

# Quelle place pour la finerenone?

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# Conflits d'intérêt

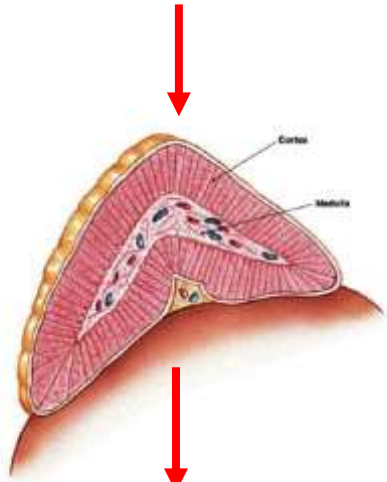
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- Viforpharma: board, investigateur, congrès
- Novartis: board, congrès, investigateur essais
- Otsuka: board, congrès, investigateur essais
- **Bayer**: board, symposium
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# PLAN

1. Les MRA et la finerenone
2. Finerenone : résultats des essais
3. Questions en suspend pour son positionnement
4. Conclusion

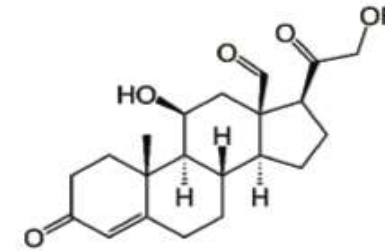
# Action de l'aldostérone

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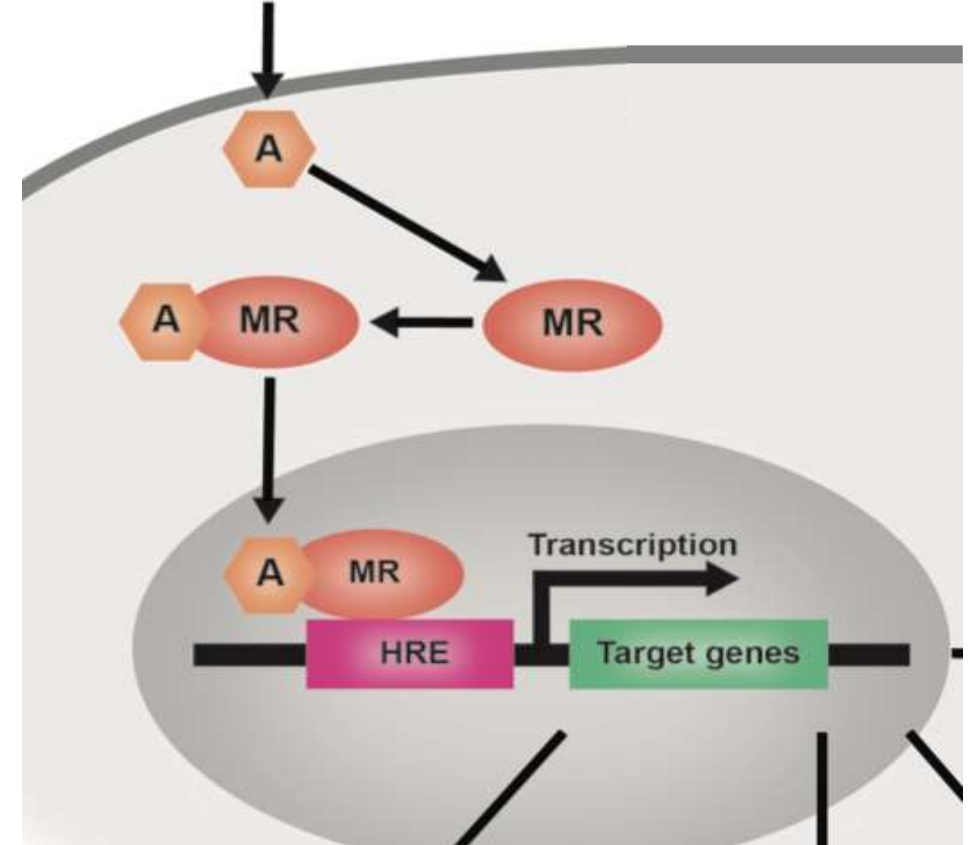


Aldostérone

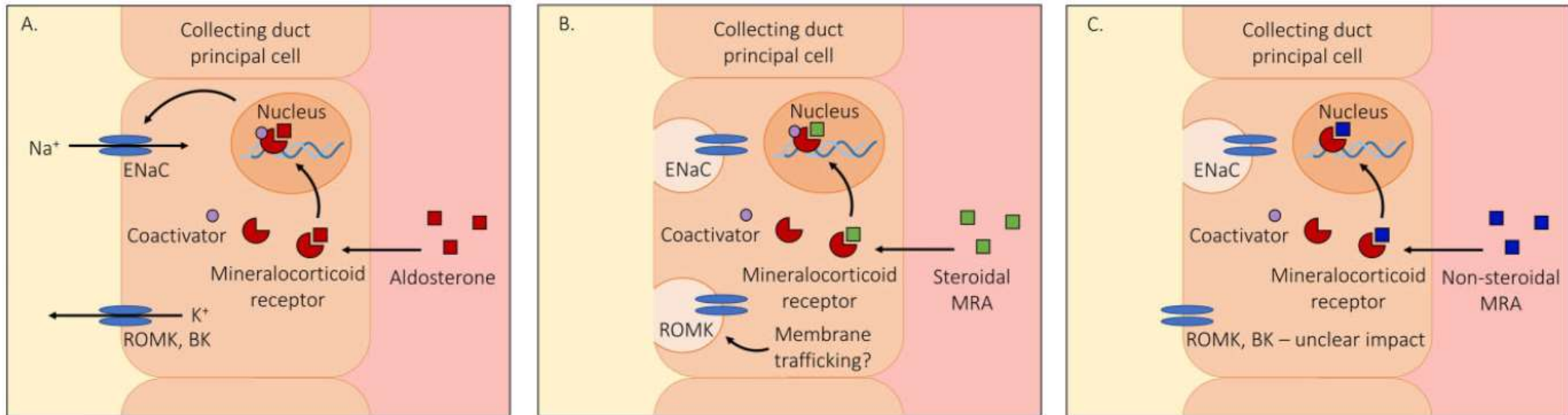
Réabsorption tubulaire de Na<sup>+</sup> (CC)



Aldosterone



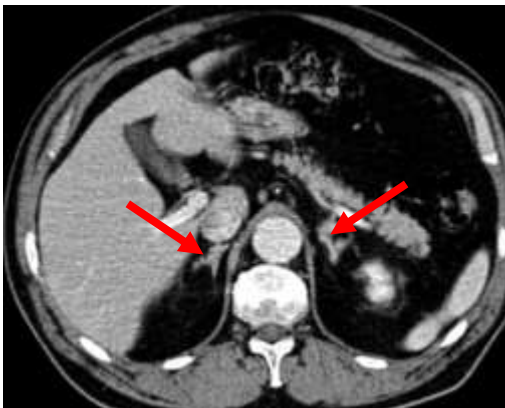
# L'aldostérone induit la réabsorption de Na dans le tube collecteur cortical



- Liaison Aldostérone sur son récepteur
- **Fixation de co-activateurs**
- Inhibe ubiquitination et endocytose d'ENaC,
- Stimule réabsorption de Na, qui génère électronégativité luminale, entrée de K par la Na/K-ATPase
- Sortie de K par ROMK et BK.
- La Finerenone (MRA non-steroidien)
- **Se fixe le site de liaison ligand-MR et empêche la liaison des co-activateurs**
- Effets anti-inflammatoire et anti-fibrosant plus importants que MRA stéroïdien.

# Hyperaldostéronisme primaire vs HTA : atteinte des organes ?

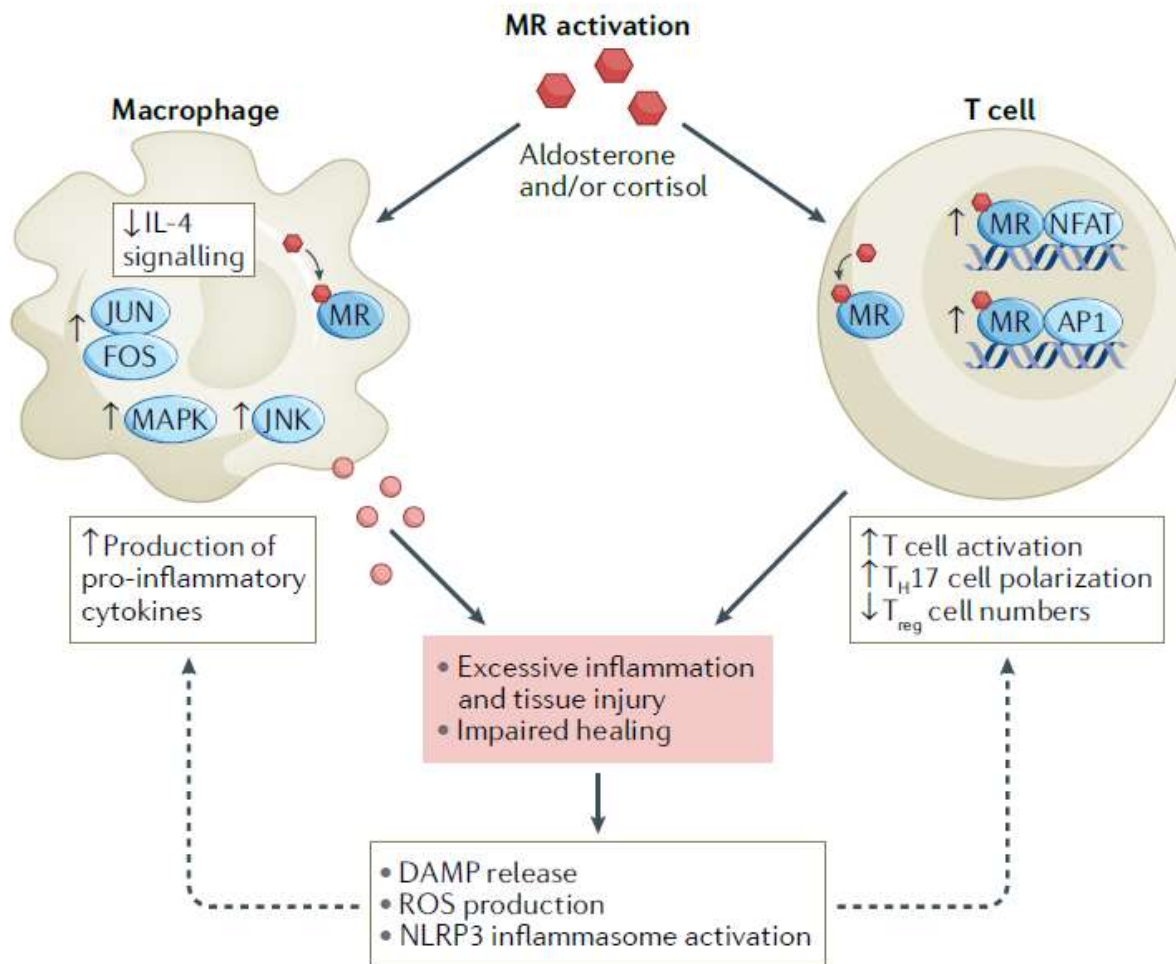
- HTA + hypokaliémie
- Rénine basse, aldostérone augmentée
- Imagerie
- Traitement
  - Spironolactone/Eplérenone
  - Surrénalectomie si latéralisé au KTVS



	<b>HAP</b>	<b>HTA essentielle</b>	<b>OR (IC 95%)</b>
<b>Insuffisance cardiaque</b>	1344	4395	2,05 (1,11-3,78)
<b>AVC</b>	1063	3893	2,58 (1,93-2,45)
<b>Fibrillation atriale</b>	1478	5120	3,52 (2,06-5,99)
<b>Infarctus du myocarde</b>	1803	5464	1,77 (1,10-2,83)

Monticone S. *The Lancet Diab & Endoc* 2018

# L'action du RM ne se limite pas au sodium

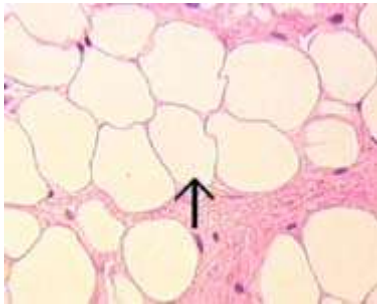


**L'activation du MR n'induit pas qu'une réabsorption sodée**

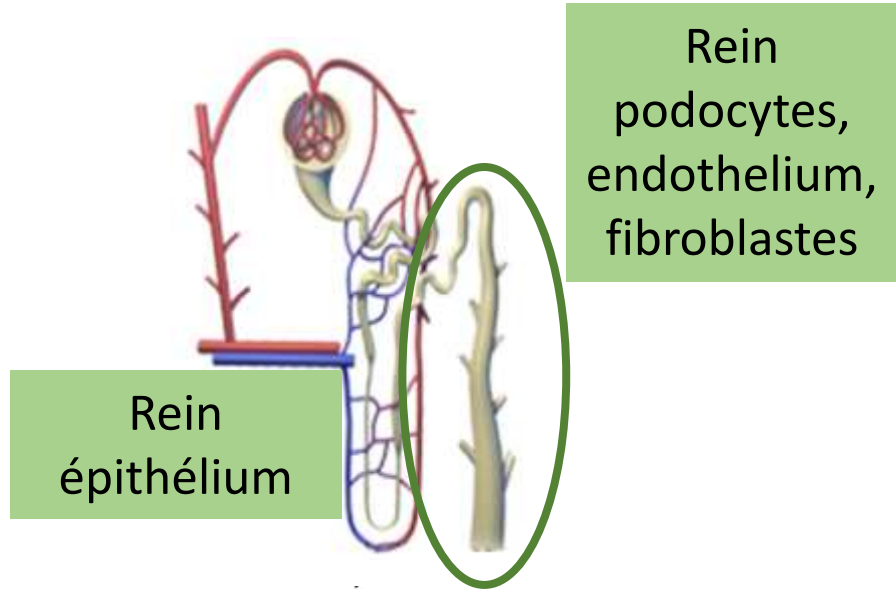
- **Molécules pro fibrosantes** : ET1, TGF bêta, PAI 1, collagène
- **Activation de cytokines pro inflammatoires** : ROS, NFKB, IL6, TNF, IFN
- **Activations cellulaires** (lymphocytes, macrophages)

