



Challenges to optimal therapy: Selecting the Right Anti-Glycemic

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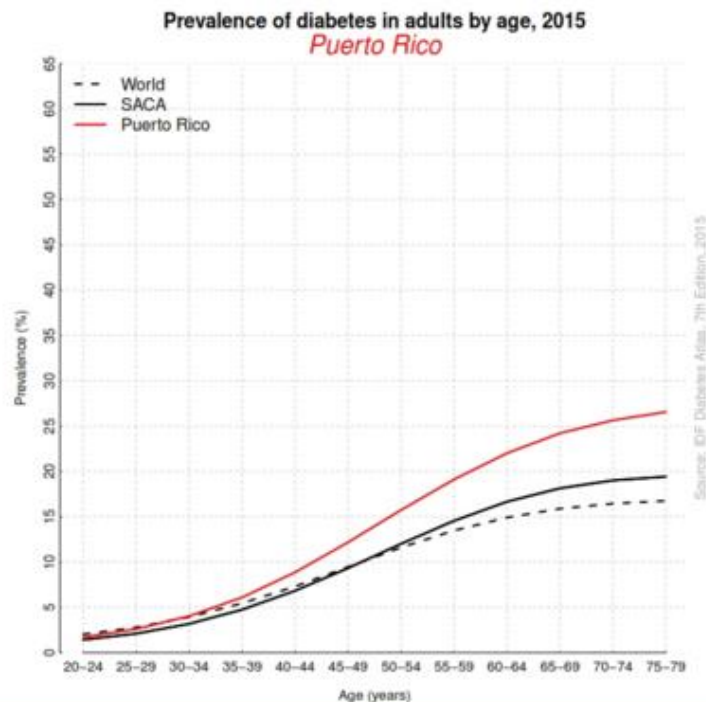
Global Projections for Diabetes: 2003-2025



International
Diabetes Federation
South and Central America

Eastern

PUERTO RICO VS WORLD PREVALENCE OF DIABETES



Western Pacific

43.0 M

75.8 M

↑ 79%

South-East Asia

39.3 M

75.8 M

↑ 108%

4 M

3 M

↑ 12%

Of the estimated
387 million people
with diabetes¹



DIABETES



About
50% are
diagnosed²



DIAGNOSED



Of whom
about 50%
receive care²



RECEIVE
CARE



Of whom about
50% achieve
treatment targets²



ACHIEVE
TREATMENT
TARGETS

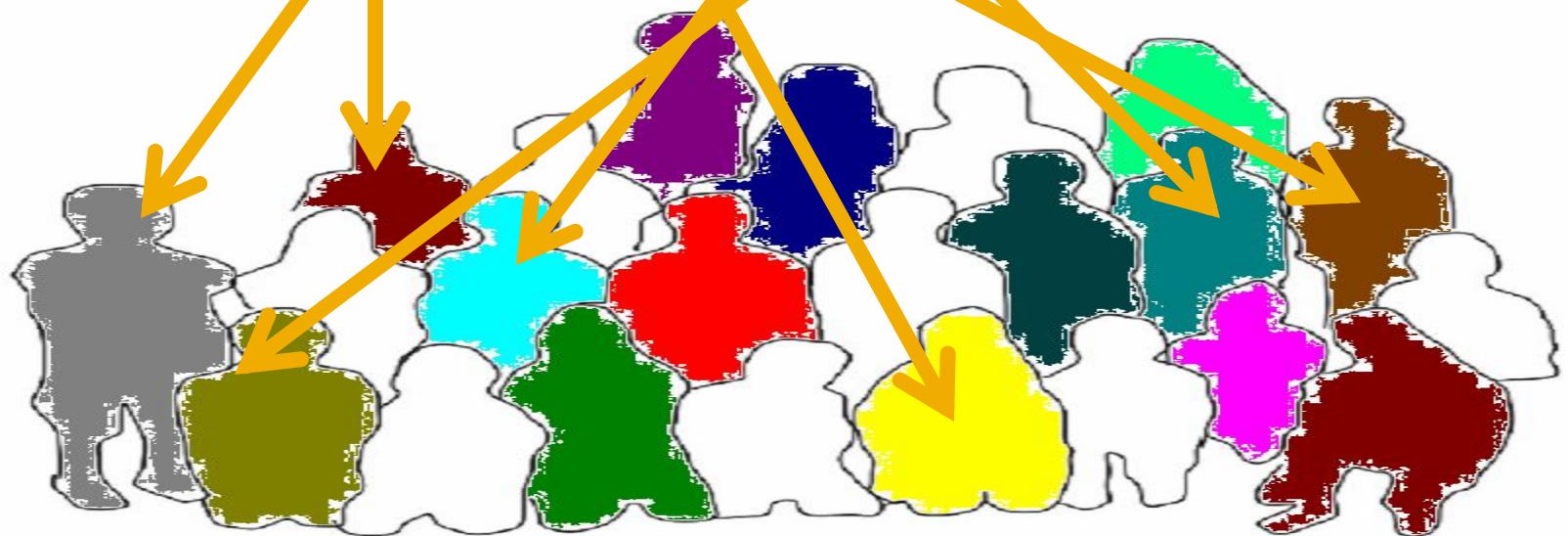
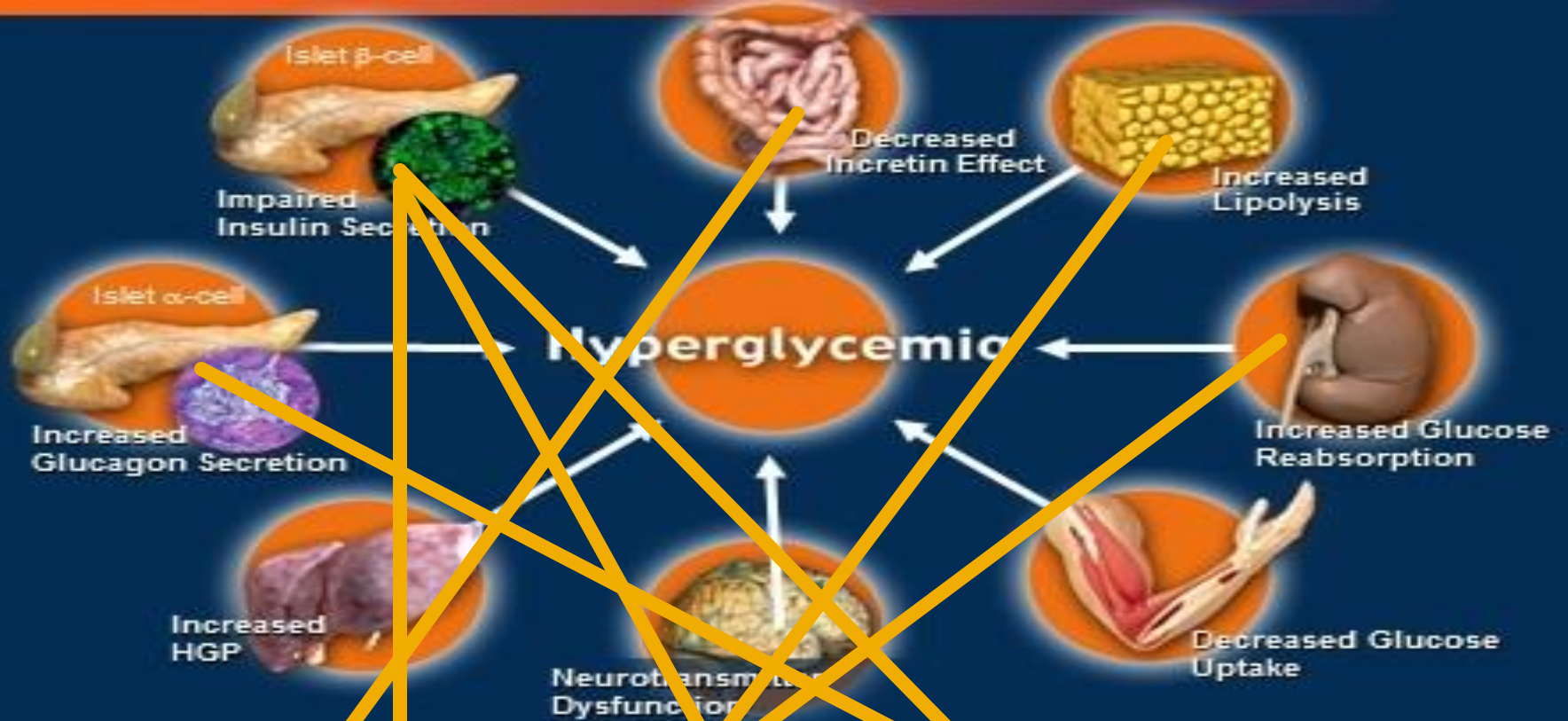


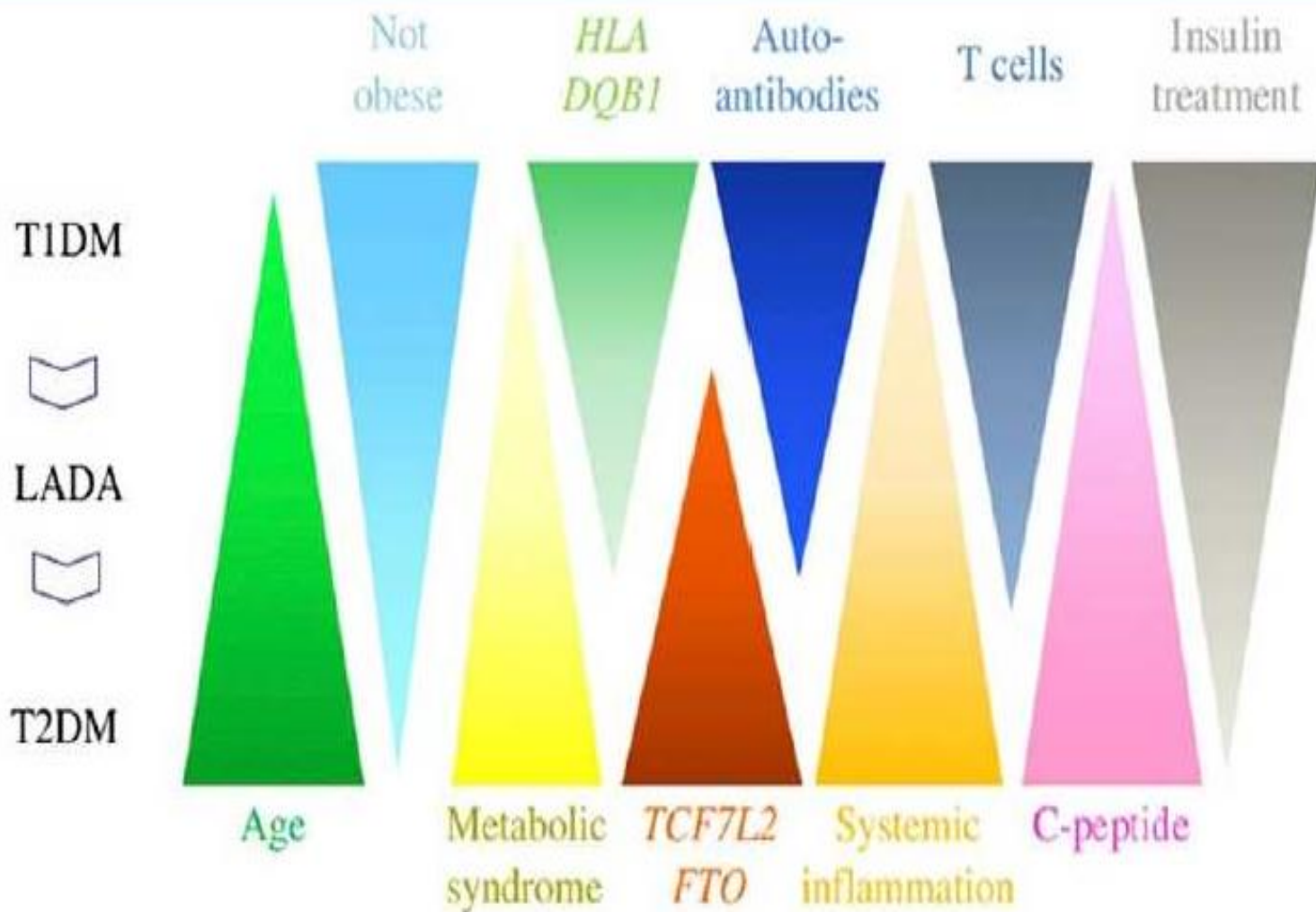
Of whom about
50% achieve
desired outcomes²



ACHIEVE
DESIRED
OUTCOMES







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Figure 1.

Qualitative illustration of the spectrum of factors associated with different forms of DM, including the variable age at onset, lack of obesity, metabolic syndrome, genetic associations, different forms of immune changes, C-peptide secretion, and the need for insulin therapy. T1DM, type 1 DM; T2DM, type 2 diabetes. Adapted with permission from Leslie et al. (1).

