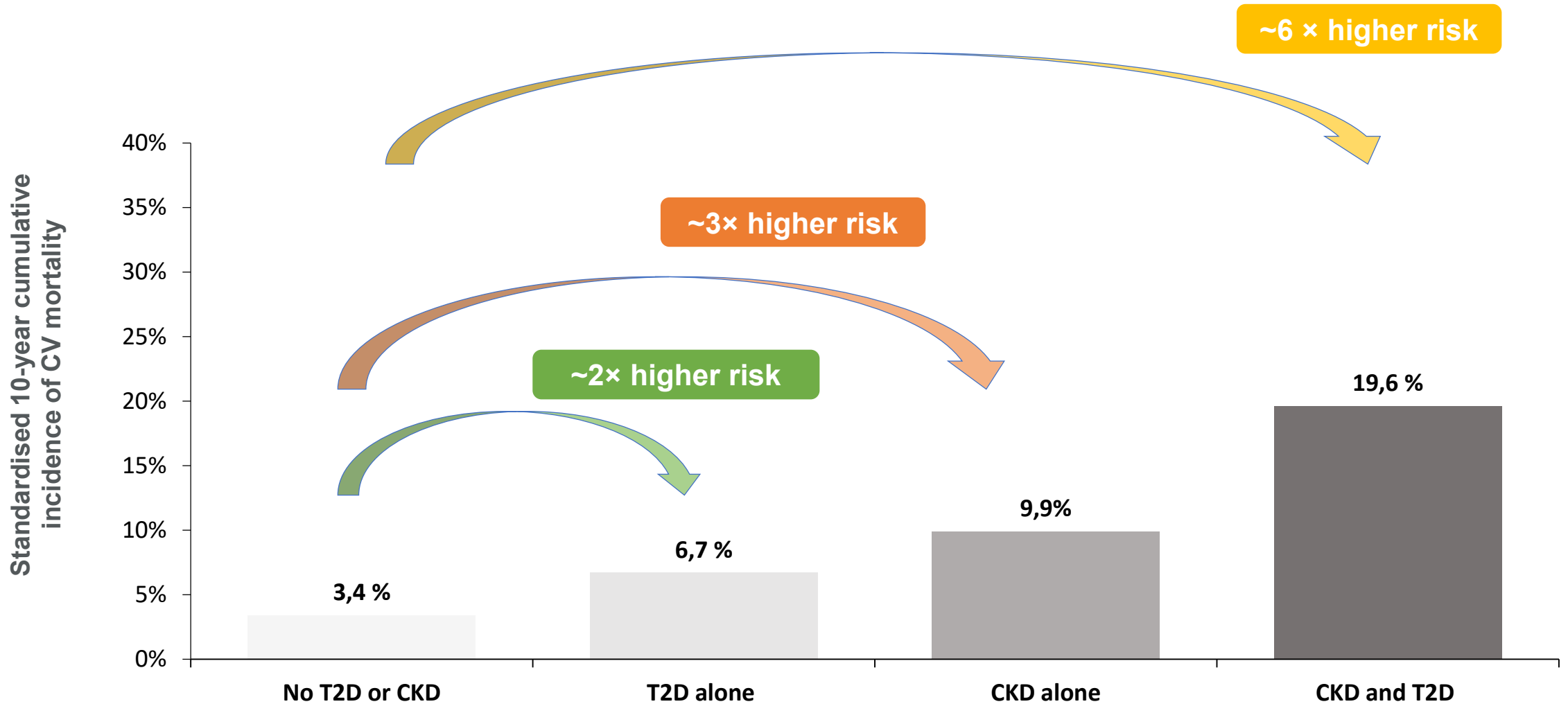




Mineralocorticoid antagonisten

Dr. Johan Scharpé
Nefroloog GZA

Hoog CV risico (mortaliteit) bij DM 2 en CKD

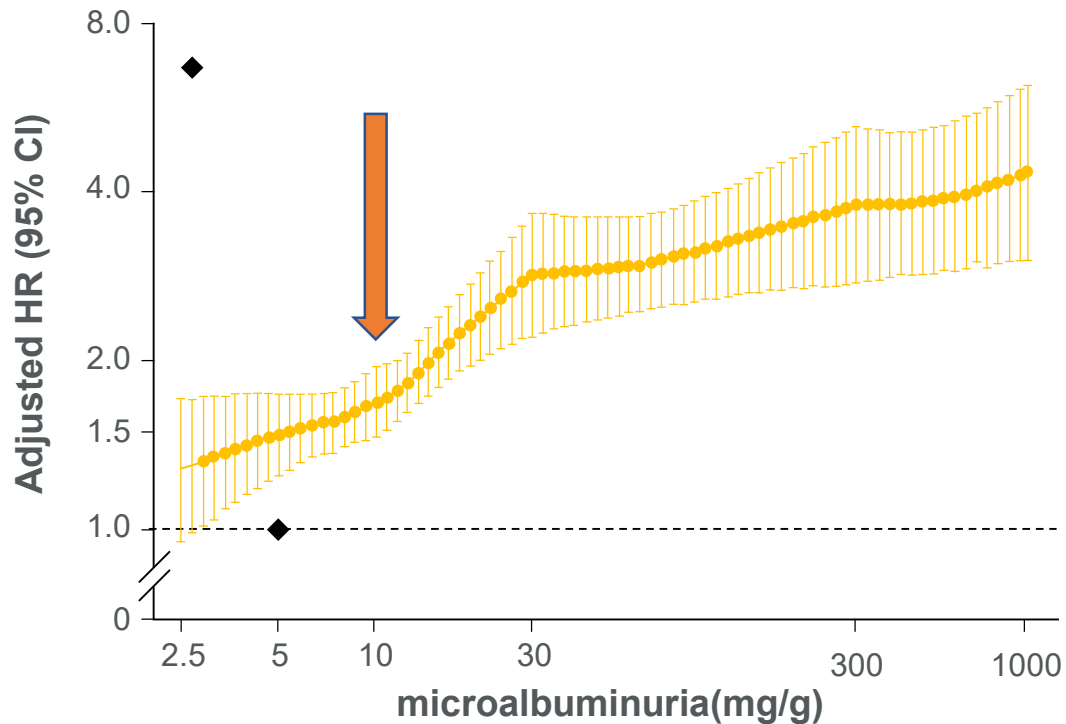


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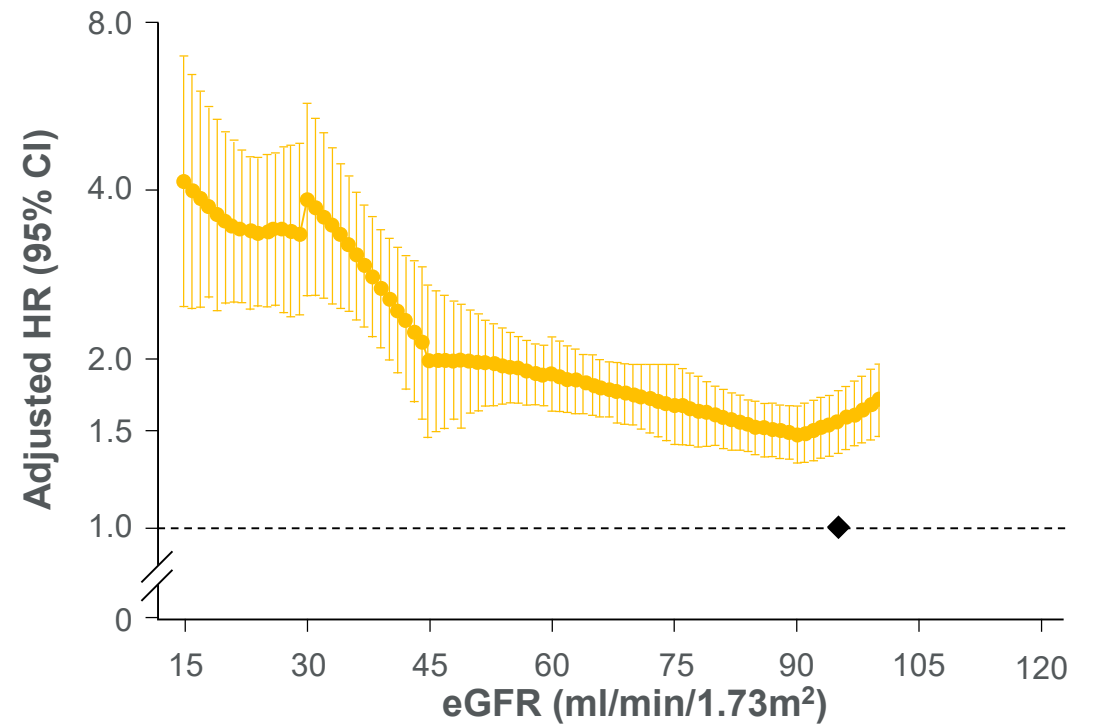
Standardised 10-year cumulative incidence of CV mortality by diabetes and kidney disease status

Risico op CV events bij patiënten met diabetes verhoogt bij toenemende albuminuria en dalende GFR

CV mortality according to microalbuminuria



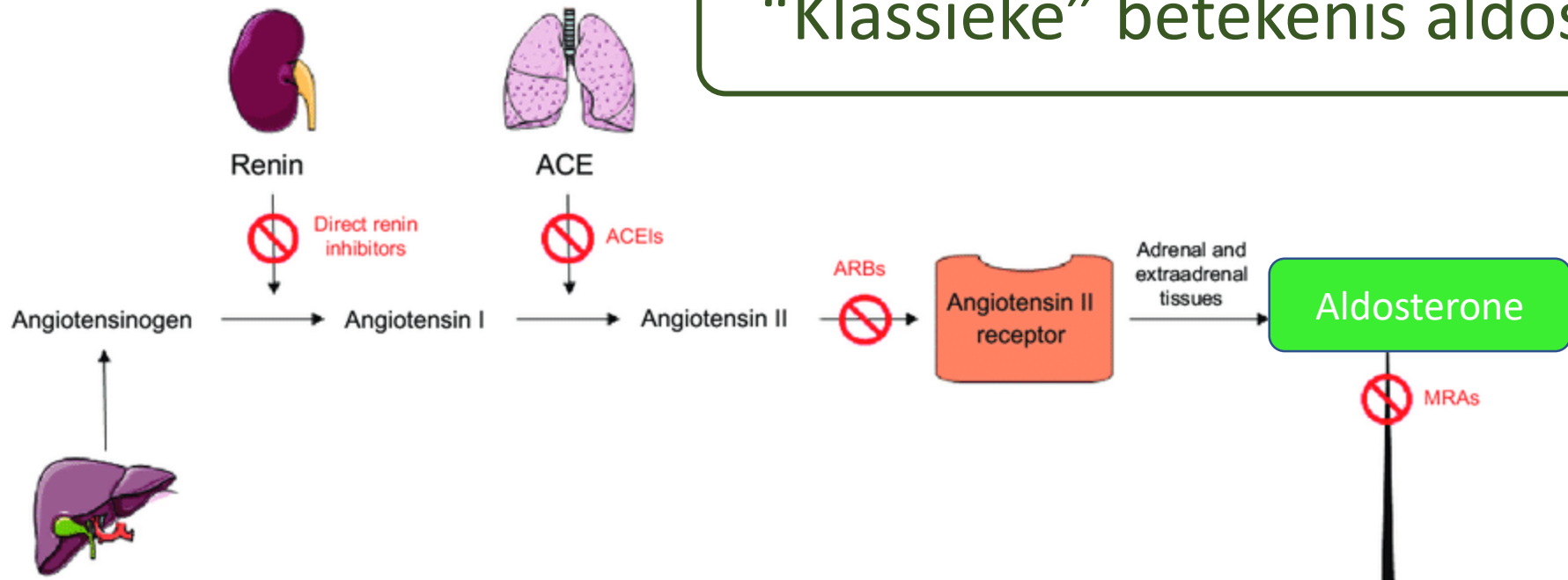
CV mortality according to eGFR



Risk of CV death is significantly increased as urinary alb/creat ratio rises above 10 mg/g

