

Type 2 Diabetes: Beyond A1c

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- OFF FDA label prescribing practices to consider may be discussed.

Objectives

- Review therapeutic strategies to improve glycemic control in a case-based format.
- Discuss key concepts from the 2020 American Diabetes Association Standards of Care.
- Identify critical comorbidities that influence treatment decisions.


Case 1

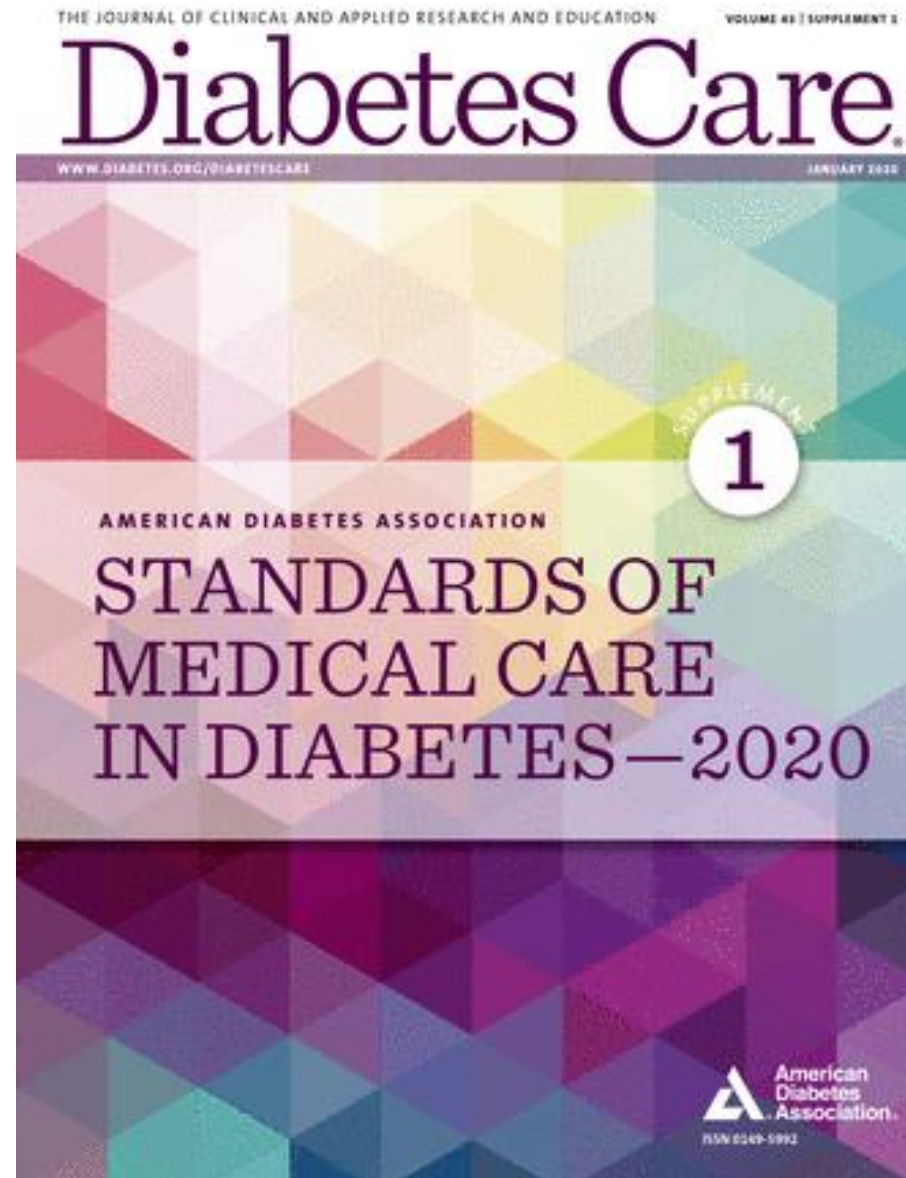
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In addition to Lifestyle changes what would you start? What options would you consider and why, or why not?

- A) Metformin alone
- B) Metformin + second agent (dipeptidyl peptidase type 4 inhibitor (DPP4i), or sulfonylurea, or glucagon-like peptide 1 agonist (GLP-1), or sodium-glucose cotransporter type 2 inhibitor (SGLT2i)
- C) Sulfonylurea alone
- D) DPP4i alone
- E) GLP-1 agonist injection alone
- F) SGLT2i alone

Therapeutic Objectives of T2DM

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- Achieve glycemic control
 - Resolve symptoms of hyperglycemia
 - Prevent microvascular complications
 - Prevent macrovascular complications



https://care.diabetesjournals.org/content/43/Supplement_1

FIRST-LINE Therapy is Metformin and Comprehensive Lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)

INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF[†]

CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C OR INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET

ASCVD PREDOMINATES

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age ≥55 years with coronary, carotid or lower extremity artery stenosis >50%, or LVH)

PREFERABLY

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

OR

SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹ if eGFR adequate²

If A1C above target

If further intensification is required or patient is now unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin⁴
- TZD⁵
- SU⁶

HF OR CKD PREDOMINATES

- Particularly HFrEF (LVEF <45%)
- CKD: Specifically eGFR 30-60 mL/min/1.73 m² or UACR >30 mg/g, particularly UACR >300 mg/g

PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOTs if eGFR adequate²

OR

If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate² add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

If A1C above target

• Avoid TZD in the setting of HF

Choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a SGLT2i, consider adding GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i (not saxagliptin) in the setting of HF (if not on GLP-1 RA)
- Basal insulin⁴
- SU⁶

NO

IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA

DPP-4i

GLP-1 RA

SGLT2i⁷

TZD

If A1C above target

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SGLT2i⁷

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OR
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If A1C above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If A1C above target

Consider the addition of SU⁶ OR basal insulin:

- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia⁷

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss⁸

SGLT2i⁷

If A1C above target

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If A1C above target

If quadruple therapy required, or SGLT2i and/or GLP-1 RA not tolerated or contraindicated, use regimen with lowest risk of weight gain

PREFERABLY

DPP-4i (if not on GLP-1 RA) based on weight neutrality

If DPP-4i not tolerated or contraindicated or patient already on GLP-1 RA, cautious addition of:

- SU⁶ • TZD⁵ • Basal insulin

COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE⁹⁻¹⁰

SU⁶

TZD¹⁰

If A1C above target

TZD¹⁰

SU⁶

If A1C above target

- Insulin therapy basal insulin with lowest acquisition cost
- OR
- Consider DPP-4i OR SGLT2i with lowest acquisition cost¹⁰

1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events

2. Be aware that SGLT2i labelling varies by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use

3. Empagliflozin, canagliflozin and dapagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and to reduce CKD progression in CVOTs. Canagliflozin has primary renal outcome data from CREDENCE. Dapagliflozin has primary heart failure outcome data from DAPA-HF

4. Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety

5. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects

6. Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia, Glimepiride has shown similar CV safety to DPP-4i

7. Degludec / glargine U300 < glargine U100 / detemir < NPH insulin

8. Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide

9. If no specific comorbidities (i.e. no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycemia and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)

10. Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs relatively more expensive and DPP-4i relatively cheaper

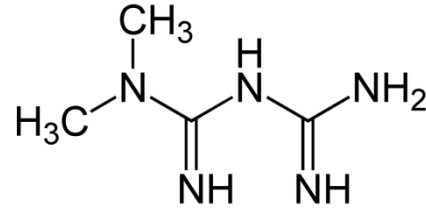
LVH = Left Ventricular Hypertrophy; HFrEF = Heart Failure reduced Ejection Fraction

UACR = Urine Albumin to Creatinine Ratio; LVEF = Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction

† Actioned whenever these become new clinical considerations regardless of background glucose-lowering medications

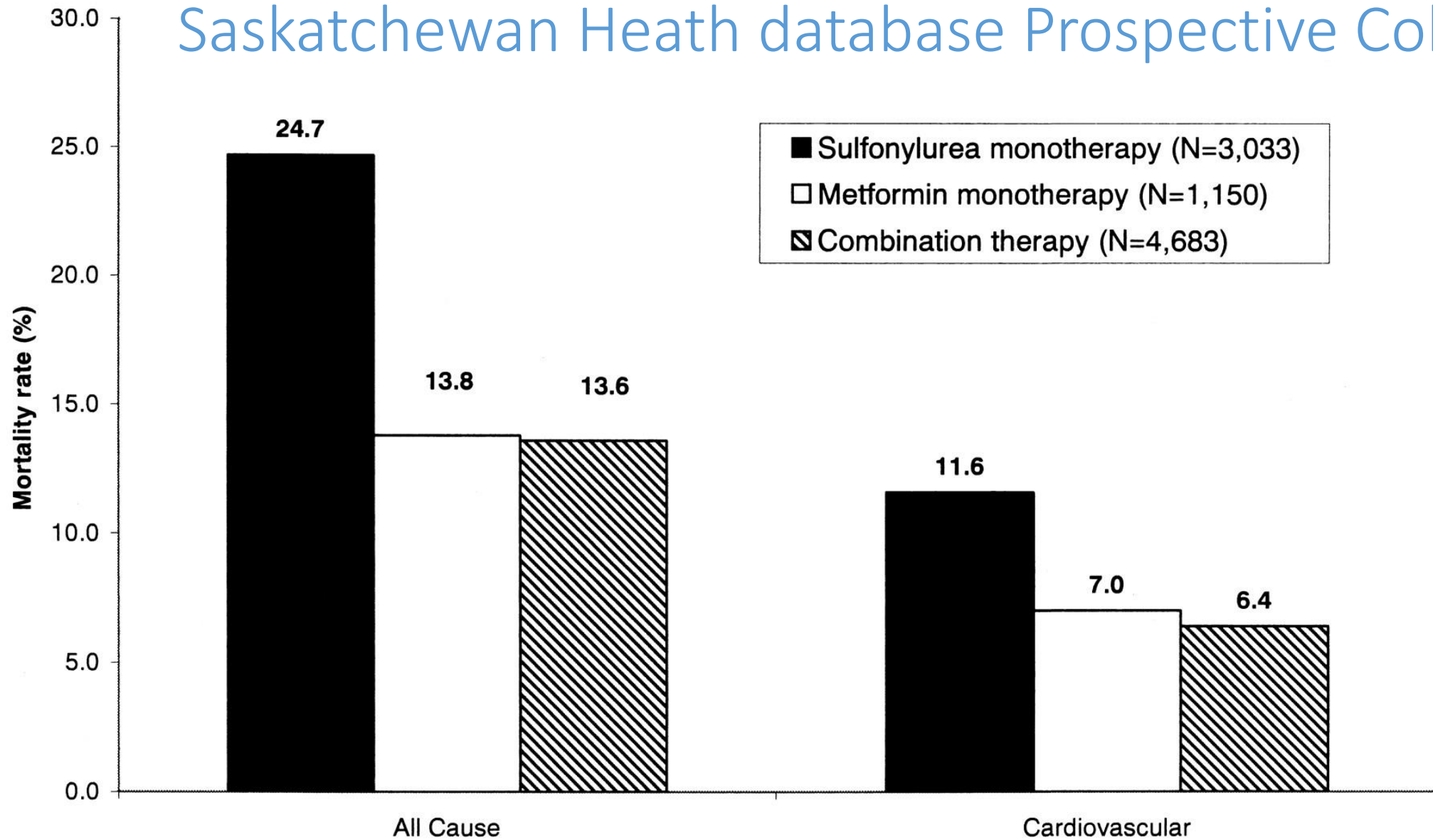
Biguanides

i.e. Metformin



- MOA: (pleiotropic)
- Via AMP-Kinase activation (among other proposed mechanisms) results in:
 - a) reduce hepatic gluconeogenesis
 - b) increasing GLUT 4 translocation and transport activity
 - c) increase insulin receptor tyrosine kinase activity
 - d) enhance muscle uptake of glucose
 - e) suppress appetite (protein kinase signaling in brown adipocytes)
- UKPDS trial: reduced all-cause mortality and any DM-related endpoint in patients with DM2 and obesity