Decision process:

Metformin tolerance
Renal function
Age
Comorbidities; pancreatitis; others

TO MAKE A CHOICE



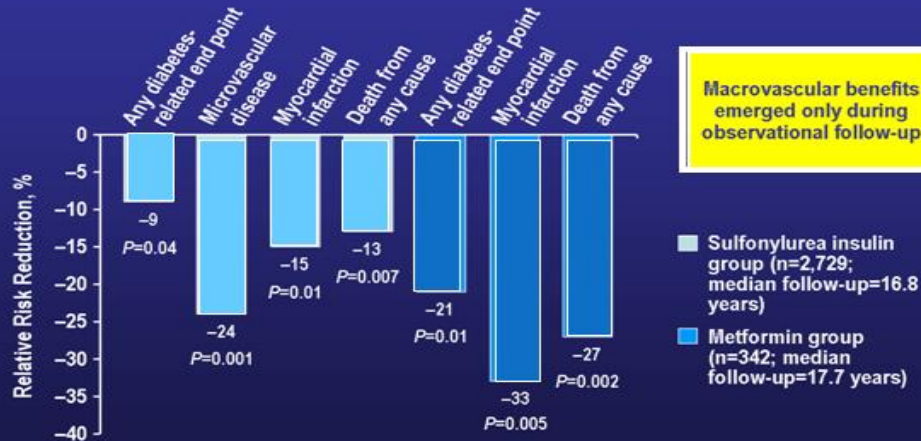
The Art of Medicine

AFTER THINKING
ABOUT IT



UKPDS 10-Year Follow-Up: Benefits of Intensive Glucose Control Sustained for up to 10 Years Despite Early Loss of A1C Level Advantage

Adapted [46]



First challenge:

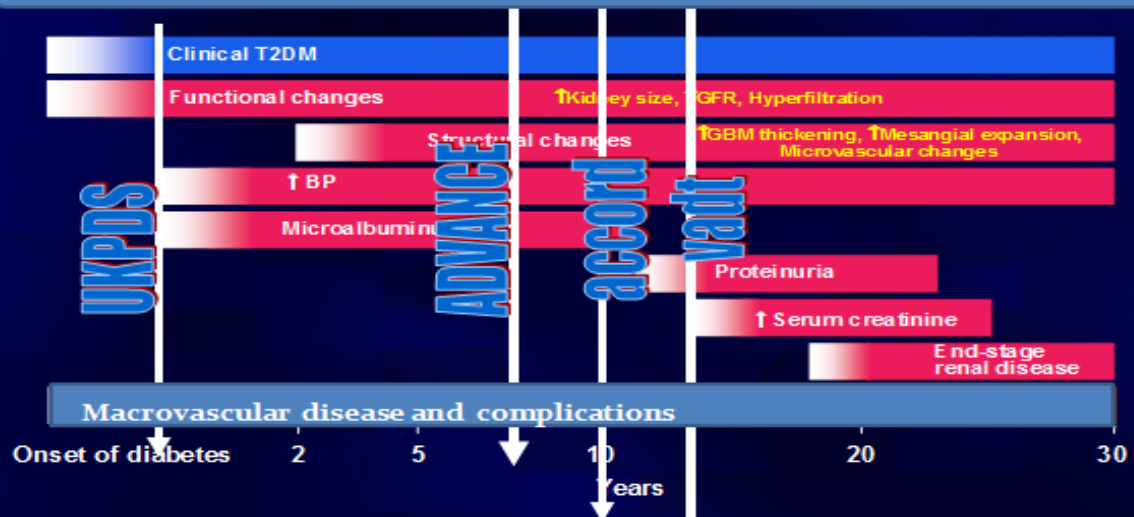
Benefits of early diagnosis and intervention

Then:

Avoid macrovascular and microvascular complications

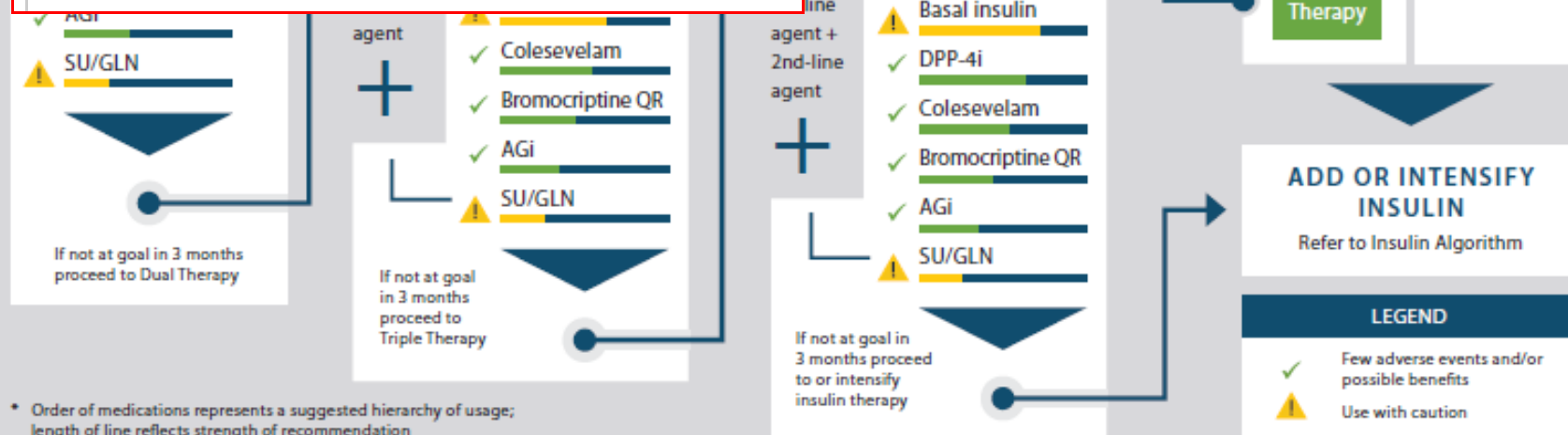
VBWG

Natural history of endothelial damage in the diabetic



Breyer JA et al. Am J Kid Dis. 1992; Satche SC, Tooke JE. Diabetologia. 2008; Veldman BA, Veerhoef G. Neth J Med. 2002.

Medscape Medical News, April 18, 2016 | 3 comments



PROGRESSION OF DISEASE

TOP MEDICAL NEWS FROM ACROSS MEDSCAPE

FDA: Metformin Safe for Some Patients With Renal Problems

Changing its course in response to mounting evidence, the agency said the diabetes drug can be used safely in patients with mild and, in some cases, moderate kidney impairment.

News Alerts, April 08, 2016 | 13 comments

Contraindicated in
GFR<30ml/min



Novel Antihyperglycemic Drugs (After Metformin Then What?)

- GLP-1- RA
- SGLT-2 inhibitors
- DPP₄- Inhibitors

Raul: Taxi Driver ; age 54

T2DM x 7 years



Glimepiride 2 mg po once daily
Metformin 1000 mg po bid

Table 2. Raul's Clinical Presentation and Blood Test Results

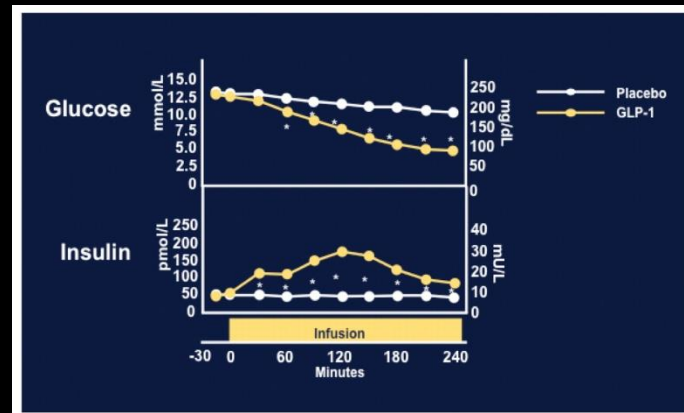
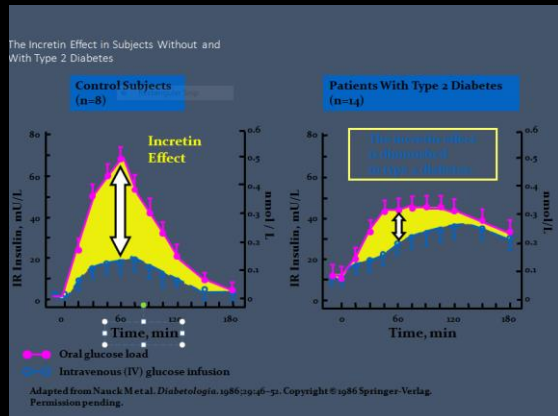
Height	175 cm
Weight	85.7 kg
BMI	28 kg/m ²
Heart rate	80 beats/min
Blood pressure (left arm)	130/80 mm Hg
Skin	Normal
Neurologic	Persistent, mild numbness and tingling in legs
Eye	Dilated fundus exam indicates early retinopathy
HbA1c	7.6%
Mean fasting plasma glucose	126 mg/dL (range: 115-140)
Mean postprandial plasma glucose	160 mg/dL (range: 140-200)
LDL cholesterol	90 mg/dL
HDL cholesterol	44 mg/dL
Triglycerides	240 mg/dL
eGFR	>90 mL/min/1.73 m ²
Serum creatinine	0.7 mg/dL

BMI = body mass index; HbA1c = glycated hemoglobin; HDL = high-density lipoprotein; LDL = low-density lipoprotein; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate.

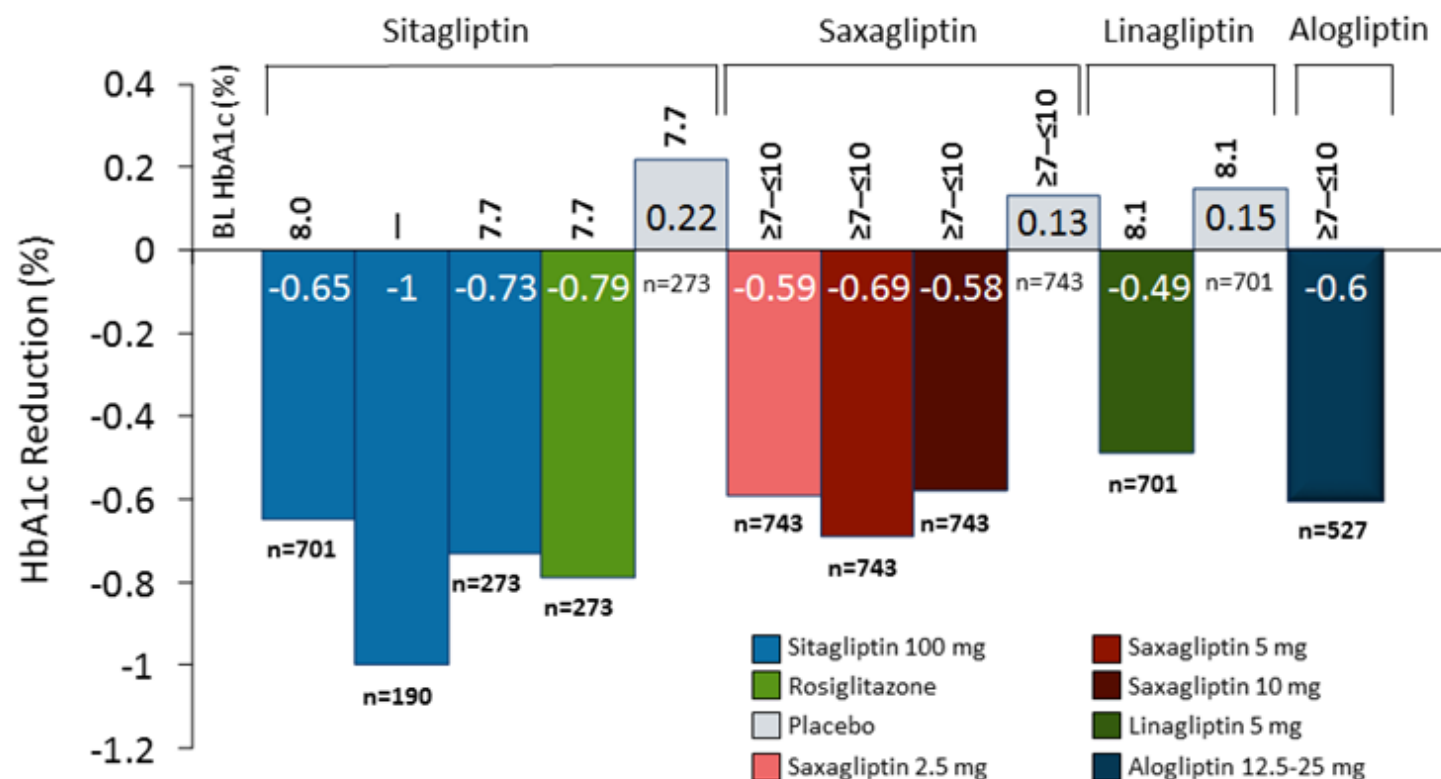
Lack of adherence due to hypoglycemic episodes;
refuses injections; concerned frequent urination
due to his type of work

Rationale for using Incretin-Based Therapies in the Treatment of T2 DM

- Incretins play an important role in glucose homeostasis
- Incretin Effects are Diminished in T2DM
- Incretin based therapies (GLP-1RA and DPP₄ inh)
- Target multiple defects in DM type 2, not addressed by traditional medications
- Not associated with hypoglycemia
- Either weight neutral or can cause weight loss(GLP-1 RA)



Efficacy of DPP₄ inhibition added to Metformin Therapy



Charbonnel B, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2006;29:2638-43; Raz I, et al. *Curr Med Res Opin*. 2008;24:537-550;
 Scott R, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2008;10:959-969; DeFronzo RA, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2009;32:1649-1655;
 Taskinen MR, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2011;13:65-74; Nauck MA, et al. *Int J Clin Pract*. 2009;63:46-55.

DPP-4 Inhibitors Are Weight Neutral

Change in Body Weight From BL as Add-on to Metformin^[a,b]

Saxagliptin 5 mg/day	-0.9 kg
Placebo	-0.9 kg
Sitagliptin 100 mg/day	-0.7 kg
Placebo	-0.6 kg
Linagliptin 5 mg/day	-0.4 kg
Placebo	-0.5 kg

a. <http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/>

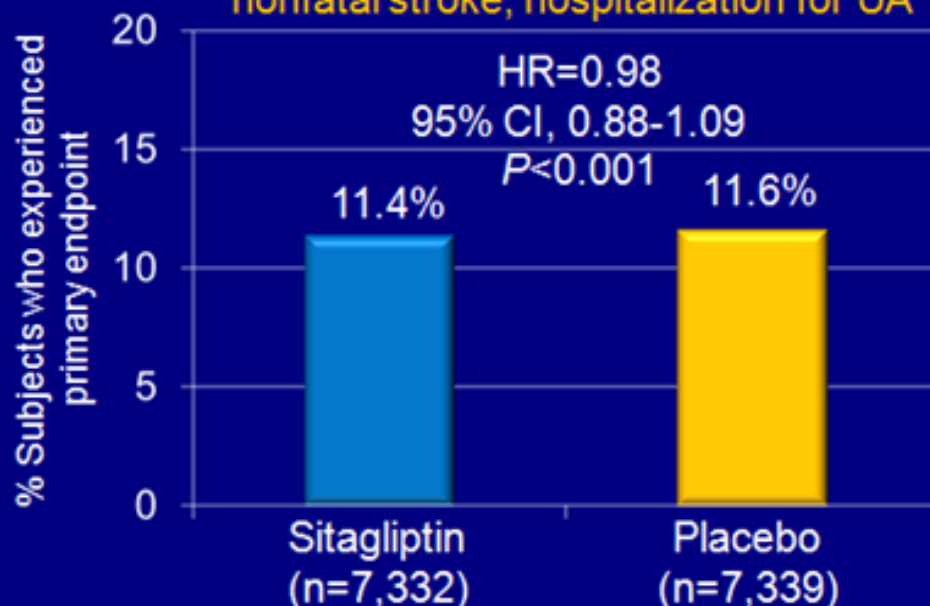
b. Taskinen MR, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2011;13:65-74.

