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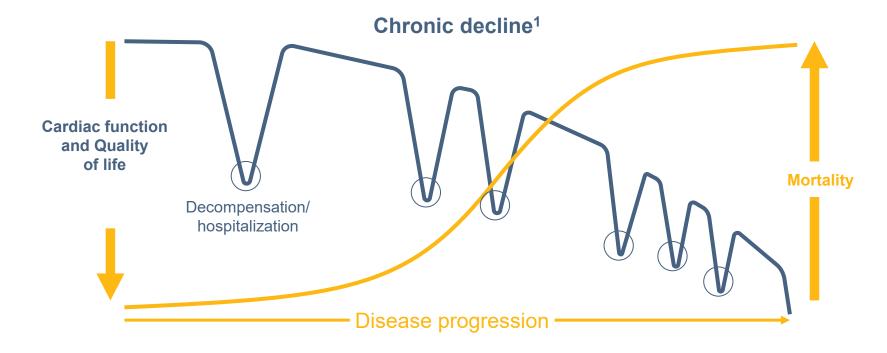
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HF is a progressive disorder and can not be perceived as 'stable'

Frequency of decompensation and risk of mortality increase, 1-3 with acute events and sudden death occurring at any time

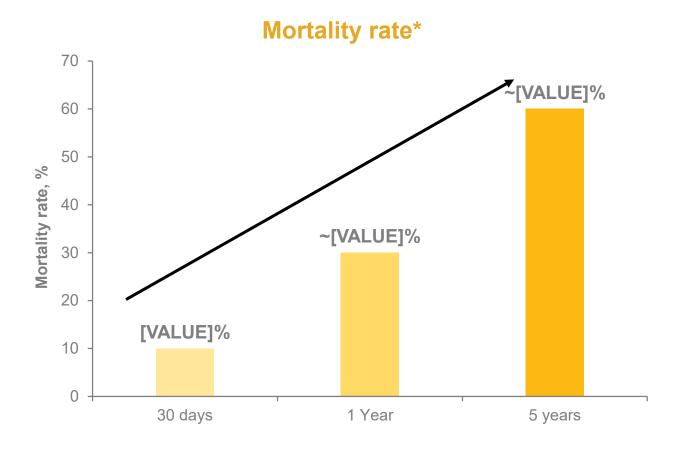






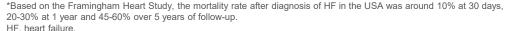


HF patients are at increased risk of mortality









Case study

Can GDMT reduce the risk of mortality in HFrEF patients?





Case discussion



Meet Kartik*, 61-year old marketing consultant.

- A known case of HFrEF since 6 years.
- 3 months back, he was admitted in the hospital due to HF.

He is on: ACEi/ARB, MRA and beta-blocker

""I am feeling much better than earlier, however, I still get tired easily occasionally get out of breath."





The new universal definition of heart failure classifies the different phenotypes according to LVEF

HF with reduced EF
(HFrEF)

HF with mildly reduced EF
(HFmrEF)

HF with improved EF
(HFimpEF)

HF with a baseline LVEF ≤40%, a ≥10-point increase from baseline LVEF, and a second measurement of LVEF >40%

EF, ejection fraction; HF, heart failure; LVEF, left ventricular ejection fraction. **Proverted 45**%. Eur J Heart Fail. 2021;23:352.



Case discussion



Clinical investigation for Kartik* reveals:

LVEF: 34%

Pulse rate: 76/min

NT-proBNP: 1743 pg/mL

SBP: 124 mmHg

• **eGFR: 5**0 ml/min per 1.73 m²

Sr. creatinine: 1.56 mg/dL

Based on clinical examination, current therapy with ACEi/ARB is not showing clinical improvement in Kartik*





Do you feel that Kartik is at increased risk of mortality?

Dr Rajeev Rajput, Endocrinologist





Is Kartik with mild HF symptoms at increased risk of mortality?



