

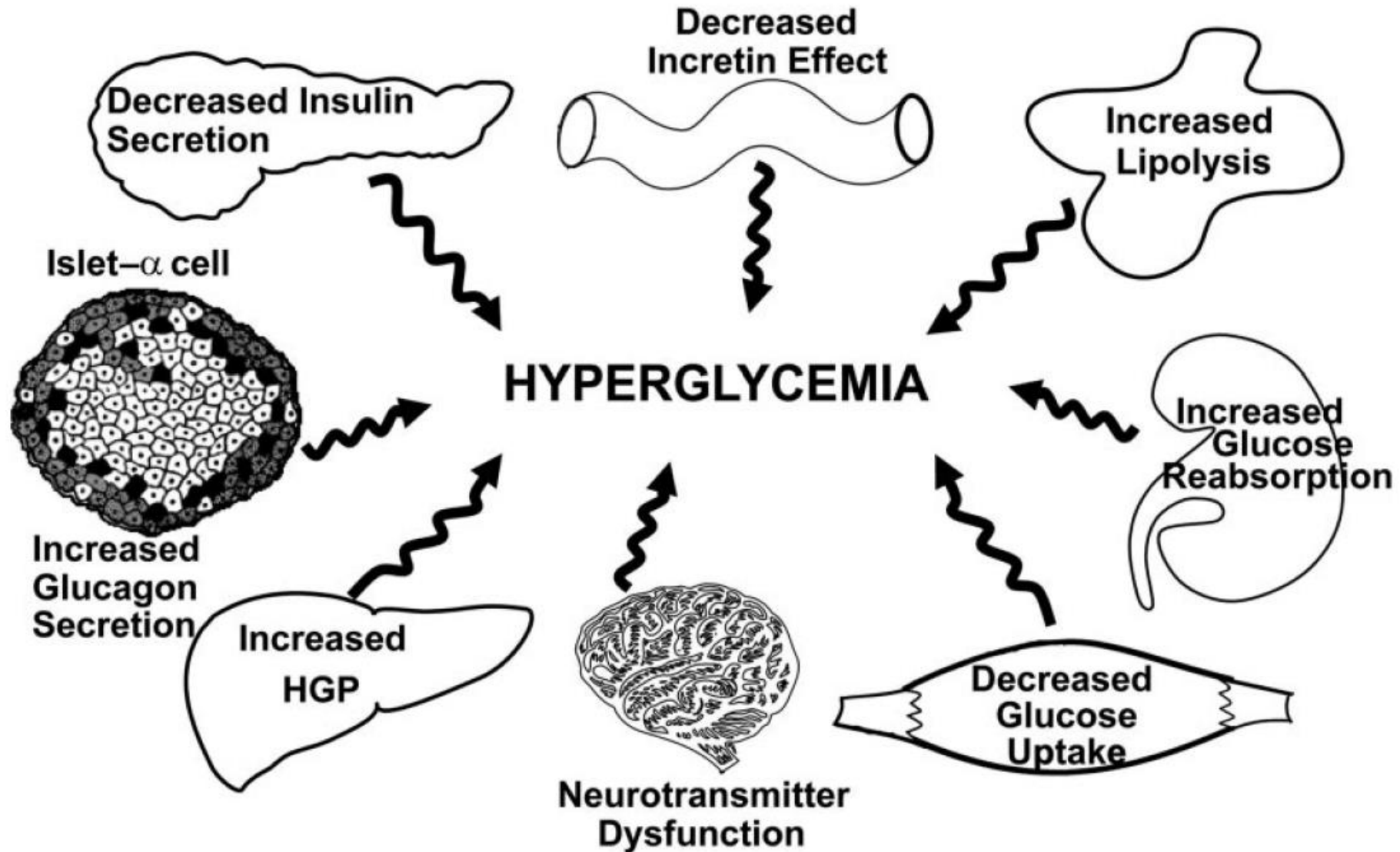
# New Evidence of Pharmacology Approaches to Glycemic Treatment: Which SGLT-2i is Better After Metformin (I)

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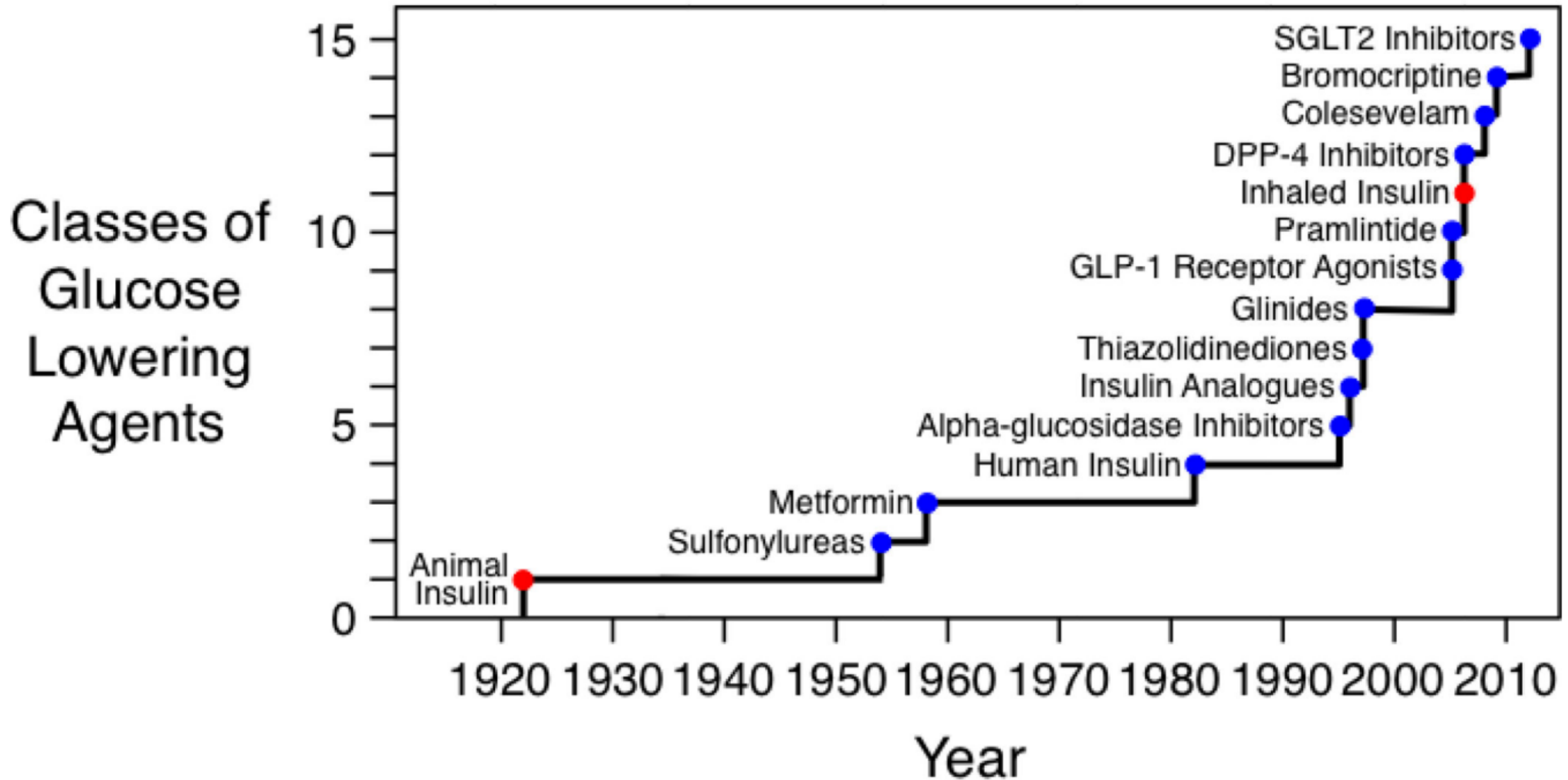
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# The complex pathophysiology of T2DM



