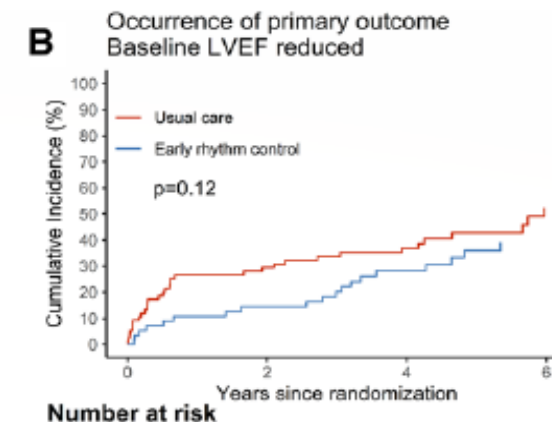
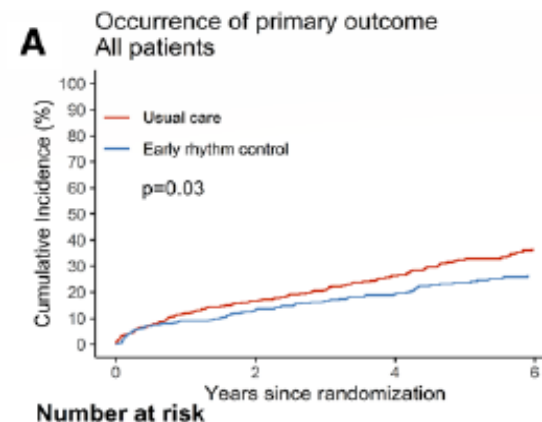
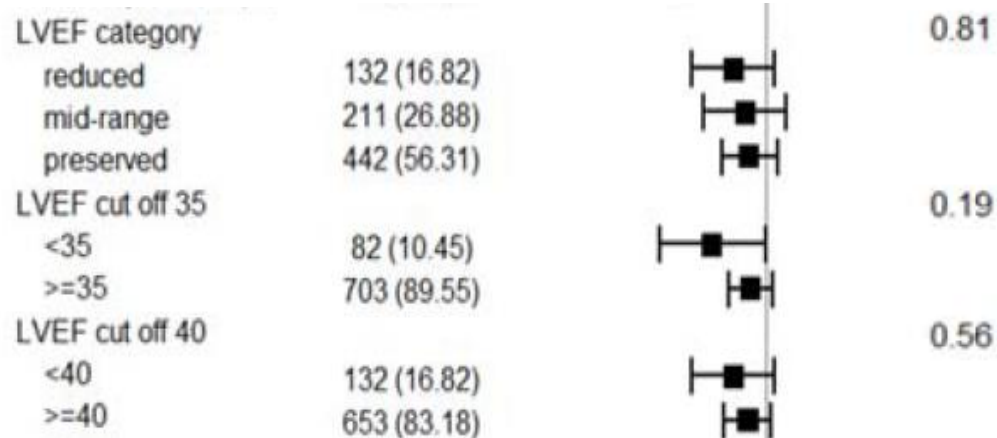




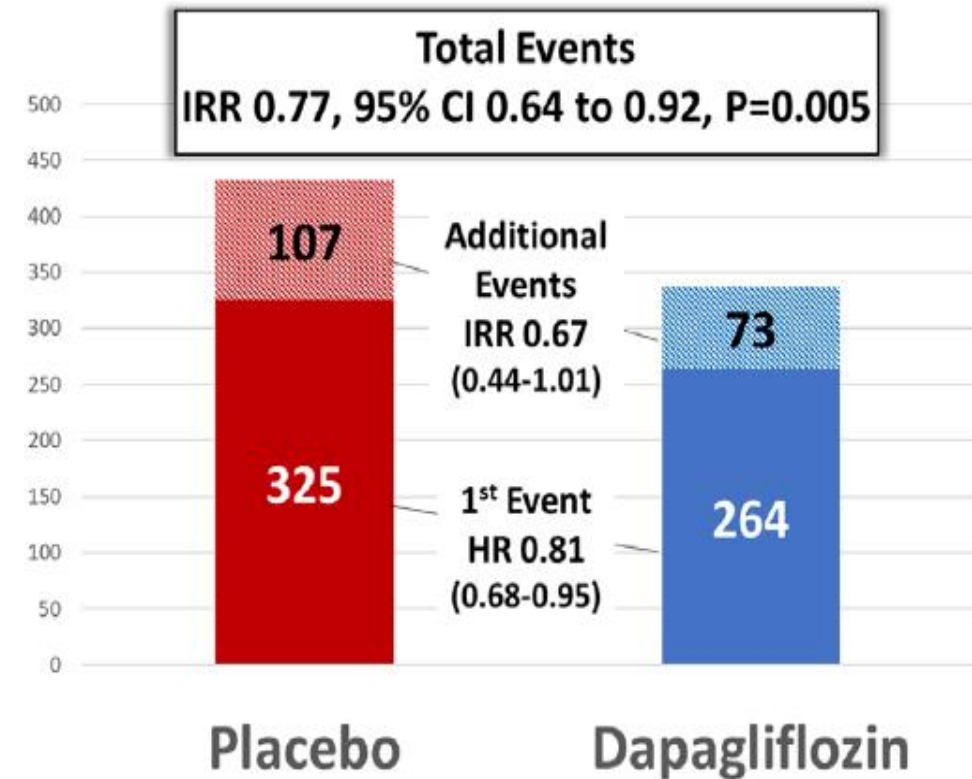
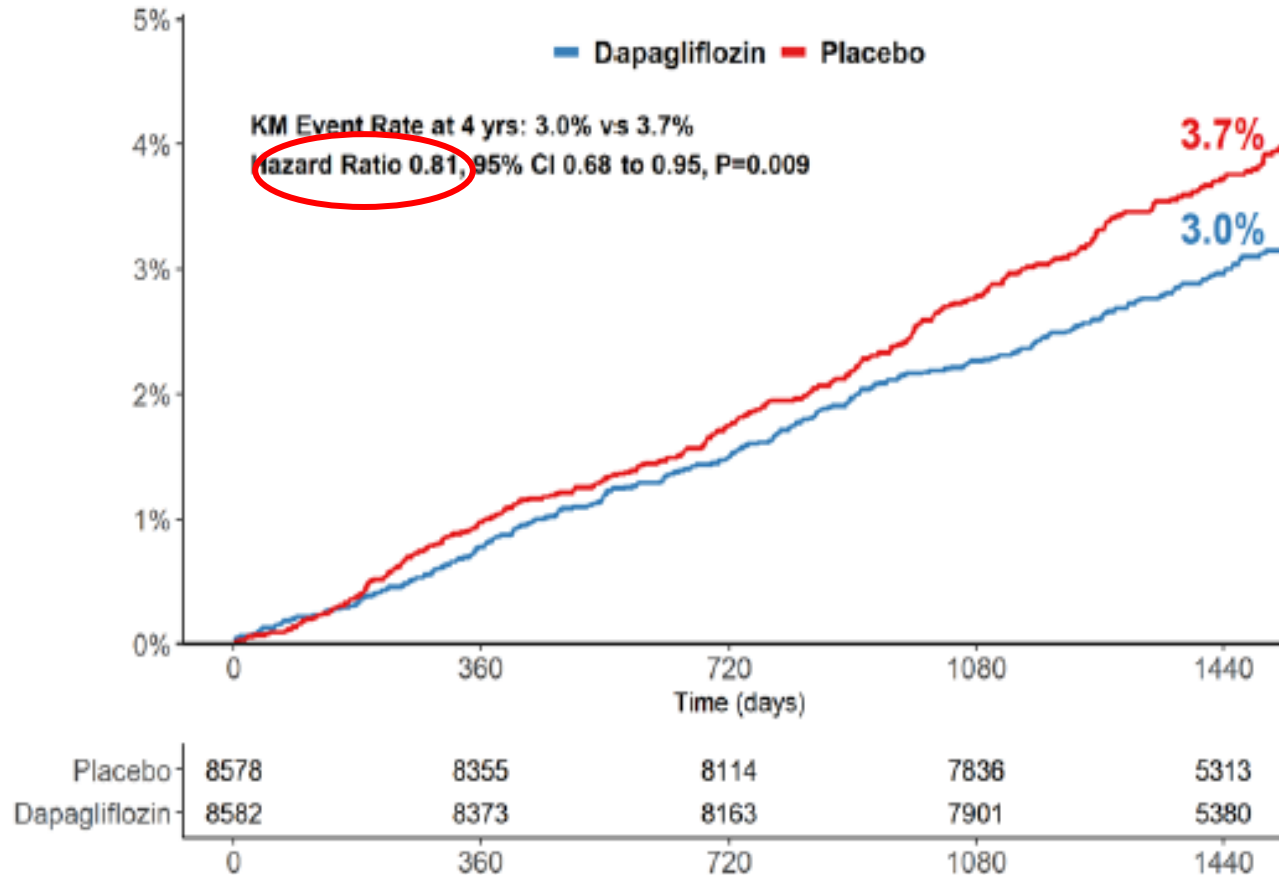
# EAST. Early rhythm control in AF with HF

