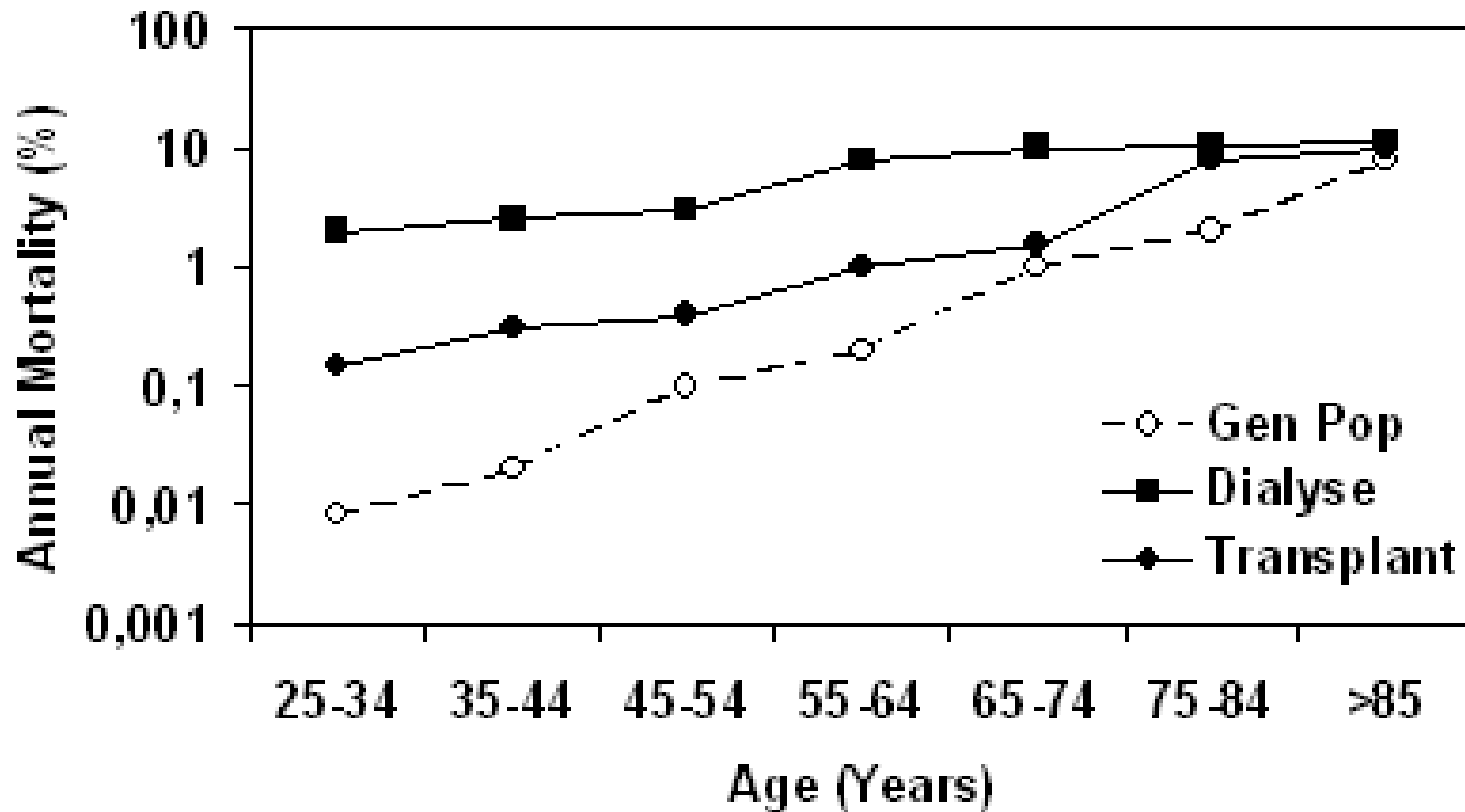


Cardiovascular Risk Reduction in Kidney Transplant Recipients

Rainer Oberbauer

CV Mortality in ESRD compared to the general population



Risk factors for the development of CVD after renal TX

Traditional Risk Factors	Transplant-Associated Risk Factors	Emerging Risk Factors
<p>Modifiable/potentially modifiable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> obesity diabetes hypertension hyperlipidemia smoking <p>Nonmodifiable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> gender age family history 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immunosuppression CKD^b Proteinuria^b Anemia^b 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflammation homocysteine CRP AGE



^aAGE, advanced glycation end products; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CRP, C-reactive protein; CVD, cardiovascular disease.

^bThese risk factors are also relevant in the CKD population (9–11).

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Hemoglobin

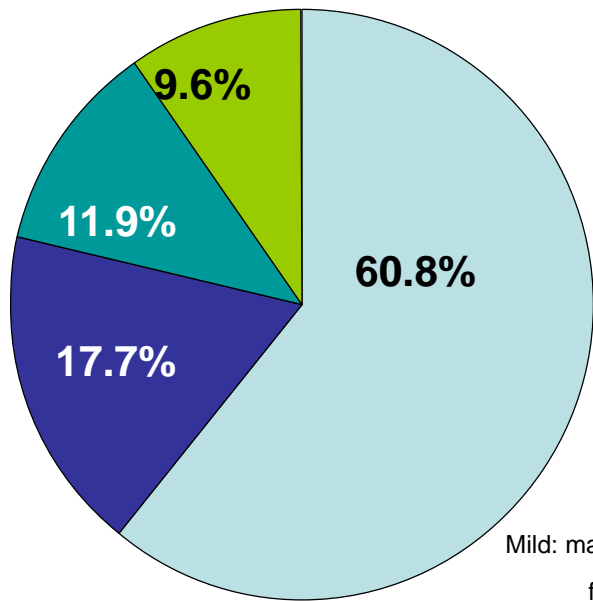
Lipids

Glucose control

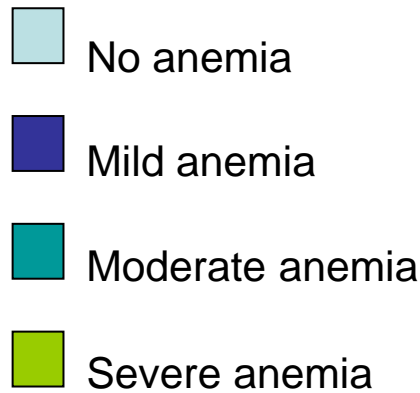
Blood pressure

BMI - Obesity

High prevalence of anemia after renal transplantation (TRESAM, n=4263)



Male patients
n=2641



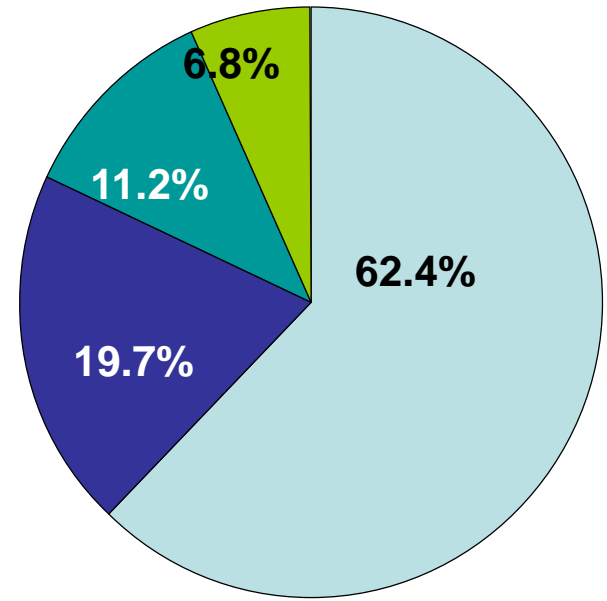
Mild: males: Hb >12 g/dL and Hb ≤13 g/dL

females: Hb >11 g/dL and Hb ≤12 g/dL

Moderate: males: Hb >11 g/dL and Hb =12 g/dL

females: Hb >10 g/dL and Hb =11 g/dL

Severe: males: Hb ≤11 g/dL, females: Hb ≤10 g/dL



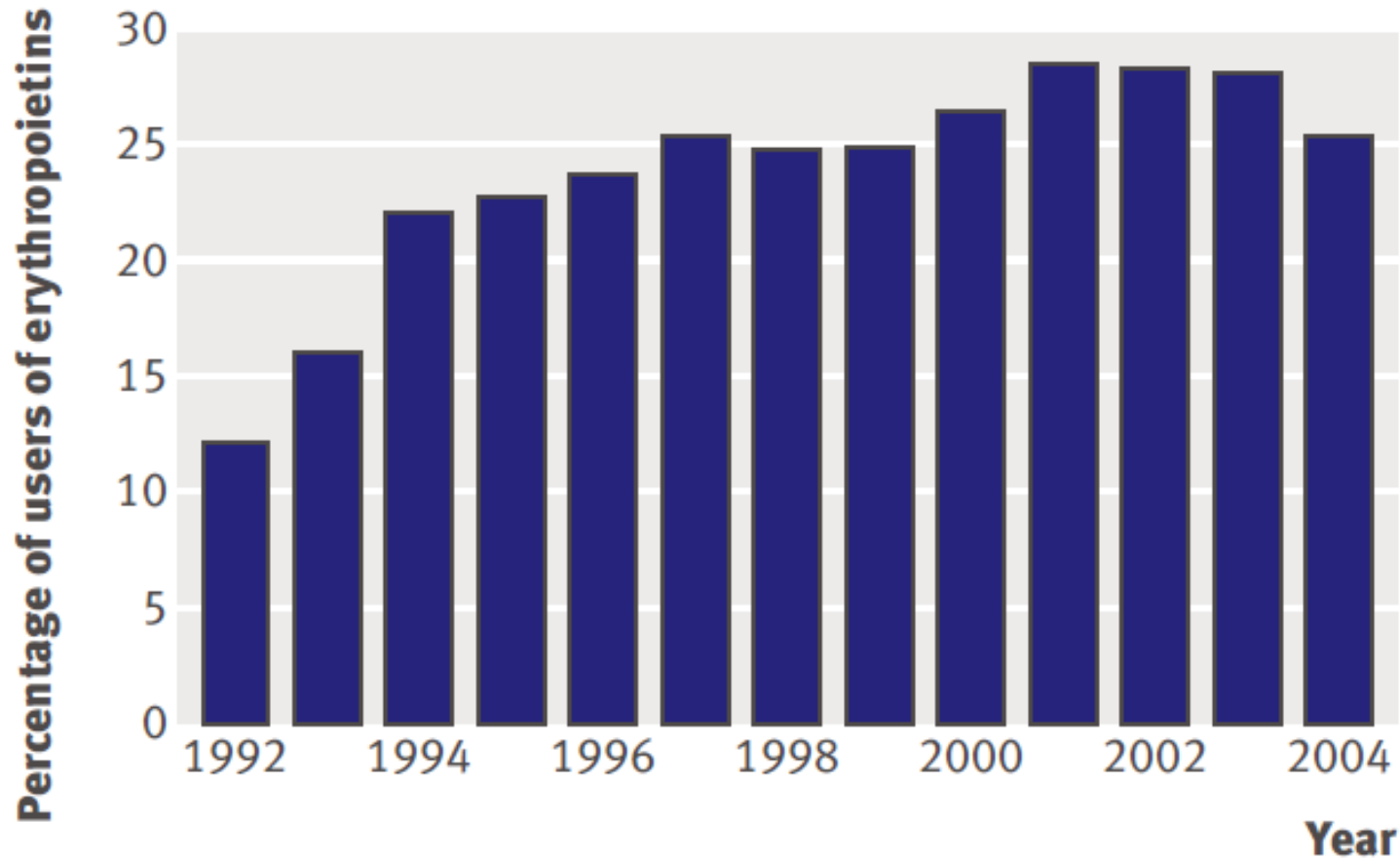
Female patients
n=1622

Anemia increase risk of mortality & graft loss (n=938, 118 events)

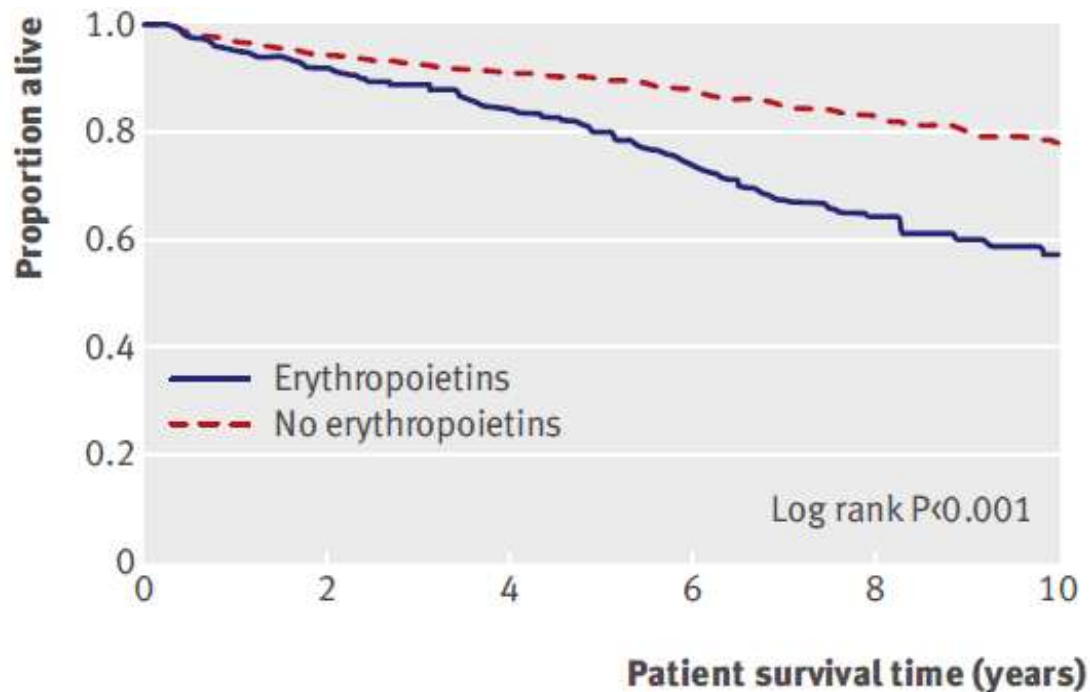
	Mortality			Return to dialysis		
	HR	95% CI	p value	HR	95% CI	p value
Hb (1 g/L decrease)	1.011	1.001–1.022	0.033	1.019	1.006–1.032	0.003
Presence of anemia	1.690	1.115–2.560	0.013	2.465	1.485–4.090	<0.001

Adjusted for age, gender, eGFR, serum albumin, serum CRP, transplantation “vintage”, pretransplant time on dialysis, number of comorbid conditions, presence of hypertension.