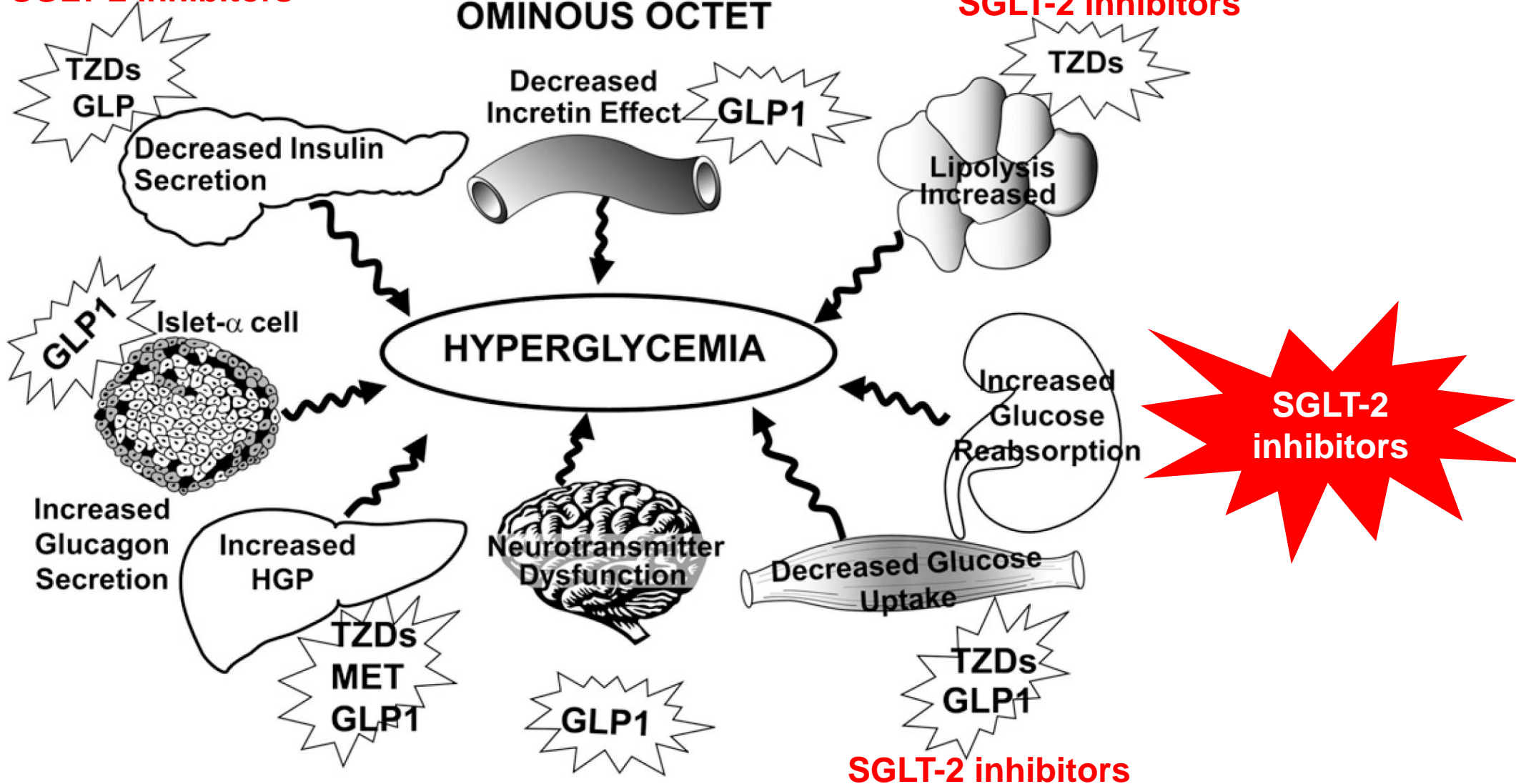
# Much more glucose lowering agents in the last decade