## First primary outcome

*Composite of CV death, stroke, or hosp. with worsening HF or ACS*









# DECLARE-TIMI 58 Trial. Incidence of AF in T2DM

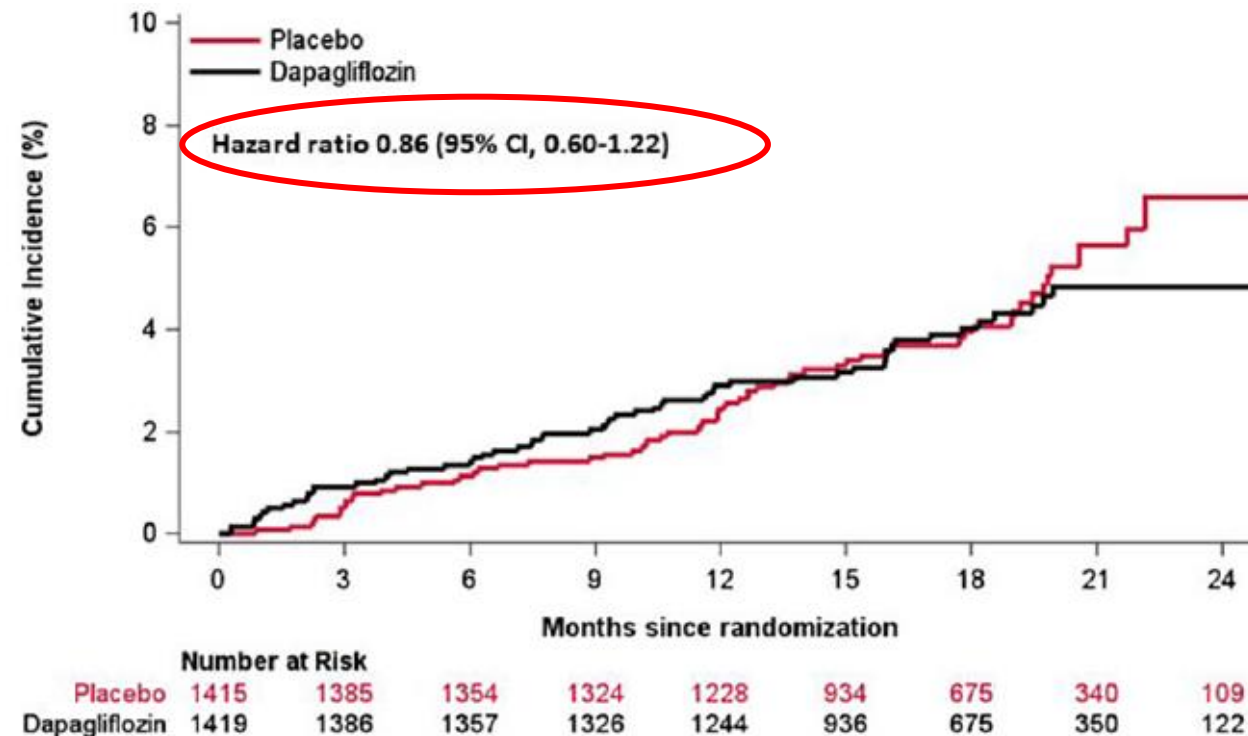


# DAPA-HF: Dapagliflozin and AF in HFrEF

**Efficacy  
in case of AF :**

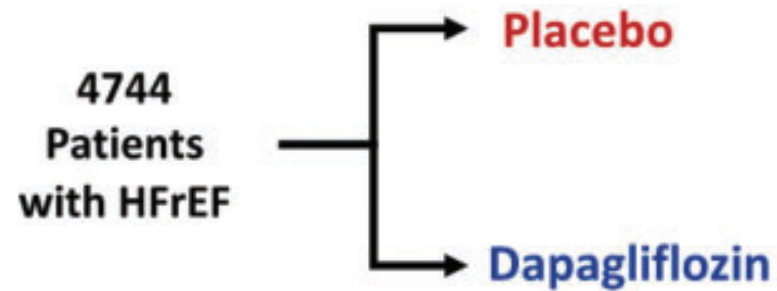
	Placebo	Dapagliflozin		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Primary outcome				
All trial patients	21.2%	16.3%		0.74 (0.65 - 0.85)
No AF	19.9%	15.0%		0.74 (0.62 - 0.88)
Any AF	23.1%	18.1%		0.75 (0.62 - 0.92)
Paroxysmal AF	21.5%	18.1%		0.83 (0.59 - 1.15)
Persistent/permanent AF	24.1%	18.2%		0.72 (0.56 - 0.92)
AF on ECG	22.5%	19.2%		0.82 (0.63 - 1.06)