Network Meta-analysis: OADs Added on to Metformin

	Change in HbA1c (%)	Change in Body Weight (kg)	Overall Hypoglycemia
	Mean Diff.	Mean Diff.	RR
Placebo (ref)	0	0	1
SU	-0.79	+2.06	4.57
Meglitinides	-0.65	+1.77	7.50
TZDs	-0.85	+2.08	0.56
AGIs	-0.64	-1.80	0.42
DPP-4 inhibitors	-0.78	-0.14	0.63
GLP-1 RAs	-0.97	-1.74	0.89

TECOS: No Increased CV Risk With Sitagliptin Vs Placebo in High-Risk Subjects With Type 2 Diabetes

Primary composite endpoint:
CV death, nonfatal MI,
nonfatal stroke, hospitalization for UA



About TECOS

Cardiovascular safety study of
the DPP-4 inhibitor, sitagliptin

Randomized, double-blind,
placebo-controlled, event-driven
trial

N=14,671 subjects with type 2
diabetes and CVD

Randomization + usual care*:

- Sitagliptin 100 mg/d[†]
- Placebo

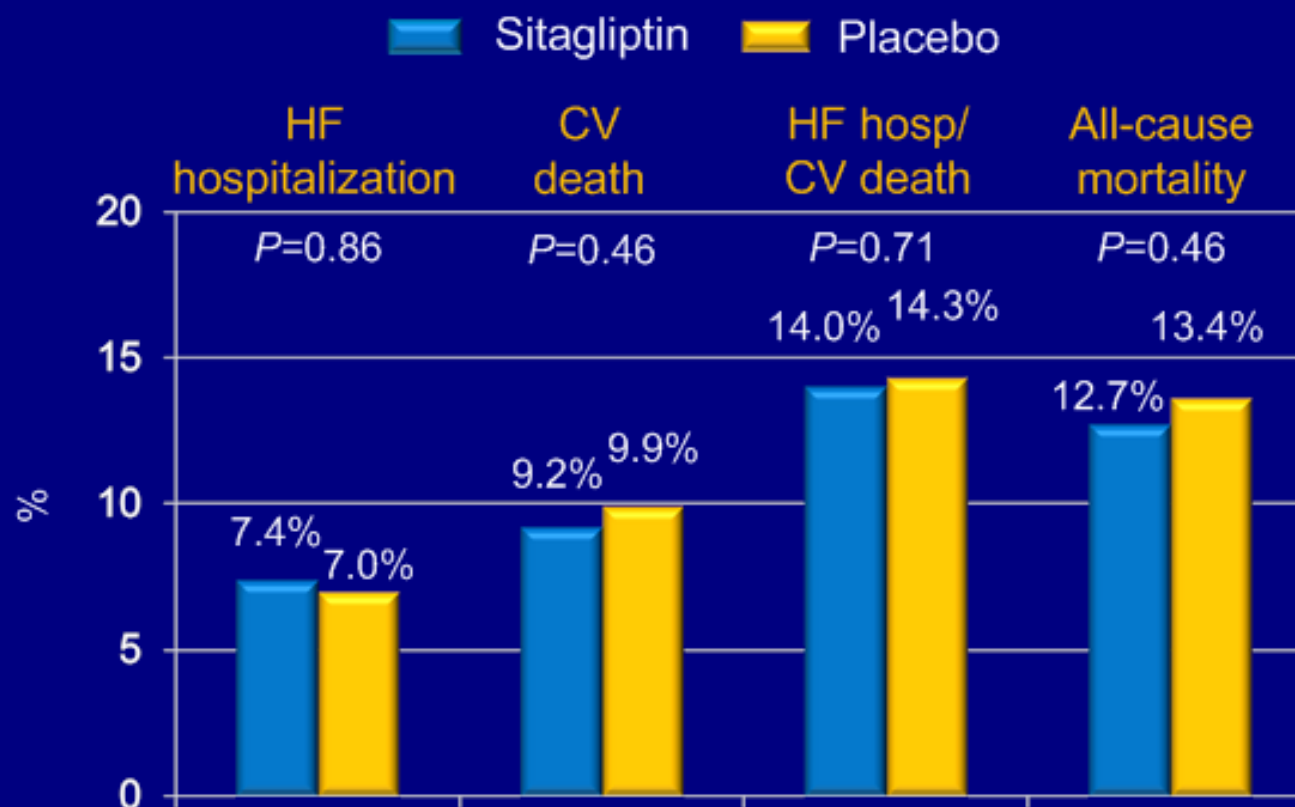
TECOS=Trial Evaluating Cardiovascular Outcomes with Sitagliptin

HR=hazard ratio; UA=unstable angina

*Or 50 mg/d if baseline eGFR ≥ 30 and < 50 ml/min/1.73 m²; [†]Stable doses of one or two oral antihyperglycemic agents (metformin, pioglitazone, or sulfonylurea) or insulin (with or without metformin)

Green JB, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1501352.

TECOS Substudy: Sitagliptin Not Associated With Heart Failure Onset in Subjects With Type 2 Diabetes



SAVOR, EXAMINE, and TECOS



Baseline Characteristics

	SAVOR n = 16,492	EXAMINE n = 5380	TECOS n = 14,671
	Saxagliptin vs Placebo	Alogliptin vs Placebo	Sitagliptin vs Placebo
Mean age, y	65	61	66
Median duration of diabetes, y	10.3	7.3	10.0
Mean baseline HbA _{1c} , %	8.0	8.0	7.2
Hypertension, %	82	83	86
Dyslipidemia, %	71	Not reported	77
Current smoker, %	Not reported	14	11
Previous HF, %	13	28	18
Median duration of follow-up, y	2.1	1.5	3.0

a. Scirica BM, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;369:1317-1326; b. White WB, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;369:1327-1335; c. Bethel MA, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2015;17:395-402.

TECOS, EXAMINE, and SAVOR

Hospitalization for HF

Hospitalization for HF	 EXAMINE ^a	TECOS ^b	 SAVOR ^c
	HR (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)	HR (95% CI)
HR (95% CI)	1.07 (0.79-1.46)	1.00 (0.83-1.20)	1.27 (1.07-1.51)
P value	.657	.98	.007

a. Zannad F, et al. *Lancet*. 2015;385:2067-2076; b. Green JB, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373:232-242; c. Scirica BM, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2013;369:1317-1326.

FDA Drug Safety Communication: FDA adds warnings about heart failure risk to labels of type 2 diabetes medicines containing saxagliptin and alogliptin

Ongoing CAROLINA and CARMELINA Trials



Study	CAROLINA ^a
DPP-4 inhibitor	Linagliptin
Comparator	Sulfonylurea
N	6000
Results	2017



Study	CARMELINA ^b
DPP-4 inhibitor	Linagliptin
Comparator	Placebo
N	8300
Results	2017

a. Marx N, et al. *Diab Vasc Dis Res*. 2015;12:164-174.

b. Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT01897532.



**Severe
Joint Pain
from
Diabetes Meds**

Lydia : 71 female T2DM x 10 years



Table 5. Leah's Current Medications

Medication	Dosage
Metformin	500 mg PO twice daily
Dapagliflozin	10 mg PO once daily
Atorvastatin	20 mg PO once daily
Enalapril	10 mg PO once daily
Aspirin	81 mg PO once daily

PO = oral administration.

CVD disease
Mild arthritis
Hypertension
Used dpp4 inh and changed
to dapagliflozin

Glp-1

Basal
Insulin

Table 6. Leah's Clinical Presentation and Blood Test Results

Height	162 cm
Weight	73.4 kg
BMI	31 kg/m ²
Heart rate	75 beats/min
Blood pressure	130/80 mm Hg
Skin	Normal
Neurologic	Mild peripheral neuropathy
Eye	Dilated fundus exam reveals retinopathy
Abdomen	Normal
Mean fasting plasma glucose	150 mg/dL (range: 125-173)
Mean postprandial plasma glucose	190 mg/dL (range: 181-226)
HbA1c	8.5%
LDL	80 mg/dL
HDL	45 mg/dL
Triglycerides	150 mg/dL
eGFR	45 mL/min/1.73 m ²
Albumin	3.5 g/dL
BUN	16 mg/dL
Serum creatinine	1.21 mg/dL



Individualization of Glycemic Targets for Adults With Diabetes

Lowering A1C below or around 7.0% shown to reduce

- Microvascular complications
- Macrovascular disease*

More or less stringent targets may be appropriate for individual patients if achieved without significant hypoglycemia or adverse events

More stringent (<6.5%)

- Short diabetes duration
- Long life expectancy
- No significant CVD

Less stringent (<8%)

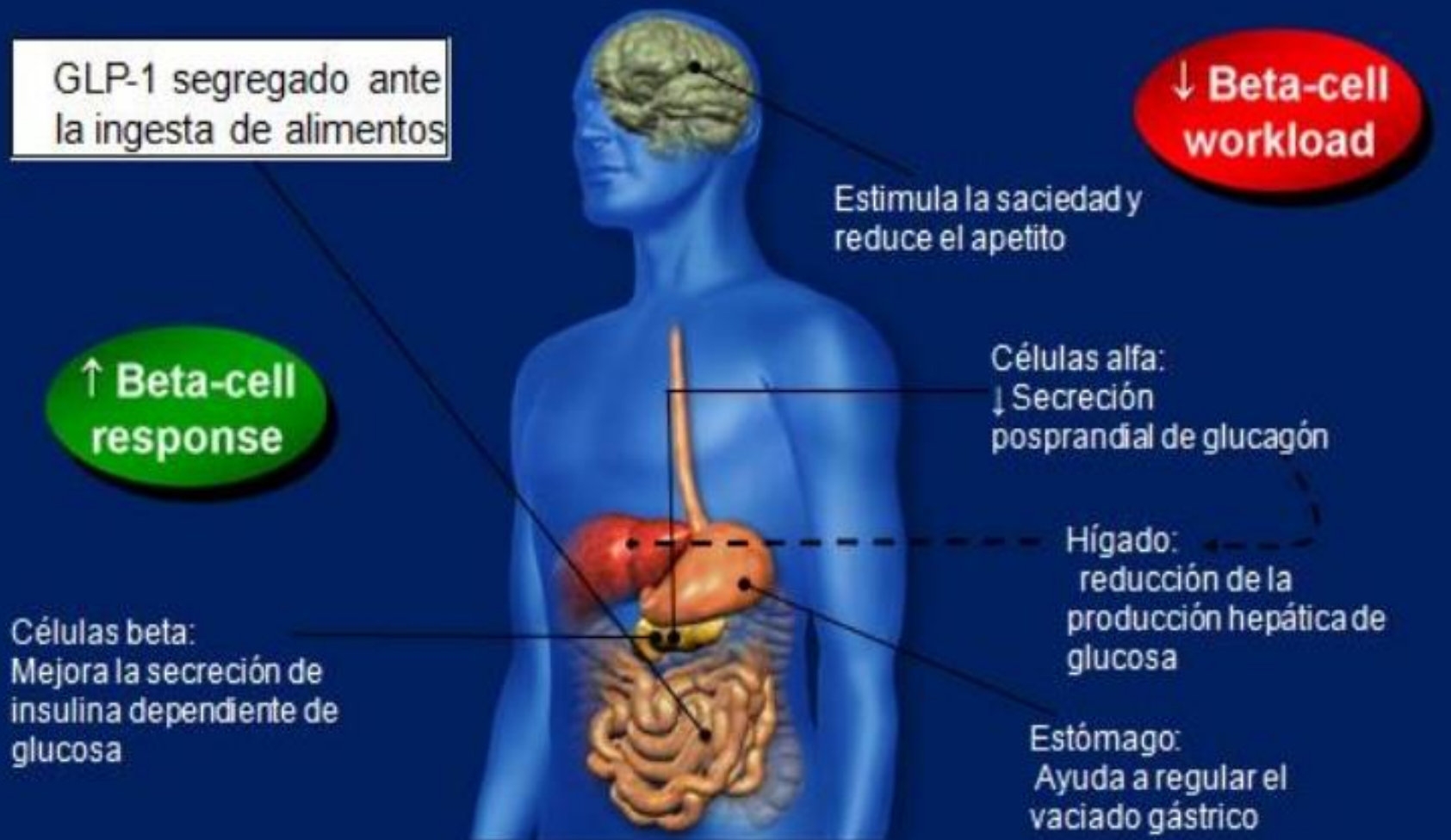
- Severe hypoglycemia history
- Limited life expectancy
- Advanced microvascular or macrovascular complications
- Extensive comorbidities
- Long-term diabetes in whom general A1C target difficult to attain[†]

Targets shown are for nonpregnant adults


*If implemented soon after diagnosis; [†]Despite diabetes self-management, appropriate glucose monitoring, effective doses of antihyperglycemic agents (including insulin)

CVD=cardiovascular disease

Efectos del GLP-1 en humanos: Descripción del Rol Glucorregulador de las Incretinas



