Finerenone in patients with stage 1–4 chronic kidney disease and type 2 diabetes: A secondary analysis of heart failure from the FIGARO-DKD trial

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### Finerenone targets MR overactivation, which contributes to CVD progression in patients with CKD associated with T2D



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\*10 mg if screening eGFR <60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; 20 mg if ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, up-titration encouraged from month 1 if serum potassium ≤4.8 mmol/l and eGFR stable; a decrease in the dose from 20 to 10 mg od was allowed any time after the initiation of finerenone or placebo; #mean sitting SBP ≥170 mmHg or mean sitting DBP ≥110 mmHg at the run-in visit, or mean sitting SBP ≥160 mmHg or mean sitting DBP ≥100 mmHg at the screening visit; ‡known significant non-diabetic kidney disease, including clinically relevant renal artery stenosis ACEi, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GFR, glomerular filtration rate; HbA1c, glycated haemoglobin; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; [K+], potassium concentration; MI, myocardial infarction; NYHA, New York Heart Association; od, once daily; R, randomisation; SBP, systolic blood pressure

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On top of optimised RAS blockade, finerenone significantly reduced the risk of the primary CV outcome by 13% vs placebo

Time to CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, or HHF



\*NNT calculations based on an absolute risk reduction after 3.5 years of 2.1% (95% CI 0.4–3.8); #number of patients with an event over a median

of 3.4 years of follow-up

CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio; NNT, number needed to treat; RAS, renin-angiotensin system

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### FIGARO-DKD: A secondary analysis of heart failure



# The aim of this secondary analysis was to evaluate new onset of HF and HF outcomes for patients with and without a history of HF

## Patients with a history of HF had lower eGFR and were more likely to have a history of CVD

Patient characteristic*	With history of HF n=571	Without history of HF n=6781	Medication use, %	With history of HF n=571	Without history of HF n=6781
Age, years	65.6	64.0	ACEi	52.0	41.9
Sex, male, %	61.3	70.1	ARB	47.8	58.1
Duration of diabetes, years	15.1	14.4	Beta blockers	71.1	46.2
BMI, kg/m²	32.8	31.3	Diuretics	63.6	46.2
SBP/DBP, mmHg	135/77	136/77	Statins	72.5	70.3
HbA1c, %	8.0	7.7	Glucose-lowering therapies		
<b>eGFR, ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup></b> ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> . %	52.0	62.6	Metformin	59.2	69.7
LIACR ma/a median			Insulin and analogues	63.6	53.5
≥300 mg/g, %	46.4	51.1	DPP-4 inhibitors	17.0	24.5
History of CV disease,# %	68.7	43.3	GLP-1RA	4.2	7.8
Serum [K <sup>+</sup> ], mmol/l	4.4	4.3	SGLT-2 inhibitors	5.6	8.6

\*Values are mean unless otherwise stated; #history of CVD defined as investigator-reported medical history of CAD (coronary revascularisation, or

angiography-proven stenosis ≥50% in at least one major coronary artery), ischaemic stroke or PAD

BMI, body mass index; CAD, coronary artery disease; DPP-4, dipeptidyl peptidase-4; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; PAD, peripheral artery disease; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor

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## On top of optimised RAS blockade, finerenone significantly reduced the risk of new-onset HF by 32%

Finerenone reduced new-onset HF in patients without a history of HF at baseline by 32%





## Finerenone reduced CV death and first hospitalisation for HF vs placebo irrespective of history of HF

First HHF* outcomes	Finerenone n/100 PY	Placebo n/100 PY	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	<i>p</i> -value for interaction
CV death and first HHF	2.38	2.92	⊷ ● 0.82 (0.70–0.95)	
With a history of HF	6.57	8.67	0.84 (0.58–1.22)	- 0.81
Without a history of HF	2.08	2.52		
CV death for HF and first HHF	0.99	1.44	0.68 (0.54–0.86)	
With a history of HF	3.65	5.61	0.70 (0.43–1.13)	- 0.82
Without a history of HF	0.79	1.15	0.69 (0.53–0.91)	
First HHF	0.96	1.36	• • • 0.71 (0.56–0.90)	
With a history of HF	3.53	5.35	0.70 (0.43–1.15)	0.77
Without a history of HF	0.78	1.08	·──◆── 0.72 (0.55–0.95)	0.77
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Favours finerenone Favours placebo

\*First hospitalisation for HF defined as first event after randomisation PY, patient-years

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### Similarly, finerenone reduced CV death and total hospitalisation for HF vs placebo irrespective of history of HF