A Yes

B No



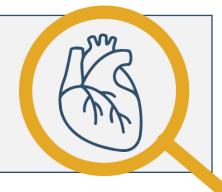


Heart failure: A growing public health concern

- Worldwide prevalence of heart failure is >37.7 million
- The burden is rapidly increasing by 2030, the number of HF patients would rise by 25%

Prognosis of heart failure

Mortality rate is ~50% at 5 years from the initial diagnosis of HF

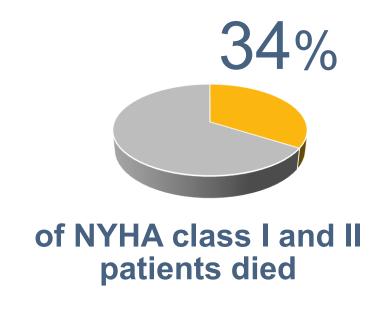


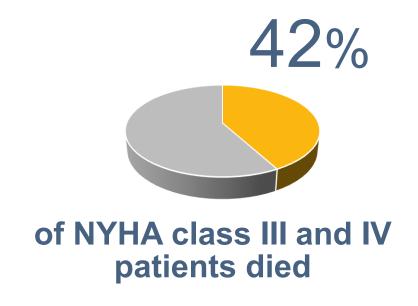




Even mild to moderate patients are at high risk

IN A CLINICAL TRIAL WITH MEDIAN FOLLOW-UP OF ~3 YEARS







Indian patients typically differ from global population



Younger age of onset



RHD an important etiology



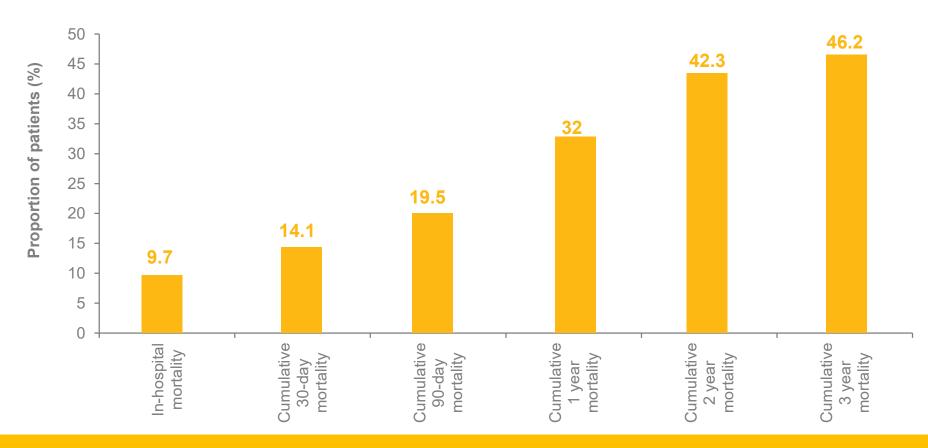
Males are predominantly affected than females (70:30)



Prevalence is higher in patients with diabetes



In India, mortality rate in HFrEF patients increases with time¹



Rates of morbidity and mortality are high in patients with heart failure (HF), but predicting prognosis is difficult²







Is renal impairment quite common in **HFrEF patients?**



A Yes

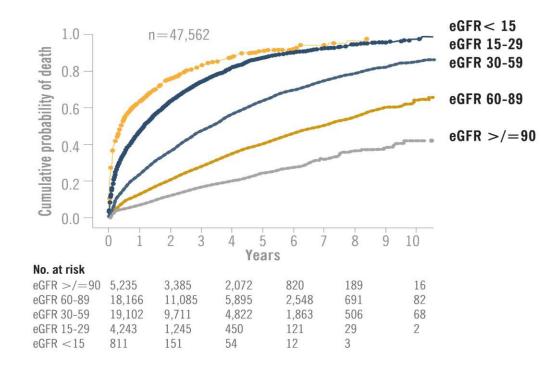
B No





Renal failure is an independent predictor of mortality in heart failure patients^{1,2}

Mortality risk with decreasing kidney function regardless of age, presence of diabetes, NYHA class, duration of heart failure and haemoglobin levels²



In HF patients with decreasing eGFR*:

- 13% increased risk of mortality with eGFR 30–59
- 85% increased risk of mortality with eGFR 30–59:
- ~3 fold increased risk of mortality with eGFR²