**FIBROSE + INFLAMMATION**

# L'expression du RM est diffuse

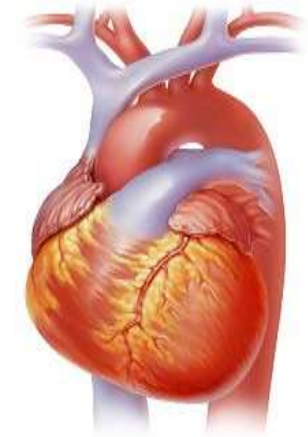


Adipocytes

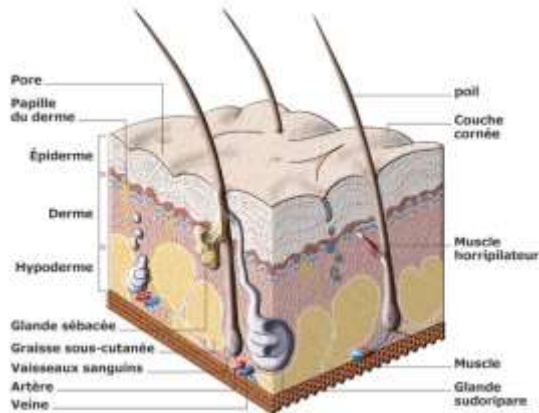


Rein  
épithélium

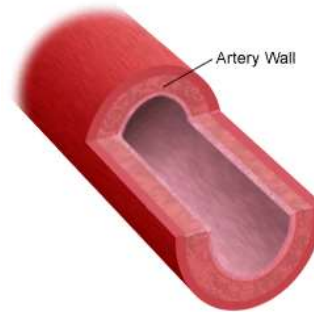
Rein  
podocytes,  
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fibroblastes



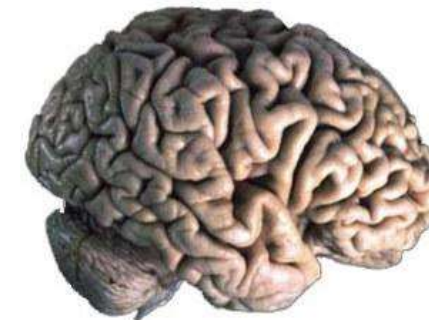
Coeur



Peau















Cellules endothéliales  
CMLV



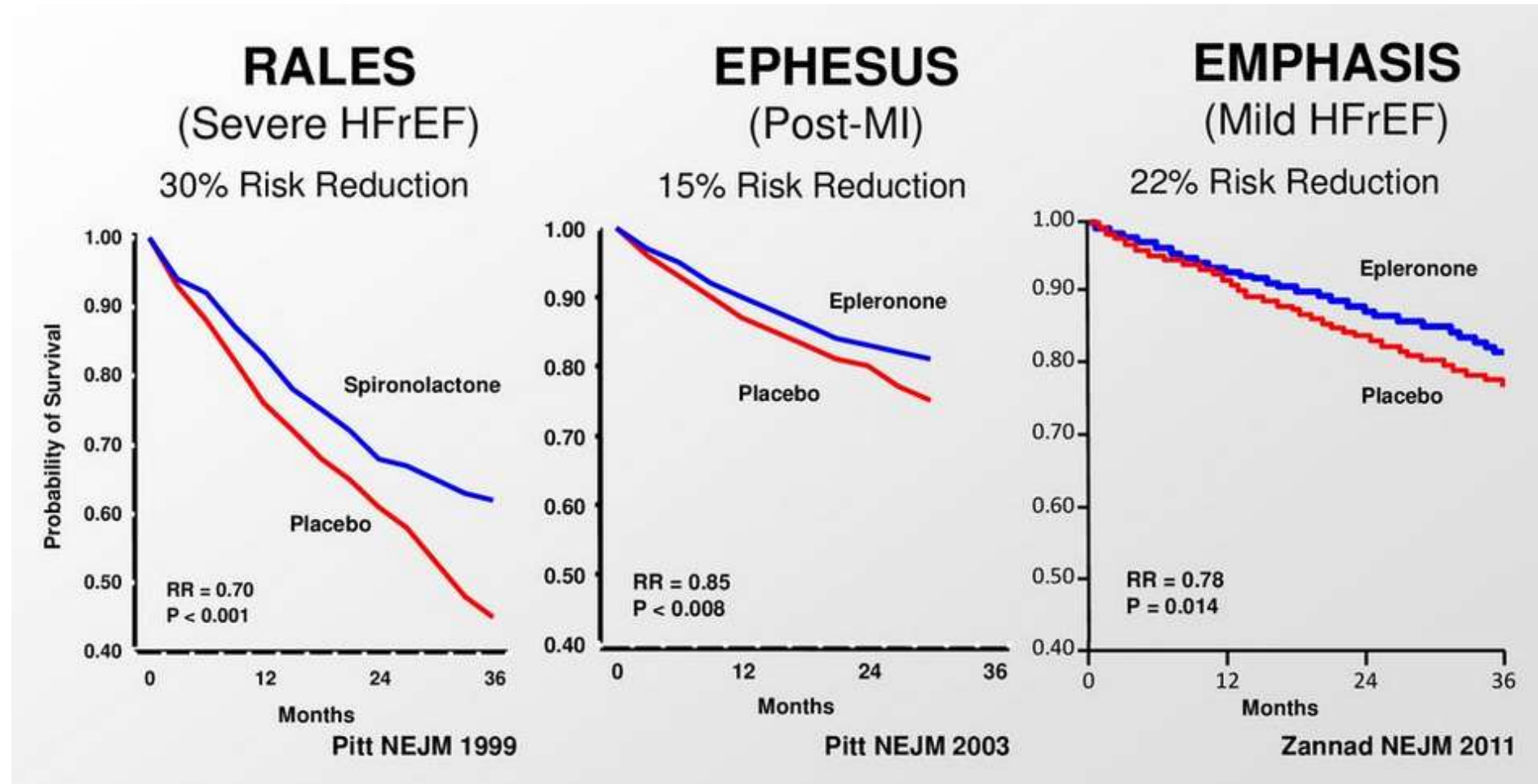
Système nerveux  
central



# Les antagonistes des récepteurs minéralocorticoïdes (MRA)

	ARM stéroïdiens		Finérénone
	<p>Spironolactone</p> 	<p>Eplerenone</p> 	<p>Finérénone</p> 
<b>Propriétés de structure</b>	Plat (stéroïdien)	Plat (stéroïdien)	Volumineux (non stéroïdien)
<b>Affinité aux RM</b>	 Élevée	 Modérée	 Elevée
<b>Sélectivité aux RM</b>	 Faible	 Modérée	 Elevée
<b>EI sexuels</b>	Oui (gynecomastie)	Rares	Aucun signal
<b>Distribution Tissulaire</b>			
<b>T<sup>1/2</sup>, Métabolites</b>	1-4h / métabolites actifs 12-35h	2-6h / Pas de metabolites actifs	2-3h /Pas de metabolites actifs
<b>Hyperkaliémie</b>	Oui	Oui	Augmentation modérée

# Bénéfice des MRA sur le cœur (mortalité)

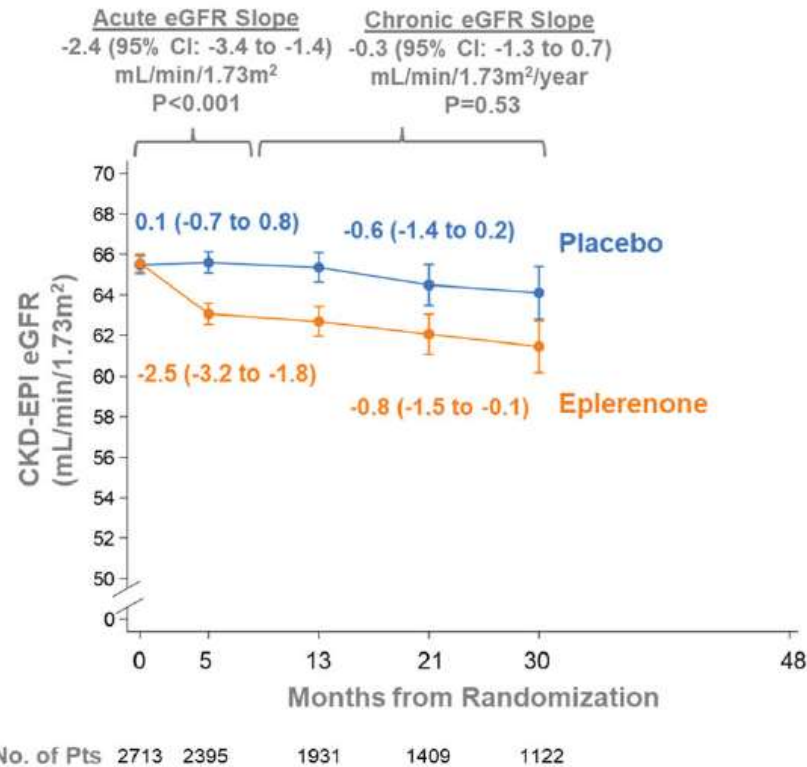


# Bénéfice des MRA sur le rein ? protéinurie?

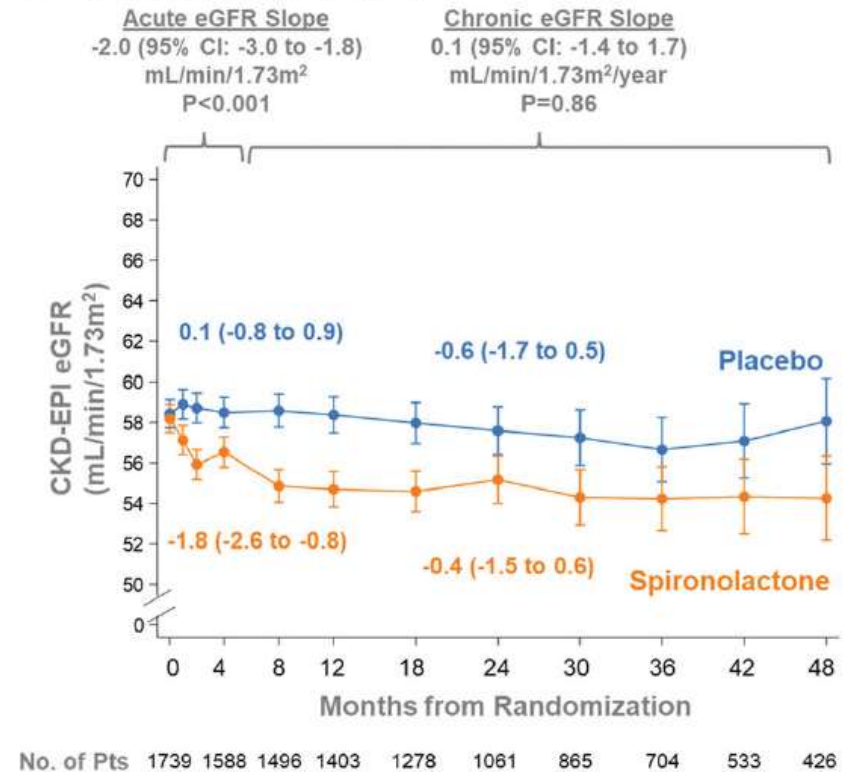
Authors	Design	Subjects	No. of patients	Daily dosage	Duration	Proteinuria
<i>SPL</i>						
Rossing et al. <sup>28</sup>	Crossover	Type 2 DM with macroalbuminuria	20	25 mg	16 weeks	↓ 33%
van den Meiracker et al. <sup>29</sup>	RCT	Type 2 DM with macroalbuminuria	59	25–50 mg	1 year	↓ 40%
Schjoedt et al. <sup>30</sup>	Crossover	Type 1 DM with macroalbuminuria	20	25 mg	4 weeks	↓ 30%
Schjoedt et al. <sup>31</sup>	Crossover	Type 1 or 2 DM, albuminuria > 2.5 g/day	20	25 mg	4 weeks	↓ 32%
Chrysostomou et al. <sup>32</sup>	RCT	Proteinuria > 1.5 g/day; serum creatinine < 200 µmol/L	41	25 mg	3 months	↓ 42%
Furumatsu et al. <sup>33</sup>	RCT	Nondiabetic CKD, proteinuria > 0.5 g/day	32	25 mg	1 year	↓ 58%
Tylicki et al. <sup>34</sup>	Crossover	Nondiabetic CKD, proteinuria > 0.3 g/day	18	25 mg	24 weeks	↓ 55%
Bianchi et al. <sup>35</sup>	RCT	Idiopathic GN, proteinuria > 1 g/g Cr	165	25 mg	1 year	↓ 57%
<i>EPL</i>						
Epstein et al. <sup>36</sup>	RCT	Type 2 DM, albuminuria > 50 mg:g Cr	268	50–100 mg	12 weeks	↓ 45%
Boesby et al. <sup>37</sup>	Crossover	Nondiabetic CKD, proteinuria > 0.3 g/day	40	25–50 mg	16 weeks	↓ 22%