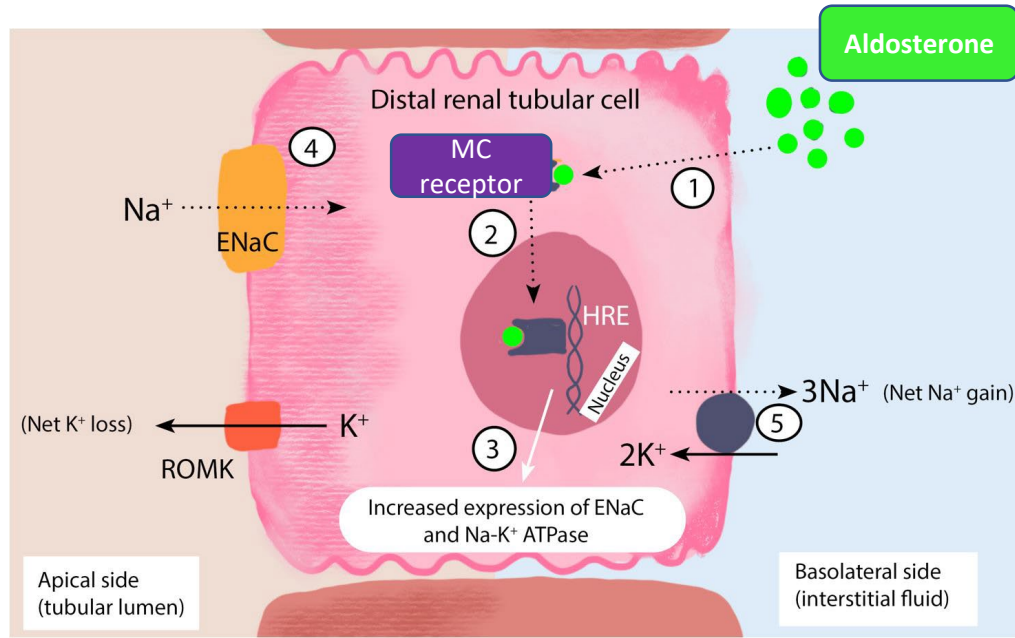
Risk of CV death is significantly increased as eGFR falls below 75 ml/min/1.73 m²

“Klassieke” betekenis aldosterone



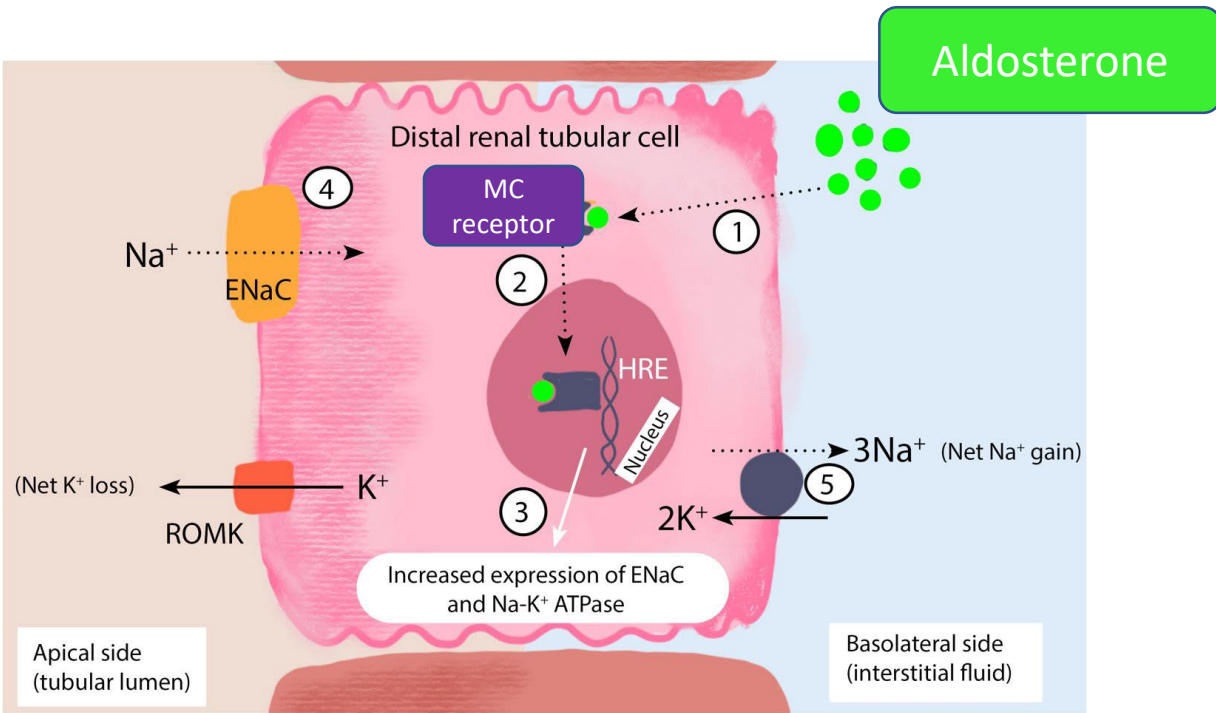
Na/ H₂O reabsorptie
K excretie
(K excretie colon)

Basis voor ontwikkeling
Spironolactone
RAS blokkers



MC receptor

Aldosterone "klassiek" (50 j geleden)
MR receptor in distale tubuli



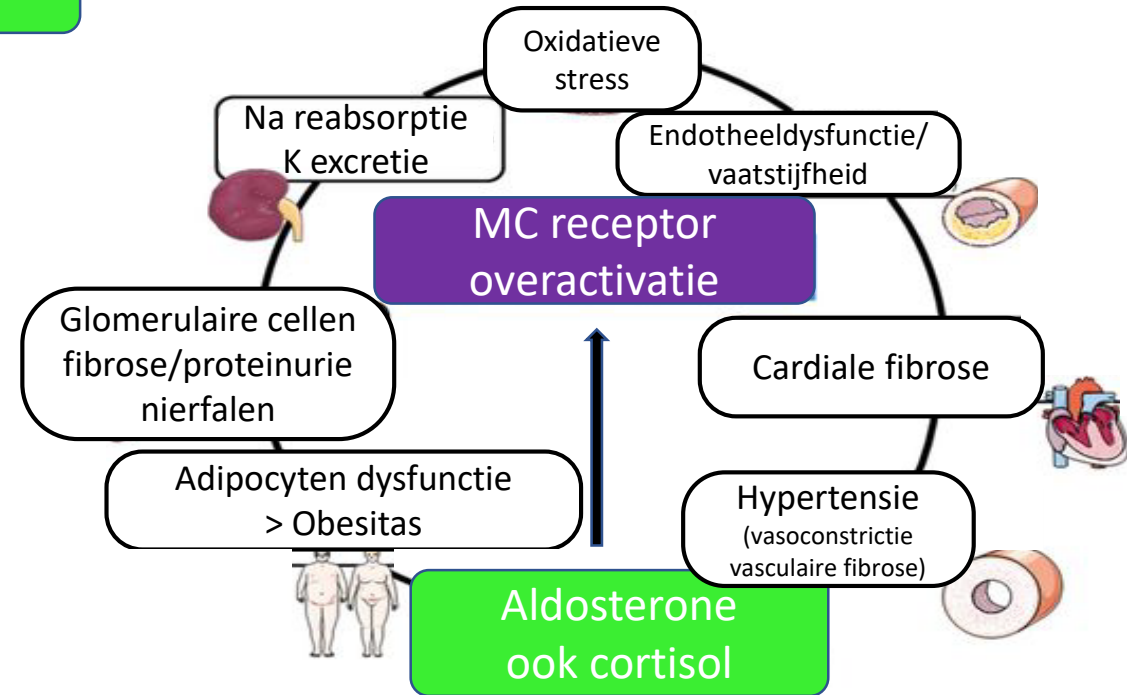
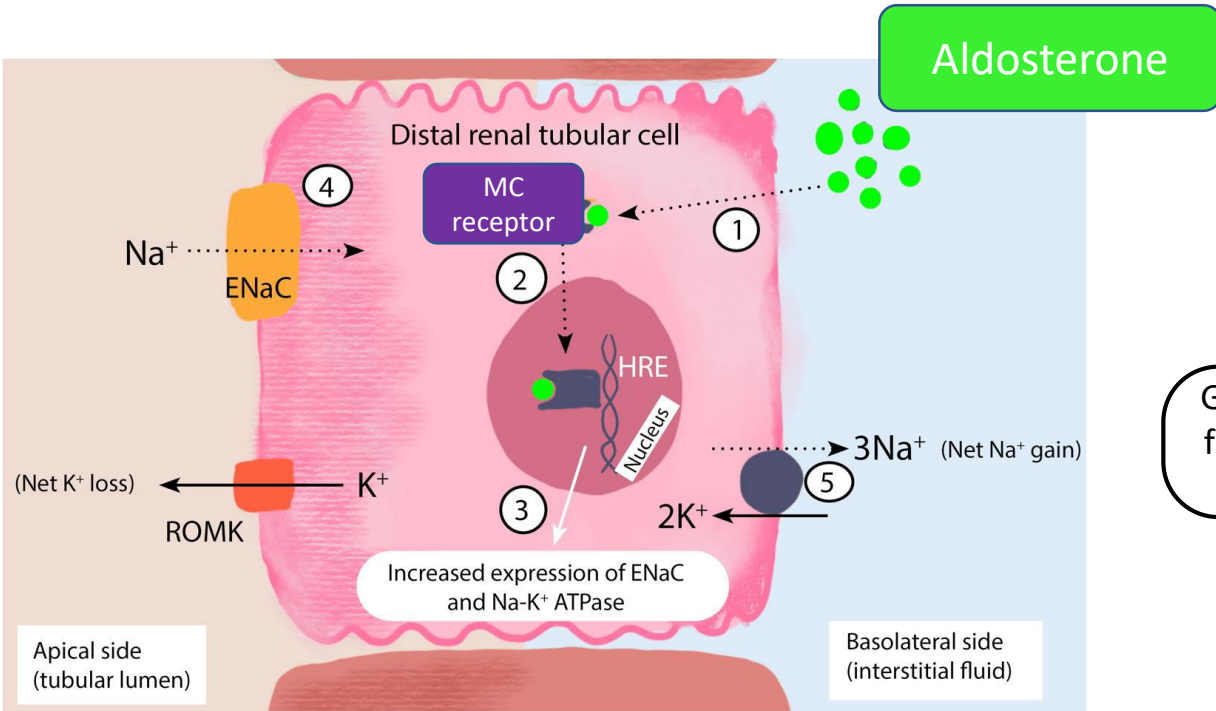
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Basis voor ontwikkeling
spironolactone
RAS

Aldosterone "klassiek" (50 j geleden)
MR receptor in distale tubuli

Aldosterone "nu"
MR receptor "overall"

Pleiotropic aldosterone actions contributing to the pathogenesis of cardiovascular disease.