Challenges in management of cardiorenal syndrome

Managing the patient with cardiorenal syndrome frequently involves¹

Making recommendations or choices of therapies that are commonly contradictory¹

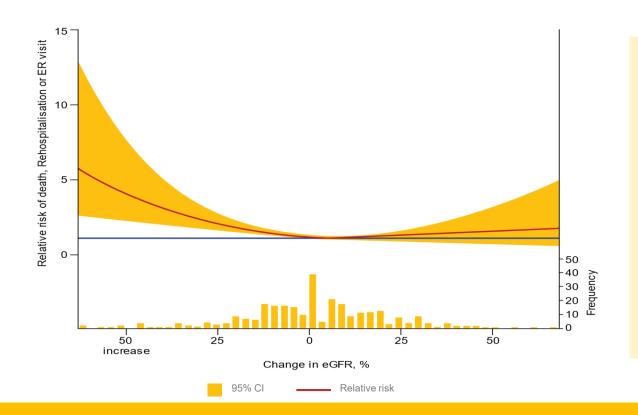
While treating volume overload and congestion, the aggressive use of diuretics and volume depletion directly worsens renal function¹

ACEi/ARBs, while cardiorenal protective, can lead to temporary worsening of renal function¹





Use of ACEi/ARB increases the risk of mortality in patients with WRF



- 48% increase in risk of mortality with WRF in HFrEF patients
- 19% increase in risk of mortality with WRF on HFrEF patients on RAASi [ACEi/ARB]

WRF occurs more frequently in HFrEF patients on RAAS antagonists









Need for newer therapy in managing HFrEF in CKD

Therapy for HFrEF can cause eGFR to vary, so when eGFR declines from >60 to <60 ml/min per 1.73 m² it can be unclear if this truly represents CKD versus a transient decline due to hemodynamic and neurohormonal factors¹

Although strategies for treating HF are the same in patients with or without CKD, it is important to avoid medication toxicity and complications with cardiovascular or renal procedures¹

Hence, the new therapy should focus on cardiorenal syndrome, and treat the whole patient, and treat for long term^{2,3}





ACEi/ARBs also reduce the risk of mortality due to HFrEF, what was the need of a new class of drug?

Rajiv Passey. Cardiologist







What should be the next step in managing patients like Kartik?



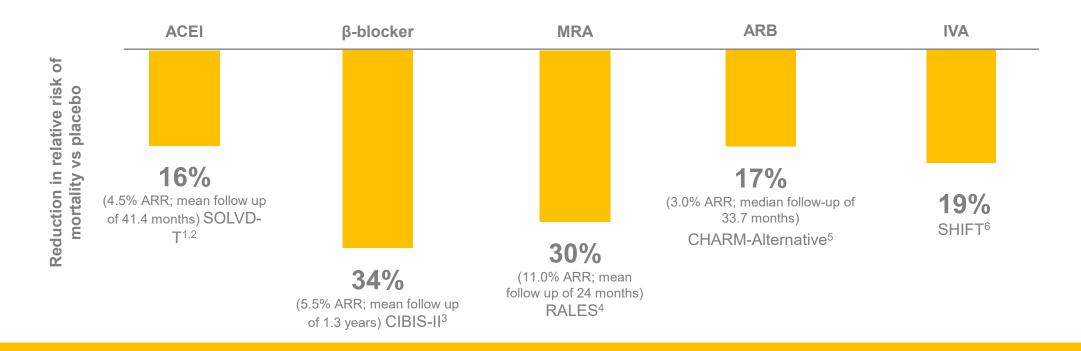
Yes

B No





Mortality in HFrEF remains high despite the introduction of therapies over the last 20 years



Despite conventional therapy, there is 50% mortality rate for HF patients at 5 years post-diagnosis⁷⁻¹²

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Advantages of sacubitril/valsartan over current therapies (ACEI or ARB)

Inhibition of neprilysin

Causes vasorelaxation natriuresis diuresis

Inhibits cardiac fibrosis and cardiomyocyte hypertrophy Simultaneously blocks AT1 receptor

Suppresses vasoconstriction and sodium and water retention

Ameliorates the congestive HF state



Acts on underlying structural and molecular abnormalities which drive disease progression that is silent and life threatening





ESC 2021 recommends sacubitril/valsartan as a first-line cornerstone therapy for all HFrEF patients

Sacubitril/valsartan may be considered as a first-line therapy instead of an ACEi in all HFrEF patients*

