

# **Daprodustat for the Treatment of Anemia of Chronic Kidney Disease**

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## Introduction

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# Daprodustat: New Oral Treatment for Patients with Anemia of CKD

- Oral option for patients and physicians to individualize care and meet treatment needs
- Member of new drug class: Hypoxia-inducible factor prolyl hydroxylase inhibitors (HIF-PHI)
  - Increases production of endogenous erythropoietin
- Short half life: 1-4 hours
- Can be administered once daily (QD) or three times weekly (TIW)
  - Effective dose range: 1 to 24 mg (QD), 2 to 48 mg (TIW)
- No need to adjust dose for dialysis or use of phosphate binders and oral iron

# Daprodustat Clinical Studies Demonstrated Positive Benefit-Risk Across Populations

Study/ Population	Design	Dosing	Duration	N
<b>ASCEND-NHQ (205270)</b> Not on Dialysis	Randomized (1:1) Double-blind vs placebo Superiority	QD	28 weeks	614
<b>ASCEND-ND (200808)</b> Not on Dialysis	Randomized (1:1) Open-label vs darbepoetin Noninferiority	QD	Event-driven Median = 1.9 yr	3872
<b>ASCEND-ID (201410)</b> Incident dialysis <sup>1</sup>	Randomized (1:1) Open-label vs darbepoetin Noninferiority	QD	52 weeks	312
<b>ASCEND-TD (204837)</b> Hemodialysis	Randomized (2:1) Double-blind vs epoetin Noninferiority	TIW	52 weeks	407
<b>ASCEND-D (200807)</b> Hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis	Randomized (1:1) Open-label vs epoetin alfa (HD) or darbepoetin (PD) Noninferiority	QD	Event-driven Median = 2.5 yr	2964

1. Dialysis to be initiated within 6 weeks or receiving dialysis treatment for < 90 days

# Analysis Definitions

Analysis	Definition	Abbreviation
<b>Primary MACE and other CV events</b>	Events occurring on or after randomization	ITT <sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup>
<b>On-treatment:</b>	Events occurring on or after treatment start and on or before the earlier of the date of study completion/withdrawal or:	
Pre-specified (CV)	Last dose + 28-day ascertainment period	LDD + 28 days <sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup>
Pre-specified (TEAE)	Last dose + 1 day ascertainment period	LDD + 1 days <sup>1, 2, 3, 4, 5</sup>
Post-hoc	Last dose + dosing frequency*	LDD + DF <sup>1, 3</sup>
Post-hoc	Last dose + dosing frequency* + 28-day ascertainment period	LDD + DF + 28 days <sup>1, 3</sup>
<b>On- and off-treatment (AE)</b>	Events occurring on or after treatment start	mITT <sup>1, 3</sup>

DF=dosing frequency; LDD=last dose date; CV = cardiovascular; TEAE = treatment emergent AE

\* A participant's dosing frequency at their last dose of randomized treatment was used. Dosing frequency for daily doses = 1 day; TIW doses = 2 days; weekly doses = 7 days; every 2 weeks = 14 days; every 4 weeks = 28 days

1. GSK Briefing Document; 2. Singh et al, NEJM 2021 (Non-Dialysis); 3. Singh et al, NEJM 2021 (Non-Dialysis Supplemental Material); 4. Singh et al, NEJM 2021 (Dialysis);

5. Singh et al, NEJM 2021 (Dialysis Supplemental Material).

# Highlights of the FDA's Briefing Document:

- GSK conducted five adequate and well-controlled trials
  - Key design elements including margins for non-inferiority, endpoints (Hb, MACE), comparators (ESAs) and primary analysis methods (ITT) agreed with FDA
- In ASCEND-ND and ASCEND-D
  - Co-primary objectives met
  - Daprodustat demonstrated non-inferiority relative to ESA controls for CV safety and efficacy based on pre-specified ITT analyses
- Efficacy of daprodustat to raise Hb is not in question
- Agenda will focus on discussion points raised by FDA

# Agenda: Important Topics Raised in FDA's Briefing Document

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## Unmet Need

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## Clinical Trial Results

- Demographics & Disposition, Efficacy including Quality of Life

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## Cardiovascular Safety

- Endpoints, Subgroups, Thromboembolism, Heart Failure

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## Differential Dosing Frequency & On-Treatment Analysis Bias

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## Unmet Need for Patients with Anemia of CKD

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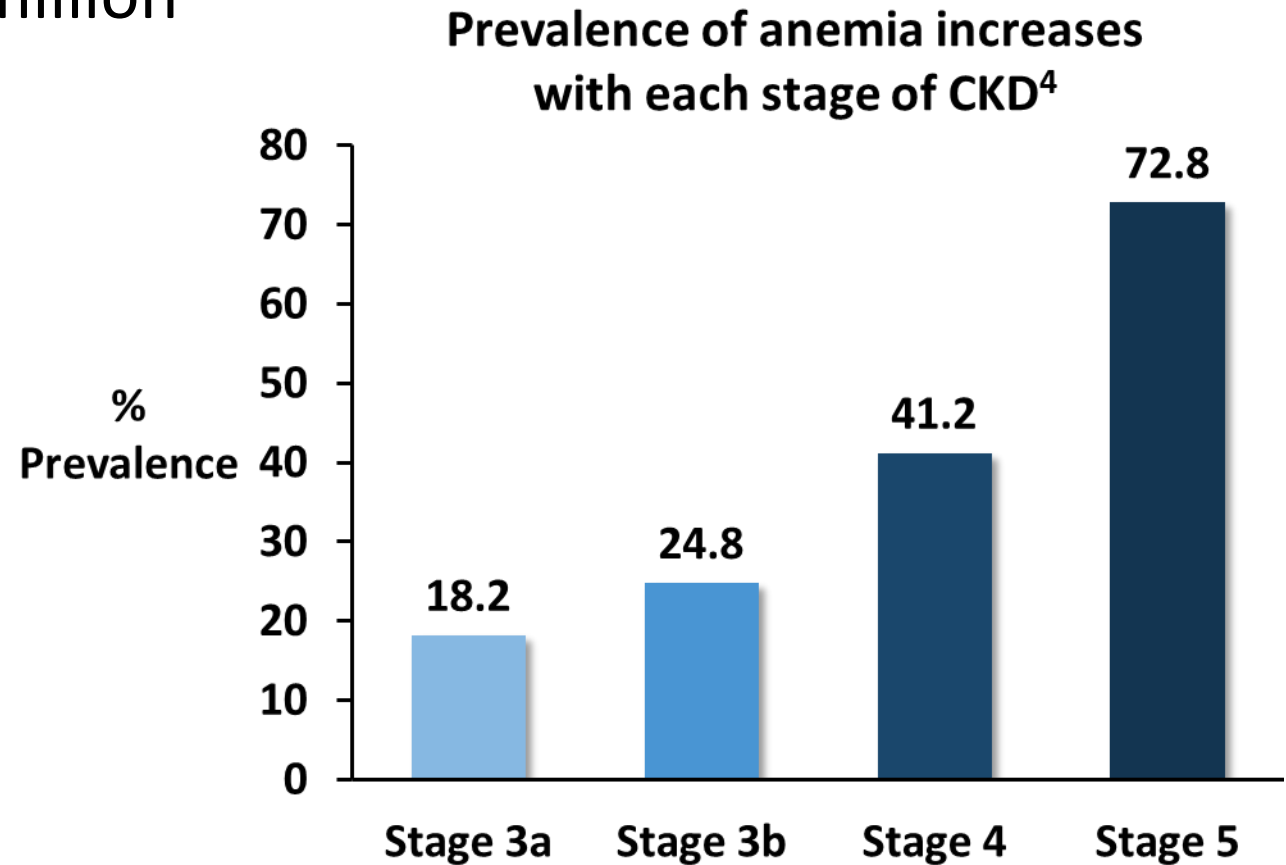
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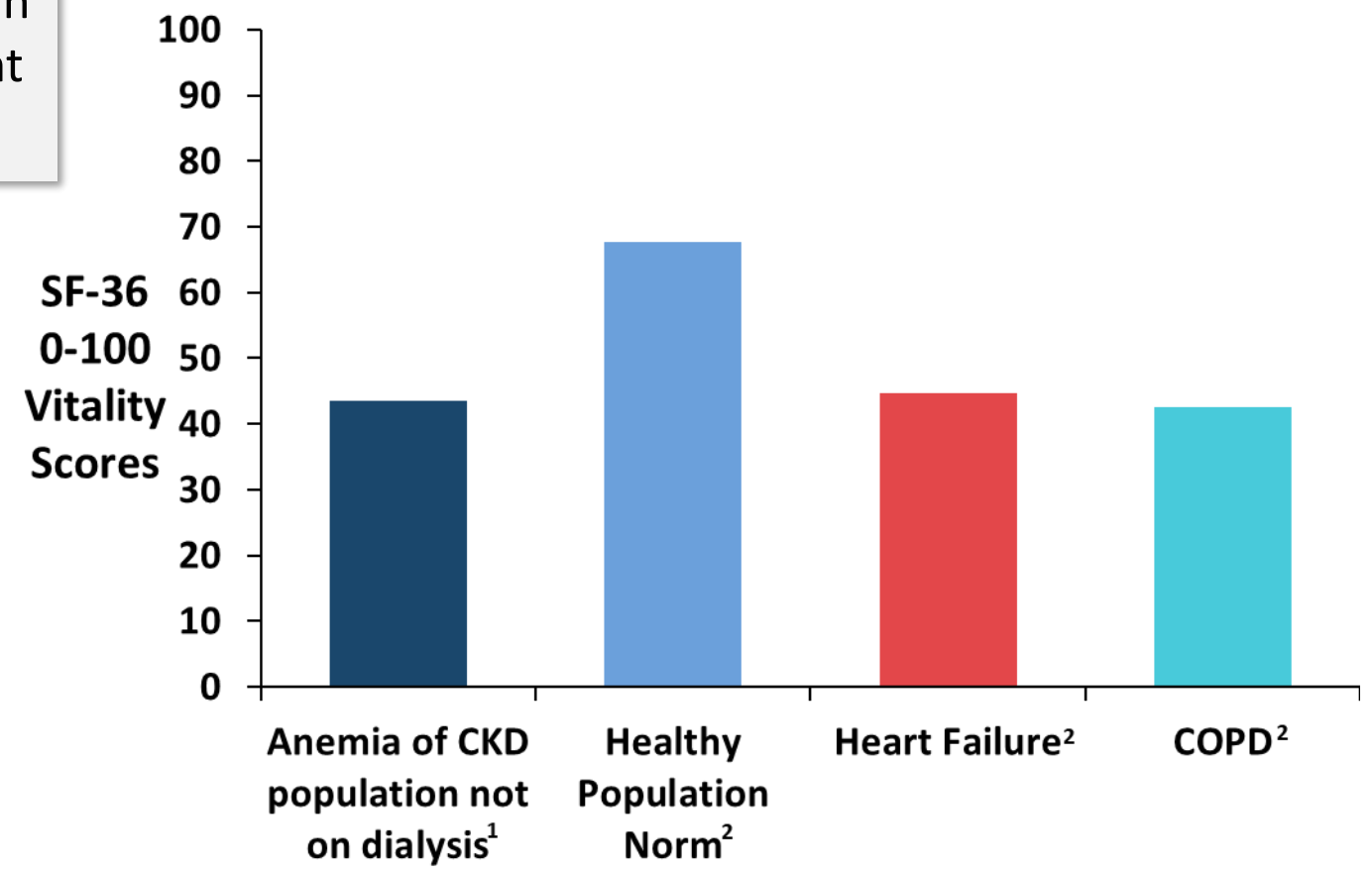
# Anemia of CKD is a Significant Public Health Challenge

- > 1 in 7 (15%) of US adults or 37 million people, estimated to have CKD<sup>1</sup>
- Anemia of CKD affects 4.8 million patients<sup>2</sup>
- Present in 87% of patients receiving hemodialysis<sup>3</sup>
- Associated with reduced QoL, higher rates of CV comorbidities, hospitalizations, and mortality<sup>4-8</sup>



# Comparison of Anemia of CKD Mean SF-36 Vitality Domain Scores with Healthy US Population, Heart Failure, and COPD

■ SF-36 vitality domain is robust assessment of fatigue



Anemia of CKD patients have levels of fatigue substantially higher than general population and comparable to HF and COPD populations

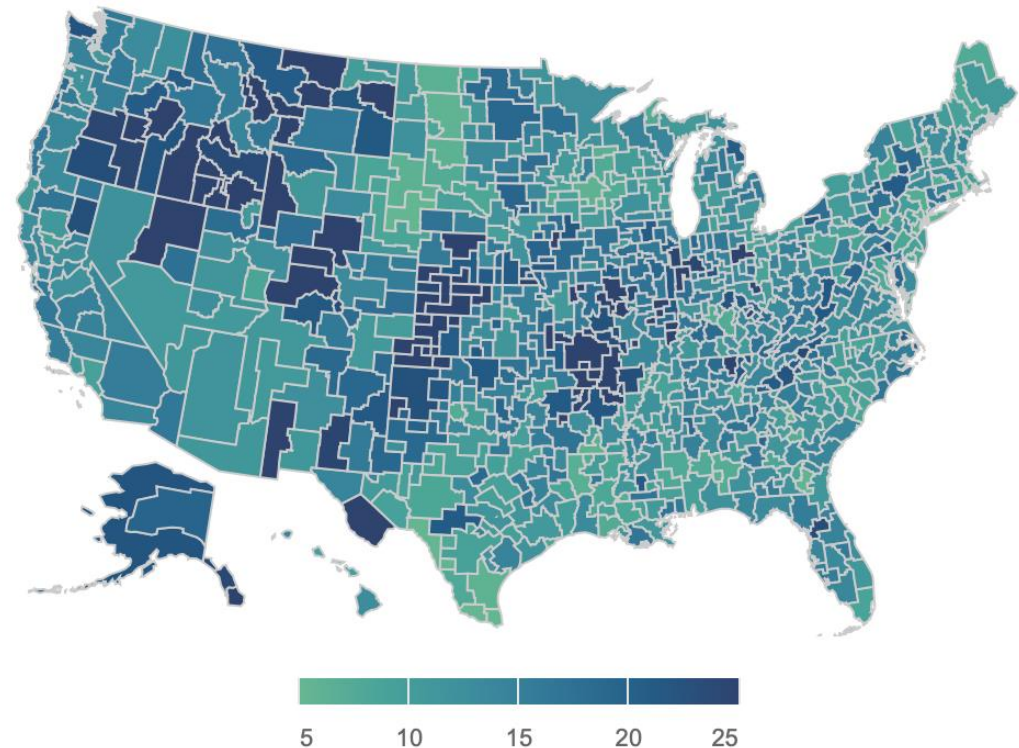
# Significant Barriers to Access Exist

- Currently available therapies are injectable and often require in-clinic administration and cold-chain storage
- Patient preference surveys
  - a significant proportion of patients preferred oral medications over injectable<sup>1</sup>
- Burden falls more heavily on disadvantaged groups, those living in rural areas or who rely on caregivers for transportation<sup>2</sup>

# Increasing Use of Home Dialysis in the US

- 13.1% of prevalent dialysis population on home dialysis
- In many regions, particularly rural, 1 in 4 patients on home dialysis
- Patients on home dialysis face barriers related to injectable therapy

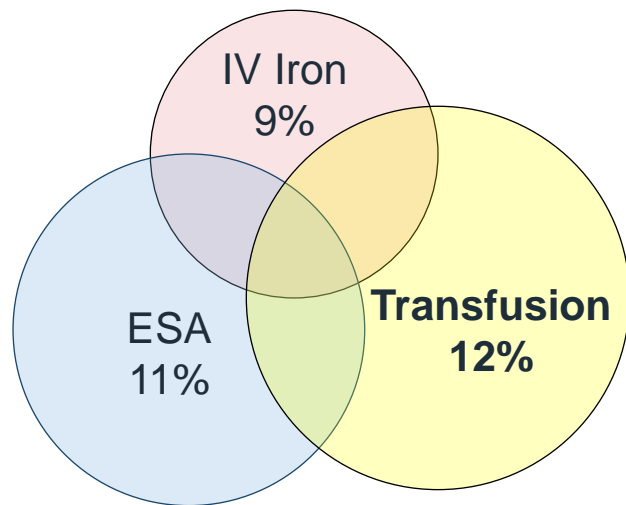
Unadjusted utilization (%) of home dialysis among prevalent ESRD patients undergoing dialysis, 2017-2018



# Predominant Treatment in ND Patients is Transfusions

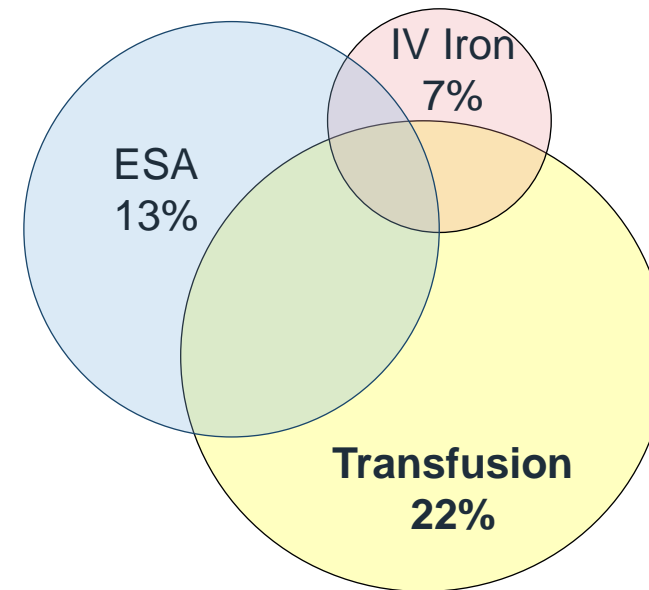
Proportion of stage 3–5 non-dialysis-dependent CKD patients with anemia