Na / H₂O reabsorptie en K excretie
(ook K excretie colon)

Inflammatie en fibrose (cardiaal / vasculair / renaal)
vaatstijfheid

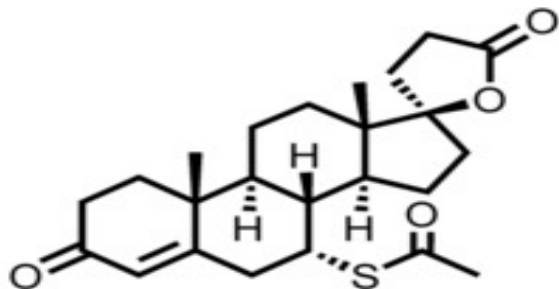
**Basis voor ontwikkeling
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**Spironolactone
nieuwe generatie MCR antagonisten**



Mineralocorticoid Receptor Antagonists

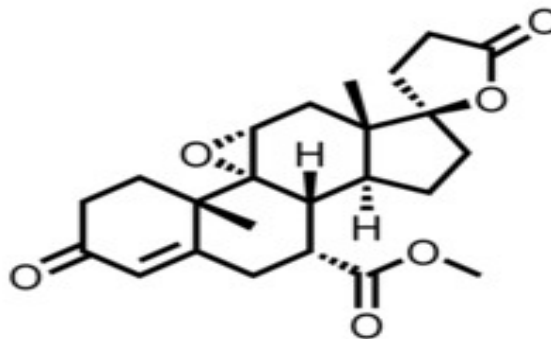
1st generation



1950s

Spironolactone

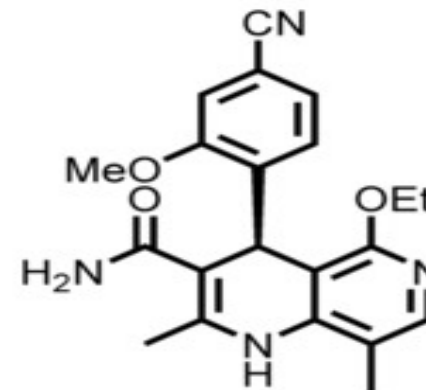
2nd generation



2000s

Eplerenone Inspra[®]

3rd generation



2015

Finerenone Kerendia[®]

Structural properties	Steroidale		Niet-steroidale
Potency against MR	+++	+	+++
Selectivity for MR	+	+++	+++++
Tissue distribution	Kidney>heart	Kidney>heart	Kidney = heart
Sexual side effects	++	(+)	-
Active metabolites	++	-	-
Effect on BP	+++	++	+
Effect on inflammation/fibrosis	+	+	+++

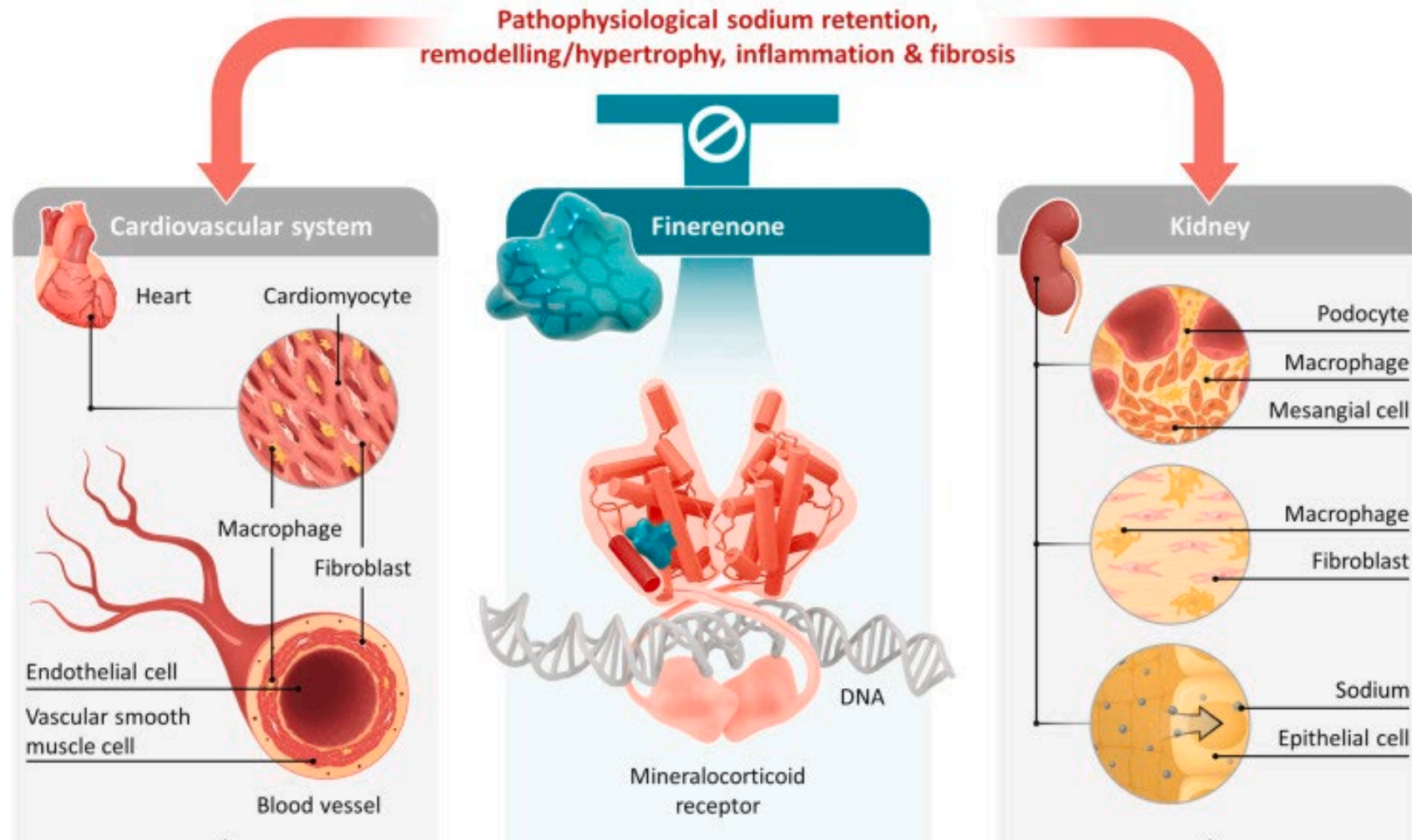
(Soms gevaarlijke) hyperkaliemie

Gynecomastie
 Onregelm menses
 Libidoverlies / impotentie
 affiniteit androgene /progesterone receptor

GEEN affiniteit voor androgene/
 progesterone / corticoid receptor



Mineralocorticoid receptor overactivatie = inflammatie / fibrose



Experimentele modellen tonen renoprotectie en cardiovasculaire protectie van finerenone

FIDELIO : finerenone bij CKD en DM type 2

	Albuminurie	Alb < 30 / g creat	Alb 30-300 / g creat	Alb > 300 /g creat	
GFR					RISICO
> 90		Laag	Matig	Hoog	
> 60		Laag	Matig	Hoog	
45-59		Matig	GFR 25-60 en retinopathie	GFR 25-75	
30-44		Hoog			
15-29		Zeer hoog	Zeer hoog	Zeer hoog	
< 15 of dialyse		Zeer hoog	Zeer hoog	Zeer hoog	

Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Finerenone (N=2833)	Placebo (N=2841)	Total (N=5674)
Age — yr	65.4±8.9	65.7±9.2	65.6±9.1
Male sex — no. (%)	1953 (68.9)	2030 (71.5)	3983 (70.2)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate			
Mean	44.4±12.5	44.3±12.6	44.3±12.6
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio [‡]			
Median (IQR)	833 (441–1628)	867 (453–1645)	852 (446–1634)

Comedicatie

100% ACE/ARB
70% diureticum
5% SGLT2

NEJM 2000

FIDELIO

Finerenone (n = 2866)

10 mg GFR < 60



20 mg GFR = of > 60



17,8 %

Composite outcome

- Death
- Dialysis
- 40% GFR daling

2,6 jaar

10 mg GFR < 60



20 mg GFR = of > 60



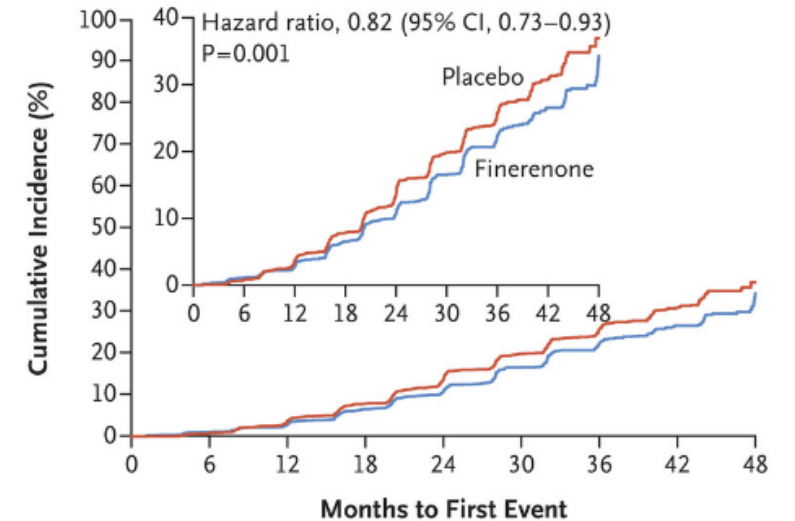
21,1 %

Na 4-16 w
maximalisatie
ACE/ARB

K < 4,8

Placebo (n = 2868)

A Primary Composite Outcome



No. at Risk

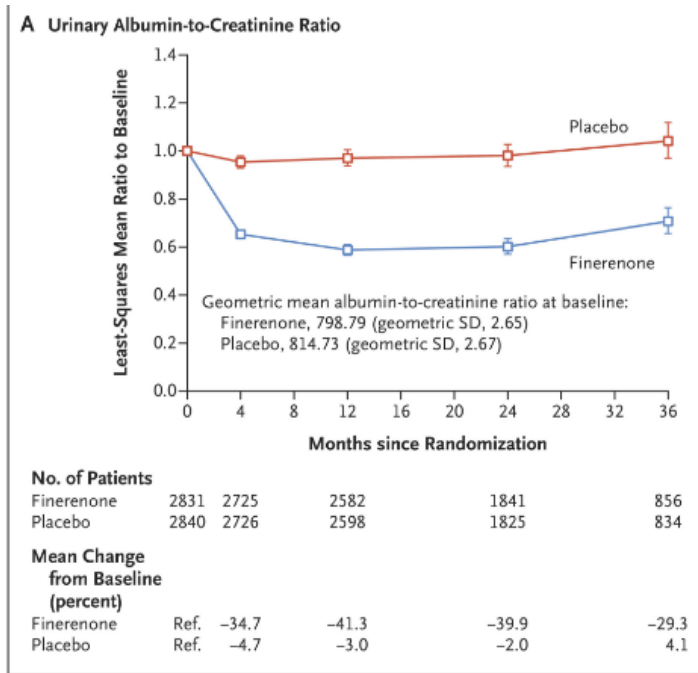
Placebo	2841	2724	2586	2379	1758	1248	792	453	82
Finerenone	2833	2705	2607	2397	1808	1274	787	441	83

FIDELIO

Finerenone

BD : - 2 a 3 mmHg systolisch
Reductie albuminurie

Door wat hogere zoutexcretie ?