Rate of ESA users after KTX (OEDTR n=1794, 345 events, 1990-2005)



Extended KM plot OEDTR n=1794, 345 events, 1990-2005)



Patients at risk:

Erythropoietins

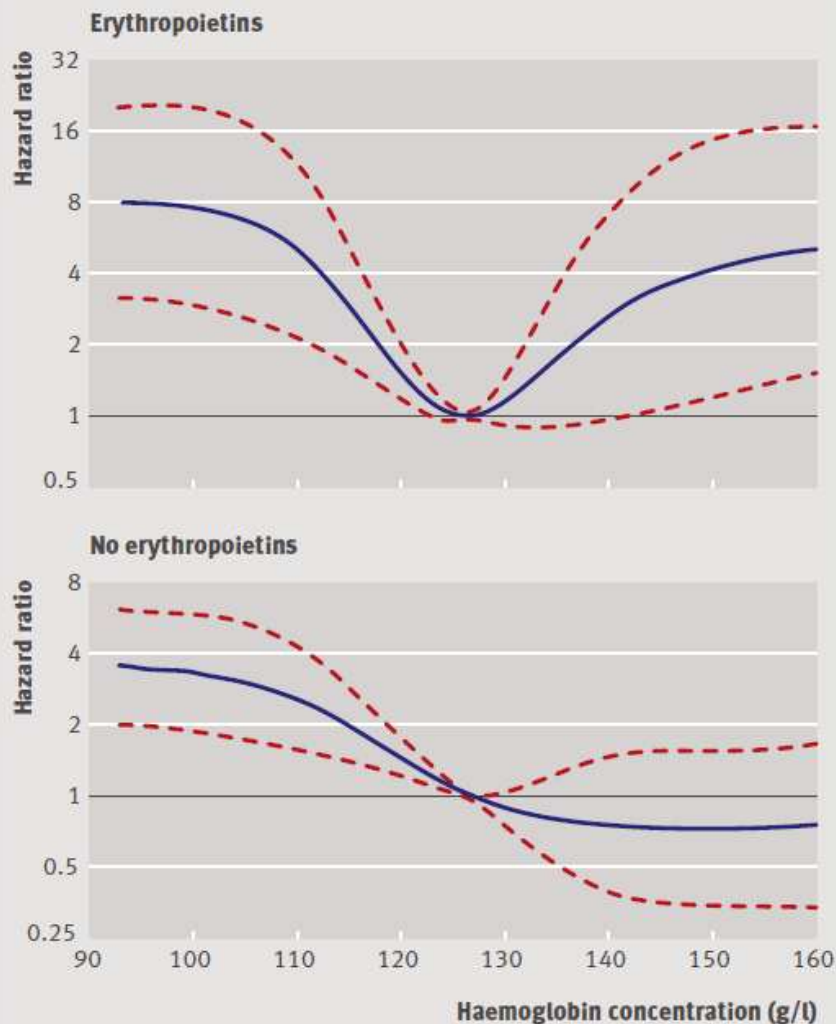
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No erythropoietins

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HR of death depending on Hb levels and ESA use (OEDTR n=1794, 345 events, 1990-2005)

MULTIVARIABLE COX REGRESSION FOR RISK OF DEATH

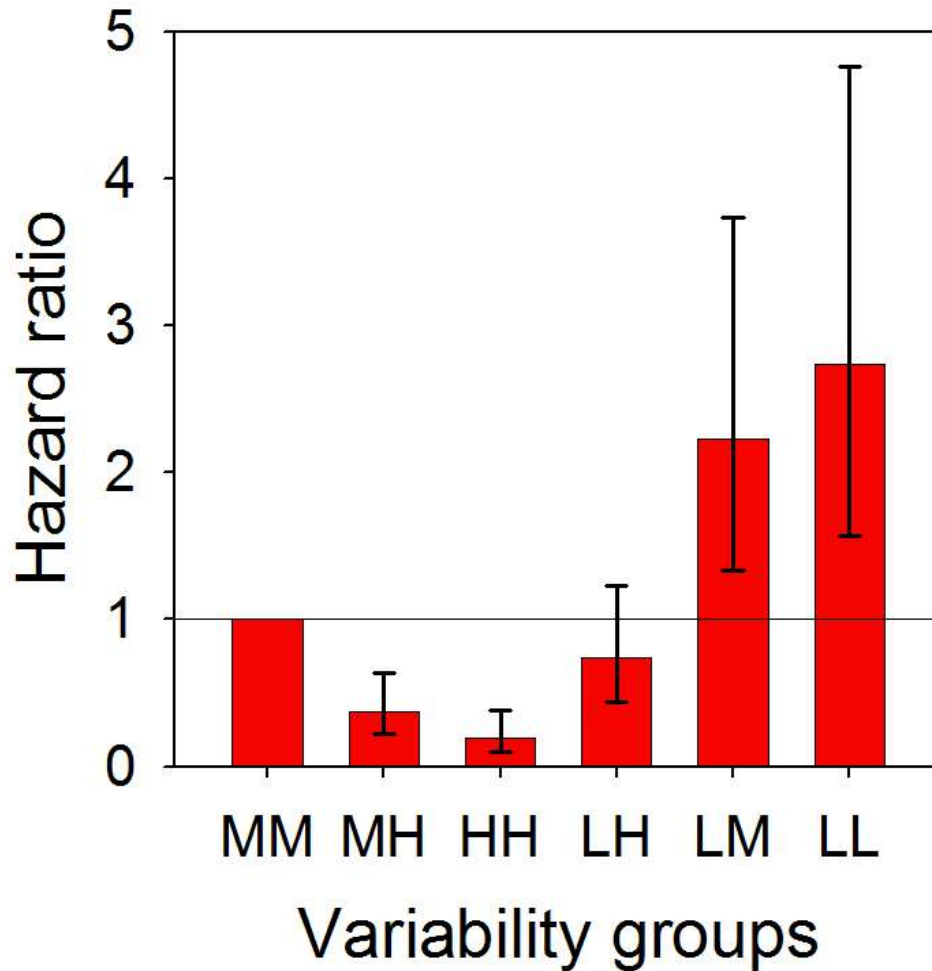


adjusted for:

dialysis status, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, coronary heart disease, heart failure, cholesterol level, immunosuppressive regimen, diabetes status, age at transplantation, cold ischemia time

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Hb Variability and Mortality (OEDTR n=1794, 345 events, 1990-2005)



Hb Strata in g/dl:

L < 10
10 < M < 12
12 < H

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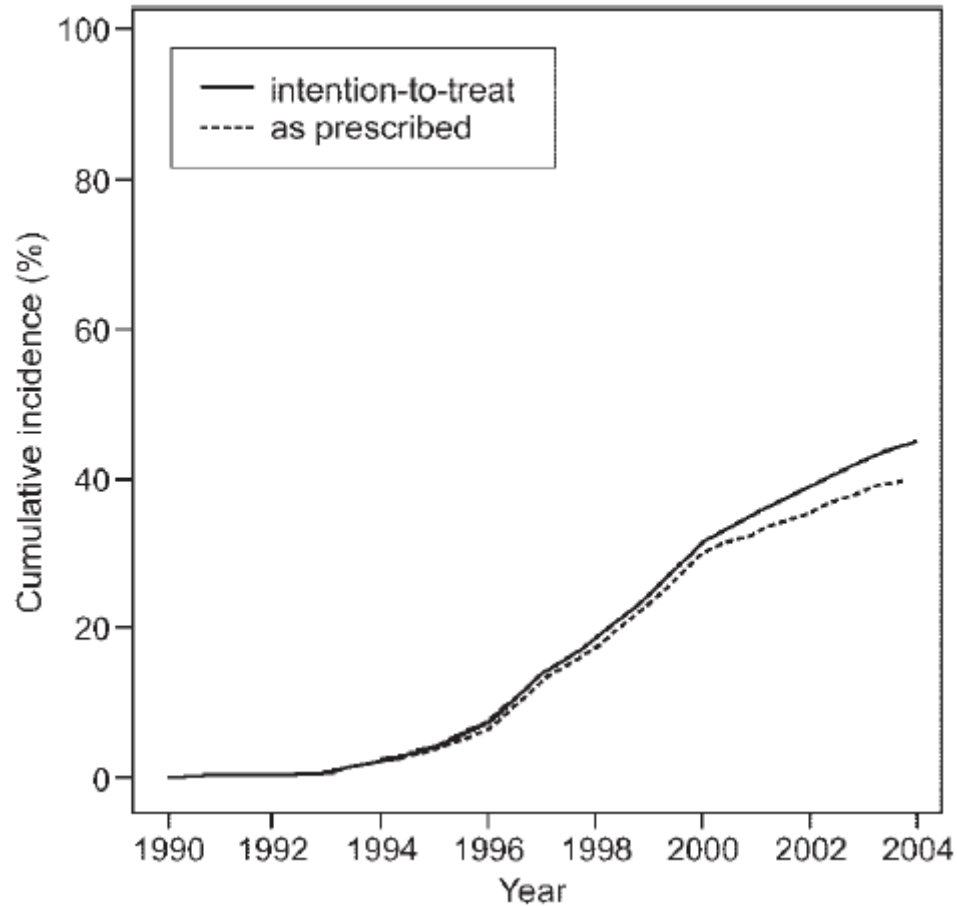
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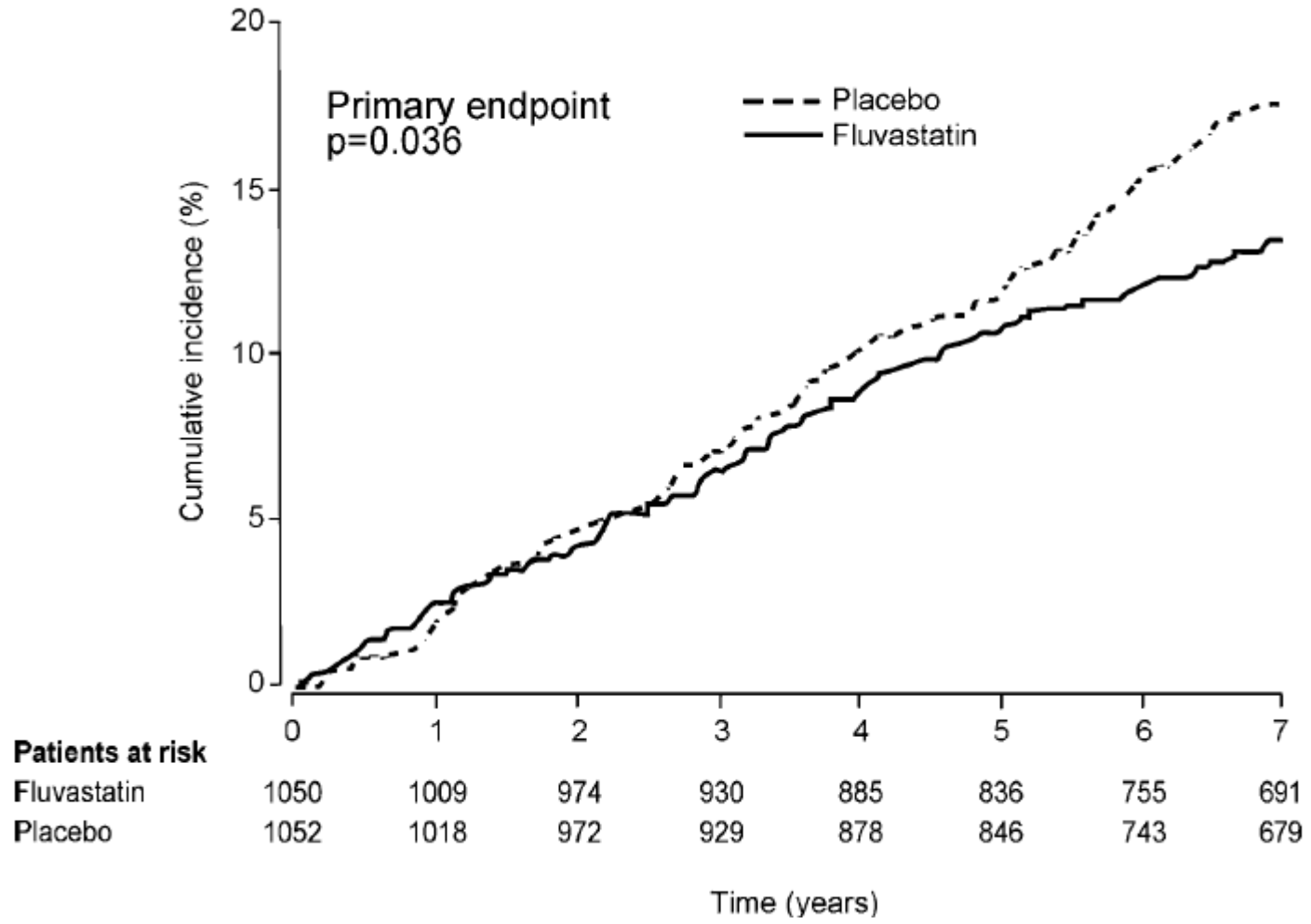
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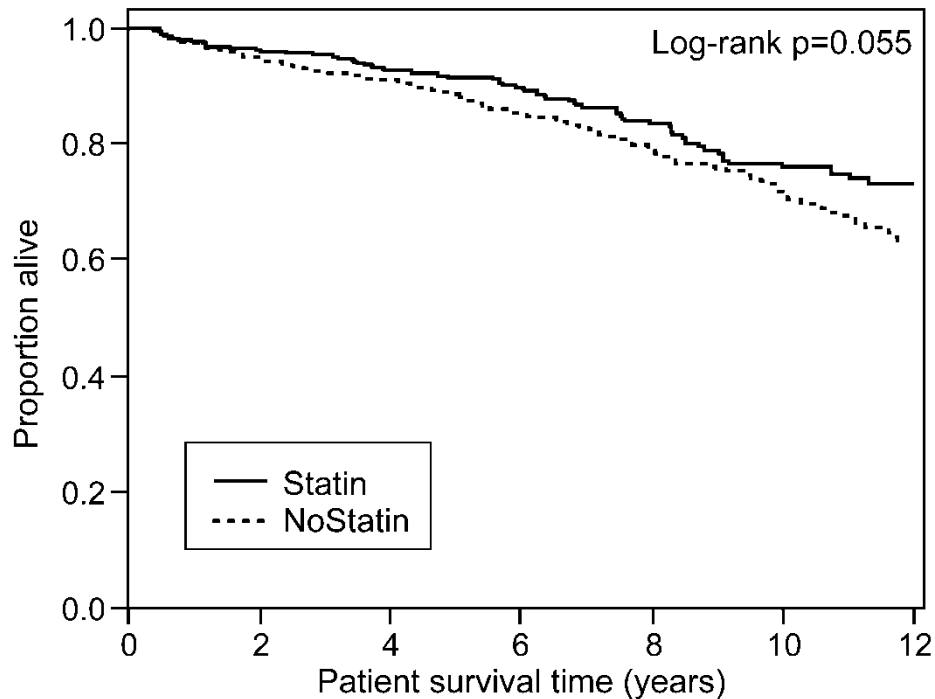
Statin use and CV Mortality in RTX (OEDTR, N=2041, 223 CV deaths)