 Initiation of sacubitril/valsartan in recently hospitalized stable patients with HFrEF, including those who are ACEi/ARB naïve, is safe and may be considered







Even recent ACC 2022 guideline recommends sacubitril/valsartan as the first-line therapy for all HFrEF patients*

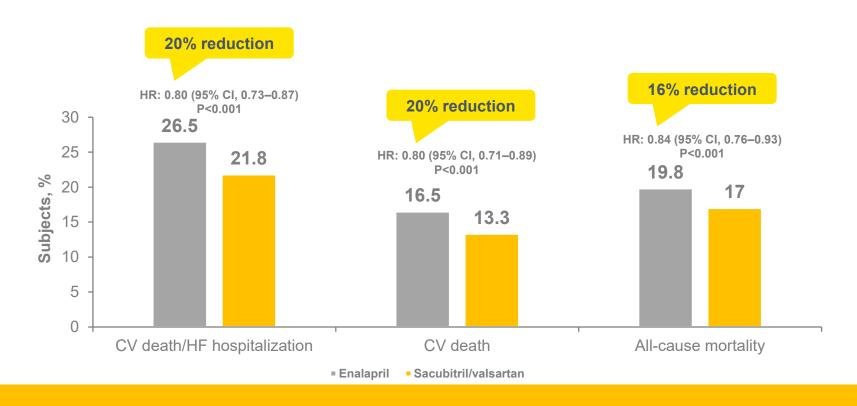
ARNI is recommended as the first-line therapy for HFrEF patients*

- In chronic symptomatic HFrEF NYHA class II or III who tolerate an ACEi or ARB, replacement by an ARNi is recommended
- ARNi is recommended as de novo treatment in hospitalized patients with acute HF before discharge





Sacubitril/valsartan keeps HFrEF patients alive



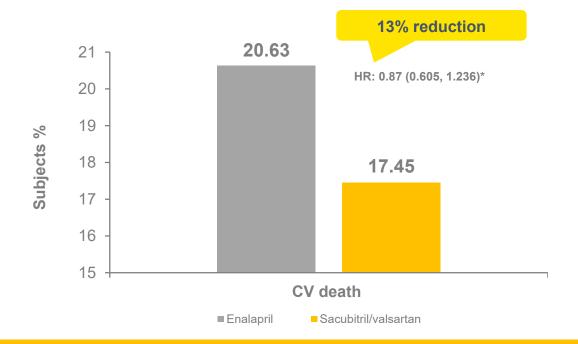
Sacubitril/valsartan significantly reduced the number of CV death/HF hospitalization, CV death and all-cause mortality







Sacubitril/valsartan has shown efficacy even in Indian HFrEF patients: CV death



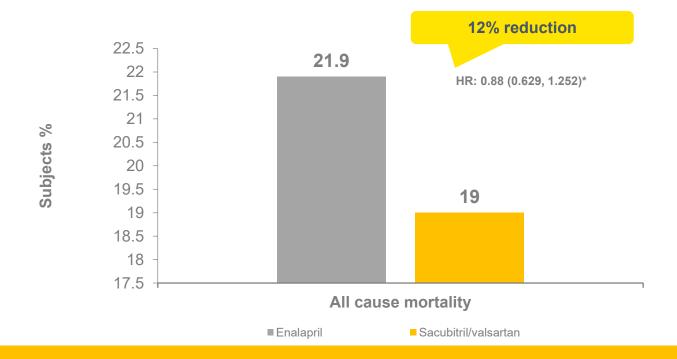
13% reduction in risk of CV death in HFrEF patients with sacubitril/valsartan compared to enalapril







Sacubitril/valsartan has shown efficacy even in Indian HFrEF patients: All cause mortality



12% reduction in risk of all cause mortality in HFrEF patients with sacubitril/valsartan compared to enalapril



