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Strategie terapeutiche adiuvanti: ferro ed iperpotassiemia quali armi a disposizione ?

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Management of HFrEF

To reduce mortality - for all patients

ACE-I/ARNI

BB

MRA

SGLT2i

To reduce HF hospitalization/mortality - for selected patients

Volume overload

Diuretics

SR with LBBB ≥ 150 ms

CRT-P/D

SR with LBBB 130–149 ms or non LBBB ≥ 150 ms

CRT-P/D

Ischaemic aetiology

ICD

Non-ischaemic aetiology

ICD

Atrial fibrillation

Anticoagulation

Atrial fibrillation

Digoxin

PVI

Coronary artery disease

CABG

Iron deficiency

Ferric carboxymaltose

Aortic stenosis

SAVR/TAVI

Mitral regurgitation

TEE MV Repair

Heart rate SR >70 bpm

Ivabradine

Black Race

Hydralazine/ISDN

ACE-I/ARNI intolerance

ARB

For selected advanced HF patients

Heart transplantation

MCS as BTT/BTC

Long-term MCS as DT

To reduce HF hospitalization and improve QOL - for all patients

Exercise rehabilitation

Multi-professional disease management

Agenda

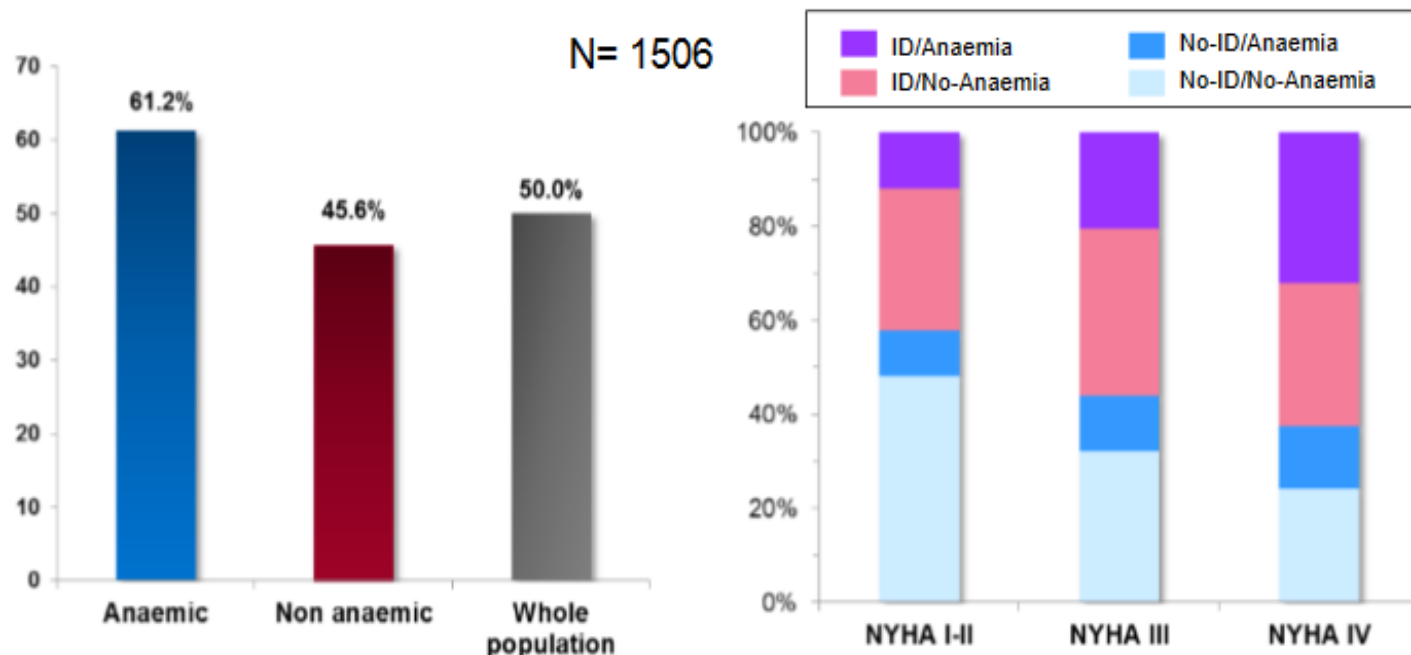
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- c) L'iperkaliemia nel paz. Affetto da scompenso cardiaco.
- d) Il trattamento dell'ipekaliemia.

Iron deficiency: definizione

La carenza di ferro è una condizione in cui la disponibilità del ferro non è sufficiente a soddisfare le esigenze dell'organismo e che può essere presente con o senza anemia

Prevalenza della carenza marziale nello scompenso cardiaco

Prevalence of iron deficiency in CHF patients



“Disease severity, assessed by NYHA class and NT-proBNP levels, proved to be powerful and independent predictors of a disordered iron status”

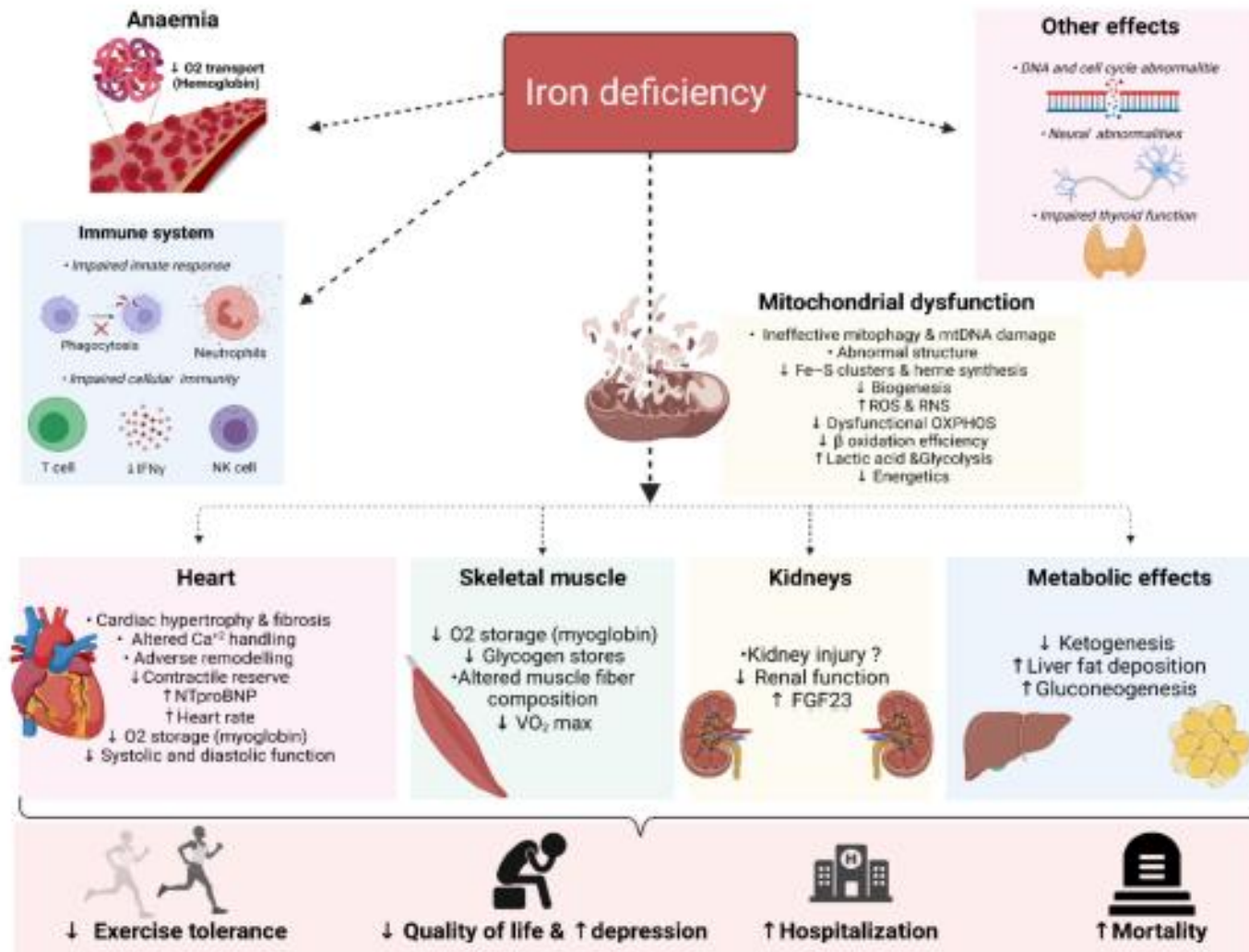
Iron deficiency definition used:

- Serum ferritin <100 µg/L or
- Serum ferritin <299 µg/L if TSAT <20%

Review

Iron Deficiency in Heart Failure: Mechanisms and Pathophysiology

Ridha I. S. Alnuwaysir , Martijn E. Hoes , Dirk J. van Veldhuisen , Peter van der Meer and Niels Grote Beverborg 



FAIR-HF STUDY

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Ferric Carboxymaltose in Patients with Heart Failure and Iron Deficiency

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ABSTRACT

FAIR-HF – Material and Methods

Aim

To determine whether the correction of Iron Deficiency, with or without anaemia, with the use of Ferinject® confers symptomatic benefits in patients with chronic heart failure (CHF)

Primary endpoints:

- Self-reported PGA at Week 24
- NYHA function class at Week 24

Secondary endpoints:

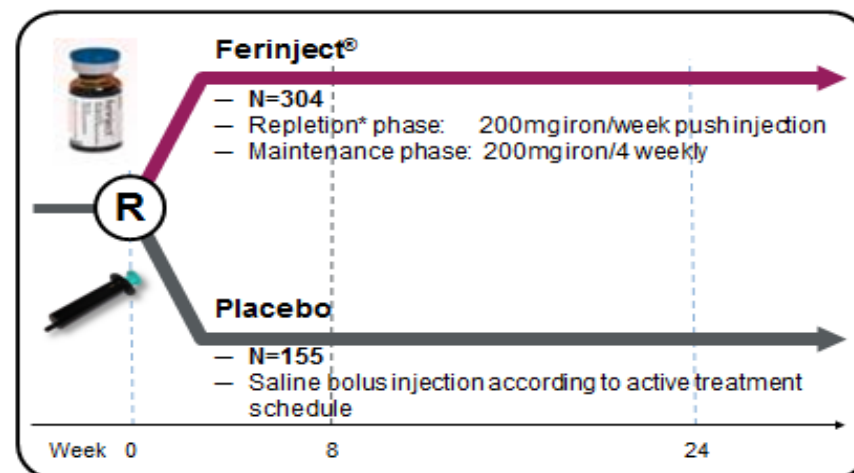
- 6 minutes walk test distance (Weeks 4, 12, 24)
- Health-related QoL (Weeks 4, 12, 24)

