

**164,789 DaVita patients followed up from
07/01/2001 to 07/01/2007**

**Excluding 13,312 patients
with no information on
modality at baseline**

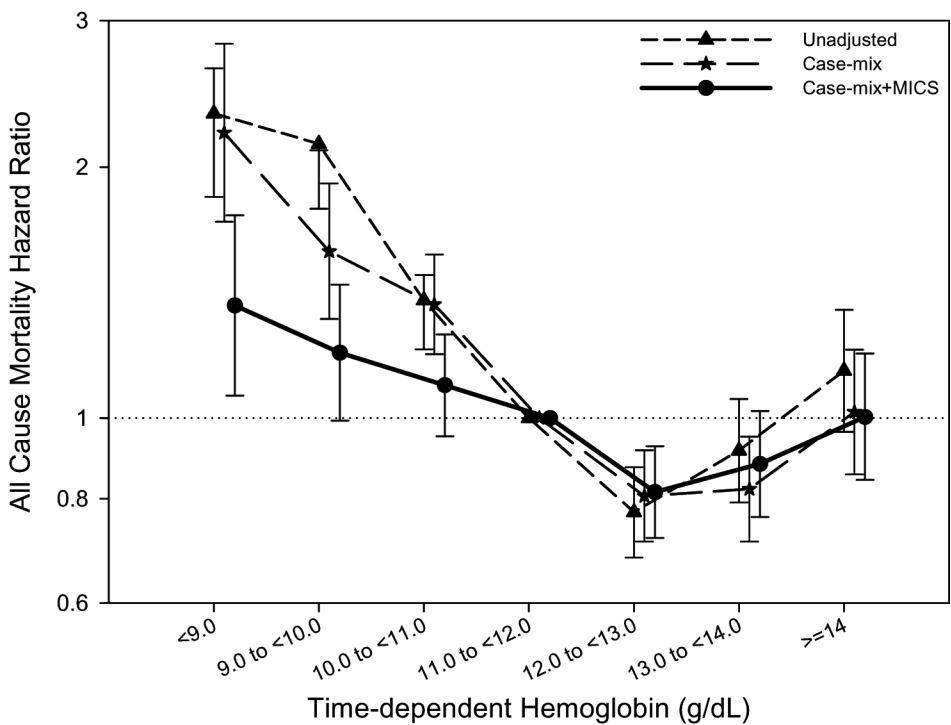
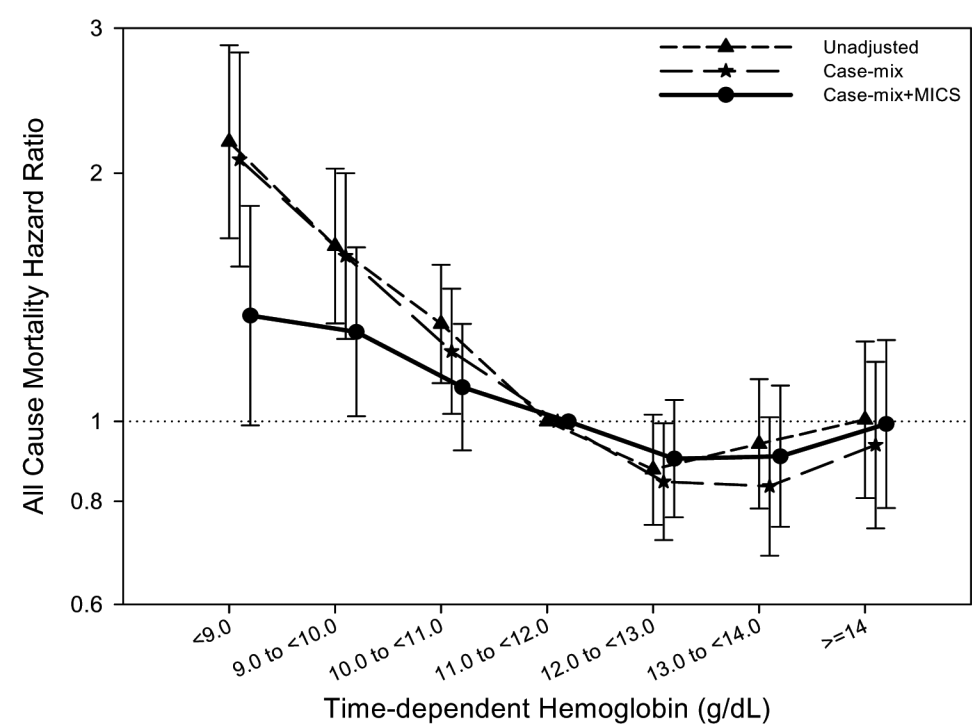
151,477 dialyzed patients

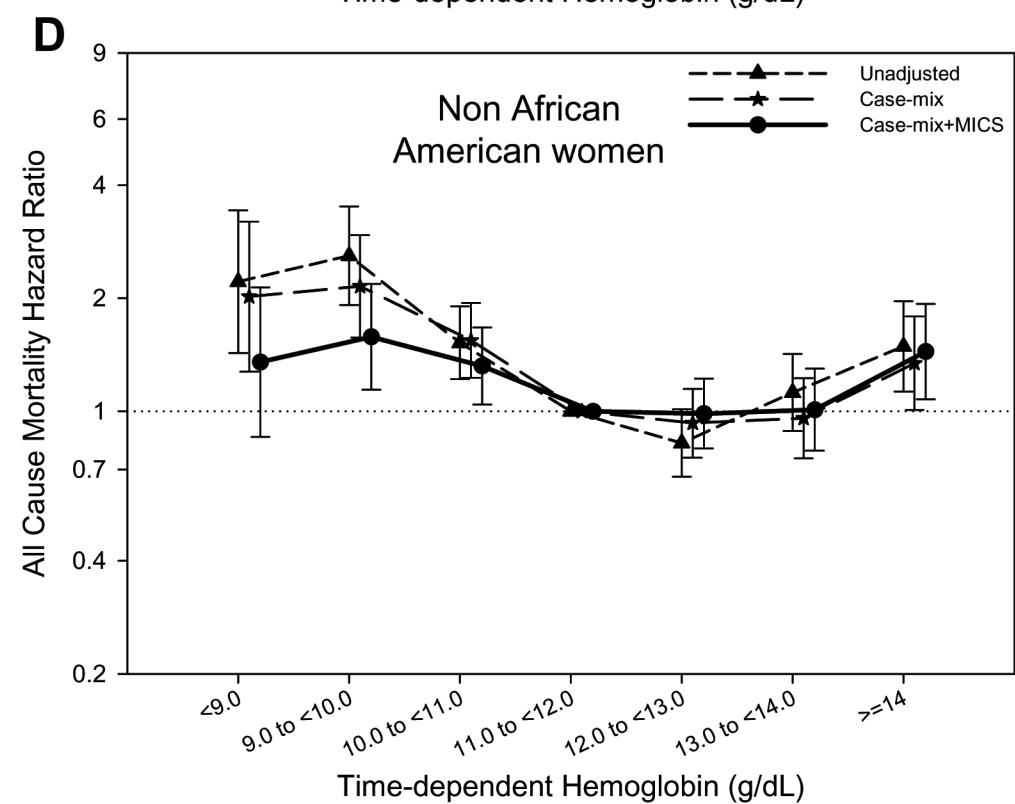