ALERTex Study: Statin use and primary endpoint (MACE) in RTX (N=2102, 192 CV deaths)



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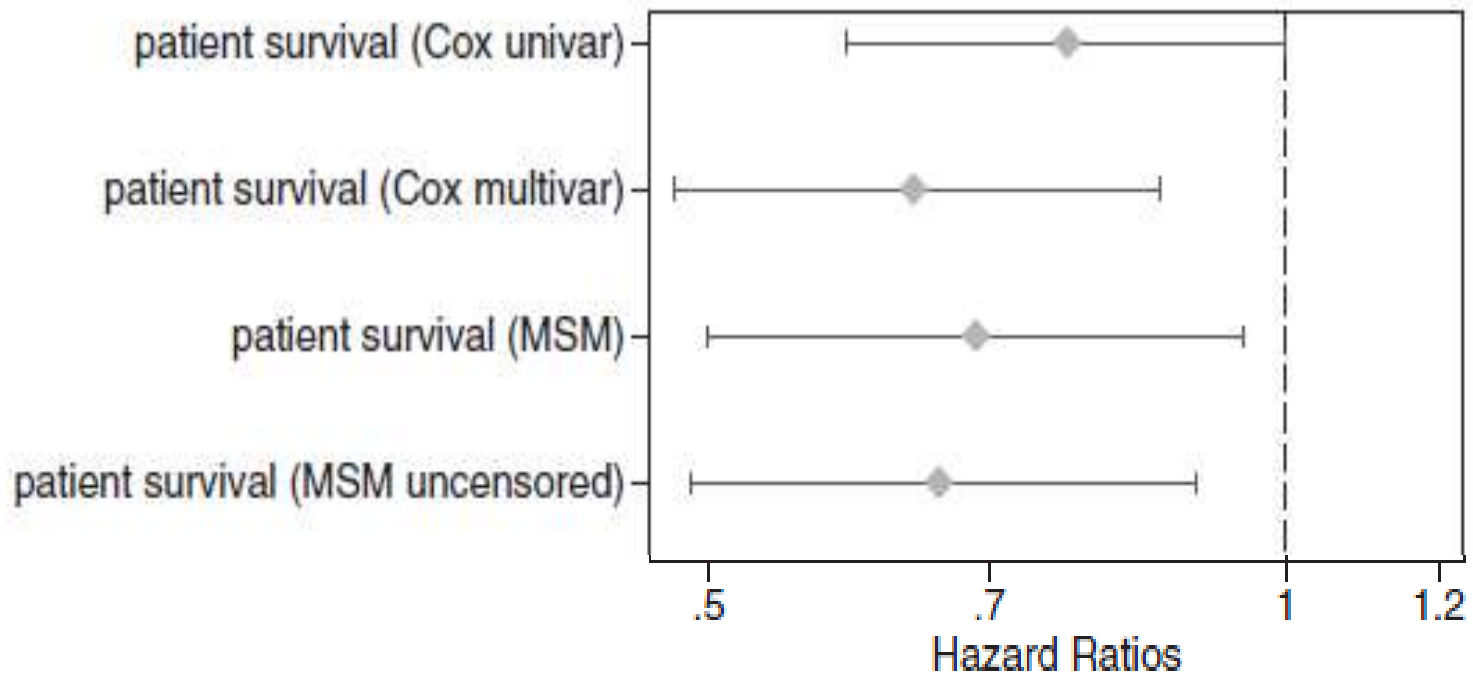
Patients at risk, Statin:

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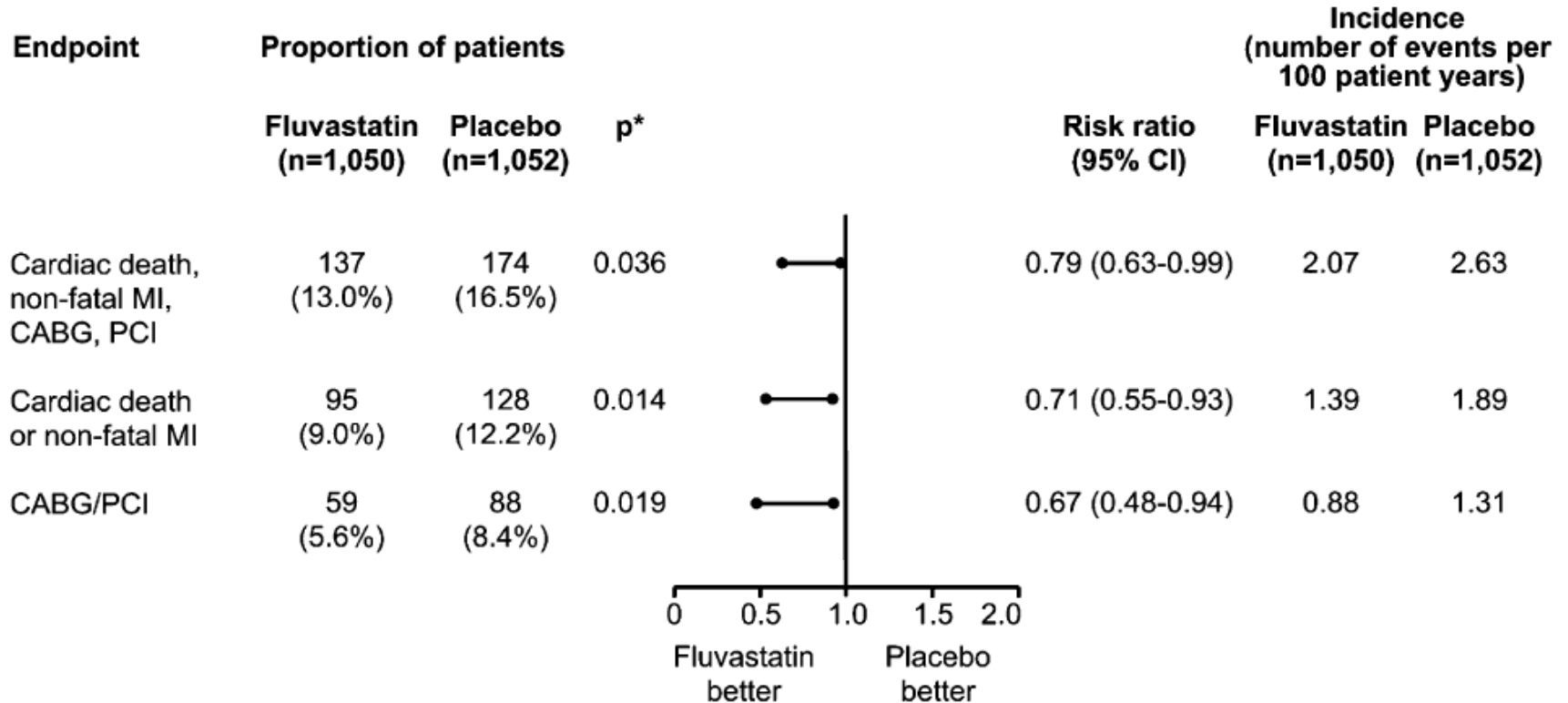
Patients at risk, NoStatin:

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Crude and adjusted HR of events statin vs no-statin use (OEDTR, N=2041, 223 CV deaths)



ALERTex Study



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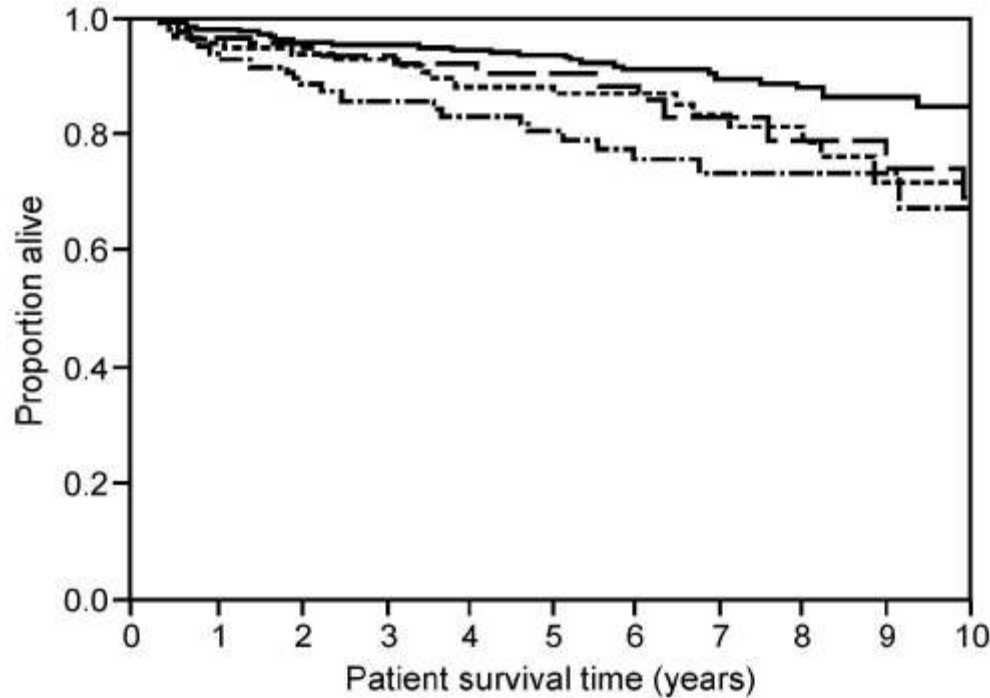
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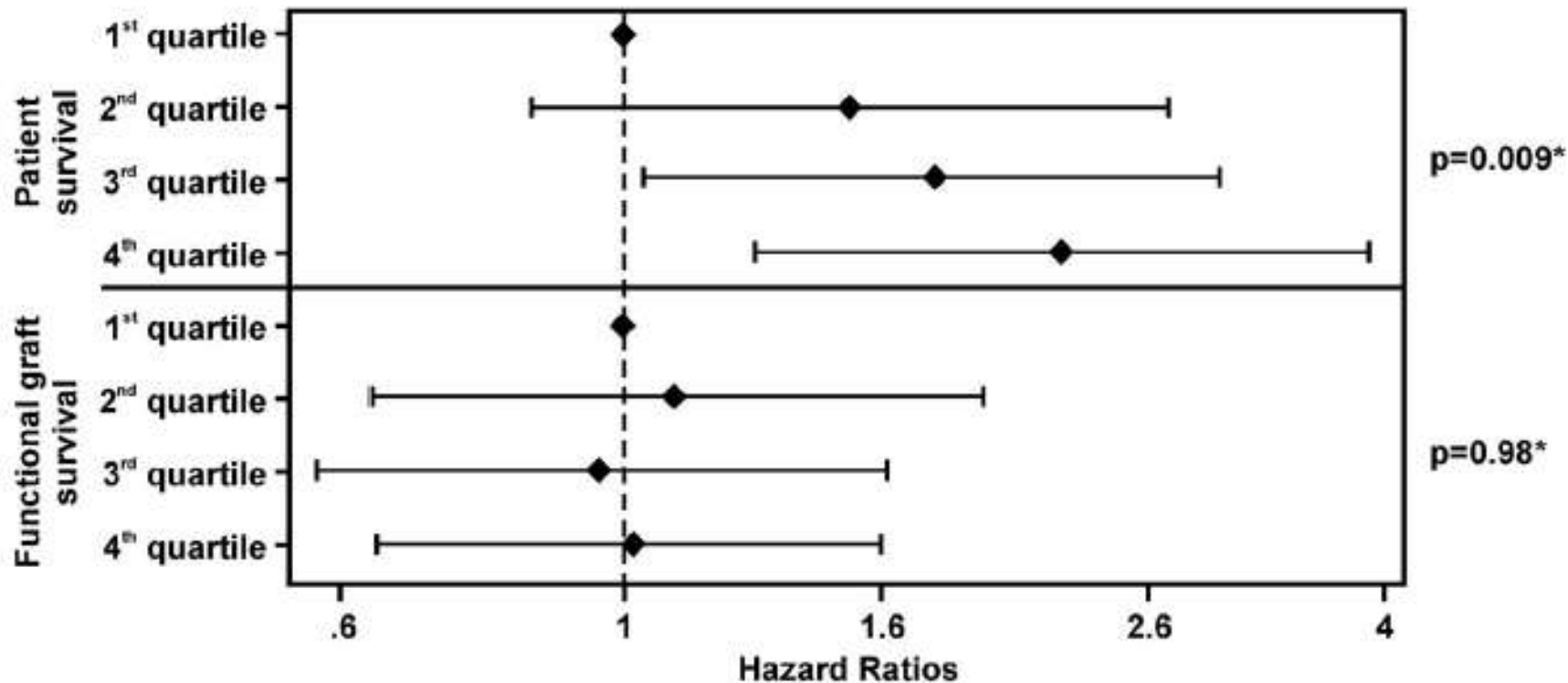
BMI

Kaplan-Meier estimates of survival according to quartiles of maximal nonfasting glucose level