**New-onset AF :**



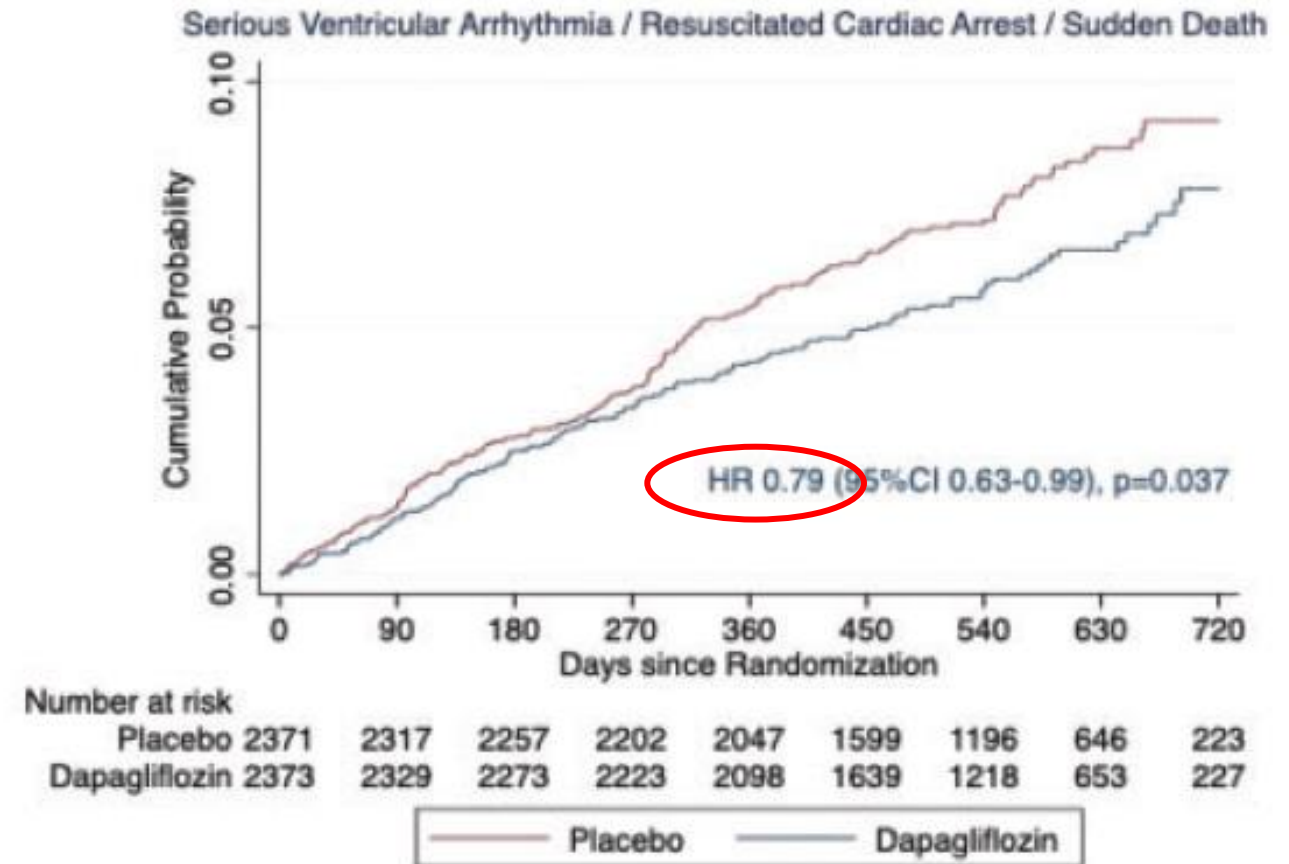
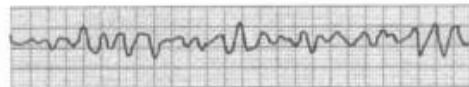
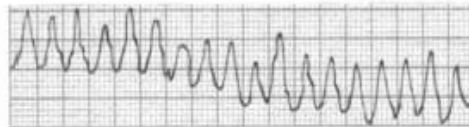
# DAPA-HF :

## Dapagliflozin and ventricular tachyarrhythmias

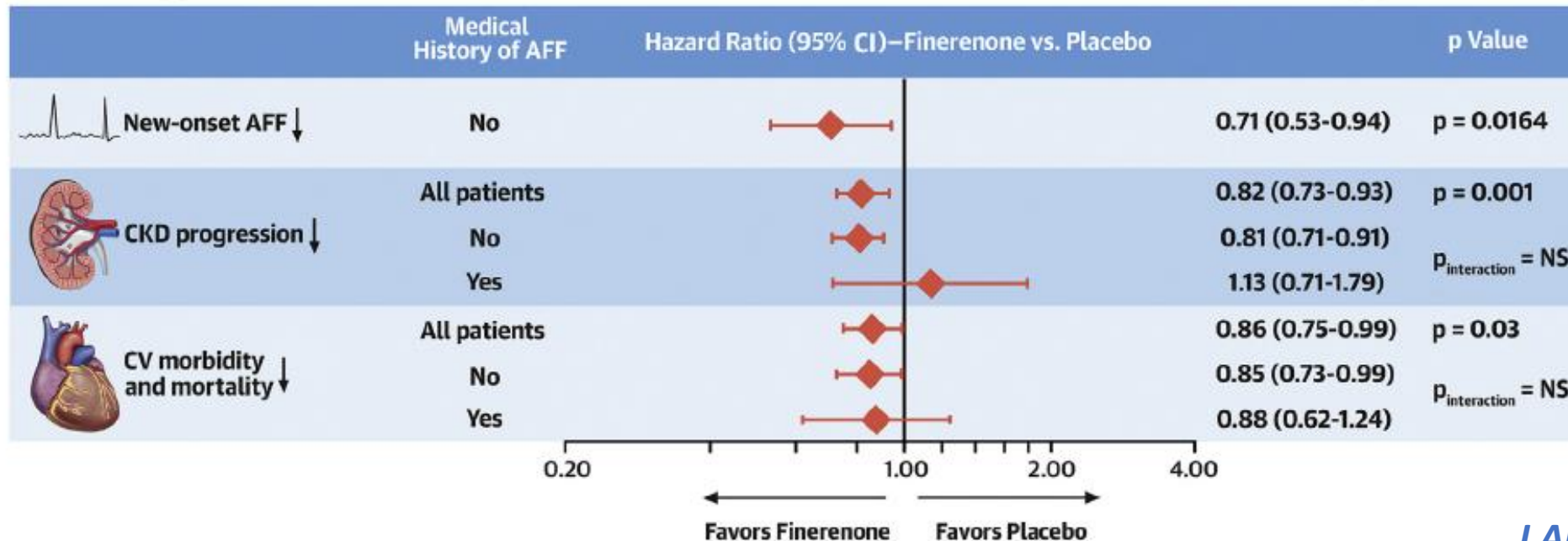
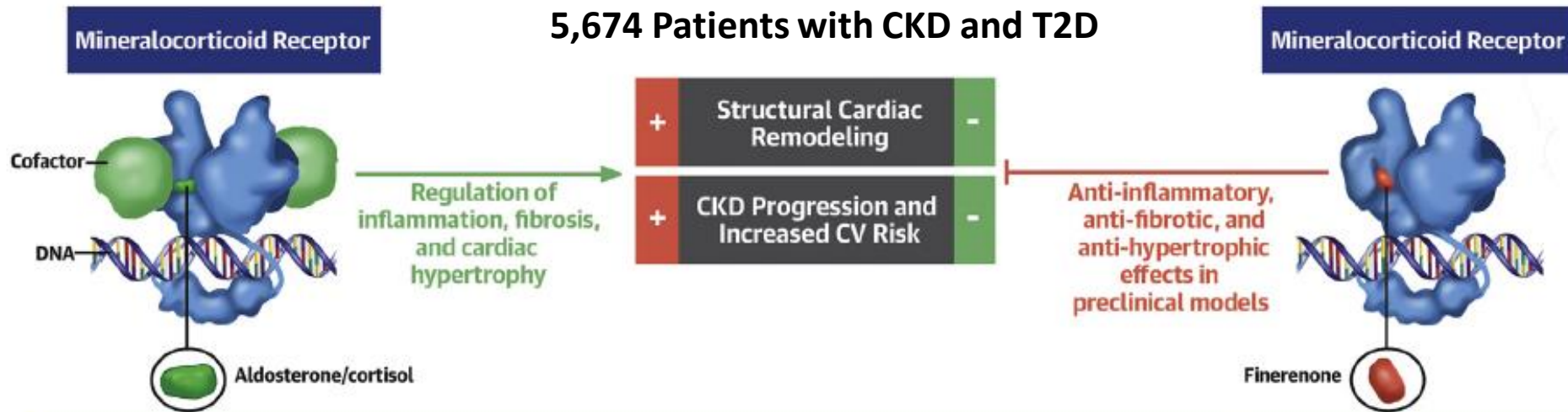