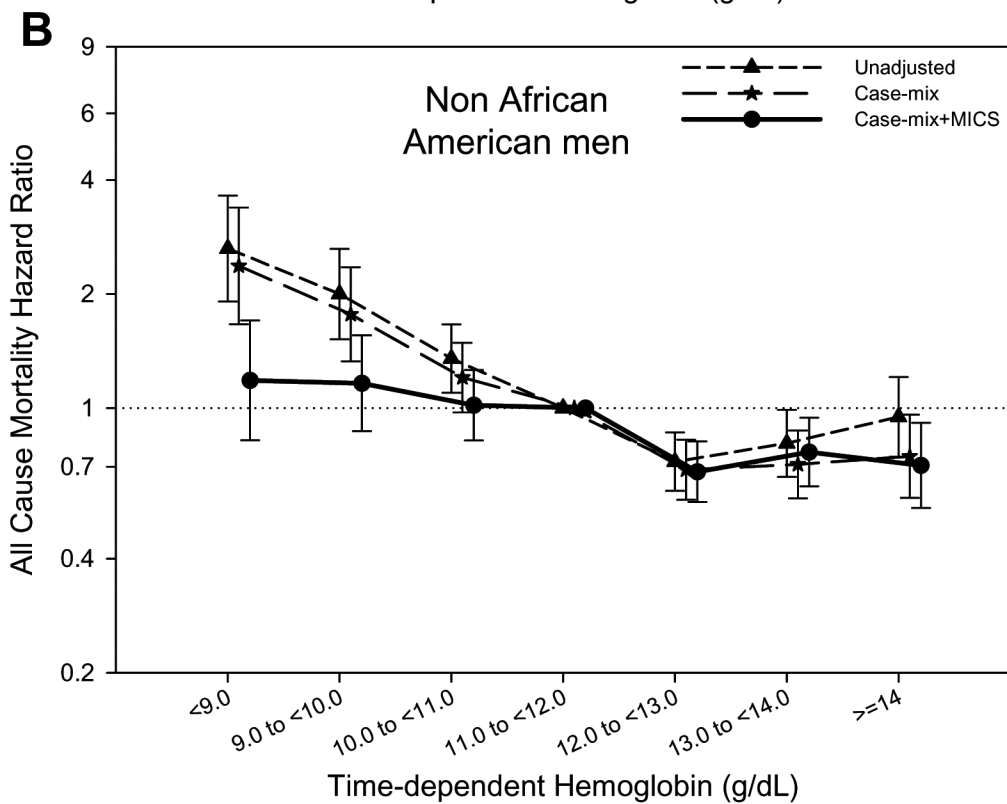
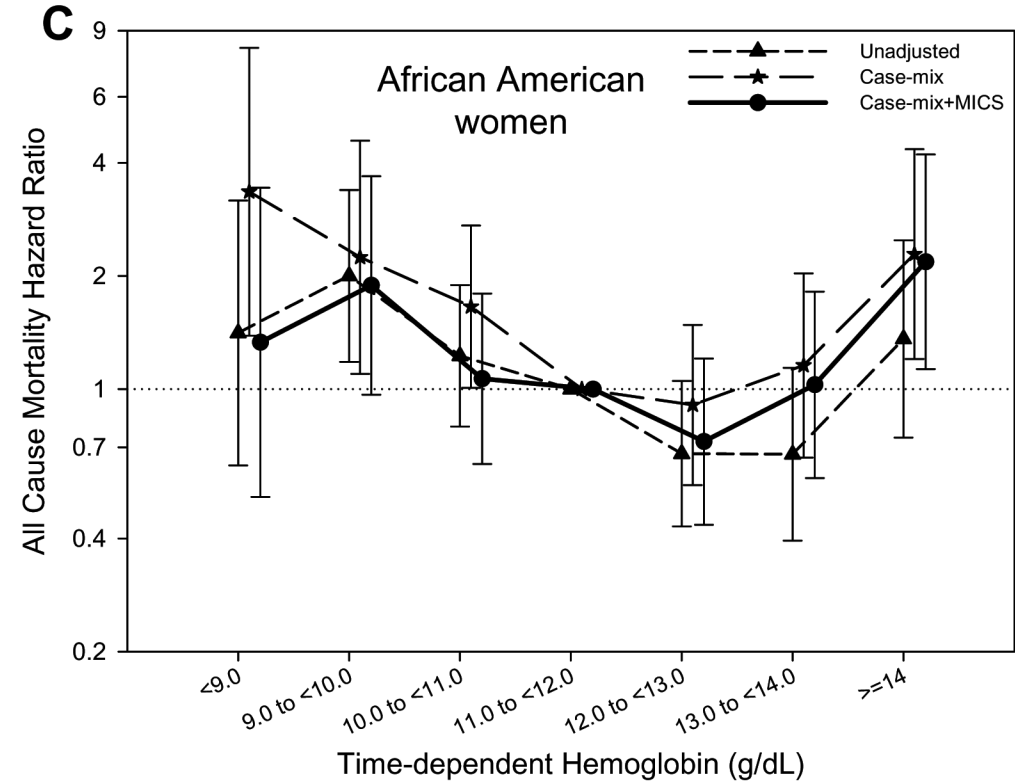
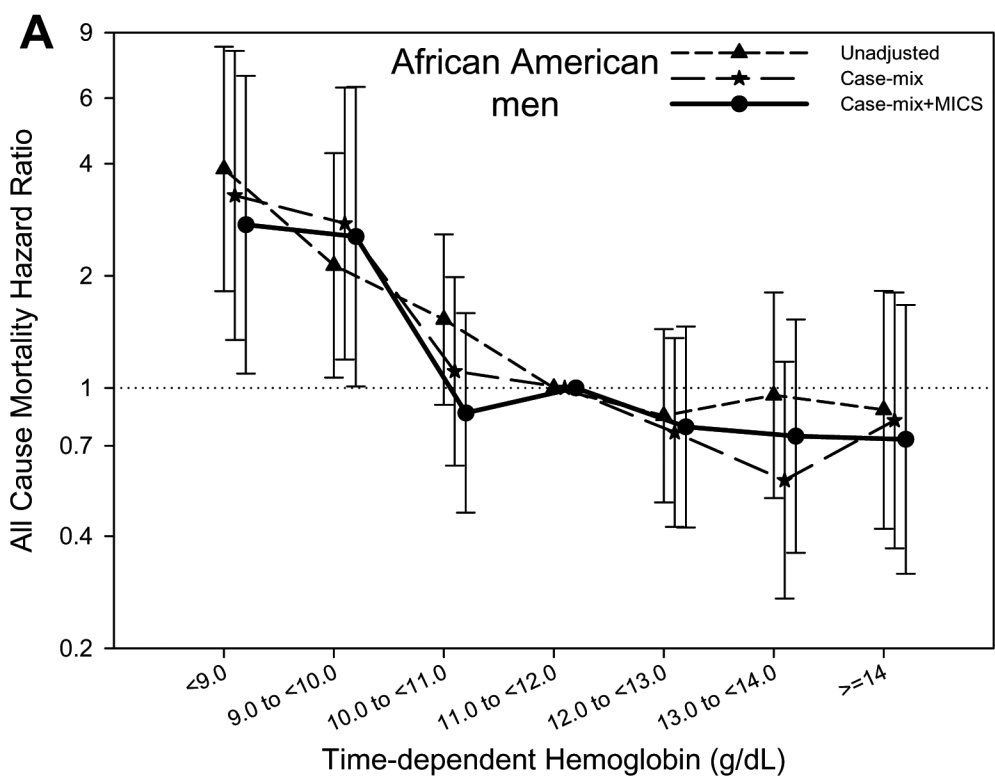