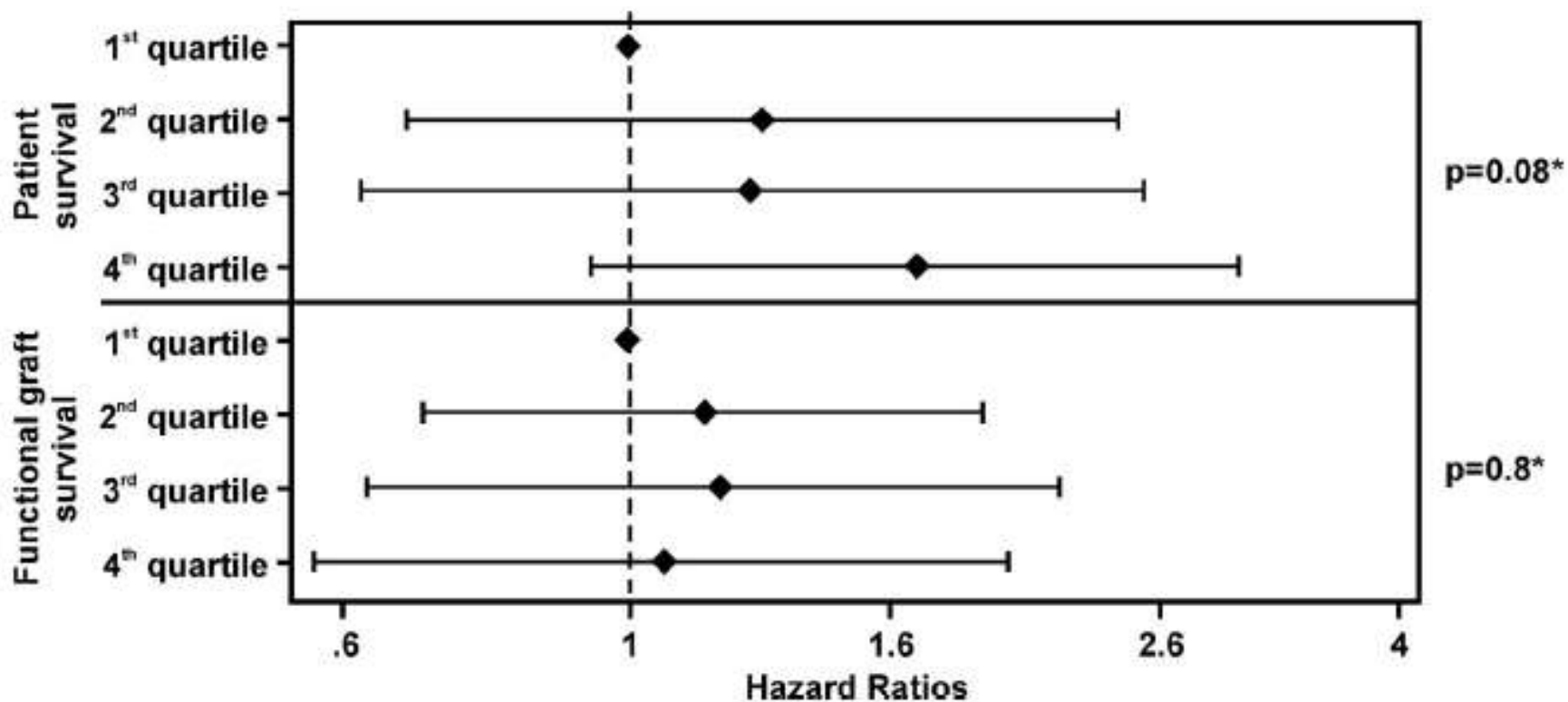
1 st	179	300	248	188	111	67
2 nd	181	88	56	34	21	12
3 rd	181	93	79	51	27	5
4 th	174	88	65	40	11	5

HR for quartiles of maximal nonfasting glucose levels



(adjusted for number of antihypertensive drugs, total cholesterol, type of immunosuppressive therapy, year of transplantation, MAP and donor age)

HR for quartiles of HbA1c



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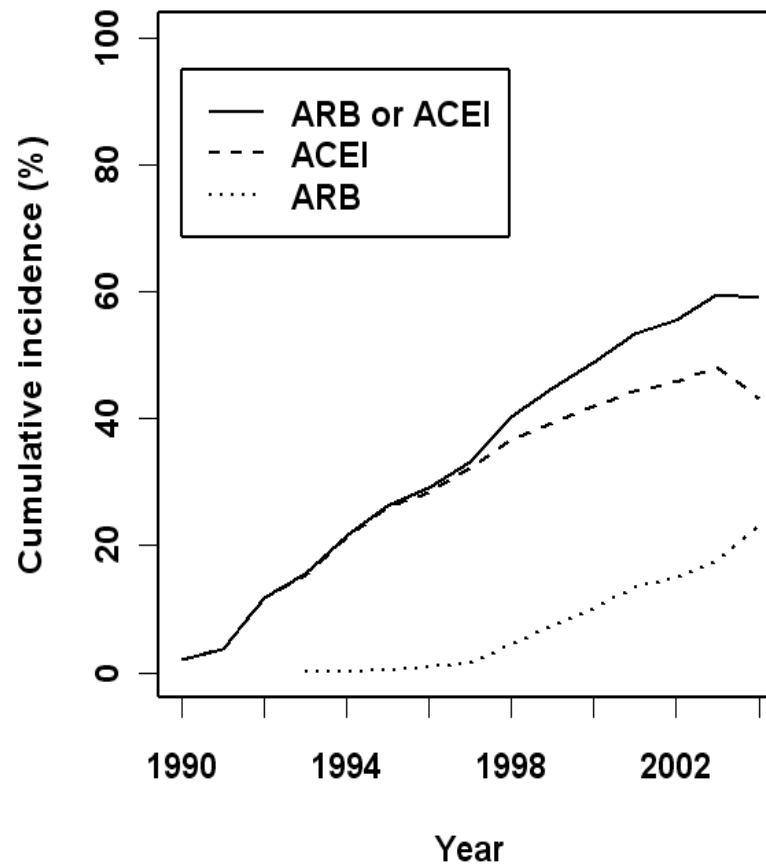
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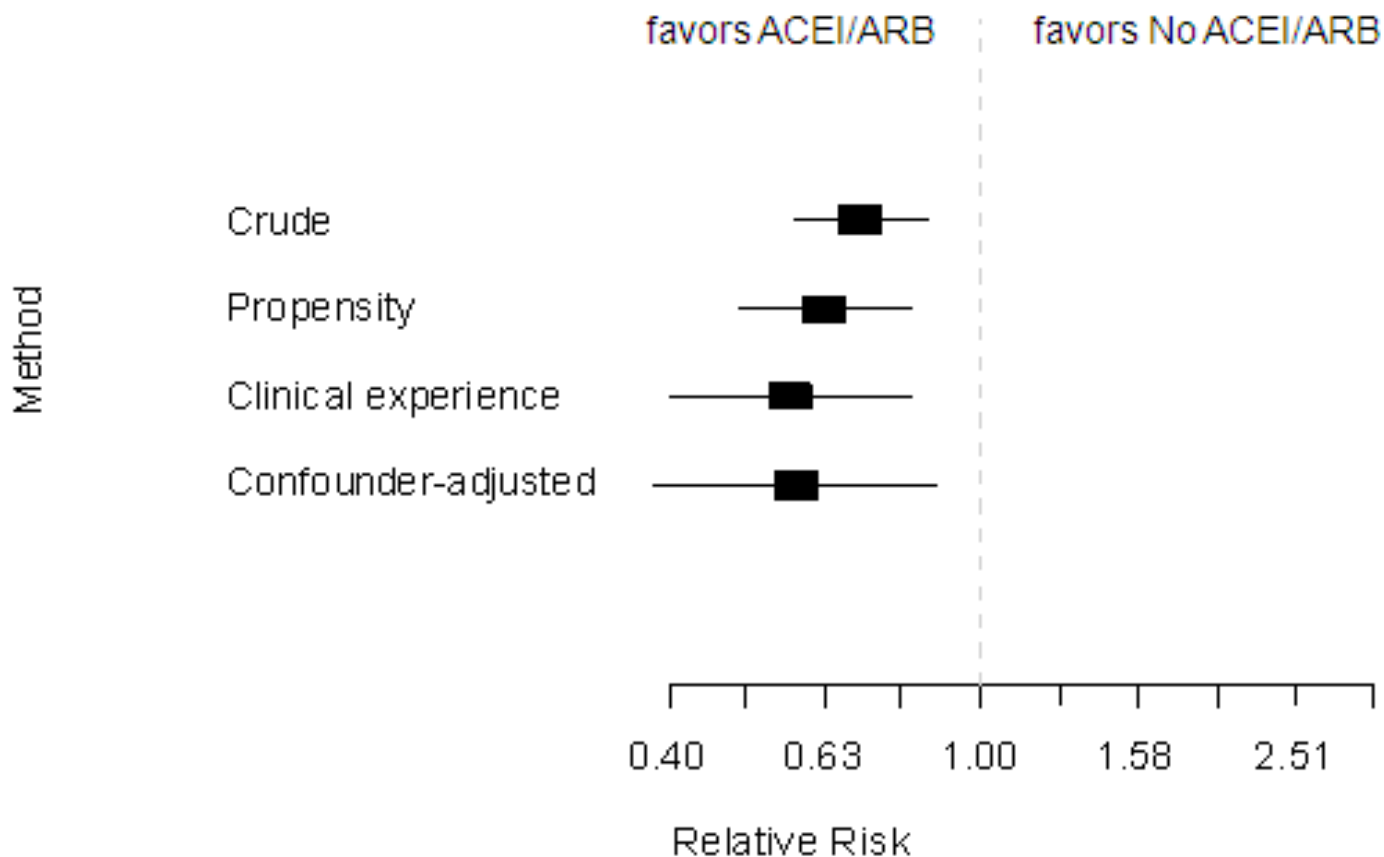
Effect of ACEI/ARB & hypertension on CV death after RTX (n=2031, 157 CV deaths)

Variable	HR	95% CI	P Value
Multivariable model based on clinical expertise			
ACEI/ARB	0.57	0.40 to 0.81	0.002
no. of antihypertensive drugs	1.10	1.00 to 1.24	0.10
cumulative time on dialysis (per year)	1.13	1.04 to 1.24	0.006
recipient age at transplantation (per decade)	1.75	1.54 to 1.99	<0.001
year of first renal replacement therapy	1.05	1.00 to 1.11	0.075
transplant numbers	0.82	0.55 to 1.22	0.32
type 1 diabetes	1.46	0.36 to 5.97	0.61
type 2 diabetes	1.50	1.07 to 2.11	<0.018
15 < GFR ≤ 30 <i>versus</i> GFR > 30 ml/min	2.92	2.08 to 4.10	<0.001
GFR ≤ 15 <i>versus</i> GFR > 30 ml/min	6.00	4.15 to 8.68	<0.001

Cumulative incidence of patients that received ACEI or ARB during the lifetime of their transplant(s) (n=2246)



ACEI/ARB therapy after renal TX was associated with reduced risk of mortality



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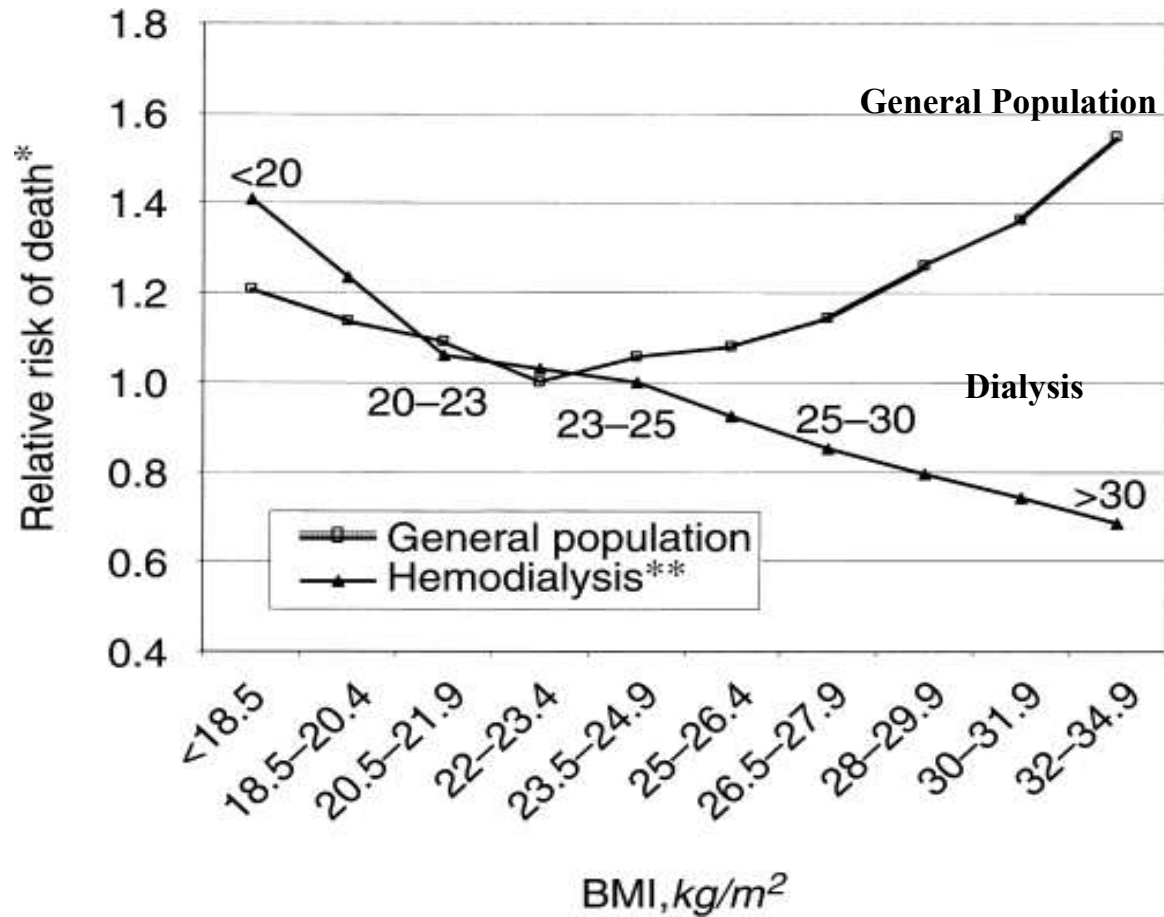
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The 'risk factor' paradox