Total HHF outcomes	Finerenone n/100 PY	Placebo n/100 PY	Rate ratio (95% CI)	<i>p</i> -value for interaction
CV death and total HHF	3.04	3.84	<b>→→</b> 0.79 (0.66–0.95)	
With a history of HF	10.24	14.09	• 0.76 (0.49–1.19)	- 0.72
Without a history of HF	2.50	3.09	0.81 (0.67–0.99)	
CV death for HF and total HHF	1.55	2.21	→ 0.70 (0.53–0.93)	
With a history of HF	6.79	10.03	• 0.67 (0.37–1.20)	- 0.85
Without a history of HF	1.15	1.63	0.71 (0.51–0.97)	
Total HHF	1.47	2.09	•• 0.70 (0.52–0.94)	
With a history of HF	6.68	9.67	• 0.67 (0.37–1.22)	0.01
Without a history of HF	1.08	1.53	0.70 (0.51–0.97)	0.91
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Favours finerenone Favours placebo



### Irrespective of HF history, finerenone increased the incidence of hyperkalaemia, but the clinical impact was minimal

Treatment-emergent AE,* n (%)	With history of HF		Without his	Without history of HF	
	Finerenone (n=289)	Placebo (n=281)	Finerenone (n=3394)	Placebo (n=3377)	
Any AE	230 (79.6)	241 (85.8)	2904 (85.6)	2888 (85.5)	
Leading to discontinuation	8 (2.8)	13 (4.6)	199 (5.9)	170 (5.0)	
Any SAE#	100 (34.6)	89 (31.7)	1058 (31.2)	1126 (33.3)	
Leading to discontinuation	3 (1.0)	3 (1.1)	67 (2.0)	73 (2.2)	
AE with outcome death	6 (2.1)	8 (2.8)	73 (2.2)	92 (2.7)	
Hyperkalaemia‡, n (%)					
Any AE	24 (8.3)	13 (4.6)	372 (11.0)	180 (5.3)	
Leading to discontinuation	1 (0.3)	2 (0.7)	45 (1.3)	11 (0.3)	

\*AEs that started or worsened after the first dose of study drug up to 3 days after any temporary or permanent interruption of study drug were considered as treatment-emergent AEs; #SAEs were defined as treatment-emergent events that: (1) resulted in death; (2) were life-threatening; (3) required inpatient hospitalisation (or prolongation of existing hospitalisation); (4) caused persistent or significant disability/incapacity; (5) were congenital abnormalities or birth defects; or (6) were judged by the investigator to be a serious or important medical event; <sup>‡</sup>hyperkalaemia refers to MedDRA preferred terms hyperkalaemia and blood potassium increase AE, adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event

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### FIGARO-DKD secondary analysis of HF: Summary and conclusion

In patients with CKD stage 1–4 with moderate-to-severely elevated albuminuria (UACR ≥30 mg/g), well-controlled SBP and HbA1c, treated with a maximum tolerated dose of RAS blockade:

**Finerenone reduced new-onset HF by 32%** (HR 0.68; 95% CI 0.50–0.93) Finerenone reduced hospitalisation for HF and CV death irrespective of history of heart failure Finerenone was generally well tolerated; as anticipated, the incidence of hyperkalaemia was higher with finerenone than placebo, but the clinical impact was minimal



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### Finerenone targets MR overactivation, which may contribute to CV disease progression in patients with CKD associated with T2D



Finerenone is a novel, selective, nonsteroidal MRA that inhibits MR overactivation, which is thought to contribute to inflammation and fibrosis leading to kidney and CV damage<sup>1–5</sup>



\*Kidney failure defined as occurrence of ESKD (initiation of chronic dialysis for ≥90 days or kidney transplantation) or sustained eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD, end-stage kidney disease; HF, heart failure; MI, myocardial infarction;

MR, mineralocorticoid receptor; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; RRR, relative risk reduction; T2D, type 2 diabetes

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### FIDELITY is a prespecified pooled analysis of FIDELIO-DKD<sup>1</sup> and FIGARO-DKD<sup>2</sup>



\*10 mg if screening eGFR 25–<60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; 20 mg if ≥60 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, up-titration encouraged from month 1 if serum [K<sup>+</sup>] ≤4.8 mEq/l and eGFR stable; #kidney failure defined as either ESKD (initiation of chronic dialysis for ≥90 days or kidney transplant) or sustained decrease in eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> GFR, glomerular filtration rate; HHF, hospitalisation for heart failure; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; [K<sup>+</sup>], potassium concentration; od, once daily; RASi, renin–angiotensin system inhibitor

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### **FIDELITY results overview**



To evaluate the **efficacy and safety of finerenone across the spectrum** of patients with CKD associated with T2D and to provide insights into the relationship between CKD stage and the **effects of finerenone on composite cardiovascular- and kidney-specific endpoints** 