Inclusion criteria

- CHF of NYHA class II-III, LVEF ≤ 40 -45% (for NYHA class II and III, respectively)
- Hb: 9.5–13.5g/dL
- Iron Deficiency:
serum ferritin $< 100 \mu\text{g/L}$ or $< 300 \mu\text{g/L}$ + TSAT $< 20\%$

Study design

Multicentre (11 countries), randomised (2:1), placebo-controlled study

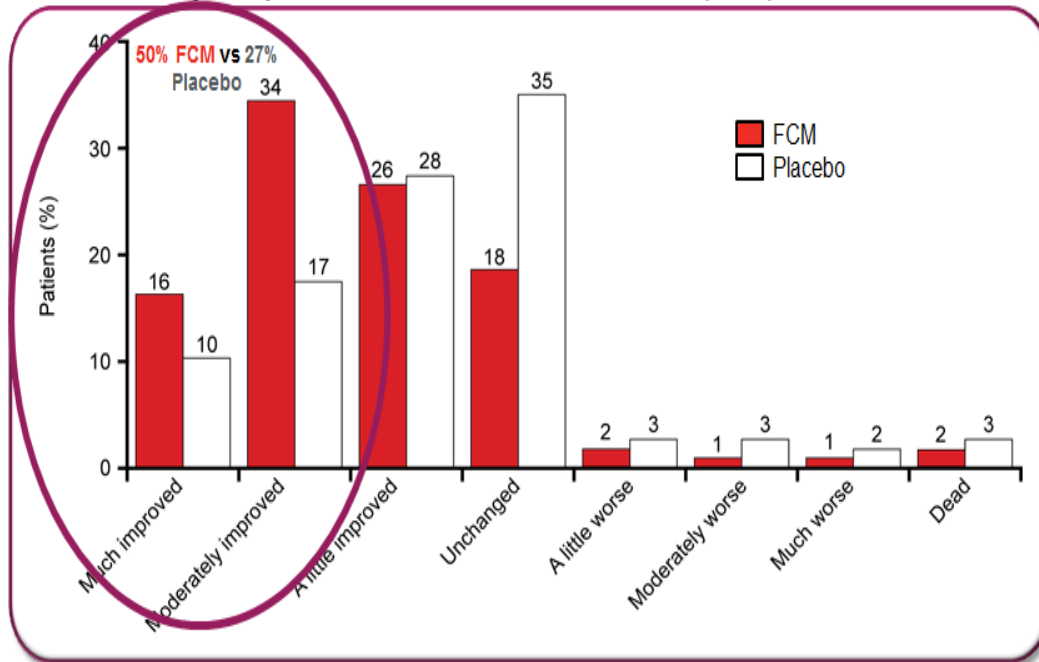


Baseline characteristics

- Average age 67 years
- Females 52-55%
- NYHA class II 17-18%, class III 81-83%
- LVEF 32-33%
- BMI 28kg/m²

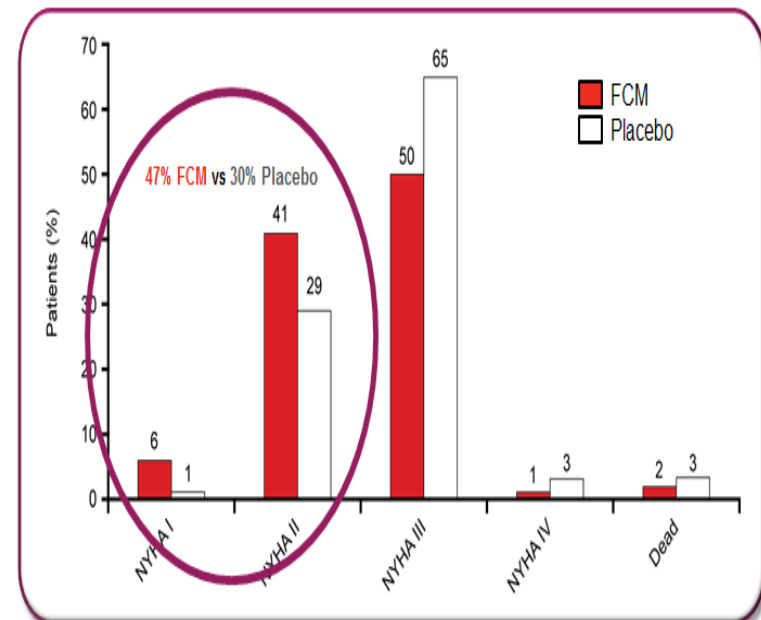
FAIR-HF – Results

Primary Endpoint – Patient Global Assessment (PGA) at Week 24



- Ferinject® improved self-reported PGA scores at week 24
- Odds ratio for better rank: 2.51 (95% CI 1.75, 3.61), $P < 0.001$

Primary Endpoint - NYHA functional class at Week 24



- Ferinject® significantly improved NYHA functional class at week 24
- Odds ratio for improvement by 1 class: 2.40 (95% CI 1.55, 3.71), $P < 0.001^*$

CONFIRM-HF STUDY



European Heart Journal (2015) **36**, 657–668
doi:10.1093/eurheartj/ehu385

FASTTRACK ESC HOT LINE

Heart failure/cardiomyopathy

Beneficial effects of long-term intravenous iron therapy with ferric carboxymaltose in patients with symptomatic heart failure and iron deficiency[†]

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CONFIRM-HF – Material and Methods

Aim

To evaluate the benefits and safety of long-term Ferinject® therapy in Iron Deficiency patients with HF over 52 weeks

◎ Primary endpoints:

- Change in 6-MWT distance from baseline to Week 24

◎ Secondary endpoints (Weeks 6, 12, 24, 36, 52):

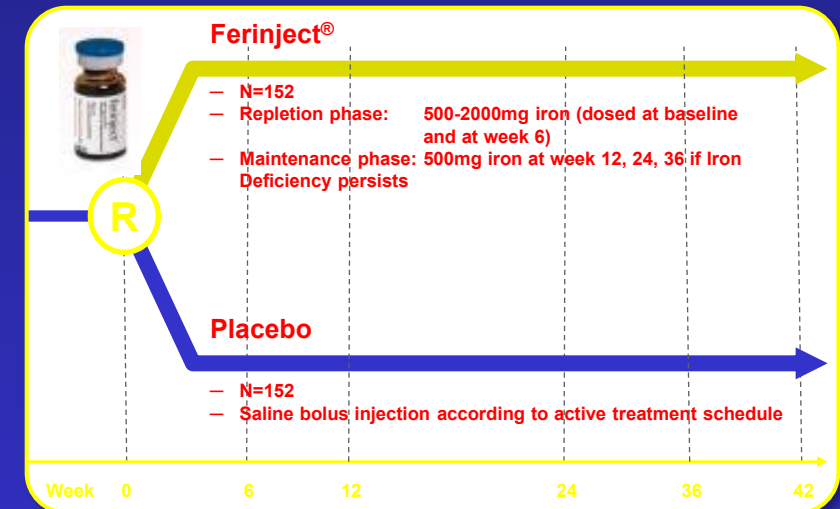
- NYHA class
- PGA score
- 6-MWT distance
- Fatigue score
- Health-related QoL (KCCQ and EQ-5D VAS)
- Rate of hospitalisation for worsening CHF

✓ Inclusion criteria

- CHF of NYHA class II or III and LVEF ≤ 45%
- BNP > 100 pg/mL and/or NT-proBNP > 400 pg/mL
- Iron Deficiency: serum ferritin < 100 µg/L or < 300 µg/L, if TSAT < 20%
- Hb: < 15 g/dL

Study design

Multicentre (9 countries), randomised (1:1), placebo-controlled study

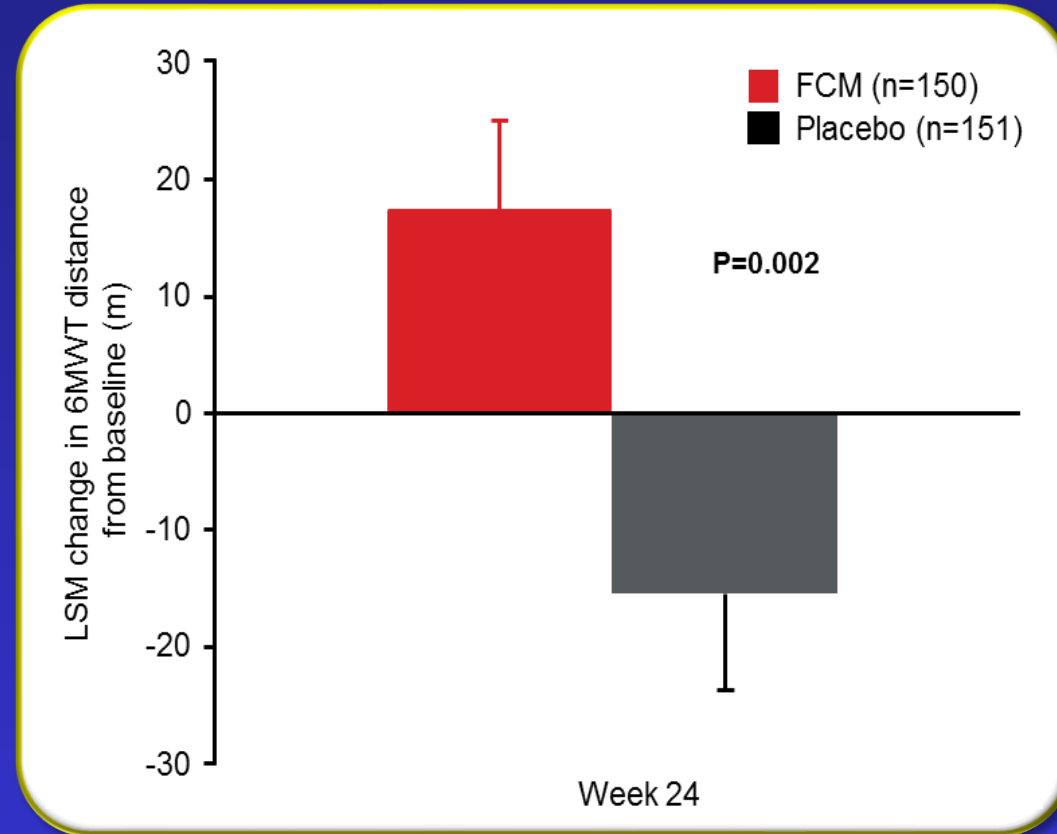


⇒ Baseline characteristics

- Average age 69 years
- Females 45% FCM; 49% placebo
- NYHA class II 53% FCM; 60% placebo
- NYHA class III 40% FCM; 47% placebo
- LVEF 37%
- BMI 28-28kg/m²