**Excluding 140,949
patients on hemodialysis**

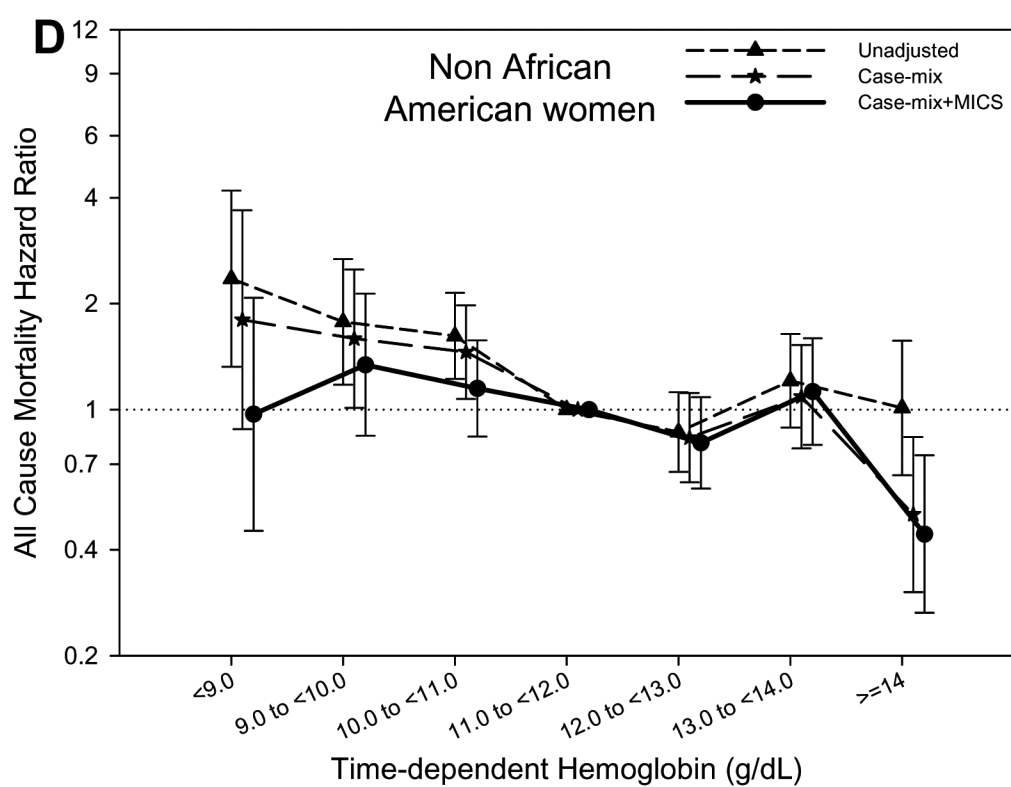
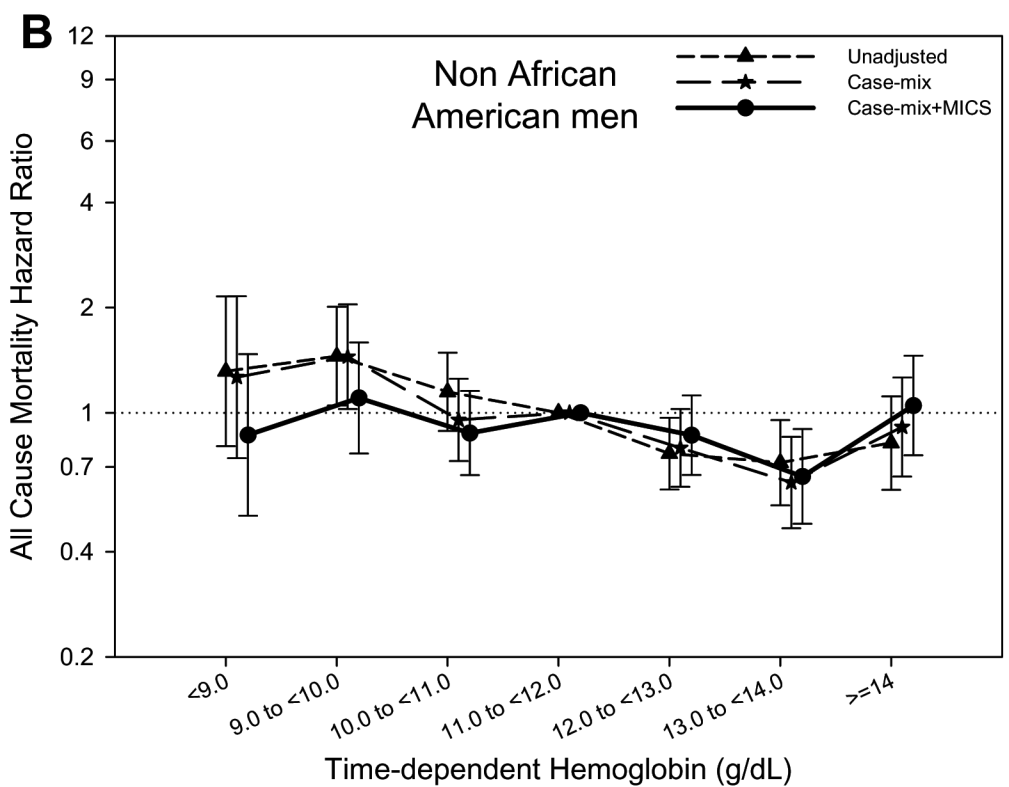
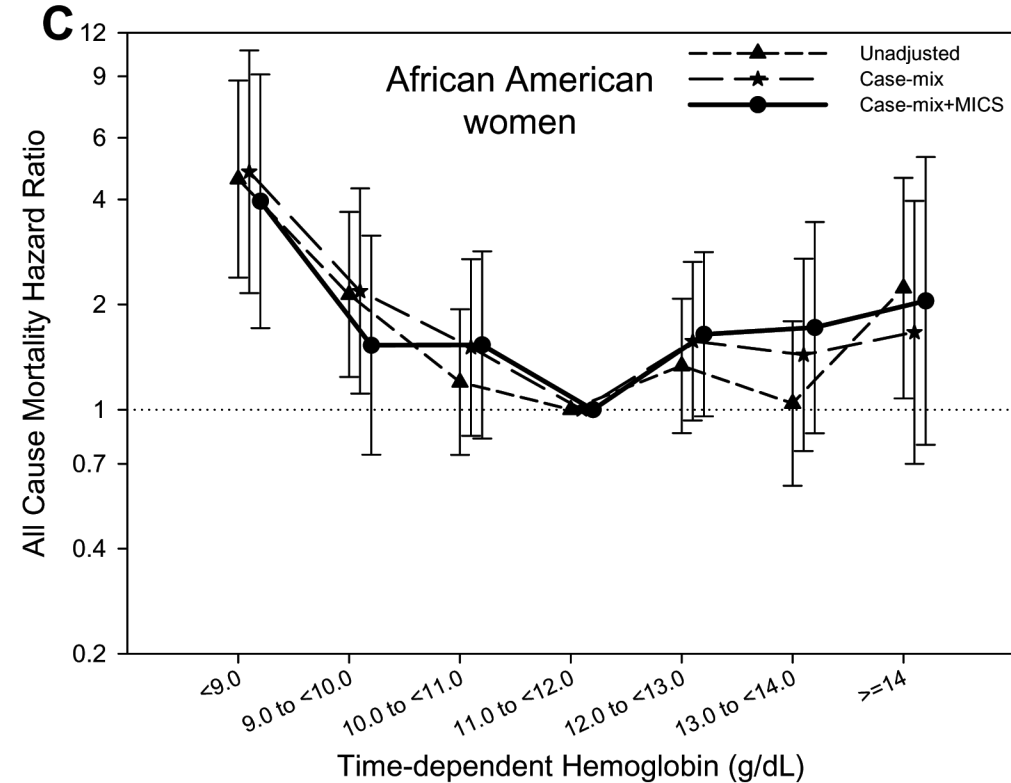