Commercially-insured patients Aged 18 – 63



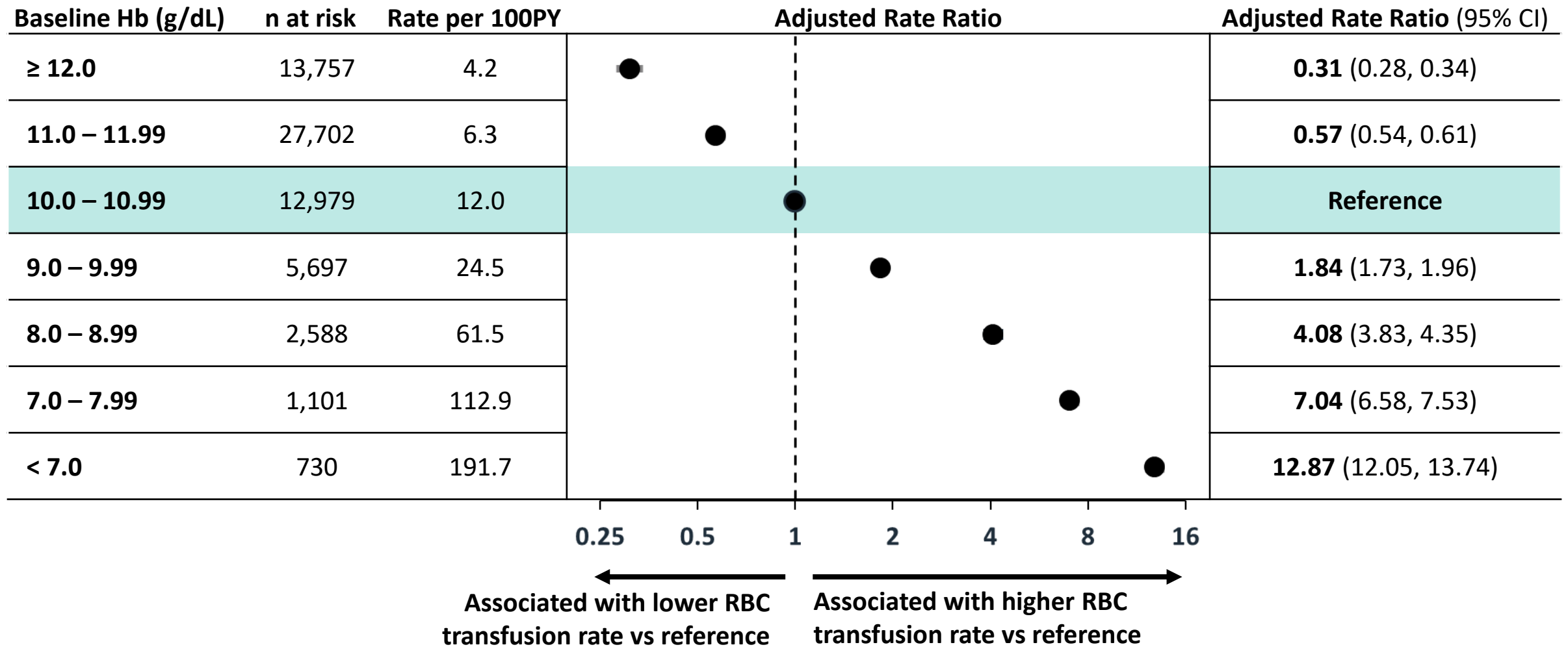
74% of patients were not treated

Medicare-covered patients Aged 66 – 85



66% of patients were not treated

# Incidence of Transfusions Strongly Associated with Hb Level<sup>1</sup>





# Transfusion Associated With Short and Long-term Risks

RBC Transfusion

Kidney transplant



## Short-term risks<sup>1</sup>

- Infections
- Volume overload
- Hospitalization for heart failure  
(RR=1.7, 95% CI: 0.3, 9.2)
- Hyperkalemia  
(RR=12.0, 95% CI: 1.3 to 109)

## Sensitization<sup>2</sup>

- 26-38% of patients sensitized after a single transfusion vs 2-6% of patients without transfusion

## Longer-term risks<sup>3,4</sup>

- Less access to living donors
- Risk of rejection
  - Increased immunosuppression
- Risk of infection and malignancies

# Significant Unmet Need in Treatment of Anemia of CKD

- Underutilized injectable therapies in large subset of patients
- Undertreated patients
  - suffer lower QoL
  - at higher risk of receiving transfusions
- Logistical challenges impact vulnerable patients more

**There remains a significant need for novel, accessible treatment options for this patient population**



## Clinical Trial Results

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# Clinical Endpoints Across ASCEND Studies

	ASCEND-NHQ N = 614	ASCEND-ND N = 3,872	ASCEND-D N = 2,964	ASCEND-TD N = 407	ASCEND-ID N = 312
<b>Primary</b>	<b>Efficacy:</b> Mean change in Hgb from baseline to the average during the primary evaluation period (non-inferiority*)				
		<b>Safety:</b> Time to first Adjudicated MACE (non-inferiority)			
<b>Principal Secondary</b>	<b>Efficacy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mean change in SF-36 Vitality</li> <li>Hgb increase of <math>\geq 1</math> g/dL</li> </ul>	<b>Safety:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MACE (superiority)</li> <li>MACE + thromboembolic events</li> <li>MACE + hospitalization for heart failure</li> </ul>			
		<b>Safety:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time to CKD progression</li> </ul>			
<b>Secondary / Exploratory</b>	<b>Efficacy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% within Hgb target range</li> <li>% with first occurrence of RBC or whole blood transfusion on-treatment</li> </ul>				

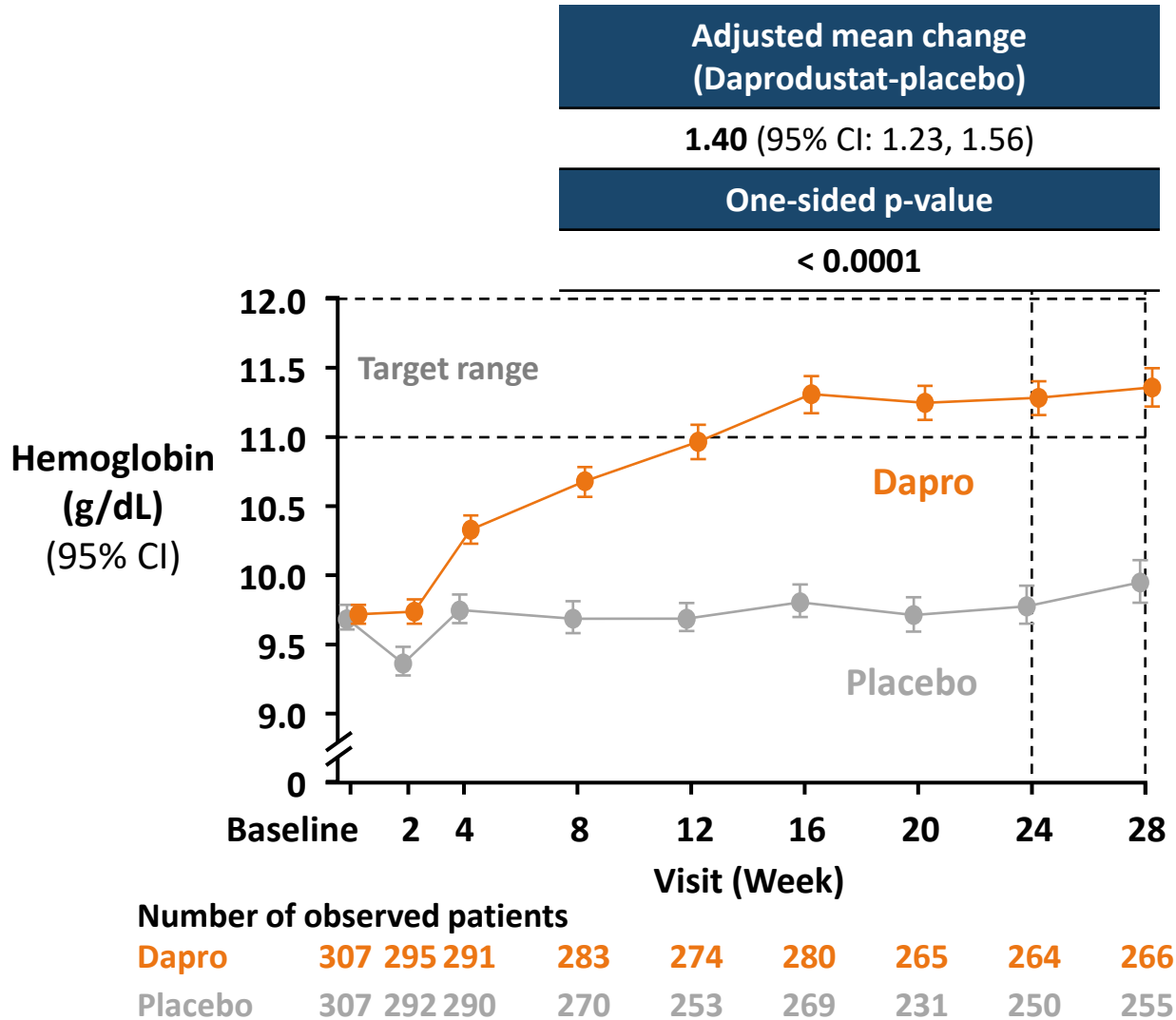
\* Superiority for NHQ

## **ASCEND-NHQ**

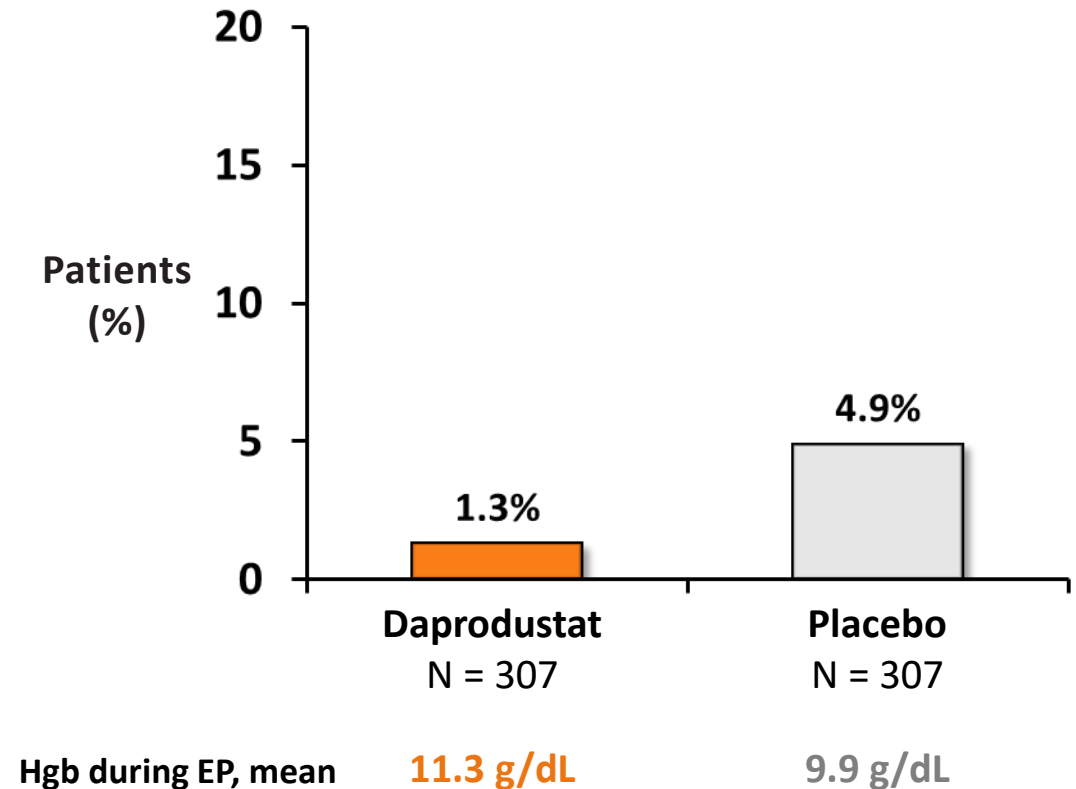
Double-blind, placebo-controlled study  
in patients not on dialysis

# Daprodustat Superior to Placebo for Hgb Change from Baseline With Fewer Transfusions in Daprodustat vs. Placebo

## ASCEND-NHQ



### Patients who received blood transfusion while on-treatment



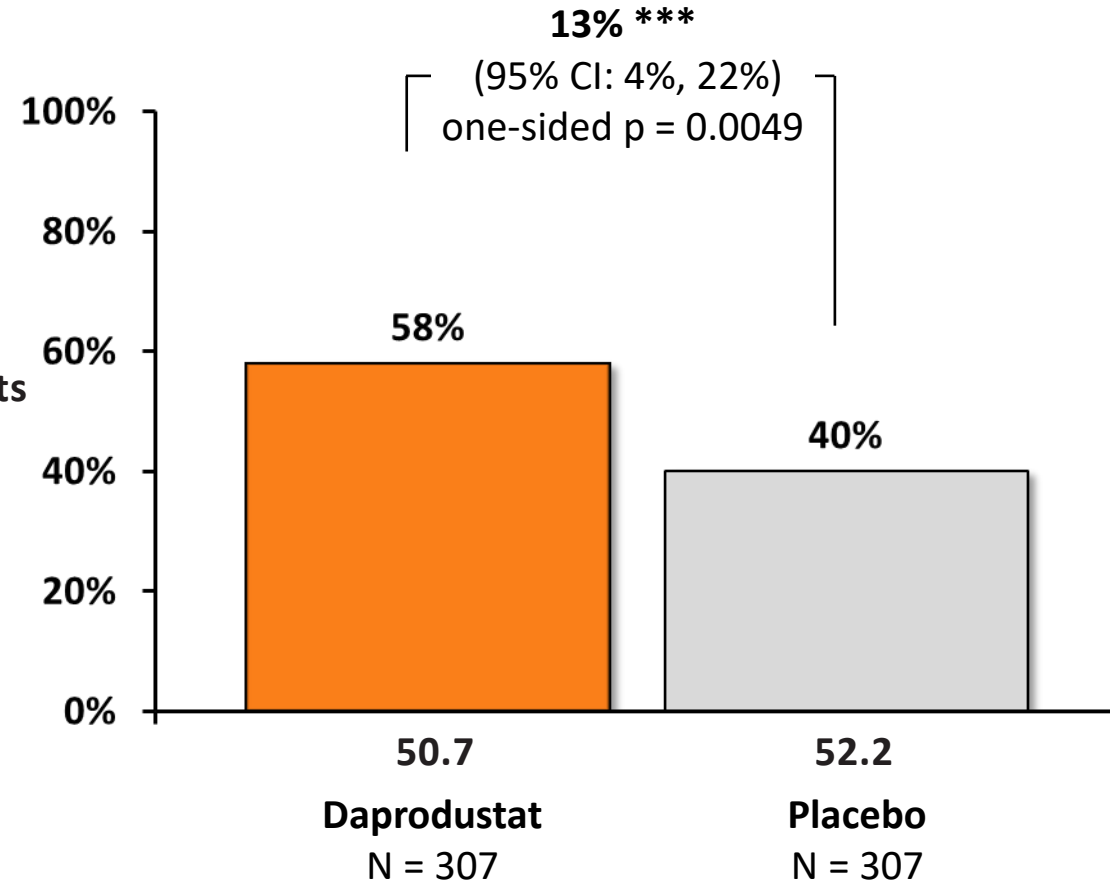
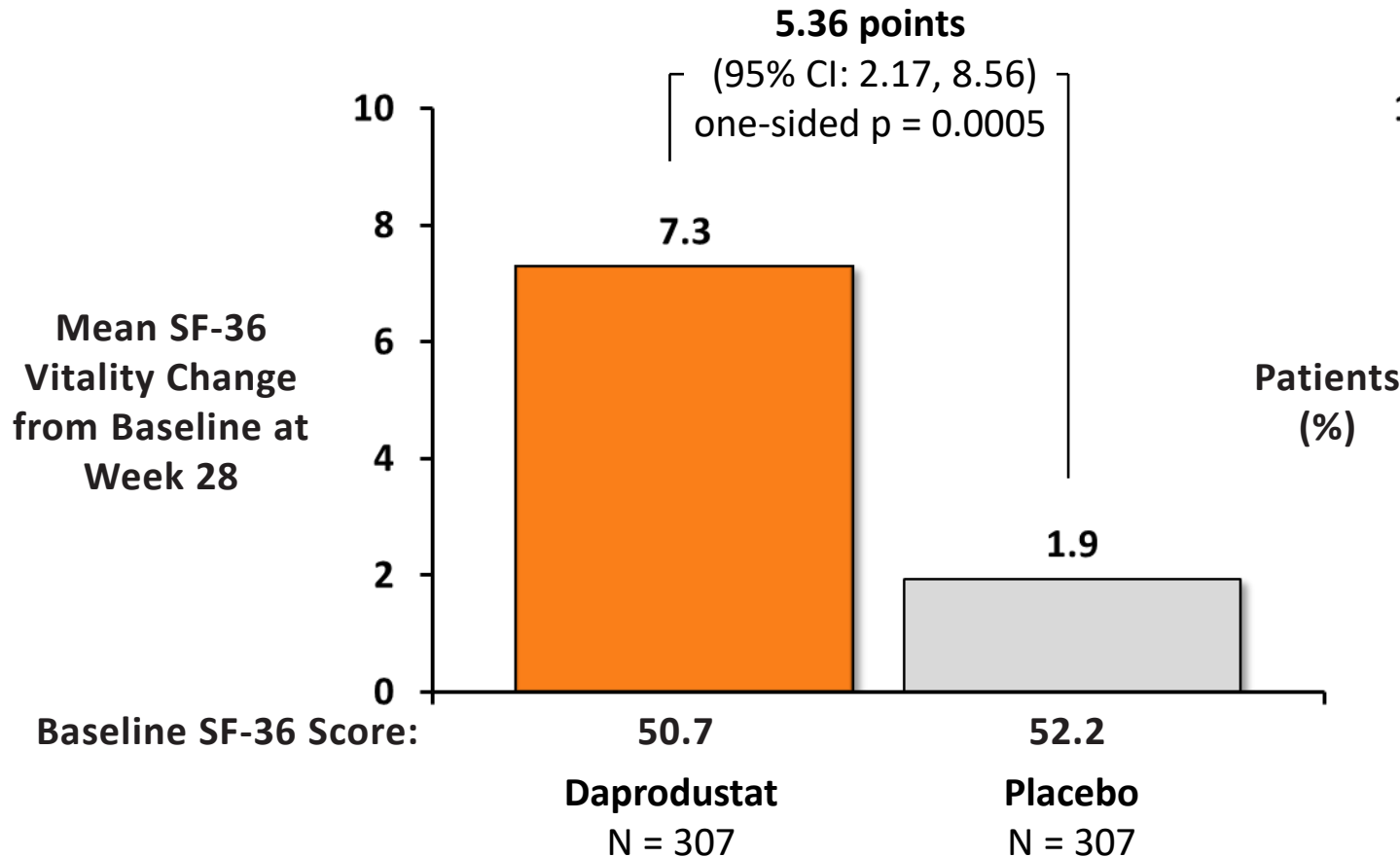
Note: ITT Hgb analysis including observed and imputed data. On-treatment summary of transfusions. EP = Evaluation Period (Weeks 24 – 28)

# Daprodustat Superior to Placebo in Improving SF-36 Vitality Score

ASCEND-NHQ

**SF-36 Vitality Domain Score Change From Baseline**  
(Pre-specified Principal Secondary Analysis)\*

**% of Patients with SF-36 Vitality Change  $\geq$  6 points**  
(Pre-specified Additional Secondary Analysis)\*\*



Notes: Scoring 0 to 100.