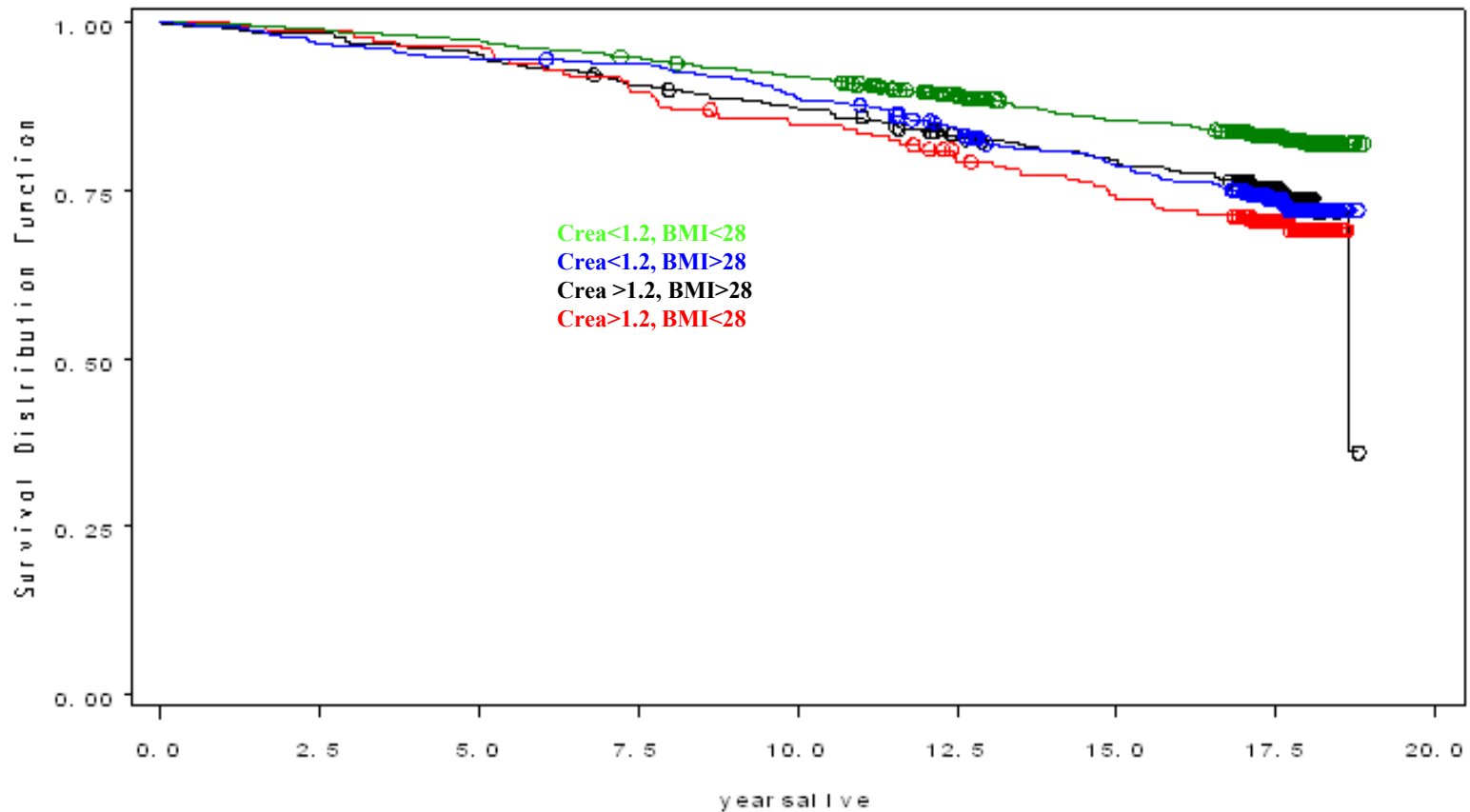


Research Design & Methods

- NHANES I - NHEF linked by SEQN
- subjects 25-74 years of age
- Median 17yr f/u
- weighted size of 29,807,750 subjects
- 19.6% high-normal to elevated creatinine
(cut-off 1.2 mg/dl)

Results II

Elevated creatinine is associated with mortality, BMI modifies that risk



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NHANES I and NHEF - Effect Modification

	RR	95%CI
SCr >1.2 x BMI (>28 vs <28)	0.72	0.49-1.07

Candidate BMI Levels by Year of Listing USRDS n=162,284

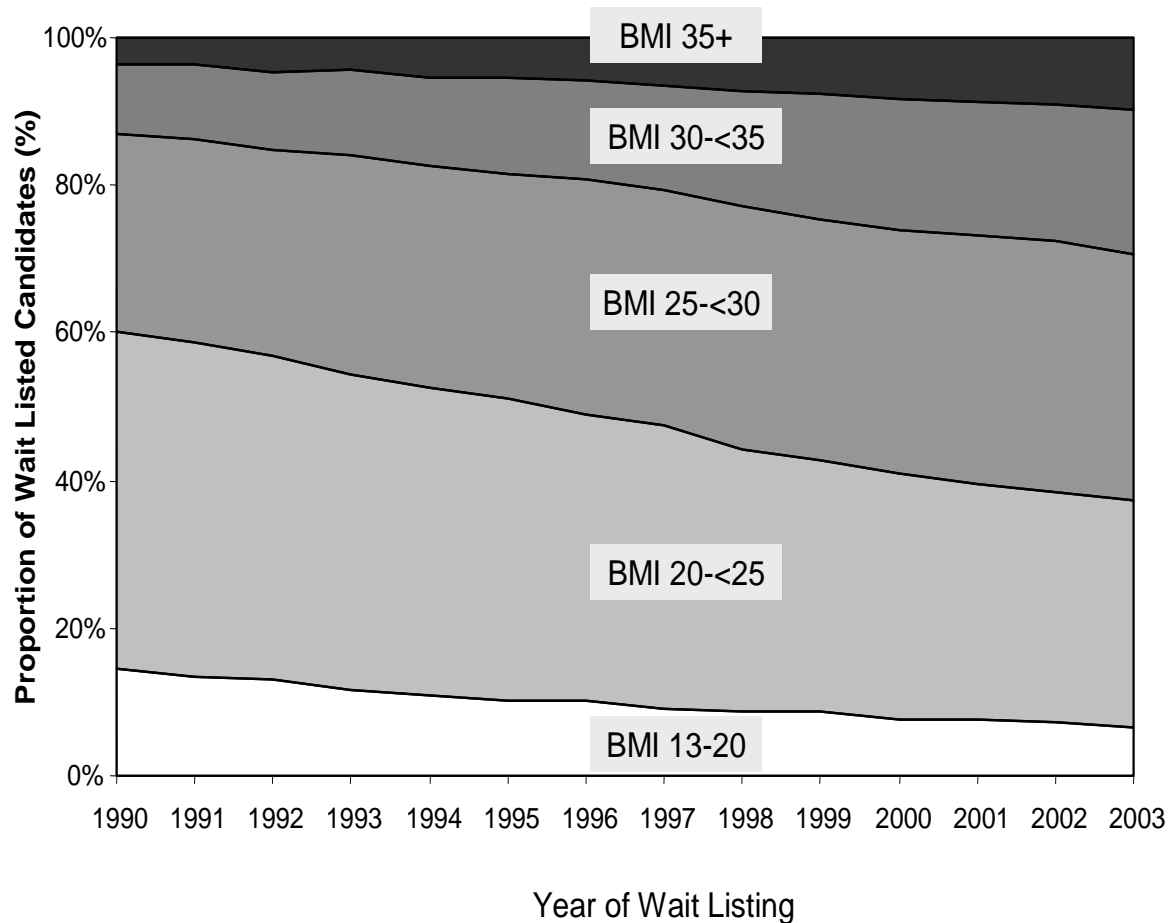
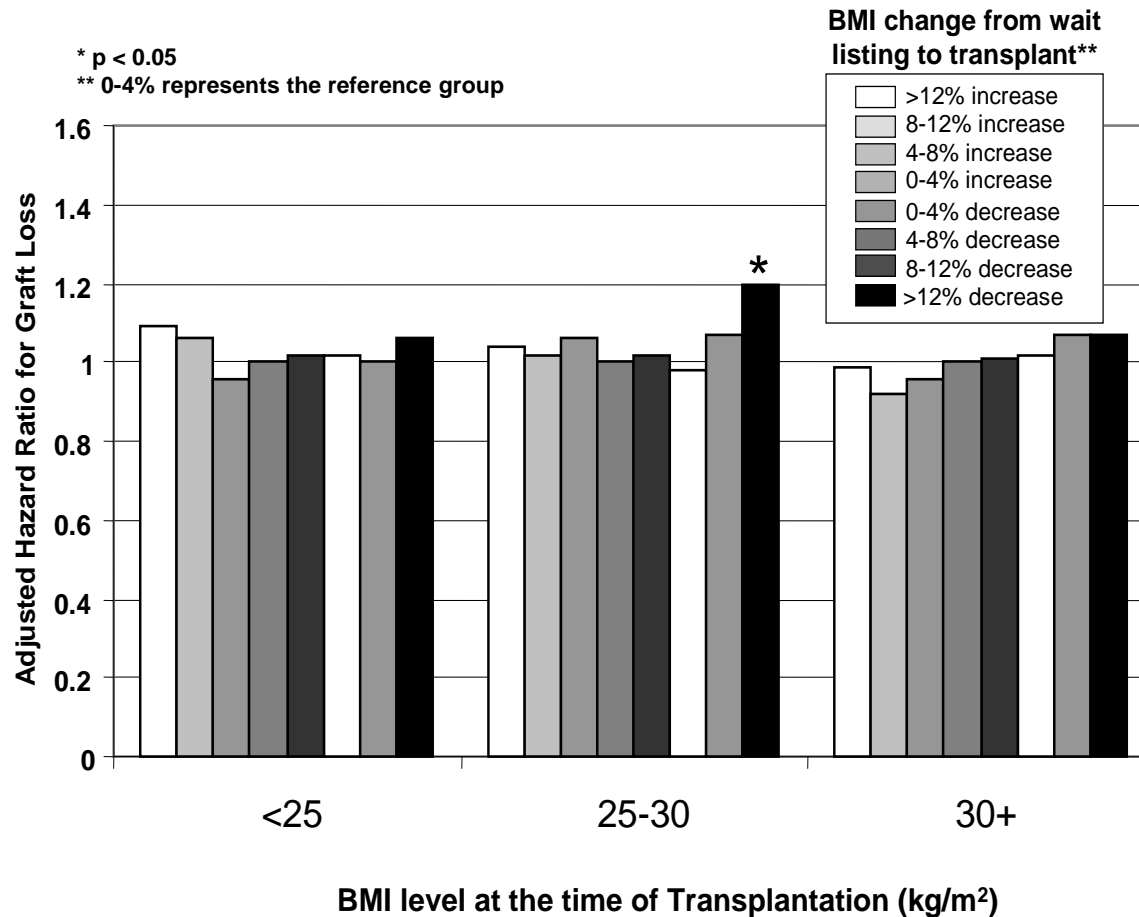


Table 4. Risk factors for patient weight increase to obese or morbidly obese levels from the time of candidate listing to transplantation (n=95,831*)

Variable (reference level)	Level	Odds Ratio	95% C.I.
Primary Cause of ESRD (GN)	Type-I Diabetes	1.02	0.93 – 1.13
	Type-II Diabetes	1.19	1.10 – 1.30
	Secondary GN/Vasculitis	0.85	0.73 – 0.98
	Interstitial Nephritis	1.02	0.89 – 1.16
	Hypertension	1.08	1.00 – 1.17
	Congenital Diseases	0.99	0.89 – 1.09
	Neoplasms/Tumors	0.76	0.55 – 1.06
Gender (Male)	Female	1.39	1.32 – 1.46
Age (50-<60)	18-<40	1.02	0.95 – 1.09
	40-<50	1.06	0.99 – 1.13
	60-<70	0.94	0.87 – 1.02

Adjusted HR for Overall Graft Loss by Change in BMI from Wait Listing to Transplant USRDS n=162,284