Kalium > 5,5 > 6,0

Finerenone



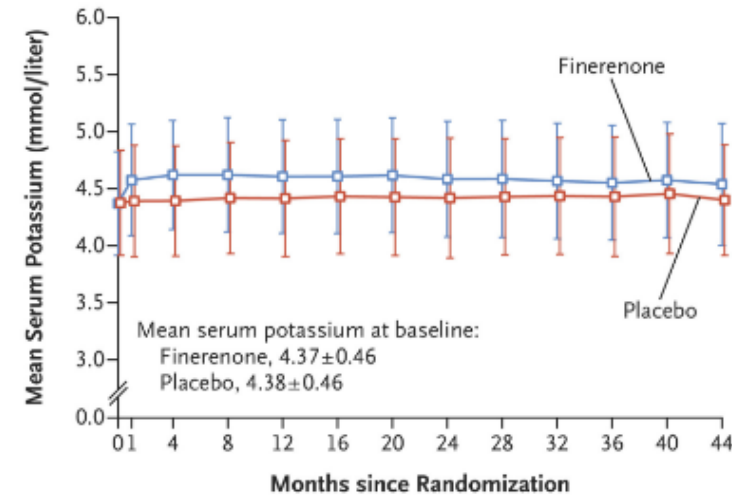
21,7 % 4,5 %

Placebo



9,8 % 1,4 %

B Mean Serum Potassium



No. of Patients

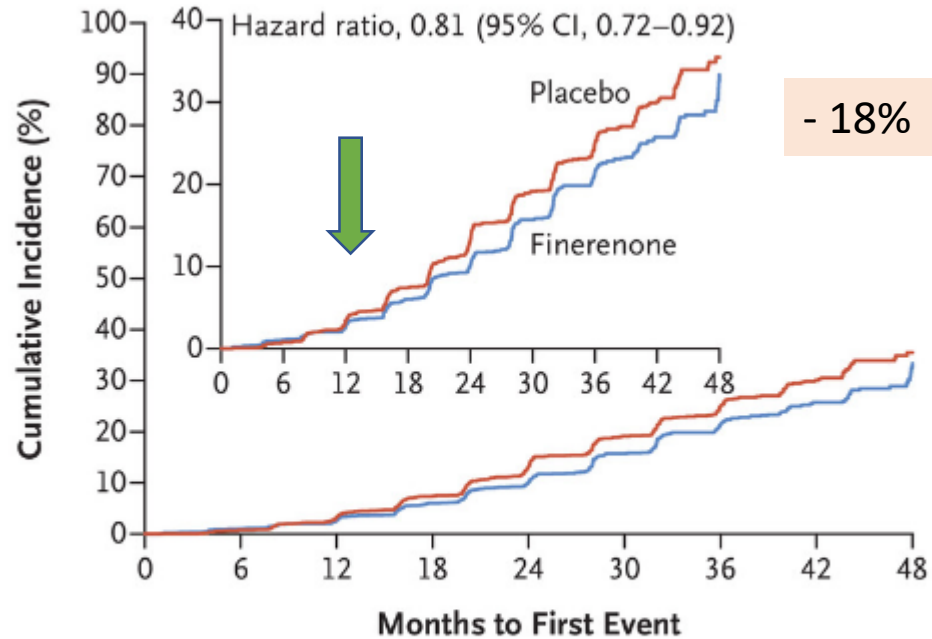
Finerenone	2827	2708	2600	1872	882	344
Placebo	2831	2709	2596	1865	862	348

Mean Change from Baseline (mmol/liter)

Finerenone	Ref.	0.25	0.24	0.21	0.21	0.20
Placebo	Ref.	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.07

NEFROPROTECTIE

B Sustained Decrease of $\geq 40\%$ in the eGFR from Baseline



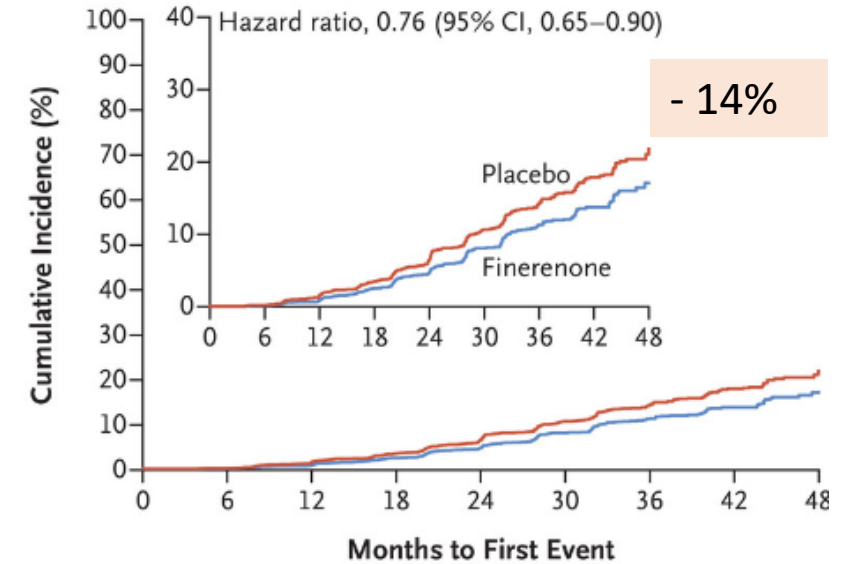
No. at Risk

Placebo	2841	2722	2588	2379	1758	1249	793	453	82
Finerenone	2833	2703	2606	2396	1808	1275	788	442	83

Pas na 12 maand zichtbaar
> eerder door tissue remodeling dan door verhoogde
zoutexcretie / hemodynamiek ?

CARDIOVASCULAIRE PROTECTIE

D Secondary Composite Outcome



No. at Risk

Placebo	2841	2740	2636	2490	1887	1364	873	499	9
Finerenone	2833	2732	2655	2492	1915	1377	883	501	10

Key secondary composite outcome

Death from cardiovascular causes

Nonfatal myocardial infarction

Nonfatal stroke

Hospitalization for heart failure

FIGARO : finerenone bij CKD en DM type 2

Albuminurie	Alb < 30 / g creat	Alb 30-300 / g creat	Alb > 300 /g creat	RISICO
GFR				
> 90	Laag	Matig	GFR >60	Laag
> 60	Laag	GFR 25-90		
45-59	Matig		Zeer hoog	
30-44	Hoog			
15-29	Zeer hoog			
< 15 of dialyse	Zeer hoog	Zeer hoog	Zeer hoog	Zeer hoog

- Laag
- Matig
- Hoog
- Zeer hoog

Table 1. Key Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of the Patients and Medications at Baseline.*

Characteristic	Finerenone (N=3686)	Placebo (N=3666)	Total (N=7352)
Age — yr	64.1±9.7	64.1±10.0	64.1±9.8
Male sex — no. (%)	2528 (68.6)	2577 (70.3)	5105 (69.4)
Estimated glomerular filtration rate			
Mean — ml/min/1.73 m ²	67.6±21.7	68.0±21.7	67.8±21.7
Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio [‡]			
Median (interquartile range)	302 (105–749)	315 (111–731)	308 (108–740)

Comedicatie
 100% ACE/ARB
 47% diureticum
 8% SGLT2

FIGARO

CARDIOVASCULAIRE PROTECTIE

Finerenone (n = 3686)

10 mg GFR < 60



12,4%

20 mg GFR = of > 60



3,4 jaar

Composite outcome

- CV Death
- Myocardinfarct
- Stroke
- Hospitalisatie HF

10 mg GFR < 60



14,2 %

20 mg GFR = of > 60

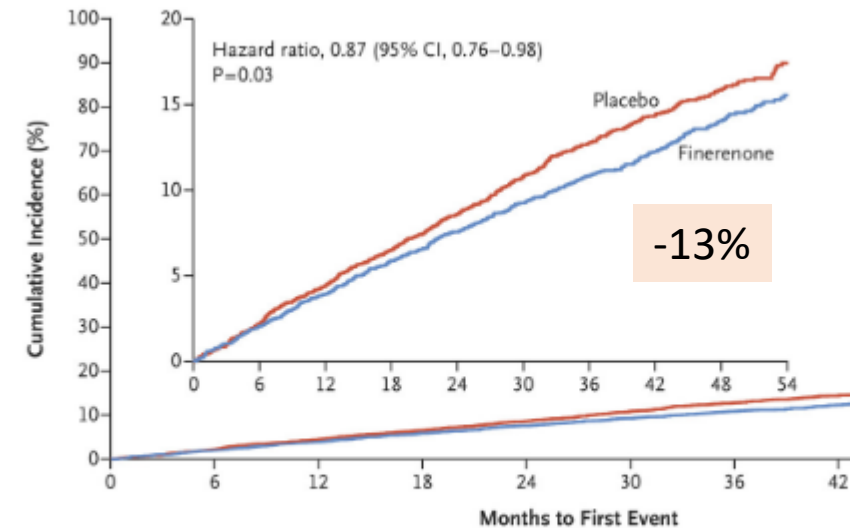


maximalisatie
ACE/ARB

K < 4,8

Placebo (n = 3666)