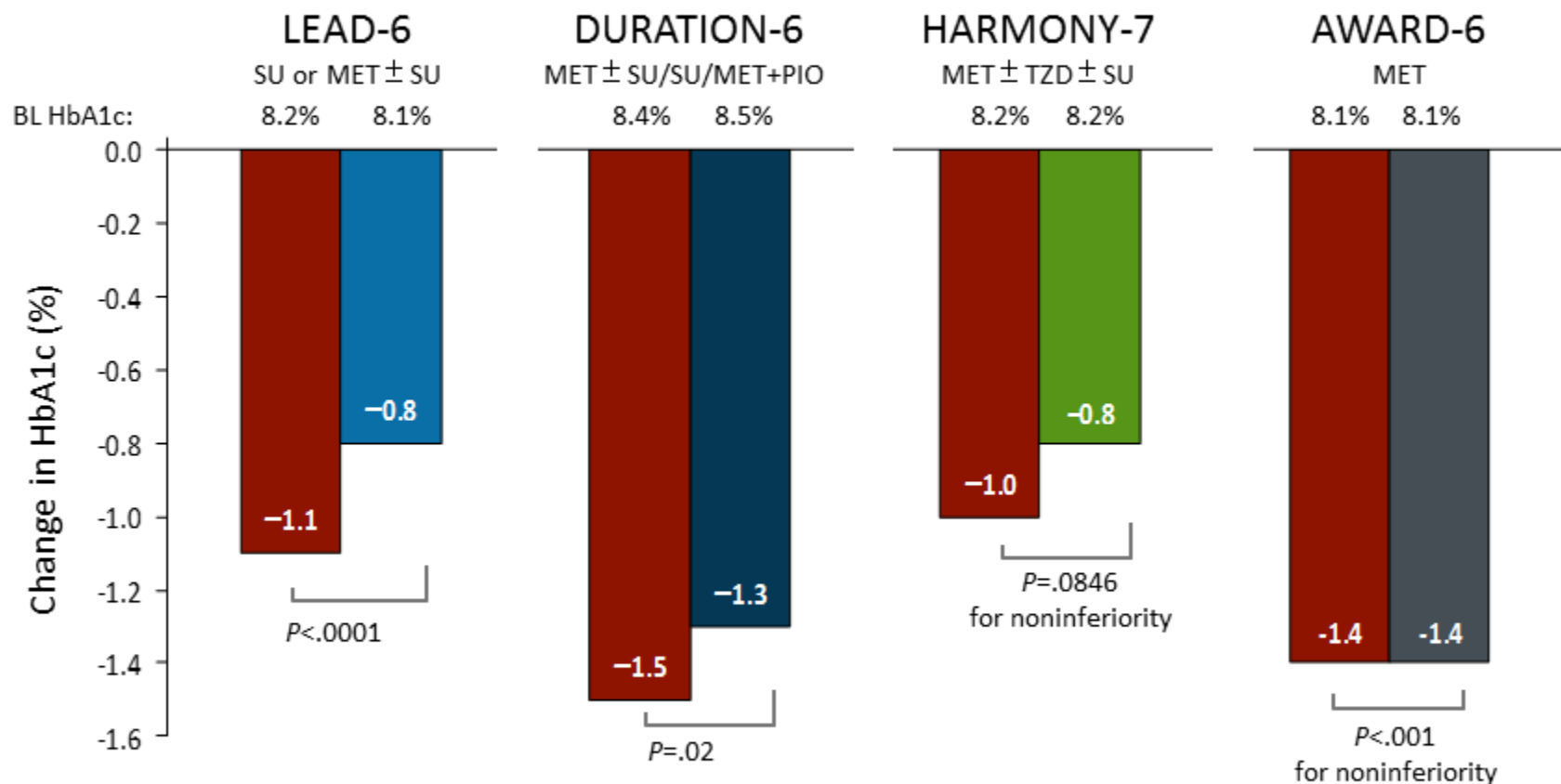
Short-Acting vs Long-Acting GLP-1 RAs: Pharmacokinetic Differences



Category	Agent	Half-life	T _{max}
Short-acting GLP-1 RAs	Exenatide bid^[a]	2.4 hours	2 h
	Lixisenatide^[a]	2.7-4.3 hours	1.25-2.25 hours
Long-acting GLP-1 RAs	Liraglutide^[a]	13 hours	8-12 hours
	Dulaglutide^[b]	90 hours	24-48 hours
	Albiglutide^[a]	5 days	3-5 days
	Semaglutide^[a]	~7 days	1-1.5 days
	Exenatide qw^[g]	7-14 days	6-7 weeks

Novo-Nordisk's Oral GLP-1 Diabetes Treatment: An Update

Glycemic Control With GLP-1 RAs: Head-to-Head Studies



■ Liraglutide 1.8 mg qd ■ Exenatide 10 µg bid ■ Exenatide 2 mg ■ Albiglutide 50 mg qw ■ Dulaglutide 1.5 mg qw

Buse JB, et al. *Lancet*. 2009;374:39-47 (LEAD-6); Buse JB, et al. *Lancet*. 2013;381:117-124 (DURATION-6); ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT01029886) (DURATION-6); Pratley RE, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol*. 2014;2:289-297 (HARMONY-7); Dungan KM, et al. *Lancet*. 2014;384:1349-1357 (AWARD-6).

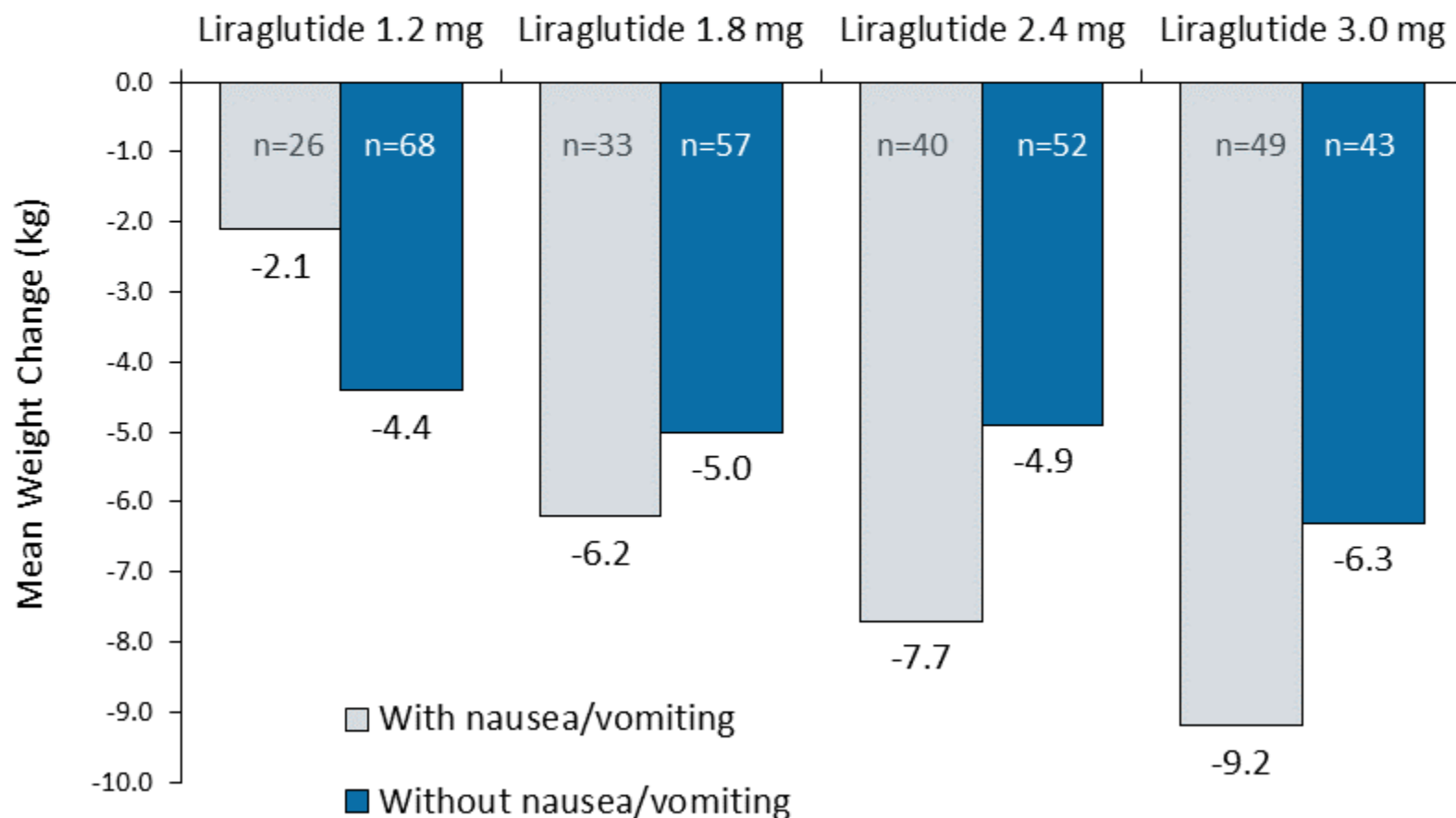
Effect of GLP-1 RA on SBP

Trial	No of Patients		Mean Change		Weight (%)	Weighted Mean Difference (95% CI)
	GLP-1 RA Group	Control Group	GLP-1 RA Group	Control Group		
Astrup 2010	82	78	-6.9 (1.3)	-4.0 (1.2)	10.59	-2.90 (-3.29 to -2.51)
Apovian 2010	96	98	-9.4 (1.4)	-2.0 (1.4)	10.59	-7.47 (-7.86 to -7.08)
Bergental 2010	160	166	-3.2 (12.7)	0.8 (12.7)	8.72	-4.00 (-6.76 to -1.24)
Bunck 2009	36	33	-3.5 (12.8)	0.9 (18.0)	4.09	-4.40 (-11.83 to -3.03)
Davies 2009	118	117	-2.9 (13.0)	0.7 (13.0)	8.05	-3.60 (-6.93 to -0.27)
Moretto 2008	78	77	-4.3 (13.3)	-0.08 (12.3)	7.23	-4.22 (-8.25 to -0.19)
Garber 2009	217	212	-3.6 (14.1)	0.7 (13.7)	8.86	-4.30 (-6.93 to -1.67)
Zinman 2009	178	177	-5.6 (14.7)	-1.1 (16.0)	8.21	-4.50 (-7.69 to -1.31)
Kendall 2005	241	247	-2.0 (15.0)	1.1 (14.7)	8.85	-3.10 (-5.74 to -0.46)
Buse 2004	129	123	0.8 (15.7)	-1.6 (14.3)	7.61	-2.40 (-1.30 to 6.10)
Diamant 2010	233	223	-3.0 (16.6)	-0.6 (14.9)	8.56	-2.40 (-5.29 to -0.49)
Heine 2005	282	267	-4.1 (17.8)	-0.6 (16.0)	8.63	-3.50 (-6.33 to -0.67)
Overall					100.0	-3.57 (-5.49 to -1.66)

Effect of GLP-1 RA on DBP

Trial	No of Patients		Mean Change		Weight (%)	Weighted Mean Difference (95% CI)
	GLP-1 RA Group	Control Group	GLP-1 RA Group	Control Group		
Astrup 2010	82	78	-2.9 (0.8)	-1.1 (0.8)	19.34	-1.80 (-2.05 to -1.55)
Moretto 2008	78	77	-2.9 (8.4)	0.1 (8.3)	4.60	-3.00 (-5.63 to -0.37)
Apovian 2010	96	98	-2.2 (1.0)	0.5 (1.0)	19.20	-2.69 (-2.97 to -2.41)
Zinman 2009	178	177	-1.9 (9.3)	-0.8 (9.3)	7.08	-1.10 (-3.04 to 0.84)
Bergenstal 2010	160	166	-1.6 (7.5)	-0.2 (8.1)	8.36	-1.40 (-3.09 to 0.29)
Heine 2005	282	267	-1.2 (10.3)	-0.8 (9.8)	8.43	-0.40 (-2.08 to 1.28)
Diamant 2010	233	223	-1.2 (10.1)	-0.7 (8.7)	8.17	-0.50 (-2.23 to 1.23)
Davies 2009	118	117	-0.5 (7.6)	0.9 (7.6)	7.08	-1.40 (-3.34 to 0.54)
Buse 2004	129	123	-0.5 (9.4)	-0.6 (8.6)	5.89	-0.13 (-2.09 to 2.35)
Kendall 2005	241	247	-0.4 (8.9)	-0.9 (9.0)	8.99	-0.50 (-1.09 to 2.09)
Bunck 2009	36	33	-0.3 (6.2)	1.7 (8.4)	2.87	-2.00 (-5.51 to 1.51)
Overall					100.0	-1.38 (-2.02 to -0.73)

Effect of Liraglutide Dose on Mean Weight Change Response

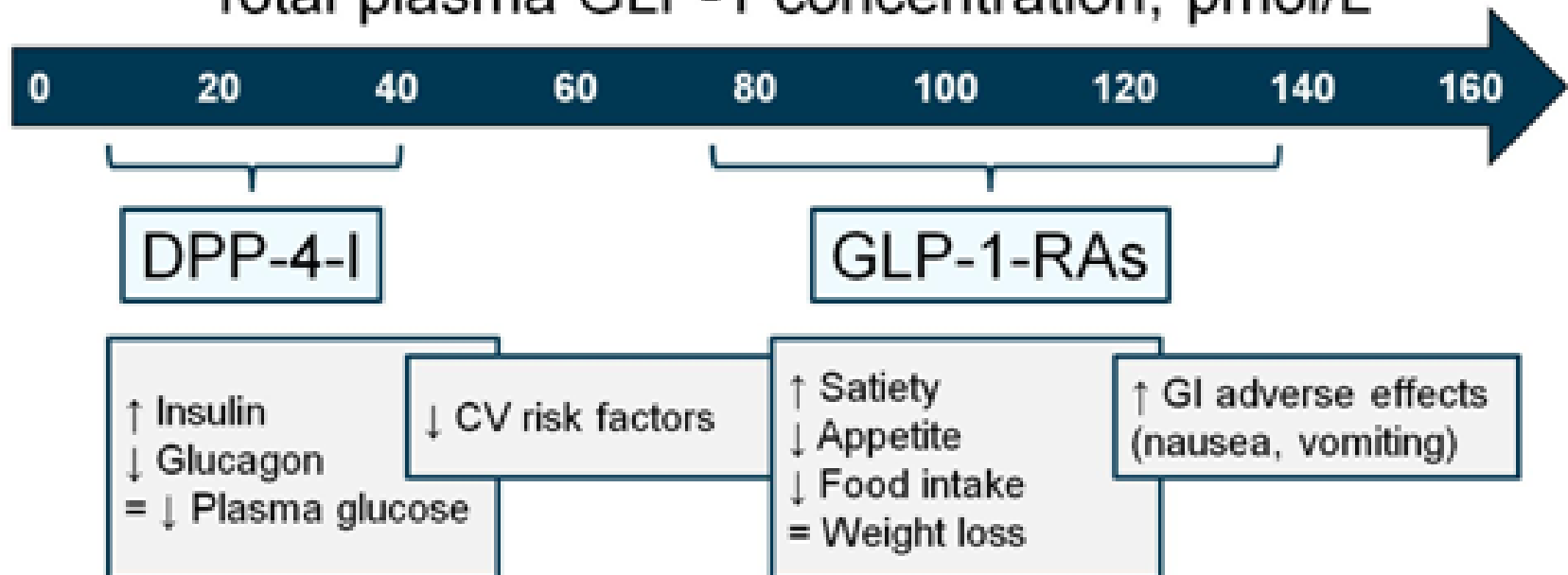


Dose-Related Effects of GLP-1

Physiologic
GLP-1 Levels

Pharmacologic
GLP-1 Levels

Total plasma GLP-1 concentration, pmol/L



CV Effects of GLP-1 Receptor Activation

Improved weight, SBP, lipids

Improved endothelial function

Increased vasorelaxation

Increased peripheral and coronary flow

Increased ventricular function

Decreased microvascular permeability

Effects in isolated vessels/hearts and GLP-1 receptor localization to CV tissues indicate some effects may be direct