CONFIRM-HF – Results

Primary Endpoint - 6-MWT at Week 24

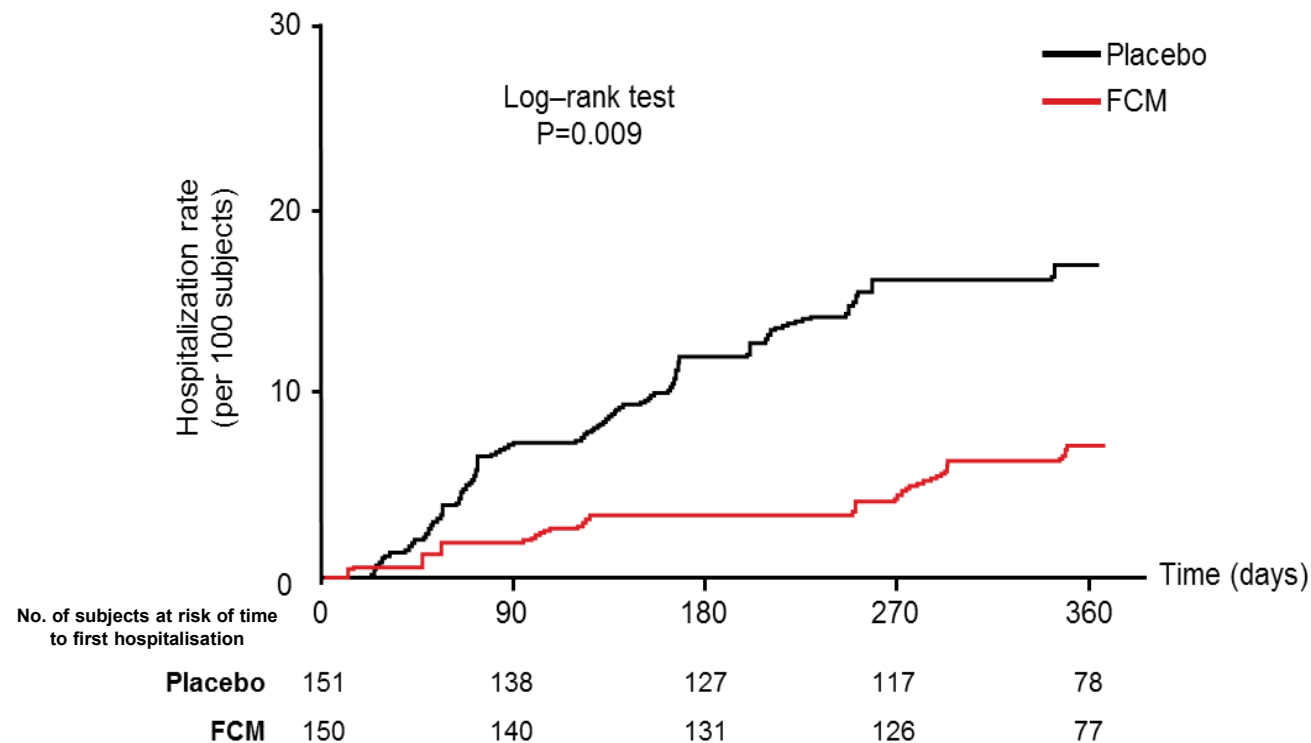


- The treatment of stable, symptomatic, iron-deficient HF patients with Ferinject® results in significant improvement in functional capacity at week 24 and over a 1-year period



CONFIRM-HF – Results

Secondary Endpoints - First hospitalisation due to worsening CHF



➤ **Ferinject® significantly reduced the risk of hospitalisations for worsening CHF (by 61%)**

Effects of ferric carboxymaltose on hospitalisations and mortality rates in iron-deficient heart failure patients: an individual patient data meta-analysis

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FER-CARS-01

30 patients received
Ferinject®
15 patients received placebo

FAIR-HF

304 patients received
Ferinject®
155 received placebo

Meta-analysis*

504 patients received Ferinject®
335 patients received placebo

EFFICACY-HF

20 patients received
Ferinject®
14 patients received placebo

CONFIRM-HF

150 patients received
Ferinject®
151 received placebo

Adapted from Anker SD, *et al.* 2017

RECURRENT HOSPITALISATION & MORTALITY OUTCOMES (META-ANALYSIS)

- The FCM in CHF meta-analysis primary efficacy outcome of recurrent CV hospitalisations and CV death represent clinical priorities in HF management¹

Primary efficacy outcome

Recurrent CV hospitalisations and CV death

Secondary outcomes

Recurrent HF hospitalisations and CV death

Recurrent CV hospitalisations and all cause death

Recurrent HF hospitalisations and all cause death

Recurrent HF hospitalisations

Recurrent CV hospitalisations

CV death

All cause death

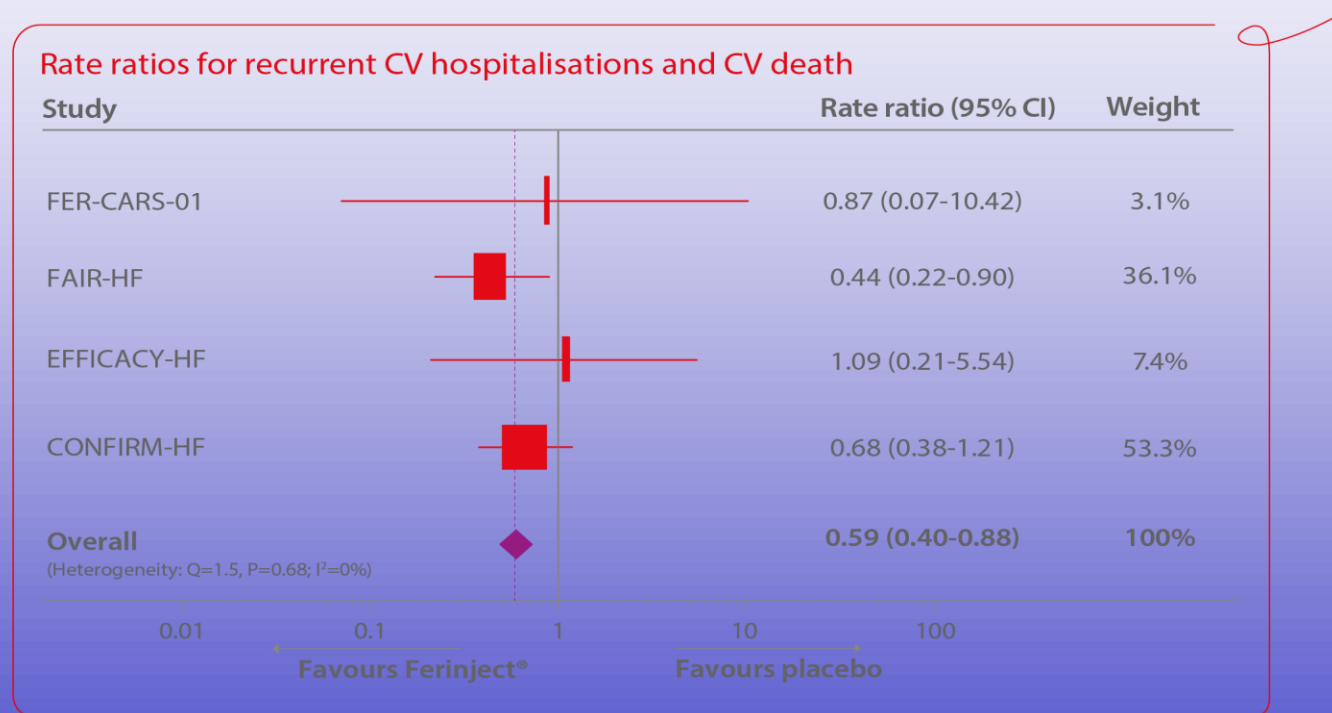
Incidence and frequency of adverse events

All outcomes were assessed in recurrent event analyses and backed up by time-to-first event analyses.

CHF = chronic heart failure; HF = heart failure; CV = cardiovascular
1. Anker SD *et al. Eur J Heart Fail* 2017; epub ahead of print.
DOI:10.1002/ejhf.823.