Saskatchewan Health database Prospective Cohort



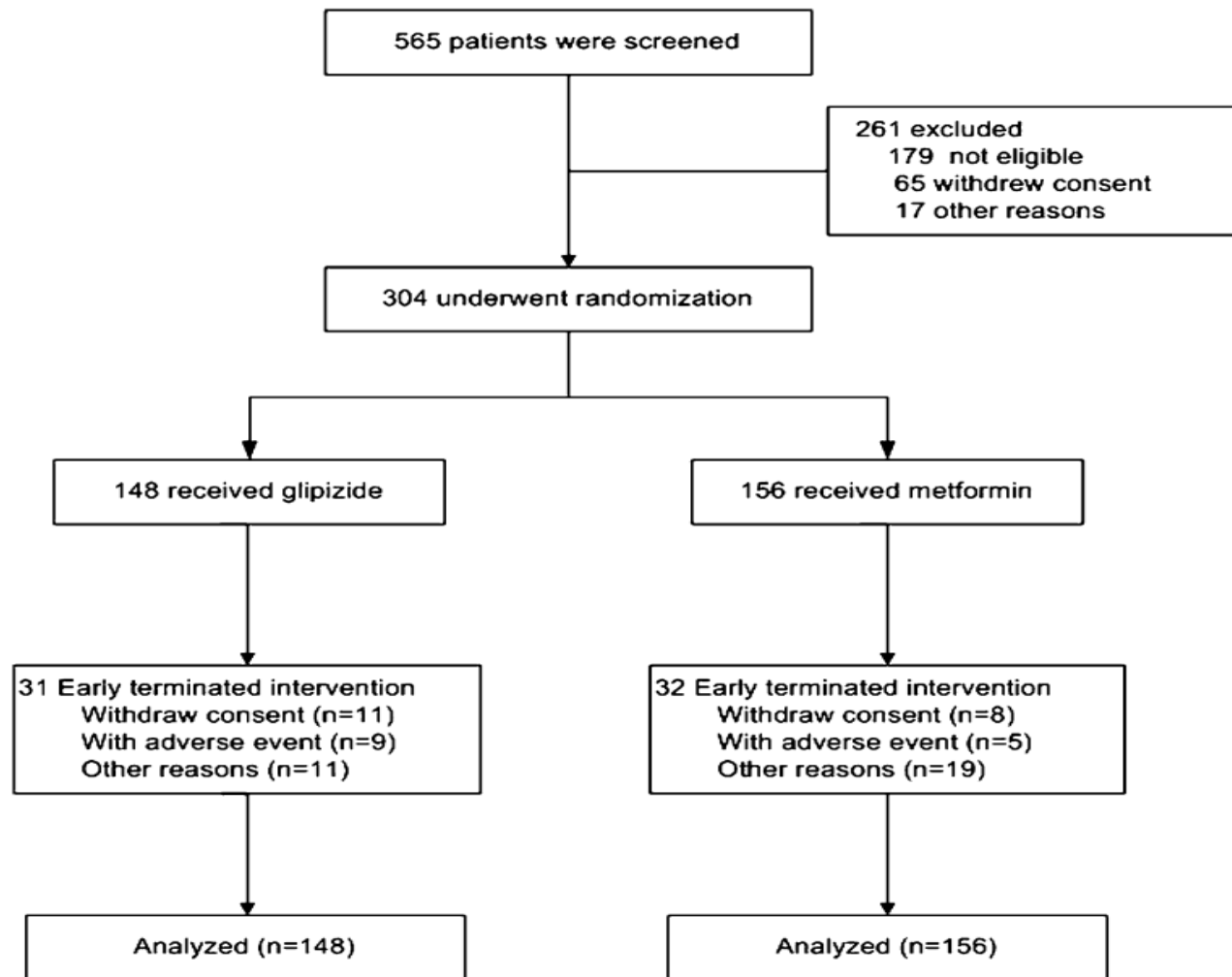


Figure 1—*SPREAD-DIMCAD trial profile.*

Primary (CV event, death from CV or any cause)→25% in metformin group and 35.1% in glipizide group (adjusted HR 0.54; 95% CI, 0.30- 0.90)



U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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FDA label update 4/8/2016: Metformin

Contraindicated with eGFR <30 mL/minute/1.73 m²

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Glucagon-like Peptide 1 analogues

- Effect: ~1% A1c reduction
- MOA: Incretins, including GLP-1, are peptide hormones secreted by L-cells in the small intestine in response to food → bind to GLP-1 receptors in many tissues (β cells and brain).
 - a) enhance glucose-dependent insulin secretion
 - b) slowed gastric emptying
 - c) reduce postprandial glucagon release
 - d) reduce food intake (appetite centers in brain)
- *in rats stimulates beta cell regeneration and proliferation

Glucagon-like Peptide 1 analogues

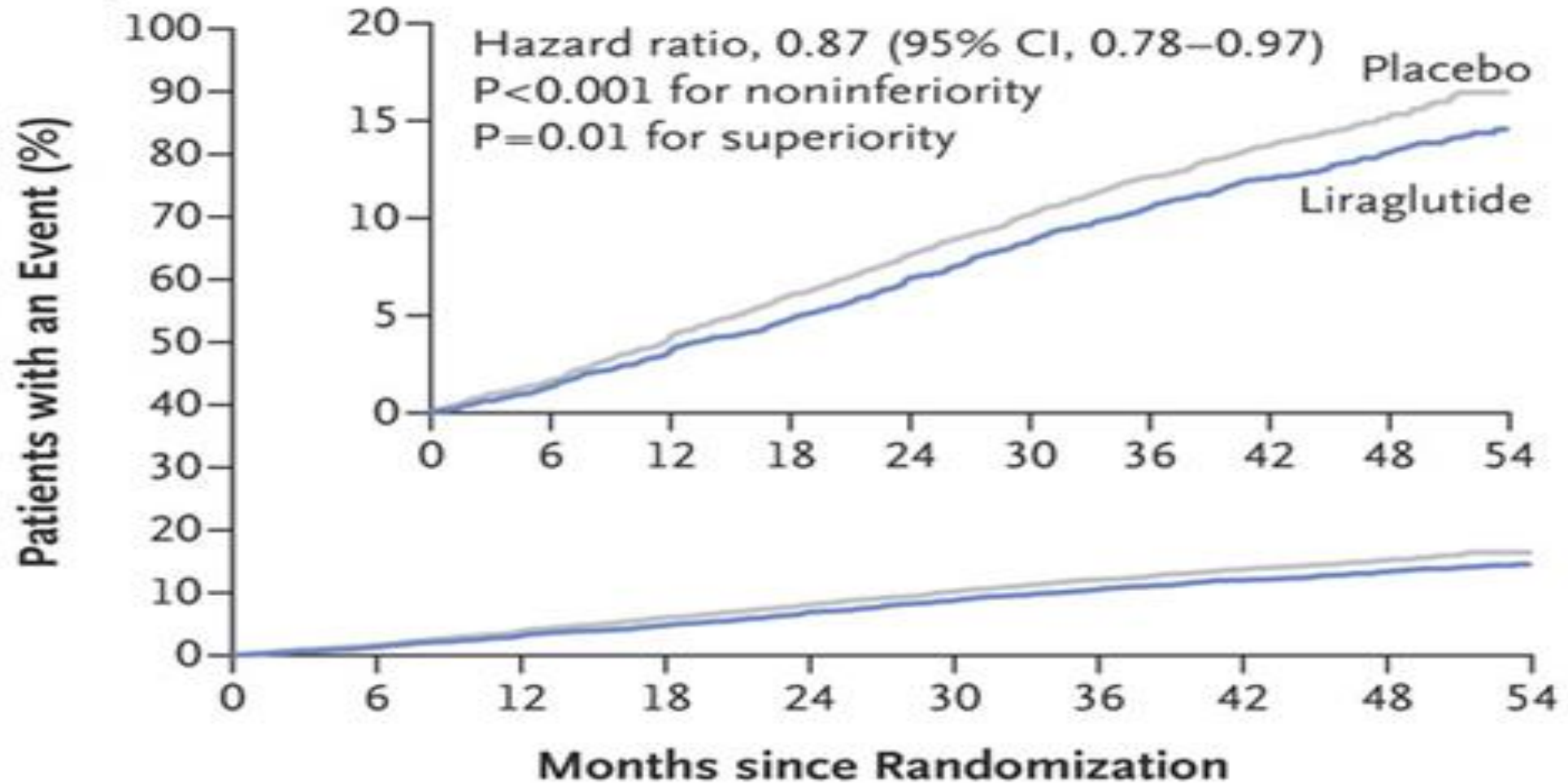
- Side effects: nausea (40-50%), constipation or diarrhea, headaches, dizziness
- Caution: gastroparesis, ? hx pancreatitis
- Contraindication: medullary thyroid cancer in pt or family, MEN2A or B
- Examples: semaglutide, dulaglutide, liraglutide, exenatide, lixisenatide

Glucagon-like Peptide 1 analogues

- Benefits: weight loss! Does not require renal dosing!
- rare to cause hypoglycemia as monotherapy
- long-term CV effects reassuring and beneficial in most:
 - Liraglutide + benefit CVOT
 - Albiglutide + benefit CVOT
 - Inj Semaglutide collective + primary outcome benefit
 - Dulaglutide + benefit CVOT
 - but Lixisenatide, Exenatide and oral Semaglutide: no harm but no benefit, non-inferior
- Drawbacks: injection (daily or weekly), COST