A Primary Composite Outcome

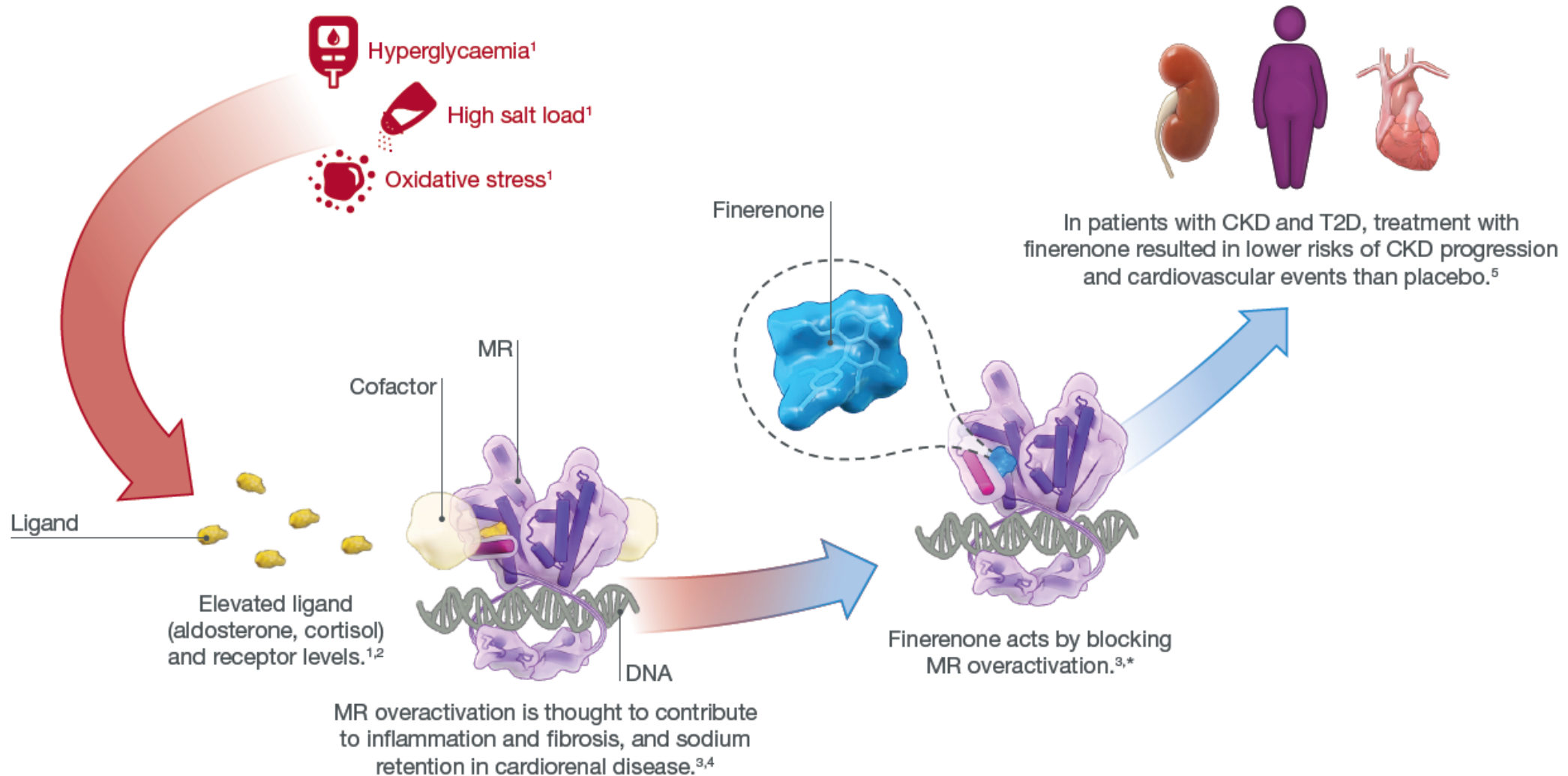


No. at Risk

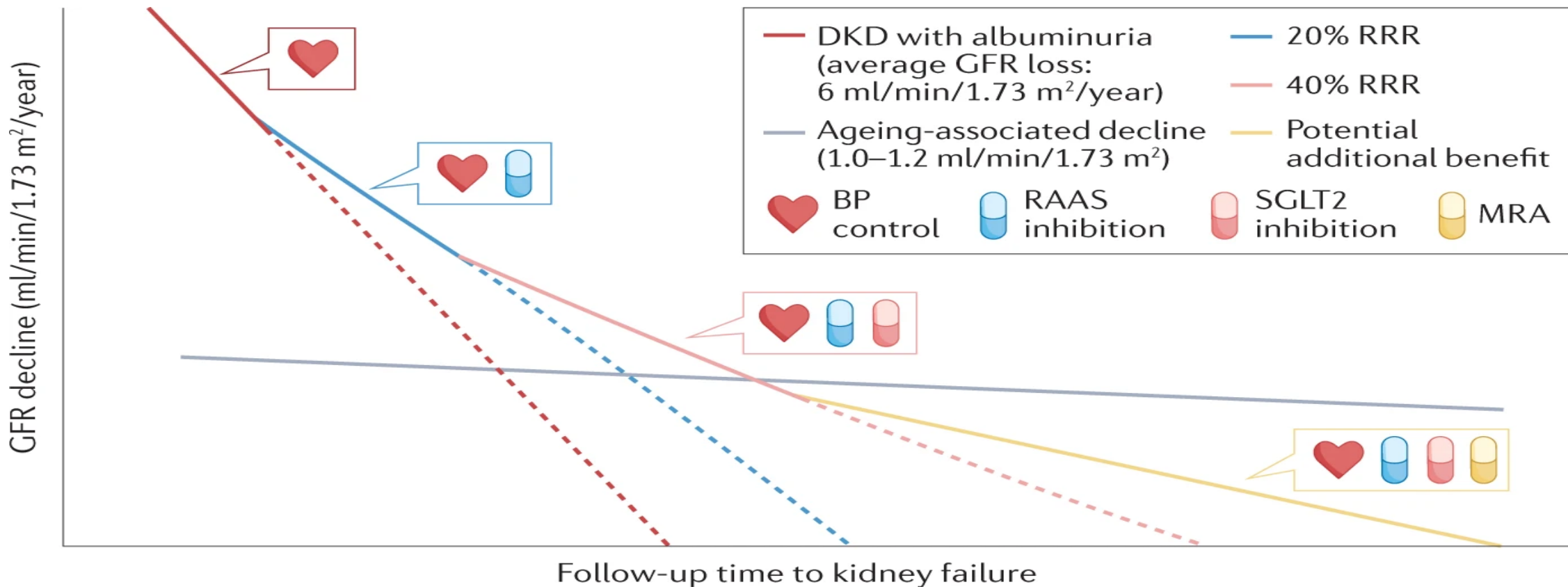
Placebo	3666	3577	3479	3389	3267	2730	2125	165
Finerenone	3686	3600	3517	3427	3320	2781	2184	171

SAMENVATTING : finerenone

een niet-steroidale, selectieve mineralocorticoid receptor antagonistist bij CKD en DM: renoprotectief / cardiovasculair protectief in vgl placebo en dit bovenop maximale RAS blokkade



Preventie nierfunctieachteruitgang bij DM en CKD



Plaats finerenone en SGLT2 bij CKD/DM



Start RAS blokker

+ SGLT 2

Maximaliseer RAS blokker

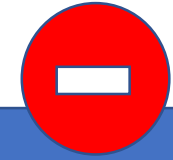
Optimaliseer BD

Residuele microalbuminurie ?

$K < 4,8$

Finerenone

Dubbele RAS blokkade



Nog openstaande vragen

- finerenone bovenop SGLT2 bij (non)diabetische nefropathie

FLAMINGO study: Combination of Finerenone and SGLT2 Inhibitors in People With Chronic Kidney Disease Together With Type 2 Diabetes by Using Routine Medical Care Data and Past Clinical Study Results

Eind 2023 ?

- finerenone bij niet-diabetische nefropathie (met/ zonder proteinurie)?

FIND-CKD study : finerenone versus placebo /standard care

2026 ?

- finerenone versus spironolactone bij hypertensie

Effect of Mineralcorticoid Recept Antagonist on Cardiovascular Disease in Patients With Hypertension and Hyperaldosteronemia : A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Study

Finerenone versus spironolactone versus placebo bij aldo > 12 ng/dl (excl primair hyperaldo): voordeel op cardiovasculaire outcome, onafh van bloeddrukcontrole ?

Eind 2026 ?



Nieuwe kaliumbinders

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Nefroloog GZA



Hyperkalemie: $K > 5,1 \text{ mmol/l}$

The incidence of HK in the general population is 2–3%¹

Advanced stages of CKD,
especially with diabetes mellitus:
frequency up to 40–50%¹