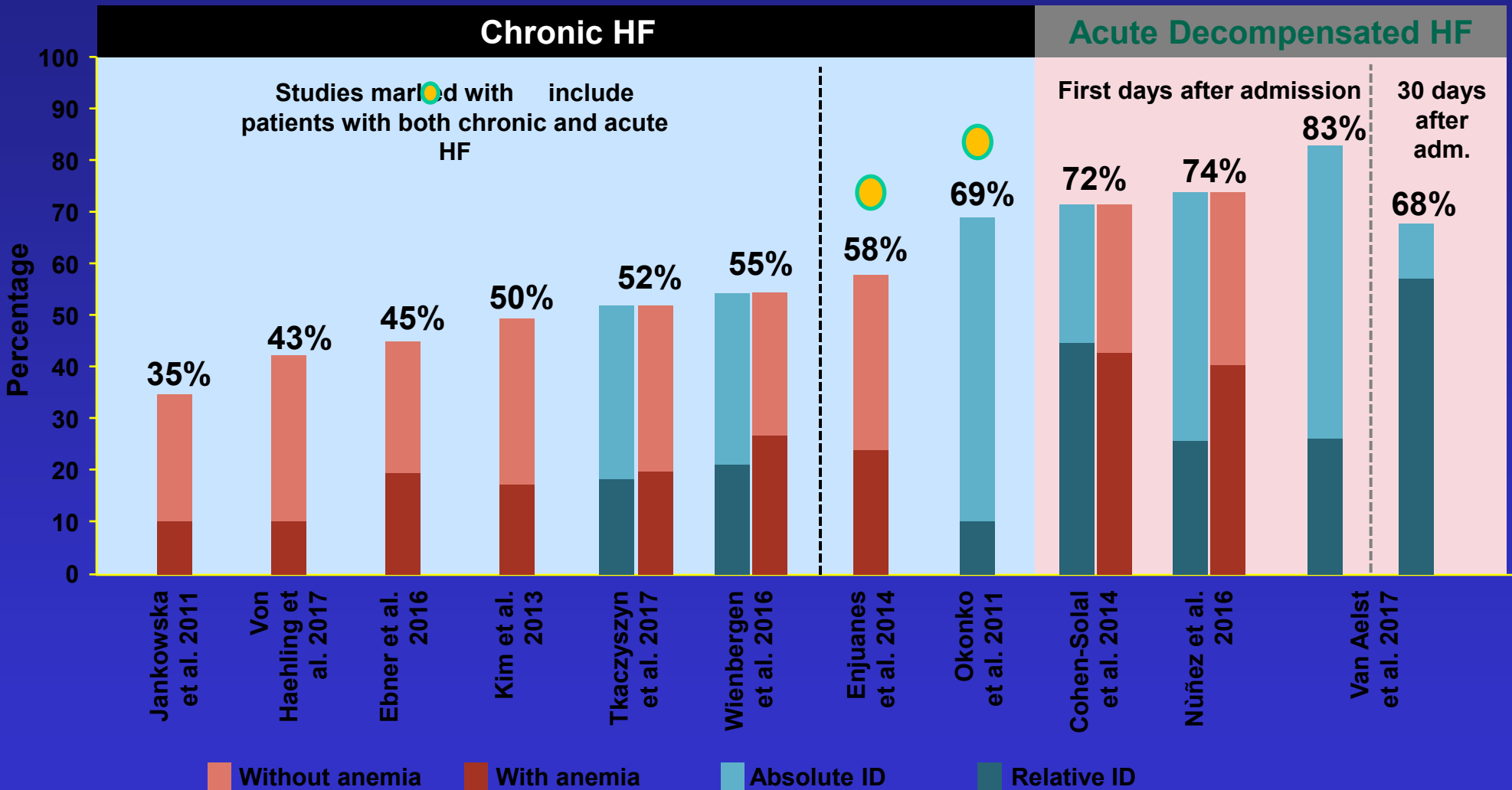
FCM WAS ASSOCIATED WITH REDUCED RECURRENT CV HOSPITALISATIONS AND CV DEATH

- FCM was associated with a significantly lower rate (41% relative risk reduction) of recurrent CV hospitalisations and CV death versus placebo, in patients with systolic CHF and iron deficiency



ID IS COMMON IN HF

ESPECIALLY DURING ACUTE EXACERBATIONS



• Adapted from Rocha BML et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2018;71(7):782-793.

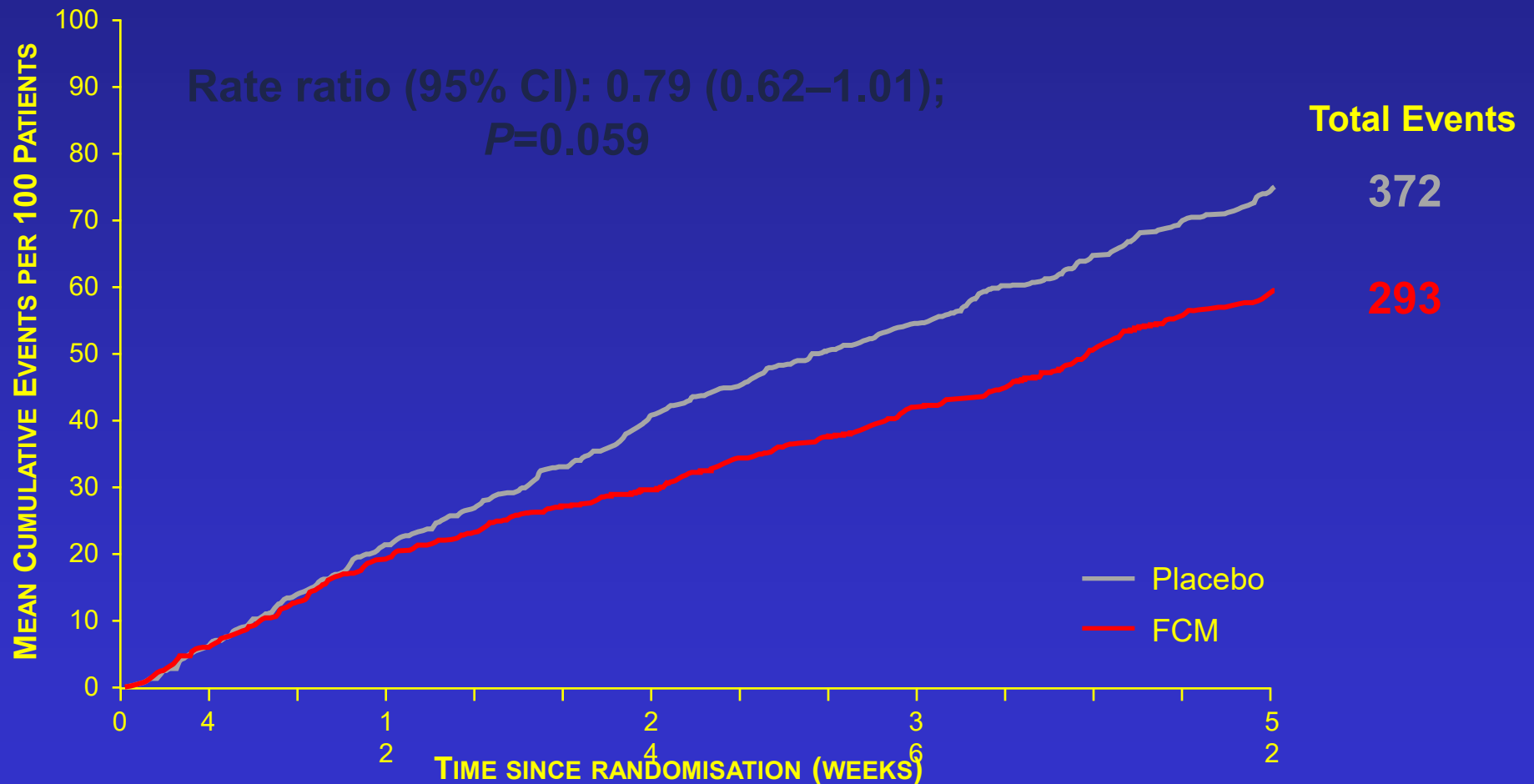
Ferric carboxymaltose for iron deficiency at discharge after acute heart failure: a multicentre, double-blind, randomised, controlled trial



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TOTAL HF HOSPITALISATION AND CV DEATH

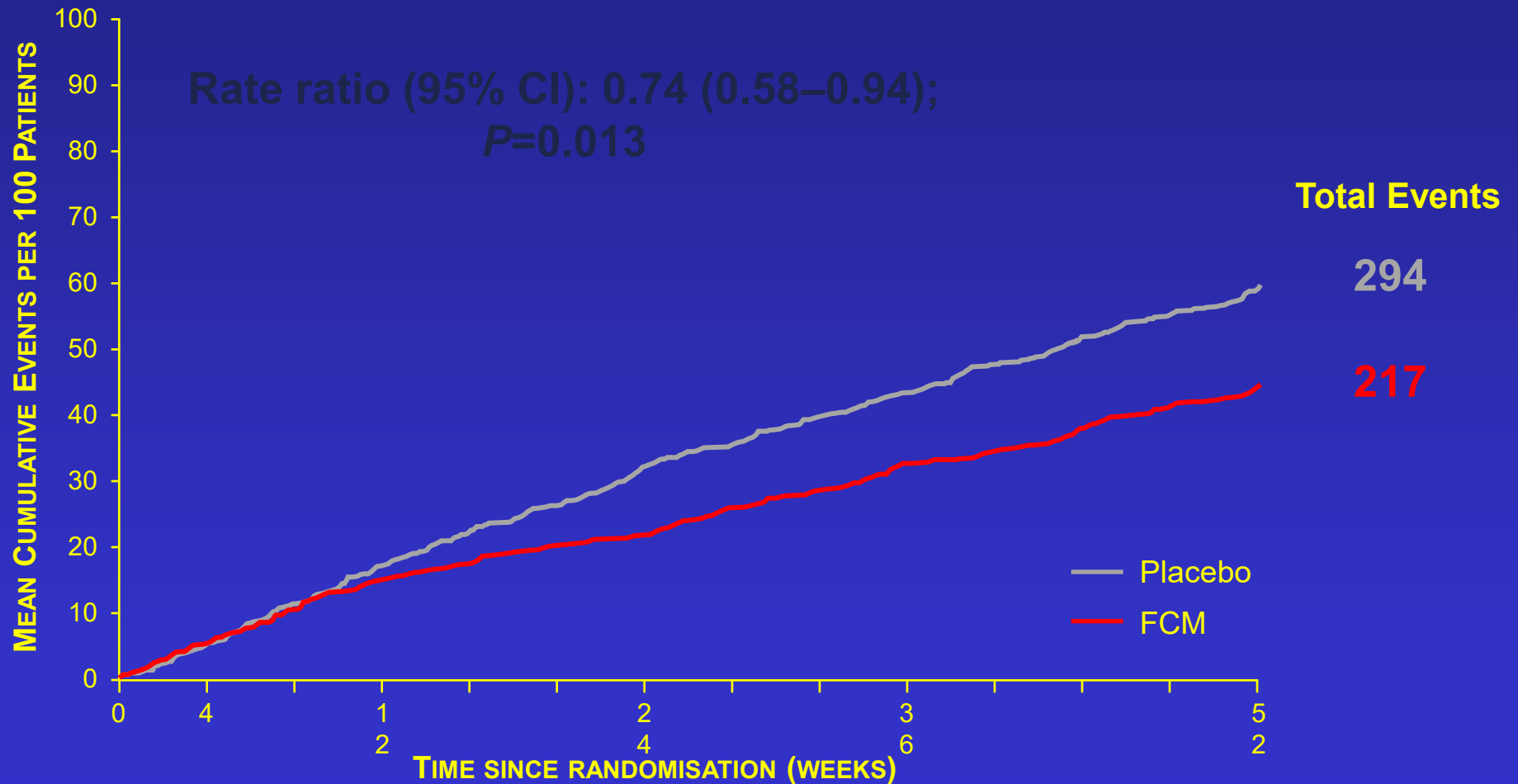
PRIMARY ENDPOINT



- mITT population.