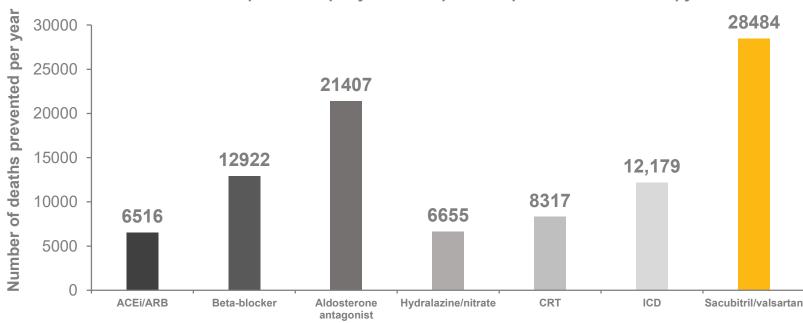




Sacubitril/valsartan can help reduce the mortality burden associated with HF

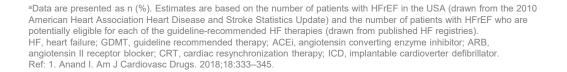
Estimated potential impact of optimal implementation of GDMT













Besides Hazard ratio, are there any other outcomes measures that can be more relevant for clinicians and patients to understand therapy impact?

Rajiv Passey





Terms used in the analysis of time-to-event outcomes

Terms	Description
Hazard rate	The rate of an event (say, death or a cardiovascular disease) at a given time
Hazard ratio (HR)	The ratio of two hazard rates
Cox model	A statistical regression model that is used to analyse time-to- event outcomes. Its output is a time-constant HR, assuming that the hazard rates are proportional at all times
Restricted mean survival time (RMST)	The average survival time up to a given time point





Drawbacks of calculation based on HR



Hard to interpret due to selection bias



Not immediately relevant to individuals as causal effect







Understanding RMST measure and advantages

Restricted mean survival time (RMST) measure can be interpreted as the mean event-free survival time up to a prespecified, clinically important point¹

Uses age at randomization instead of time²

Provides long-term estimates with a specific intervention across different age groups²

Provides an estimate of the effect of treatment in terms of time "free of an event," years of life gained, or both²

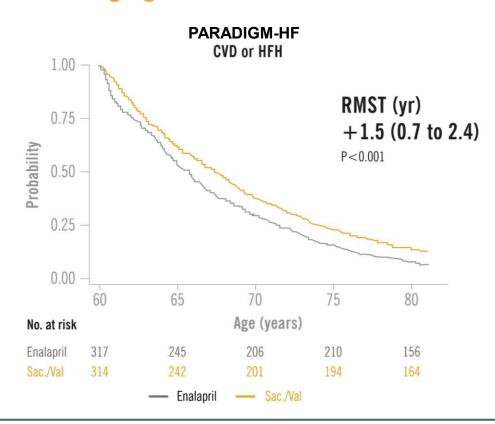
Such measures may be more readily interpretable and quantifiable for patients and clinicians²





Sacubitril/valsartan extends life without primary event by 1.5 years compared to enalapril

RMST using age instead of time



RMST days gained over this follow-up was +37 (23 to 52) days, and the potential extension of life without an event was estimated at +1.5 (0.7 to 2.4) years.

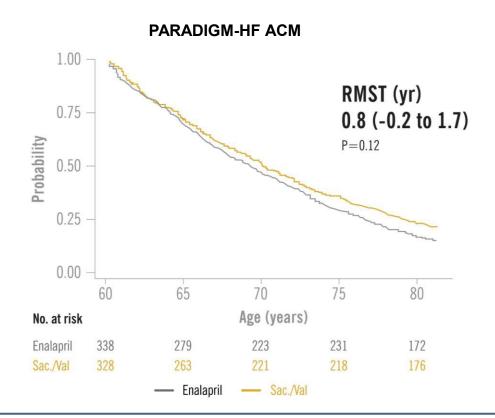






Sacubitril/valsartan reduces all-cause death

RMST using age instead of time



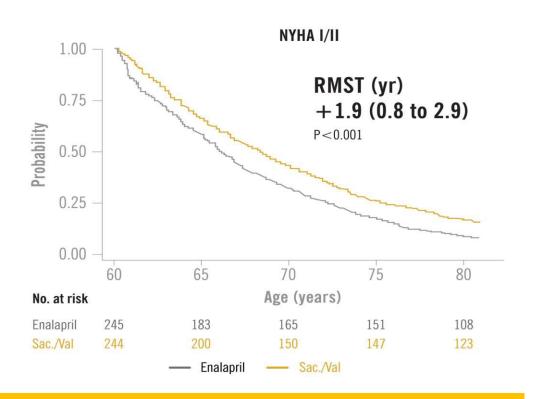
RMST days gained over this follow-up was +19
(7 to 31) days, and the potential extension of life without an event was estimated at +0.8
(-0.2 to 1.7) years.