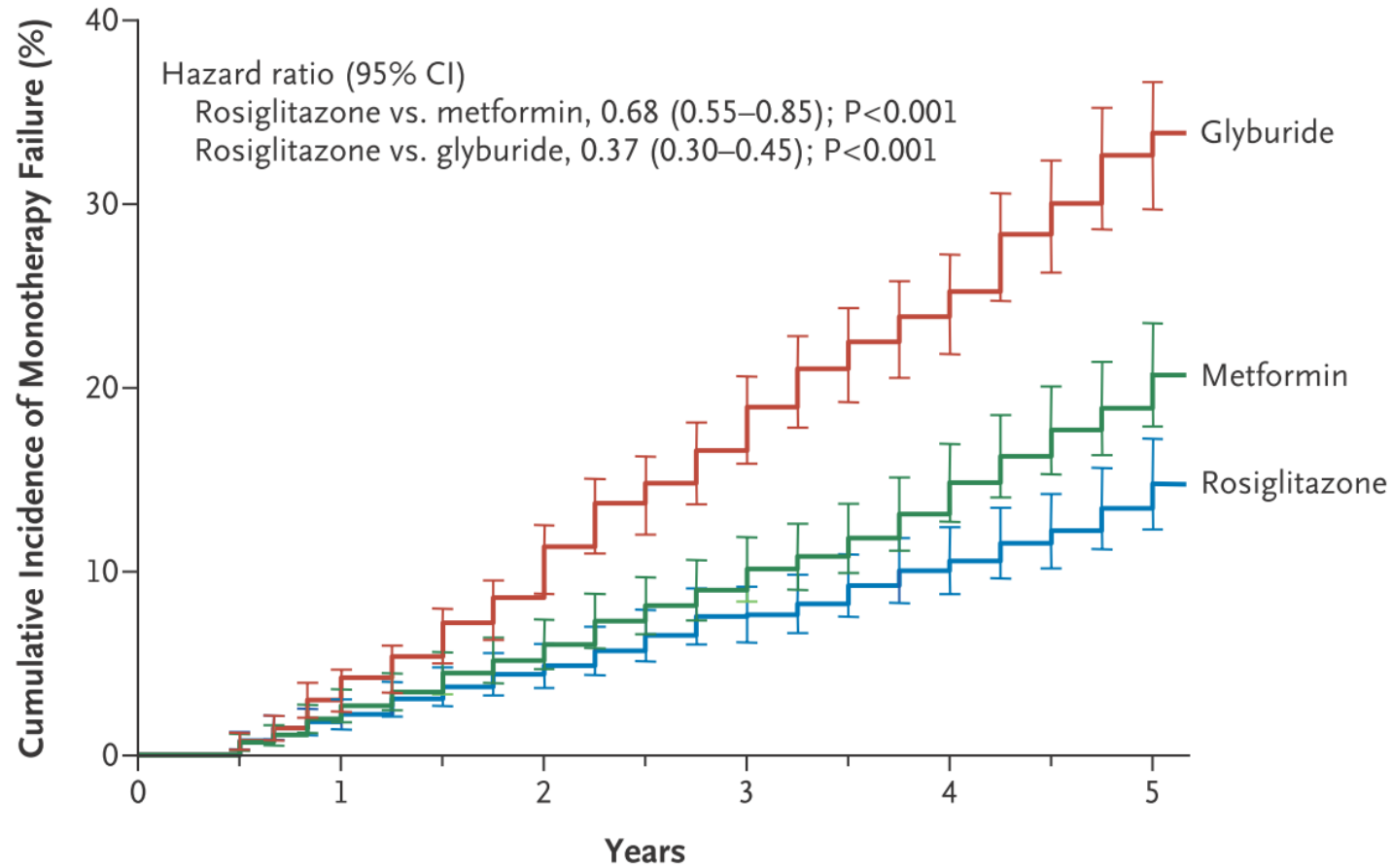


# The complex pathophysiology of T2DM

**SGLT-2 inhibitors**



# Durability of oral glucose-lowering medications



ADOPT Study:  
 initial treatment for 4360  
 patients with recently  
 diagnosed type 2 diabetes

Monotherapy failure at 5 years:  
 15% with rosiglitazone  
**21% with metformin**  
 34% with glyburide

## No. at Risk

Rosiglitazone	1393	1207	1078	957	844	324
Metformin	1397	1205	1076	950	818	311
Glyburide	1337	1114	958	781	617	218

Primary outcome: time to monotherapy failure (defined as fasting plasma glucose >180 mg per deciliter)

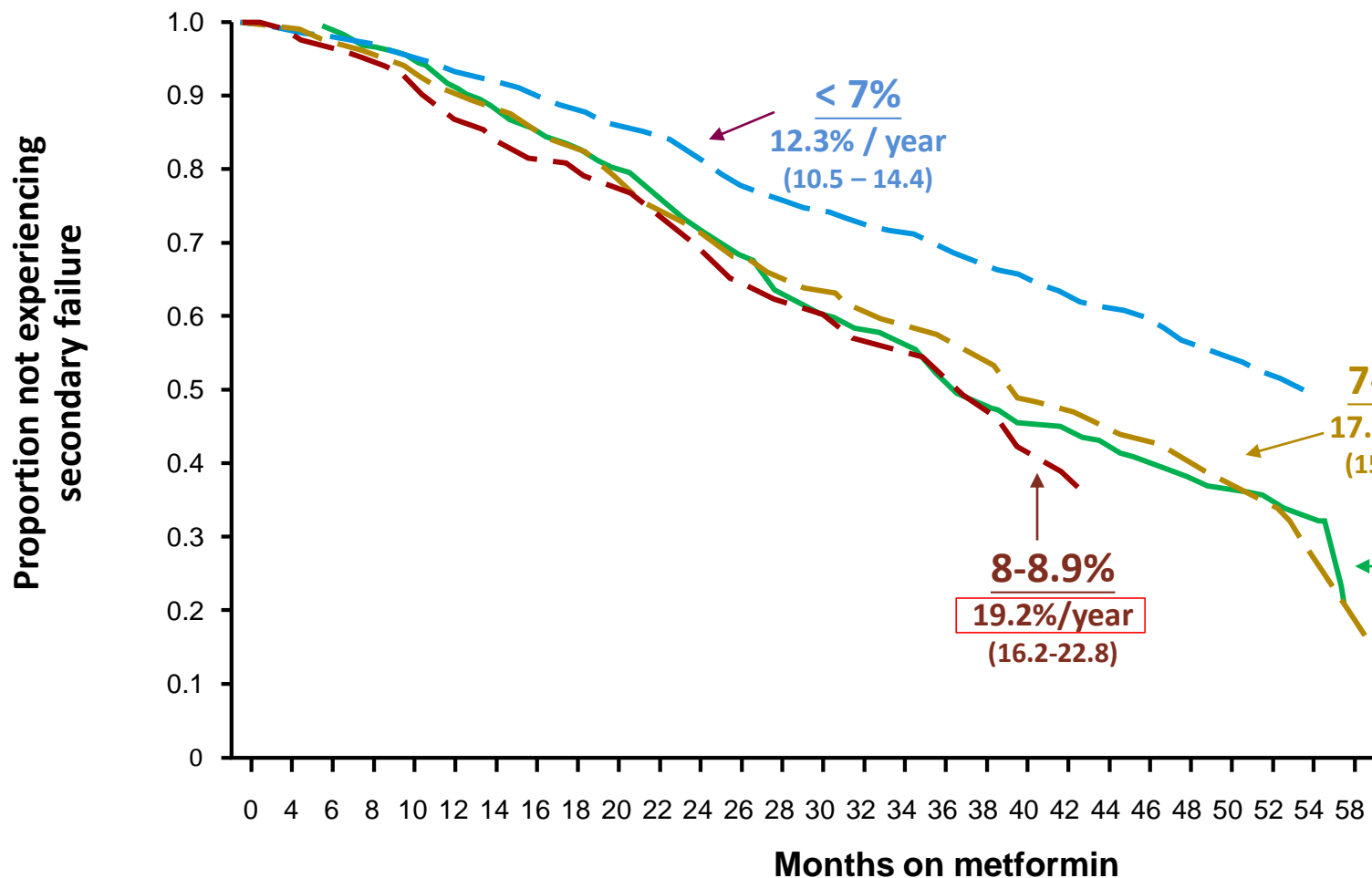
Steven E. Kahn et al. N Engl J Med 2006;355:242743.