\* Endpoint was adjusted for multiplicity

\*\* Endpoint was not adjusted for multiplicity

Data after treatment discontinuation/rescue were imputed in these analyses. 35% of patients had imputed values.

\*\*\* Model-adjusted value using imputed data

# Active-Controlled Studies

**ASCEND-ND, ASCEND-ID, ASCEND-TD, ASCEND-D**



# Key Design Elements of Active-Controlled Phase 3 Studies

- Major exclusions included
  - Class IV heart failure, recent MI, acute coronary syndrome or stroke, uncontrolled hypertension
- Patients remained in study even if discontinued randomized treatment
- ND patients remained in study if dialysis initiated or changed

# Exposure, Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

- > 6000 patients treated with daprodustat resulting in ~6700 PY exposure
  - ~ 1500 patients treated >2 years
- Demographics and baseline characteristics similar between treatment groups
  - Representative of US population with CKD
- Renal characteristics generally similar between treatment groups
- Baseline CV characteristics well-balanced
  - Patients frequently had history of hypertension, diabetes and CV disease

# Baseline Characteristics of US Patients

ITT	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Dapro N = 492	Darbe N = 489	Dapro N = 425	ESA N = 421
Mean age	67.5	67.5	58.2	58.1
Gender - Female	45%	45%	44%	42%
Black or African American in US region	33%	33%	40%	38%
Diabetes	67%	70%	68%	67%
Stroke	8%	8%	8%	10%
MI	8%	9%	10%	11%
Cancer	9%	6%	6%	4%
Heart failure	21%	17%	25%	25%
Current hypertension	97%	97%	96%	97%
Hospitalization within 6m prior to screening	10%	6%	10%	11%
Baseline CKD Stage	Stage 2/3	22%	26%	-
	Stage 4	52%	53%	-
	Stage 5	27%	21%	-

# Disposition: High Study Completion Across Active-Controlled Studies

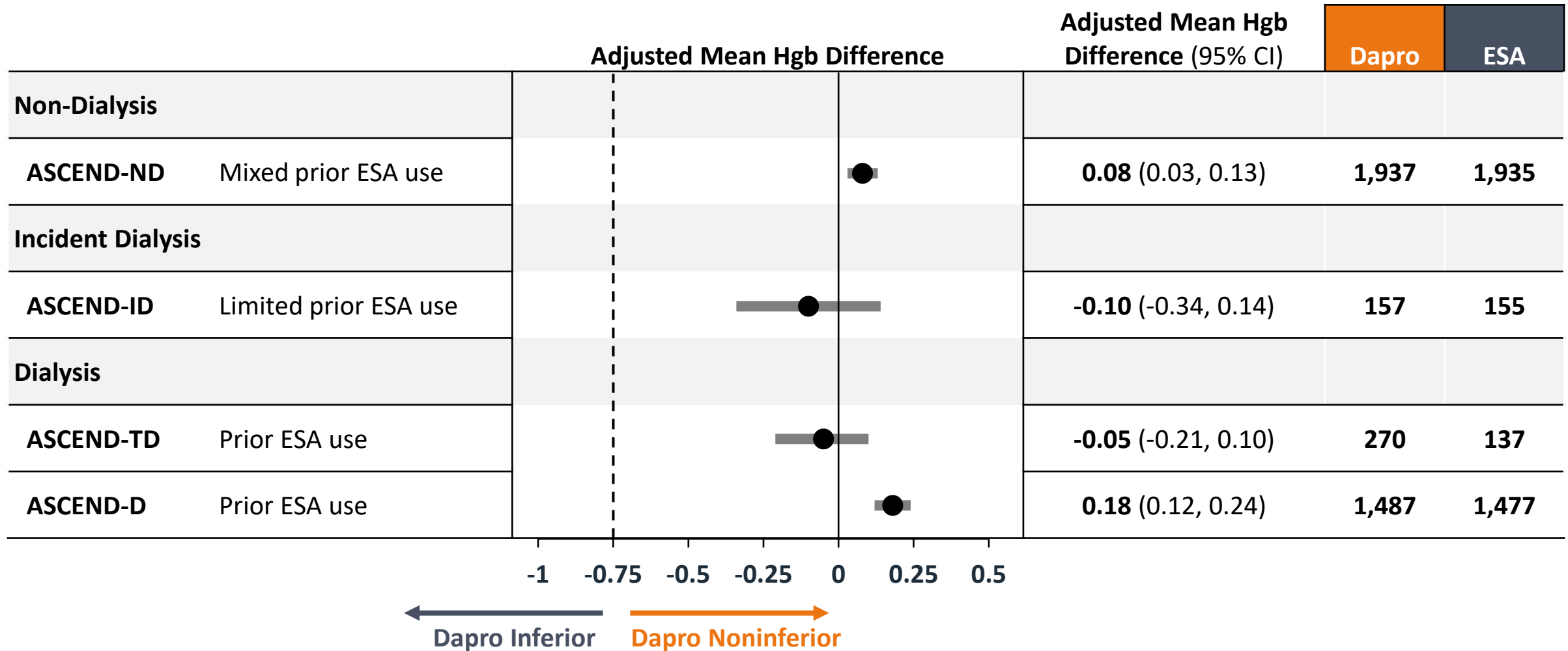
ITT	ASCEND-ND N = 3,872		ASCEND-ID N = 312		ASCEND-TD N = 407		ASCEND-D N = 2,964	
	Dapro	Darbe	Dapro	Darbe	Dapro	ESA	Dapro	ESA
Randomized, n	1,937	1,935	157	155	270	137	1,487	1,477
Completed study	97%	97%	99%	97%	> 99%	99%	92%	92%
Vital status known	> 99%	> 99%	100%	> 99%	100%	100%	98%	98%
Discontinued treatment*	38%	38%	29%	25%	29%	28%	53%	53%
Adverse event	13%	11%	12%	6%	10%	8%	16%	16%
Stopping criteria met	8%	8%	5%	6%	9%	10%	16%	15%
Other**	17%	18%	11%	14%	10%	10%	21%	22%
Began dialysis	35%	34%	-	-	-	-	-	-

\* Includes patients who died while taking treatment. If these patients are excluded: ND: 29%, 29%; ID: 22%, 21%; TD: 26%, 26%; D: 45%, 45%.

\*\*Other also includes: lost to follow-up, sponsor terminated study treatment, investigative site closed, missing.

# Daprodustat Non-Inferior to ESA for Primary Hgb Endpoints

## Active-Controlled Studies

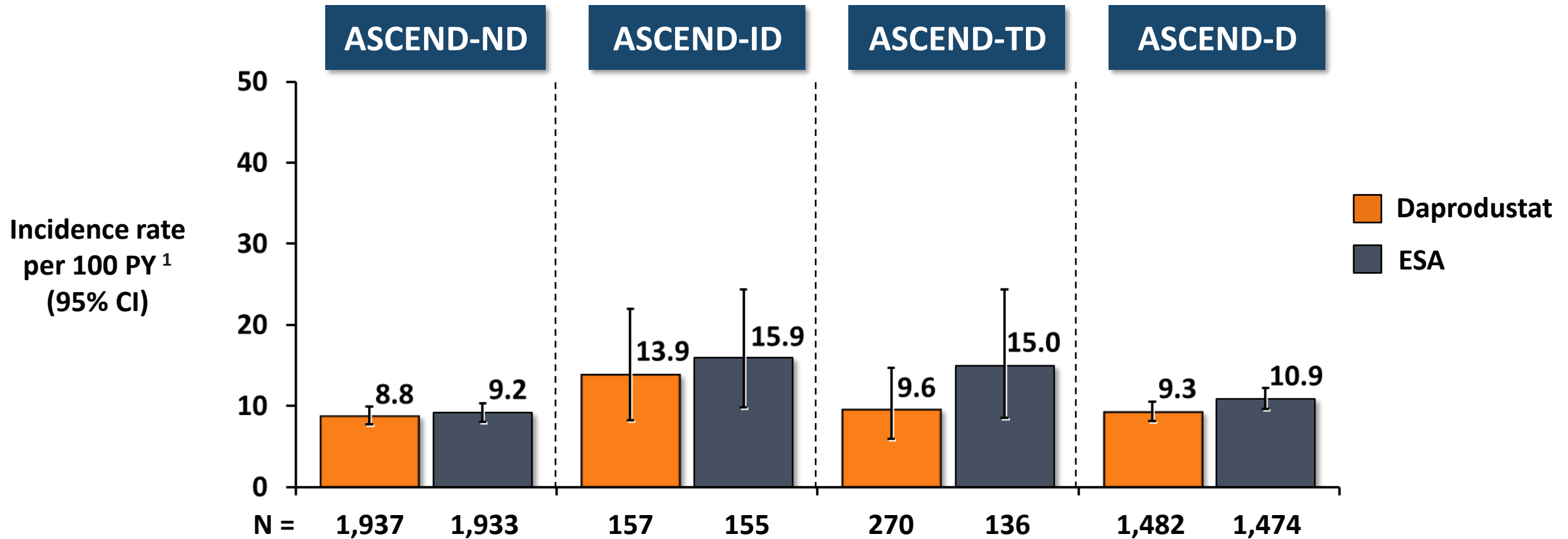


Note: ITT Hgb analyses including observed and imputed data.

ASCEND-ND vs darbepoetin alfa; ASCEND-ID vs darbepoetin alfa; ASCEND-D vs recombinant human erythropoietin; ASCEND-TD vs recombinant human erythropoietin

# Similar Incidence of First Transfusion Across Treatment Groups

## Active-Controlled Studies



1. First occurrence of RBC or whole blood transfusion during on-treatment period

ASCEND-TD vs darbepoetin alfa; ASCEND-ID vs darbepoetin alfa; ASCEND-D vs recombinant human erythropoietin, ASCEND-ND vs darbepoetin alfa

# Efficacy Summary

- Daprodustat met primary Hgb endpoint in all 5 phase 3 trials
- Daprodustat superior to placebo and non-inferior to ESA
  - Achieved and maintained target Hgb levels
- Daprodustat superior to placebo in improving vitality on SF-36
- Fewer daprodustat-treated patients had transfusions than placebo



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# Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (MACE): Co-Primary Safety Endpoint in 2 CV Outcomes Trials: ASCEND-ND, ASCEND-D

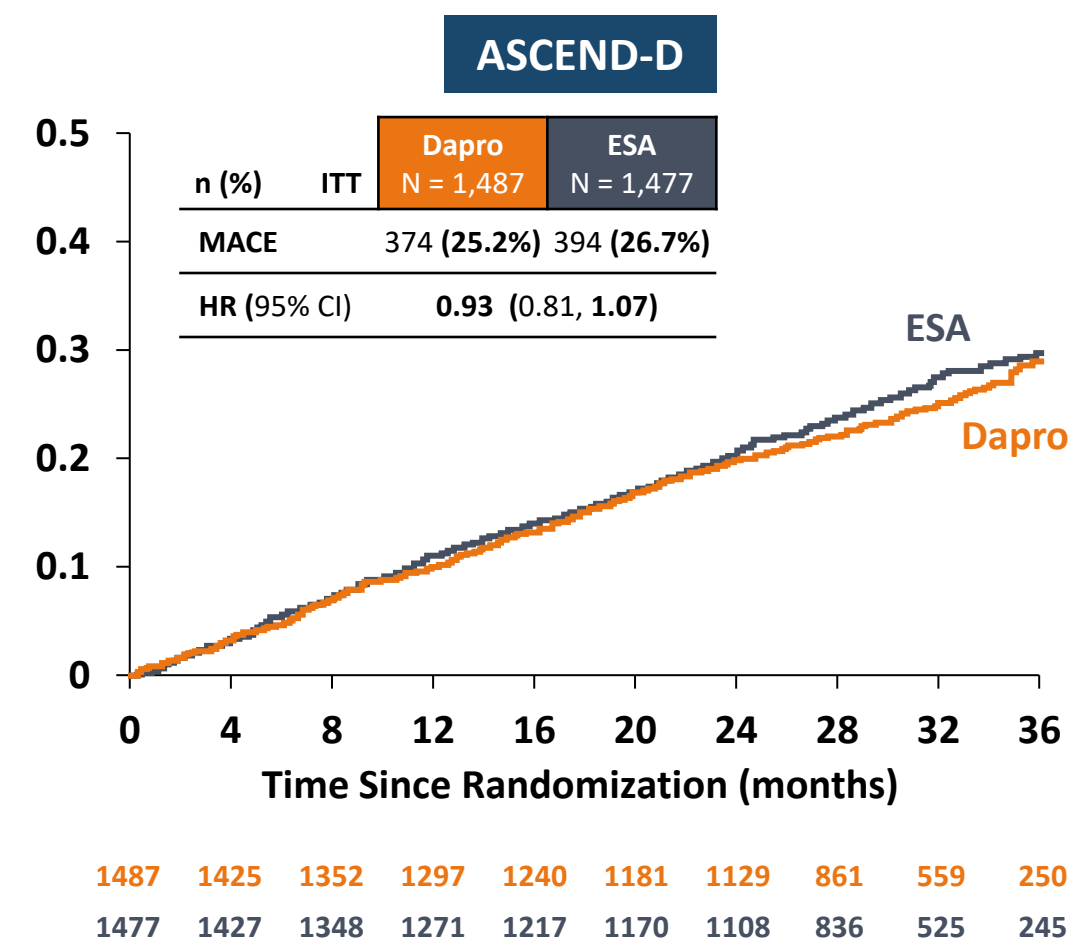
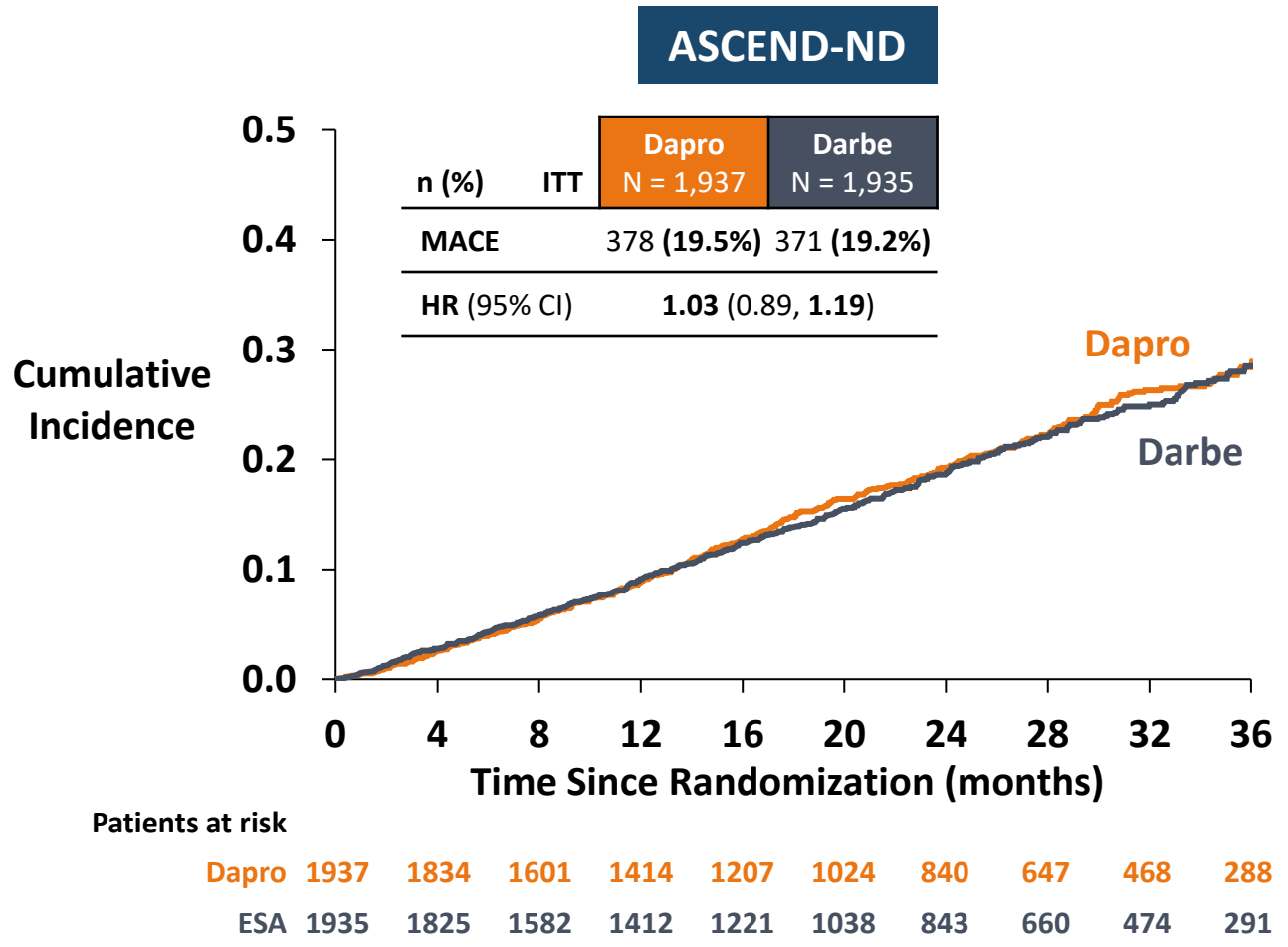
- Composite measure of
  - All-cause mortality (ACM)
    - Precedented in trials of anemia of CKD: agreed with FDA
  - Non-fatal myocardial infarction (MI)
  - Non-fatal stroke
- Clinical Events Classification group
  - Duke Clinical Research Institute – external and independent
  - Blinded to treatment allocation
  - Adjudicated all events that might have constituted MACE