# Bénéfice des MRA sur le rein: sur la pente de DFG?

## A EMPHASIS-HF

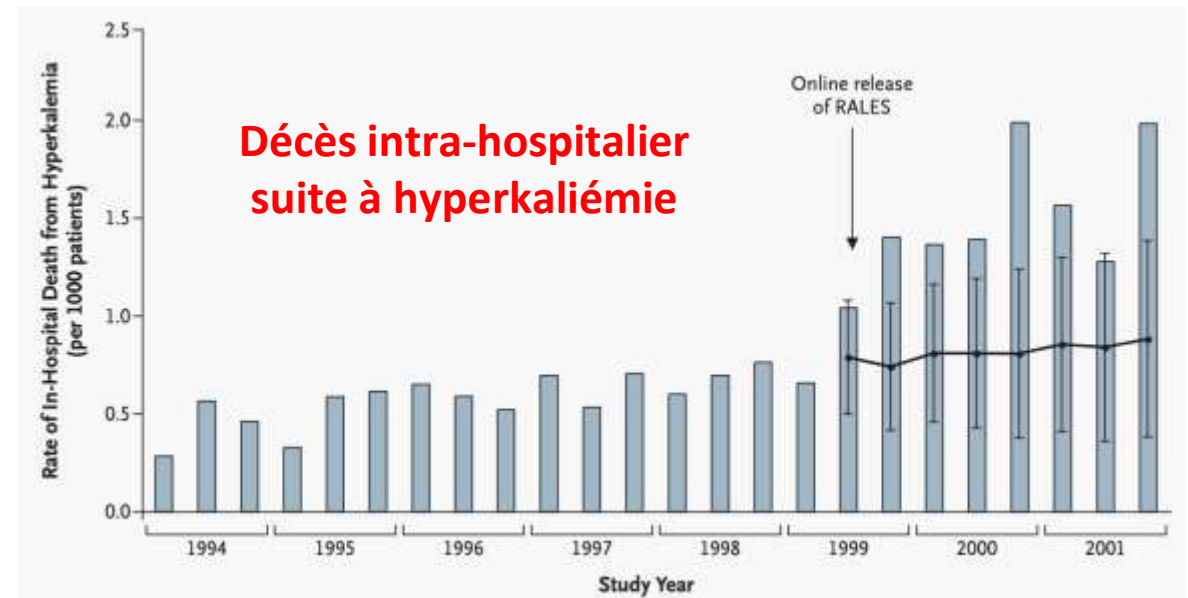
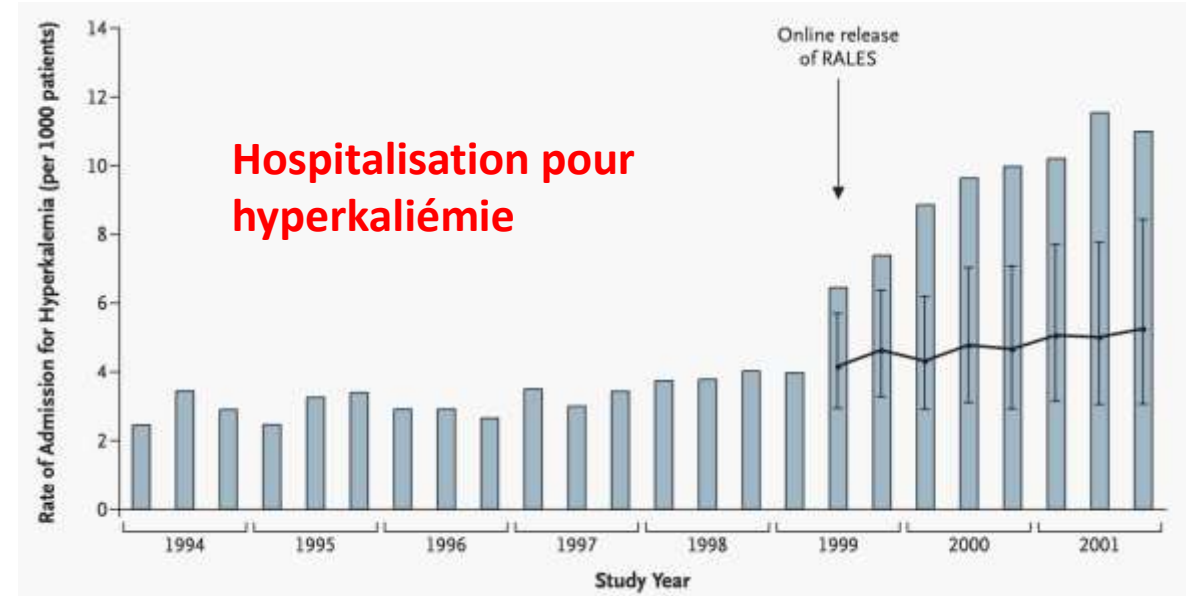
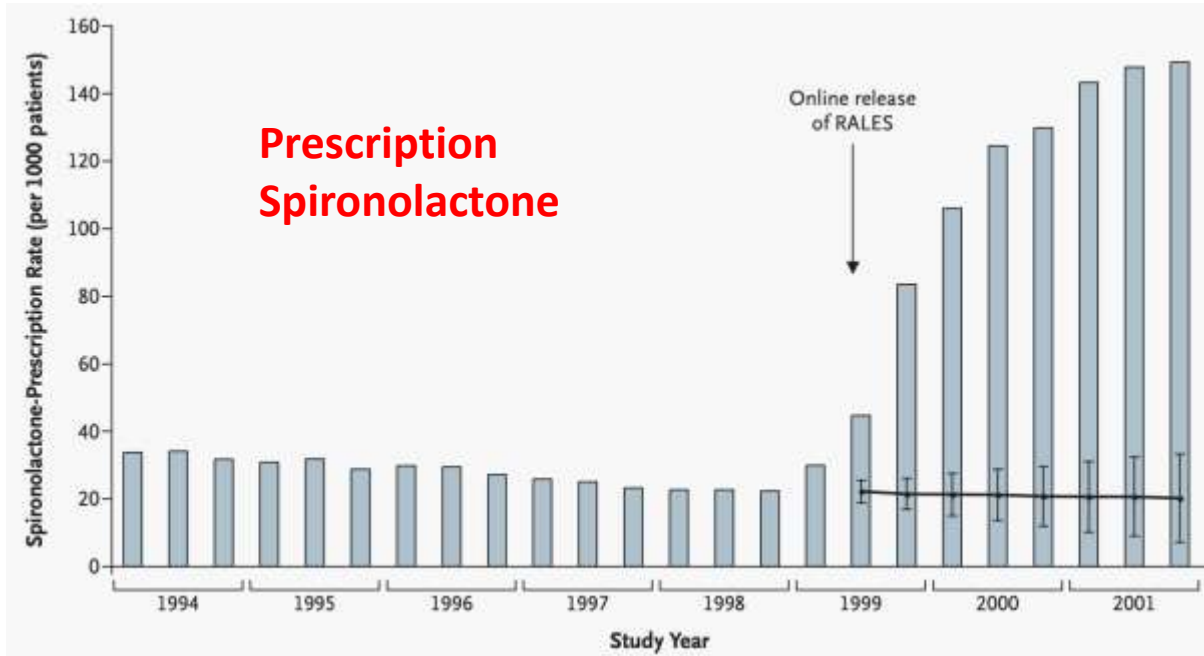


## B TOPCAT (Americas Region)



- Baisse initiale du DFG à l'introduction des MRA: -2,5 et -1,8 ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> pour eplerenone 50 mg et spironolactone 45 mg/j.
- Pas de différence de pente après la phase initiale avec les groupes MRA vs placebo.

# Post RALES



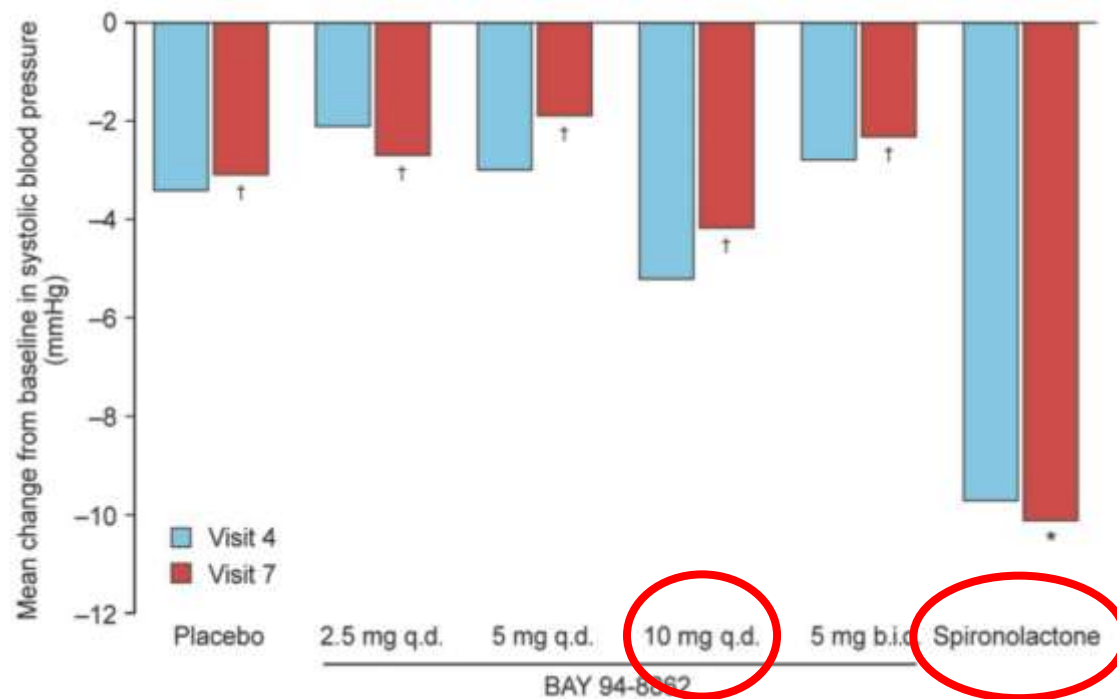
*Juurlink et al. N Engl J Med 2004;351:543-51.*

## Etudes de phase 2 : ARTS

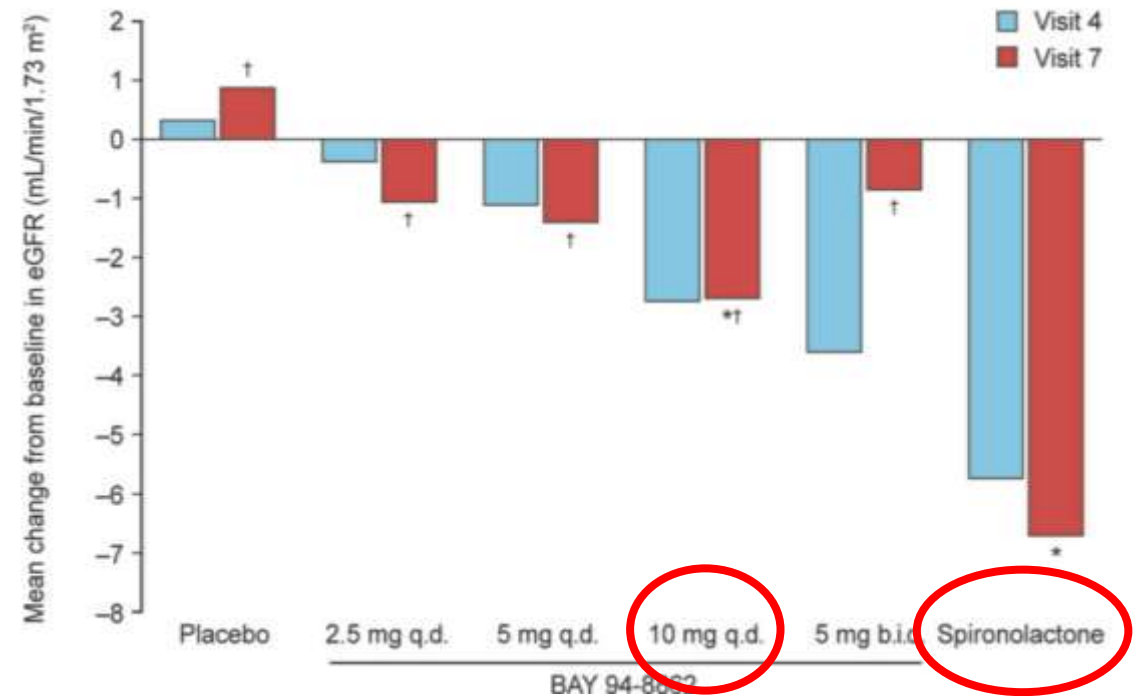
- Patients avec IC avec FE réduite et MRC
- PART A = DFG 60-90 et  $K^+ \leq 4,8$  mmol/L (65 patients)
  - Evaluer efficacité et sécurité de Finerenone vs placebo
  - Dosages : 2,5, 5, 10 mg
- **PART B = DFG 30-60 et  $K^+ \leq 4,8$  mmol/L (392 patients)**
  - Evaluer  $K^+$
  - **Finérénone (dosages 2.5, 5 et 10 mg) vs placebo vs spironolactone (25 mg, augmenté à J15 à 50 mg (V4) si  $K^+ \leq 4,8$  mmol/L)**