# Time to failure of metformin monotherapy

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Secondary Failure of Metformin Monotherapy in Clinical Practice

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Of the 1,799 patients studied, **42%** ( $n = 748$ ) experienced secondary failure; the mean failure rate was **17% per year**.

Failure of metformin monotherapy is increased when initial **HbA1c is  $\geq 8\%$**

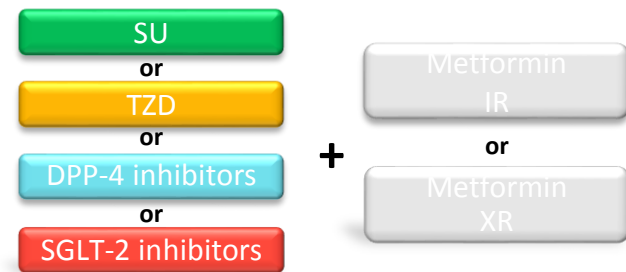
Secondary failure is defined as a subsequent A1C  $\geq 7.5\%$  or the addition or substitution of another anti-hyperglycemic agent.

Diabetes Care 2010 Mar; 33(3): 501-506.

# Recommendation of starting dual therapy

Association	Latest version	Circumstance	Consider treatment
ADA	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry A1c <math>\geq 9\%</math></li> <li>A1c target is not achieved after 3-month monotherapy</li> </ul>	Dual combination
AACE/ACE	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry A1c <math>\geq 7.5\%</math></li> <li>A1c target is not achieved after 3-month monotherapy</li> </ul>	Dual Therapy
Canadian Diabetes Association	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entry A1c <math>&gt; 8.5\%</math></li> <li>A1c target is not achieved after metformin treatment</li> </ul>	Dual combination
NICE (UK)	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If A1c rises to <math>7.5\%</math> after metformin treatment</li> <li>Support the person to aim for an HbA1c level of 7%</li> </ul>	Dual Therapy
中華民國糖尿病學會	2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>初診斷或已治療，但糖化血色素 <math>\geq 8.5\%</math> 的病人</li> </ul>	使用兩種或多種口服抗糖尿病藥物

# Choices of second-line therapy



Cardiovascular profile consideration:

SGLT-2 inhibitors

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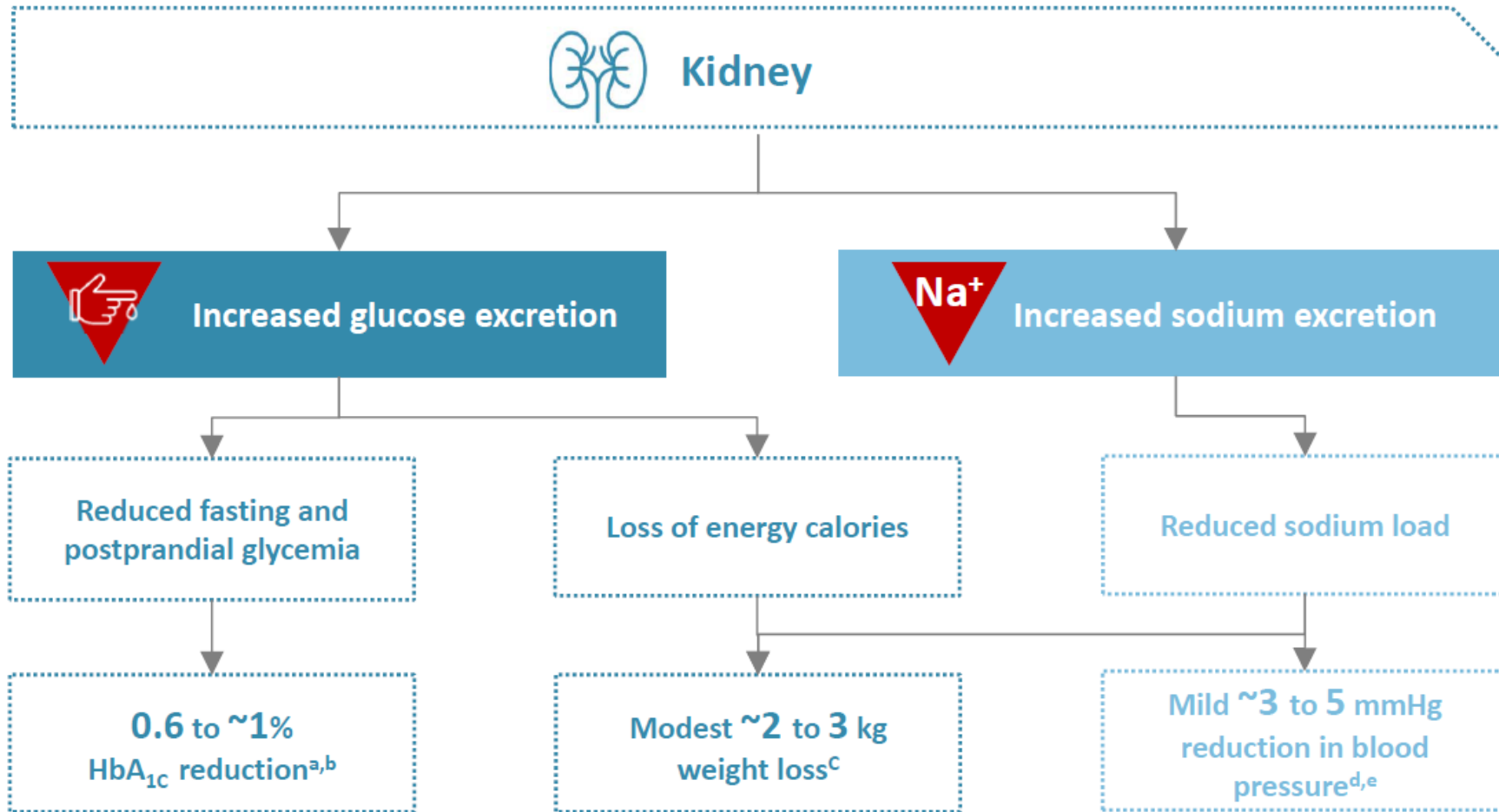
TZD