Investigator Reports (Serious Adverse Events)

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Median follow-up 18.2 months



# New-Onset AF and Outcomes in FIDELIO-DKD

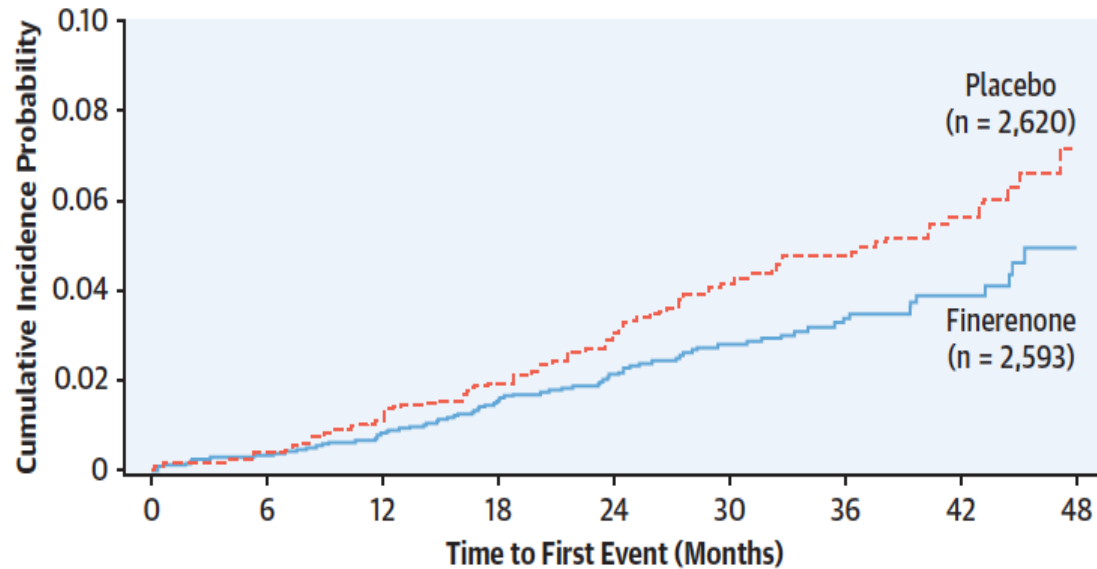




# New-Onset AF in FIDELIO-DKD

- 5,674 Patients with CKD and T2D

Finerenone = 82/2,593 (3.2%; incidence: 1.20 per 100 PY; 95% CI: 0.96-1.48)  
 Placebo = 117/2,620 (4.5%; incidence: 1.72 per 100 PY; 95% CI: 1.42-2.04)  
 HR: 0.71 (95% CI: 0.53-0.94); p = 0.0164



Number of patients at risk									
— Finerenone	2,593	2,563	2,524	2,459	1,939	1,444	961	539	109
- - - Placebo	2,620	2,580	2,532	2,463	1,914	1,446	945	552	112

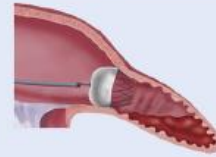
Subgroup	Finerenone n/N (n per 100 PY)	Placebo n/N (n per 100 PY)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	p Value for Interaction
All patients	82/2,593 (1.20)	117/2,620 (1.72)	0.71 (0.53-0.94)	0.48
Age at run-in visit				
<65 years	21/1,149 (0.70)	25/1,135 (0.84)	0.85 (0.47-1.52)	
≥65 years	61/1,444 (1.60)	92/1,485 (2.40)	0.67 (0.48-0.92)	0.37
Sex				
Male	59/1,767 (1.26)	91/1,848 (1.90)	0.66 (0.47-0.91)	
Female	23/826 (1.08)	26/772 (1.29)	0.89 (0.51-1.57)	0.06
Baseline eGFR				
<25 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	4/58 (2.75)	3/63 (1.99)	1.25 (0.27-5.66)	
25-44 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	51/1,349 (1.47)	56/1,381 (1.56)	0.95 (0.65-1.38)	
45-59 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	24/895 (1.01)	43/859 (1.94)	0.53 (0.32-0.87)	
≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	3/290 (0.37)	15/316 (1.74)	0.22 (0.06-0.76)	
Baseline potassium				0.12
≤4.4 mEq/l (median)	43/1,480 (1.10)	73/1,475 (1.87)	0.58 (0.40-0.85)	
>4.4 mEq/l (median)	39/1,112 (1.34)	44/1,144 (1.51)	0.92 (0.60-1.42)	0.19
Baseline SBP				
≤138.3 mm Hg (median)	28/1,263 (0.84)	51/1,299 (1.50)	0.56 (0.35-0.88)	0.13
>138.3 mm Hg (median)	54/1,327 (1.56)	66/1,319 (1.93)	0.83 (0.58-1.18)	
Baseline BMI				0.32
<30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	25/1,234 (0.77)	49/1,255 (1.51)	0.53 (0.33-0.86)	
≥30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	57/1,348 (1.62)	68/1,360 (1.91)	0.84 (0.59-1.19)	0.49
Baseline HbA1c				
≤7.5%	34/1,316 (0.97)	57/1,360 (1.59)	0.60 (0.39-0.92)	0.39
>7.5%	48/1,270 (1.46)	60/1,256 (1.86)	0.81 (0.55-1.18)	
SGLT-2i at baseline				0.39
No	80/2,485 (1.22)	111/2,493 (1.71)	0.72 (0.54-0.96)	
Yes	2/108 (0.72)	6/127 (1.8)	0.41 (0.08-2.03)	0.39
GLP-1RA at baseline				
No	77/2,421 (1.21)	106/2,430 (1.68)	0.73 (0.55-0.99)	0.39
Yes	5/172 (1.08)	11/190 (2.16)	0.45 (0.16-1.31)	