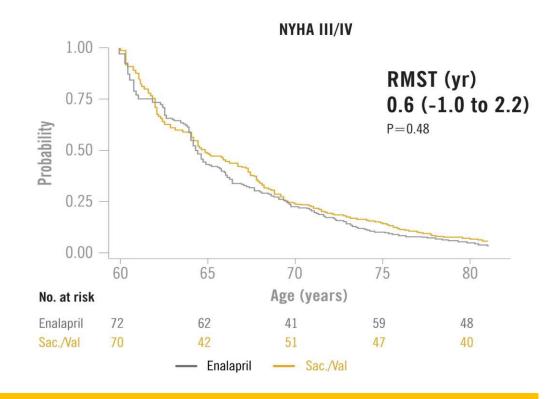






Event free survival of ~6 months is achieved with sacubitril/valsartan, irrespective of NYHA functional class





The estimated extension of event-free survival was +1.9 (0.8 to 2.9) years

The estimated extension of event-free survival was +0.6 (1.0 to 2.2) years

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Sudden cardiac death can occur without worsening symptoms of HF, what is the role of sacubitril/valsartan in these patients?

Rajeev Rajput. Endocrinologist

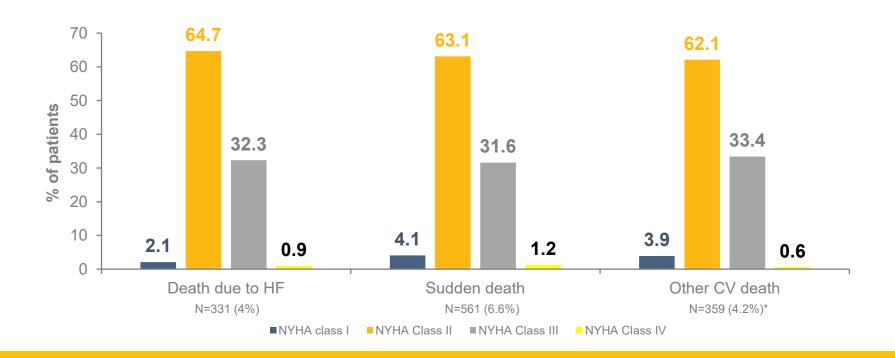






Cause of death in NYHA Class II HFrEF Patients

PARADIGM-HF sub-analysis



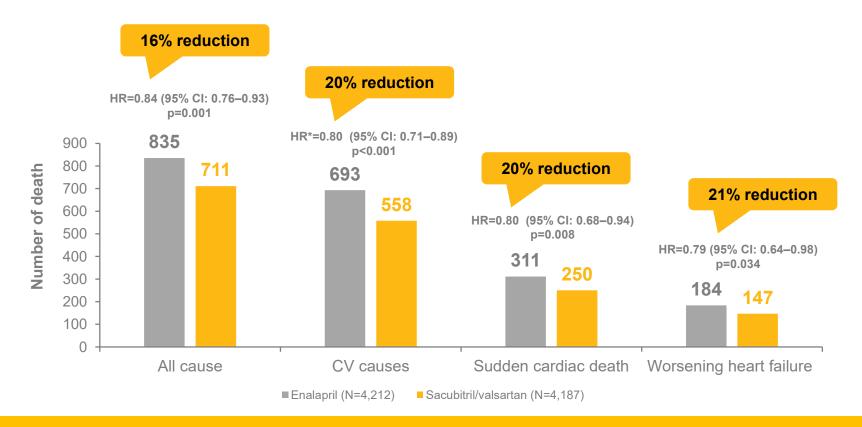
6 out of 10 NYHA class II patients die due to SCD in PARADIGM-HF







Sacubitril/valsartan impacts mode of death



Sacubitril/valsartan significantly reduced the number of sudden cardiac deaths and death due to worsening heart failure







Guideline recommendations - European society of cardiology 2016

Management of ventricular tachyarrhythmias in HF

Recommendations	Classa	Levelb
Treatment with beta-blocker, MRA and sacubitril/valsartan reduces the risk of sudden death and is recommended for patients with HFrEF and ventricular arrhythmias (as for other patients)	I	A

Only Sacubitril/valsartan (not an ACEi/ARB) has been recommended for prevention of sudden cardiac death







What is the effect of sacubitril/valsartan in HFrEF patients with CKD and dose recommendation?