# ARTS-B : Spironolactone (37mg) versus finérénone (10mg)

## Baisse de la PA systolique

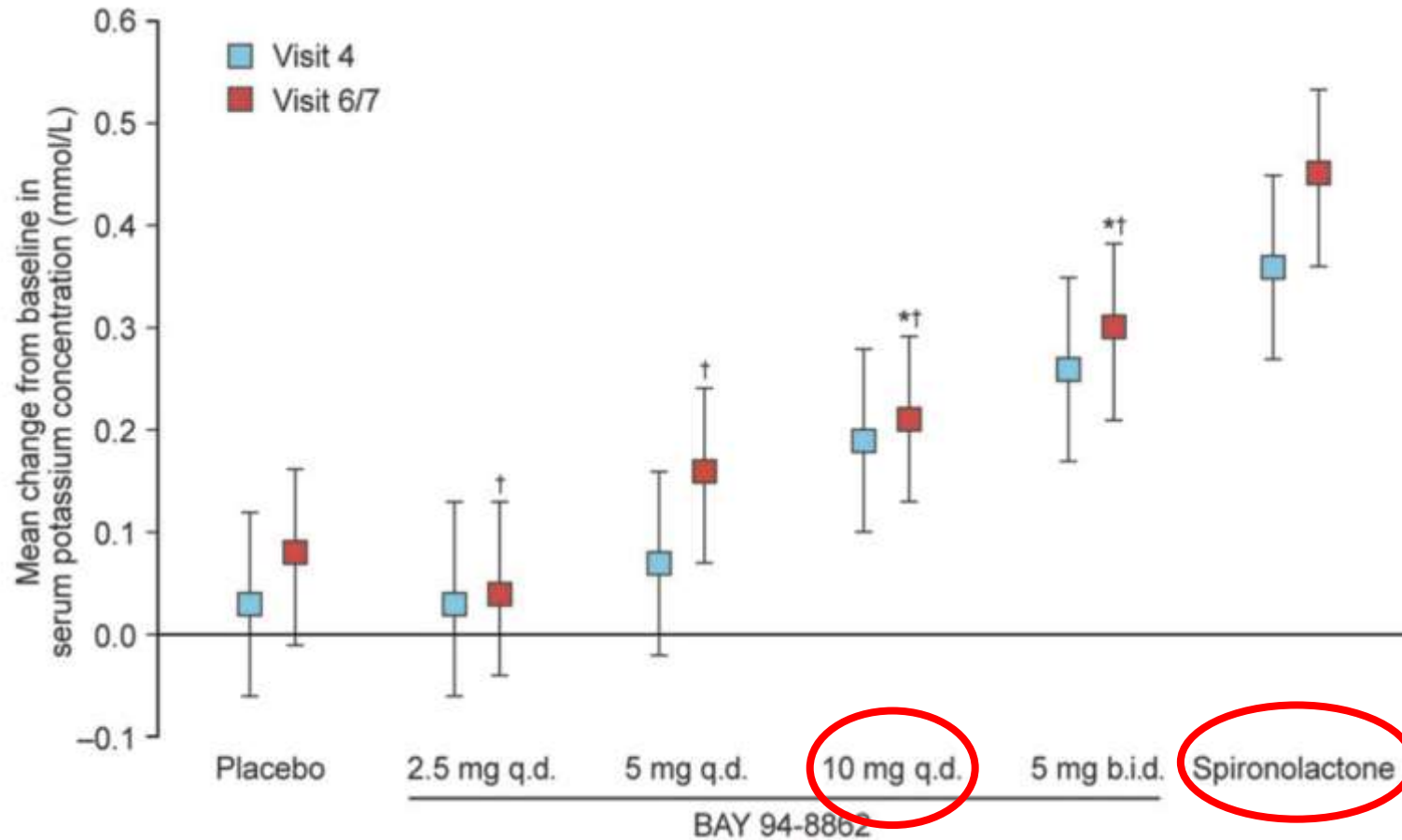


## Baisse du DFG



La Finérénone 10 mg fait moins baisser la PA et le DFG que la Spironolactone 37 mg (mean dose)

# ARTS-B : Spironolactone (37mg) versus finérénone (10mg)

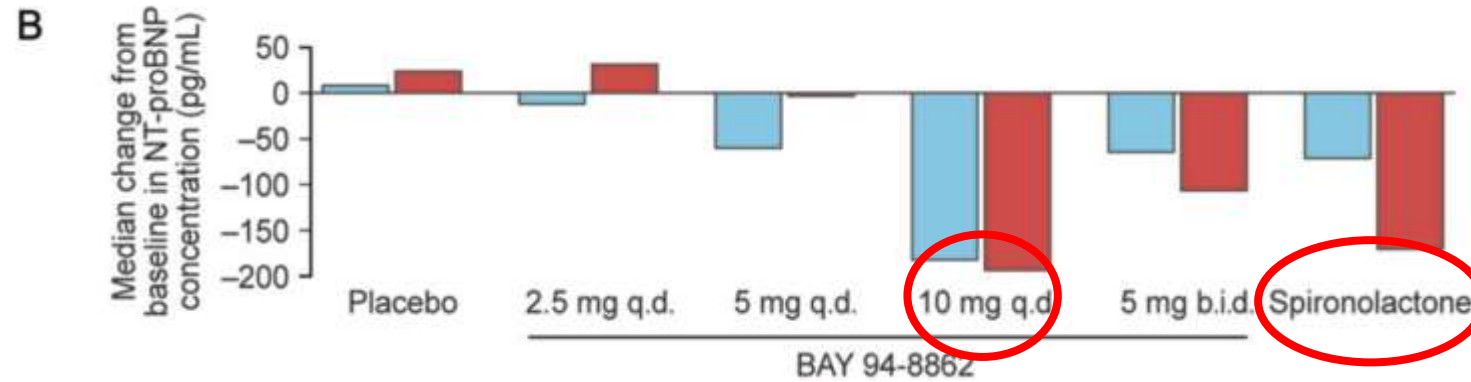


Moindre augmentation de la kaliémie avec la finerenone vs Spironolactone



# ARTS-B : Spironolactone (37mg) versus finérénone (10mg)

**NT-ProBNP**



**RAC**



Malgré une baisse de PA moins importante, efficacité identique sur RAC et BNP

# Bénéfice des MRA non stéroïdien dans la MRC ?

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Effect of Finerenone on Chronic Kidney Disease Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes

George L. Bakris, M.D., Rajiv Agarwal, M.D., Stefan D. Anker, M.D., Ph.D., Bertram Pitt, M.D., Luis M. Ruilope, M.D., Peter Rossing, M.D., Peter Kolkhof, Ph.D., Christina Nowack, M.D., Patrick Schloemer, Ph.D., Amer Joseph, M.B., B.S., and Gerasimos Filippatos, M.D., for the FIDELIO-DKD Investigators\*

n=5734 patients, 48 pays  
DT2 et MRC,  $K \leq 4,8$ ; Randomisation finerenone vs placebo

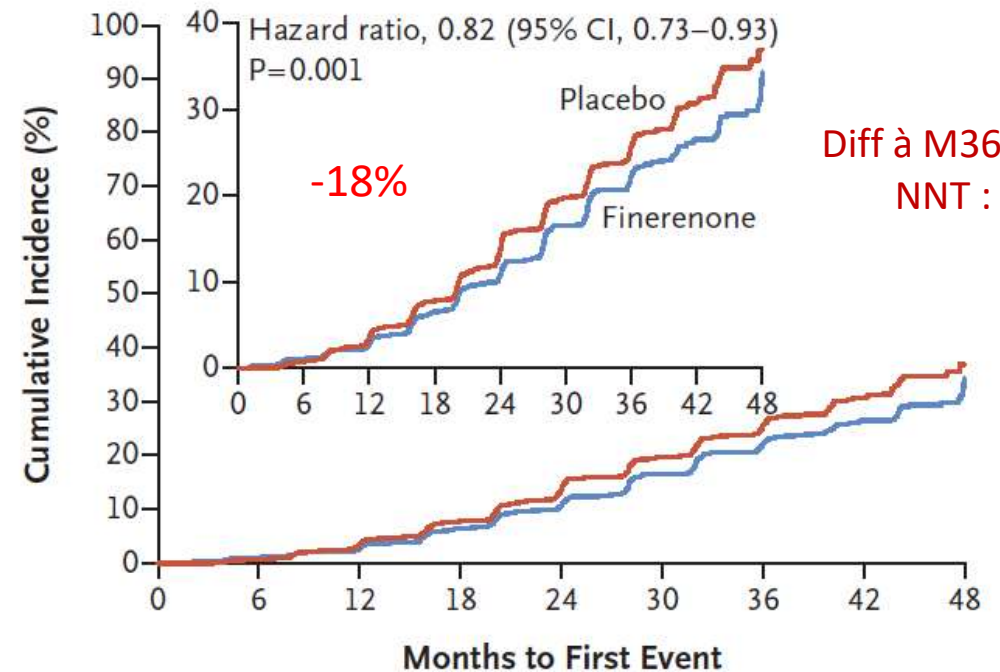
RAC 30-300 mg/g et DFG 25-60 + FO+  
RAC 300-5000 mg/g et DFG 25-75  
(DFGm 44, RACm 852)

IEC/ARA2 : 100%  
Diurétique : 56%  
iSGLT2: 4,6%

**Critère rénal composite :**  
Diminution DFG >40% ou  
DFG <15 ml/min ou  
Dialyse/transplantation ou  
Décès de cause rénale

Bakris G. NEJM 2020; 383: 2219

### A Primary Composite Outcome



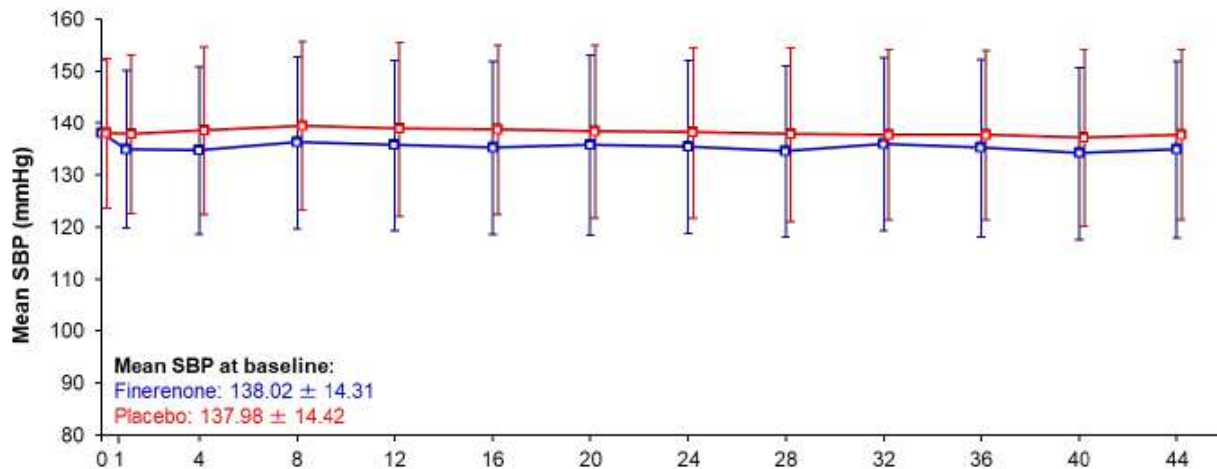
#### No. at Risk

Placebo	2841	2724	2586	2379	1758	1248	792	453	82
Finerenone	2833	2705	2607	2397	1808	1274	787	441	83

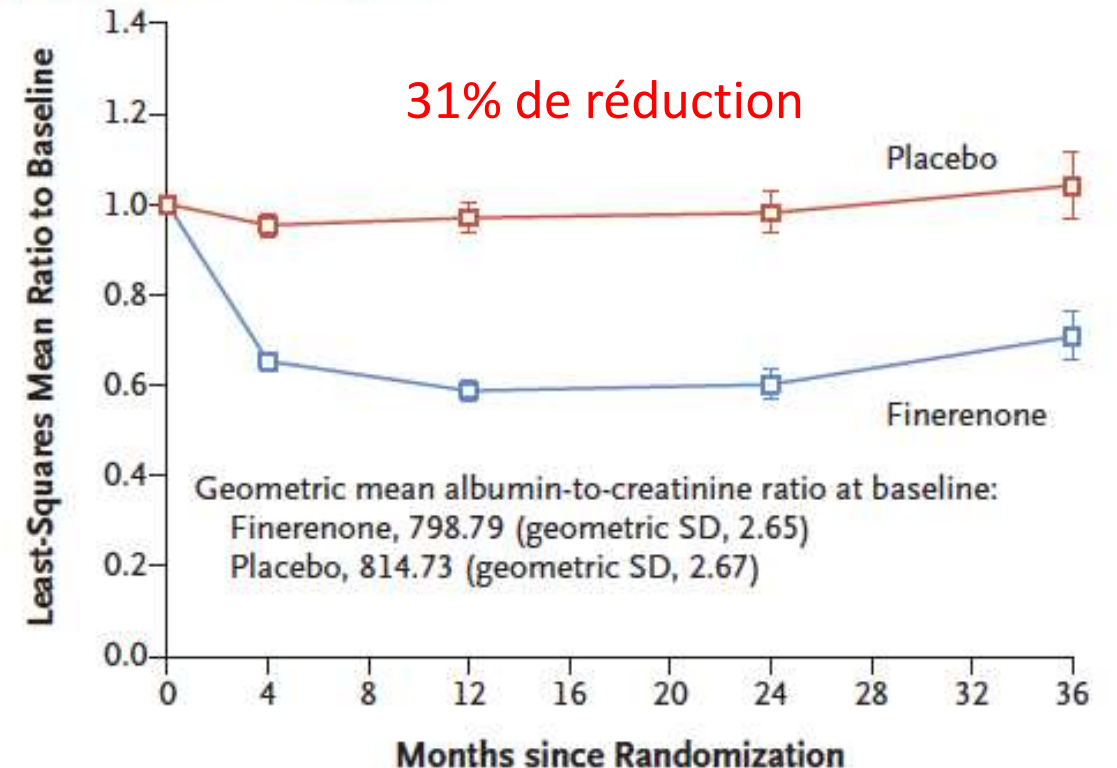
# Bénéfice des MRA non stéroïdien dans la MRC ?