Ongoing GLP-1 Receptor Agonist CV Outcomes Studies



LEADER

Study LEADER^a

GLP-1 Agonist	Liraglutide
Comparator	Placebo
N	16,500
Results	2016



REWIND

Study REWIND^d

GLP-1 Agonist	Dulaglutide
Comparator	Placebo
N	8300
Results	2019



EXSCEL

Study EXSCEL^b

GLP-1 Agonist	Exenatide LR
Comparator	Placebo
N	5400
Results	2018



SUSTAIN 6

Study SUSTAIN 6^c

GLP-1 Agonist	Semaglutide
Comparator	Placebo
N	6000
Results	2016

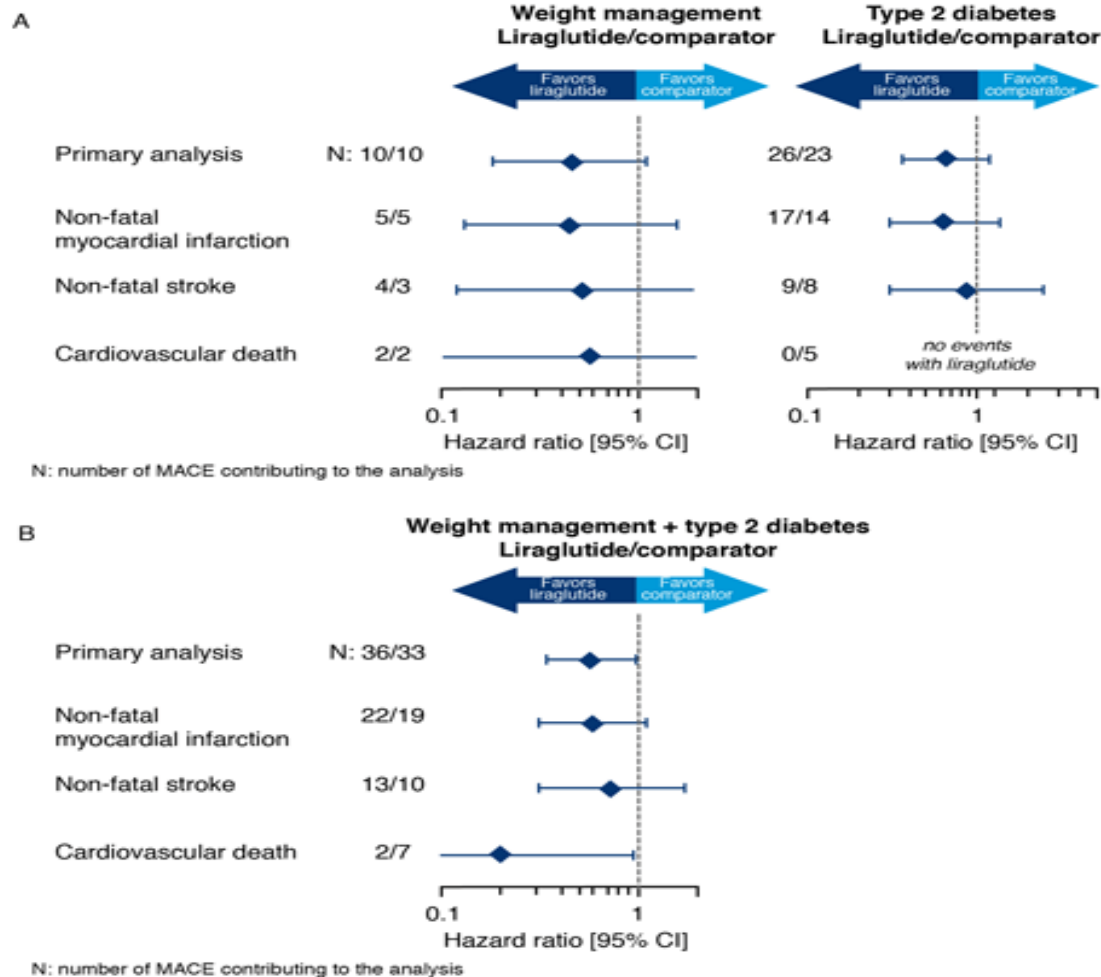
a. Marso SP, et al. *Am Heart J*. 2013;166:823-830; b. Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT01144338; c. Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT01720446; d. Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT01394952.

Top-Line Data Show CV Benefit for Liraglutide in Type 2 Diabetes

Miriam E Tucker

March 04, 2016

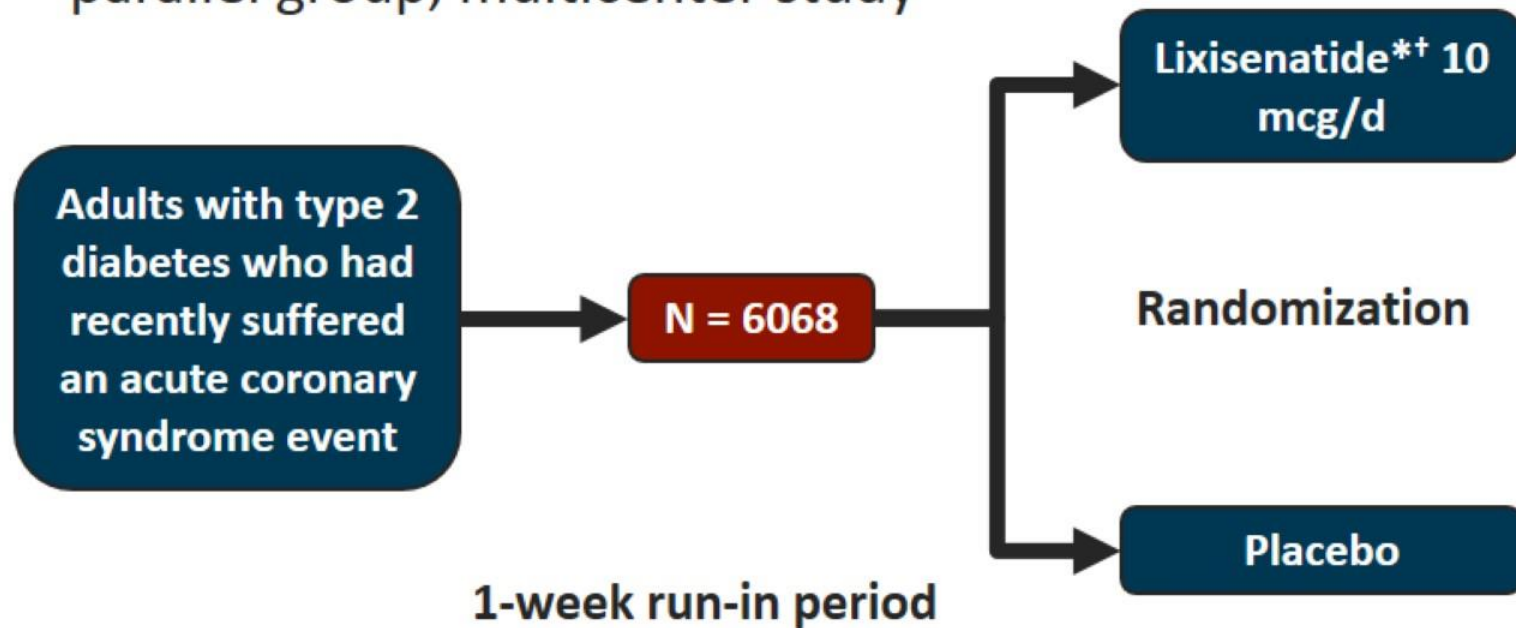
Figure 1: Overall MACE analysis for total liraglutide vs. total comparator in the A) weight management (left) or type 2 diabetes (right) trials and B) pooled weight management and type 2 diabetes trials.



ELIXA

Study Design

- Phase 3b randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel group, multicenter study



*The US FDA has not yet approved this medication for use.

†Up or down-titrated to maximum 20 mcg/d

Pfeffer MA, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373:2247-2257.

ELIXA

No CV Risks of Benefits

	Lixisenatide 10 mcg/d* (N = 3034)		Placebo (N = 3034)		HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> Value
	Patients With Event	No. of Events/ 100 Patient-Yr	Patients With Event	No. of Events/ 100 Patient-Yr		
Death from CV causes, nonfatal stroke, nonfatal MI, or unstable angina — no. (%)	399 (13.2)	6.3	406 (13.4)	6.4	1.02 (0.89-1.17)	.81

*The US FDA has not yet approved this medication for use.
Pfeffer MA, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015;373:2247-2257.

Potential for GLP-1 RAs as First-Line Therapy

- Metformin will likely remain first-line therapy
- Increasing clinical research into clinical effects of GLP-1 RAs but no current evidence that these agents improve insulin sensitivity
- Can we identify early responders to treatment?
- Cost of GLP-1 RAs currently high; may be a barrier for some

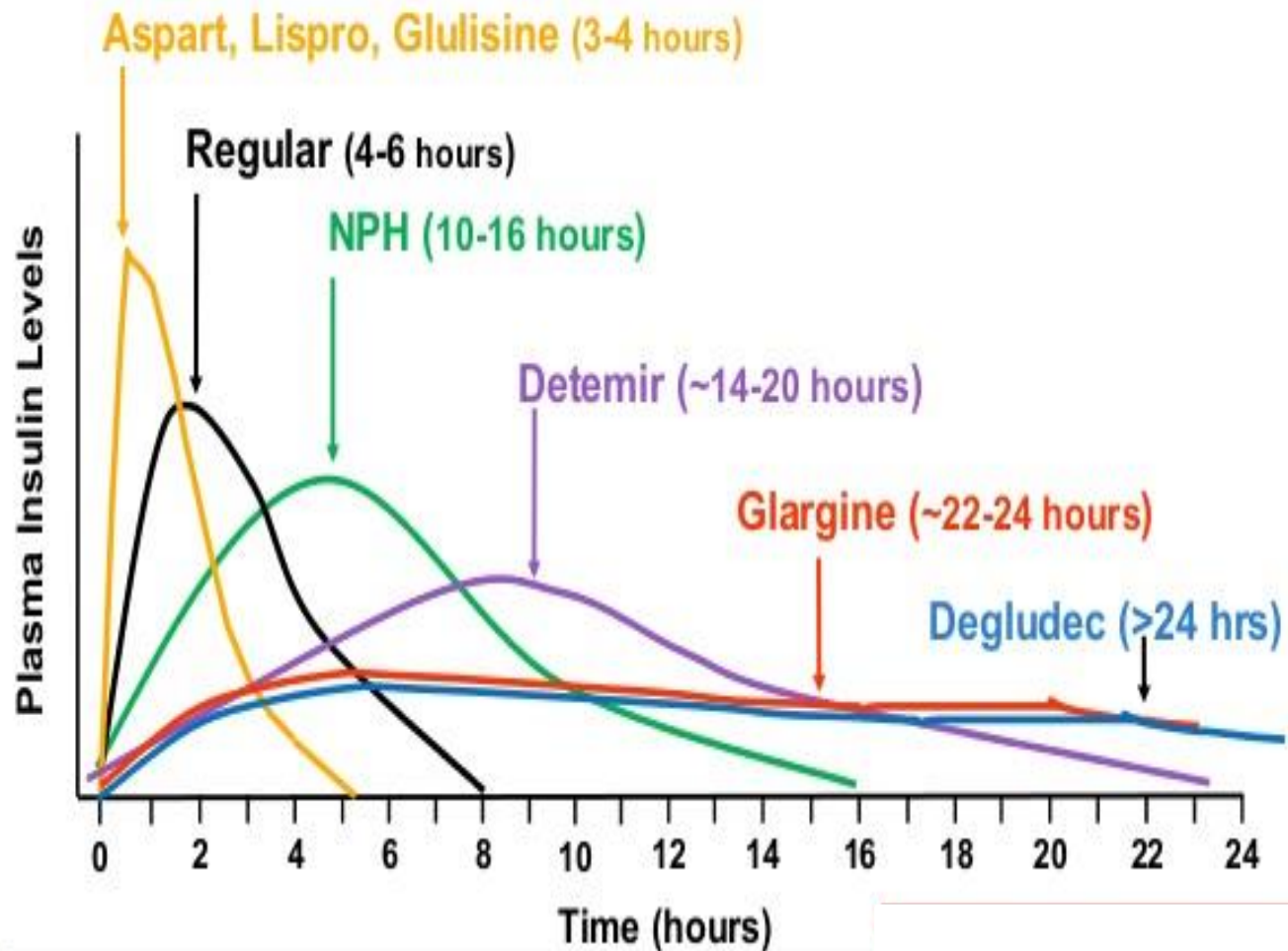
69 y/o male pt . DM 2 x 5 years



PATIENT CASE STUDY

- Sitagliptin / meformin x 5 years
- Lost from follow up
- Developed balanitis and has phimosis
- A_{1c}=9%
- FBS= 265
- Continued above treatment ;
- added basal insulin;
- stress diet and exercise