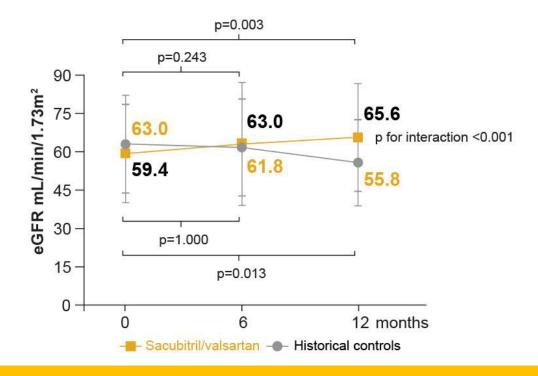
Manish Aggarwal, Nephrologist







Sacubitril/valsartan improves eGFR in HFrEF patients



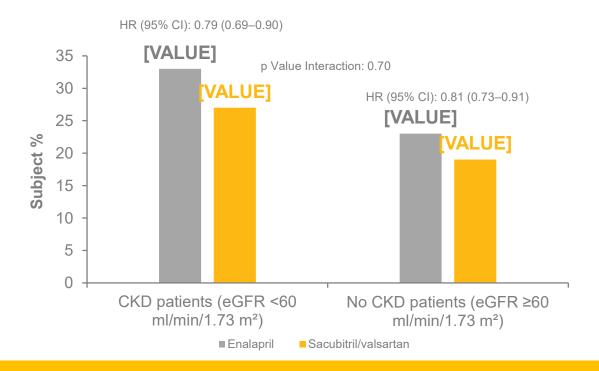
Significant improvement in eGFR with sacubitril/valsartan in real world setting in HFrEF patients¹







Sacubitril/valsartan improves clinical outcomes in patients with HFrEF irrespective of CKD Status



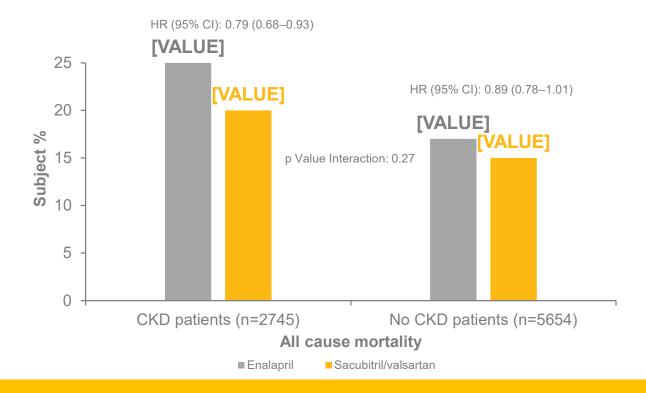
21% reduction in CV death and HF hospitalization with sacubitril/valsartan in patients with CKD







Sacubitril/valsartan reduces all-cause mortality in patients with HFrEF and CKD patients



21% reduction in all cause mortality with sacubitril/valsartan in patients with CKD







Dose initiation and optimisation based on eGFR levels

No dose adjustment for sacubitril/valsartan

is needed¹ when eGFR ≥30mL/min/1.73m²

Dosing	Mild (eGFR ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m²)	Moderate (eGFR 59-30 mL/min/1.73 m ²)	Severe (eGFR<30 mL/min/1.73 m ²)
Starting	No dose adjustment required	No dose adjustment required	50 mg
Duration			2-4 weeks
Target maintenance dose	1 3 4 3 3 3.		200 mg







To summarise...



Patients like Kartik with mild worsening HF symptoms are at increased risk of mortality and renal impairment further increases the risk of mortality¹⁻³

Sacubitril/valsartan reduces the risk of mortality and improves survival in HFrEF patients⁴





We Are In 2022 and getting Soon into 2023 What else Besides What We Discussed So Far should be administerd?