- Critère composite CV (Décès, IDM, AVC, HIC)
  - HR: 0,86 [0,75-0,99],  $p=0,03$
- Mortalité globale, NS
- $\Delta$ DFG > 57% + décès rénal
  - HR: 0,76 [0,65-0,9]
- PA; RAC

*Bakris G. NEJM 2020; 383: 2219*



Urinary Albumin-to-Creatinine Ratio



# Bénéfice des MRA non stéroïdien sur les événements CV ?

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Cardiovascular Events with Finerenone in Kidney Disease and Type 2 Diabetes

B. Pitt, G. Filippatos, R. Agarwal, S.D. Anker, G.L. Bakris, P. Rossing, A. Joseph, P. Kolkhof, C. Nowack, P. Schloemer, and L.M. Ruilope, for the FIGARO-DKD Investigators\*

n=7437 patients, 48 pays  
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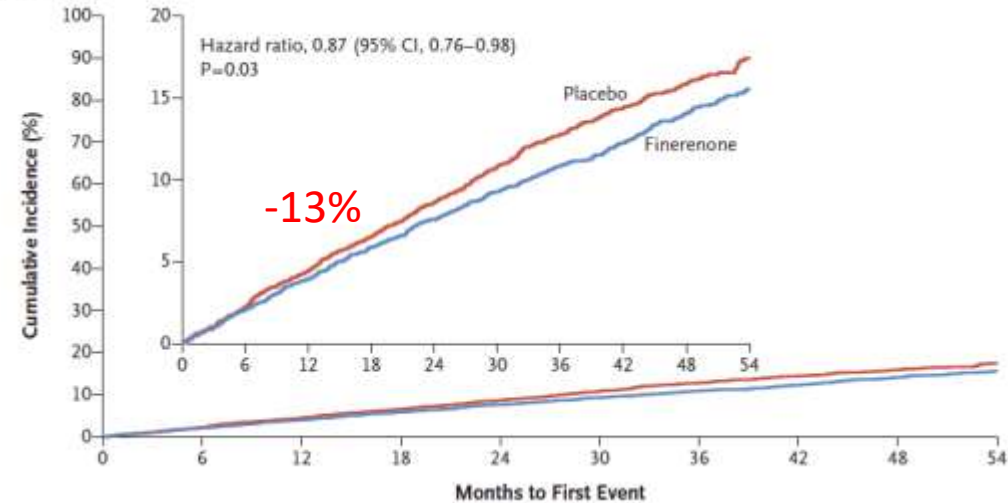
DFG 25-90 et RAC 30-300 mg/g  
DGF >60 et RAC 300-5000 mg/g

(DFGm 68, RACm 308)

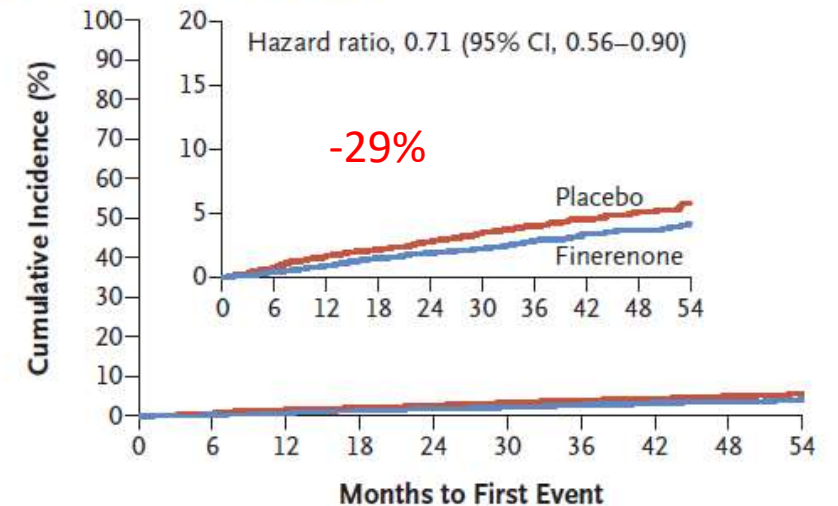
IEC/ARA2 : 100%  
Diurétique : 47%  
iSGLT2: 8,4%

**Critère CV composite :**  
1/Décès, IDM, AVC, HIC  
2/Diminution DFG >40% ou  
DFG <15 ml/min ou  
Dialyse/transplantation ou  
Décès de cause rénale

Primary Composite Outcome



Hospitalization for Heart Failure



# Bénéfice et tolérance des MRA non stéroïdien sur les événements CV ?

- Défaillance rénale,  $\Delta$ DFG >40%

+ décès rénal:

- HR 0,87 [CI 0,76-1,01], NS
- IRT:
  - HR 0,64 [CI 0,41-0,995]
- RAC:
  - 0,68 [CI 0,65-0,7]
- $\Delta$ DFG >57% + décès rénal:
  - HR 0,77 [CI 0,6-0,99]
- PAS -3,5 et PAD -2,6 mm Hg

## ■ Tolérance

Table 2. Safety Outcomes.\*

Event	Finerenone (N = 3683)	Placebo (N = 3658)
Investigator-reported adverse events — no. (%)		
Any adverse event	3134 (85.1)	3129 (85.5)
Adverse event related to finerenone or placebo	560 (15.2)	413 (11.3)
Hyperkalemia†	396 (10.8)	193 (5.3)
Hyperkalemia related to finerenone or placebo	240 (6.5)	114 (3.1)
Serious hyperkalemia	25 (0.7)	4 (0.1)
Hospitalization due to hyperkalemia	21 (0.6)	2 (0.1)
Permanent discontinuation of trial regimen due to hyperkalemia	46 (1.2)	13 (0.4)

# Cardiovascular finerenone in patients with chronic kidney disease: a randomized clinical trial analysis

Rajiv Agarwal<sup>1,†</sup>, Gerasimos Sirtanides<sup>2,†</sup>, Peter Rossing<sup>3,6</sup>, Amer Jaber<sup>4</sup>, Martin Gebel<sup>5,10</sup>, Luis M. Lopez<sup>7</sup>, et al. on behalf of the FIDELIO-DKD and FIDELIO-KD Investigators

*Eur Heart J, Vol 41, 2020*

### Inclusion/exclusion

T2D + CKD  
 ✓ eGFR ≥25 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>  
 Serum [K<sup>+</sup>] ≤ 4.8 mmol/L  
 Maximum tolerated labeled dose of RAS  
 ✗ HFrEF (NYHA class II-IV)

### Protocol

6519 → Finerenone 10 mg or 20 mg od  
 R → Median follow-up 3 years  
 6507 → Placebo

### Outcomes

**CV composite:**  
 Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, or HHF  
**≥57% kidney composite:**  
 Time to kidney failure, sustained ≥57% decrease in eGFR, or renal death

### Baseline characteristics

Median age: 65 years  
 ♂ 70% ♀ 30%  
 RAS inhibitors: 99.8%  
 Statins: 72.2%  
 HbA1c: 7.7%  
 BP: 137/76 mmHg  
 Prior HF: 7.7%

eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>)

Mean eGFR: 57.6

UACR (mg/g)

Median UACR: 515

### Few hyperkalemia-related discontinuations occurred

(n=110) ————— 0.66  
 (n=38) ————— 0.22  
 Discontinuation rate (IR/100 PY)



### Results

	HR (95% CI)	p-value	Risk ↓		HR (95% CI)	p-value	Risk ↓
<b>Endpoint CV composite</b>	0.86 (0.78 – 0.95)	0.0018	14%		0.77 (0.67 – 0.88)	0.0002	23%
<b>HHF</b>	0.78 (0.66 – 0.92)	0.0030	22%		0.80 (0.64 – 0.99)	0.040	20%

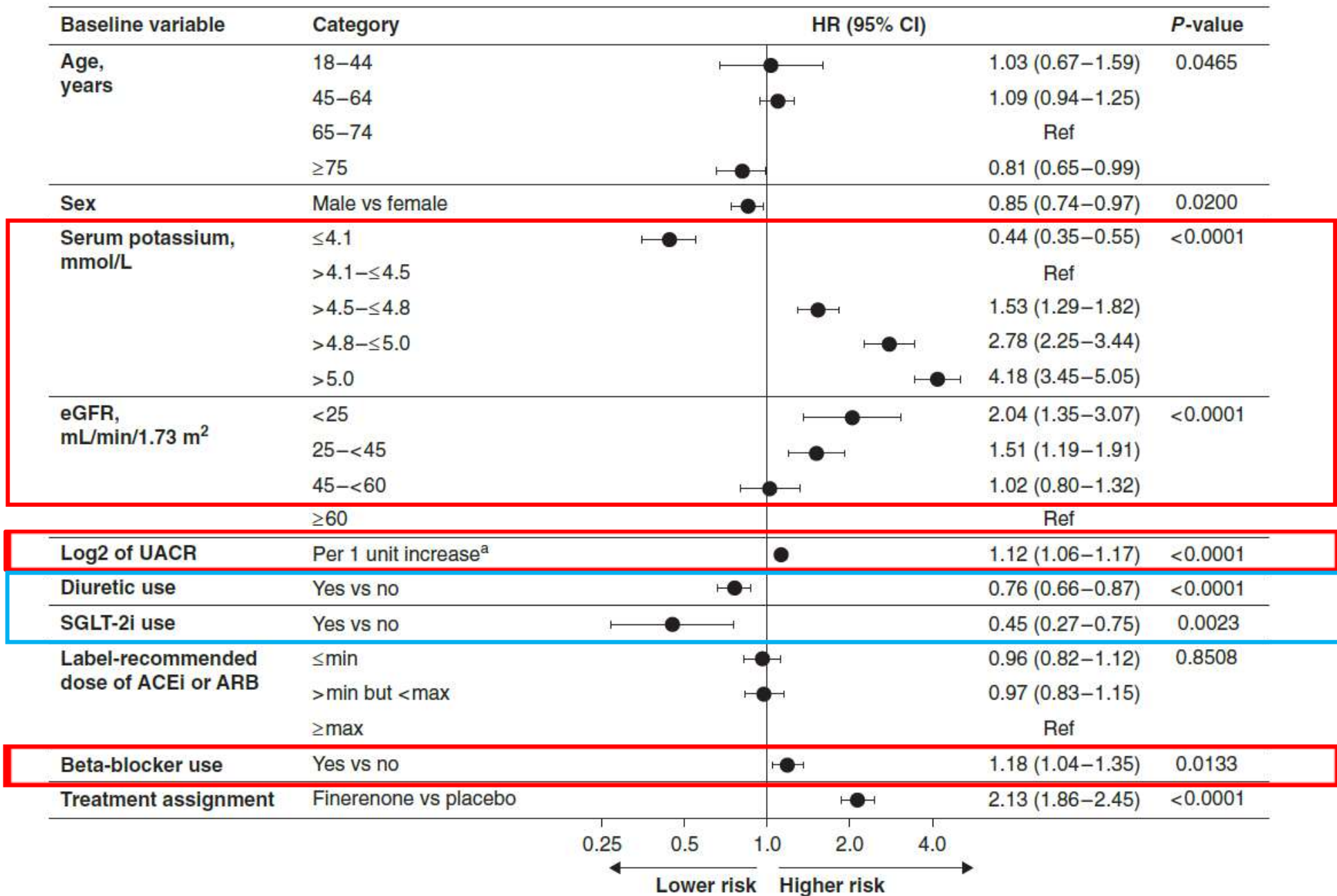
**Conclusion**  
 Finerenone on top of standard of care reduces the risk of clinically meaningful cardiovascular and kidney outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes over a broad spectrum of chronic kidney disease

# Hyperkalemia Risk with Finerenone: Results from the FIDELIO-DKD Trial

*Agarwal R. JASN 2023*

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Peter Rossing <sup>5,6</sup>, Luis M. Ruilope <sup>7,8,9</sup>, Bertram Pitt,<sup>10</sup> Peter Kolkhof,<sup>11</sup> Charlie Scott,<sup>12</sup>  
Robert Lawatscheck,<sup>13</sup> Daniel J. Wilson,<sup>14</sup> and George L. Bakris <sup>15</sup>  
on behalf of the FIDELIO-DKD Investigators\*

- **Méthodes:** Incidence et facteurs de risque d'HyperK avec finerenone et placebo chez FIDELIO-DKD?
  - HyperK > 5,5 (modérée) et > 6 mmol/l (moyenne) ?
- **Résultats:**
  - Survenue d'une **hyperK modérée chez 21,4% et 9,2%**
  - Survenue d'une HyperK moyenne dans 4,5% et 1,4%
  - Facteurs associés à la survenue d'une hyperK:





# Données de vrai vie: Essai FINE-REAL



**FINE-REAL objective:** To evaluate the **characteristics and treatment patterns** of participants with CKD associated with T2D who were **treated with finerenone** in routine clinical practice



**Recruitment**

~2 years\*



**Study sites**

~21 countries



**Patients**

Adult patients with a diagnosis of **CKD associated with T2D** who are prescribed finerenone (10 or 20 mg) under routine clinical treatment conditions