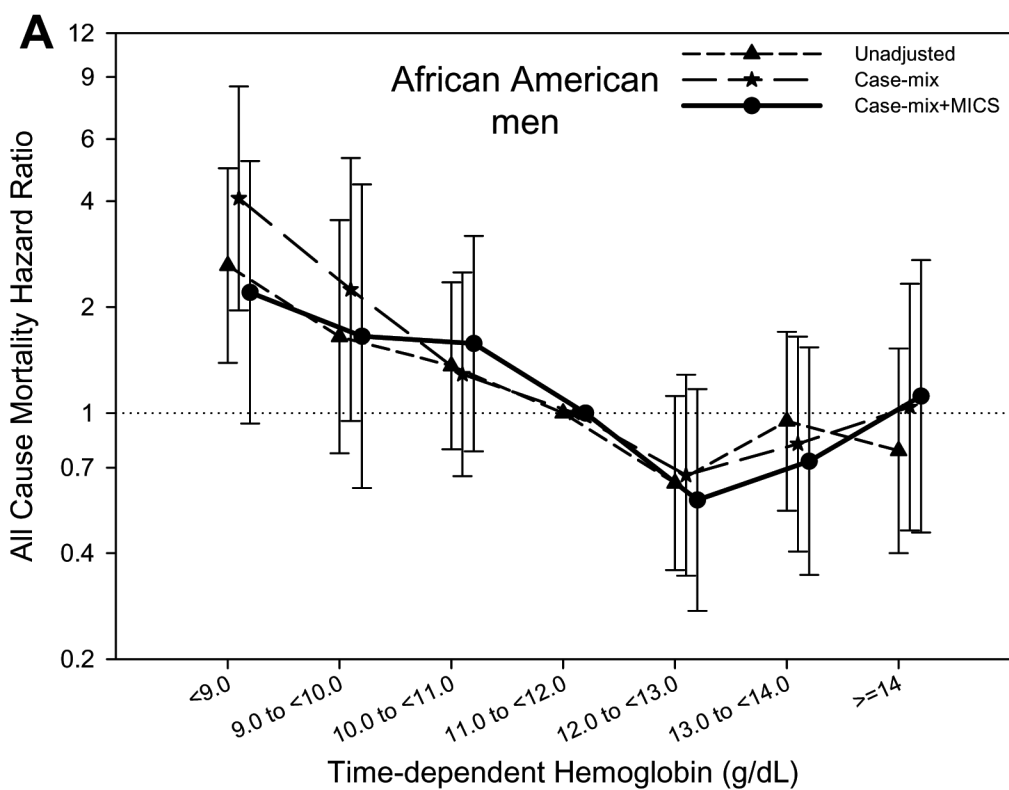
10,528 dialyzed patients

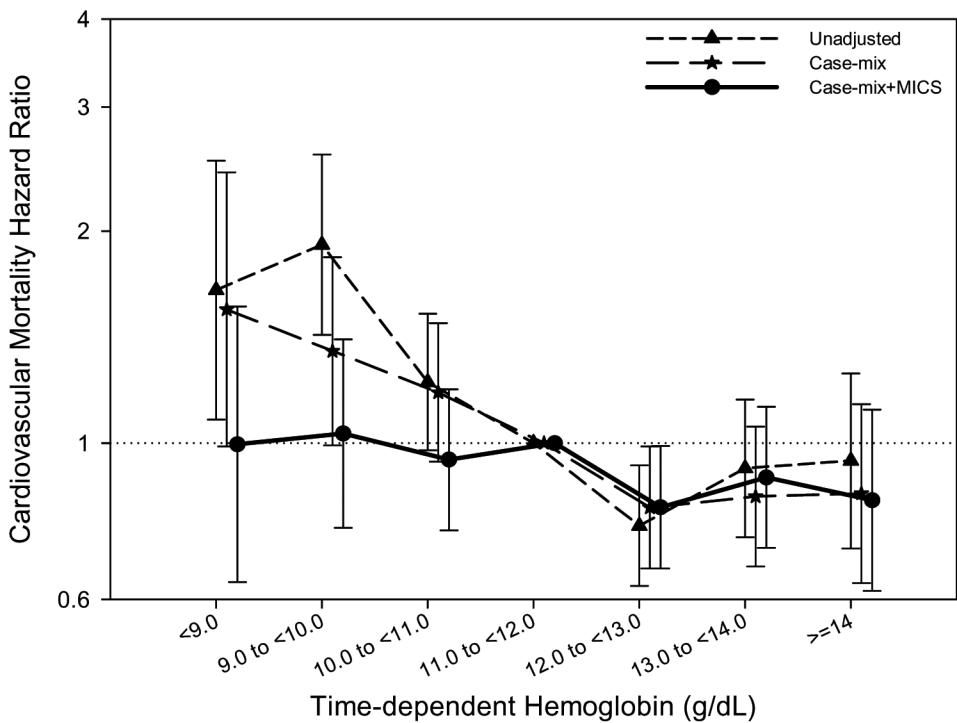
**Excluding 1,259 patients
who were not on ESA at
baseline or lost during the
datasets merging process**

9,269 dialyzed patients

A Incident (dialysis time < 6 months) patients**B** Prevalent (dialysis time >= 6 months) patients





A Incident (dialysis time < 6 months) patients**B** Prevalent (dialysis time ≥ 6 months) patients