# LAAC Vs DOACs: Long-Term Results of PRAGUE-17

## PRAGUE-17 Trial: Long-Term (4-Year) Follow-Up

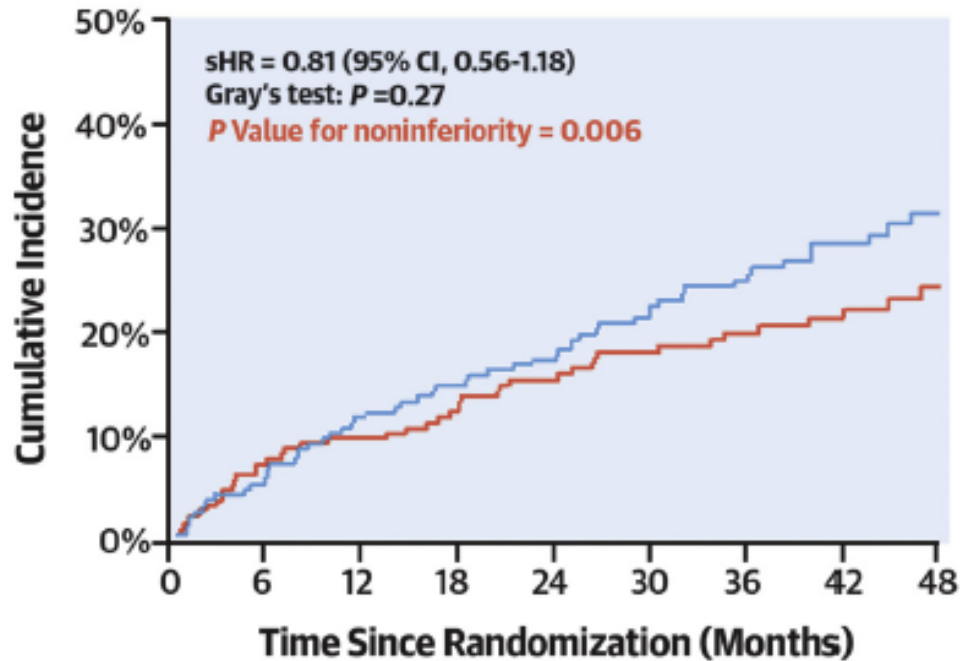


- 402 High-risk AF pts → Randomized
  - CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASC =  $4.7 \pm 1.5$
  - HAS-BLED =  $3.1 \pm 0.9$
- Median Follow-up: 3.5 years (IQR 2.6-4.3), 1,354 pt-year



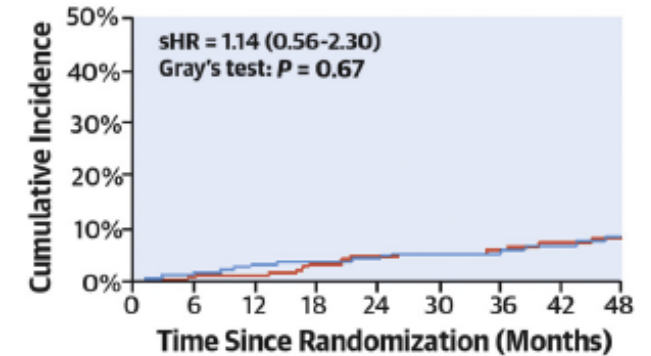
## Primary Endpoint

Stroke, TIA, SE, CV Death, Bleeding or Complications

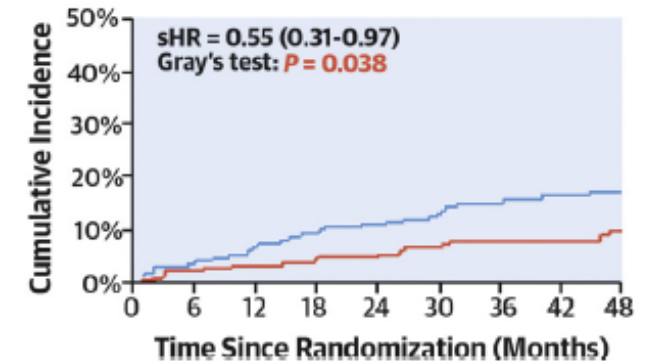


— LAAC — DOAC

## Stroke or TIA

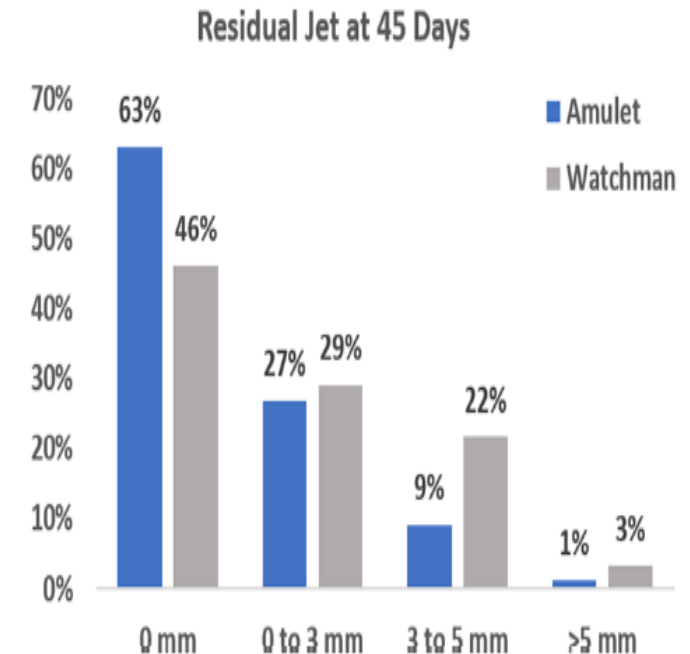
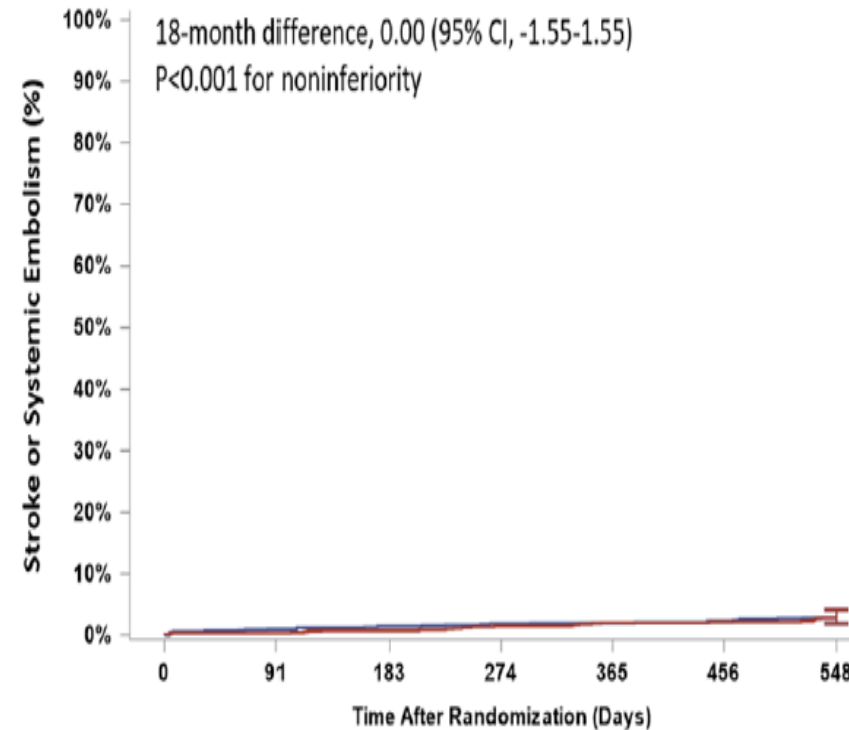
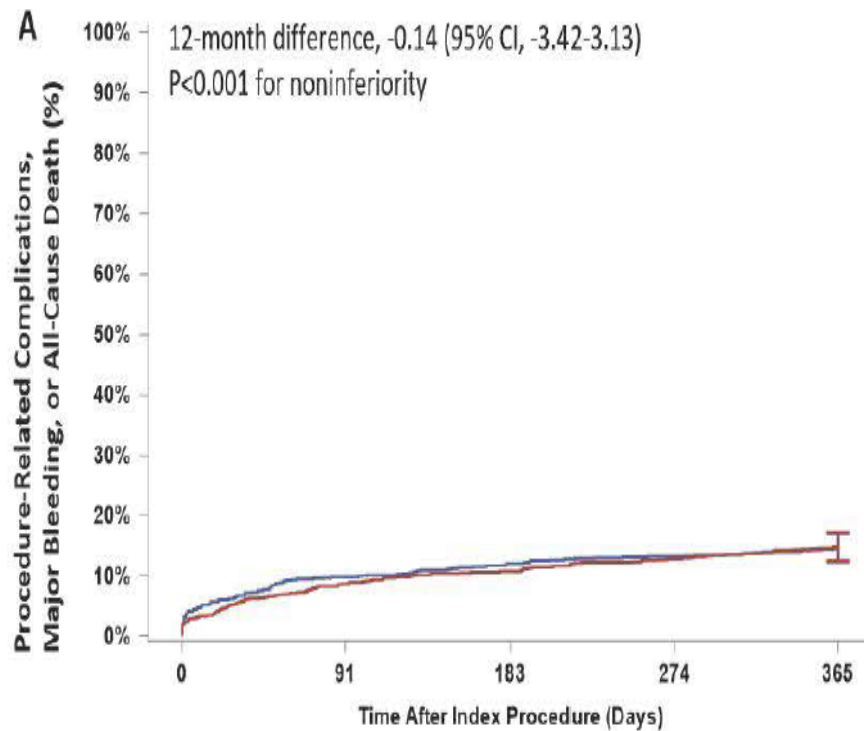