Conclusions

Modifiable risk factors & CV outcomes

Hemoglobin

Lipids

Glucose control

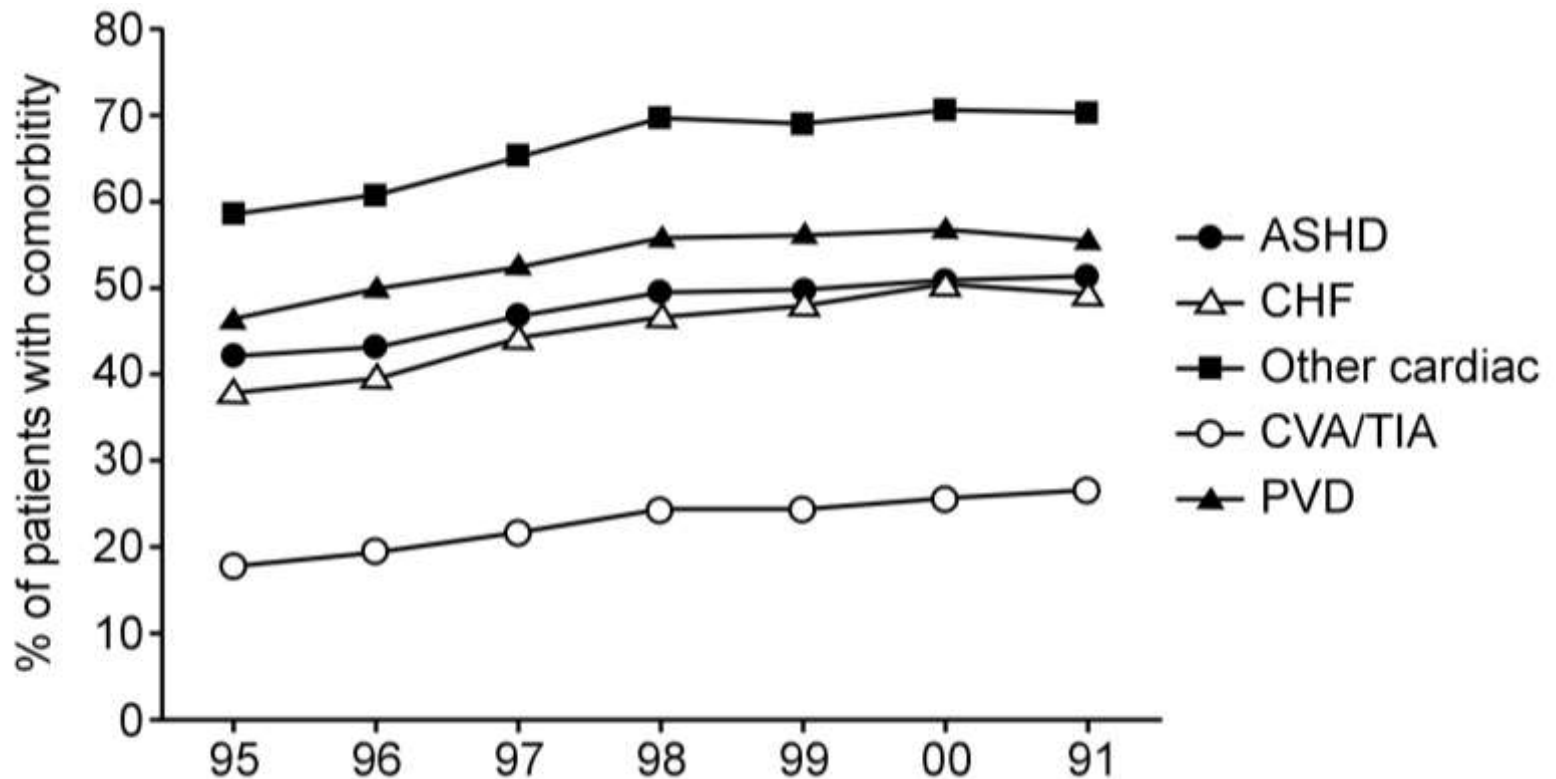
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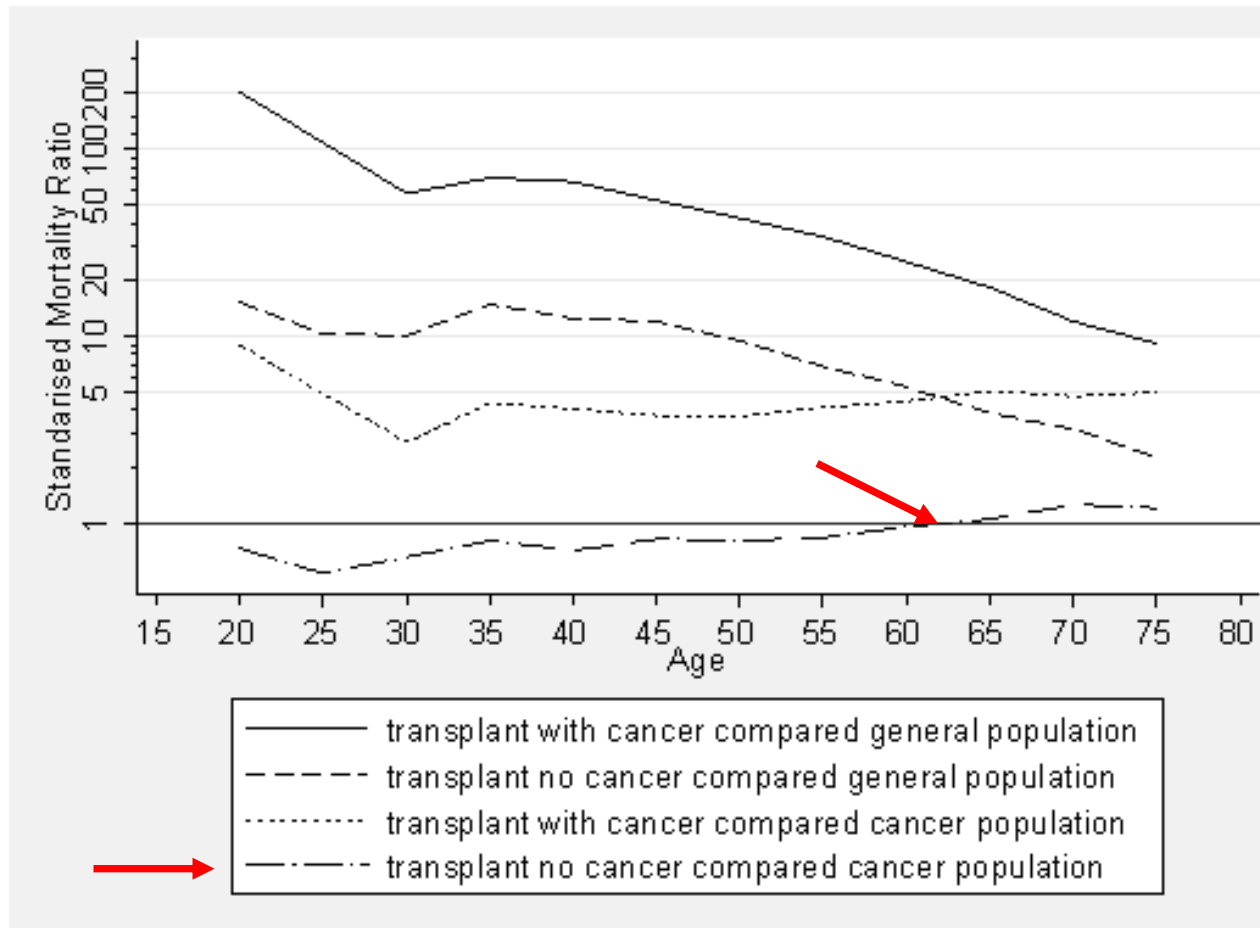
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CV Morbidity in ESRD at time of transplantation



The probability of cardiac events averages 25 % in the first year after engraftment and 10 % thereafter, the annual probability of actual myocardial infarction is about 2 % (USRDS ADR 2005, Fig. 9.17 and 9.10).

Survival following Diagnosis of Cancer (1980-2004)



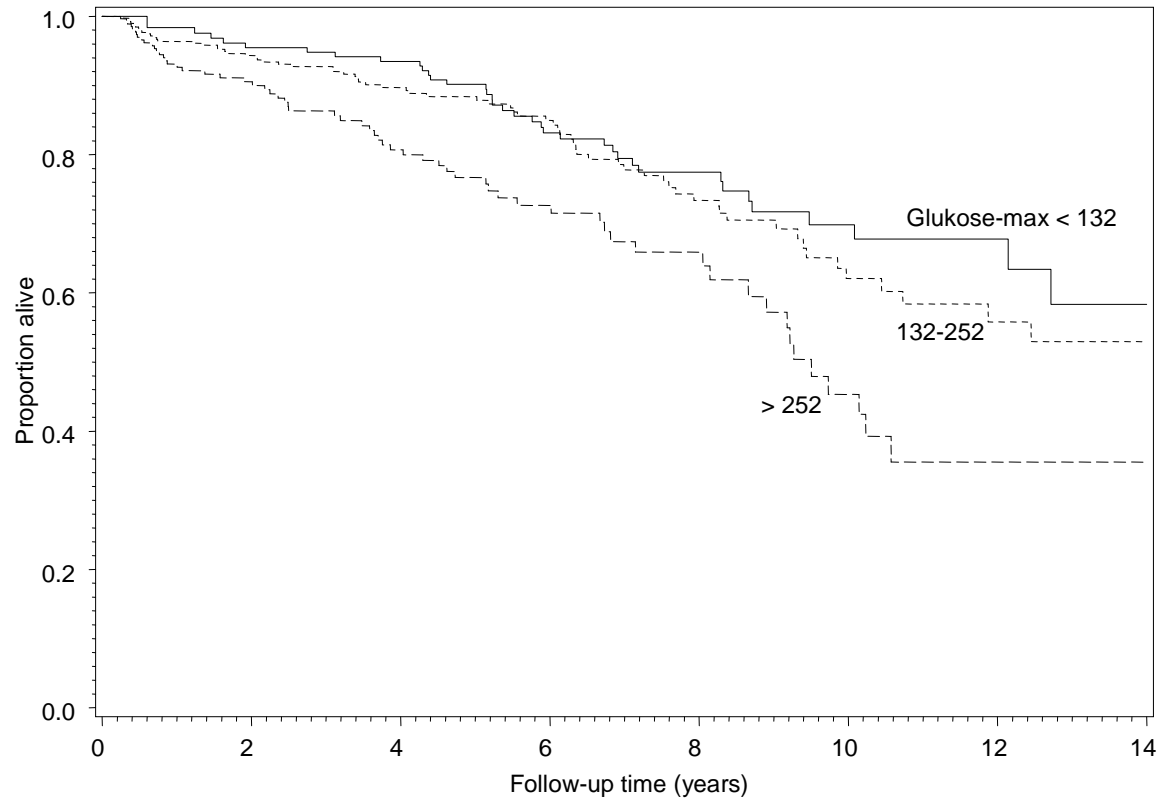
DM2 after TX (OEDTR, n=779)

Patient survival (end point: dead)

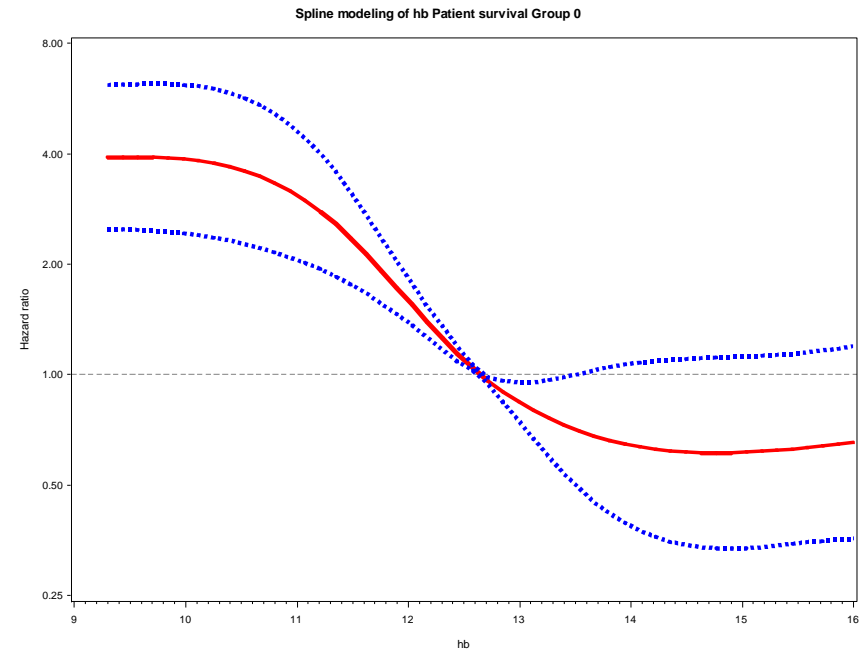
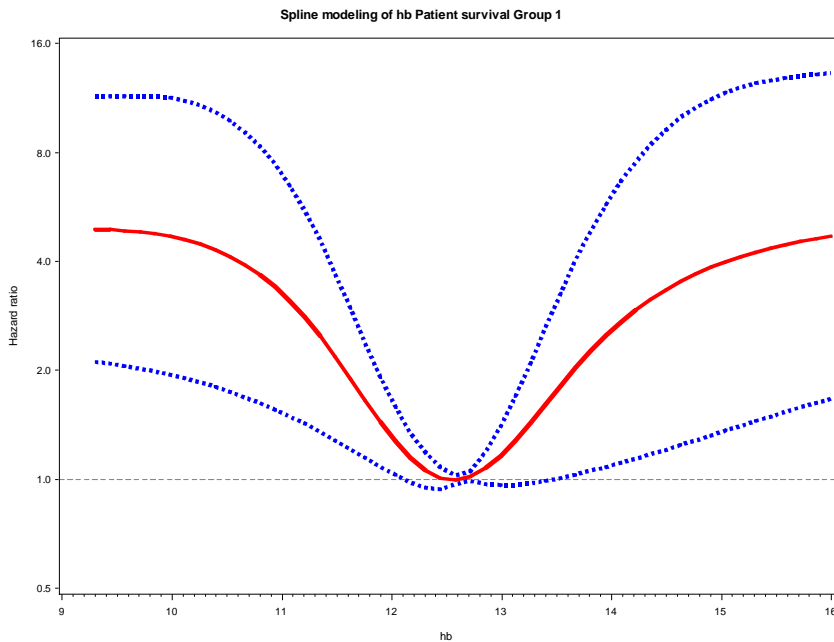
ClinExp Model (ohne Glukose/hba1c) hat R-Squared 17.3%

Parameter	Marginal R-Squared (univariate)	Partial R-Squared <u>ClinExp-Model</u>
<u>Glukose-median</u>	0.41%	0.1%
<u>Glukose-max</u>	2.24%	0.9%
HBa1c	1.18%	0.1%

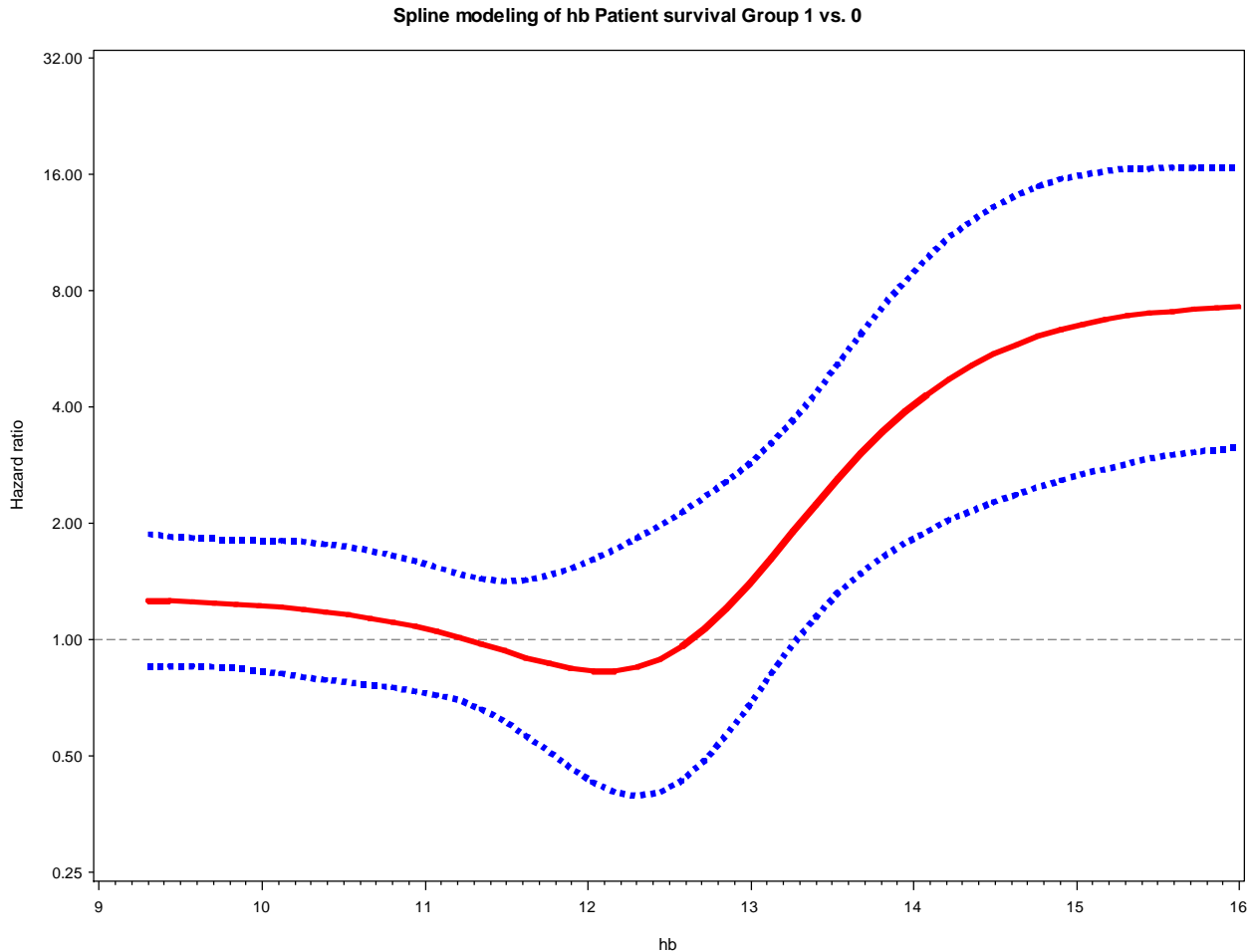
Association of glucose control and mortality in patients with DM2 (OEDTR, n=779)