LEADER Trial – Liraglutide, N=9,340

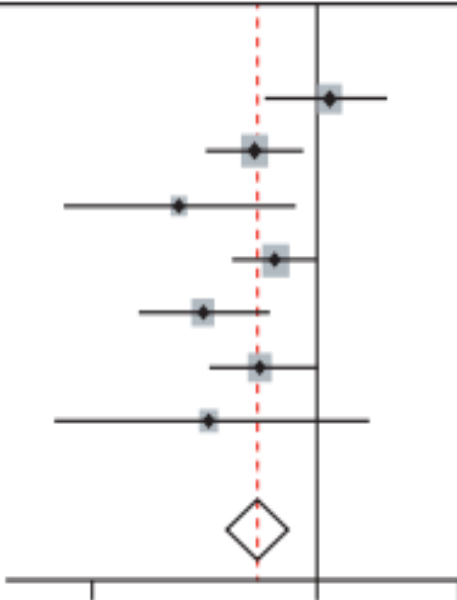
Primary Outcome



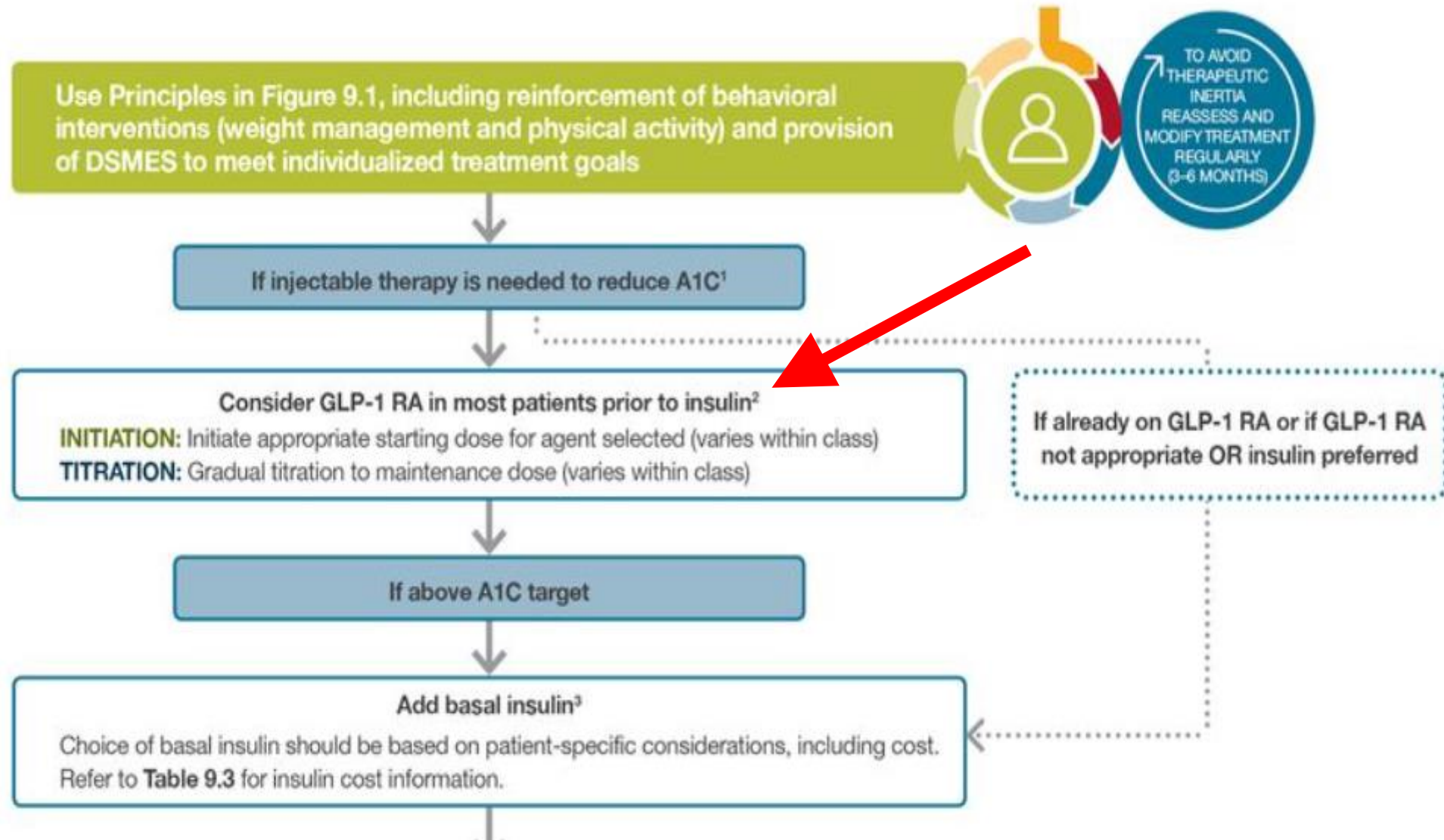
FDA label update 8/25/2017: Liraglutide

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a new indication for Liraglutide (Victoza®, Novo Nordisk) **to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction, stroke, and cardiovascular death** in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus who have established cardiovascular disease.

Systematic Review + Meta-Analysis GLP-1 in DM2 CVOT

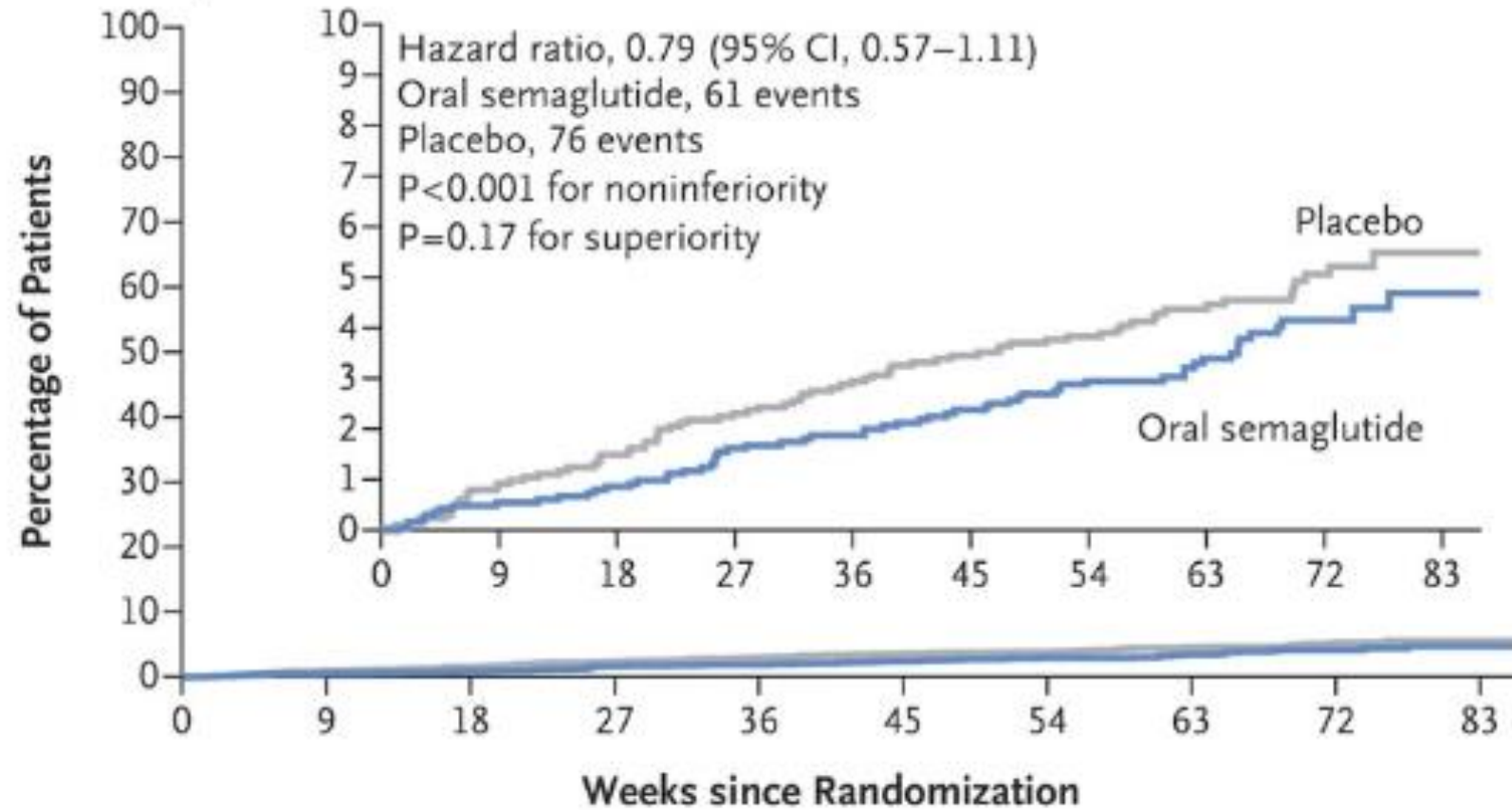
	GLP-1 receptor agonist n/N (%)	Placebo n/N (%)		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	NNT (95% CI)	p value
Three-component MACE						
ELIXA	400/3034 (13%)	392/3034 (13%)		1.02 (0.89-1.17)		0.78
LEADER	608/4668 (13%)	694/4672 (15%)		0.87 (0.78-0.97)		0.015
SUSTAIN-6	108/1648 (7%)	146/1649 (9%)		0.74 (0.58-0.95)		0.016
EXSCEL	839/7356 (11%)	905/7396 (12%)		0.91 (0.83-1.00)		0.061
Harmony Outcomes	338/4731 (7%)	428/4732 (9%)		0.78 (0.68-0.90)		<0.001
REWIND	594/4949 (12%)	663/4952 (13%)		0.88 (0.79-0.99)		0.026
PIONEER 6	61/1591 (4%)	76/1592 (5%)		0.79 (0.57-1.11)		0.17
Overall ($I^2=40.9\%$, $p=0.118$)	2948/27977 (11%)	3304/28027 (12%)		0.88 (0.82-0.94)	75 (50-151)	<0.001

ADA Standards of Care – Role of GLP-1 RA



Oral Semaglutide – PIONEER 6

A Composite Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

Oral semaglutide	1591	1583	1575	1564	1557	1547	1512	1062	735	16
Placebo	1592	1577	1565	1551	1538	1528	1489	1032	713	11

Practical Considerations for GLP-1 Selection

- 1) Insurance coverage – (favor + CVOT data agents)
- 2) Health literacy – if lower health literacy dulaglutide lock/unlock
- 3) Needle phobia – dulaglutide pen
- 4) BMI – more weight to lose, semaglutide weekly (O'Neil 2018 Lancet)
- 5) Prefer daily to weekly?
- 6) Send tutorial video via health portal, ask them to watch x 3

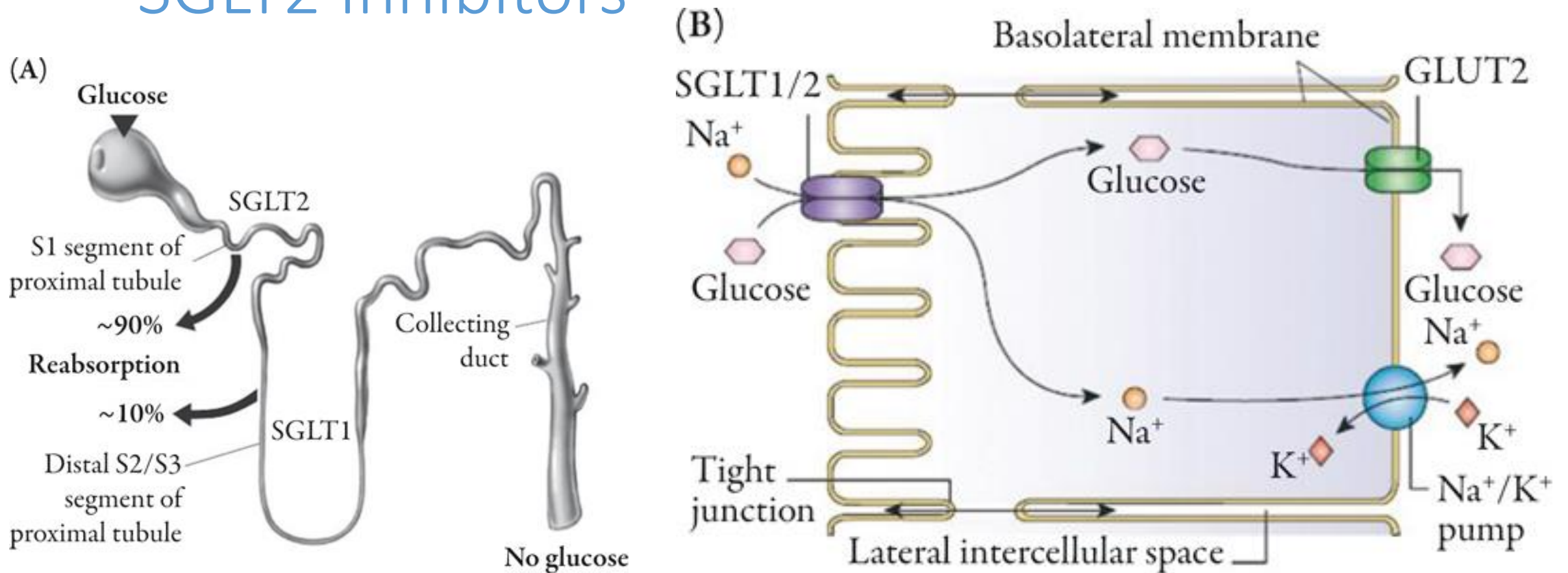
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SGLT2 Inhibitors