**FIDELITY** showed significant **risk reductions** of **14%** in the **risk of CV morbidity and mortality** vs placebo (HR=0.86; 95% CI 0.78–0.95) and **23%** reduction in the **risk of CKD progression**<sup>#</sup> vs placebo (HR=0.77; 95% CI 0.67–0.88)<sup>1</sup>

\*ESKD or an eGFR <15 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; #events were classified as renal death if: (1) the patient died; (2) KRT had not been initiated despite being clinically indicated; and (3) there was no other likely cause of death; <sup>‡</sup>cumulative incidence calculated by Aalen–Johansen estimator using deaths due to other causes as competing risk; <sup>§</sup> number of patients with an event over a median of 3.0 years of follow-up; <sup>¶</sup>at-risk subjects were calculated at start of time point CI, confidence interval; HR hazard ratio; KRT, kidney replacement therapy; NNT, number needed to treat

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### At baseline, patients had well-controlled blood pressure and HbA1c, and CV medications were used by most patients

Characteristic	Total (n=13,026)	Medications, n (%)
Age, years	65	CV medications
Male, %	70	Statins
Duration of T2D, years	15.4	Beta-blockers
HbA1c, %	7.7	Calcium antagonists
SBP/DBP. mmHg	137/76	
		Glucose-lowering therapies
History of CV disease, n (%)	5935 (46)	Metformin
History of HF, n %	1007 (7.7)	Insulin
	· · · ·	GLP-1RAs
Serum [K <sup>+</sup> ], mmol/l	4.4	SGLT-2is

### The aim of this subanalysis was to evaluate the effect of finerenone on HF-related outcomes in FIDELITY in the overall population, and across eGFR and UACR subgroups

Data are mean unless otherwise stated

DBP, diastolic blood pressure; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HbA1c, glycated haemoglobin; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SGLT-2, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor



Total (n=13,026)

13,003 (100)

9399 (72)

6504 (50)

7358 (57)

6710 (52)

12,720 (98)

7557 (58)

7630 (59)

944 (7.2)

877 (6.7)

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Time to first hospitalisation for HF

In FIDELITY, finerenone significantly reduced the risk of first hospitalisation for HF\* by 22% vs placebo

\*First hospitalisation for HF defined as first event after randomisation; #cumulative incidence calculated by Aalen–Johansen estimator using deaths due to other causes as competing risk; <sup>‡</sup>at-risk subjects were calculated at start of time point; <sup>§</sup>number of patients with an event over a median of 3.0 years of follow-up Filippatos G. et al. AHA 2021: abstract 17139



## In FIDELITY, finerenone reduced the risk for CV death and first hospitalisation for HF\* by 17% vs placebo

Time to CV death and first hospitalisation for HF





### In FIDELITY, finerenone reduced risk of total hospitalisation for HF and CV death and total hospitalisation for HF

#### Time to total HHF (first and recurrent)

#### Time to CV death and total HHF (first and recurrent)





In FIDELITY, finerenone reduced the risk of first hospitalisation for HF vs placebo across the eGFR and UACR spectrum

#### Time to first hospitalisation for HF



\*Typically, a *p*-value <0.1 indicates a statistically significant subgroup effect UACR, urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio Filippatos G, *et al. AHA* 2021; abstract 17139





#### Time to CV death and first hospitalisation for HF

Baseline UACR (mg/g) and eGFR (ml/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> )	Finerenone (n=6519) n/100PY	Placebo (n=6507) n/100PY	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	<i>p</i> -value for interaction
UACR <300				
eGFR <60	2.8	3.1	0.89 (0.71–1.13)	
eGFR ≥60	1.5	2.4	└──── 0.57 (0.38–0.88)	
UACR ≥300				0.3201*
eGFR <60	3.6	4.1	└─◆── 0.91 (0.76–1.09)	
eGFR ≥60	2.4	3.0	0.81 (0.65–1.00)	
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			Favours finerenone Favours placebo	



### **Summary and conclusion**



In the FIDELITY prespecified pooled analysis, in patients with CKD stage 1–4 with moderate-to-severely elevated albuminuria (UACR ≥30 mg/g), well-controlled SBP and HbA1c, treated with optimised RAS blockade:

Finerenone reduced the risk of first hospitalization for HF by 22% (HR 0.78; 95% CI 0.66–0.92) Finerenone reduced the risk of hospitalization for HF and CV death by 17% (HR 0.83; 95% CI 0.74–0.93)

Finerenone reduced hospitalization for HF and CV death, irrespective of eGFR and UACR category