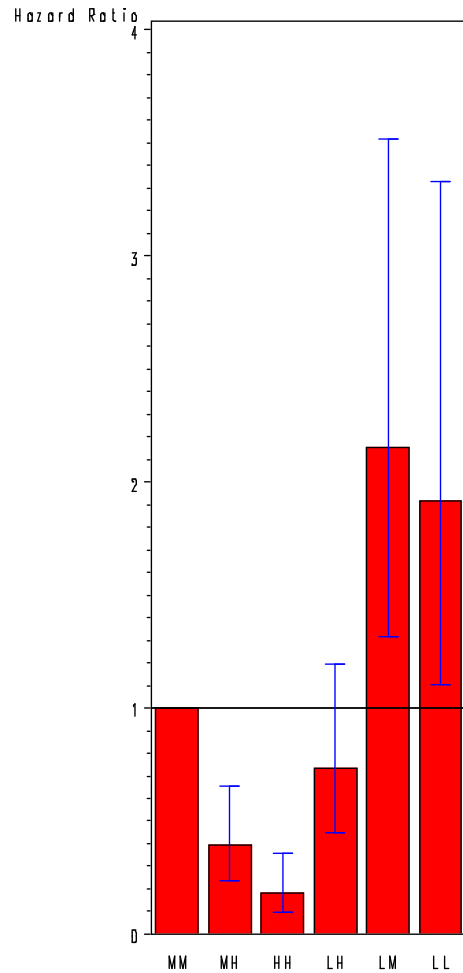
CV Mortality in RTX depending on hemoglobin levels and ESA treatment (OEDTR, N=1878, 242 events)



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Hb Variability and TX-graft loss (OEDTR n=2041, 360 events, 1990-2005)

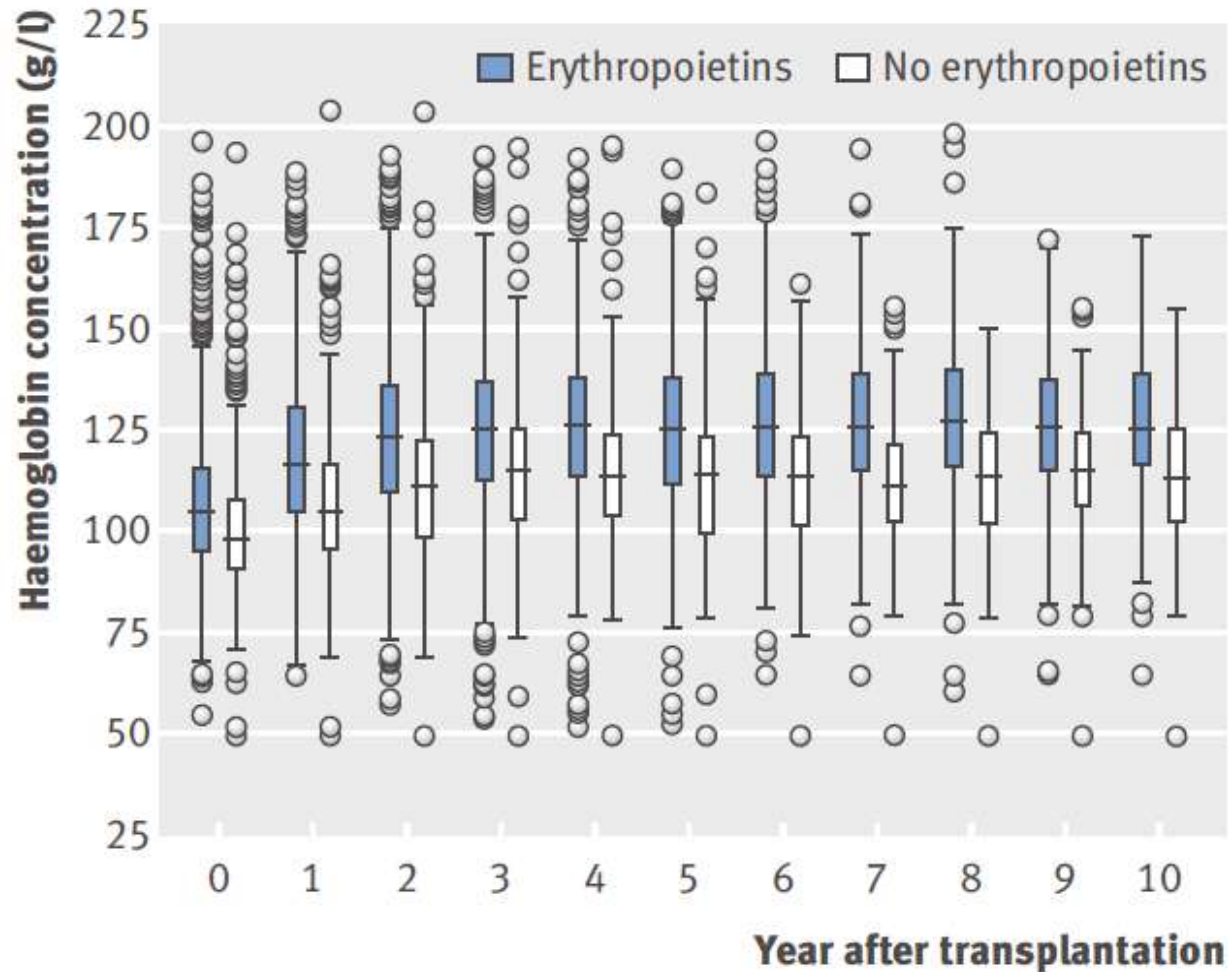


Covariables used in OEDTR n=1794, 345 events, 1990-2005

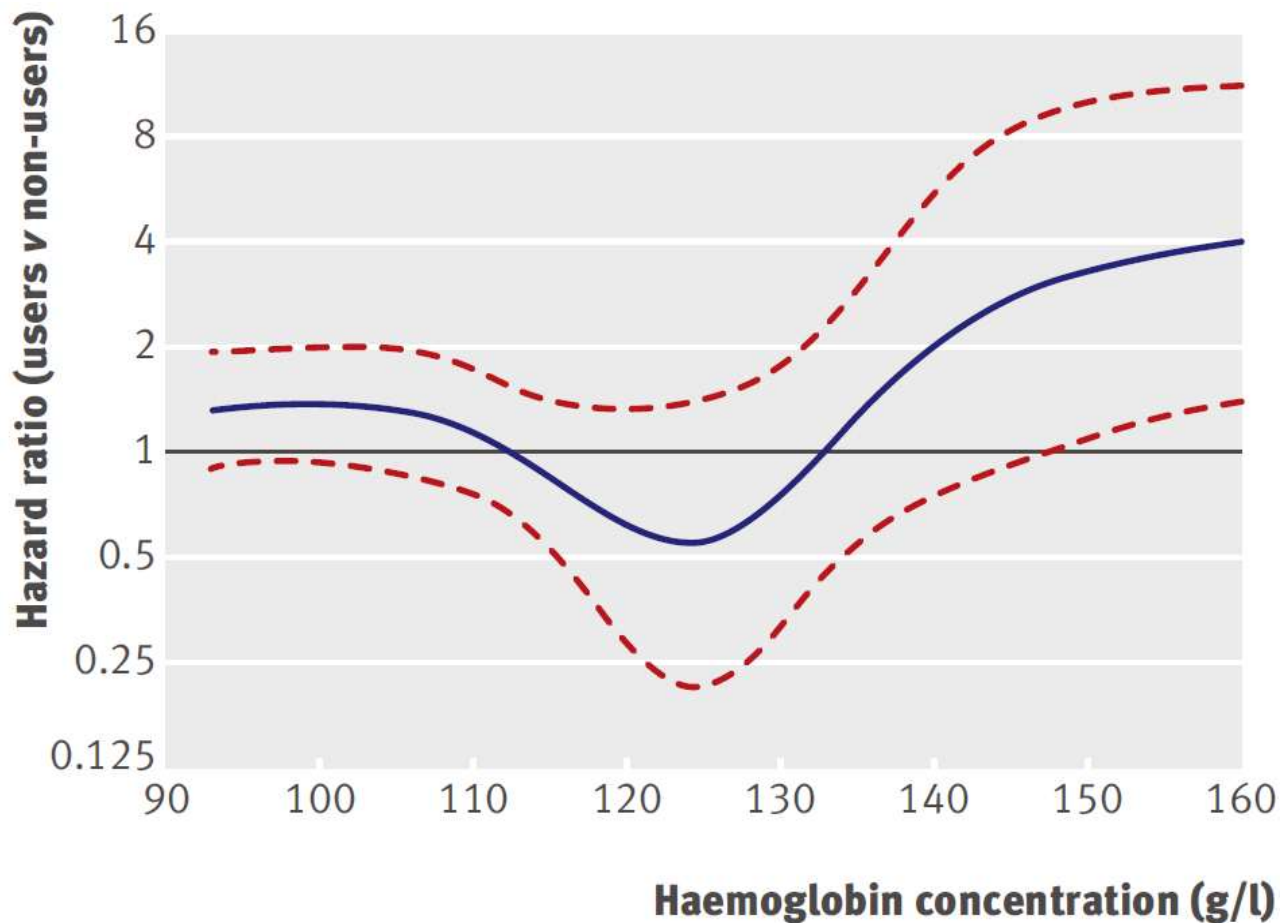
Variable	Erythropoietins	No erythropoietins	P value	no of patients (erythropoietins / no erythropoietins)
Age at transplantation (years)	48.6 (15.0)	48.7 (16.4)	0.889	1794 (805/989)
Donor age (years)	47.1 (15.3)	42 (15.8)	<0.001	1597 (774/823)
Female donor	331 (42.5%)	347 (42%)	0.829	1606 (779/827)
Female recipient	350 (44.9%)	281 (34%)	<0.001	1606 (779/827)
Years on dialysis before transplantation	1.8 (0.9-3.1)	1.8 (0.9-3)	0.871	1794 (805/989)
Year of transplantation	1998 (1995-2001)	1999 (1995-2002)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
Body weight (kg)	71.3 (16)	71.5 (17.9)	0.837	1224 (575/649)
Haemoglobin concentration (g/l)	100 (91-110)	105 (96-116)	<0.001	1572 (752/820)
STRF	191 (156-227)	192.1 (160-232.8)	0.388	1073 (545/528)
TRFS	24.2 (16.4-32.8)	23.6 (16.1-32.4)	0.431	1056 (538/518)
Panel reactive antibodies	0 (0-4)	0 (0-4)	0.728	1596 (779/817)
Sum of HLA mismatches	2.5 (1.3)	2.4 (1.3)	0.239	1542 (756/786)
Cold ischemia time (days)	16.4 (8.4)	16.8 (8)	0.332	1408 (694/714)
Type of immunosuppression:				
S+MMF+CNI	180 (22.4)	188 (19)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
S+AZA+CNI	153 (19)	125 (12.6)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
S-free*	23 (2.9)	12 (1.2)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
Other†	449 (55.8)	664 (67.1)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
Induction therapy (ATG)				
CNI based	415 (80.7)	478 (83.7)	0.200	1085 (514/571)
Hypertension	730 (90.7%)	709 (71.7%)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
No of antihypertensive drugs prescribed	2 (1-4)	2 (0-3)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
Systolic arterial pressure (mm Hg)	140.3 (51.1)	118 (52)	<0.001	1117 (513/604)
Diastolic arterial pressure (mm Hg)	82.2 (33.6)	70.2 (41.3)	<0.001	1118 (513/605)
Cholesterol concentration (mmol/l)	5.26 (1.64)	5.10 (1.46)	0.046	1523 (736/787)
Coronary heart disease	132 (27.3%)	186 (29.5%)	0.410	1114 (484/630)
Heart failure	90 (18.6%)	107 (17%)	0.485	1114 (484/630)
Any heart disease	214 (45.1%)	283 (46.9%)	0.560	1077 (474/603)
Cerebrovascular disease	74 (16.1%)	70 (12%)	0.058	1045 (461/584)
Peripheral vascular disease	110 (23.9%)	132 (22.6%)	0.632	1045 (461/584)
Any vascular disease	153 (34.2%)	164 (29.9%)	0.149	997 (448/549)
Biopsy confirmed acute rejection	366 (46%)	250 (29.5%)	<0.001	1642 (795/847)
Chronic allograft nephropathy	164 (20.4%)	75 (7.6%)	<0.001	1794 (805/989)
Cadaveric donor	736 (91.4%)	855 (86.5%)	0.001	1794 (805/989)
Diabetes	233 (28.9%)	299 (30.2%)	0.552	1794 (805/989)
Primary indication for transplantation:				
Diabetes	166 (20.6%)	249 (25.2%)	0.023	1794 (805/989)
Immune mediated	102 (12.7%)	121 (12.2%)	0.781	1794 (805/989)
PKD	90 (11.2%)	124 (12.5%)	0.378	1794 (805/989)
Other or unknown	444 (55.2%)	485 (49.0%)	0.010	1794 (805/989)

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Distribution of Hb over time after TX (OEDTR n=1794, 345 events, 1990-2005)



HR of death depending on Hb levels and superimposed ESA use/nonuse



adjusted for:

dialysis status, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral vascular disease, coronary heart disease, heart failure, cholesterol level, immunosuppressive regimen, diabetes status, age at transplantation, cold ischemia time