ARNI Came in 2017 (PARADIGM Trial) and should Replace ACE/ARB's

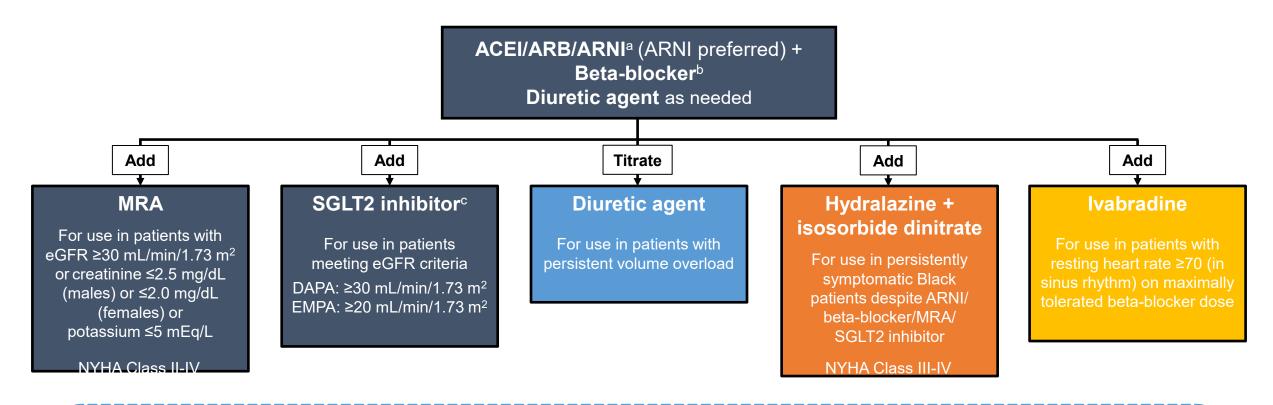
SGLT2 for HFrEF Came in 2019 (A very Important adjunct both in Diabetics and Non Diabetics) Esp in Renally compromised patients

Verciguat (Verquovo) came in 2020 (VICTORIA Trial) and have proven its benefit in WHF.

These benefits need to be realized and all useful group of drugs need to be administered.



2021 ACC Expert Consensus Now Includes Dapagliflozin as a Component of First-Line Treatment for Patients With HFrEF



- ARNIs, beta-blockers^b, MRAs and SGLT2 inhibitors are first-line medications for all patients with HFrEF.
- SGLT2 inhibitors should be added for patients with chronic HFrEF who are already receiving ARNI/ACEI/ARB, beta-blocker and MRA, if not contraindicated.
- Achieving target or maximally tolerated doses of other HFrEF therapies is not necessary before adding SGLT2 inhibitors.

Powered by Blue boxes indicate first-line therapy.

acei/ARB shoultes equisited in patients with contraindications, intolerance or inaccessibility to ARNI; bevidence-based beta-blocker (carvedilol, metoprolol succinate, or bisoprolol); DAPA is the only SGLT2 inhibitor with an FIPA appropriate indication for the treatment of HFrEF.

Conclusion

HFrEF patients, with mild symptoms are at increased risk of mortality and in India, mortality rate in HFrEF patients is increasing with time^{1,2}

Mortality risk further increases in HFrEF patients with renal impairment. Renal failure is an independent predictor of mortality in heart failure patients^{3,4}

Sacubitril/valsartan reduces risk of CV death and all-cause mortality in HFrEF patients, irrespective of CKD and extends survival time in HFrEF patients by 1 to 2 years⁵⁻⁷

HFrEF Patients in 2022/2023 need besides ARNI, Beta blockers, Aldosterone antagonists, SGLT2inhibitors (Dapagliflozin) and patients with WHF need Versiguat.

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Kartik is Luckier today than what he was in 2018!

Time is essential in your heart failure patients so, is initiating evidence based treatment in your HFrEF patients to reduce the risk of mortality

All the drugs should be on board within 4 weeks maximum

HFrEF Patients have much more for treatment for improving the quality of life, reducing hospitalizations and improving survival





Thank you







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Uncommon (0.1 to 1%): Angioedemia, dizziness postural.

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