TOTAL HF HOSPITALIZATIONS

COMPONENT OF PRIMARY ENDPOINT



- mITT population.

Redefining Iron Deficiency in Patients With Chronic Heart Failure

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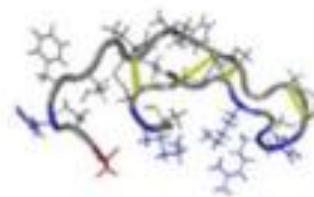
Ferritin



Transferrin saturation



Hepcidin



Soluble transferrin receptor



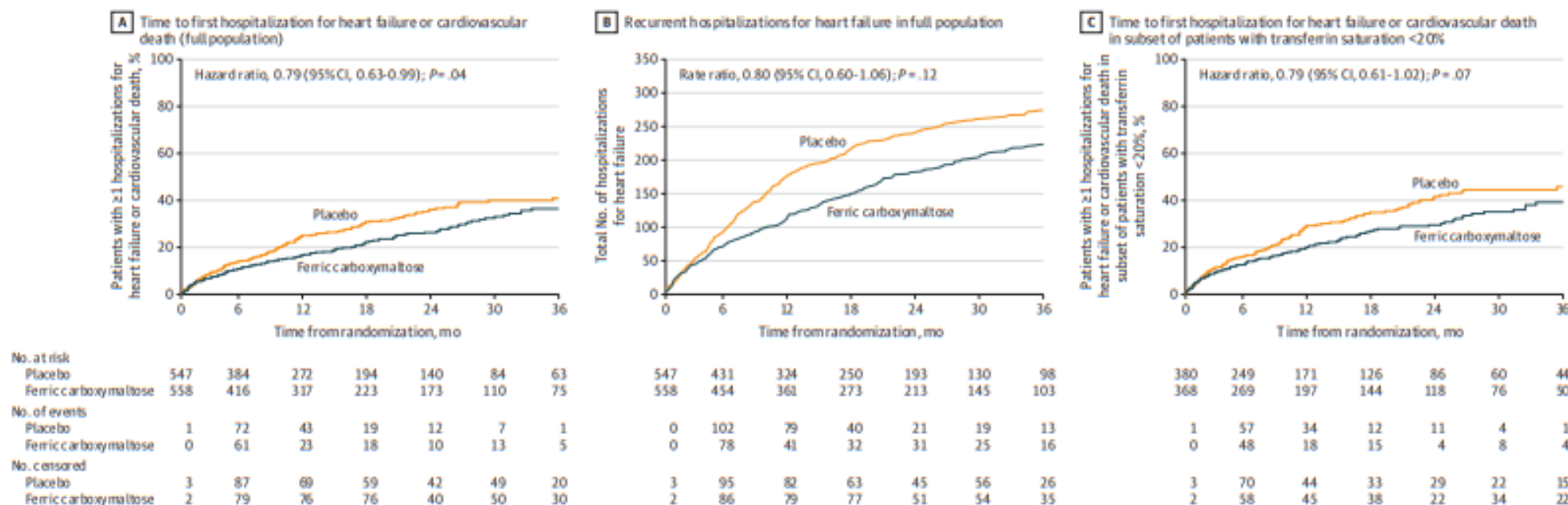
Intracellular storage of iron in nonreactive form	Bloodstream transport of iron in nonreactive form	Efflux of iron out of cells into bloodstream	Entry of iron into cells from the bloodstream
Produced in response to increases in intracellular iron and to inflammation	Reflects iron availability and delivery to target tissues	Produced in response to increases in serum iron and to inflammation	Produced when cytosolic iron levels are low
< 15-20 $\mu\text{g/L}$ indicative of iron depletion, but rarely seen in heart failure	TSAT < 20% generally indicative of favorable response to IV iron	Higher values generally indicative of functional iron deficiency	Higher values generally indicative of intracellular iron deficiency
Values > 15-20 $\mu\text{g/L}$ not helpful in identifying iron deficiency	Uncertain sensitivity of TSAT in discerning effects of IV iron on exercise capacity	Assays often measure fragments and are not standardized	Assays are not standardized and reflect erythroblast (not myocyte) demands

Intravenous Ferric Carboxymaltose in Heart Failure With Iron Deficiency

The FAIR-HF2 DZHK05 Randomized Clinical Trial

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Figure 2. Cumulative Incidence of the Primary End Points

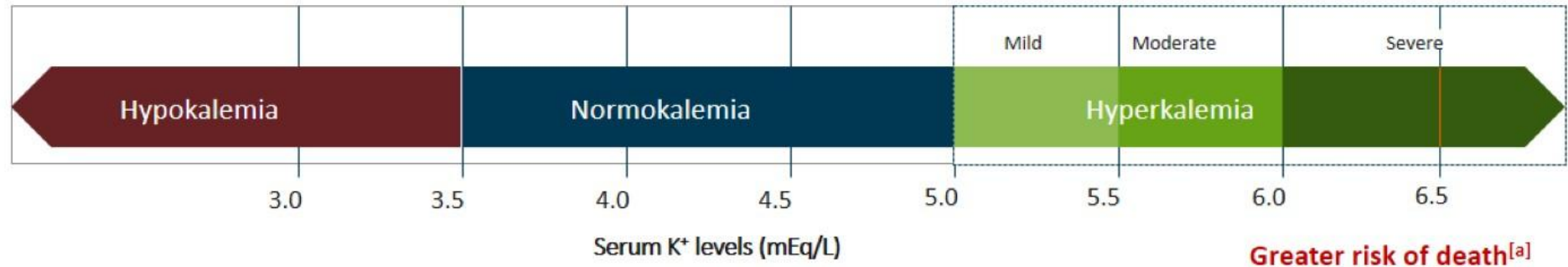


The overall median follow-up was 16.6 months (IQR, 7.9-29.9 months). For parts A-C, the median follow-up was 17.3 months (IQR, 8.2-30.9 months) in the ferric carboxymaltose group vs 16.0 months (IQR, 8.7-28.7 months) in the placebo group.

Agenda

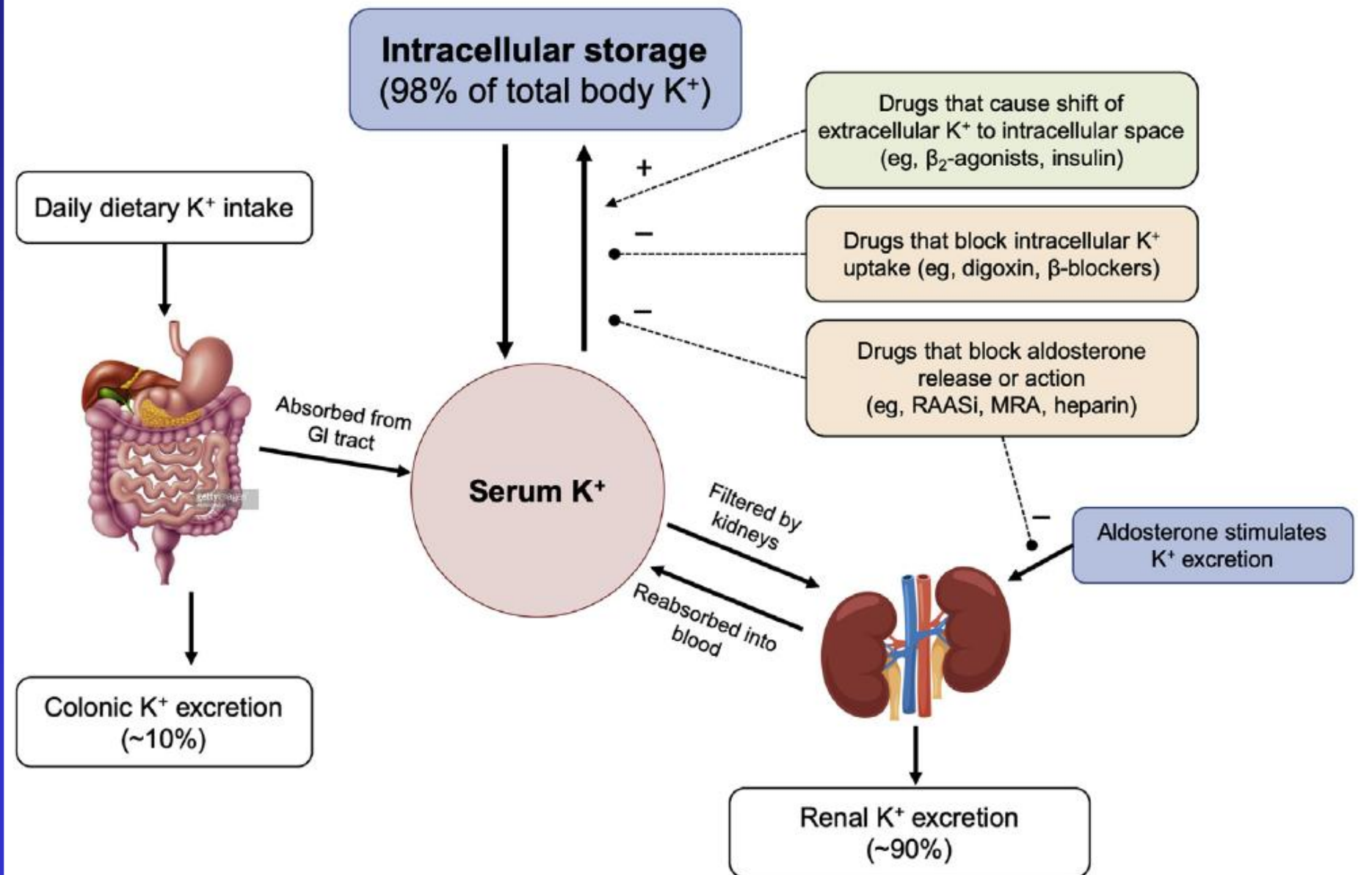
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- d) Il trattamento dell'ipekaliemia.