CHF in patients on
background ACEi, ARB:
frequency up to ~30%²

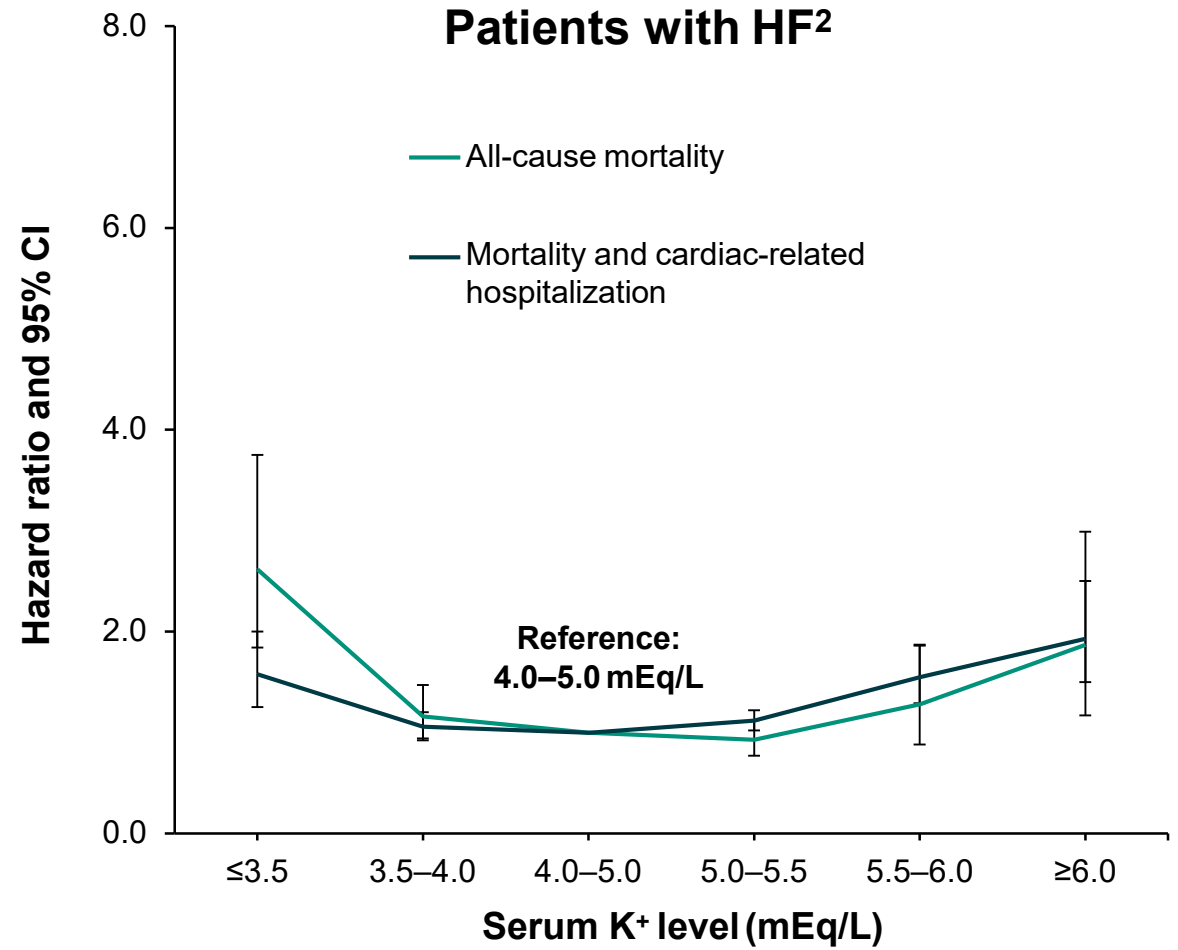
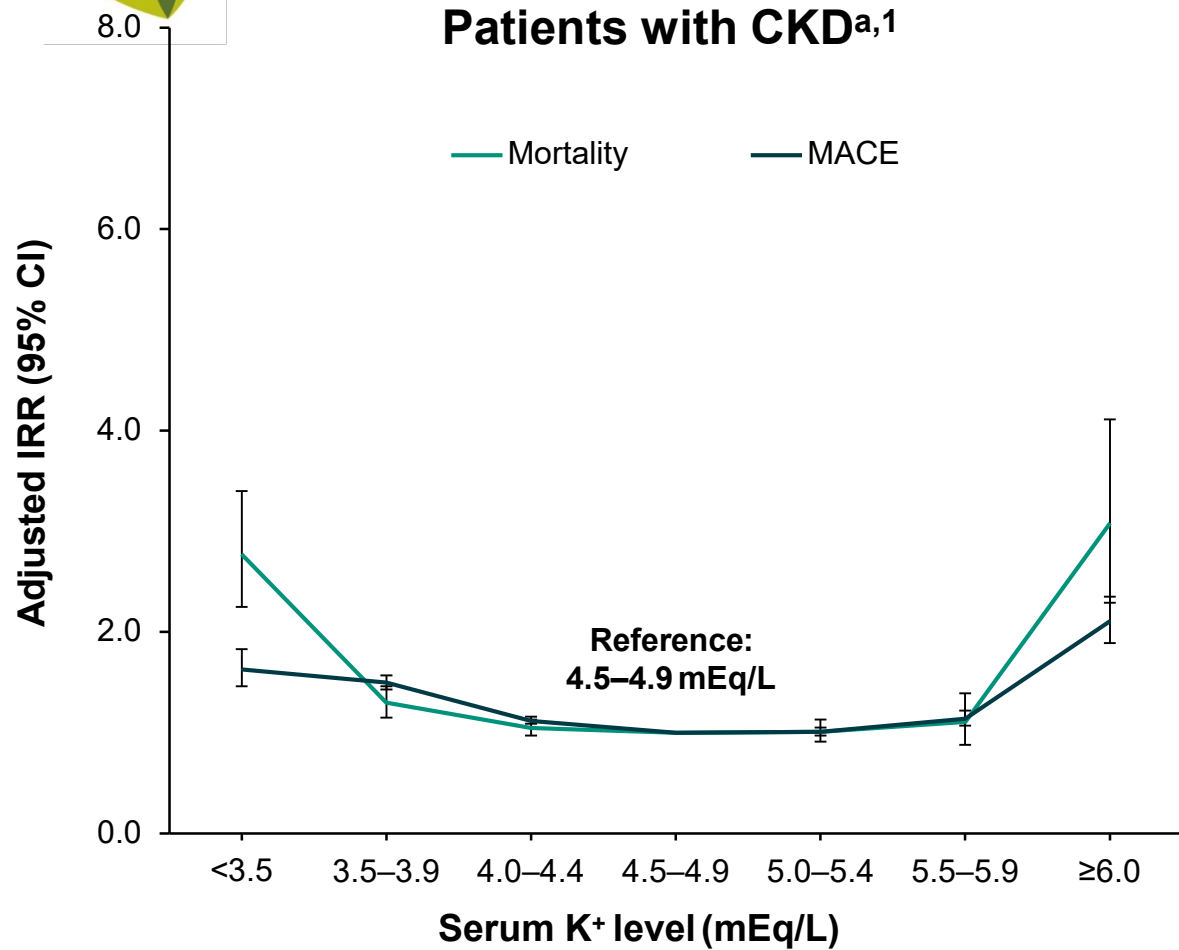
Diabetes mellitus:
frequency up to 17%

Resistant hypertension
with add-on MRA therapy:
frequency ~8–17%^{4,5}

↑ K^+



High serum K⁺ is associated with increased mortality and adverse outcomes in patients with CKD and those with HF

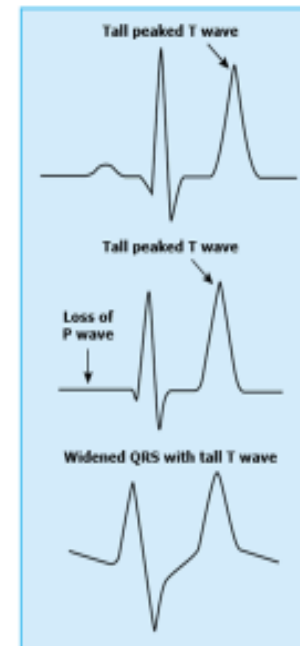


Symptomen ? Pas als $K > 6,5$ à 7 mmol/l



- Ernstige spierzwakte OL
- Hartritmestoornissen,
- geleidingsstoornissen
- Bij dialysepatiënten :
 - plotse dood (WE)

Typical electrocardiographic features of hyperkalemia



Serum potassium	Major change
5.5-6.5	Tall peaked T waves
6.5-7.5	Loss of P waves
7.0-8.0	Widening of QRS
8.0-10.0	Sine wave, ventricular arrhythmia, asystole

Adapted from: Mattu A, Brady WJ, Robinson DA. Electrocardiographic manifestations of hyperkalemia. *Am J Emerg Med* 2000; 18:721.

Hoe chronische (milde) hyperkalemie behandelen?



- Metabole acidose corrigeren : NaHCO_3 gellulen opstarten los van de maaltijd
- Bij overvulling: lis- of thiazide diureticum (kaliurese stimuleren)
- SGLT-2 inhibitor: kaliuretisch
- Uitlokkende (niet-essentiële) medicatie stoppen
 - NSAID's
 - Trimetoprim
- Kaliumarm dieet (mild)
- Kaliumbinder

Foods with high levels of potassium

Highest content (>25 mEq/100 g)	High content (>6.2 mEq/100 g)
Dried figs	Vegetables
Molasses	Spinach
Seaweed	Tomatoes
Very high content (>12.5 mEq/100 g)	Broccoli
Dried fruits (dates, prunes)	Winter squash
Nuts	Beets
Avocados	Carrots
Bran cereals	Cauliflower
Wheat germ	Potatoes
Lima beans	Fruits
	Bananas
	Cantaloupe
	Kiwis
	Oranges
	Mangos
	Meats
	Ground beef
	Steak
	Pork
	Veal
	Lamb

Adapted from: Gennari FJ. Hypokalemia. *N Engl J Med* 1998; 339:451.

Behandeling acute ernstige hyperkalemie



- Calciumgluconaat IV (cardiale stabilisatie)
- K shift naar intracellulair:
 - Hypertoon glucose 50% + insuline IV
 - NaHCO₃ IV
 - Beta-2adrenerge agonisten
- K verwijderen
 - Lisdiuretica IV
 - Kaliumbinder GI
 - Acute dialyse

Selected characteristics of potassium binders



	Kayexalate/Sorbisterit (polystyreensulfonaat)	Veltassa (patiomer)	LOKELMA (zirconium cyclosilicaat)
Approval date	1958 ^a	USA: 2015; EU: 2017	USA: 2018; EU: 2019
Mechanism	Nonspecific sodium cation-exchange resin; may also bind magnesium	Nonspecific cation-binding in exchange for calcium	Highly selective; preferentially captures K ⁺ ions
Onset	1–2 hours	4–7 hours ⁵	1 hour
Starting dose	15 g/d	8.4 g once daily	10 g three times daily (starting dose); 5 g once daily (maintenance)
Location	Colon ³	Predominantly distal colon ⁴	Entire gastrointestinal tract



Sodium /calciumpolystyrene sulfonate SPS (Kayexalate/Sorbisterit)



- Kationuitwisselend hars
- Bij de kaliumrijke maaltijd innemen (1 maatje= 15g/d)
- 3uur voor/na andere medicatie (anders gedaalde absorptie)
- Slechte tolerantie GI (obstipatie, anorexie, nausea)
- Nevenwerkingen:
 - Ischemische colitis (colonnecrose) vooral als samen gebruikt met Sorbitol
 - Hypercalcemie, hypoMg

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Veltassa en Lokelma: terugbetaling aan te vragen door nefroloog, internist of cardioloog



- **Diabetes of congestief hartfalen of proteinurie > 1g/d**
 - En CNI GFR 15-60ml/min
 - En recidiverende hyperkalemie $K > 5,1$ (ondanks K arm dieet en correctie metabole acidose)
 - En RAAS blokker nodig
 - En $K < 6,5$ mmol/l
 - Geen VG darmobstructie, geen ingrijpende GI heelkunde

- **Verlenging na 6 maanden**
 - K moet $< 5,1$ zijn onder therapie

Veltassa en Lokelma: terugbetaling aan te vragen door nefroloog voor (pre)dialysepatiënten



- Predialyse GFR < 15 ml/min of chronische dialyse
 - En K >5,4 mmol/l, ondanks aanpassen dialysaat

- Verlenging na 6 maanden
 - K moet < 5,1 zijn onder therapie

Doel- nut nieuwe kaliumbinders ?