# MACE Statistical Assumptions in CVOT Studies

## ASCEND-ND, ASCEND-D

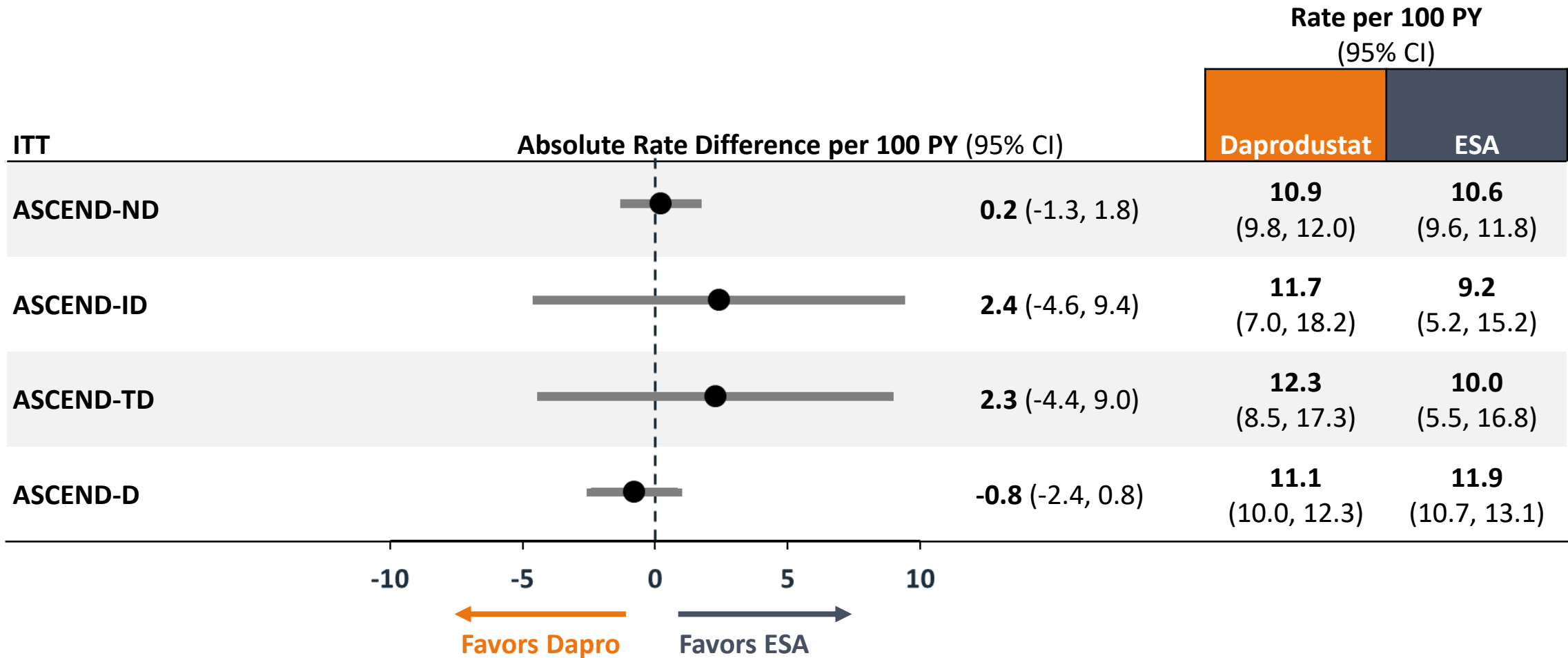
- Non-inferiority design using ITT approach to preserve the balance afforded by randomization
- Cox Proportional Hazards regression model adjusted for treatment and randomization stratification factors
- Non-inferiority established if upper limit of two-sided 95% CI for the hazard ratio  $< 1.25$ 
  - Prospectively defined
  - Agreed with FDA

# MACE: Daprodustat Non-Inferior to ESA on Co-Primary Endpoint in ASCEND-ND and ASCEND-D



**Non-inferiority established for MACE upper limit of 2-sided 95% CI for HR lower than pre-specified 1.25 margin**

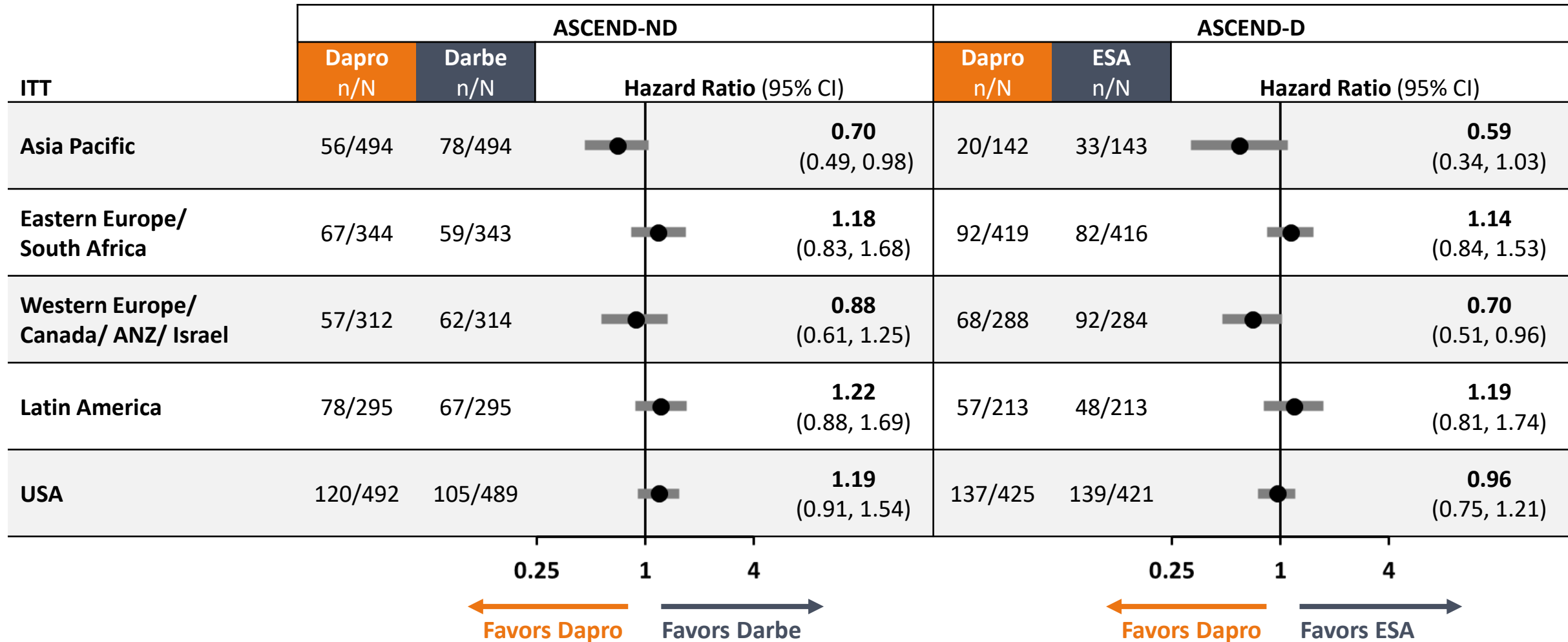
# Consistent MACE Findings in Daprodustat CVOTs and All Other ASCEND Studies



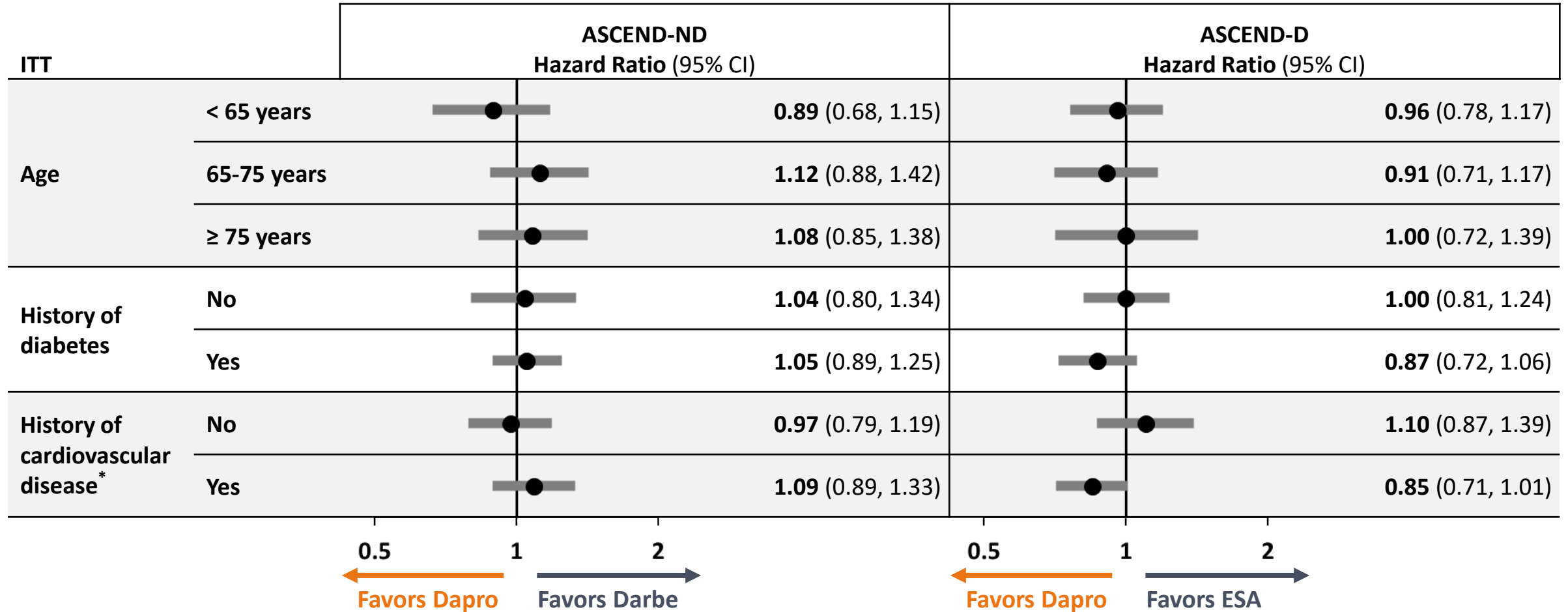
ASCEND-NHQ (28 weeks), First MACE rates:

4.9% Daprodustat; 6.2% placebo

# MACE by Regional Subgroups in ASCEND-ND and ASCEND-D



# No Clinical Features Associated with Treatment Group Difference for MACE Compared with Primary Analysis



\*CVD history was defined as having a yes response to any of the following medical history conditions: angina pectoris, myocardial infarction, stroke, coronary artery disease, transient ischemic attack, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, cardiac arrest, and/or valvular heart disease.

# All-Cause Mortality: Similar Between Treatment Groups in Non-Dialysis and Dialysis Patients

Adjudicated Cause of death, N (%)	ITT	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
		Dapro N = 1,937	Darbe N = 1,935	Dapro N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477
<b>All cause mortality</b>		301 (15.5%)	298 (15.4%)	294 (19.8%)	300 (20.3%)
Cardiovascular		89 (4.6%)	70 (3.6%)	96 (6.5%)	91 (6.2%)
Non-cardiovascular		149 (7.7%)	148 (7.6%)	132 (8.9%)	155 (10.5%)
Undetermined		63 (3.3%)	80 (4.1%)	66 (4.4%)	54 (3.7%)

## CV Mortality, rather than ACM:

- Analysis includes deaths with a CV primary cause of death + undetermined deaths with presumed sudden/CV primary cause of death [ASCEND-ND: 20 (dapro), 22 (darbe); ASCEND-D: 21 (dapro), 30 (ESA)]
- Excludes ~2/3 deaths
- Assumes deaths are non-informative, i.e., entirely independent of disease status, or randomized treatment

# Fatal/Non-Fatal MI: Generally Similar Incidence Between Treatment Groups

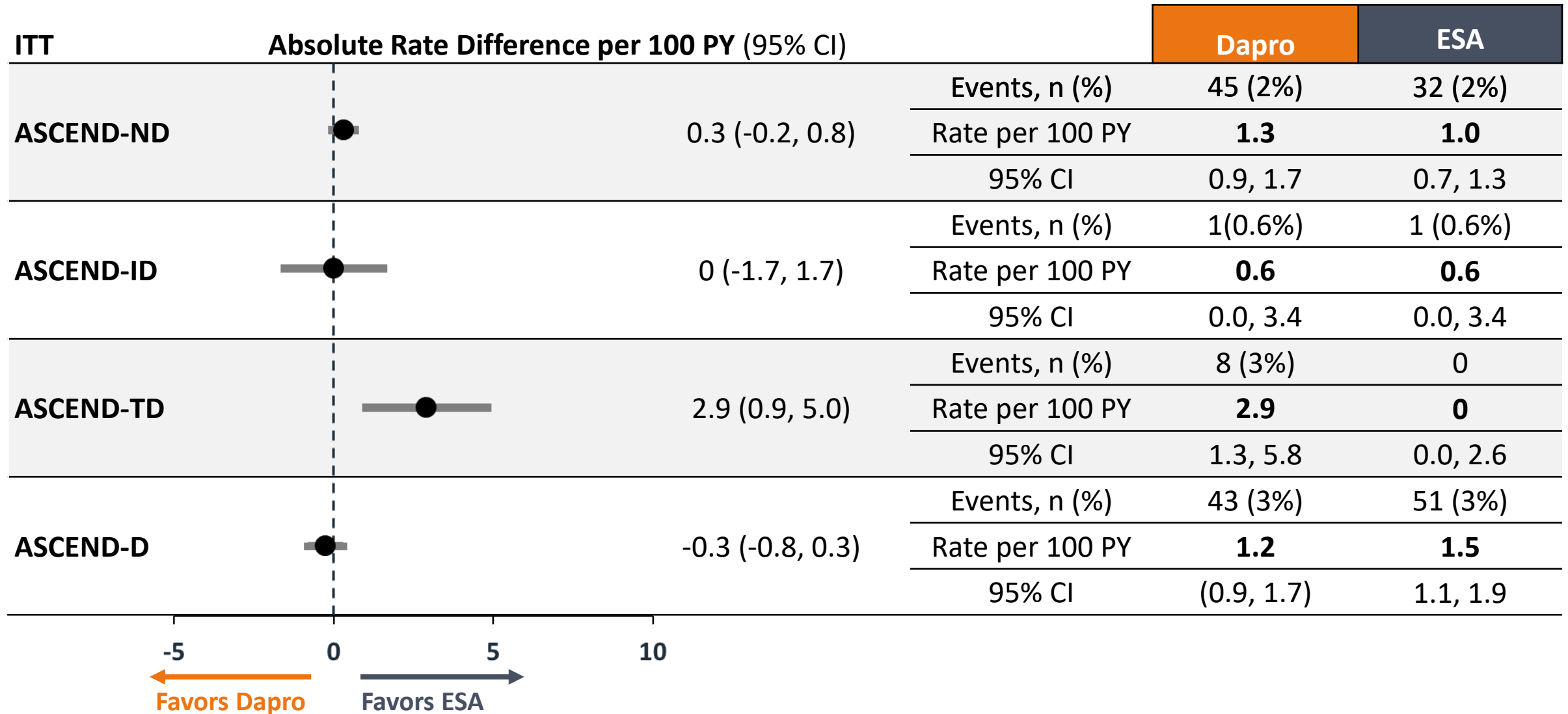
ITT	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477
First occurrence of adjudicated MI (fatal or non-fatal) n (%)	103 (5.3%)	97 (5.0%)	114 (7.7%)	137 (9.3%)
Incidence rate per 100 PY (95% CI)	2.94 (2.40, 3.56)	2.76 (2.24, 3.36)	3.34 (2.76, 4.01)	4.08 (3.43, 4.83)
Absolute rate difference per 100 PY (95% CI)	0.18 (-0.61, 0.97)		-0.74 (-1.66, 0.18)	
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	1.06 (0.80, 1.40)		0.81 (0.63, 1.04)	