Definition of Hyperkalemia



- Definitions vary, but typically defined as K⁺ levels > 5.0 mEq/L^[b,c]
- Hyperkalemia may be further classified as mild, moderate, or severe^[b]
- Serum K⁺ can elevate quickly and unexpectedly,^[d,e] and hyperkalemia can recur frequently in high-risk populations
- Disorders of K⁺ levels profoundly affect membrane excitability and nerve, muscle, and cardiac function

Pathophysiology of Hyperkalemia in HF



Hyperkalaemia in Heart Failure

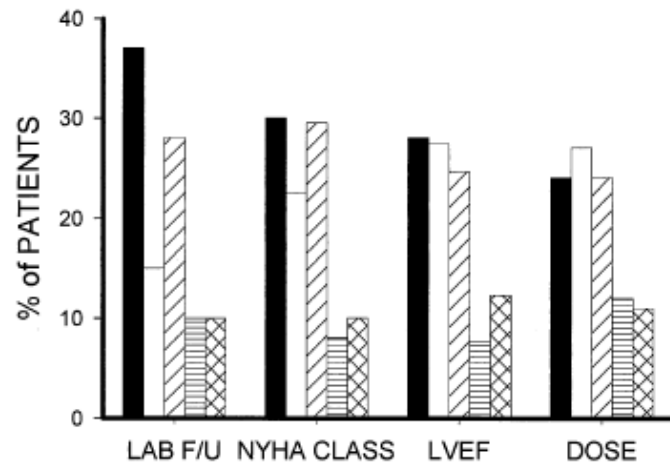
Umar Ismail , Kiran Sidhu and Shelley Zieroth 

Table 1: Common Aetiologies for Hyperkalaemia in Heart Failure Patients

- Increased potassium supplementation from diet
- Metabolic shifts
 - Hyperglycaemia
 - Metabolic acidosis
- Iatrogenic
 - Renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system inhibitors
 - Angiotensin–neprilysin inhibitors
 - Digoxin
 - β -blockers
- Chronic kidney disease
- Type IV renal tubular acidosis

Complications of Inappropriate Use of Spironolactone in Heart Failure: When an Old Medicine Spirals Out of New Guidelines

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 ▤ PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT

12% iperkaliemia grave
3% necessita' di un PM

	Study Cohort (n = 104)	RALES Trial (n = 82)
NYHA (% patients)		
I	4.5	0
II	4.5	0.5
III	15.3	72
IV	10.3	27
Undocumented	65.4	0
% Patients with LVEF < 35	54.8	100
Medications (% patients)		
Loop diuretics	90.4	100
ACE inhibitors	79.8	95
Digitalis	55.7	75
Potassium supplements	40.4	29
Beta-blockers	34.6	11
Mean dose of ACE inhibitors		
Captopril (mg/day)	120 ± 12	63.4
Lisinopril (mg/day)	23 ± 2	15.5
Mean dose of beta-blockers		
Metoprolol (mg/day)	72.3 ± 10	not reported
Mean dose of spironolactone (mg/day)	40.7 ± 3.1	26
% Patients continued on potassium supplements	40.4	29
% Patients with renal insufficiency at baseline	30.7	excluded
% Patients with diabetes mellitus	46.2	not reported

Rates of Hyperkalemia after Publication of the Randomized Aldactone Evaluation Study

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Douglas S. Lee, M.D., Alexander Kopp, B.A., Peter C. Austin, Ph.D.,
Andreas Laupacis, M.D., and Donald A. Redelmeier, M.D.

Mean dose 26 mg/die

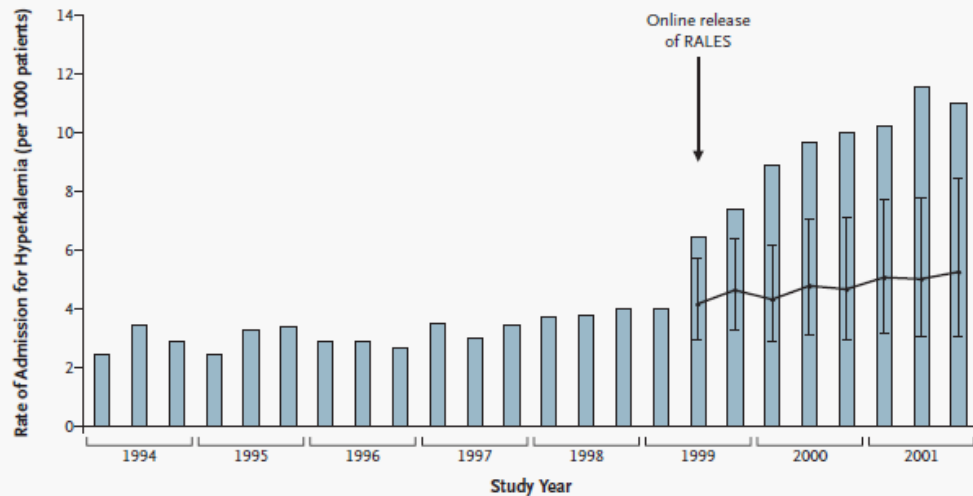


Figure 2. Rate of Hospital Admission for Hyperkalemia among Patients Recently Hospitalized for Heart Failure Who Were Receiving ACE Inhibitors.

Each bar shows the rate of hospital admission for hyperkalemia per 1000 patients during one four-month interval. The line beginning in the second interval of 1999 shows projected admission rates for hyperkalemia derived from interventional ARIMA models, with I bars representing the 95 percent confidence intervals.

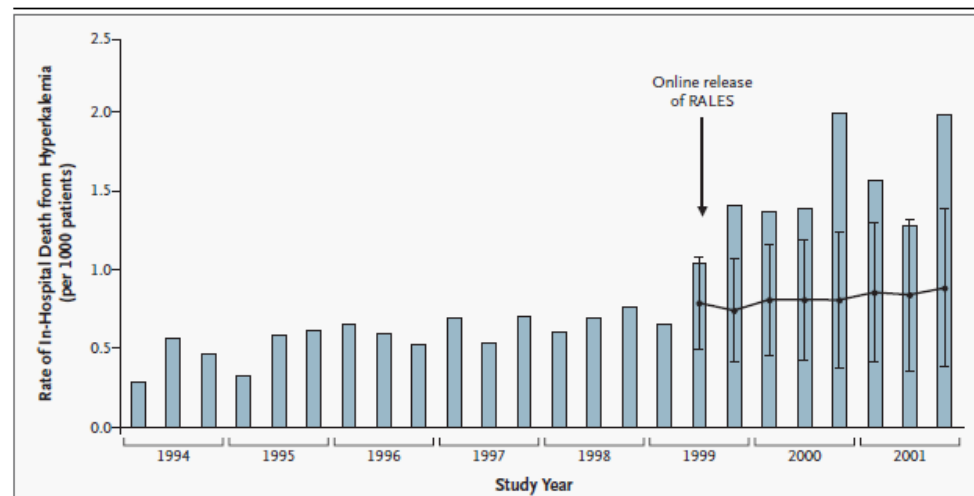


Figure 3. Rate of In-Hospital Death Associated with Hyperkalemia among Patients Recently Hospitalized for Heart Failure Who Were Receiving ACE Inhibitors.

Each bar shows the rate of in-hospital death associated with hyperkalemia per 1000 patients during one four-month interval. The line beginning in the second interval of 1999 shows projected death rates derived from interventional ARIMA models, with I bars representing the 95 percent confidence intervals.

Hyperkalaemia Event Rates During 1-Year Follow-Up, Overall and Stratified by Ejection Fraction