Insulins Available

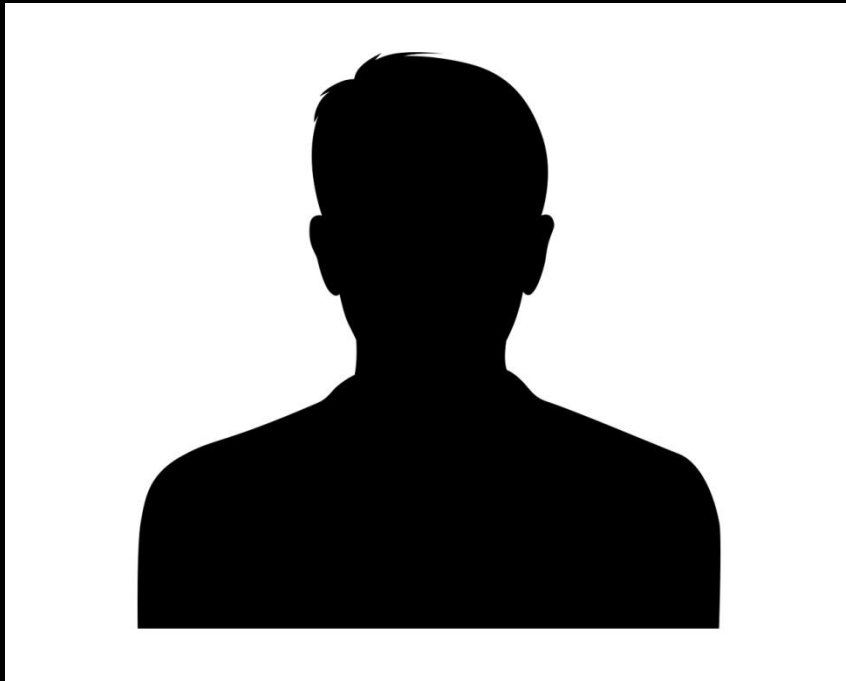


42 y/o male CKD pending kidney transplant



- Pt was on 70/30 mix once in am
- A1c=9.5%
- Frequent hypoglycemic reactions
- Pt was started on basal bolus regimen with Glargine and Humalog

48 male DM2; CAD ; PAD;



- 48 male pt
- s/p coronary bypass x4
- Recent intervention for PAD
- DM 2 uncontrolled
- Metformin 1000 bid
- Sitagliptin 100
- Uncontrolled

Inhibidores de SGLT2 Mecanismo de Acción



Efficacy and Safety: SGLT2 Inhibitor vs Sitagliptin (DPP-4 Inhibitor) Added to Metformin

Agent	Δ HbA1c, %		Δ Weight, kg		Hypoglycemia, %	
	SGLT2	Sitagliptin	SGLT2	Sitagliptin	SGLT2	Sitagliptin
Canagliflozin (300 mg) ^[a] 52 weeks	-0.88*	-0.73	-3.7 [†]	-1.2	6.8	4.1
Empagliflozin (25 mg) ^[b] 12 weeks	-0.55	-0.45	-2.6	-0.8	0.0	2.8

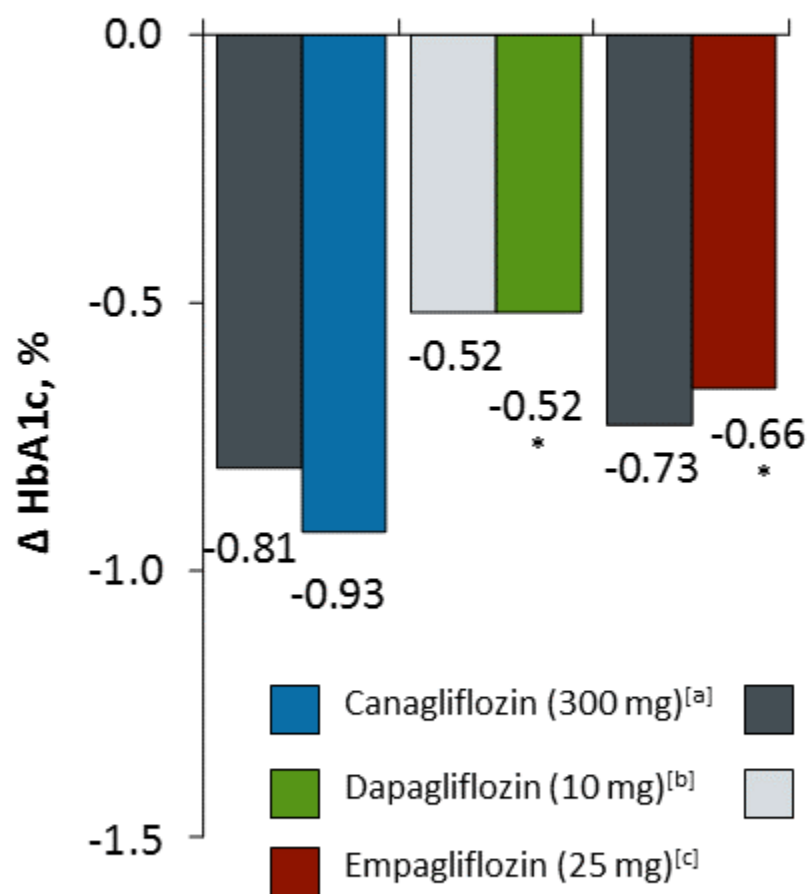
*Superior vs sitagliptin

[†] $P < .001$ vs sitagliptin

a. LaValle-Gonzalez FJ, et al. *Diabetologia*. 2013;56:2582-2592.

b. Rosenstock J, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2013;15:1154-1160.

SGLT2 Inhibitor vs SU Added to Metformin



Agent	Δ Weight (kg)		Hypoglycemia (%)	
	SGLT2	SU	SGLT2	SU
CANA ^[a] (300 mg)	-4.0 [†]	0.7	5 [†]	34
DAPA ^[b] (10 mg)	-3.2 [†]	1.2	4 [†]	41
EMPA ^[c] (25 mg)	-3.2 [†]	1.6	2 [†]	20

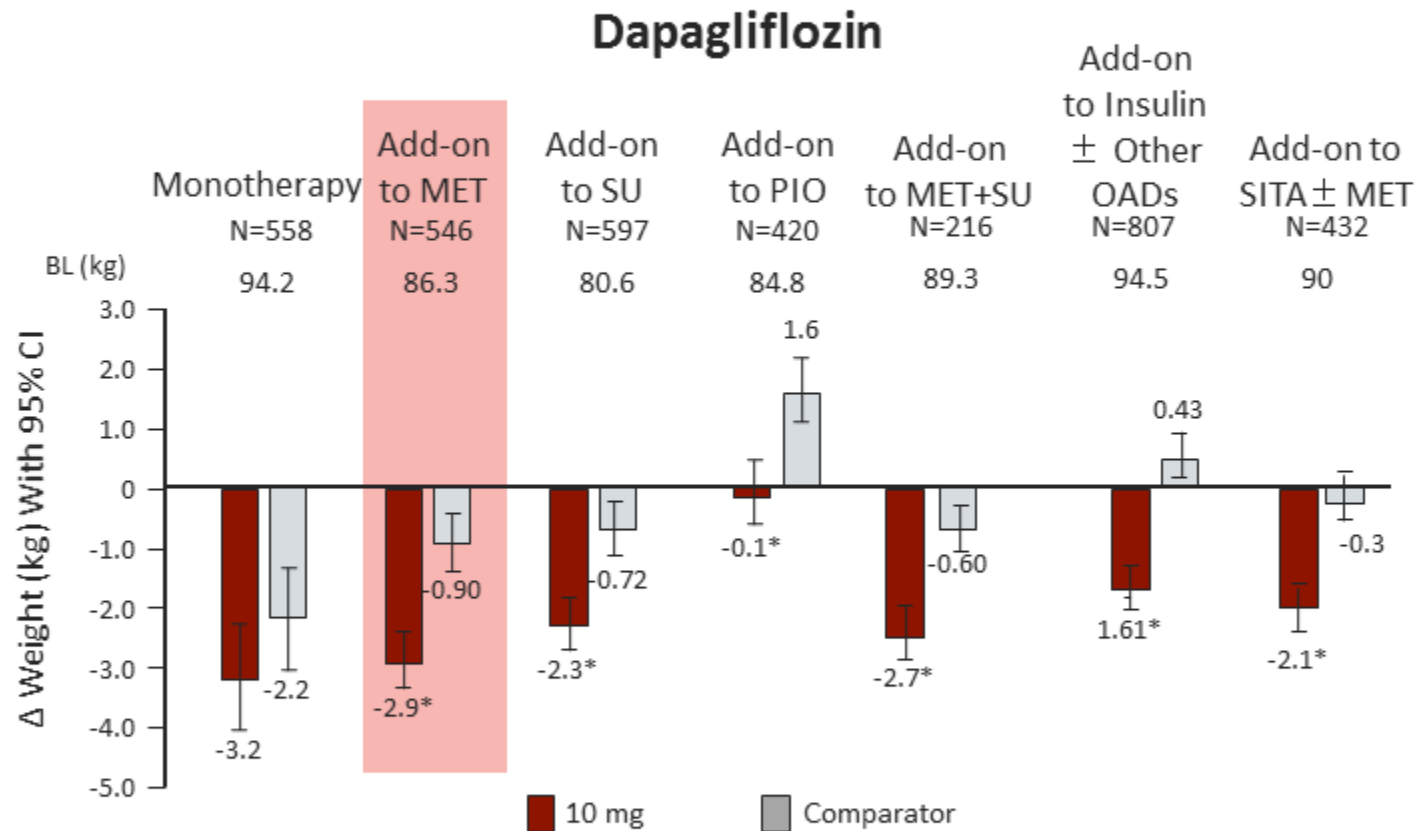
*Noninferior vs SU; superiority demonstrated for canagliflozin vs glimepiride at 52 weeks and for empagliflozin vs glimepiride at 104 weeks
[†]P<.0001 vs placebo

a. Cefalu WT, et al. *Lancet*. 2013;382:941-950.

b. Nauck MA, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2011;34:2015-2022.

c. Ridderstråle M, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol*. 2014;2:691-700.

SGLT2 Inhibitor Pooled Data: Weight Reduction in Placebo-Controlled Studies



*Statistically significant vs placebo by hierarchical testing rule: $P < .001$

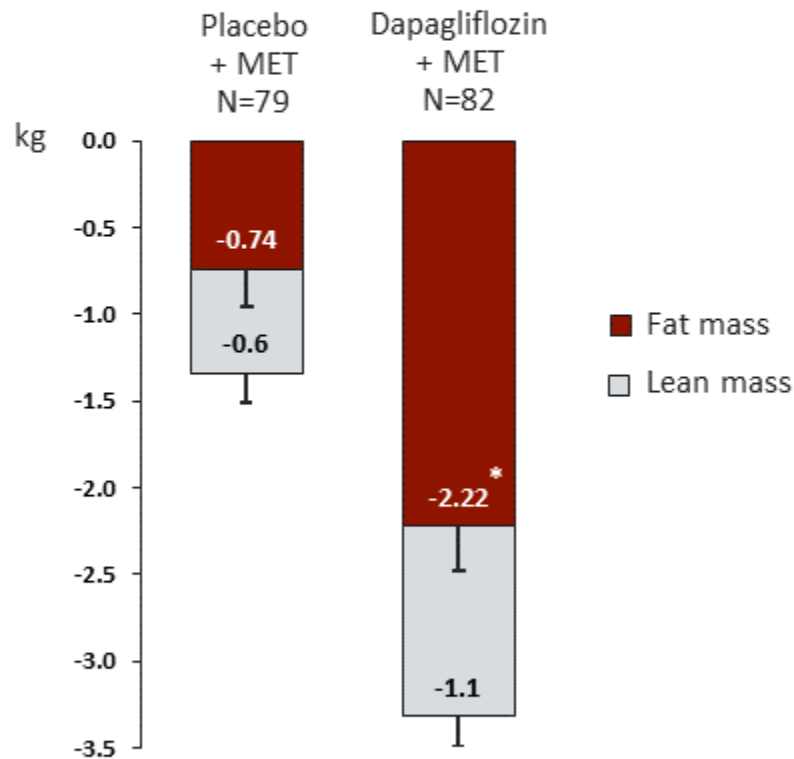
Adjusted mean change from BL using ANCOVA, excluding data after rescue (LOCF)

Ferrannini E, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2010;33:2217-2224; Bailey CJ, et al. *Lancet*. 2010;375:2223-2233; Strojek K, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab*. 2011;13:928-938; Rosenstock J, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2012;35(7):1473-1478; Matthaei S, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2015;38(3):365-372. Wilding J, et al. *Ann Intern Med*. 2012;156:405-415; Jabbour S, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2014;37:740-750.

SGLT2 Inhibitor: Weight Loss Is Mostly Fat

Dapagliflozin

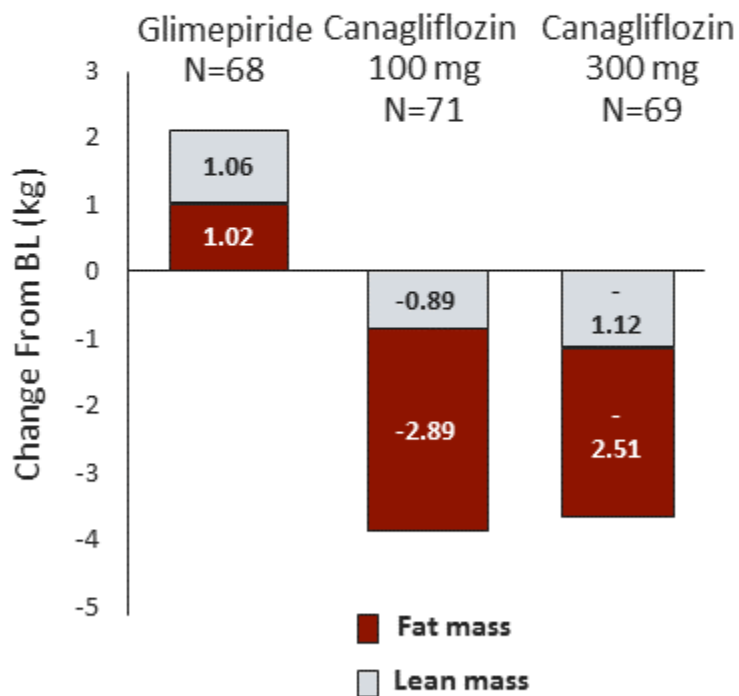
Δ Body Fat and Lean Mass (kg)
at Week 24 by DXA (SE)



*Statistically significant vs placebo
by Hochberg's method ($P < .001$)