DPP-4 inhibitors





# Clinical Benefits of SGLT2 Inhibitors



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# 口服抗糖尿病藥的建議與考量



## 鈉-葡萄糖共同輸送器-2 抑制劑 (SGLT2i)

Canagliflozin、Dapagliflozin、Empagliflozin



較少發生低血糖 ✓



會增加泌尿道與生殖器感染的風險



使用後通常可降低體重與血壓 ✓

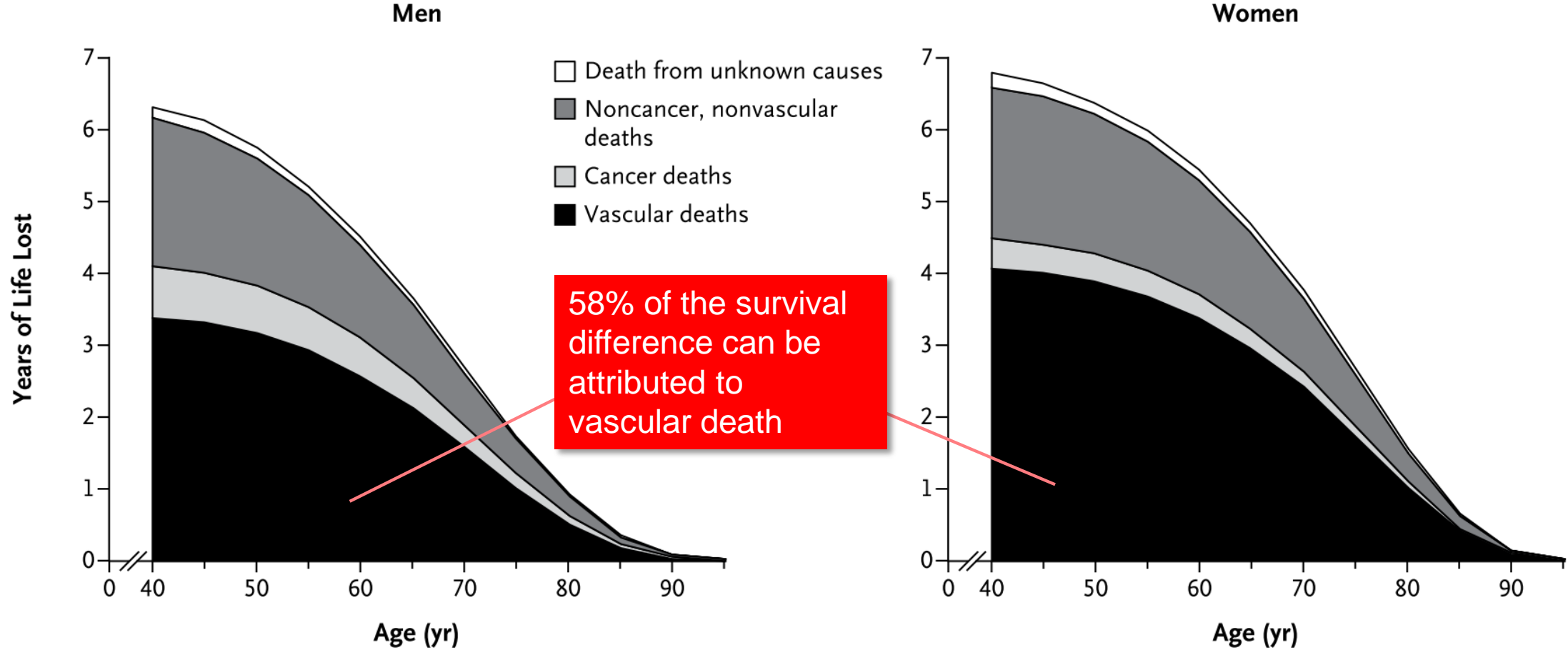


可減少糖尿病腎臟病惡化與因心臟衰竭住院的風險 ✓



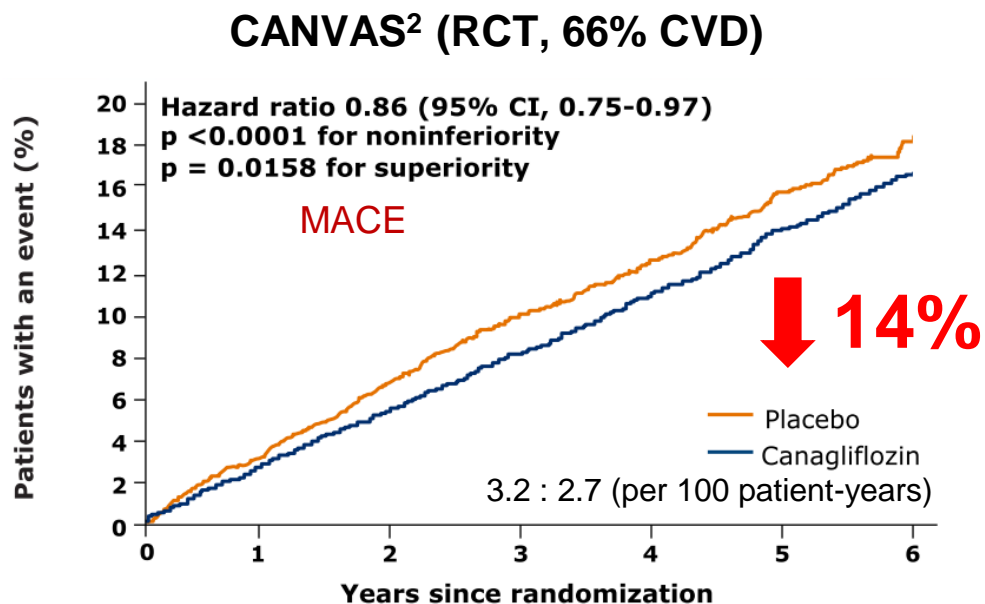
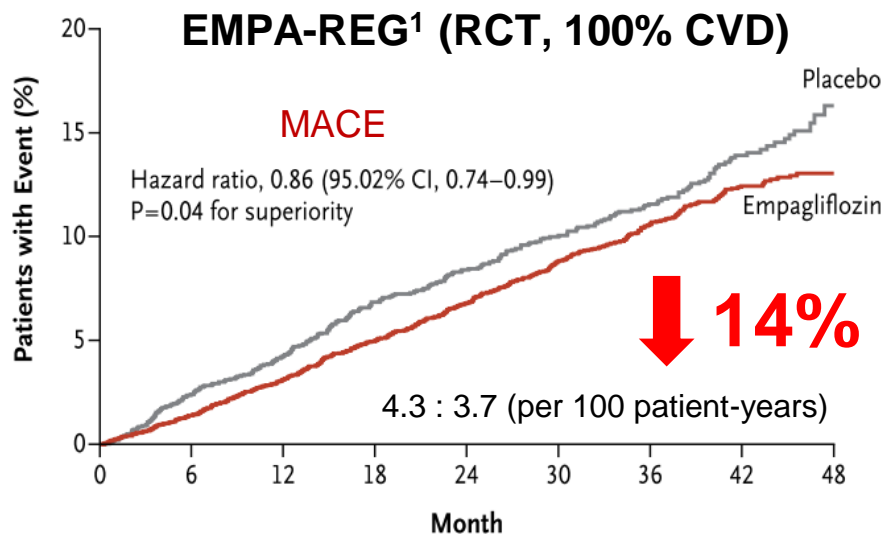