# Fatal/Non-Fatal Stroke: Incidence Rate Across Studies

ITT	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477
First occurrence of adjudicated stroke (fatal or non-fatal) n (%)	45 (2.3%)	34 (1.8%)	43 (2.9%)	51 (3.5%)
Incidence rate per 100 PY (95% CI)	1.26 (0.92, 1.69)	0.95 (0.66, 1.33)	1.23 (0.89, 1.66)	1.48 (1.10, 1.94)
Absolute rate difference per 100 PY (95% CI)	0.31 (-0.18, 0.80)		-0.25 (-0.79, 0.30)	
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	1.33 (0.85, 2.07)		0.84 (0.56, 1.25)	

# Stroke Findings in ASCEND Program



# Principal Secondary Endpoint: MACE + TEE

n (%)	ITT	ASCEND-ND			ASCEND-D		
		Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	HR (95% CI)	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477	HR (95% CI)
First occurrence MACE or thromboembolic events		422 (21.8%)	405 (20.9%)	1.06 (0.93, 1.22)	497 (33.4%)	543 (36.8%)	0.88 (0.78, 1.00)
MACE		363 (18.7%)	358 (18.5%)	-	326 (21.9%)	340 (23.0%)	-
Thromboembolic events		59 (3.0%)	47 (2.4%)	-	171 (11.5%)	203 (13.7%)	-

- Designed to allow assessment of risk for thromboembolic events or heart failure, inclusive of general CV risk
- Overcomes limitations and bias of competing risk when assessing endpoints individually

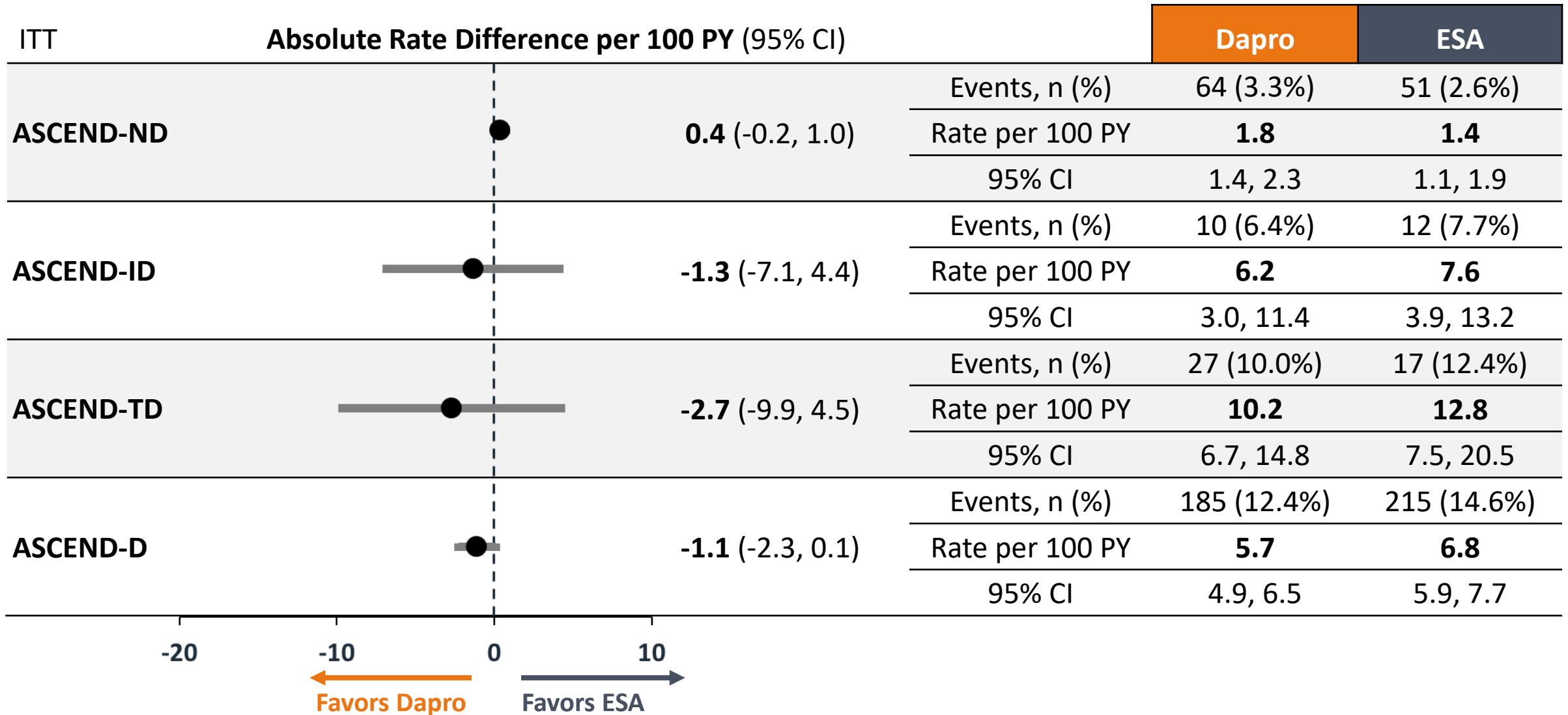
# Data on Thromboembolic Events

ITT	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477
<b>Fatal and nonfatal thromboembolic events, n (%)</b>				
<b>First occurrence of thromboembolic events</b>	64 (3.3%)	51 (2.6%)	185 (12.4%)	215 (14.6%)
<b>Incidence rate per 100 PY (two-sided 95% CI)</b>	<b>1.81</b> (1.39, 2.31)	<b>1.43</b> (1.07, 1.89)	<b>5.66</b> (4.87, 6.54)	<b>6.75</b> (5.88, 7.72)
<b>Absolute rate difference per 100 PY (95% CI)</b>	<b>0.37</b> (-0.22, 0.97)		<b>-1.09</b> (-2.31, 0.12)	
<b>Hazard Ratio</b>				
<b>Estimate (two-sided 95% CI for HR)</b>	<b>1.27</b> (0.88, 1.84)		<b>0.84</b> (0.69, 1.02)	

# Thromboembolic Events in ASCEND-ND and ASCEND-D

n (%)	ITT	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
		Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477
<b>First Occurrence thromboembolic event</b>		64 (3.3%)	51 (2.6%)	185 (12.4%)	215 (14.6%)
<b>Venous thromboembolism</b>		20 (1.0%)	20 (1.0%)	23 (1.5%)	20 (1.4%)
Deep vein thrombosis		14 (0.7%)	19 (1.0%)	17 (1.1%)	14 (0.9%)
Pulmonary embolism		6 (0.3%)	1 (0.1%)	6 (0.4%)	6 (0.4%)
Fatal pulmonary embolism		1 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)	2 (0.1%)	1 (0.1%)
<b>Vascular access thrombosis</b>		44 (2.3%)	31 (1.6%)	162 (10.9%)	195 (13.2%)

# Data on Thromboembolic Events Across ASCEND Program



# Principal Secondary Endpoint: MACE + HHF

n (%)	ITT	ASCEND-ND			ASCEND-D		
		Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	HR (95% CI)	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477	HR (95% CI)
First occurrence MACE or hospitalization for HF		444 (22.9%)	417 (21.6%)	1.09 (0.95, 1.24)	425 (28.6%)	433 (29.3%)	0.97 (0.85, 1.11)
<u>Recurrent events*</u>				1.09 (0.93, 1.29)			0.90 (0.76, 1.07)
MACE		337 (17.4%)	335 (17.3%)	-	340 (22.9%)	360 (24.4%)	-
Hospitalization for HF		107 (5.5%)	82 (4.2%)	-	85 (5.7%)	73 (4.9%)	-

\*Post-hoc: rate ratio estimates based on a negative binomial model

# Data on Hospitalization for Heart Failure

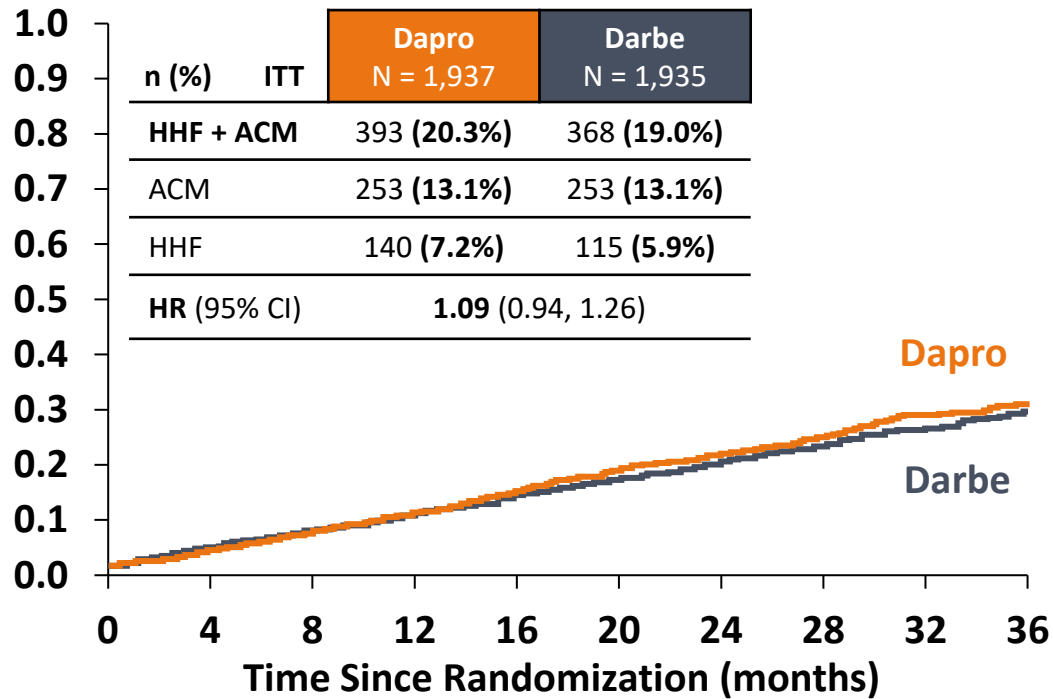
n (%)	ITT	ASCEND-ND			ASCEND-D		
		Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	HR (95% CI)	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477	HR (95% CI)
Hospitalization for HF		140 (7.2%)	115 (5.9%)	<b>1.22</b> (0.95, 1.56)	112 (7.5%)	101 (6.8%)	<b>1.10</b> (0.84, 1.45)
<u>Recurrent events*</u>				<b>1.45</b> (1.09, 1.94)			<b>1.03</b> (0.76, 1.40)

\*Post-hoc: rate ratio estimates based on a negative binomial model

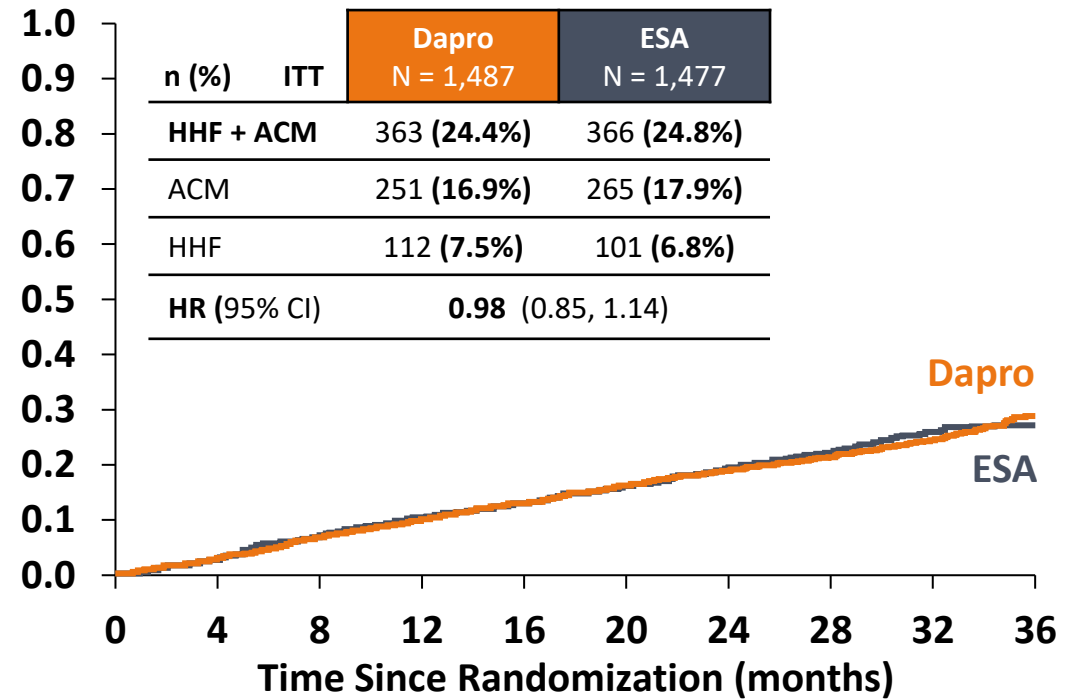


# Post-hoc: All-cause Mortality + HHF in ASCEND Program

**ASCEND-ND**



**ASCEND-D**



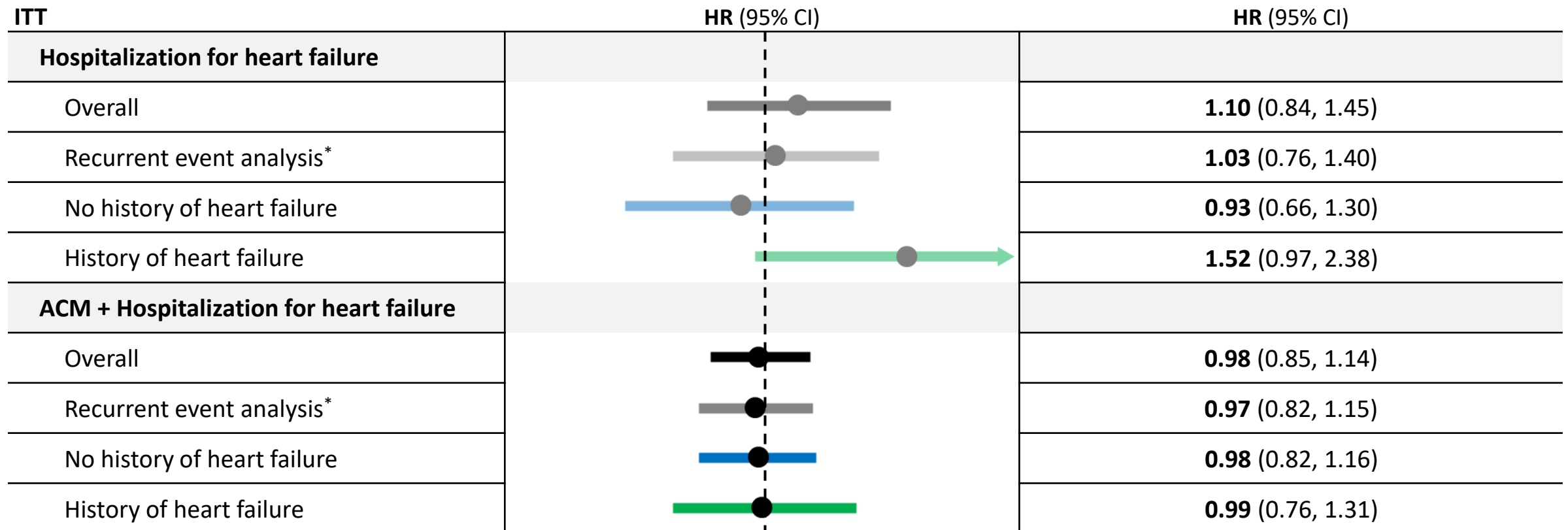
Patients at risk

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
Dapro	1937	1827	1593	1405	1196	1020	835	640	462	285
ESA	1935	1814	1568	1405	1218	1040	848	662	474	292

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
Dapro	1487	1433	1362	1300	1245	1190	1143	868	567	250
ESA	1477	1433	1352	1283	1234	1190	1130	853	535	255

# ASCEND-D: Outcomes Overall and by Pre-existing Heart Failure

- No increase in risk** of hospitalization for heart failure in ASCEND-D, when accounting for the competing risk of death:
  - Irrespective of prior history of heart failure