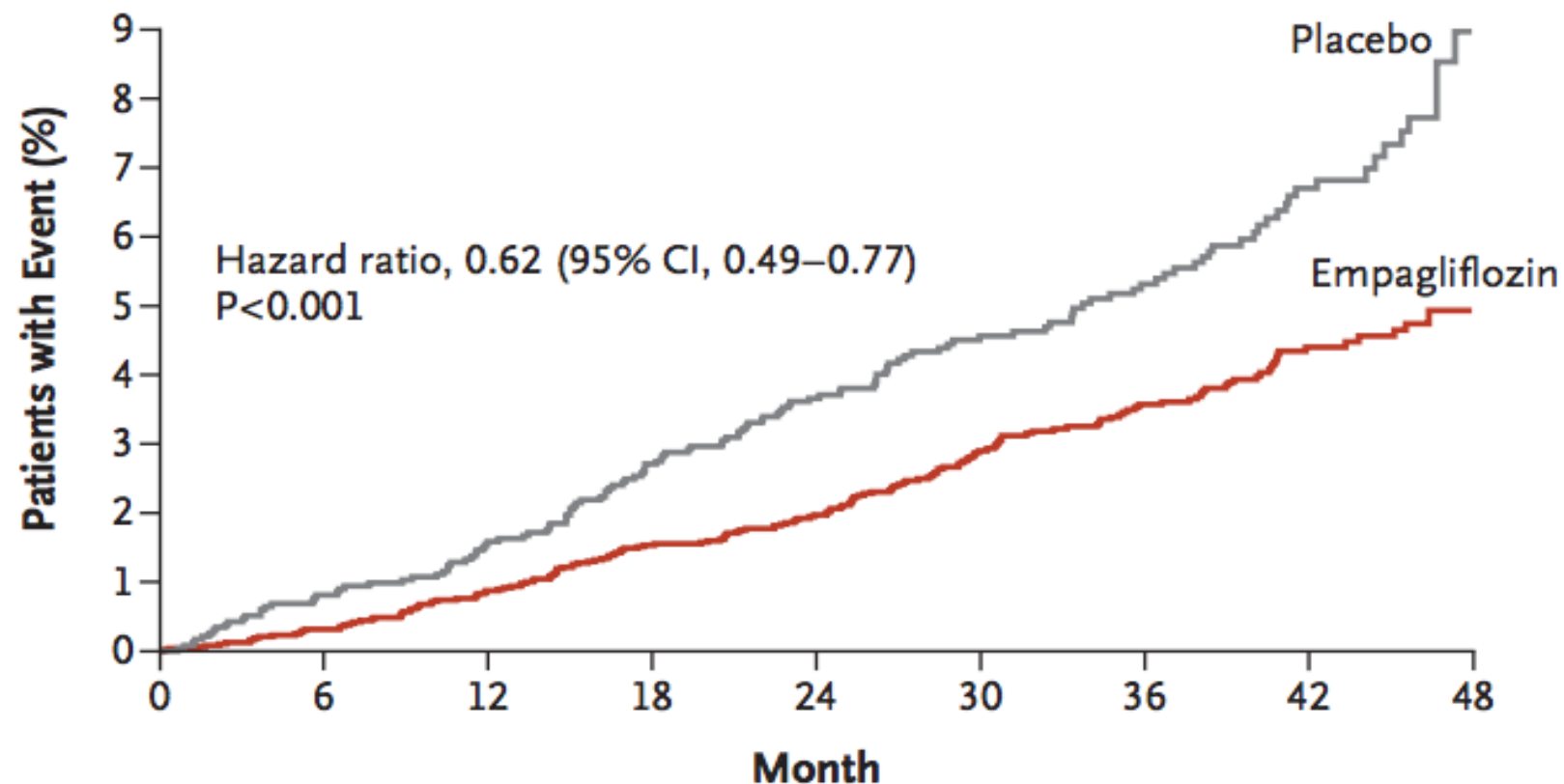
- MOA: by inhibiting the SGLT2 cotransporter expressed in proximal tubules, reduces reabsorption of filtered glucose load → increases urinary excretion of glucose

SGLT2 Inhibitors

- Effect: 0.5-0.7% A1c reduction
- Side effects: vulvovaginal mycotic infections (10-15%), renal insufficiency (2-4%), hypotension, decreased BMD
- Contraindication: DKA (can cause 'euglycemic DKA'), eGFR <25 ml/min/1.73m² (evolving data, formulation dependent), recurrent UTIs or yeast infections
- Examples: empagliflozin, canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, ertugliflozin

EMPA-REG-OUTCOME study N=7,020

B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



No. at Risk

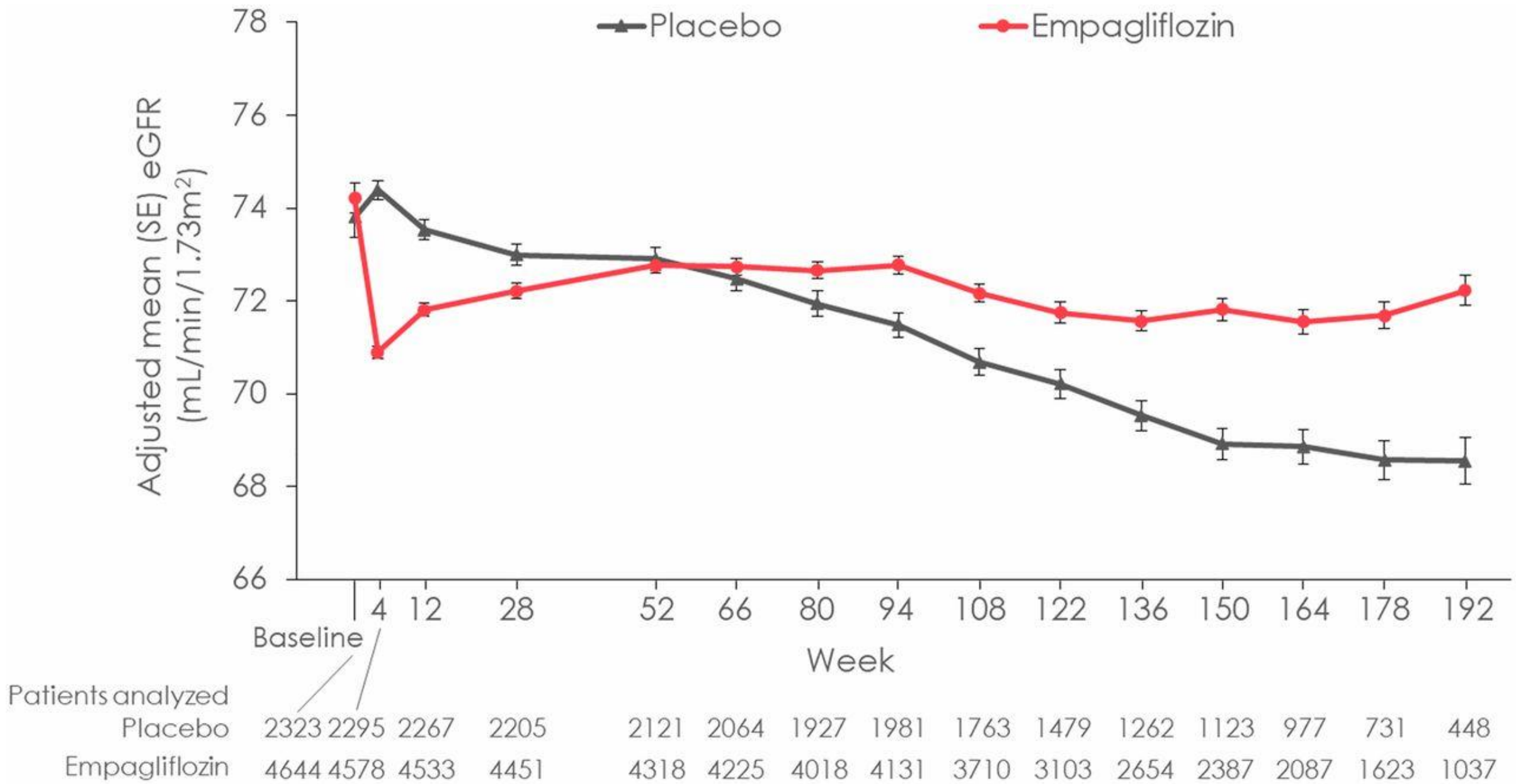
Empagliflozin	4687	4651	4608	4556	4128	3079	2617	1722	414
Placebo	2333	2303	2280	2243	2012	1503	1281	825	177



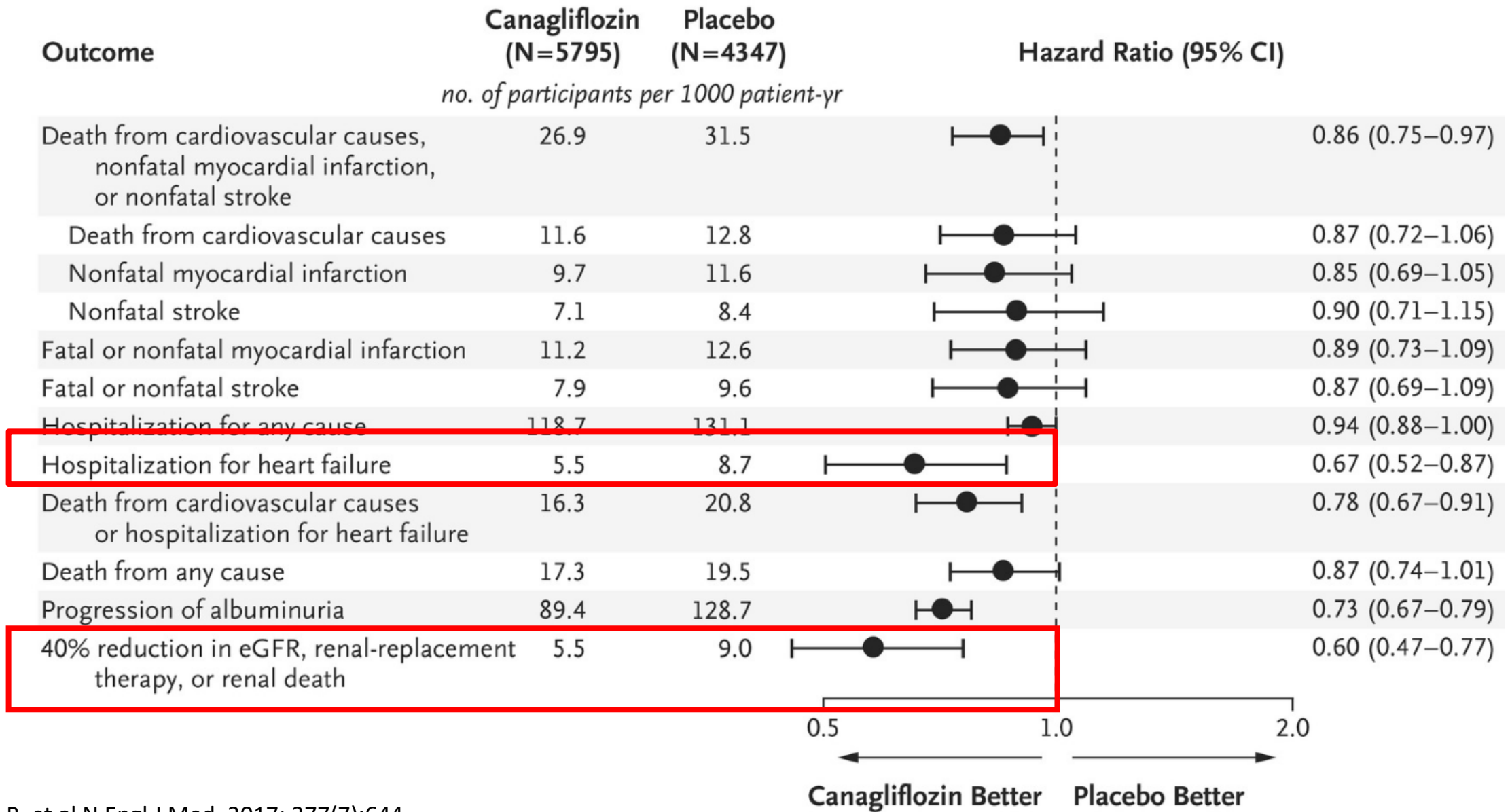
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FDA label update 12/2/2016: Empagliflozin

- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a new indication for Empagliflozin (Jardiance®, Eli Lilly) to **reduce the risk of cardiovascular death** in adult patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease.