# Diabetes is associated with significant loss of life years

Estimated Future Years of Life Lost Owing to Diabetes



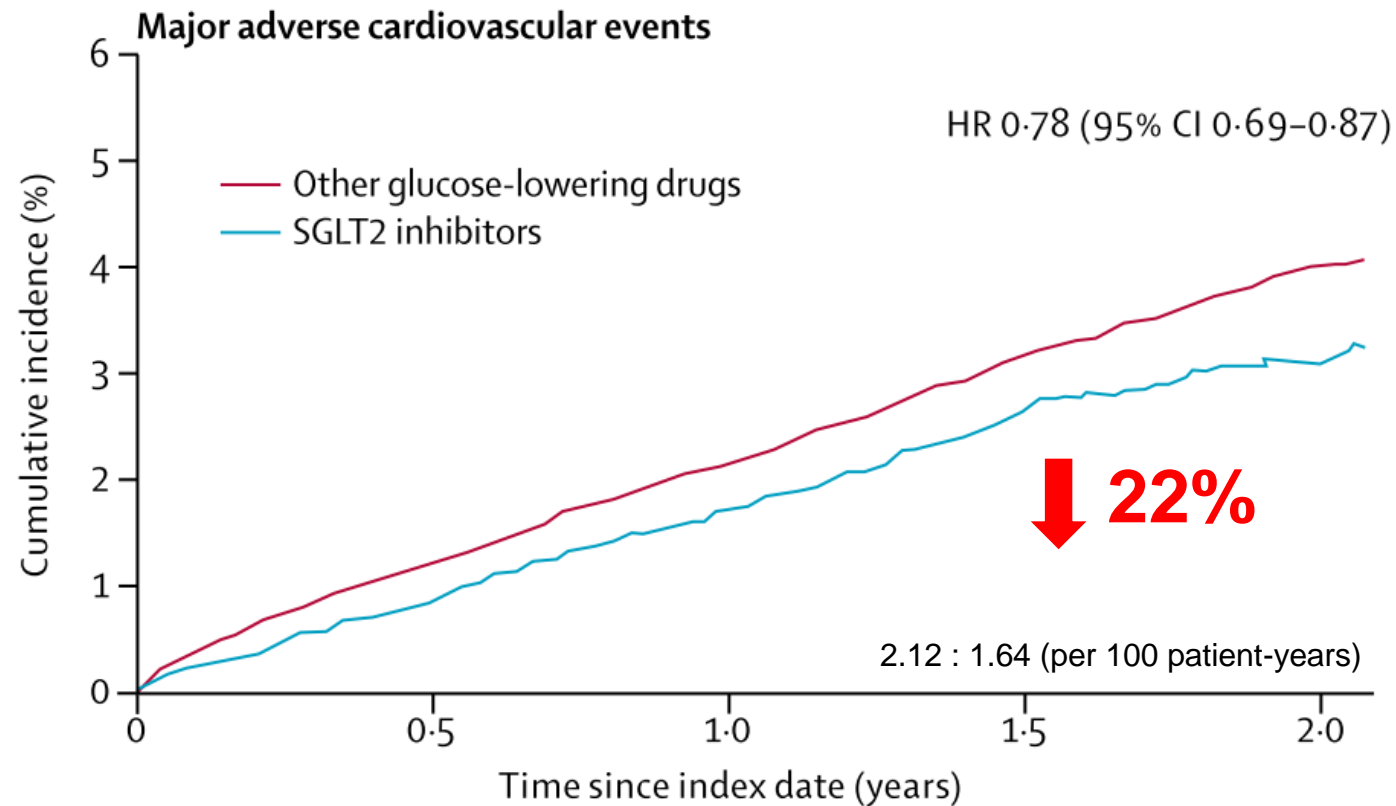
At 40, 50, and 60 years of age, men with diabetes would incur about 6.3, 5.8, and 4.5 years of life lost. At 40, 50, and 60 years of age, women with diabetes would incur about 6.8, 6.4, and 5.4 years of life lost