Post-hoc except for overall hospitalization for heart failure

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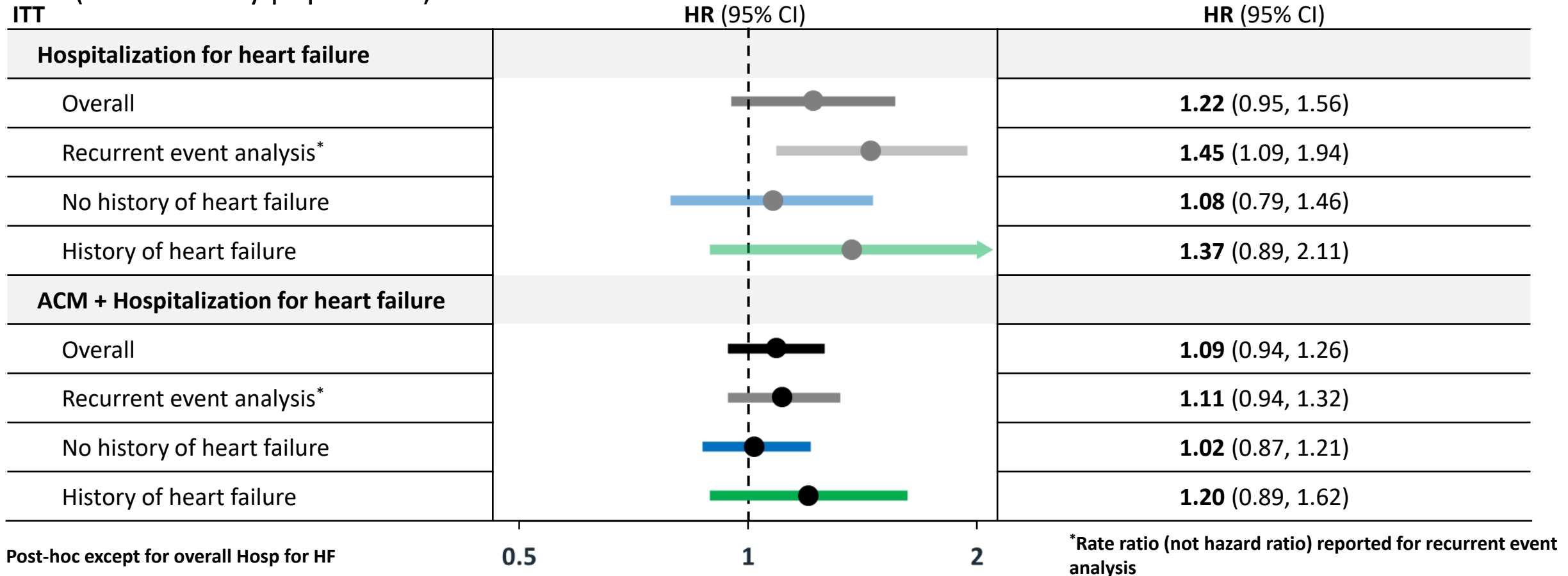
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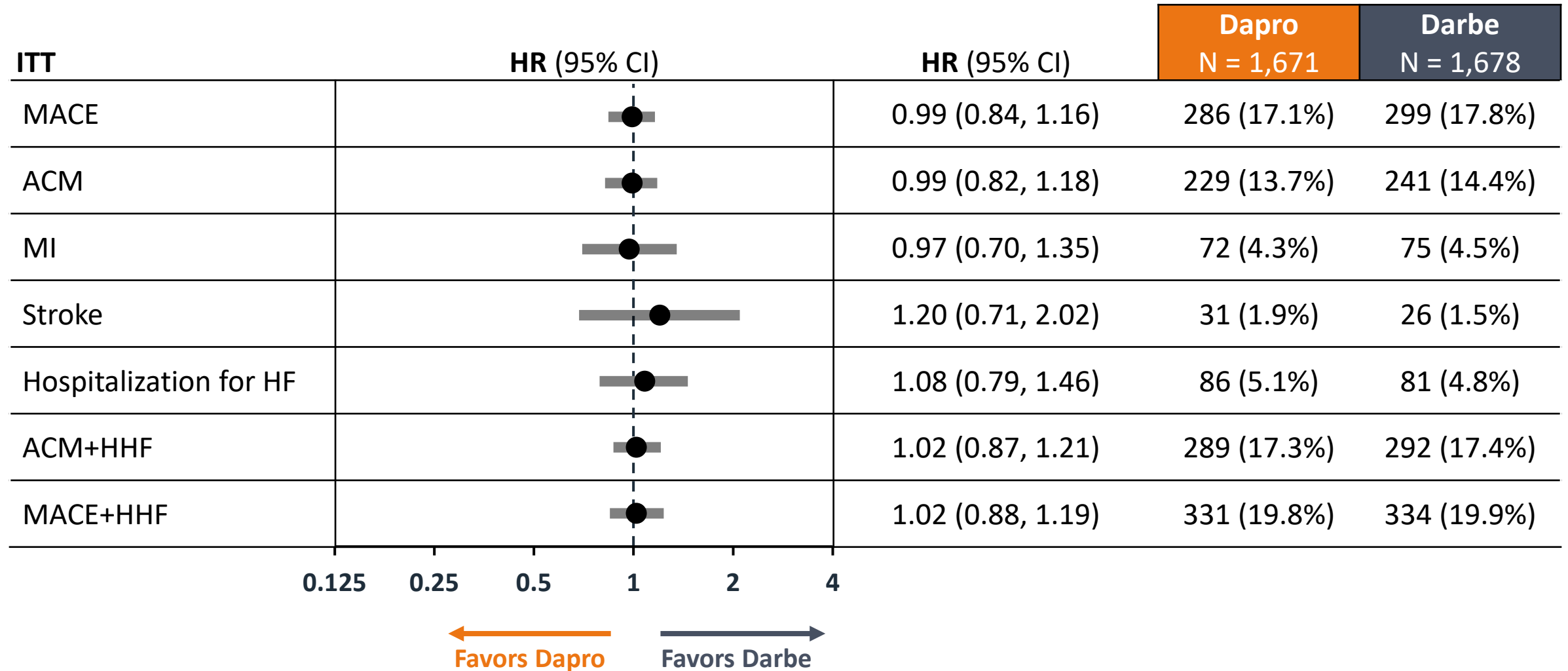
\*Rate ratio (not hazard ratio) reported for recurrent event analysis

# ASCEND-ND: Outcomes Overall and by Pre-existing Heart Failure

- **No increase in incident heart failure** in patients without prior history of heart failure (87% of study population)
- **Increased incidence of worsening heart failure** in patients with a prior history of heart failure (13% of study population)



# ASCEND-ND: Outcomes in Those Without History of Heart Failure



# Heart Failure Summary

- **Across both populations**, ASCEND trials supports no increased risk of incident heart failure, with additional supporting data from:
  - Absence of non-clinical findings for cardiac toxicity
  - Absence of adverse echo changes on LVEF in Phase 2 studies up to 24wks
  - Absence of plausible mechanism for direct myocardial injury
- **Dialysis:** No evidence of increased risk of ACM or HHF for daprodustat compared with ESA, irrespective of prior heart failure status
- **Non-dialysis patients with concomitant heart failure:** risk of worsening heart failure
  - History of heart failure subgroup may have contributed to broader CV outcomes: similar rates between treatment groups in those without history of heart failure

# MACE: Analysis of ASCEND-ND On-Treatment Results Led to Further Investigation

	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477
ITT				
First occurrence of MACE	378 (19.5%)	371 (19.2%)	374 (25.2%)	394 (26.7%)
HR (95% CI)	1.03 (0.89, 1.19)		0.93 (0.81, 1.07)	

## Pre-Specified On-Treatment (LDD + 28 days)

	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Daprodustat N = 1,937	Darbepoetin N = 1,935	Daprodustat N = 1,487	ESA N = 1,477
Supportive On-Treatment Analyses, n (%)				
Analysis of time to first occurrence of MACE, n	1,937	1,933	1,482	1,474
First occurrence of on treatment adjudicated MACE	274 (14.1%)	202 (10.5%)	255 (17.2%)	271 (18.4%)
Adjusted HR (95% CI)	1.40 (1.17, 1.68)		0.96 (0.81, 1.14)	



# Differential Dosing Frequency & On-Treatment Analysis Bias

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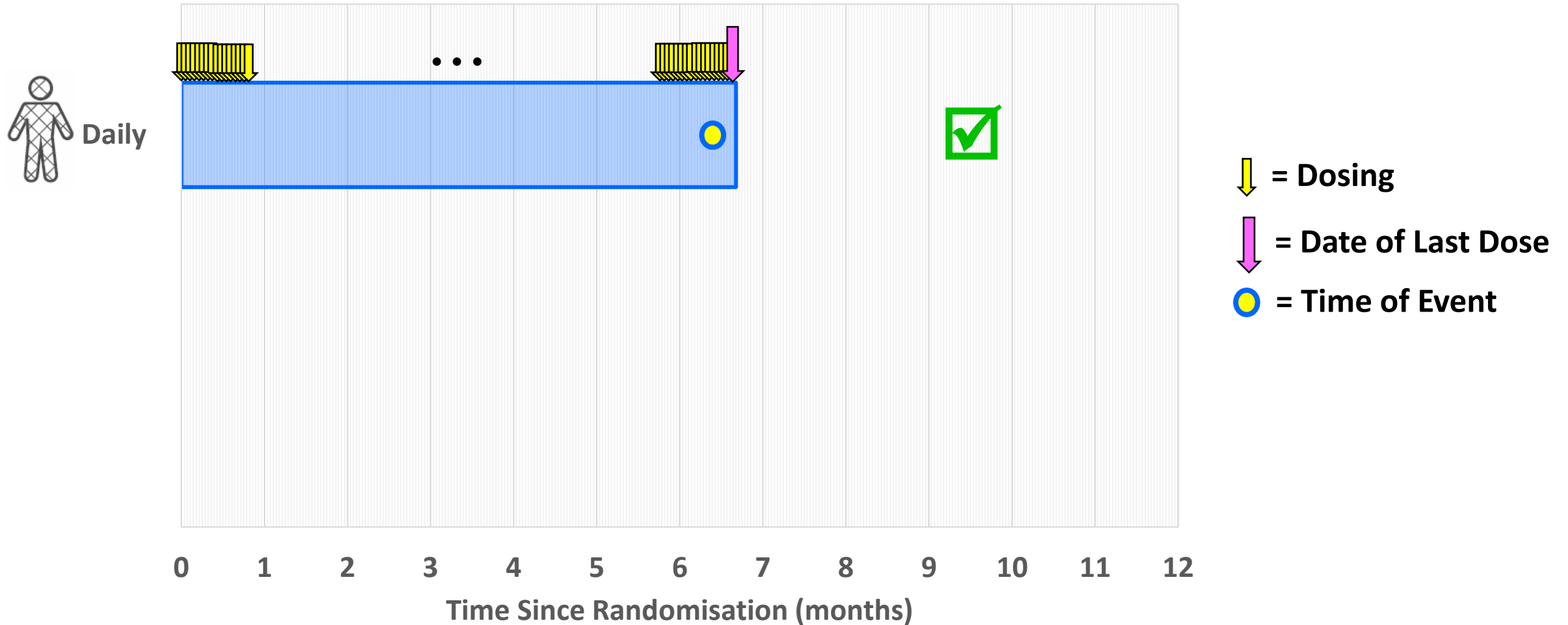
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# 'On-Treatment' Analyses When DF Differs Between Arms

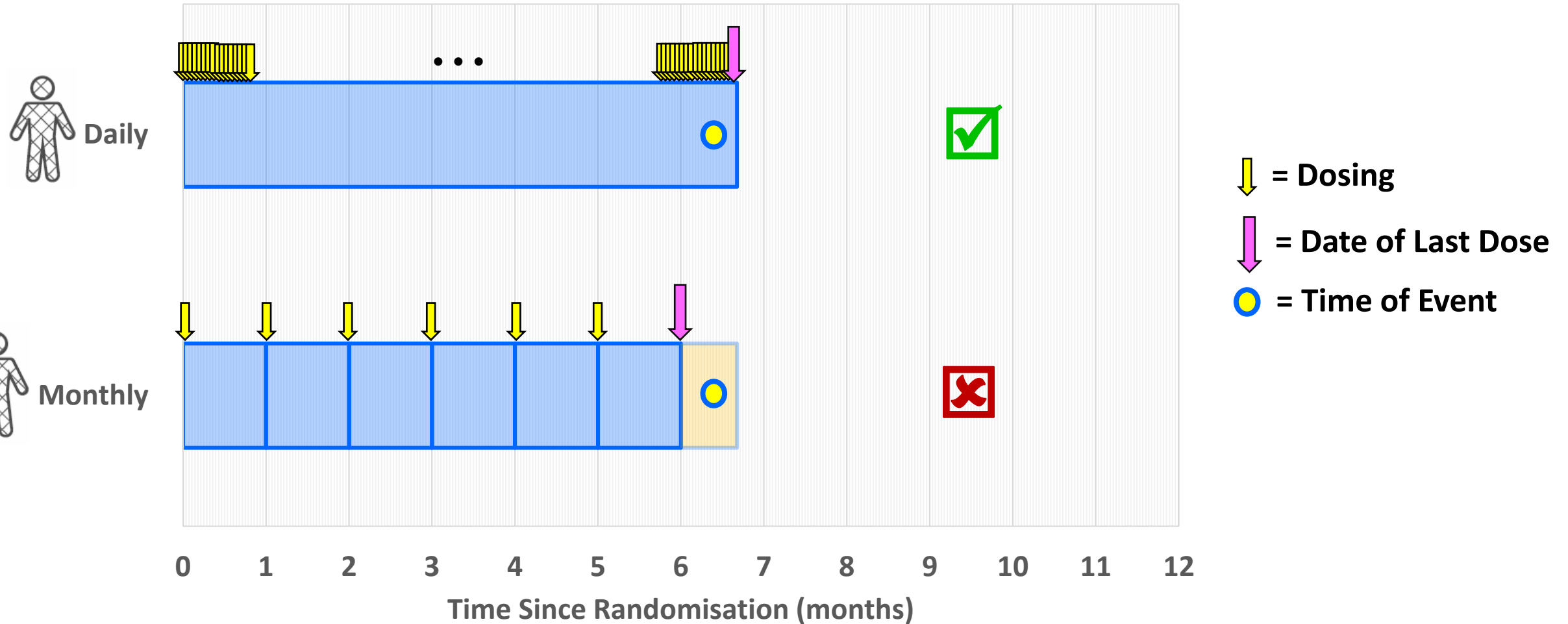
- Primary ITT analyses, agreed with FDA, respect randomization and provide the best reflection of the effect of a treatment policy
- 'On-Treatment' analyses planned to supplement ITT Primary Analysis
  - Pre-specified on-treatment definition: Last dose date + 28 days
- However, differential dosing frequency can introduce substantial bias if not accounted for in the analysis



# 'On Treatment' Events : Daily vs Monthly Dosing



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# Possible Approaches to Address the Bias

- Redefine 'On-Treatment' as date of last dose + **Dosing Frequency**
  - Dosing Frequency = 1, 2 or 4 weeks for Darbe
  - Dosing Frequency = 1 day for Dapro
  - Effective in reducing bias
- Use the **Date of Decision to Stop Dosing**
  - CRF collected Date of Decision to Stop Dosing
  - For Darbe, this can be considered as a substitute for what the date of last dose might have been if dosing had been daily
  - Effective in reducing bias

# MACE First 'On-Treatment' Event Analyses in ASCEND-ND

## Corrected Definition For Differential Dosing Frequency

ITT Events on / after randomization	Pre-Specified On- Treatment Last dose date + 28d
HR (95% CI) 1.03 (0.89, 1.19) Events 378 v 371	HR (95% CI) 1.40 (1.17, 1.68) Events 274 v 202

Post-Hoc On-Treatment Last dose date + DF
HR (95% CI) 1.09 (0.89, 1.33) Events 192 v 189

Post-Hoc On-Treatment Last dose date + DF + 28d
HR (95% CI) 1.18 (0.99, 1.40) Events 275 v 248

Post-Hoc On-Treatment Date of Decision to Stop
HR (95% CI) 1.06 (0.89, 1.27) Events 246 v 240

Post-Hoc On-Treatment Date Decision to Stop + 28d
HR (95% CI) 1.16 (0.99, 1.37) Events 302 v 268

# Summary

- All 'On-Treatment' analyses carry a common set of issues and biases
- No allowance for differential dosing frequency can seriously bias 'On-Treatment' analyses
- Pre-planned 'On-Treatment' analyses in ASCEND program did not account for differential dosing frequency
- Correction for differential dosing frequency provides results more in keeping with Primary ITT analysis