Swedish HF registry
2006-2011

N = 5,848

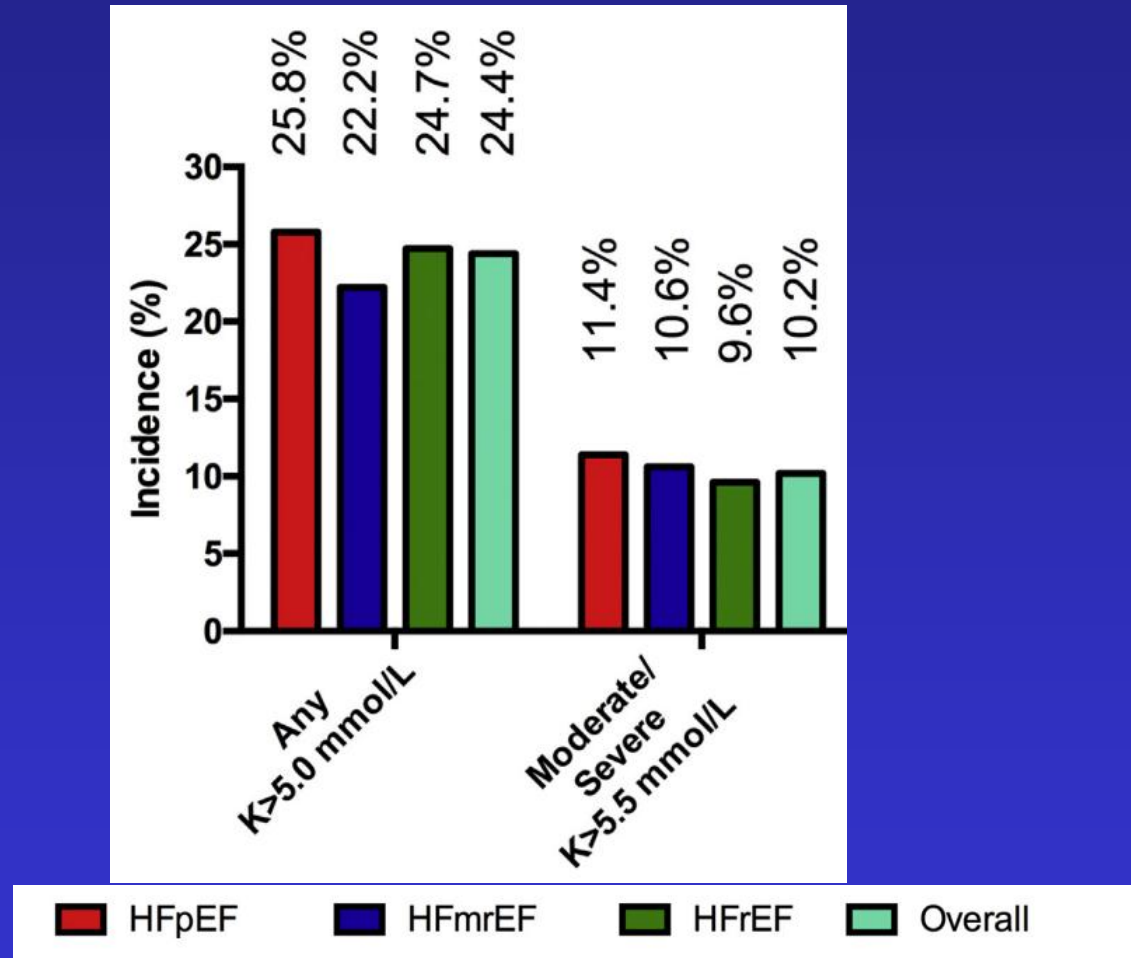


Table 2 Treatment of acute or chronic hyperkalaemia

Promote uptake of K^+ into the intracellular space	Stimulate Na^+/K^+ -ATPase: • β_2-adrenergic agonists (IV, nebulized) • Insulin (IV) $\pm$ glucose • Sodium bicarbonate (if metabolic acidosis) • Combination cocktails
Cardiac membrane stabilization	• Calcium chloride or gluconate (IV) • Hypertonic saline (3–5%)
Increase K^+ elimination	• Loop diuretics (IV, oral) to increase renal K^+ excretion • Haemodialysis for removal of K^+ from blood • Cation-exchange resins (sodium polystyrene sulfonate) to enhance faecal K^+ excretion (PO, PR) • Sodium bicarbonate alkalinizes the urine and increases urinary K^+ excretion
Other	• New K^+ binders: patiromer, sodium zirconium cyclosilicate • Fludrocortisone (PO) in aldosterone deficiency

IV, intravenous; PO, per os (orally); PR, per rectum; Na, sodium; K, potassium; IV, intravenous; PO, per os.

Rosano GMC et al. Expert consensus document on the management of hyperkalaemia in patients with cardiovascular disease treated with renin angiotensin aldosterone system inhibitors: coordinated by the Working Group on Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy of the European Society of Cardiology. Eur Heart J Cardiovasc Pharmacother. 2018 Jul 1;4(3):180-188.

Brief Review

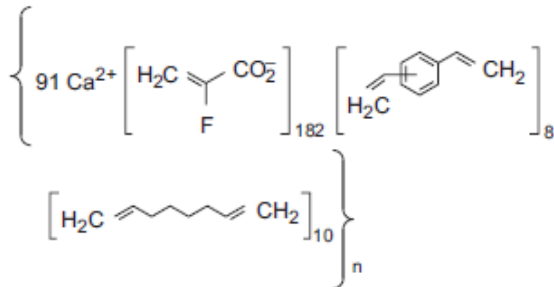
New Potassium Binders for the Treatment of Hyperkalemia Current Data and Opportunities for the Future

Bertram Pitt, George L. Bakris

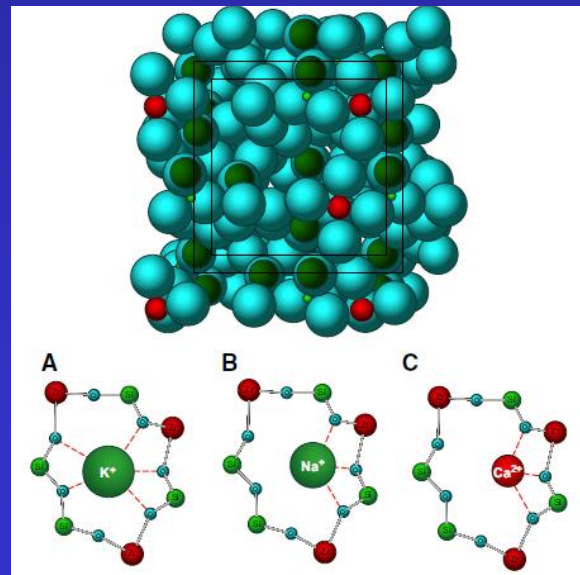
Patiromer

Patiromer Calcium

- Organic polymer
- 2-Propenoic acid, 2-fluoro-, calcium salt (2:1), polymer with diethenylbenzene
- and 1,7-octadiene
- Cross-linked polymer of calcium 2-fluoroprop-2-enoate with diethenylbenzene
- and octa-1,7-diene



Sodium Zirconium Cyclosilicate



Iperpotassiemia nello scompenso cardiaco: nuove soluzioni per un vecchio problema

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Tabella 1. Caratteristiche dei principali agenti chelanti del potassio secondo la scheda dell'Agenzia Italiana del Farmaco (AIFA).

	Sodio polistirene sulfonato	Patlomer calcio sorbitolo	Sodio zirconio ciclosilicato
Meccanismo d'azione	Resina contenente Na che viene scambiato con un altro catione (K, Ca o Mg)	Resina contenente Ca che viene scambiato col K	Composto inorganico non polimerico che agisce come scambiatore Na-K
Formulazione	Polvere per sospensione orale e rettale	Polvere per sospensione orale	Polvere per sospensione orale
Dosaggi	Per os: 15 g 1-4 volte/die Per via rettale: 30 g 1-2 volte/die	Dose iniziale: 8.4 g/die Dose massima: 25.2 g/die	Dose iniziale: 10 g 3 volte/die per max 3 giorni Dose di mantenimento: max 10 g/die
Temperatura di conservazione	Temperatura ambiente	2-8°C	Temperatura ambiente
Inizio d'azione	1-2 h	4-7 h	1 h
Proprietà farmacocinetiche	Non assorbito nel tratto GI Eliminato con le feci	Non assorbito nel tratto GI Eliminato con le feci	Non assorbito nel tratto GI Eliminato con le feci
Effetti collaterali	Disturbi GI: anoressia, nausea, vomito, stipsi, diarrea Disturbi elettrolitici: ritenzione sodica, ipopotassiemia e ipocalcemia	Disturbi GI: stipsi (6.2%) diarrea (3%), dolore addominale (2.9%) Disturbi elettrolitici: ipomagnesemia (5.3%)	Disturbi elettrolitici: ipopotassiemia (2.3%) Edema (5.7%): ritenzione di liquidi, edema generalizzato o localizzato, ipervolemia
Effetti collaterali gravi	Ischemia GI	Nessuno	Nessuno

Ca, calcio; GI, gastrointestinale; K, potassio; Mg, magnesio; Na, sodio.

Iperpotassiemia nello scompenso cardiaco: nuove soluzioni per un vecchio problema

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Trial	Criteri di inclusione	Disegno	Endpoint	Risultati
PEARL-HF ³⁶ , 2011	≥18 anni SCC con indicazione a MRA K 4.3-5.1 mmol/l eGFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m ² o interruzione dei RAASI per iperK	105 pz: placebo vs patiromer 15 g bid per 4 settimane, associati a 25 mg/die di spironolattone, incrementato a 50 mg/die a partire dal giorno 15, se K <5.1 mmol/l	Primario: variazioni del K Secondario: casi di iperK (K >5.5 mmol/l). Pz in spironolattone 50 mg/die	Gruppo patiromer con K più basso di 0.45 mmol/l rispetto al placebo (p=0.001); minore incidenza di iperK (7.3 vs 24.5%, p=0.015) e più pz in spironolattone 50 mg/die (91 vs 74%, p=0.019)
AMETHYST-DN ³³ , 2015	30-80 anni Diabete mellito tipo 2 eGFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m ² RAASI da almeno 28 giorni K >5 e <6 mmol/l	Fase iniziale: 222 pz (5 < K ≤5.5 mmol/l) in patiromer 8.4 vs 16.8 vs 25.2 g/die e 84 pz (5.5 < K <6 mmol/l) in patiromer 16.8 vs 25.2 vs 33.6 g/die per 8 settimane Fase di mantenimento: 44 settimane modulando la dose di patiromer in base al K	Primario: variazioni del K durante le prime 4 settimane Secondario: variazioni del K durante tutto lo studio	A 4 settimane: nei pz con K basale ≤5.5 mmol/l il K si riduceva di 0.35/0.55 mmol/l e nei pz con K basale >5.5 mmol/l di 0.87/0.97 mmol/l Da 4 a 52 settimane: riduzioni significative di K rispetto al basale ad ogni misurazione mensile
OPAL-HK ³⁴ , 2015	Fase iniziale: 18-80 anni eGFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m ² 5.1 < K <6.5 mmol/l Dose stabile di RAASI da 28 giorni Fase di mantenimento: K basale ≥5.5 mmol/l 3.8 < K <5.1 mmol/l al termine della fase iniziale	Fase iniziale: 243 pz in patiromer 4.2 g bid (se K <5.5 mmol/l) o 8.4 g bid (se K ≥5.5 mmol/l) per 4 settimane Fase di mantenimento: 107 pz in patiromer alla stessa dose vs placebo per 8 settimane	Fase iniziale: riduzione del K Fase di mantenimento: differenza nei valori di K dopo le prime 4 settimane di questa fase	Fase iniziale: 76% dei pz raggiunge K tra 3.8 e 5.1 mmol/l, con riduzione media di 1.01 ± 0.03 mmol/l (IC 95% -1.07; -0.95; p<0.001) 4 settimane di mantenimento: pz in placebo +0.72 mmol/l di K vs +0 mmol/l in patiromer (p<0.001)