**Design**

International, prospective, observational, multicentre, single-arm study

**Patients prescribed finerenone according to local label (N ~5500)**

Baseline 1 month 3 months

6 months

12 months

**Suggested follow-up** (maximum: 12 months)



**Key dates**

- First patient first visit: 2022
- Last patient last visit: 2027

# The FINE-REAL interim analysis included 504 patients

Characteristic*	All participants (N=504)
Age, years, mean ± SD	66.1 (11.0)
Sex, n (%)	
Male	306 (60.7)
Female	198 (39.3)
Race or ethnic group, n (%)	
White	269 (53.4)
Asian	112 (22.2)
Black/African American	65 (12.9)
Other/not reported <sup>#</sup>	58 (11.5)
Duration of T2D, years, median (Q1–Q3)	14.0 (8.0–22.0)
History of heart failure, n (%)	67 (13.3)
UACR, <sup>‡</sup> mg/g, median (Q1–Q3)	295.0 (85.9–897.0)
UACR category, n (%)	
<30	40 (8.0)
30–<300	143 (28.6)
≥300	176 (35.2)

Characteristic*	All participants (N=504)
eGFR, <sup>§</sup> ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , mean ± SD	52.0 (24.3)
eGFR category, n (%)	
<15	3 (0.6)
15–29	72 (14.7)
30–44	154 (31.4)
45–59	119 (24.3)
60–89	93 (19.0)
≥90	49 (10.0)
Serum [K <sup>+</sup> ], mmol/l, mean ± SD	4.4 (0.4)
HbA1c, %, mean ± SD	7.5 (1.5)
Systolic blood pressure, mmHg, mean ± SD	138.0 (18.7)
Prior/concomitant medication, n (%)	
Statins	387 (76.8)
ACEi/ARB	362 (71.8)
Insulin	241 (47.8)
SGLT-2i	235 (46.6)
GLP-1RA	168 (33.3)

# Pas d'hyperkaliémie menaçante

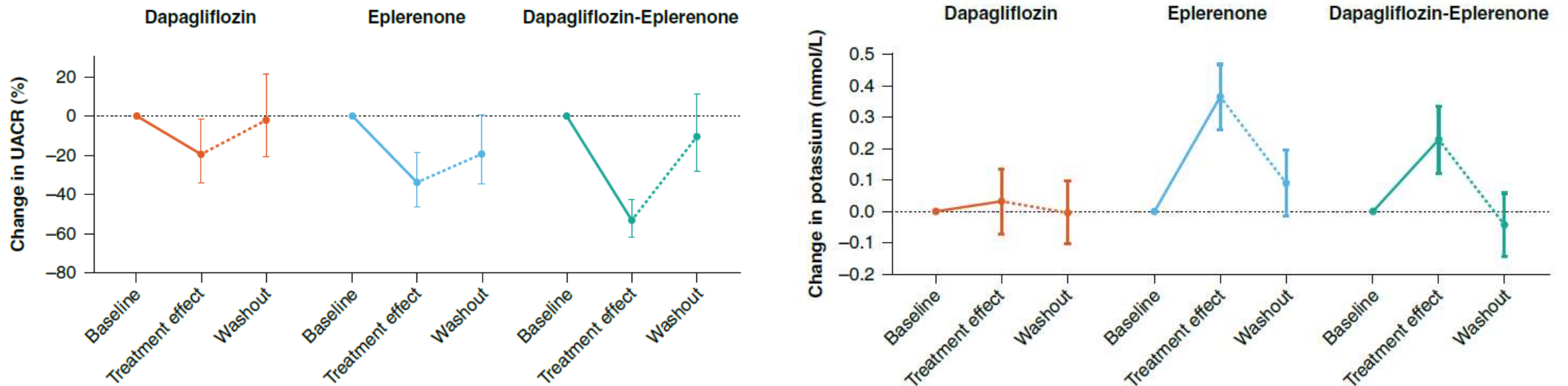
Outcome, n (%)	All participants (N=504)
Any event	25 (5.0)
Symptomatic event	1 (0.2)
Clinical signs/symptoms (multiple answers possible)	
Paraesthesia	1 (0.2)
Leading to dialysis	0
Leading to hospitalisation	0
<b>Serum potassium &gt;5.5 mmol/l</b>	<b>21 (4.2)</b>
Serum potassium >6.0 mmol/l	2 (0.4)

# Bénéfice de l'association MRA et iSGLT2?

Provenzano M. JASN 2022

- Méthodes:
  - Efficacité et tolérance iSGLT2 (Dapa) + MRA (Eplerenone) chez l'IRC?
  - Etude randomisée, ouverte, crossover chez DFG 30-90, RAC > 100mg/j
  - Dapa 10 mg, Eplerenone 50 mg et association.

- Résultats:
  - Baisse du RAC de -20%, -33%, -53%. Augmentation de la kaliémie de 0,03; 0,36 et 0,23 mmol/l



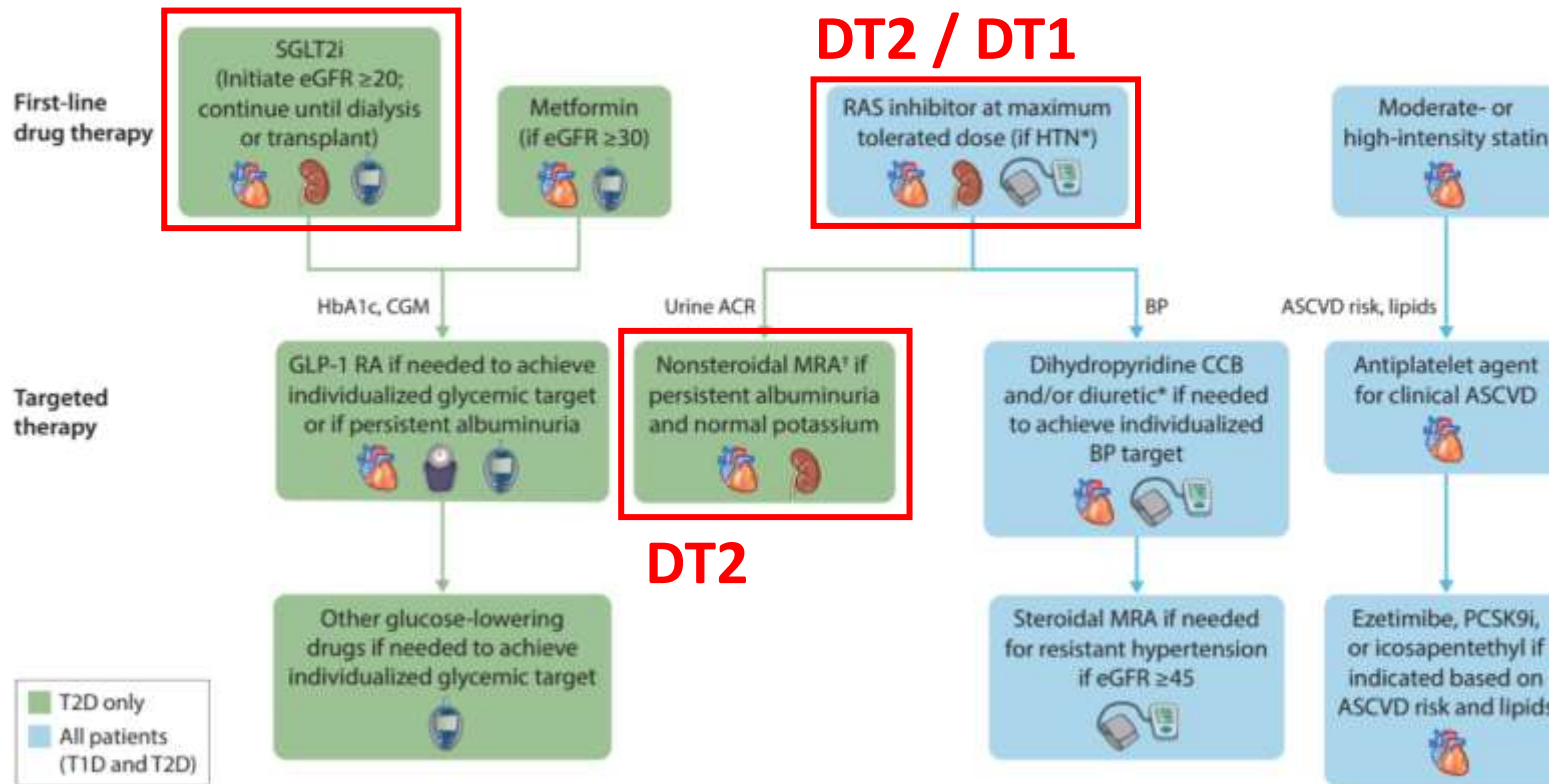
- L'association d'un MRA avec un iSGLT2 permet d'avoir une moindre augmentation de la kaliémie et une baisse du RAC

# KDIGO guidelines 2022

## Clinical practice guideline for diabetes management in chronic kidney disease



**DT2** (indépendamment du taux d'HbA1c)



**What defines CKD diagnosis?**

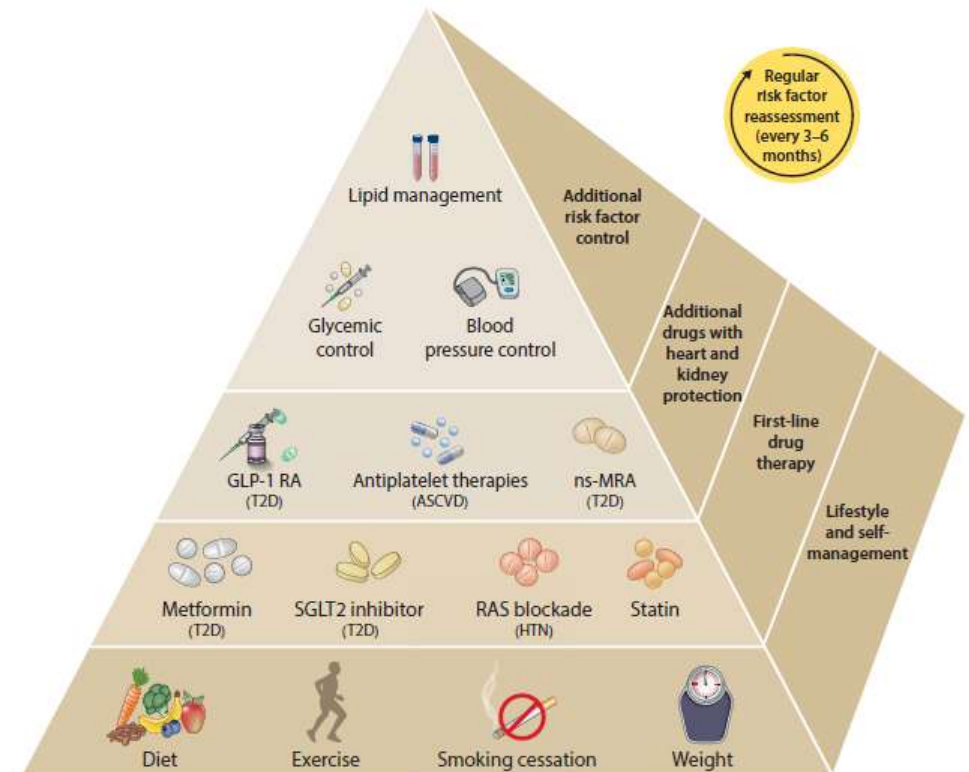
- Persistent urine ACR ≥30 mg/g and/or
- Persistent eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and/or
- Other evidence of kidney damage

# The KDIGO 2022 guidelines include a class 2A recommendation for finerenone

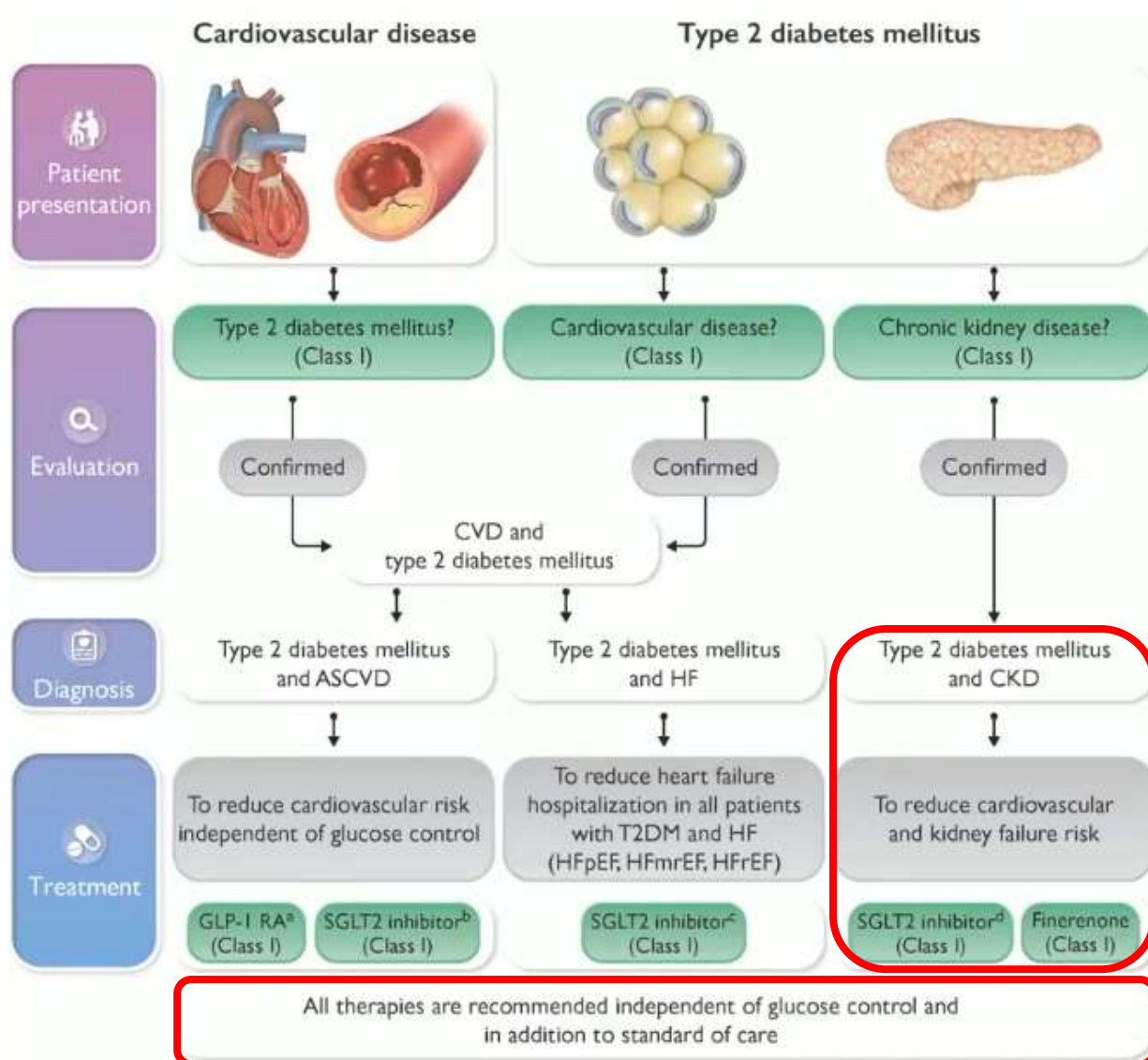
## Recommendations (2022)