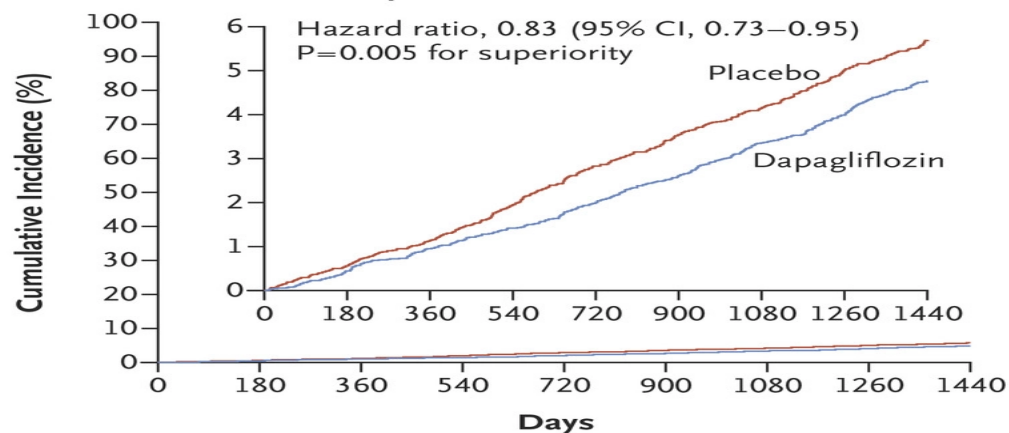


CANVAS Trials 2 RCTs N=10,142 (35% women)



DECLARE-TIMI 58 – Dapagliflozin N=17,160

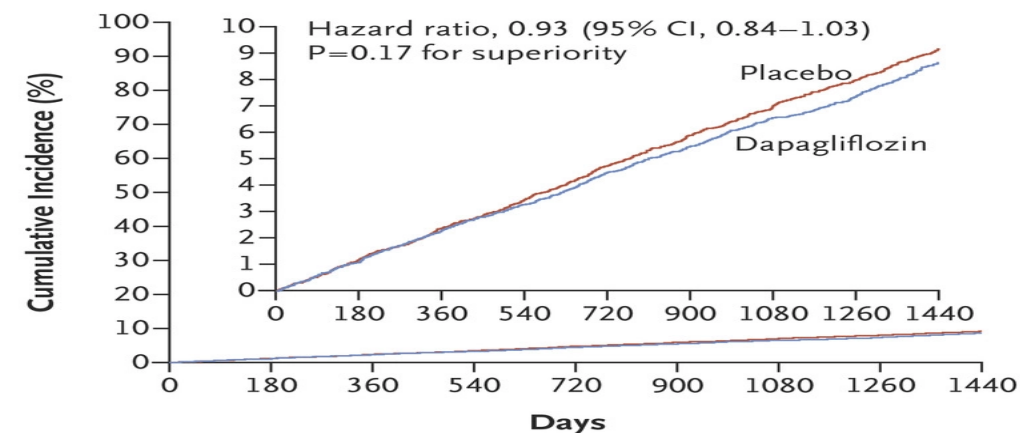
A Cardiovascular Death or Hospitalization for Heart Failure



No. at Risk

Placebo	8578	8485	8387	8259	8127	8003	7880	7367	5362
Dapagliflozin	8582	8517	8415	8322	8224	8110	7970	7497	5445

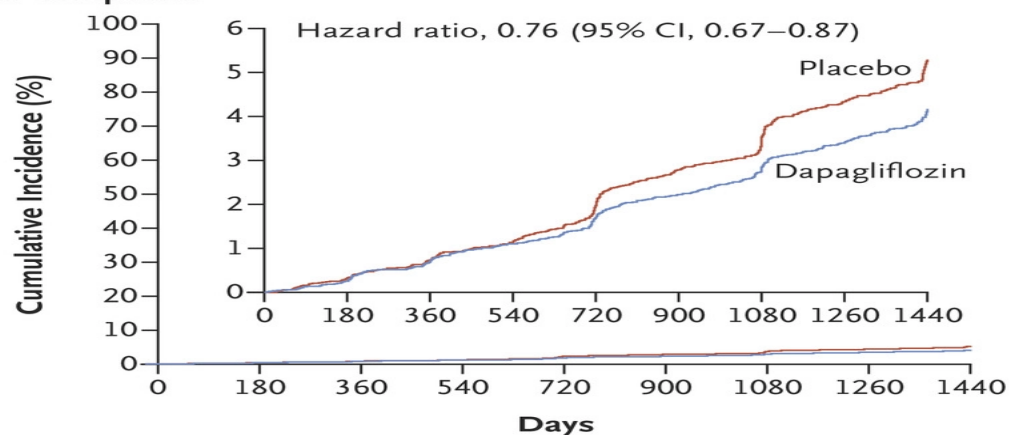
B MACE



No. at Risk

Placebo	8578	8433	8281	8129	7969	7805	7649	7137	5158
Dapagliflozin	8582	8466	8303	8166	8017	7873	7708	7237	5225

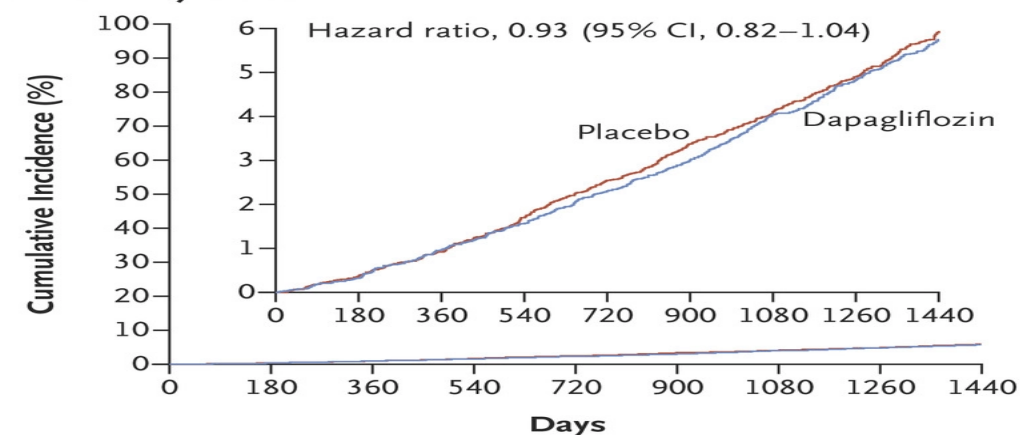
C Renal Composite



No. at Risk

Placebo	8578	8508	8422	8326	8200	8056	7932	7409	5389
Dapagliflozin	8582	8533	8436	8347	8248	8136	8009	7534	5472