# Lower MACE incidence of SGLT2i in both RCT and RWE



## CVD-REAL Nordic<sup>3</sup>

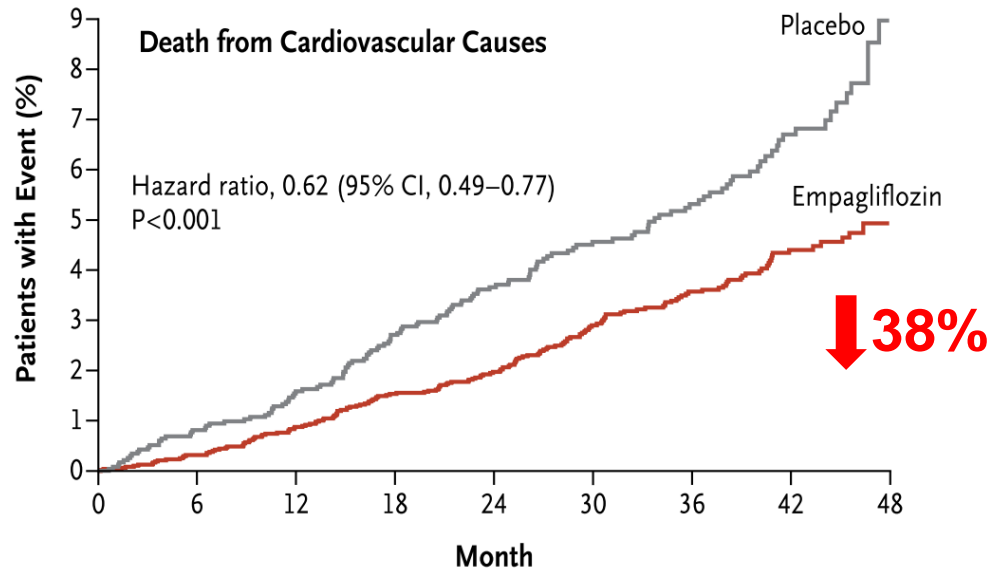
(real-world evidence, **24% CVD**)



68 490	48 206	24 633	14 987	6 553
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# Lower CV death incidence of SGLT2i in both RCT and RWE

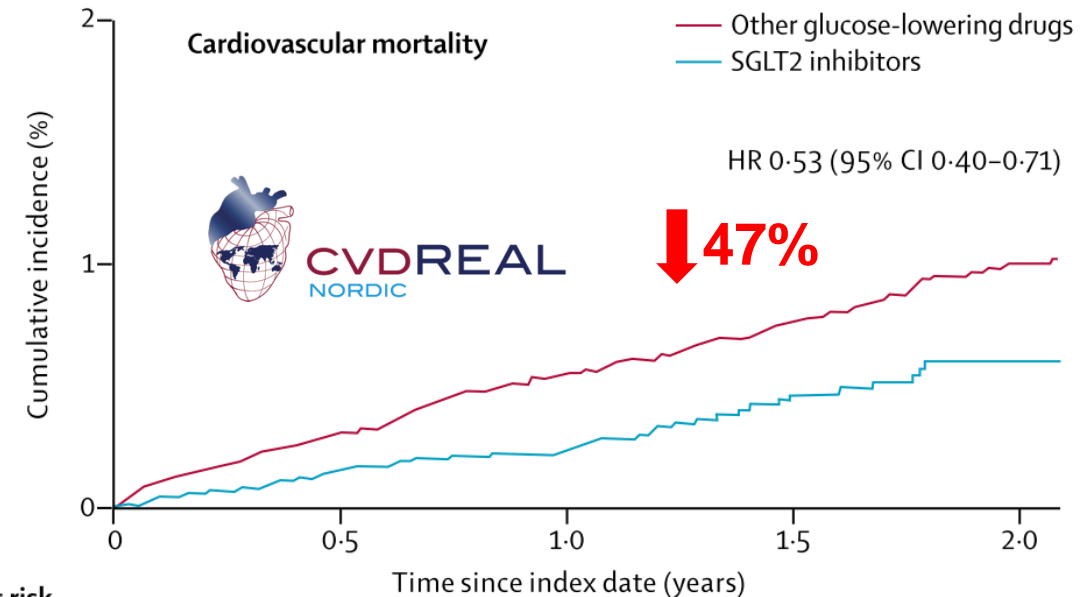
## EMPA-REG<sup>1</sup> (100% CVD)



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Empagliflozin	4687	4651	4608	4556	4128	3079	2617	1722	414
Placebo	2333	2303	2280	2243	2012	1503	1281	825	177

2.0 vs 1.2 events per 100 patient-years

## CVD-REAL Nordic<sup>2</sup> (real-world evidence, 24% CVD)



Number at risk	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
Other glucose-lowering drugs	68 490	48 338	24 582	15 314	6 434
SGLT2 inhibitors	22 830	16 051	7 760	4 687	1 610

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0.53 vs 0.27 events per 100 patient-years



# Summary of CV Outcome Trial and Real-world Evidence of SGLT2i



	EMPA-REG <sup>1</sup>	CANVAS program <sup>2</sup>	DECLARE <sup>3</sup>	CVD-Real <sup>4</sup>	CVD-Real Nordic <sup>5</sup>
<b>Medication</b>	Empa	Cana	Dapa	41.8% Dapa 52.7% Cana 5.5% Empa	94% Dapa 1.3% Cana 4.7% Empa
<b>Study type</b>	RCT	RCT	RCT	RWE	RWE
<b>Patients</b>	7,020	10,143	17,160	309,056	91,320
<b>History of CVD, %</b>	100	66	40.6	13	25
<b>Follow-up, year</b>	3.1	3.9 (6.0/2.5)	4.5	2012-2016	2012-2015
<b>Primary MACE Outcome, %</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-14</b>	-	-	<b>-22</b>
<b>CV Death, %</b>	-38	-13*	-	-	-47
<b>MI, %</b>	-13*	-15*	-	-	-13*
<b>Stroke, %</b>	24*	-10*	-	-	-14*
<b>All-Cause Mortality, %</b>	-31	-13 (no significant)	-	-51 CVD: -53 Non-CVD: -46	-49
<b>Hospitalization for HF, %</b>	<b>-35</b>	<b>-33</b>	-	<b>-39</b> CVD: <b>-31</b> Non-CVD: <b>-55</b>	<b>-30</b>