- Kalium onder controle en RAAS blokker en/of MRA (spironolactone/finerenone) kan verdergezet zonder streng kaliumarm dieet



Patiromer (Veltassa)

- Polymeer , wordt niet gereabsorbeerd, werkzaam in colon
- Best 's avonds (3uur voor /of na andere geneesmiddelen), met of zonder voedsel (metformine ciproxine, levothyroxine)
- Werkt na 4-7uur
- Zakjes poeder oplossen in 40ml water
- Goede tolerantie (obstipatie in 6%), natriumvrij
- Hypomagnesemie (Mg volgen)



Patiromer (Veltassa)

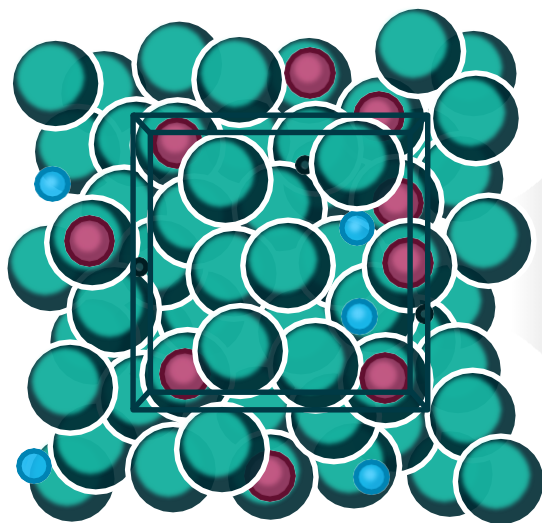
- Opstarten met zakjes van 8,4 g/d
- Labo na 1 week: kalium en Mg
- Labo na 1 maand: als kalium $> 5,1$ mmol/l: evt dosis naar 16,4g/d en opnieuw Mg volgen
- Daling van kalium gemiddeld -1 mEq/l

Selected characteristics of potassium binders

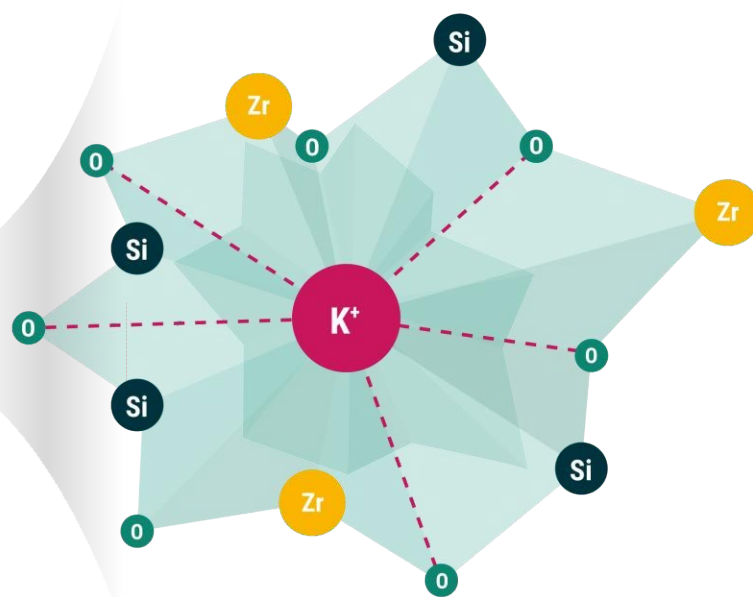
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LOKELMA crystal

LOKELMA is indicated for the treatment of HK in adults¹



Chemical formula:
 $\text{H}_6\text{Na}_2\text{O}_9\text{Si}_3\text{Zr}^{+2}$



Average binding-site width: 3 Å

Key molecular characteristics:^{1,3}

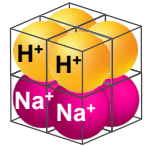
- Inorganic crystalline zirconium silicate compound
- Insoluble, highly stable, and does not expand in water
- Not systemically absorbed
- High affinity for K^+ ^a
- Exchanges Na^+ and H^+ for K^+

LOKELMA binds K^+ throughout the GI tract^a

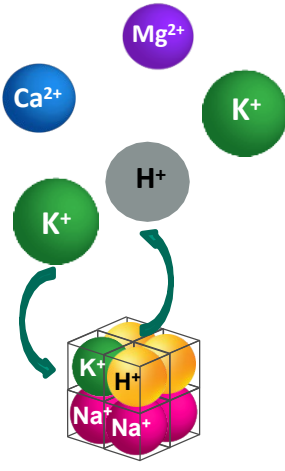


Small intestine

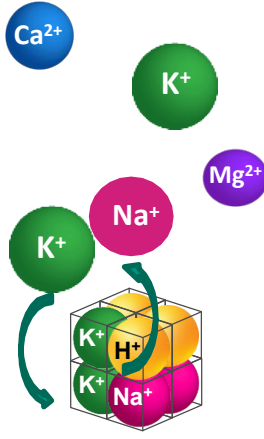
Large intestine / exit



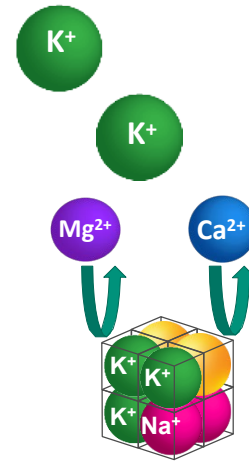
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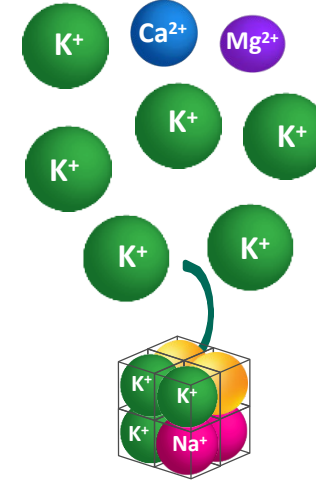
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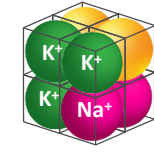
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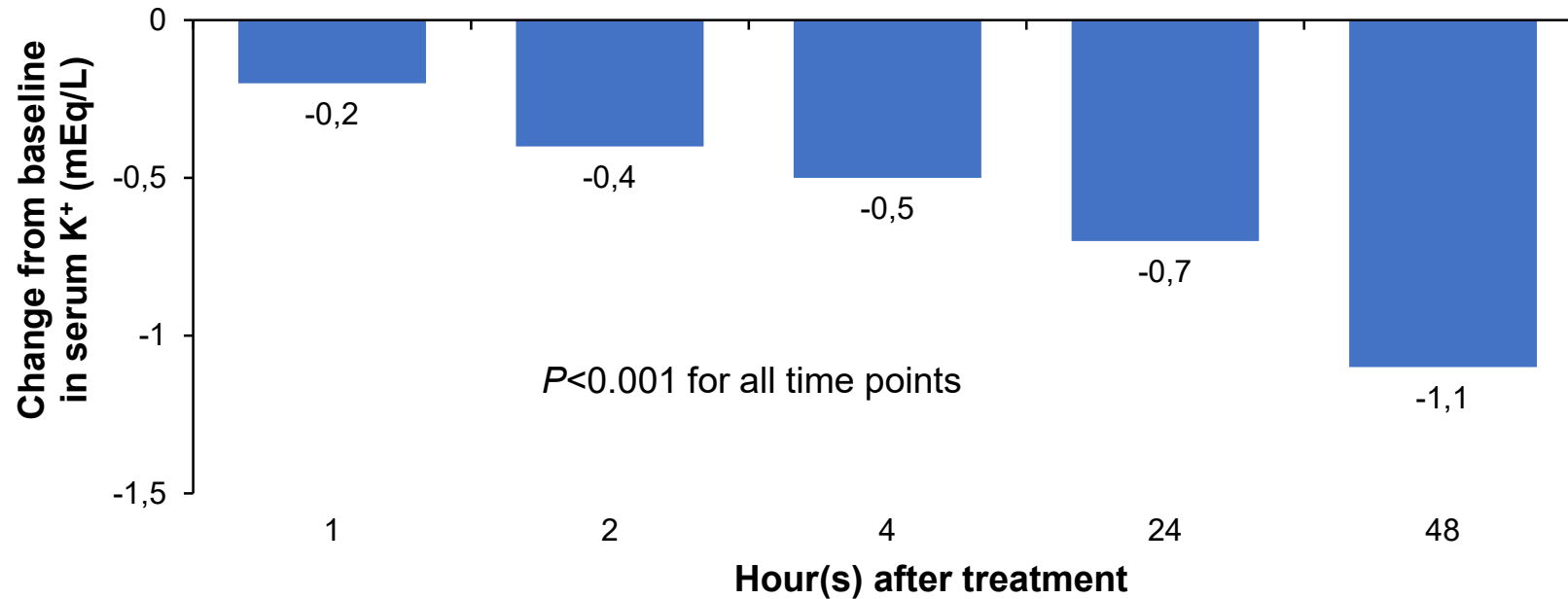
- Based on in vitro data, LOKELMA may begin working immediately in the small intestine to preferentially capture K^+
- K^+ is exchanged for sodium and hydrogen



LOKELMA: Onset of action at 1 hour

- **88% of patients achieved normokalemia** during the 48-hour correction phase
- The median time to serum K⁺ normalisation was 2.2 hours

Mean serum K⁺ level with LOKELMA 10 g three times daily for 48 hours (N=258)^{1a}



Open-label phase
mean baseline serum K⁺:

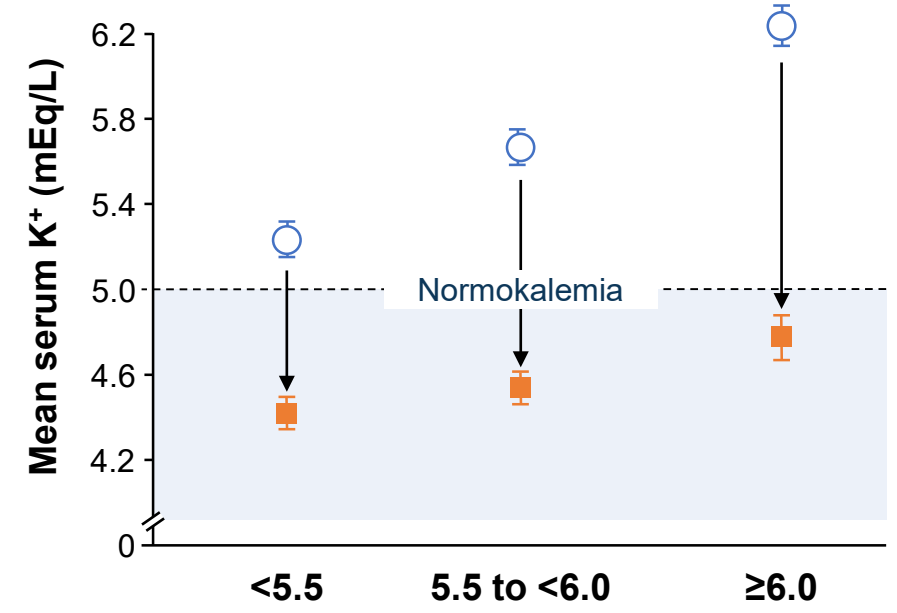
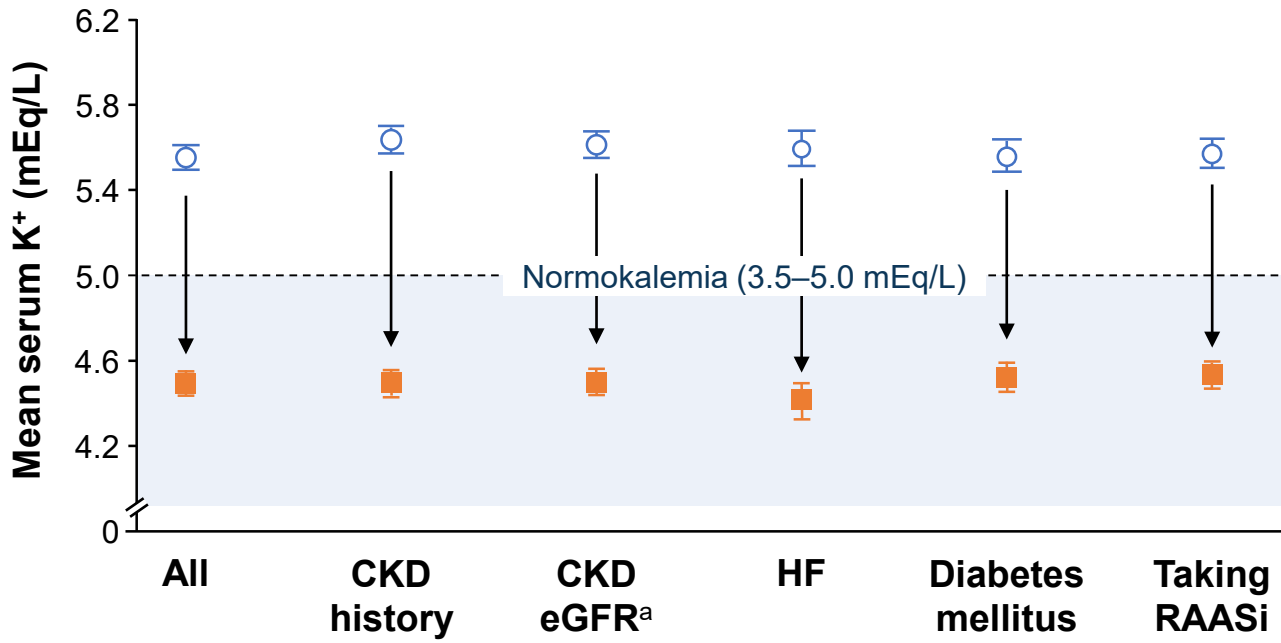
5.6 mEq/L