## General Safety

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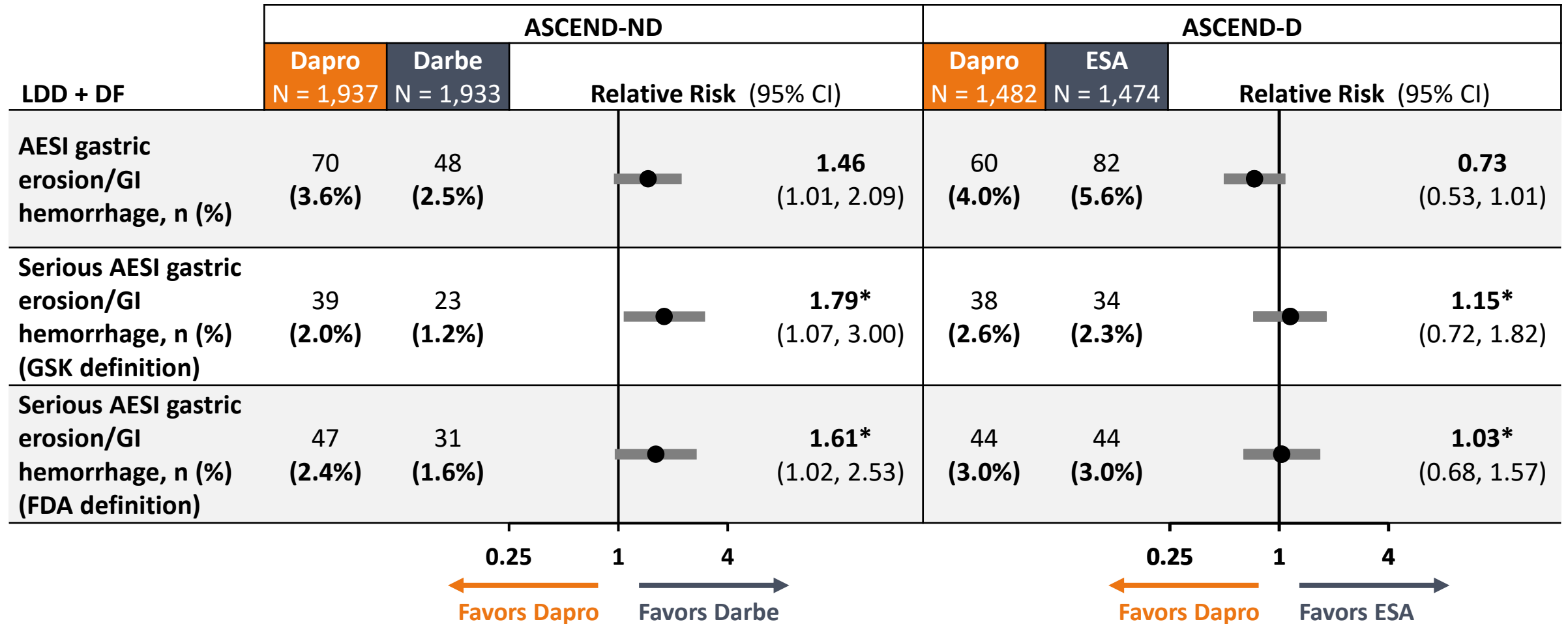
Global Safety

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# Evaluation of Esophageal and Gastric Erosions in the Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials

LDD + DF Esophageal and gastric erosions AESI by preferred term, n (%)	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Dapro N = 1,937	Darbe N = 1,933	Dapro N = 1,482	ESA N = 1,474
GI hemorrhage	20 (1.0%)	9 (0.5%)	16 (1.1%)	22 (1.5%)
Gastritis erosive	14 (0.7%)	8 (0.4%)	14 (0.9%)	14 (0.9%)
Upper GI hemorrhage	14 (0.7%)	10 (0.5%)	4 (0.3%)	6 (0.4%)
Gastric ulcer	4 (0.2%)	6 (0.3%)	7 (0.5%)	12 (0.8%)

# Imbalance in Gastric Erosions/GI Hemorrhage Seen in Opposite Directions in the Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials





# Totality of Data Does Not Support an Increased Risk for Gastric Erosions/GI Hemorrhage Relative to ESAs

	ASCEND-NHQ		ASCEND-ND*		ASCEND-D*	
	Dapro N = 308	Placebo N = 306	Dapro N = 1,937	Darbe N = 1,933	Dapro N = 1,482	ESA N = 1,474
<b>Gastric erosion/GI hemorrhage (LDD+DF)</b>						
<b>Patients with event, n (%)</b>	2 (0.6%)	3 (1.0%)	70 (3.6%)	48 (2.5%)	60 (4.0%)	82 (5.6%)
<b>Of the patients with AESI of gastric erosion (GSK definition), n (%)</b>						
<b>Drug-related</b>	0	0	0	1 (2.1%)	0	0
<b>Continued treatment</b>	1 (50.0%)	2 (66.7%)	60 (85.7%)	38 (79.2%)	53 (88.3%)	76 (92.7%)
<b>Resolved/resolving</b>	2 (100.0%)	2 (66.7%)	54 (77.1%)	33 (68.8%)	43 (71.7%)	57 (69.5%)

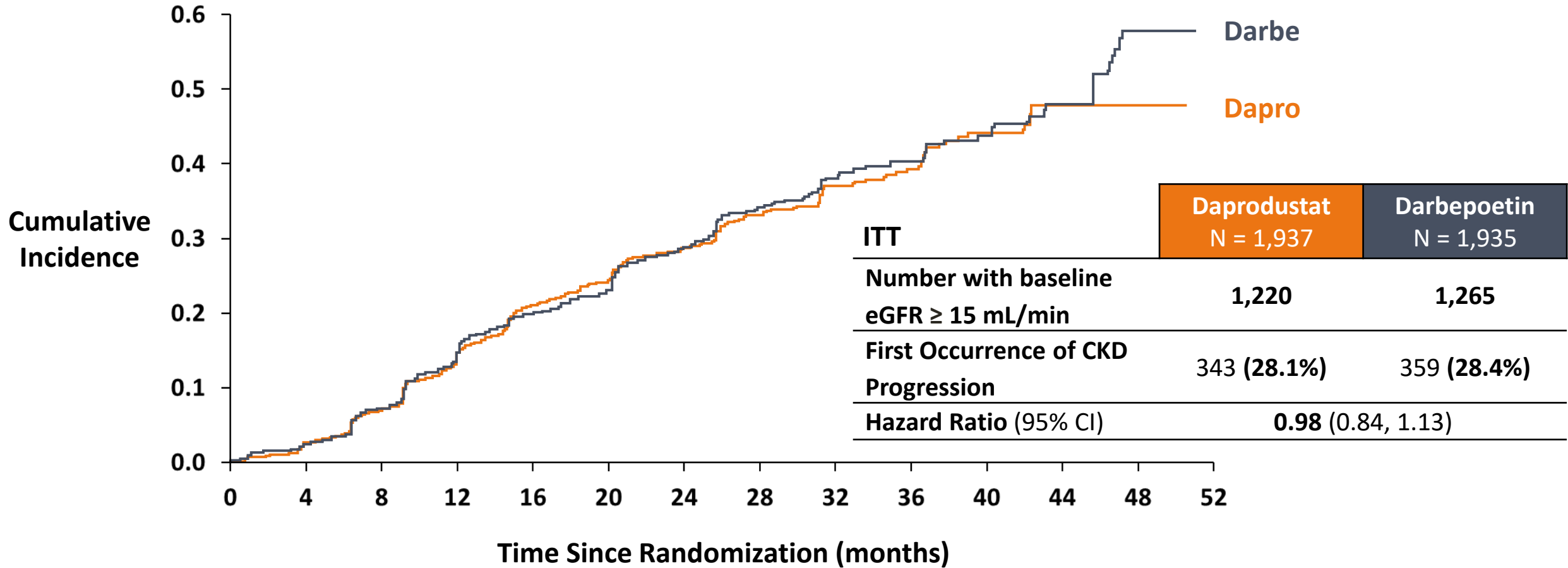
**Expert Review Conclusion:** “In light of the fact that no difference was seen in confirmed clinically significant disease without another documented cause in ASCEND D, the difference in ASCEND ND could be due to the play of chance or represent a true difference between study groups in the risk of erosive disease in this study population.”

# Acute Kidney Injury

# ASCEND-ND: Post-hoc Analyses of Serious AKI (FDA Definition)

Time Period	Dapro N = 1,937	Darbe N = 1,933	HR (95% CI)
<b>OT (LDD+DF)</b>	<b>77 (4.0)</b>	<b>56 (2.9)</b>	<b>1.45 (1.03, 2.05)</b>
AKI	70	50	
Anuria	0	1	
Cardiorenal syndrome	2	2	
Oliguria	1	0	
Renal tubular necrosis	1	0	
Tubulointerstitial nephritis	1	2	
Nephropathy toxic	2	1	
<b>mITT, on and off treatment</b>	<b>94 (4.9)</b>	<b>64 (3.3)</b>	<b>1.48 (1.08, 2.03)</b>

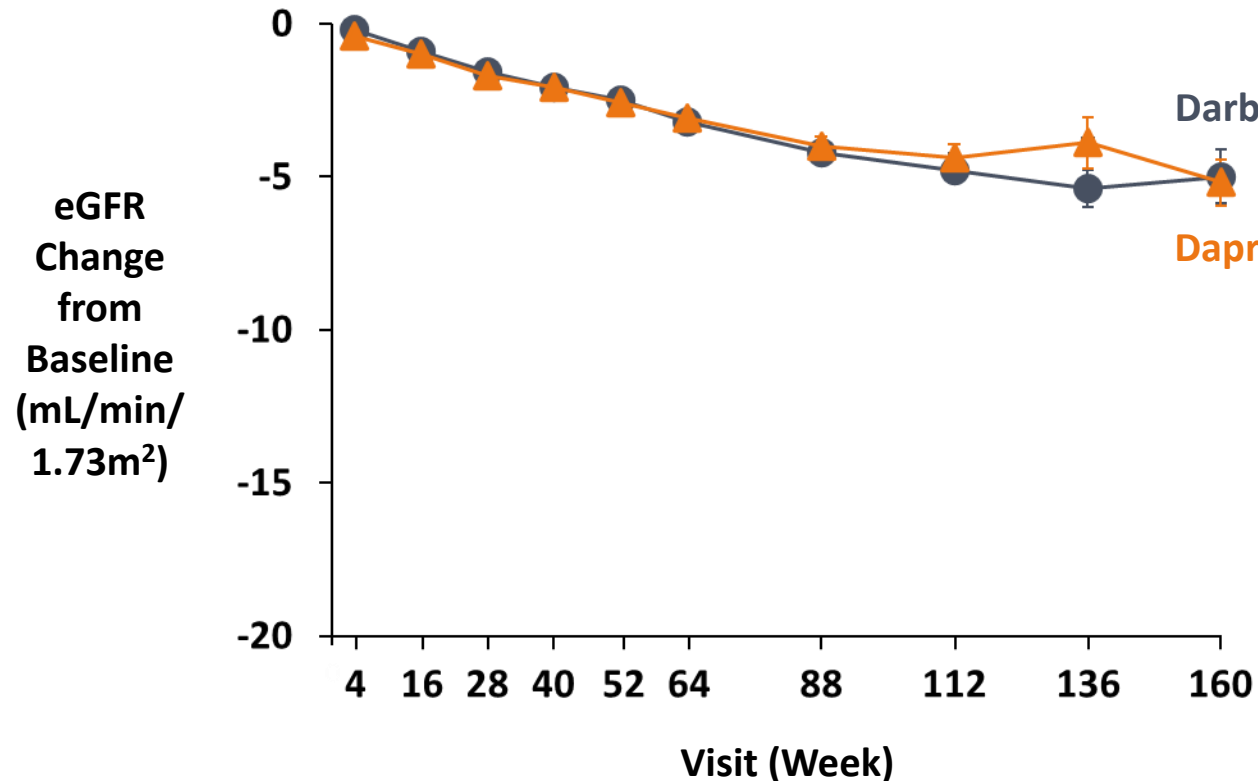
# ASCEND-ND: No Difference in Time to First Occurrence of CKD Progression



Patients at risk

	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52
Dapro	1220	1148	966	804	642	535	427	313	211	136	59	14	2	0
Darbe	1265	1188	994	828	684	570	434	316	224	128	63	21	4	0

# ASCEND-ND: Decline in On-Treatment eGFR Similar Between Treatment Groups

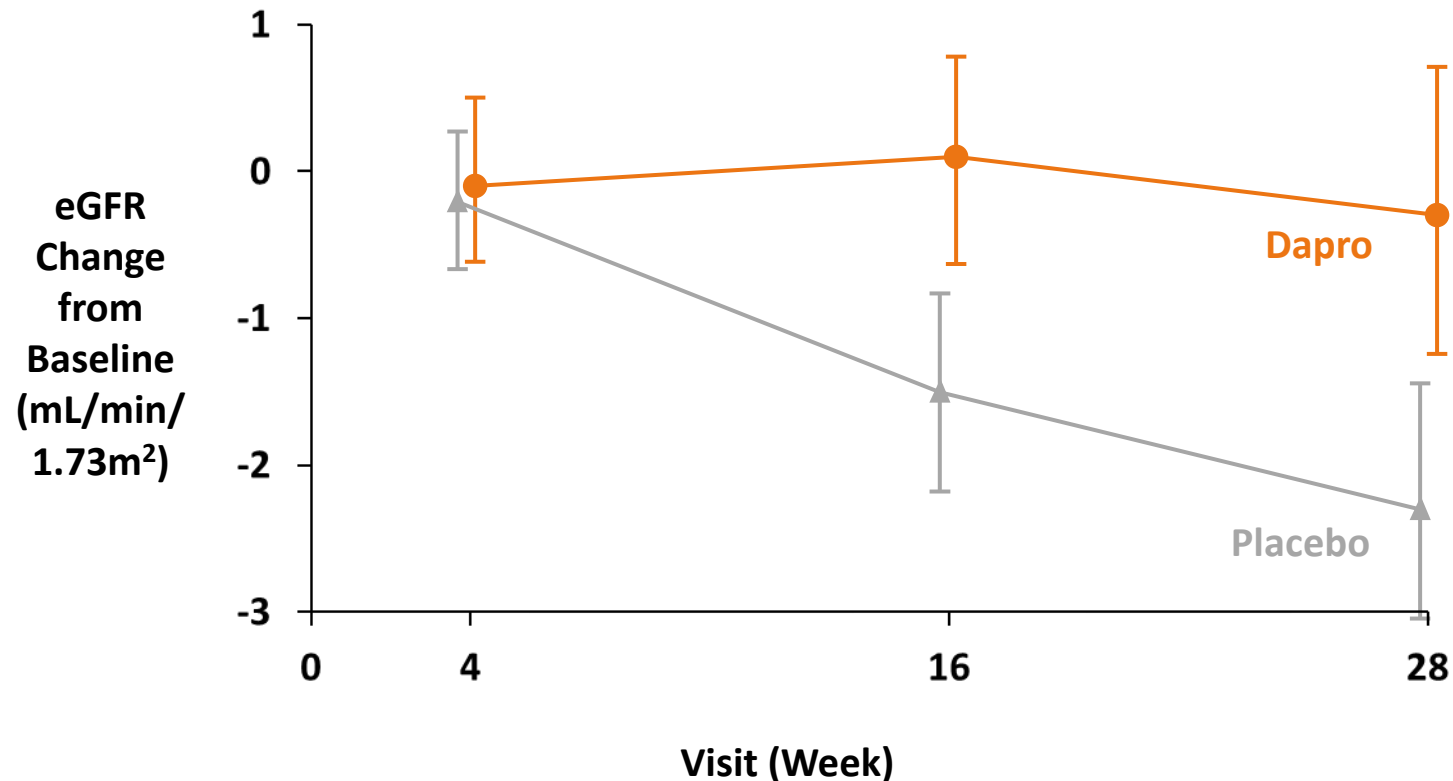


No. of patients

Daprodustat	1808	1496	1208	1009	863	708	471	290	164	72
Darbepoetin	1807	1535	1270	1067	892	727	488	341	177	78

	Dapro N = 1,937	Darbe N = 1,933
eGFR (ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> ) change from baseline category, n	1867	1854
To low (any ≥ 40% decline in eGFR)	482 (26%)	480 (26%)
Within range or no change	1385 (74%)	1374 (74%)

# ASCEND-NHQ: On-Treatment eGFR Decline Less with Daprodustat than Placebo



No. of patients

Daprodustat	283	261	244
Placebo	283	235	211

	Daprodustat N = 244	Placebo N = 211
Mean eGFR decline after 28 weeks (mL/min/1.73m)	-0.3	-2.3

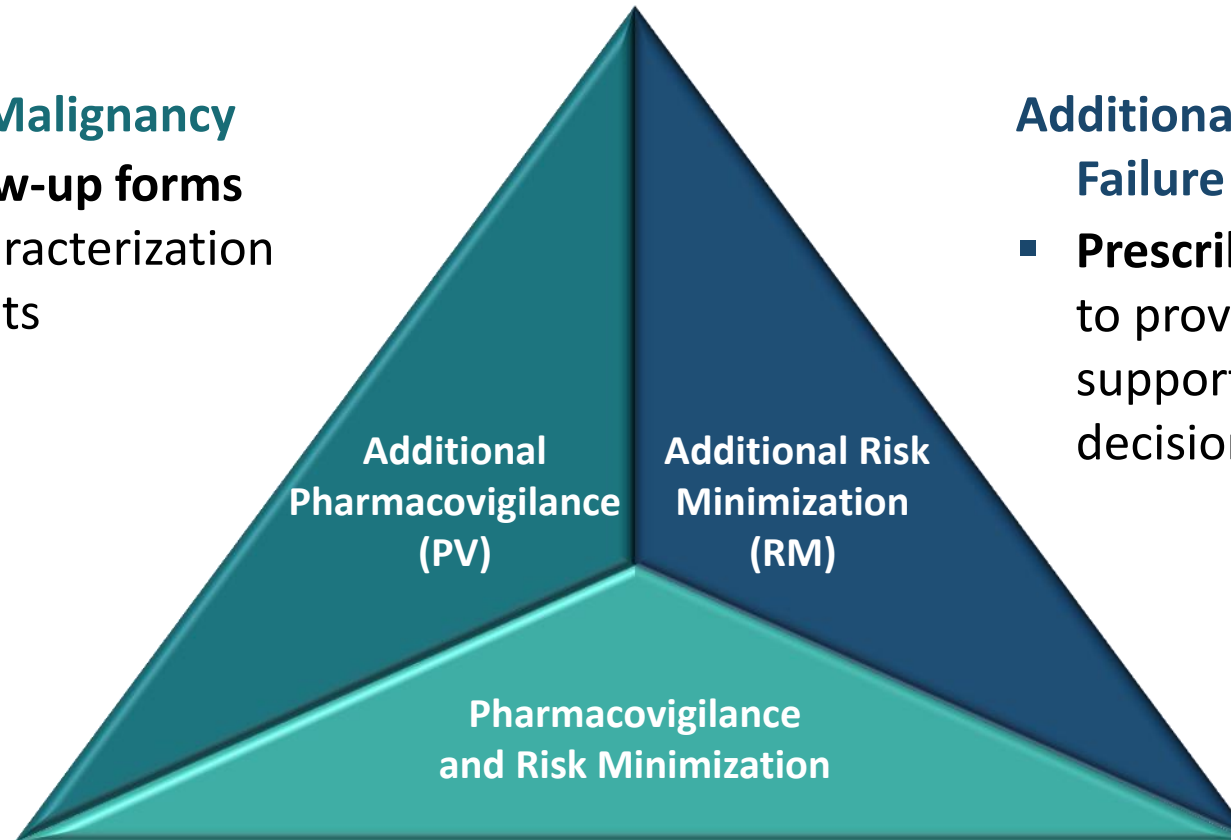
# Proposed Proactive Pharmacovigilance and Risk Management in the Post-Marketing Setting