## Non-Procedural Clinically Relevant Bleeding



# Amulet IDE Trial

- 1878 patients randomized to Amulet LAA occluder vs Watchman device
- Safety at 12-month FU, efficacy at 18-month FU



Amulet 903  
Watchman 896

813  
810

790  
787

778  
757

763  
728

Amulet 934  
Watchman 944

900  
903

882  
881

867  
850

854  
818

837  
797

804  
743



# Biventricular Myocardial Fibrosis in Brugada Syndrome

- 28 hearts from consecutive sudden death cases attributed to BrS
- 29 hearts from a comparator group with noncardiac deaths (controls)
- Collagen and tissue composition with image analysis software

## 28 BrS decedents

- 75% men; median age death 25 years
- Death in sleep or at rest: 24/28 (86%).
- Highest proportion of collagen in the epicardial RVOT of the BrS group (23.7%).
- Higher proportion of collagen in ventricular myocardium for BrS decedents vs control (ratio 1.45; 95% CI 1.22-1.71;  $p < 0.001$ )

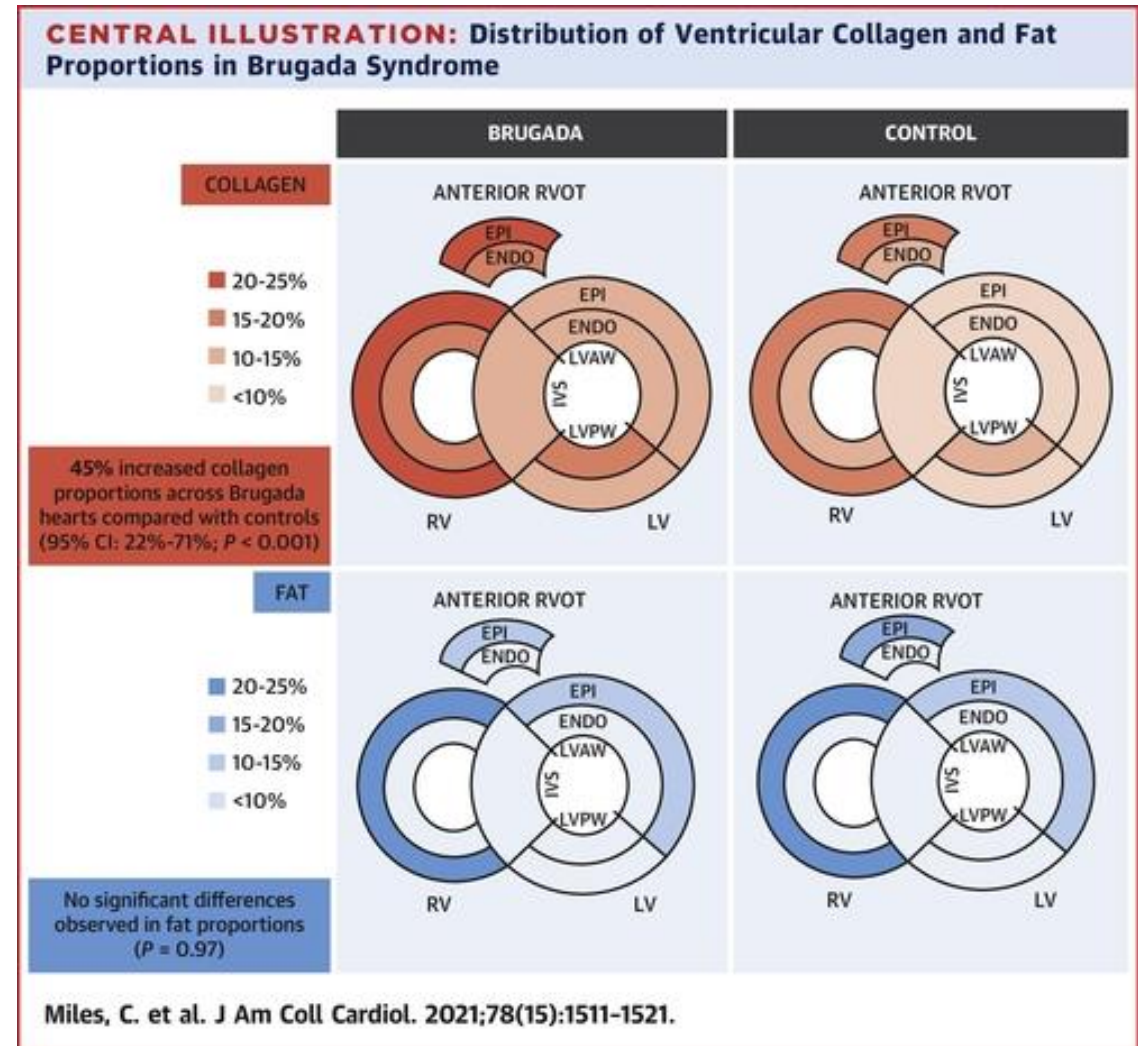
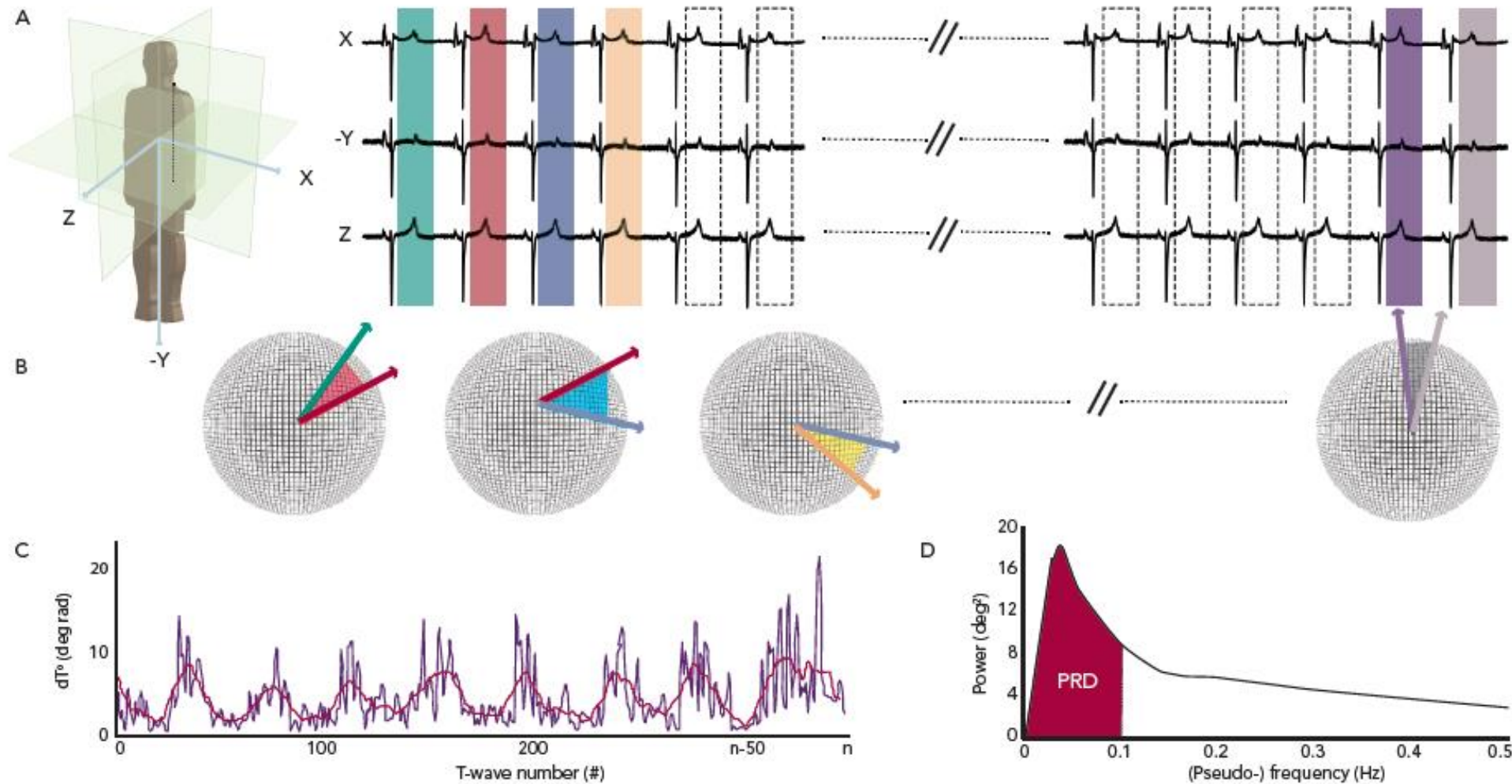