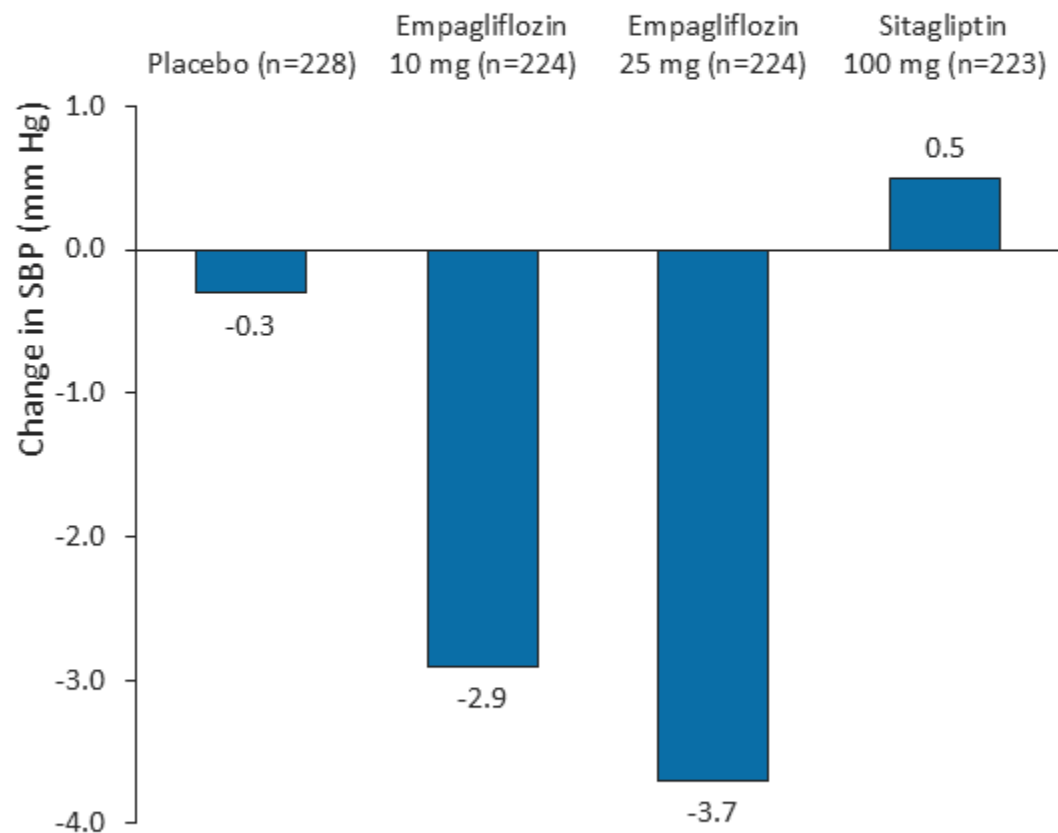
Canagliflozin

Δ Body Fat and Lean Mass (kg)
at Week 52 by DXA

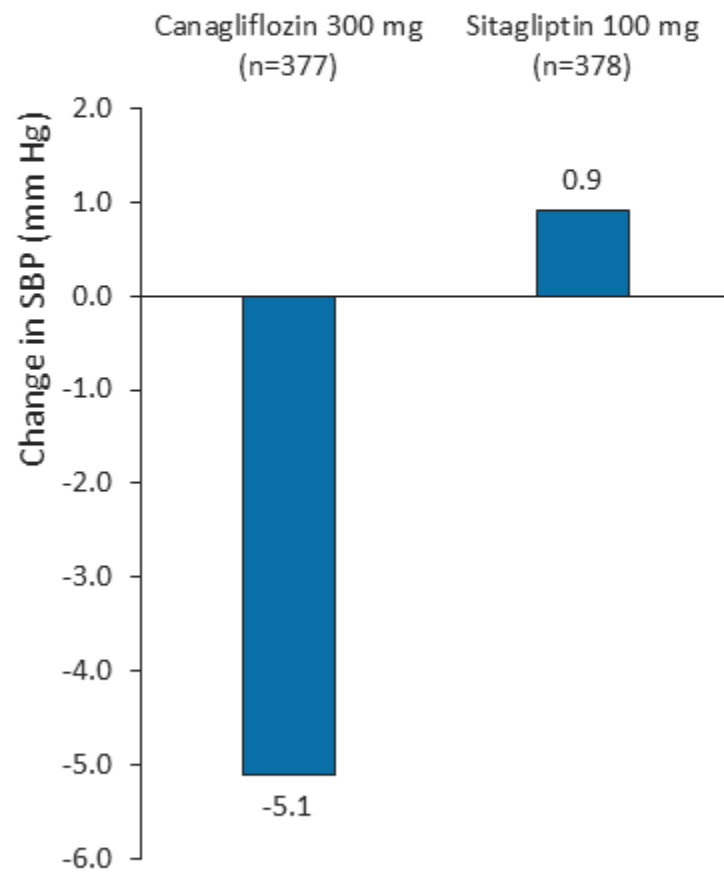


DPP-4 Inhibitor vs SGLT2 Inhibitor: Effect on SBP in T2DM

Roden and colleagues
(24 weeks)



Schernthaner and colleagues
(52 weeks)



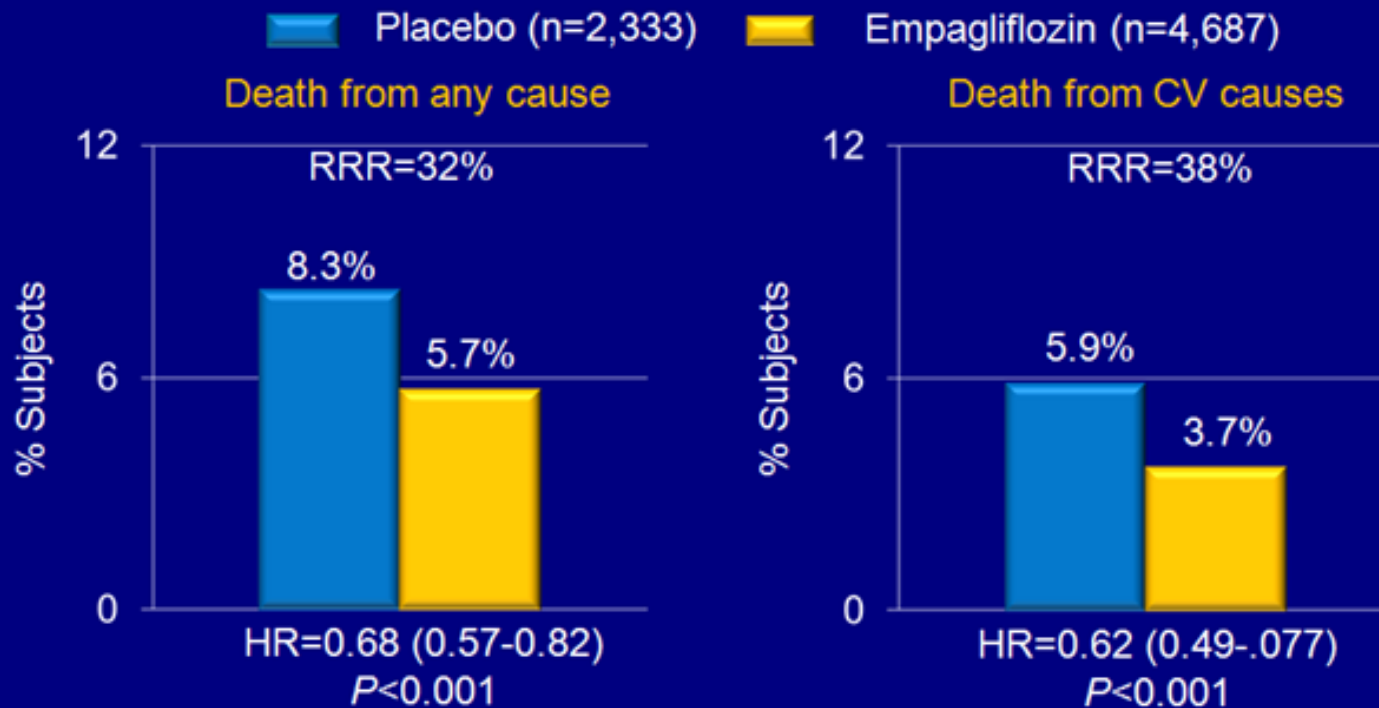
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Lower All-Cause & CV Mortality With Empagliflozin Vs Placebo in High-Risk Patients

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EMPA-REG OUTCOME



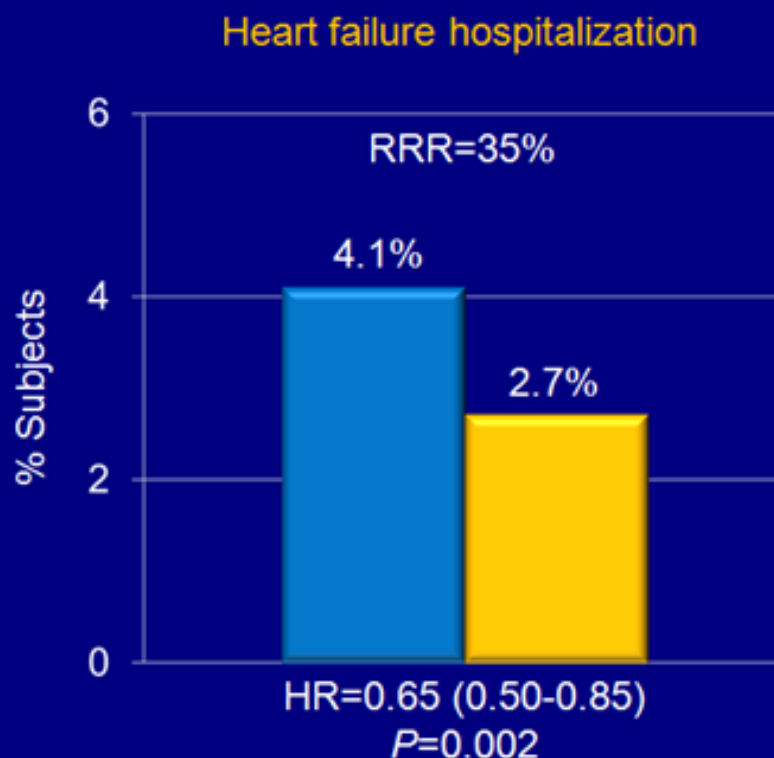
39 patients would need to be treated
over 3 years to prevent 1 death

Lower Heart Failure Hospitalization With Empagliflozin Vs Placebo in High-Risk Patients

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EMPA-REG OUTCOME

Placebo (n=2,333) Empagliflozin (n=4,687)



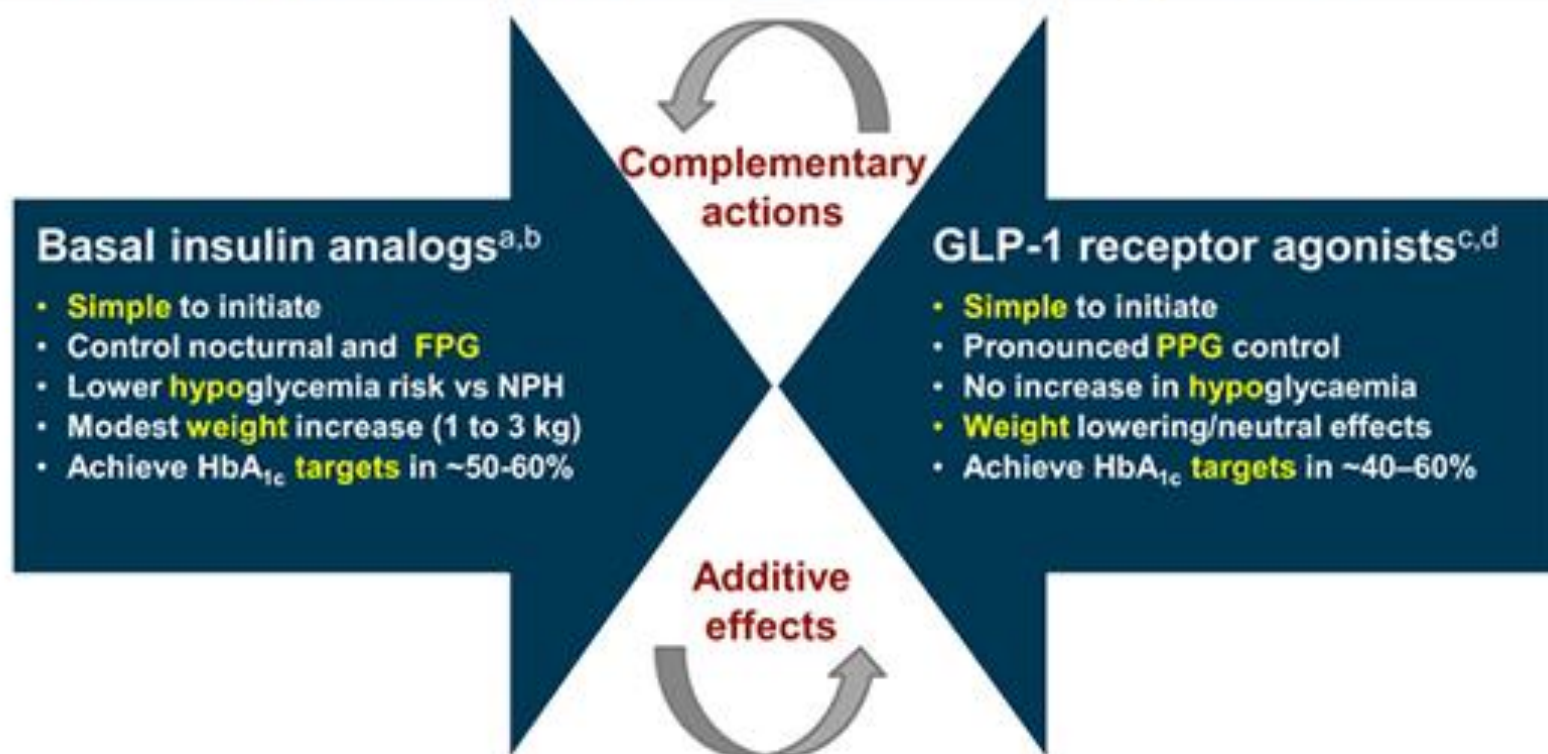
RRR=relative risk reduction

Zinman B, et al; for the EMPA-REG OUTCOME Investigators.
N Engl J Med. 2015. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa1504720.



Invokana and Invokamet (canagliflozin): Drug Safety Communication - New Information on Bone Fracture Risk and Decreased Bone Mineral Density

Scientific Rationale for Combining Basal Insulin with a GLP-1 agonist



Courtesy of Julio Rosenstock, MD.