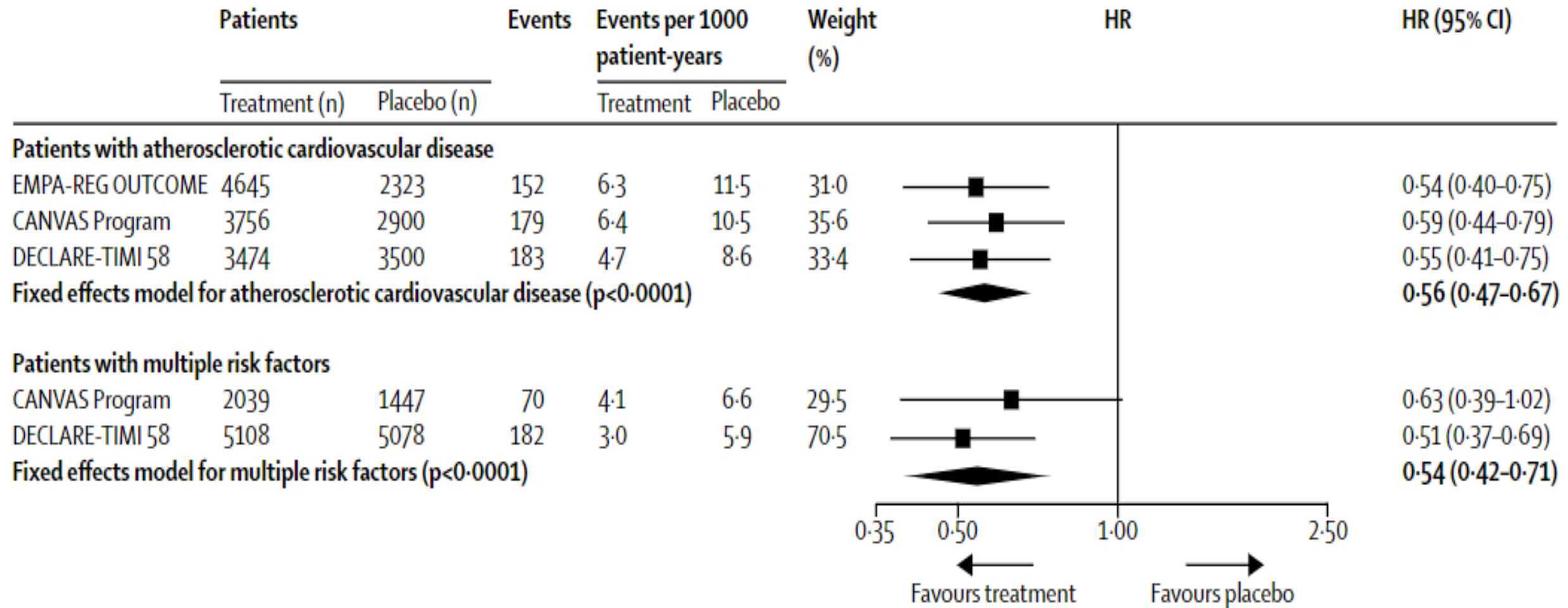
D Death from Any Cause

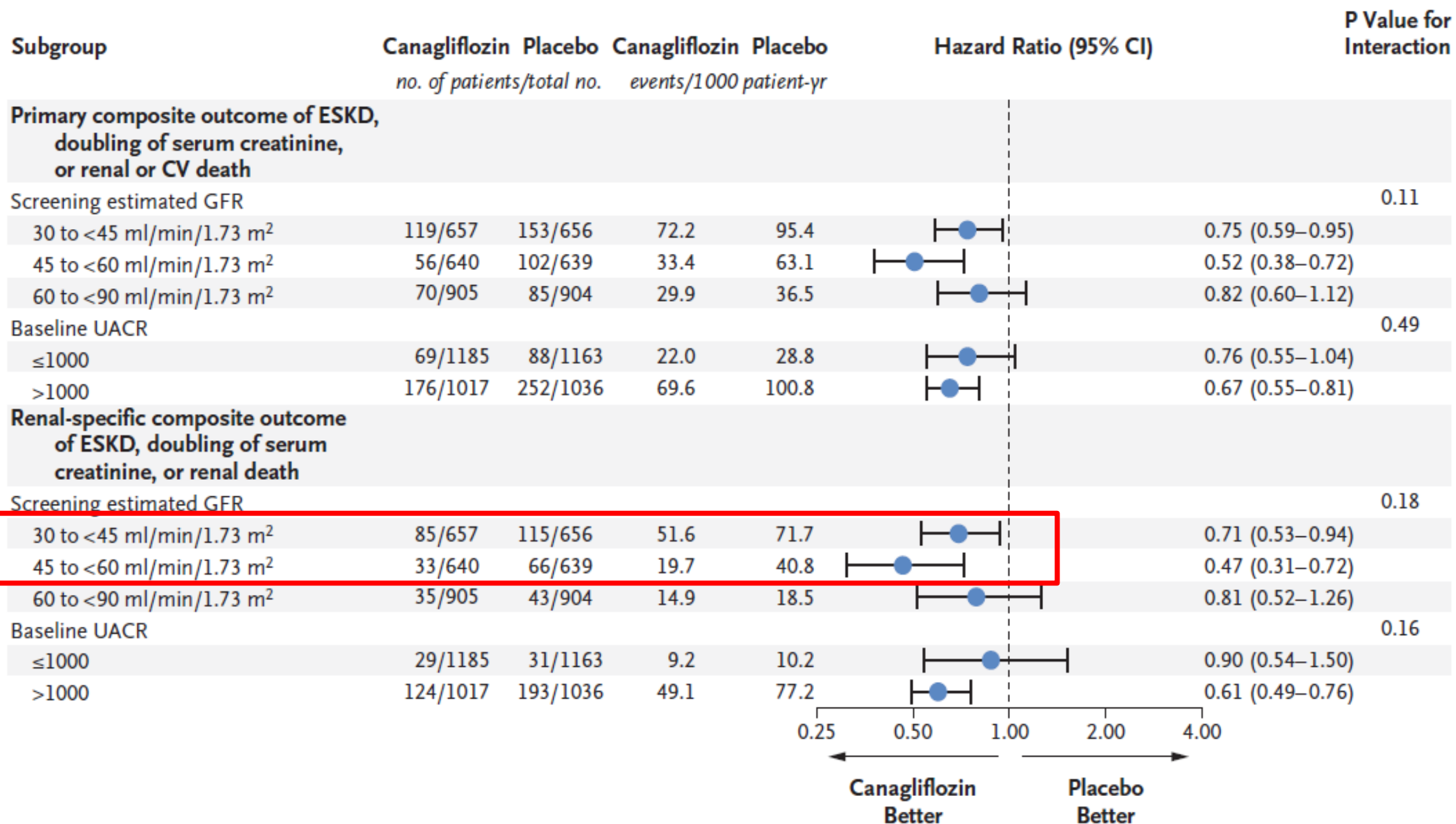


No. at Risk

Placebo	8578	8542	8484	8414	8337	8258	8184	7741	5715
Dapagliflozin	8582	8554	8495	8437	8369	8305	8207	7763	5715

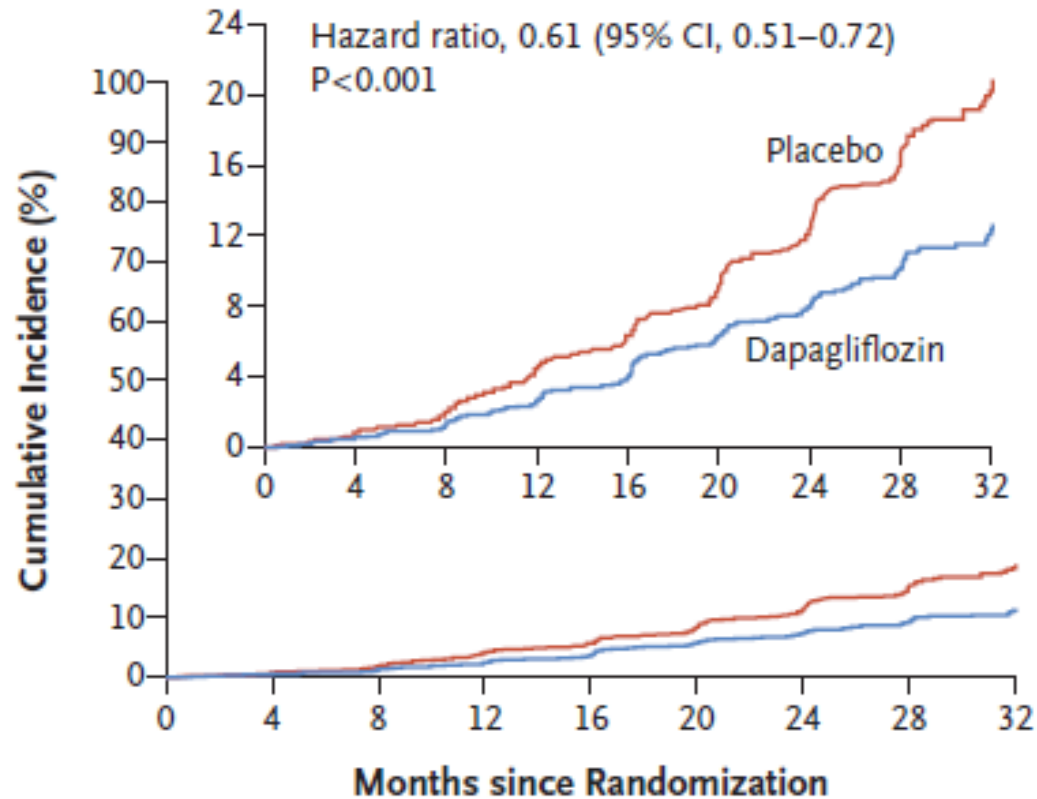
Meta-analysis on Composite of Renal Worsening, ESRD, or Renal Death





DAPA-CKD eGFR 25-75 ml/min/1.73m² N= 4,304

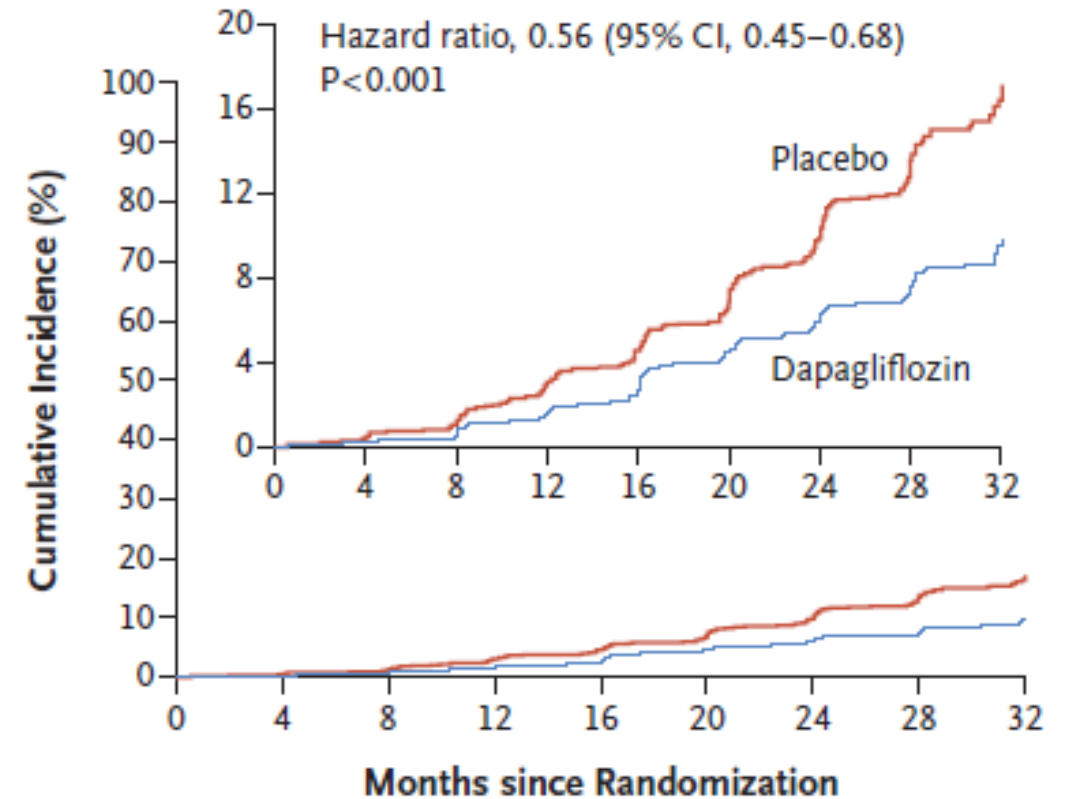
A Primary Composite Outcome



No. at Risk

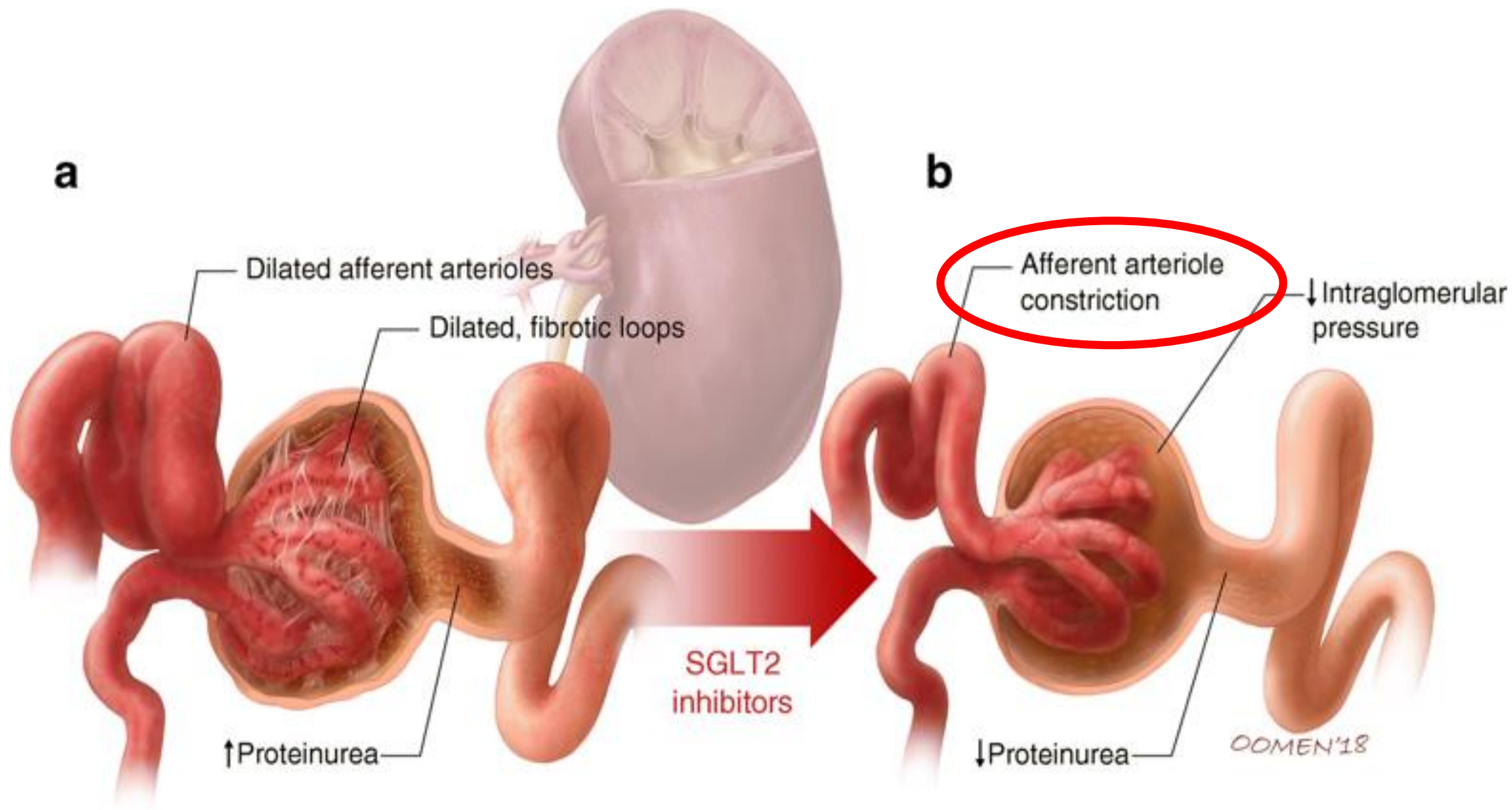
Placebo	2152	1993	1936	1858	1791	1664	1232	774	270
Dapagliflozin	2152	2001	1955	1898	1841	1701	1288	831	309

B Renal-Specific Composite Outcome



No. at Risk

Placebo	2152	1993	1936	1858	1791	1664	1232	774	270
Dapagliflozin	2152	2001	1955	1898	1841	1701	1288	831	309



Warning/Precaution	EMPA	CANA	DAPA	ERTU
Hypotension	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ketoacidosis	✓	✓	✓	✓
AKI and renal impairment	✓	✓	✓	✓
Urosepsis/pyelonephritis	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hypoglycemia ^a	✓	✓	✓	✓
Genital mycotic infections	✓	✓	✓	✓
Necrotizing Fasciitis	✓	✓	✓	✓
Increased LDL-C (3-8%)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bone fractures		✓ ^b		
Amputations		✓ ^c		✓
Bladder cancer			✓ ^d	

^aMay consider reducing dose of insulin or insulin secretagogue

^bMostly fractures of the upper extremities due to low trauma

^cBlack box warning

^dAvoid in patients with active, or a history of, bladder cancer

Invokana (canagliflozin). Package Insert.
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 Farxiga (dapagliflozin). Package Insert.
 Steglaro (ertugliflozin). Package Insert.