## Additional PV for Malignancy

- **Targeted follow-up forms** for further characterization of cancer events

## Additional RM for Risk of Heart Failure in ND Patients

- **Prescriber Education Materials** to provide additional information supporting individual benefit/risk decision-making



## Pharmacovigilance

- In-stream review of individual case safety reports
- Monthly signal detection
- Regular literature review

## Risk Minimization

- Labelling
  - Warnings & Precautions
  - Adverse Drug Reactions

# Daprodustat Has Similar CV Safety as ESAs and an Acceptable General Safety Profile

- Placebo-controlled study: daprodustat well tolerated; no differences in MACE
- Both CVOTs met co-primary safety endpoint: Risk of MACE non-inferior to ESAs
- Risk of hospitalization for heart failure appears to be increased in non-dialysis patients with a history of heart failure
  - Risk mitigation proposal: labeling and prescriber education materials
- Most frequently reported AEs were common events of target populations
- No increased risk of malignancy, gastric erosions/GI hemorrhage, or AKI
- Safety issues with other HIF-PHIs not observed with daprodustat, including DILI
- Benefit/risk is favorable for both ND and D patients





## Clinical Perspective

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# Unmet Need Exists in Non-Dialysis Dialysis Patients with Anemia of CKD

- Clinic-based therapies for ND and home therapy patients are challenging and represent a bottleneck
  - Challenging logistics
  - Disparities in accessing anemia therapy
- Home dialysis (Peritoneal dialysis (~11% of patients))
  - Rural patients may be hours from dialysis center
  - National initiatives focused on increasing home dialysis

# Not Treating Anemia of CKD Has Risks

- Risk of transfusion
  - Allo sensitization & impact on transplant availability
  - Risk of acute volume overload and hyperkalemia
  - AEs of liberal blood transfusion
  - Infection
- Reduced health-related quality of life

# ASCEND Program Summary

- Well-designed and well-conducted study
  - Rigorous follow up and internal validity
  - Representative patient population
- Efficacy for daprodustat in both the D and ND population isn't being debated
- The FDA raised important concerns in the ND population
  - On Treatment MACE
  - US versus non-US
  - The CV endpoint analysis
  - Heart Failure
  - AKI
  - GI erosions

# ASCEND Trials Demonstrated Favorable Benefit-Risk Assessment for Daprodustat

- Convenient and flexible treatment option
- Important advance for dialysis and non-dialysis patients
- Additional tool for nephrologists to effectively care for patients
- Similar efficacy and a safety profile comparable to ESA in the pre-specified ITT population for both D and ND CKD patients

**Daprodustat could represent an oral alternative to ESA for treating patients across the spectrum of anemia of CKD**

# **Daprodustat for the Treatment of Anemia of Chronic Kidney Disease**

**October 26, 2022**

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Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee

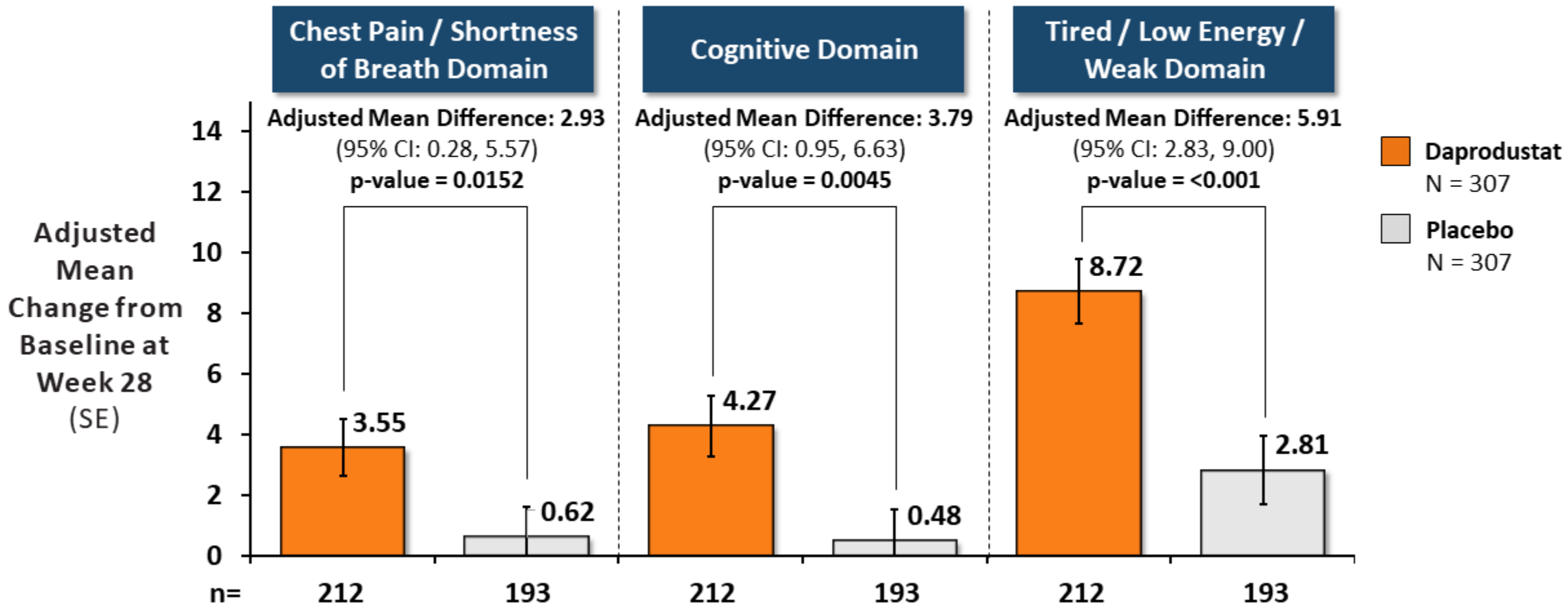
# Gastrointestinal Hemorrhage in the Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials

LDD + DF GI Hemorrhage SMQ, n (%)	ASCEND-ND		ASCEND-D	
	Dapro N = 1,937	Darbe N = 1,933	Dapro N = 1,482	ESA N = 1,474
Any event	62 (3%)	55 (3%)	69 (5%)	77 (5%)
GI hemorrhage	20 (1%)	9 (<1%)	16 (1%)	22 (1%)
Upper GI hemorrhage	14 (<1%)	10 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	6 (<1%)
Rectal hemorrhage	7 (<1%)	8 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	10 (<1%)
Hematochezia	5 (<1%)	3 (<1%)	10 (<1%)	10 (<1%)
Hemorrhoidal hemorrhage	2 (<1%)	3 (<1%)	13 (<1%)	8 (<1%)
Any serious event	36 (2%)	32 (2%)	34 (2%)	31 (2%)
GI hemorrhage	12 (<1%)	7 (<1%)	12 (<1%)	12 (<1%)
Upper GI hemorrhage	12 (<1%)	7 (<1%)	4 (<1%)	4 (<1%)

AEs in the GI Hemorrhage SMQ in  $\geq 10$  patients in any treatment group

Post-hoc, Safety Population

# The CKD-AQ Provides Supportive Evidence Showing the Impact of Dapro on QoL: ASCEND-NHQ



On-treatment analysis

CKD-AQ = Chronic Kidney Disease Anemia Symptoms Questionnaire



# ASCEND-ND: Summary of Concordance Between Investigator Reported and Adjudicated MACE During Time Period for Follow-Up of CV Events

Adjudicated Event Type	Investigator-Reported Event Type		
	Treatment Total N = 3,872		
	MACE <sup>a</sup>	Not MACE <sup>b</sup>	No Reported Event <sup>c</sup>
MACE	790	146	2
Not MACE	101	491	0
Did not meet criteria <sup>d</sup>	1	1	0
Cases sent for adjudication	892	638	2
Concordance	84%		

a. Investigator-reported MACE includes all investigator-reported death, MI and stroke (primary ischemic stroke, primary intracranial hemorrhage, retinal/ocular hemorrhage or infarction, unknown type of stroke) events.

b. Investigator-reported not MACE includes unstable angina, non-ischemic chest pain, transient ischemic attack, and referred MI and stroke events deemed not an endpoint by the investigator

c. Event was manually triggered by the CEC

d. CEC determined that the event did not meet criteria for adjudication

# Characterization of Worsening Heart Failure

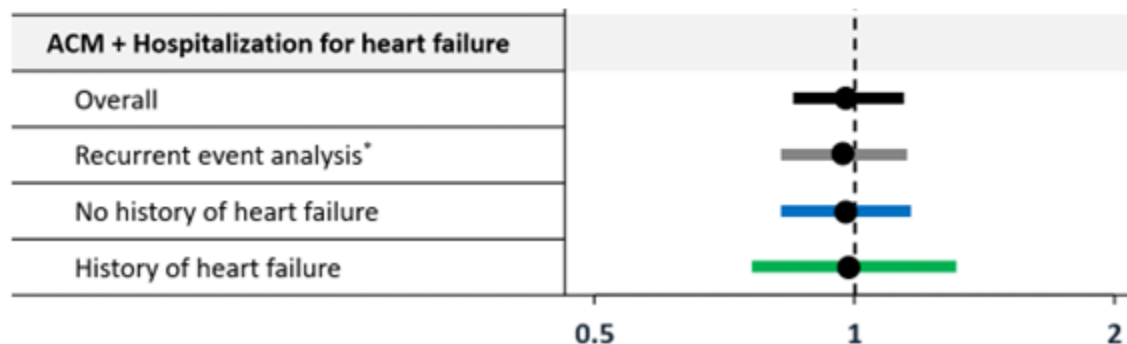
More adjudicated events determined by PI as fluid overload (rather than HF)

**Dapro** vs. **Darbe**  
**45/140 (32%)** vs. **29/115 (25%)**

More dialysis initiation in cohort with Hospitalization for HF across treatment arms

ITT population vs. HHF cohort  
 ~1/3 vs. ~2/3

No risk observed in ASCEND-D (HRs <1)

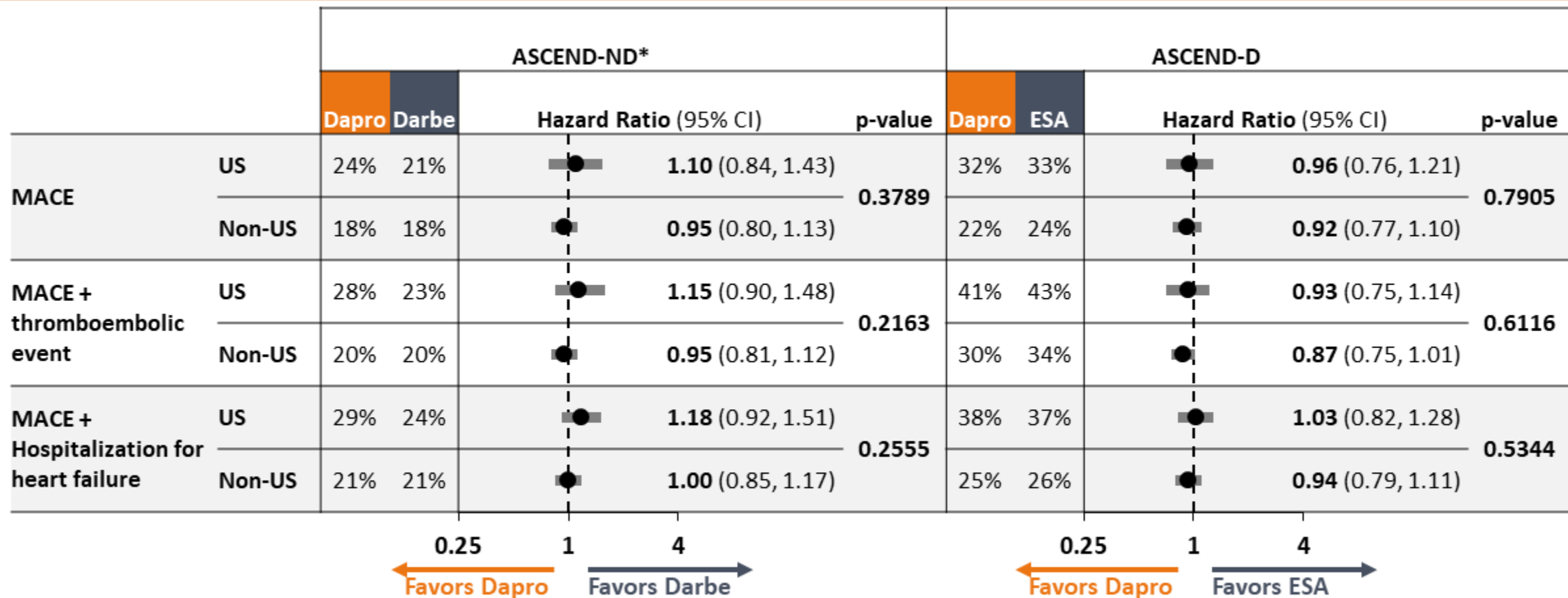


No increase in Mortality despite higher number of HHF in daprodustat arm

**Dapro** vs. **Darbe**  
**47/140 (33.6%)** vs. **45/115 (39.1%)**

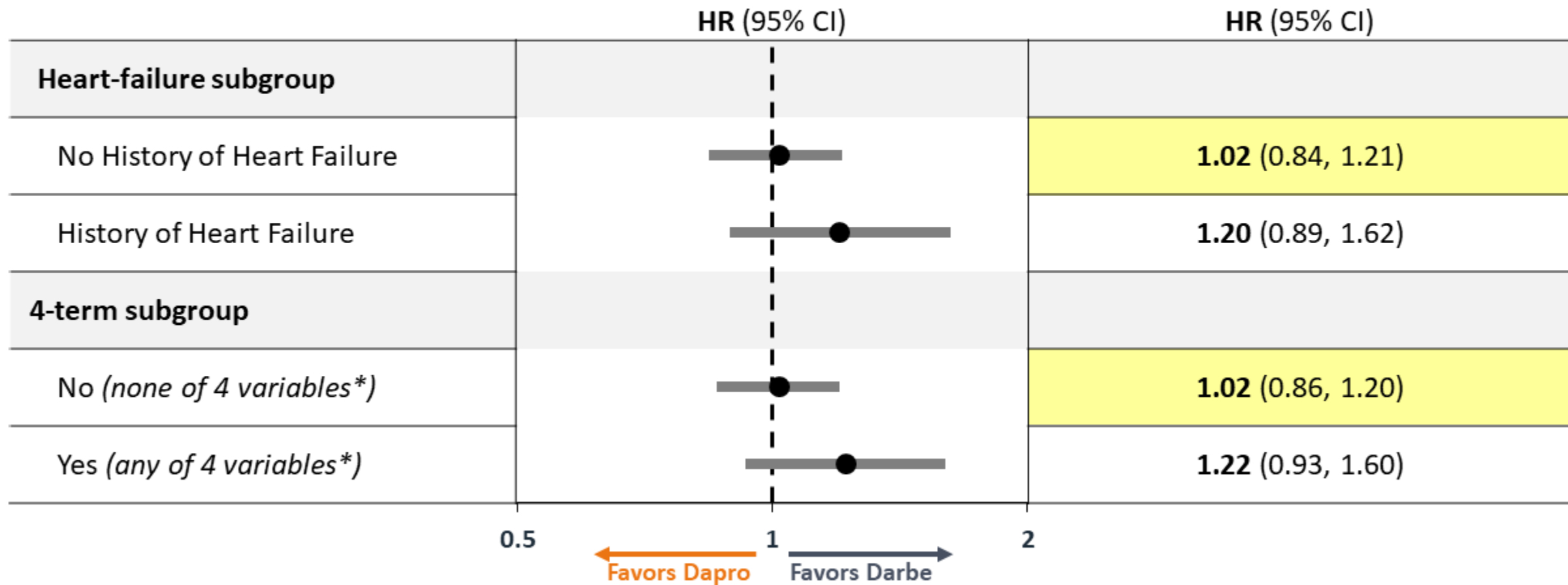
# MACE and Principal Secondary by US vs Non-US Region

## ASCEND-ND adjusted for baseline covariates



\*model adjusted for baseline eGFR and Baseline History of Heart Failure; model for MACE+TEE is also adjusted for history of VTE, age  $\geq 75$  years, and vascular access at randomization

# ASCEND-ND: All-cause Mortality + HHF in ASCEND-ND: Screening Cardiac Subgroup vs. History of Heart (4-term Definition)



- **83-89% of events in the 4-term definition were derived from those with heart failure**, irrespective of the presence of the other 3 medical history terms

\*4-term subgroup was pre-specified to include any of: pulmonary hypertension; left ventricular systolic dysfunction; left ventricular diastolic dysfunction; heart failure

# MACE by Dose Categories Based on the Dose at the Time of the Event (Events per 100 Person-Years)

*On-treatment; Adjusted for Dosing Frequency*