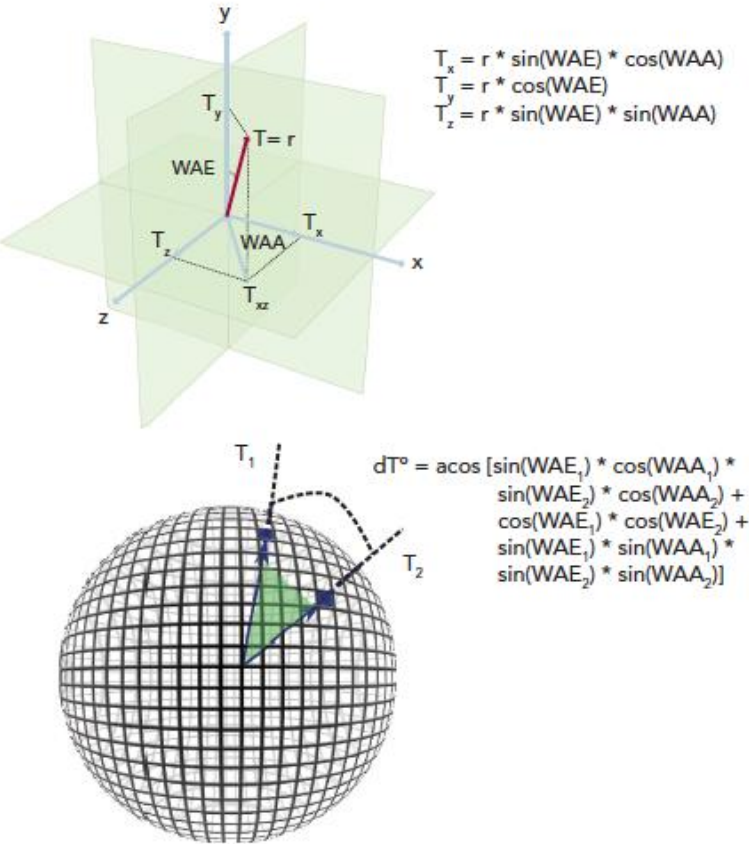
Figure 1. Calculation of Periodic Repolarisation Dynamics



A: Assessment of PRD using a surface ECG recorded in the Frank leads configuration. B: Each T-wave is condensed into a weight-averaged vector of repolarisation ( $T^*$ ). B and C: The angle  $dT^*$  between two successive repolarisation vectors  $T^*$  is illustrated in the virtual spheres (B) and is calculated for the entire ECG (C). D: The emerging signal features periodic modulations in the low-frequency range (red line). PRD was quantified by means of wavelet analysis. PRD = periodic repolarisation dynamic.