Recommendation	Level/grade
<b>Comprehensive diabetes and CKD management</b>	
An ACEi or an ARB is recommended in patients with diabetes, hypertension and albuminuria, titrated to the highest approved dose that is tolerated	1B
An SGLT-2i is recommended in patients with T2D, CKD and an eGFR $\geq 20$ ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	1A
<b>A nonsteroidal MRA with proven kidney and CV benefit is suggested in patients with T2D, eGFR <math>\geq 25</math> ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, normal serum [K<sup>+</sup>] and albuminuria (<math>\geq 30</math> mg/g) despite maximum tolerated RASi</b>	<b>2A</b>
<b>Antihyperglycaemic therapies in patients with T2D and CKD</b>	
Metformin is recommended in patients with T2D, CKD and an eGFR $\geq 30$ ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	1B
A long-acting GLP-1RA is recommended in patients with T2D and CKD who have not achieved individualised HbA1c targets despite metformin and SGLT-2i (or are unable to use them)	1B

## Kidney–heart risk factor management



# Recommandations de l'ESC 2023 ESC - Prise en charge des maladies cardiovasculaires chez les patients atteints de diabète de type 2



Chronic kidney disease and diabetes—Section 9		
Intensive LDL-C lowering with statins or a statin/ezetimibe combination is recommended.	I	A
A SGLT2 inhibitor (canagliflozin, empagliflozin, or dapagliflozin) is recommended in patients with T2DM and CKD with an eGFR $\geq 20$ mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> to reduce the risk of CVD and kidney failure.	I	A
Finerenone is recommended in addition to an ACE-I or ARB in patients with T2DM and eGFR $> 60$ mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> with a UACR $\geq 30$ mg/mmol ( $\geq 300$ mg/g), or eGFR 25–60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> and UACR $\geq 3$ mg/mmol ( $\geq 30$ mg/g) to reduce CV events and kidney failure.	I	A
Low-dose ASA (75–100 mg o.d.) is recommended in patients with CKD and ASCVD.	I	A
Treatment with intensive medical or an initial invasive strategy is recommended in people with CKD, diabetes, and stable moderate or severe CAD, due to similar outcomes.	I	B
Kidney specialist advice may be considered for managing a raised serum phosphate, other evidence of CKD-MBD, and renal anaemia.	IIb	C
Combined use of an ARB with an ACE-I is not recommended.	III	B

# Recommandations ESC 2023 pour le traitement des patients DT2 atteints de maladie rénale chronique

## Pour réduire le risque CV

### Régime à base de statines IA

Une réduction intensive du LDL-C avec des statines ou une combinaison statine/ézétimibe est recommandée

## Pour réduire le risque d'insuffisance rénale

### IEC/ARA2 IA

La dose maximale tolérée d'un ACEi ou ARB est recommandée

## Pour réduire le risque cardiovasculaire et rénal

### IA SGLT-2i

Recommandé chez les patients atteints de DT2 et d'IRC avec un DFG<sub>e</sub>  $\geq 20$  ml / min / 1,73 m<sup>2</sup> pour réduire le risque de MCV et de MRC

### IA Contrôle de la PA

Une PA cible de 130/80 mmHg est recommandée pour réduire le risque de MCV et d'albuminurie

### IA Finerenone

La finérénone est recommandée en plus d'un IEC ou d'un ARA2 chez les patients atteints de DT2 avec un DFG<sub>e</sub>  $> 60$  mL/min/1,73 m<sup>2</sup> et un RAC  $\geq 30$  mg/mmol ( $\geq 300$  mg/g) ou un DFG<sub>e</sub> de 25 à 60 mL/min/1,73 m<sup>2</sup> et RAC  $\geq 3$  mg / mmol ( $\geq 30$  mg / g) pour réduire les événements cardiovasculaires et rénaux



# 2023 ESH Guidelines for the management of arterial hypertension

*The Task Force for the management of arterial hypertension of the European Society of Hypertension*

Endorsed by the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) and the European Renal Association (ERA)

*J. Hypertension 2023; 41: 1874*

Dual combination of an ACEi with an ARB is not recommended.	III	A
SGLT2is inhibitors are recommended for patients with diabetic and non-diabetic nephropathies CKD if eGFR is at least 20 ml/min/1.73 <sup>2</sup> . <sup>a</sup>	I	A
The non-steroidal MRA finerenone is recommended in patients with CKD and albuminuria associated with type 2 diabetes mellitus if eGFR is at least 25 ml/min/1.73 <sup>2</sup> and serum potassium <5.0 mmol/L.	I	A
In CKD patients with hyperkalemia a potassium binder can be used to maintain normal or near normal serum potassium levels (<5.5 mmol/L) in order to allow optimal treatment with a RAS-blocker or a MRA to continue.	II	B

# FINERENONE : AMM EUROPEENNE



Finérénone, antagoniste sélectif non stéroïdien des récepteurs aux minéralocorticoïdes (RM), est indiqué chez l'adulte pour le traitement de la maladie rénale chronique (avec albuminurie) associée au diabète de type 2 :

- ✓ Au vu de l'absence de données comparatives versus un inhibiteur du SGLT2 (ou gliflozine) et du faible effectif (moins de 5 %) de patients inclus dans l'étude de phase III traités par un inhibiteur du SGLT2, **la Finérénone ne peut être positionnée par rapport aux inhibiteurs du SGLT2 dans la maladie rénale chronique** (stades 3 et 4 avec albuminurie) du patient diabétique de type 2.
- ✓ Le bénéfice clinique de l'association finérénone + traitement standard optimisé par IEC ou sartan + gliflozine n'étant pas établi, l'instauration d'une trithérapie dans la maladie rénale chronique n'est pas recommandée.

# Questions en suspend pour le positionnement de la finérénone ?

1. Intérêt de l'association avec un iSGLT2 chez MRC diabétique?
2. Positionnement vis-à-vis d'autres traitements du diabète (GLP1A)?
3. Bénéfice chez MRC non diabétique?
4. Positionnement vis-à-vis d'autres MRC (anti-ET1...)

Bénéfice de la trithérapie, iSRA + iSGLT2 + nsMRA chez le patient MRC diabétique?

## **Finérénone in combination with empagliflozin for the treatment of chronic kidney disease in type 2 diabetes**

- CONFIDENCE – A randomised controlled trial

*Green J. NDT 2023; 38: 894*

# Design of the COMBINATION effect of Finerenone and Empagliflozin in participants with chronic kidney disease and type 2 diabetes using a UACR Endpoint study (CONFIDENCE)

## Background

Both finerenone (nonsteroidal MRA) and empagliflozin (SGLT2i) can reduce kidney and cardiovascular events in people with CKD and T2D.

CONFIDENCE (NCT05254002) investigates whether dual therapy with finerenone and empagliflozin is superior to either agent alone in reducing albuminuria.

## Participants



- 807 participants
- 125 centres
- 13 countries

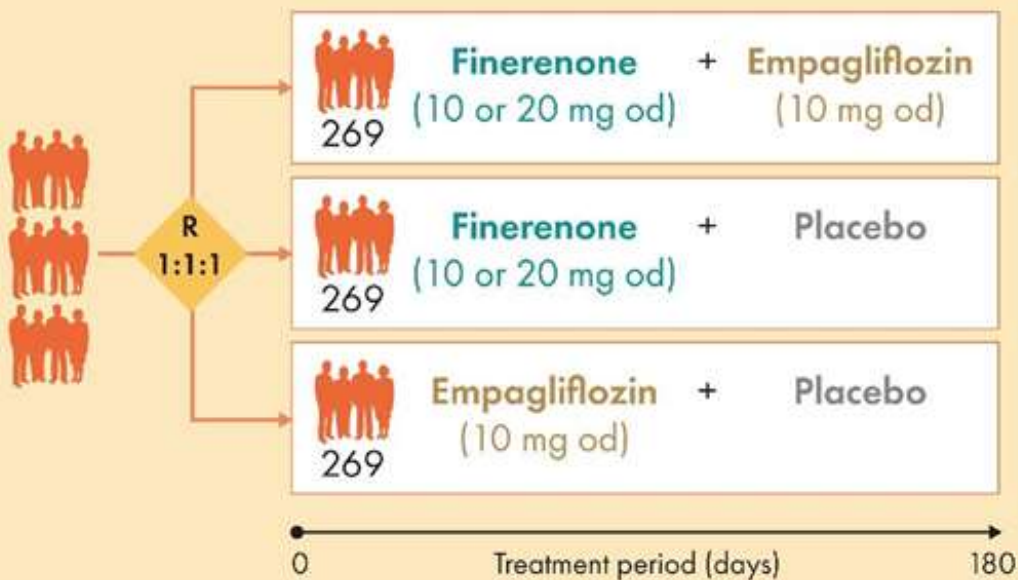


- ≥ 18 years
- T2D, CKD stage 2–3
- UACR ≥ 300 to < 5000 mg/g



- T1D
- Serum K<sup>+</sup> > 4.8 mmol/L
- Treatment with SGLT1/2i or MRA

## Treatment arms



## Primary outcomes

Relative change in UACR from baseline to 180 days in:



Dual therapy vs.



Finerenone



Dual therapy vs.

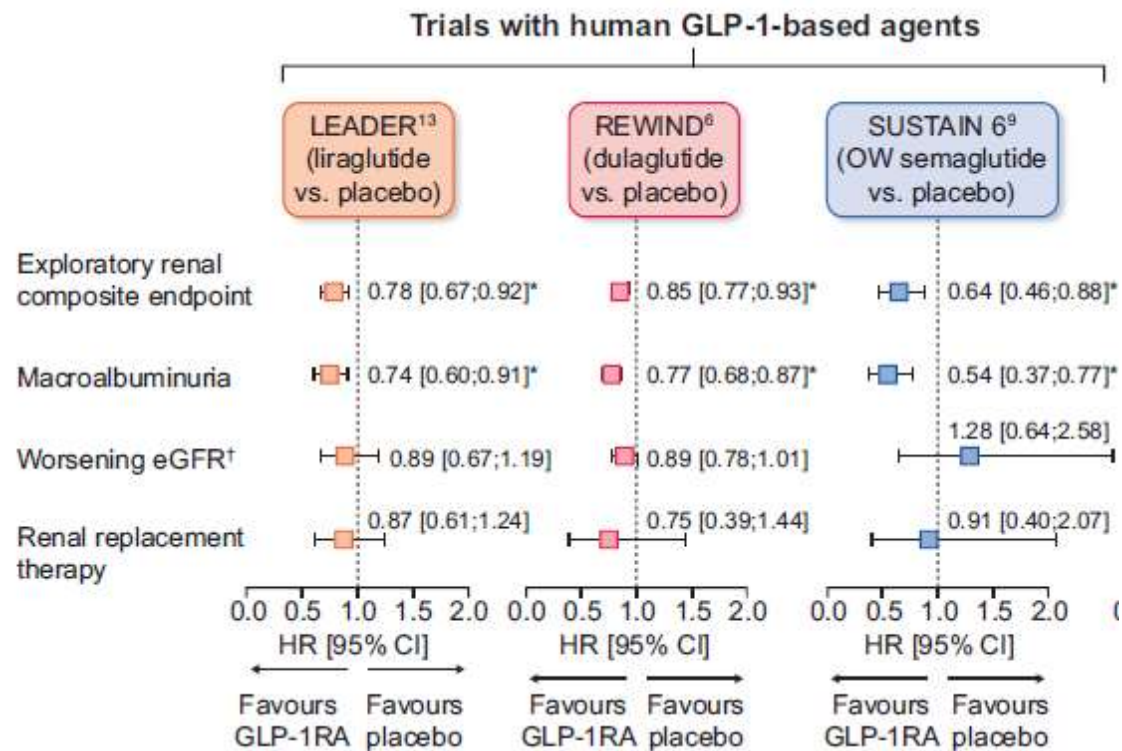


Empagliflozin

## Conclusion

Should an additive effect be shown, early and efficient intervention with dual finerenone and SGLT2i therapy could slow disease progression and provide long-term benefits for people with CKD and T2D.