Comorbidities/treatment at
baseline: CKD (60%),
HF (11%), T2DM (66%),^{3b}
and RAASi use (70%)¹

LOKELMA reduced serum K⁺ across patient types



Mean serum K⁺ level at 0 and 48 hours across prespecified subgroups²







No. of patients:		Patient subgroups					
○	Baseline	258	169	179	94	170	180
■	48 hours	251	163	172	92	166	173

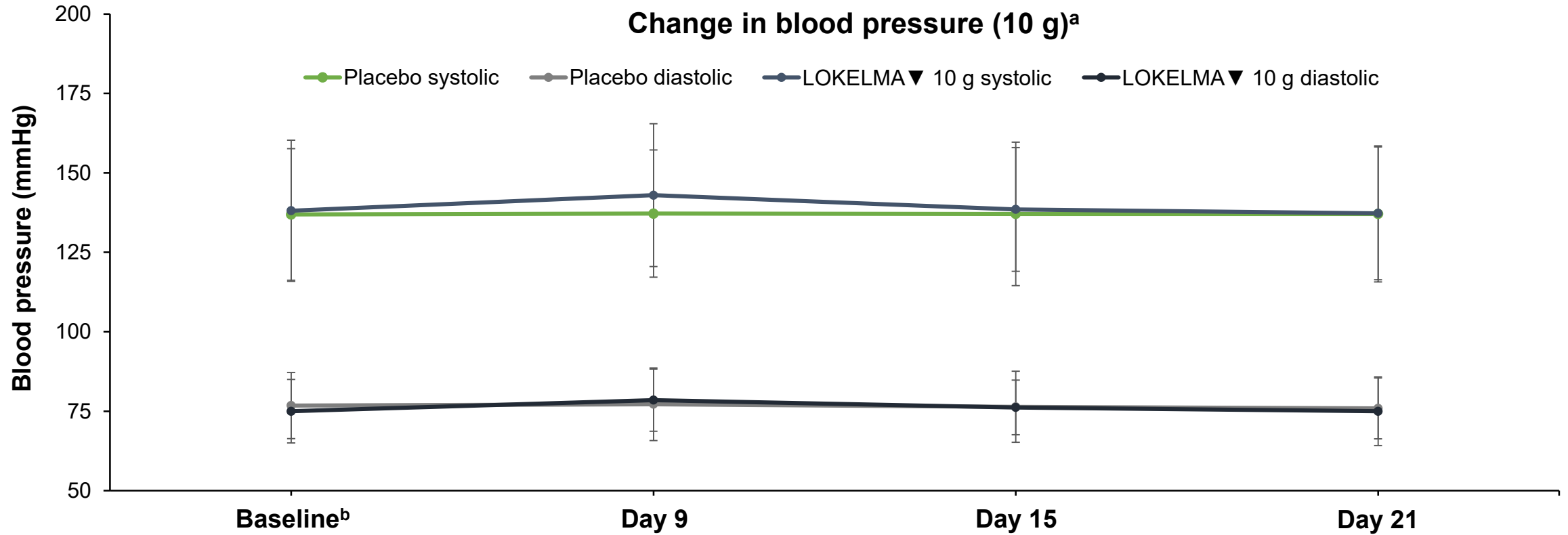
No. of patients:		Baseline K ⁺ level (mEq/L)		
○	Baseline	119	100	39
■	48 hours	115	99	37



LOKELMA is considered high in sodium. This should be particularly taken into account for those on a low sodium diet.

	LOKELMA 5 g ^a	LOKELMA 10 g	Bicarbonate 4.8 g ²	SPS 60 g ^{3,b,c}
Estimated Na ⁺ content	400 mg	800 mg	1311 mg	6000 mg ^d
Salt equivalent: ⁴	 ~1/6 th tsp	 ~1/3 rd tsp	 ~1/2 tsp	 ~2.5 tsp

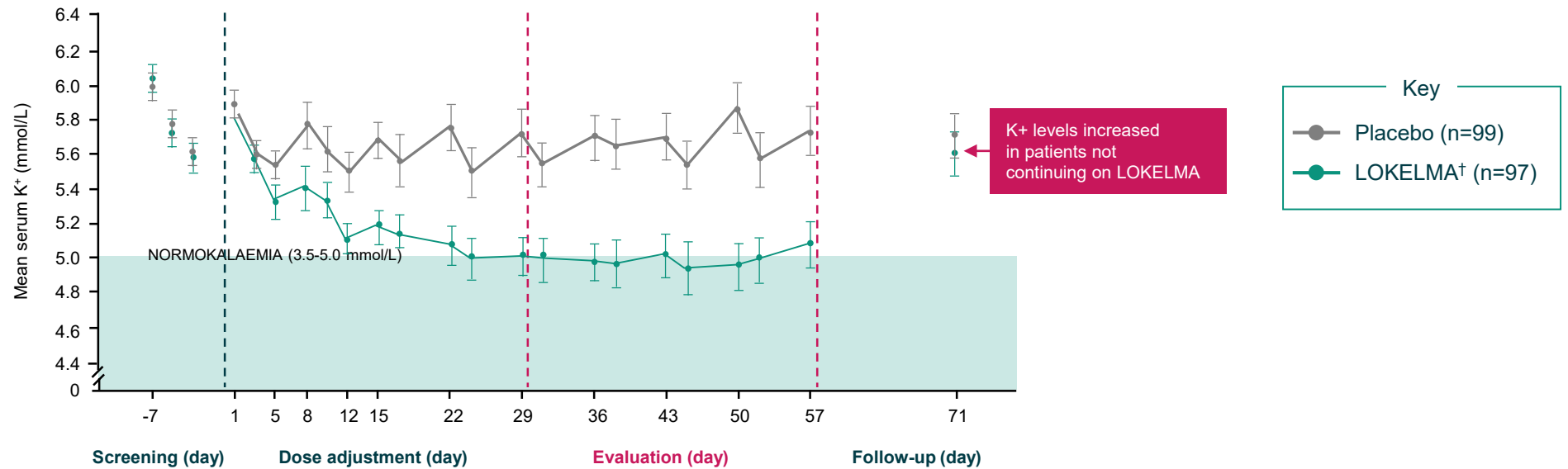
No significant changes in SBP or DBP in the LOKELMA- and PBO-treated groups



LOKELMA REDUCED K⁺ LEVELS AND SUSTAINED K⁺ CONTROL IN HAEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS



Mean predialysis serum K⁺ levels over time in patients on haemodialysis*1





- **LOKELMA is a powder for oral suspension, available in 5 g or 10 g doses¹**
- **Mix LOKELMA with 45 mL of water for oral administration¹**



**45 mL
of water**

- ✓ Tasteless and odourless^{1,2}
- ✓ May be taken with many other medications and with or without food^{a1}
- ✓ No special conditions for storage¹



- **LOKELMA is a daily treatment option for hyperkalaemia¹**
- **Recommended dosing of LOKELMA to achieve and sustain normokalaemia¹**

FOR ADULT (NON-DIALYSIS) PATIENTS

Correction phase

3x



/day^{a,b}

**10 g
for 24 to 48 hours**

until normokalaemia is achieved^{a,b}

Maintenance phase

1x



/day^{a,b}

**5 g
for up to 1 year**

To establish minimum effective dose, LOKELMA may be titrated

- Up to **10 g once daily** or
- Down to **5 g once every other day**

No more than **10 g once daily** should be used for maintenance therapy

FOR HAEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS

RECOMMENDED STARTING DOSE

1x



/non-dialysis days

5 g

To establish normokalaemia, the dose may be titrated up or down weekly based on the predialysis serum K⁺ after the long interdialytic interval

The dose could be adjusted at intervals of one week in increments of 5 g:

- **Up to 15 g once daily on non-dialysis days**

It is recommended to monitor serum K⁺ weekly while the dose is adjusted. To maintain normokalaemia, it is recommended to monitor serum K⁺ regularly (e.g., monthly or more frequently based on clinical judgement)



LOKELMA is indicated for the treatment of hyperkalemia in adults

	MOA	Preferential K ⁺ -binding in exchange for sodium and hydrogen ¹
	Onset of action	As early as 1 hour after the first dose ²
	Efficacy data	Acute treatment and maintenance data
	Drug–drug interactions	Should be administered at least 2 hours before or 2 hour after oral medications with clinically meaningful gastric pH-dependent bioavailability ^{2*}
	Location of K⁺-binding	Throughout GI tract ²
	Tolerability	Associated with: ² <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hypokalemia• Edema-related events

- ^aExamples of medicines that should be administered before or after LOKELMA include azole antifungals (ketoconazole, itraconazole, and posaconazole); anti-HIV drugs (atazanavir, nelfinavir, indinavir, ritonavir, saquinavir, raltegravir, ledipasvir, and rilpivirine); tyrosine kinase inhibitors (erlotinib, dasatinib, and nilotinib)



- Selectievere binder, dus geen hypoMg
- Bindt ammonium GI waardoor serum HCO_3 stijgt en metabole acidose verbetert

Prijs ?



- **Publieksprijs incl. BTW (België)**

Lokelma 5 g, 30 zakjes

368,18 euro

Lokelma 10 g, 30 zakjes

502,50 euro

Veltassa

322,17 euro 30 zakjes (zowel 8,4 g als 16g)