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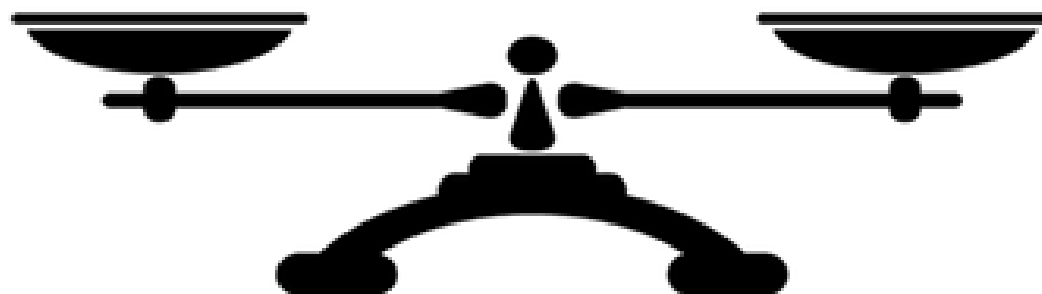
2008;114:3-10^[33]; c. Holst JJ, et al. *Mol Cell Endocrinol.* 2009;297:127-136^[1]; d. Calabrese D. *Am J Managed Care.* 2011; S52-S58.^[2]

Rationale and Proof of Concept

GLP-1 Agonist + Basal Insulin

Basal insulin is the most effective agent to lower fasting glucose but is associated with hypoglycemia and weight gain

GLP-1 agonists lowers both fasting and postprandial glucose without an intrinsic effect to cause hypoglycemia while promoting weight loss



Rationale: combine 2 powerful glucose-lowering agents to get even better efficacy
Clinical trial data: Remarkable efficacy while mitigating the adverse effects of both agents (weight, hypoglycemia, nausea)

Studies of Once- or Twice-Daily GLP-1 Receptor Agonists Plus Basal Insulin*

Study	Treatment	Reduction in HbA _{1c}	HbA _{1c} Level Achieved (%)
Buse JB, et al. 2011 ^a	Insulin glargine + exenatide twice daily	-1.74	6.61
	Insulin glargine + placebo	-1.04	7.49
Diamant M, et al. 2014 ^b	Insulin glargine + exenatide twice daily	-1.13	7.20
	Insulin glargine + lispro (3 times daily)	-1.10	7.20
Rosenstock J, et al. 2013 ^c	Liraglutide + insulin detemir	-1.04	7.18
Charbonnel B, et al. 2014 ^{†d}	Lixisenatide [‡] + basal insulin [§]	-0.60	6.96
	Lixisenatide [‡] + placebo	-0.30	7.30

*With the exception of albiglutide, the FDA has not approved once-weekly GLP-1 receptor agonists for use in combination with basal insulin.

[†]Meta-analysis of 3 studies/subgroups.

[‡]The FDA has not approved this medication for this use.

[§] Patients were naive to basal insulin treatment; basal insulin was insulin glargine, insulin detemir, or neutral protamine Hagedorn.

a. Buse JB, et al. *Ann Intern Med*. 2011;154:103-112.^[37]

b. Diamant M, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2014;37:2763-2773.^[38]

c. Rosenstock J, et al. *J Diabetes Complications*. 2013;27:492-500.^[39]

d. Charbonnel B, et al. *J Diabetes Complications*. 2014 July 18. [Epub ahead of print]^[40]

GLP-1 Receptor Agonist-Insulin Fixed-Dose Combinations

Study	Treatment	HbA _{1c} Reduction	HbA _{1c} Level Achieved
Gough SC, et al. 2014 ^a	IDegLira ^{*,†}	-1.9	6.4
	Degludec [†]	-1.4	6.9
	Liraglutide	-1.3	7.0
Rosenstock J, et al. 2014 ^b	LixiLan ^{*,†}	-1.7	6.3
	Glargine	-1.5	6.5

*IDegLira is a fixed-dose combination of insulin degludec and liraglutide; LixiLan is a fixed-dose combination of insulin glargine and lixisenatide.

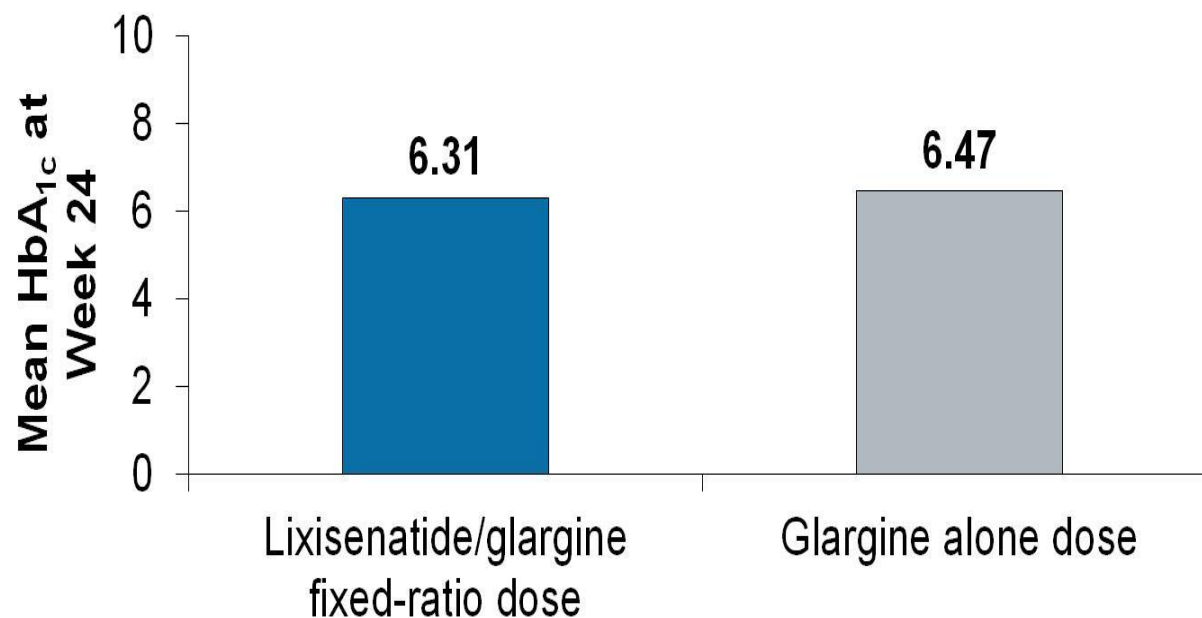
†The FDA has not approved this medication for this use.

a. Gough SC, et al. *Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol.* 2014.[Epub ahead of print].^[41]

b. Rosenstock J, et al. *Diabetes.* 2014;63:A87, abstract 332-OR.^[42]

Fixed Formulation

**LixiLan* – fixed-ratio formulation glargine
with lixisenatide in a single-pen device**

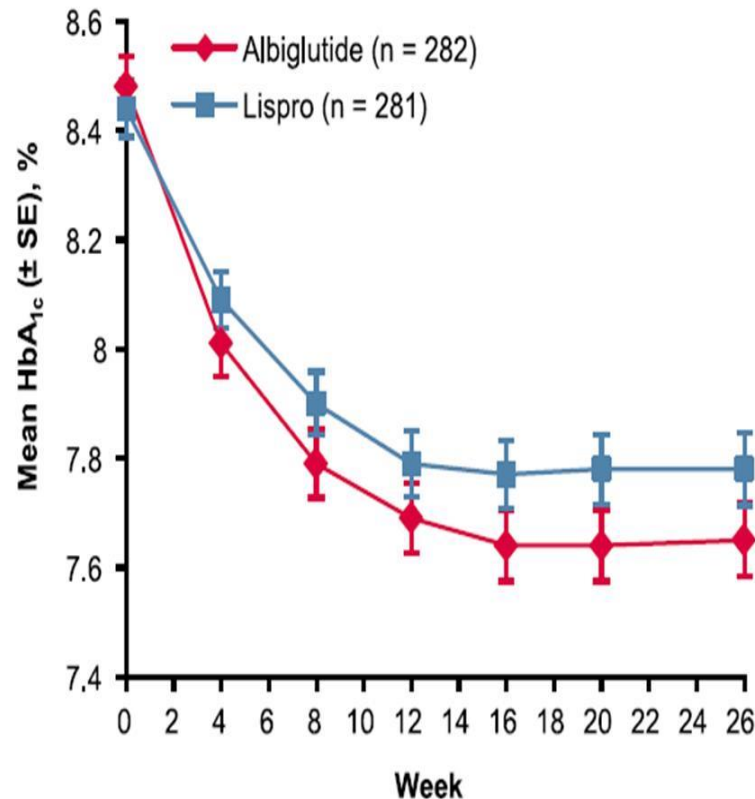


*The FDA has not approved this medication for use in the United States.

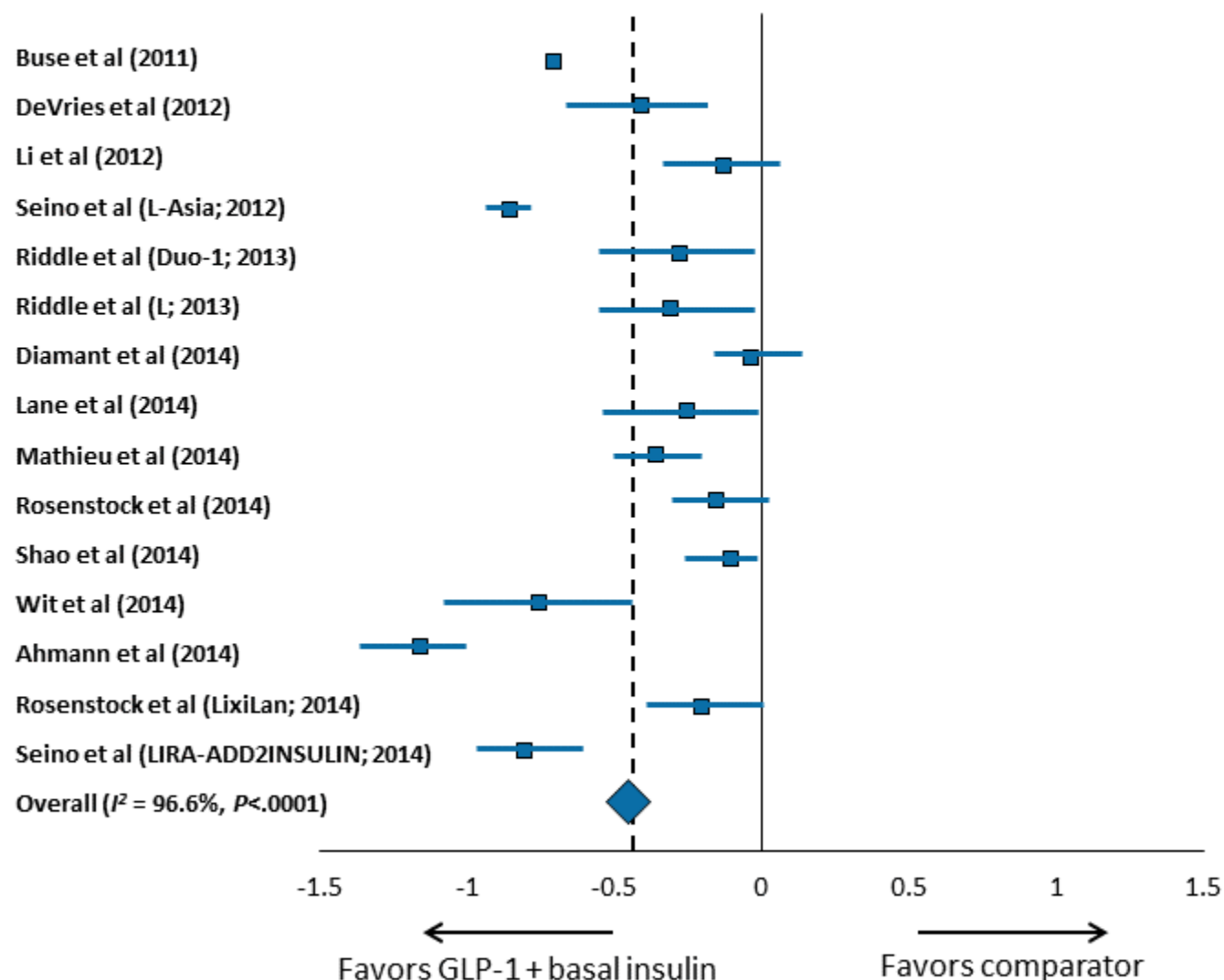
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Once-Weekly GLP-1 RA in Combination With Basal Insulin*

Albiglutide plus glargine vs basal bolus



Meta-analysis of GLP-1 RA Plus Basal Insulin: Effect on HbA1c



Safety – Patient Education

- “Both [the FDA and EMA] agree that assertions concerning a causal association between incretin-based drugs and pancreatitis or pancreatic cancer, as expressed recently in the scientific literature and in the media, are inconsistent with the current data.”^a
- Educate patients; monitor for signs and symptoms of pancreatitis; ask about medical history of pancreatitis.^{a,b}
- Discontinue the GLP-1 receptor agonist if pancreatitis symptoms occur.^{a,b}

a. Egan AG, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2014;370:794-797.^[17]

b. EMA website.^[18]

Approach to Management of Hyperglycemia

Nuestro rol motivador

Patient attitude and expected treatment efforts

More stringent

Highly motivated, adherent, excellent self-care capacities

Less Stringent

Less motivated, nonadherent, poor self-care capacities

Risks potentially associated with hypoglycemia, other adverse events

Low

High

Disease duration

Newly diagnosed

Long-standing

Life expectancy

Long

Short

Important comorbidities

Absent

Few/mild

Severe

Established vascular complications

Absent

Few/mild

Severe

Resources, support system

Readily available

Limited

Inzucchi SE, et al. *Diabetologia*. 2012;55:1577-1596.^[33]

Inzucchi SE, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2012;35:1364-1379.^[34]

Barriers

Medical Inertia

**Patient education
is time
consuming**

**Sometimes we
transmit our
concerns to
patients even
with non-verbal
communication**



Patients refusal

Costs

**Fear of
Hypoglycemia**

Myths



"A physician is obligated to consider more than a diseased organ, more even than the whole man - he must view the man in his world."

Harvey Cushing