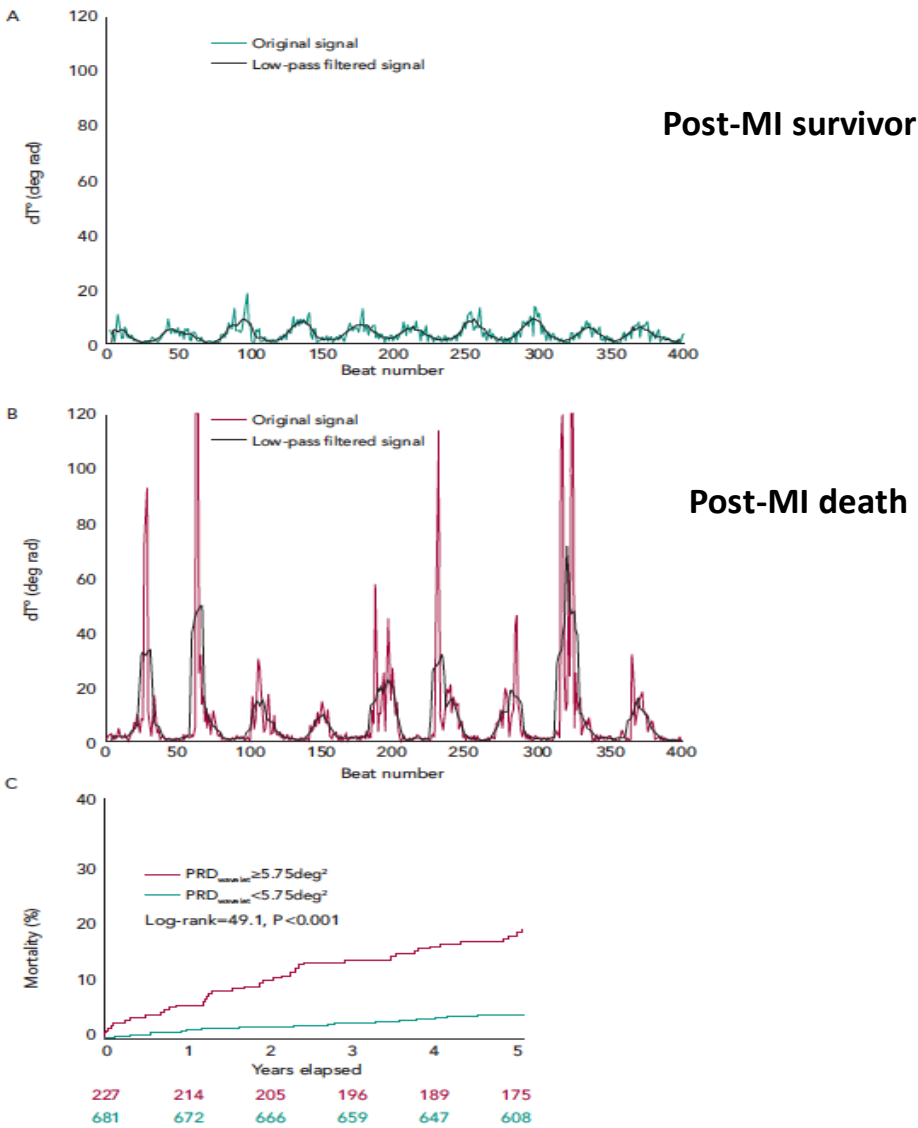
# Periodic Repolarisation Dynamics

Figure 2: Calculation of the Angle  $dT^\circ$  Between Two Successive Repolarisation Vectors  $T_1$  and  $T_2$



Projection of a vector  $T$  on the three orthogonal axes  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  (upper panel). Two repolarisation vectors  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  with length  $r$  are projected on a virtual sphere (lower panel). The dot product of the two vectors is used to calculate the angle  $dT^\circ$  between  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ .  $WAA$  = weight-averaged azimuth;  $WAE$  = weight-averaged elevation.

Figure 3: Periodic Repolarisation Dynamics in post-MI Patients

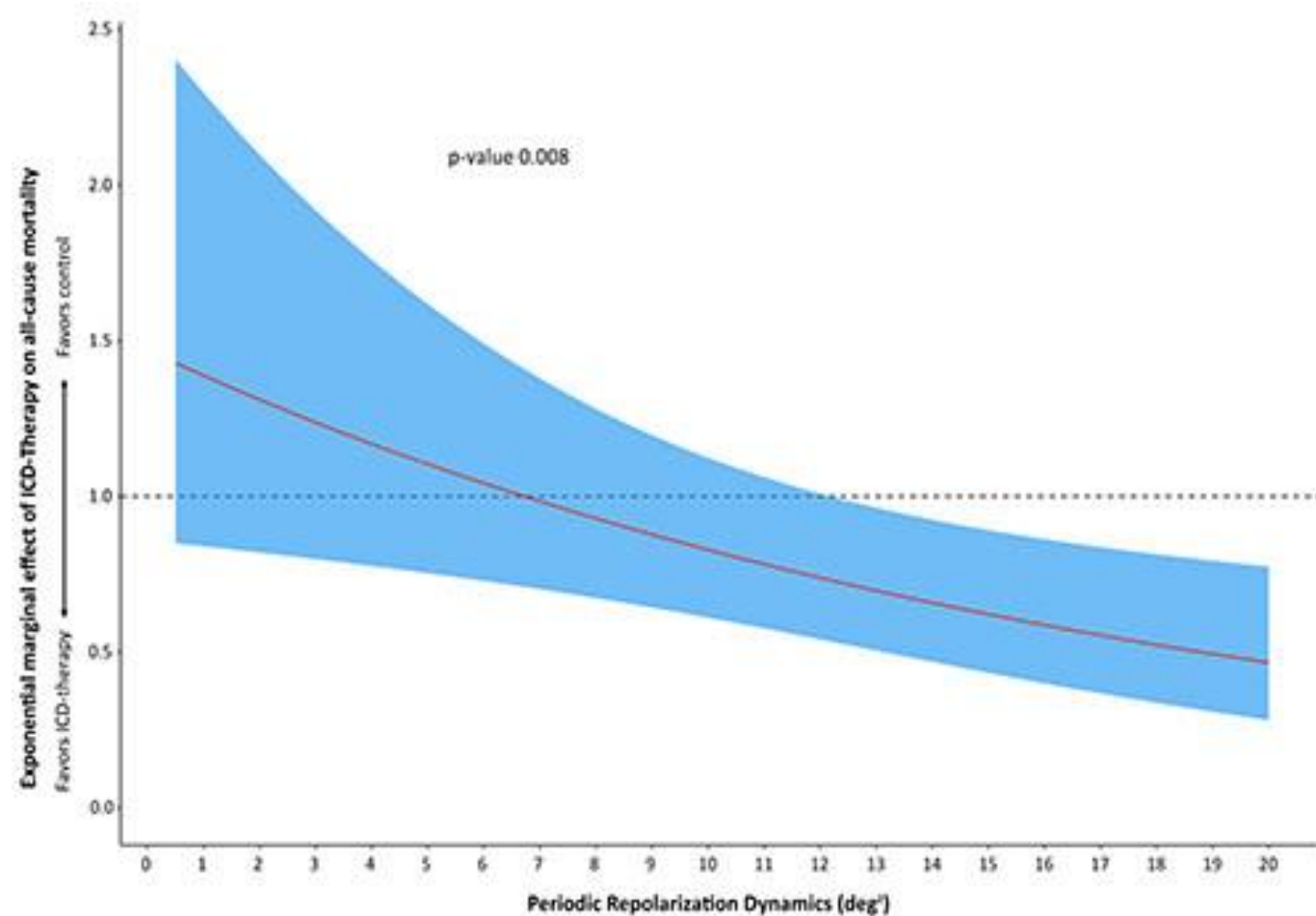


Typical  $dT^\circ$  signals obtained from post-MI patients who survived (A, green line) and did not survive (B, red line) the 5-year follow-up period. Both signals show characteristic low-frequency oscillations (black line). However, the amplitude of those oscillations is substantially enhanced in the non-survivor. Cumulative mortality rates of patients stratified by  $PRD \geq 5.75 \text{ deg}^2$  (C).  $PRD$  = periodic repolarisation dynamic.



# DANISH: Periodic Repolarization Dynamics in NICM

- PRD-substudy: 24-h Holter & technically acceptable ECG signals
- 748/1,116 DANISH patients in the PRD-substudy
- Increased PRD identified patients with NICM, where prophylactic ICD-implantation led to significant mortality reduction.



# Artificial intelligence and the electrocardiogram

- The application of artificial intelligence to the standard electrocardiogram enables it to diagnose ...