# Bénéfice rénal d'autres traitements chez le patient MRC diabétique? Les agonistes du GLP1 ?



### The rationale, design and baseline data of FLOW, a kidney outcomes trial with once-weekly semaglutide in people with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease

**Background**  
Evidence has emerged of potential kidney-protective effects of GLP-1RAs in people with T2D. FLOW is a dedicated kidney outcomes trial to assess semaglutide in a population with CKD and T2D at high risk of kidney disease progression.

**Methods**  
**Participants:**  

- Adults with T2D
- eGFR  $\geq 50$  to  $\leq 75$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and UACR  $>300$  to  $<5000$  mg/g OR
- eGFR  $\geq 25$  to  $<50$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and UACR  $>100$  to  $<5000$  mg/g

**Composite primary endpoint:**  
Time to first occurrence of:

- Kidney failure (persistent eGFR  $<15$  ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> or initiation of CKRT);
- Persistent  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in eGFR, or
- Death from kidney or CV causes

**Randomisation 1:1**  
N=3534  

- 0.25 mg 0.5 mg 1.0 mg semaglutide s.c. OW + T2D and CKD standard-of-care
- 0.25 mg 0.5 mg 1.0 mg placebo s.c. OW + T2D and CKD standard-of-care

**Timeline:** W-3 (Screening up to 3 weeks), W0, W4, W8 (Treatment period), EOT (Follow-up 5 weeks). Event-driven trial with expected duration of approximately 5 years.

**Baseline characteristics**

- 68.2% at very high risk for CKD progression according to KDIGO categorisation, eGFR of 47.0 [15] ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; median UACR of 568 [range: 2–11 852] mg/g
- Advanced type 2 diabetes: Mean age 66.6 years; Mean diabetes duration 17.4 years; Mean HbA<sub>1c</sub> 7.8%
- 15.5% receiving SGLT-2is

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CKRT, chronic kidney replacement therapy; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; EOT, end of treatment; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated haemoglobin; KDIGO, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; OW, once weekly; s.c., subcutaneous; SGLT-2, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UACR, urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio; W, week.

**Conclusion**  
FLOW will evaluate the effect of semaglutide on kidney outcomes in participants with CKD and T2D, and is expected to complete in late 2024.

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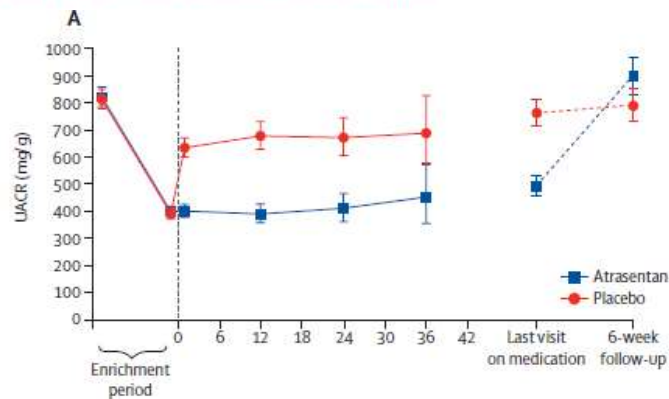
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# Bénéfice rénal d'autres traitements chez patient MRC & diabétique? Les bloqueurs de l'ET-1?

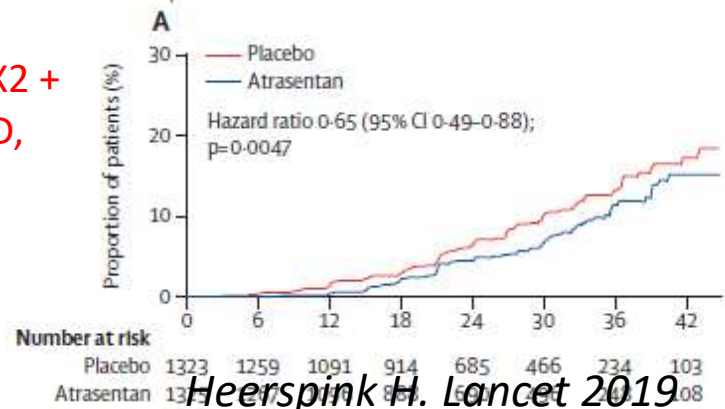
Atrasentan and renal events in patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease (SONAR): a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled trial

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RAC: -33%



CJP: Creat X2 + DFG<15, HD, Transpl

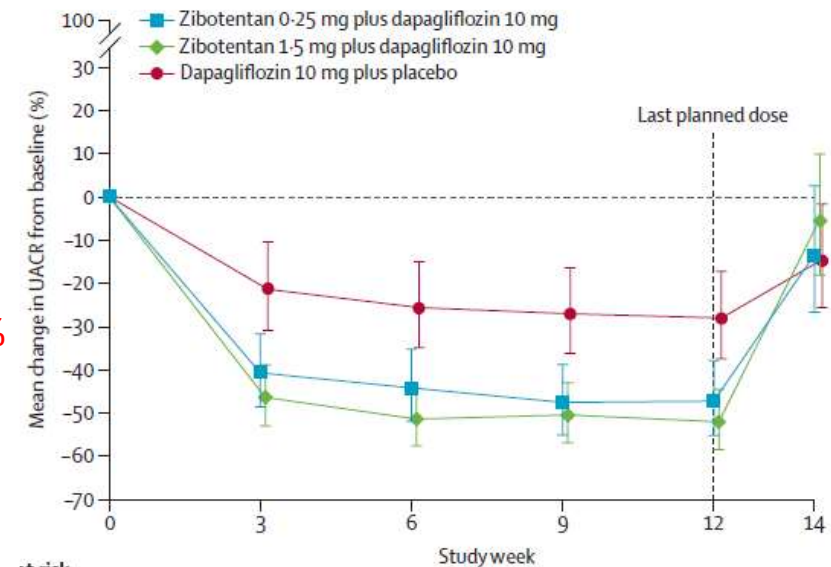


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Zibotentan in combination with dapagliflozin compared with dapagliflozin in patients with chronic kidney disease (ZENITH-CKD): a multicentre, randomised, active-controlled, phase 2b, clinical trial

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RAC: -52%,  
-47%; -27%



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# Perspectives:

## Bénéfice de la finérénone au cours de la MRC non diabétique ?

### Design and Baseline Characteristics of the FIND-CKD Trial: Efficacy of Finerenone on Kidney Disease Progression in People with Non-Diabetic Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

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# Eligible Patients are Those With Non-Diabetic CKD on Optimized SoC Therapy With an ACEi or ARB

## Key inclusion criteria



Age  $\geq 18$  years

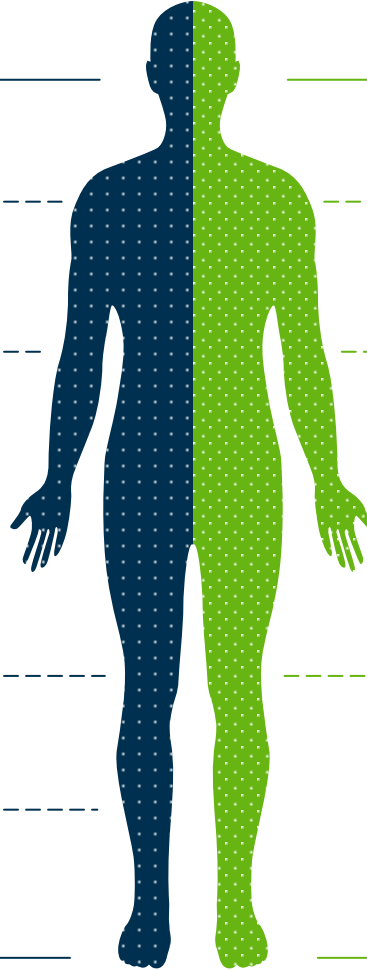
eGFR of  $\geq 25$  to  $< 60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>  
and UACR of  $\geq 200$  to  $< 500$  mg/g<sup>†</sup>

OR

eGFR  $\geq 25$  to  $< 90$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>  
and UACR of  $\geq 500$  to  $\leq 3500$  mg/g

Serum potassium  $\leq 4.8$  mmol/L

On stable maximal tolerated labelled dose  
of ACEi or ARB



## Key exclusion criteria



T1D, T2D, or HbA1c  $\geq 6.5\%$

SBP  $\geq 160$  or DBP  $\geq 100$  mmHg

Symptomatic HF with reduced  
ejection fraction with class 1A  
indication for MRAs

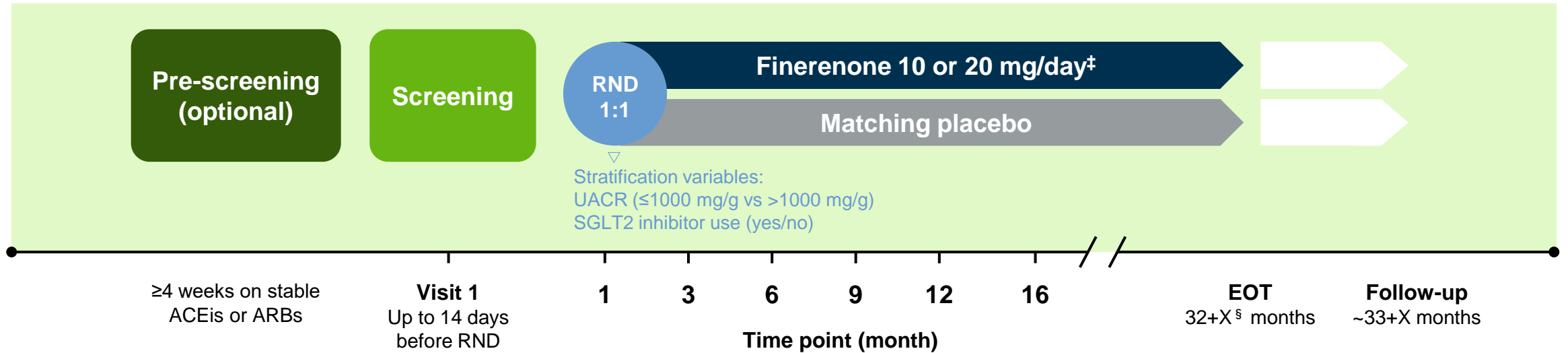
Autosomal dominant or autosomal  
recessive polycystic kidney disease

Lupus nephritis or ANCA-associated  
vasculitis or any other kidney disease  
requiring immunosuppressive therapy  
within 6 months prior to screening

<sup>†</sup>To ensure a pre-specified ratio for a population at risk of progressive renal function decline, the number of participants with eGFR of  $\geq 25$  to  $60$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> and UACR  $\geq 200$  to  $< 500$  mg/g is planned to be capped at approximately 10% of the total population.

ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ANCA, anti-neutrophilic cytoplasmic autoantibody; CKD, chronic kidney disease; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; HF, heart failure; K<sup>+</sup>, potassium; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SoC, standard of care; T1D, type 1 diabetes; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UACR, urinary albumin:creatinine ratio. Presented at the American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2-5, 2023.

# FIND-CKD is a Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group, Phase 3 Study†



## Primary endpoint

Total eGFR slope (defined as the mean annual rate of change in eGFR from baseline to Month 32)

## Secondary endpoints

**Composite** of kidney failure, sustained eGFR decline of ≥57% from baseline, HHF, or CV death.  
**Composite** of kidney failure or sustained eGFR decline of ≥57% from baseline.  
**Composite** of HHF or CV death

## Safety outcomes

Occurrence of treatment-emergent AEs, treatment-emergent serious AEs, and hyperkalemia AEs

†Study duration and the number of study visits will depend on the time of enrollment of the patient. ‡Starting dose of finerenone: 10 mg once daily if eGFR is ≥25 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> to <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> or 20 mg once daily if eGFR is ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> at screening visit. Finerenone will be up- or downtitrated based on potassium and eGFR levels. §All participants will stay in the study until the last randomized participant has reached 32 months of treatment.

ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; AE, adverse event; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FIND-CKD, Finerenone, in addition to standard of care, on the progression of kidney disease in patients with **Non-Diabetic Chronic Kidney Disease**; HHF, hospitalization for heart failure; EOT, end of treatment; RND, randomization; SGLT2, sodium–glucose cotransporter 2; UACR, urinary albumin:creatinine ratio. Presented at the American Society of Nephrology Kidney Week, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2-5, 2023.

# Finérénone en pratique en France

- Pas disponible en France
- HAS oct 2022 (Fidelio)
  - MRC 3-4 diabète + albuminurie
  - Remboursement
  - ASMR IV
- HAS Nov 2023 (Figaro)
  - MRC 1-2 diabète + albuminurie
  - Remboursement
  - ASMR V
- Indications supposées
  - MRC (DFG  $\geq$  25, K $\leq$ 5), diabète, albuminurie
  - IEC/ARA2
  - Poso: 10 ou 20 mg selon DFG
- Les contre-indications
  - Hypersensibilité
  - Insuffisance surrénalienne
  - Administration concomitante d'inhibiteur CYP3A4 (Ketoconazole, Clarythromycine...)

# Conclusion

- La finérénone réduit le risque cardiovasculaire et rénal chez le patient diabétique de type 2 et ayant une MRC, une albuminurie et une kaliémie normale.
- Déjà traité par une pleine dose d'inhibiteur du SRA
- Ce traitement est recommandé par nos sociétés savantes avec un niveau de preuve élevé (IA ou 2A).
- Il reste à préciser sa place et son effet en association avec les iSGLT2 chez le patient diabétique et patient MRC non diabétique.

Merci de votre attention