Glucose control in RTR

Table 6. Classes of drugs used to treat diabetes in RTR (102)^a

Class	Drug	Dosing Recommendations	Adverse Effects/Drug Interactions
Second-generation sulfonylureas	Glipizide	Preferred agent	Hypoglycemia
	Glyburide	Not recommended	
Thiazolidinediones	Glimiperide	Begin with low dosage	Volume retention/edema, CHF
	Pioglitazone	None	
	Rosiglitazone	None	
Meglitinide	Repaglinide	Preferred agent	Levels may be increased with statin/fibrate use
	Nateglinide	Renally cleared; begin with low dosage	
Biguanides	Metformin	Not recommended, especially with reduced GFR	Lactic acidosis
α -Glucosidase inhibitors	Acarbose	Not recommended with creatinine ≥ 2.0 mg/dl	GI distress
GLP-1 (incretin mimetic)	Exenatide	None	No published data on interactions
DPP-IV inhibitor	Sitagliptin	Reduce dosage: 50% for GFR 30 to 50 75% for GFR <30	No published data on interactions
Insulin	Rapid acting: regular, lispro, aspart	None	Hypoglycemia
	Intermediate acting: NPH		
	Long acting: glargine		

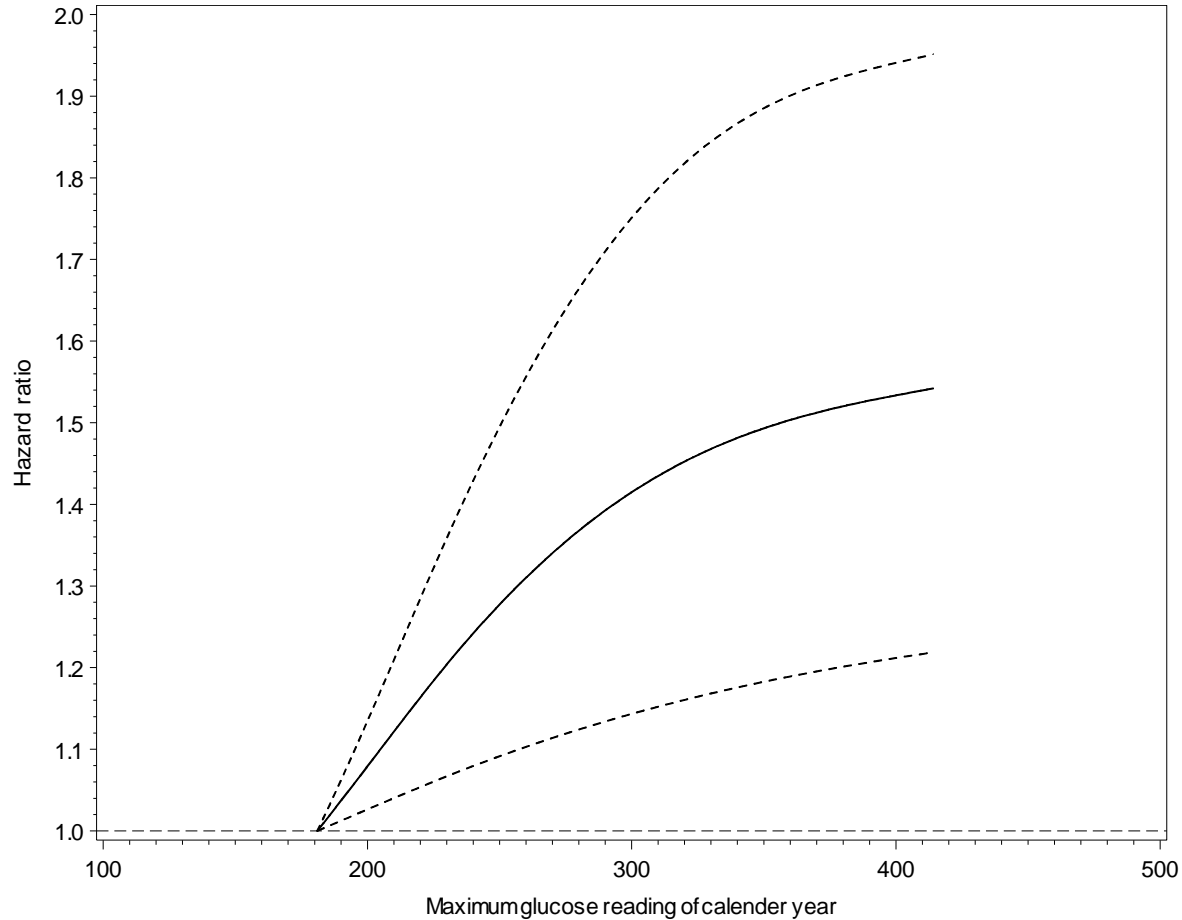
^aDPP-IV, dipeptidyl peptidase IV; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; NPH, neutral protamine Hagedorn.

Statin use and CV Mortality in RTX (OEDTR, N=1878, 242 events)

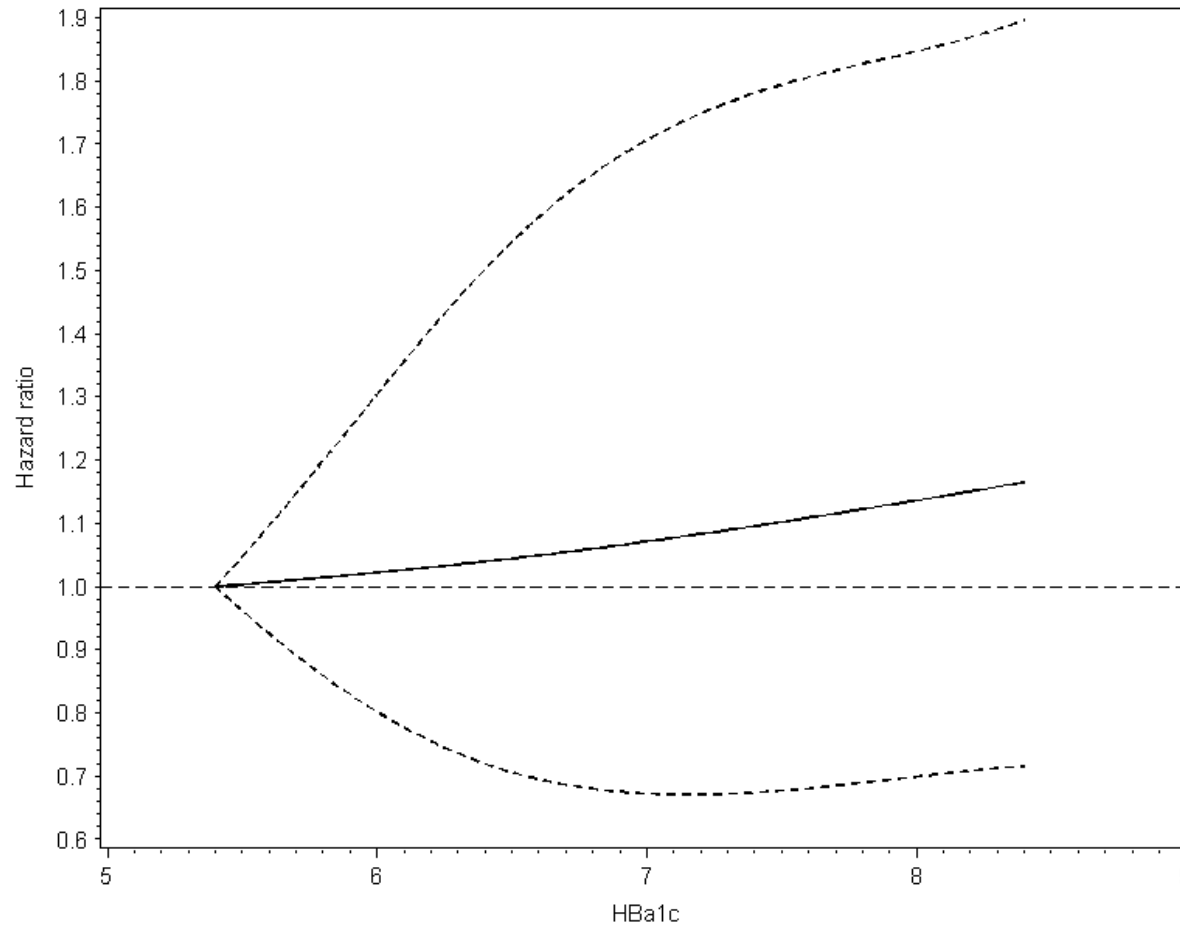
Type of analysis	Hazard ratio	Lower 95% limit HR	Upper 95% limit HR	Pr > t
MSM analysis (adjusting for informative censoring due to death of other causes and graft loss)	0.591	0.344	1.014	0.067
Cox regression analysis (not adjusting for informative censoring)	0.802	0.565	1.139	0.217

The results from MSM analysis are very similar to those from all-cause mortality. Cox regression analysis, which does not account for informative censoring (death from other than cardiovascular causes) yields a higher hazard ratio.

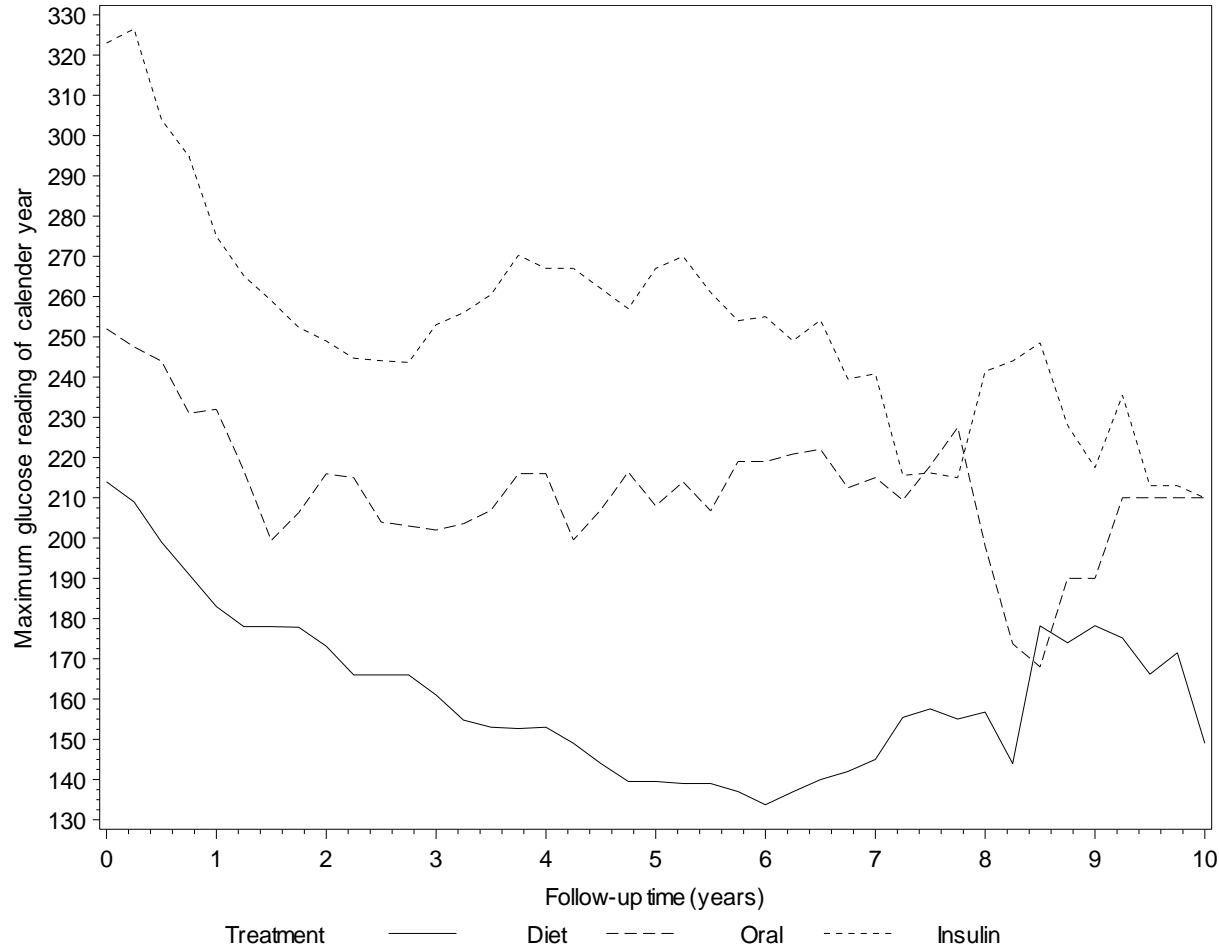
Cox proportional hazard model for glucose control and mortality using cubic splines (OEDTR, n=779)



HR of death of DM2 after TX (OEDTR, n=779)



Maximum glucose levels per calendar year over the observation time of ten years.



HR of death of DM2 after TX treated with oral ADD vs insulin (OEDTR, n=779)

----- Variable=TREAT2 (oral vs insulin) -----

confounder	95% Lower Confidence Limit for Hazard Ratio	Hazard Ratio	95% Upper Confidence Limit for Hazard Ratio	min 0.296	max 0.912
*** Marginal Structural Model ***	0.296	0.456	0.702	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Currently on dialysis	0.306	0.463	0.701	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Diabetes at 1st RRT	0.308	0.471	0.720	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Time on dialysis	0.313	0.474	0.718	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
ImmId	0.317	0.481	0.729	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
TX Number	0.321	0.486	0.735	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
bcar	0.321	0.486	0.735	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
*** Crude ***	0.321	0.486	0.735	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
can	0.322	0.488	0.738	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
KHK/CMP	0.324	0.490	0.742	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
BP	0.328	0.496	0.751	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Glukose_max	0.328	0.497	0.755	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Year of 1st RRT	0.332	0.502	0.760	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
HB	0.336	0.509	0.772	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Age	0.339	0.512	0.775	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Cholest	0.341	0.517	0.785	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
HBa1c	0.346	0.525	0.796	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
*** Glukose_max+HB+Age+CurrDial+Vasc ***	0.353	0.544	0.838	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
Vasc	0.364	0.554	0.844	H- - - - H- - - - - H	
*** Heart/VascDis+BP+TimeOnDialysis+Age+Year1RRT+Diab1RRT+ImmID ***	0.378	0.587	0.912	H- - - - H- - - - - H	

Higher risk of IV iron and ESA use of failed KTX (n=9922 vs HD n=210,635 USRDS)

	AOR (95% CI)			
	IV iron by month 6	p	Epoetin by month 6	p
Incident dialysis patients	Reference		Reference	
Failed transplant patients	1.47 (1.40, 1.55)	<0.0001	1.57 (1.48, 1.67)	<0.0001

Adjusted for incident dialysis or failed transplant, year of dialysis initiation, sex, race, and comorbid conditions.

HR derived from the analysis using MSM according to treatment group and outcome (OEDTR, n=779)