U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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- FDA safety labeling recommends temporary discontinuation of SGLT2 inhibitors before any scheduled surgery to avoid potential risk for diabetic ketoacidosis.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration. FDA revises labels of SGLT2 inhibitors for diabetes to include warnings about too much acid in the blood and serious urinary tract infections. **19 March 2020** update [FDA Drug Safety Communication]

- 05/16/2017 FDA Safety Alert : canagliflozin **causes an increased risk of leg and foot amputations**

- 8-26-2020 FDA Drug Safety Communication:

Based on (FDA) review of new data **we have removed the Boxed Warning about amputation** risk from the diabetes medicine canagliflozin

Case 2

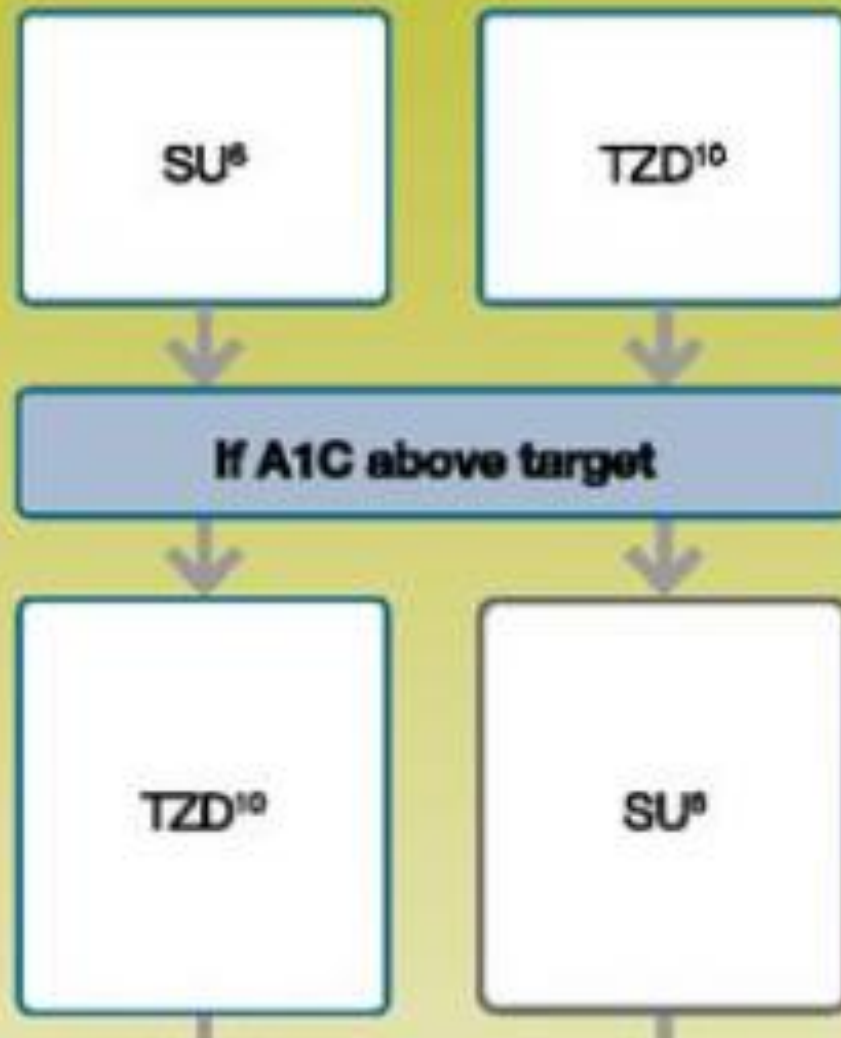
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Financially difficult social situation.

In addition to Lifestyle changes what would you start?

- A) Metformin
- B) Thiazolidinedione
- C) Sulfonylurea alone
- D) Meglitinide alone
- E) SGLT2i (sodium-glucose co-transporter type 2 inhibitor)
- F) GLP-1 agonist

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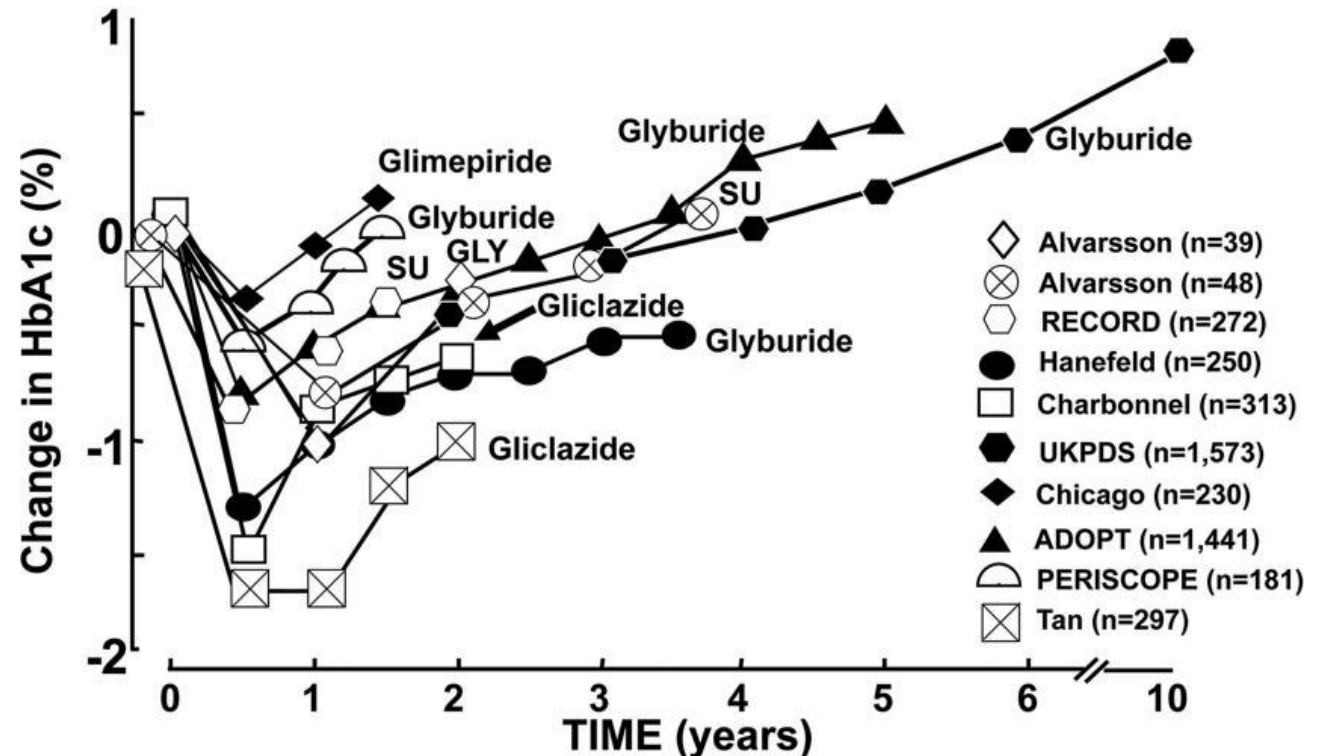
Sulfonylureas (SU)

- Effect: 1%-2% HbA1c reduction
- Side effects: hypoglycemia (4 to 20%), increased serum ALT (2%), *+weight gain*
- Caution: hepatic or renal impairment, Glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency (G6PD)
- Contraindication: sulfonamide allergy
- Examples: 1st generation: chlorpropamide, tolbutamide, 2nd gen: glipizide, glimeperide, glyburide* (*glyburide specifically has been implicated for impairing ischemic preconditioning)

Sulfonylureas (SU)

- Benefits: once daily available, promotes release of endogenous insulin (portal effects on hepatic gluconeogenesis), generic
- Drawbacks: weight gain, hypoglycemia (especially with renal dz)
 - *controversial*: some data suggests increased rate of β cell failure vs. natural progression

Summary of studies examining the effect of SU treatment vs. placebo or active comparator on A1c in DM2



Thiazolidinediones

- Effect: 0.5 – 2% A1c reduction
- MOA:
 - a) binds peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor- γ (PPAR- γ) (family of nuclear transcription factors) in insulin target tissues muscle and fat, agonist effect
→ enhance sensitivity to insulin in peripheral tissues → reduce hepatic gluconeogenesis
- Side effects: +*weight gain*, edema (by activating sodium channels in the distal nephron), osteoporosis and fracture in postmenopausal women
- Contraindication: NYHA class III or IV CHF, active hepatocellular disease, ALT >2.5x ULN
- Examples: pioglitazone, rosiglitazone

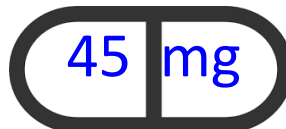
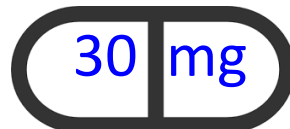
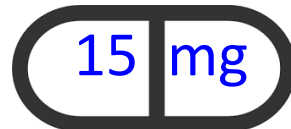
Thiazolidinediones

- Benefits: oral, once daily dosing (prior interest for PCOS treatment due to improved insulin sensitivity, largely fallen out of favor due to weight gain)
- Drawbacks: +*weight gain*, fluid retention, bone loss, and signal for increase risk bladder cancer with pioglitazone > 1 year use in post marketing surveillance (<1%)

Thiazolidinediones (TZDs)

Effect seen in
8-12 weeks

	Pioglitazone (Actos®)	Rosiglitazone (Avandia®)
Dosing	15-45 mg once daily	4-8 mg in 1-2 divided doses
Hepatic impairment	Hepatic impairment during therapy – interrupt therapy, measure LFTs. Do not reinitiate if ALT > 3x ULN	Do not initiate if ALT > 2.5 x ULN
Contraindications	NYHA Class III-IV Heart Failure	
Adverse Reactions	Weight gain, edema, HF exacerbation , fractures, bladder cancer (avoid pioglitazone)	



Case 3

85 y.o. retired mechanic who lives alone. He had a **second TIA two months ago** presents for follow-up. A1c is 9.2%.

Which of the following classes of agents INCREASE the risk of hypoglycemia the most?