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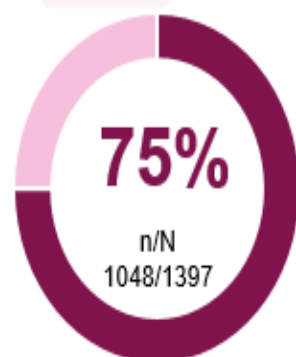
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ZS-002 ⁴¹ , 2015	>18 anni; eGFR tra 30 e 60 ml/min/1.73 m ² K 5-6 mmol/l	90 pz: placebo vs ZS-9 alla dose di 0.3 o 3 o 10g tid per 48h	Primario: riduzione dei livelli di K Secondario: variazioni nei livelli sierici di Ca, K, Mg e creatinina	Endpoint primario raggiunto nei gruppi in 3g (p=0.048) e 10g (p<0.001) di ZS-9 vs placebo Massima riduzione di K (-0.92 mmol/l) nel gruppo 10g ZS-9 dopo 38h. Non differenze nei valori di Ca, Mg, Na e creatinina
ZS-003 ⁴⁰ , 2015	>18 anni; K 5-6.5 mmol/l	Fase iniziale: 754 pz in ZS-9 1.25 vs 2.5 vs 5 vs 10g tid vs placebo per 48h. Fase di mantenimento: pz che raggiungono 3.5<K<4.9 mmol/l randomizzati a dose originaria di ZS-9 1 volta/die o a placebo. Pz inizialmente in placebo randomizzati a 1.25 o 2.5 g/die di ZS-9 per 12 giorni	Fase iniziale: variazioni di K a 48h Fase di mantenimento: differenze di K tra i gruppi dopo 12 giorni	Fase iniziale: livelli medi di K scesi da 5.3 a 4.9 mmol/l in 2.5g di ZS-9, a 4.8 mmol/l in 5g e a 4.6 mmol/l in 10g (p<0.001). Variazione non significativa in 1.25g tid Fase di mantenimento: 5 e 10g/die di ZS-9 superiori al placebo nel mantenere la normopotassiemia (p=0.008 e p<0.001, rispettivamente)
ZS-004 o HARMONIZE ³⁹ , 2014	>18 anni; K >5.1 mmol/l	Fase iniziale: 258 pz in 10g tid di ZS-9 per 48h Fase di randomizzazione: pz che raggiungono 3<K<5 mmol/l randomizzati a placebo vs ZS-9 a 5 o 10 o 15g/die per 28 giorni	Primario: variazioni di K nei diversi gruppi durante la fase di randomizzazione Secondario: variazione di K nella fase iniziale	Fase di randomizzazione: K si riduce nei pz in ZS-9 vs placebo (4.8 mmol/l per ZS-9 5g; 4.5 mmol/l per 10g; 4.4 mmol/l per 15g e 5.1 mmol/l per placebo; p<0.01 per ogni dose di ZS-9 vs placebo) Fase iniziale: 84% dei pz con normopotassiemia dopo 24h e 98% dopo 48h.
ZS-005 ⁴² , 2019	>18 anni K >5.1 mmol/l	Fase iniziale: 751 pz in 10g tid di ZS-9 per 24/72h. Fase di mantenimento: raggiunta la normopotassiemia, i pz ricevono 5g/die di ZS-9, titolabile fino a 15g per 12 mesi	Primario: percentuale di pz con normopotassiemia dopo la fase iniziale e di mantenimento	Fase iniziale: il 99% dei pz raggiunge la normopotassiemia Fase di mantenimento: 88% dei pz con K <5.1 mmol/l e 99% con K <5.5 mmol/l

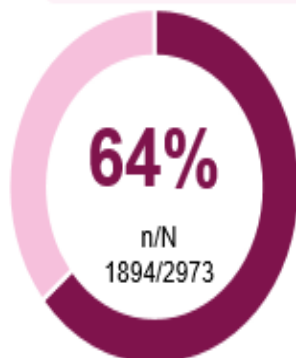
Patients Treated With SZC for Hyperkalemia Were Able to Maintain and Increase Their RAASi Therapy

ZORA: Of the patients who received RAASi,^{1,a,b}



of patients taking SZC **stabilized or uptitrated their RAASi therapy** compared to 54% of patients who did not receive K⁺ binder (n/N=2667/4900)

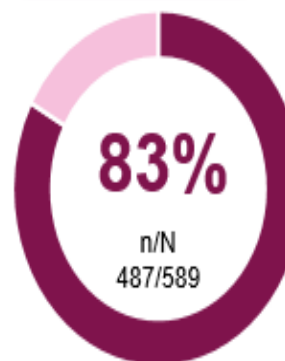
GALVANIZE RAASi: Of the patients who received RAASi,^{2,3,d}



of patients taking SZC were on **optimized^e RAASi dose** in 6 months

Meta-analyzed across countries, patients who received SZC had **2.5x higher odds of either stabilizing or uptitrating their RAASi therapy** vs those who did not receive any K⁺ binders.
(odds ratio: 2.56; 95% CI: 1.92, 3.41)^c

OPTIMIZE I: Of the patients who initiated SZC while on RAASi,^{4,5,f}



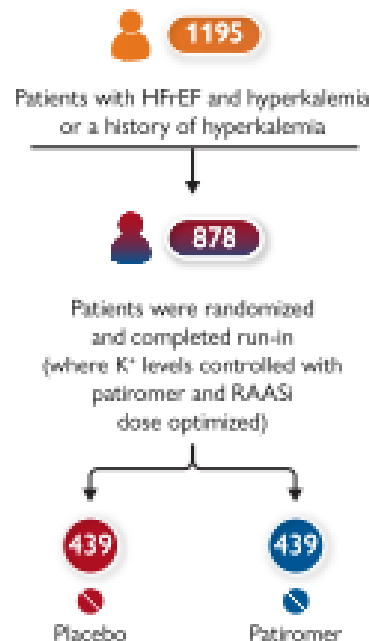
of patients **continued^g their RAASi therapy**, in which 8% had an **increase** in their dose

Patiromer for the management of hyperkalemia in heart failure with reduced ejection fraction: the DIAMOND trial

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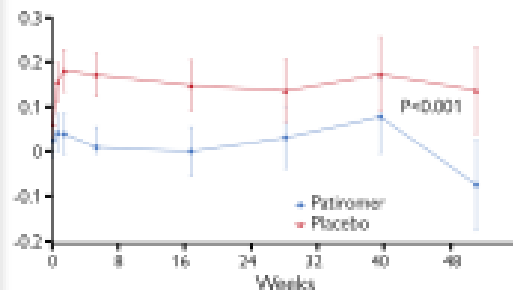
Patiromer use in patients with heart failure and reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF) with hyperkalemia (HK)

Study design



Primary endpoint

Mean change in serum potassium (mmol/L) from baseline (95% confidence interval (CI))



	Day 3	Weeks 1	2	6	18	30	42	54
Patiromer	409	406	402	376	273	183	104	66
Placebo	416	409	397	361	270	184	106	74

Secondary endpoints

	Patiromer (n=439)	Placebo (n=439)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Hyperkalemia events with serum K ⁺ ≥ 5.5 mmol/L	61 (13.9)	85 (19.4)	0.63 (0.45-0.87)	0.006
Maintained HRA target dose	61 (13.9)	83 (18.9)	0.62 (0.45-0.87)	0.006
Total number of hyperkalemia events	225	316	0.66 (0.53-0.81)	<0.001

0.3 1 3.0 RR or HR* (95% CI)

Favours Patiromer Favours Placebo

	Win ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Hyperkalemia-related morbidity-adjusted events ^a	1.33 (1.23-1.91)	<0.001
Win ratio for RAASi use score	1.25 (1.003-1.564)	0.048

0.3 1 3.0 Win ratio (95% CI)

Favours Placebo Favours Patiromer

^aMorbidity-adjusted hyperkalemia-related outcomes were tested in a hierarchical manner with the following sequence: cardiovascular death, cardiovascular hospitalization, total hyperkalemia events ≥ 5.5 mmol/L, ≥ 6.0–6.5 mmol/L, and ≥ 5.0–6.0 mmol/L.

Expert consensus document on the management of hyperkalaemia in patients with cardiovascular disease treated with renin angiotensin aldosterone system inhibitors: coordinated by the Working Group on Cardiovascular Pharmacotherapy of the European Society of Cardiology

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Patients	Recommendation
Chronic or recurrent hyperkalaemia on RAASi therapy	An approved K^+ -lowering agent may be initiated as soon as K^+ levels are confirmed as >5.0 mEq/L. Closely monitor K^+ levels. Maintain treatment unless alternative treatable aetiology is identified
Chronic or recurrent hyperkalaemia not on maximal tolerated guideline-recommended target dose of RAASi	RAASi should be optimised and an approved K^+ -lowering agent may be initiated as soon as confirmed K^+ levels are >5.0 mEq/L. Closely monitor K^+ levels. Maintain treatment unless alternative treatable aetiology is identified
K^+ levels of $4.5\text{--}5.0$ mEq/L not on maximal tolerated, guideline-recommended target dose of RAASi therapy	Initiate/up-titrate RAASi therapy and closely monitor K^+ levels. If K^+ levels rise above 5.0 mEq/L, initiate an approved K^+ -lowering agent
K^+ levels of $>5.0\text{--}\leq 6.5$ mEq/L not on maximal tolerated, guideline-recommended target dose of RAASi therapy	Initiate an approved K^+ -lowering agent. If levels <5.0 mEq/L are detected, up-titrate RAASi - K^+ level should be closely monitored and K^+ lowering treatment should be maintained unless another aetiology for hyperkalaemia is identified
K^+ levels of $>5.0\text{--}\leq 6.5$ mEq/L on maximal tolerated, guideline-recommended target dose of RAASi therapy	Treatment with a K^+ lowering agent may be initiated. K^+ level should be closely monitored and K^+ lowering treatment should be maintained unless alternative treatable aetiology for hyperkalaemia is identified
K^+ levels of >6.5 mEq/L on either maximal sub-maximal tolerated, guideline-recommended target dose of RAASi therapy	Discontinue/reduce RAASi. Treatment with a K^+ lowering agent may be initiated as soon as K^+ levels >5.0 mEq/L. K^+ level should be closely monitored



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Medical Therapy in Patients with Heart Failure: A Delphi Consensus from Italian Cardiologists

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Table 7. Use of MRA and ARNi.

	1	2	3	4	5	TOT
In patients with heart failure and reduced systolic function, in case of developing hyperkalemia with associated worsening of renal function, I discontinue MRAs while maintaining therapy with sacubitril/valsartan	11	15	33	28	6	93
	28%			72%		100%
In patients with reduced systolic cardiac function, if hyperkalemia has occurred, I prefer to use “Patiromer” or “Sodium zirconium cyclosilicate” while maintaining therapy with ACE/RAASi/ARNi and MRA	5	7	19	23	39	93
	13%			87%		100%