- A) Metformin
- B) Sulfonylurea and Meglitinides
- C) DPP4i and GLP-1 agonists
- D) SGLT2i
- E) α -glucosidase inhibitors
- F) Thiazolidinediones

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA



Dipeptidyl Peptidase-IV Inhibitors (DPP-IVi)

- Effects: **0.5-0.7%** A1c reduction
- MOA: Dipeptidyl peptidase-IV is an enzyme that degrades the gut peptide hormones GLP-1 and GIP within minutes. DPP-IV inhibitors allow endogenous incretins to have longer effect.
- Side effects: rare edema, nausea, rare hypoglycemia (1%)
- Contraindication: none
- Examples: sitagliptin, saxagliptin, linagliptin, alogliptin

Dipeptidyl Peptidase-IV Inhibitors (DPP-IV)

- Benefits: can be renally dosed (even for CrCl <30ml/min), very rare to ever cause hypoglycemia as monotherapy
- Drawbacks: cost, only very modestly effective

DPP4 Inhibitors and Heart Failure = Mixed Results

	Saxagliptin <i>no.</i> (2-yr KM%)	Placebo <i>no.</i> (2-yr KM%)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P-value for superiority
Efficacy Endpoints				
Number of Patients	(N =8240)	(N =8173)		
CV death, MI, or stroke	512 (6.8)	487 (6.4)	1.03 (0.91-1.17)	0.60
CV death, MI, stroke, or hospitalization for unstable angina, heart failure, or coronary revascularization	943 (12.5)	898 (11.8)	1.04 (0.95-1.14)	0.41
CV death	203 (2.7)	174 (2.2)	1.15 (0.94-1.41)	0.18
MI	234 (3.1)	236 (3.1)	0.98 (0.81-1.17)	0.79
Ischemic stroke	135 (1.8)	120 (1.6)	1.11 (0.87-1.42)	0.40
Hospitalization for unstable angina	89 (1.2)	75 (1.0)	1.17 (0.86-1.60)	0.30
Hospitalization for heart failure	256 (3.4)	194 (2.6)	1.31 (1.09-1.58)	0.004
Hospitalization for coronary revascularization	395 (5.3)	422 (5.6)	0.92 (0.81-1.06)	0.26
All-cause mortality	278 (3.6)	234 (3.0)	1.17 (0.98-1.39)	0.083
Non-cardiovascular death	75 (0.9)	60 (0.8)	1.22 (0.87-1.72)	0.25
Event rates are Kaplan-Meier failure rates during 24 months.				

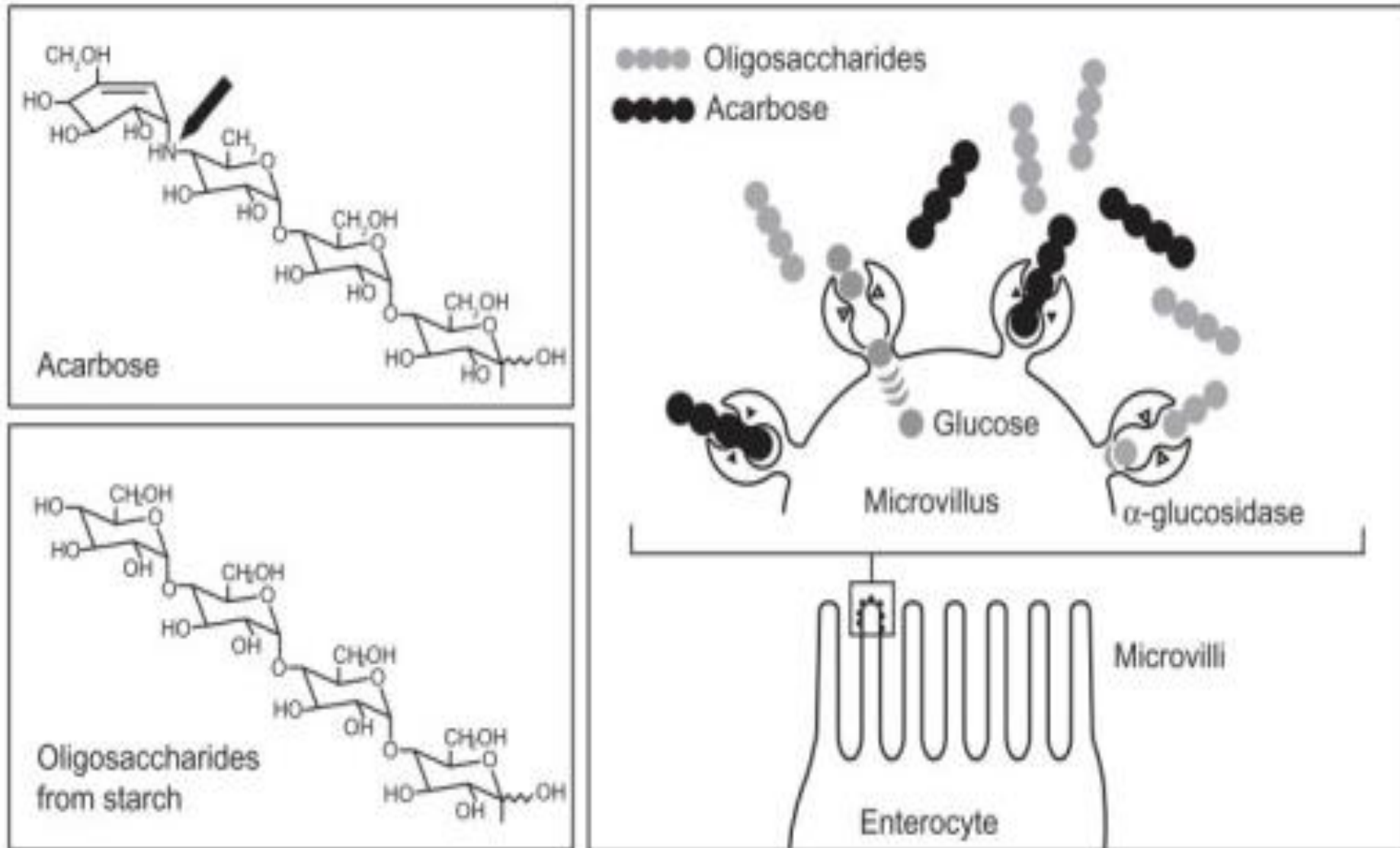
FDA Safety Alert Alogliptin and Saxagliptin

Based on new data from two large clinical trials (EXAMINE and SAVOR-TIMI 53), the FDA has added additional cautions for both alogliptin and saxagliptin to **use with caution in patients with heart failure** and monitor for signs and symptoms of worsening heart failure.

α -Glucosidase Inhibitors

- Effect: 0.5-1% A1c reduction
- MOA: competitively inhibits intestinal glucosidase enzymes that break down complex carbohydrates → reduces intestinal glucose resorption
- Side effects: GI: flatulence, and diarrhea
- Contraindication: IBD, chronic intestinal disease
- Examples: acarbose, miglitol, and voglibose

α -Glucosidase Inhibitors MOA



**COMPELLING NEED TO
MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR
PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS**

**ETHER/
OR**

GLP-1 RA with
good efficacy
for weight
loss⁸

SGLT2i²

If A1C above target

SGLT2i²

GLP-1 RA with
good efficacy
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Category	OBESOGENIC – CAUSE WEIGHT GAIN	Alternative to Consider
Antidepressants	TCAs (amitriptyline , nortriptyline , clomipramine, imipramine, doxepin, protriptyline*); Mirtazipine SSRIs (paroxetine , sertraline, citalopram*, escitalopram*, fluoxetine*) ; MAOIs (phenelzine)	Bupropion Desvenlafaxine Venlafaxine Duloxetine
Antipsychotics	Olanzapine; Quetiapine; Risperidone; Clozapine; Thioridazine	Aripiprazole; Haloperidol; Ziprasidone
Antiepileptics/ Mood Stabilizing	Gabapentin ; Pregabalin ; Divalproex; Valproic acid; Vigabatrin; Lithium; Carbamazepine	Topiramate; Lamotrigine; Zonisamide
Antiglycemics	Insulin Sulfonylureas (glipizide, glimepiride, glyburide etc) Thiazolidinediones (pioglitazone, rosiglitazone) Meglitinides (nateglinide, repaglinide)	Biguanides (metformin) SGLT2i (empagliflozin, canagliflozin, dapagliflozin etc.) GLP-1 (semaglutide, liraglutide, dulaglutide etc.) DPP4i (sitagliptin, saxagliptin, alogliptin etc.) alpha glucosidase inhibitors (acarbose or miglitol) Amylin analogs (pramlintide)
Antihypertensives	α Adrenergic Blocker (terazosin) β Adrenergic Blockers (especially nonselective metoprolol, propranolol, atenolol)	ACEi (lisinopril, ramipril etc) ARB (losartan, valsartan etc) CCB (amlodipine, verapamil, diltiazem) Diuretics
Steroid Hormones	Glucocorticoids (prednisone, hydrocortisone, methylpred) Contraceptives injectables >oral; any Progesterone based	NSAIDs; biologics; non-traditional therapies Copper IUD
Antihistamines	Cyproheptadine, Cetirizine, Fexofenadine	Decongestants, inhalers (aim for less sedation)

FIRST-LINE Therapy is Metformin and Comprehensive Lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)

INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD, OR HF¹

CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C OR INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET

ASCVD PREDOMINATES

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age ≥ 55 years with coronary, carotid or lower extremity artery stenosis $>50\%$, or LVH)

PREFERABLY

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

OR

SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹ if eGFR adequate²

If A1C above target

If further intensification is required or patient is now unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin⁴
- TZD⁵
- SU⁶

HF OR CKD PREDOMINATES

- Particularly HFrEF (LVEF $<45\%$)
- CKD: Specifically eGFR 30-60 mL/min/1.73 m² or UACR >30 mg/g, particularly UACR >300 mg/g

PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOTs if eGFR adequate²

OR

If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate² add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

If A1C above target

Avoid TZD in the setting of HF. Choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a SGLT2i, consider adding GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i (not saxagliptin) in the setting of HF (if not on GLP-1 RA)
- Basal insulin⁴
- SU⁶

NO

IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA

DPP-4i

GLP-1 RA

SGLT2i⁷

TZD

If A1C above target

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SGLT2i⁷

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GLP-1 RA
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If A1C above target

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Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If A1C above target

Consider the addition of SU⁶ OR basal insulin:

- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycemia⁷

COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS

ETHER/ OR

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss⁸

SGLT2i⁷

If A1C above target

SGLT2i⁷

GLP-1 RA with good efficacy for weight loss⁸

If A1C above target

If quadruple therapy required, or SGLT2i and/or GLP-1 RA not tolerated or contraindicated, use regimen with lowest risk of weight gain

PREFERABLY

DPP-4i (if not on GLP-1 RA) based on weight neutrality

If DPP-4i not tolerated or contraindicated or patient already on GLP-1 RA, cautious addition of:

- SU⁶ • TZD⁵ • Basal insulin

COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE⁹⁻¹⁰

SU⁶

TZD¹⁰

If A1C above target

TZD¹⁰

SU⁶

If A1C above target

- Insulin therapy basal insulin with lowest acquisition cost
- OR
- Consider DPP-4i OR SGLT2i with lowest acquisition cost¹⁰

1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events

2. Be aware that SGLT2i labelling varies by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use

3. Empagliflozin, canagliflozin and dapagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and to reduce CKD progression in CVOTs. Canagliflozin has primary renal outcome data from CREDENCE. Dapagliflozin has primary heart failure outcome data from DAPA-HF

4. Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety

5. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects

6. Choose later generation SU to lower risk of hypoglycemia, Glimepiride has shown similar CV safety to DPP-4i

7. Degludec / glargine U300 < glargine U100 / detemir < NPH insulin

8. Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide

9. If no specific comorbidities (i.e. no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycemia and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)

10. Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs relatively more expensive and DPP-4i relatively cheaper

LVH = Left Ventricular Hypertrophy; HFrEF = Heart Failure reduced Ejection Fraction

UACR = Urine Albumin to Creatinine Ratio; LVEF = Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction

* Actioned whenever these become new clinical considerations regardless of background glucose-lowering medications





*Merci
de tout
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