\*No significant



1. Zinman B, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:2117–2128; 2. Bruce Neal et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2017 Jun 12. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1611925.; 3. Itamar Raz et al. The 77th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association, San Diego, California, June 9-13, 2017; 1245-P; 4. Mikhail Kosiborod et al. *Circulation* July 11, 2017, Volume 136, Issue 2. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.117.029190>; 5. Kåre I Birkeland et al. The 77th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association, San Diego, California, June 9-13, 2017; 1205-P



# Lower Risk of Cardiovascular Events and Death Associated with Initiation of SGLT-2 Inhibitors versus Other Glucose Lowering Drugs - Real World Data Across Three Major World Regions with More Than 400,000 Patients: The CVD-REAL 2 Study

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# Countries and Data Sources



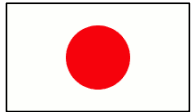
**Australia – National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS)\***



**Canada – Manitoba Population Health Research Data Repository**



**Israel – The Maccabi Health Management Organization**



**Japan – Medical Data Vision**



**Singapore – SingHealth Diabetes Registry**

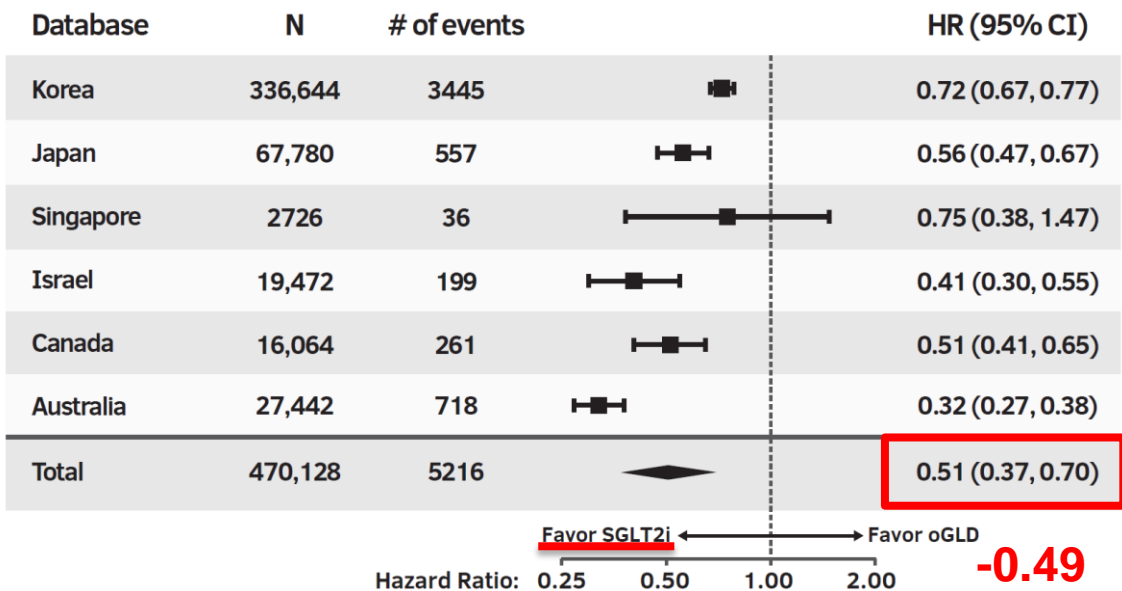


**South Korea – National Health Insurance Service (NHIS)**

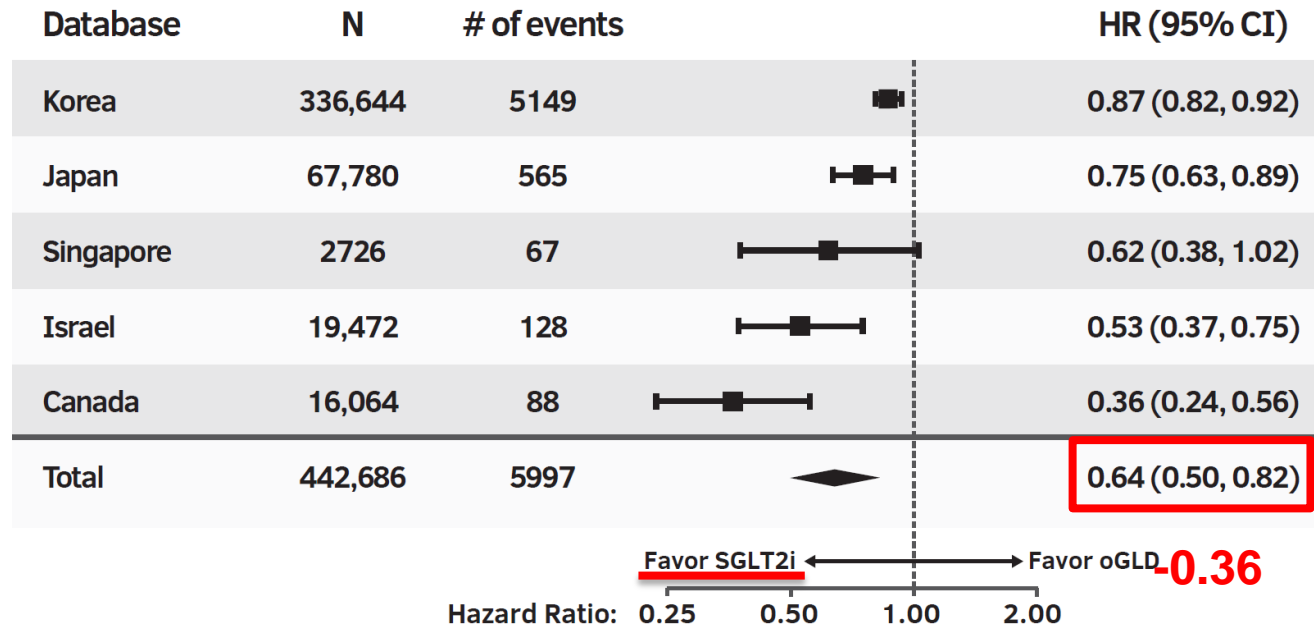
**87% Asian**

# Observations from CVD-REAL 2 (real-world evidence, 87% Asian, 26.6% CVD)

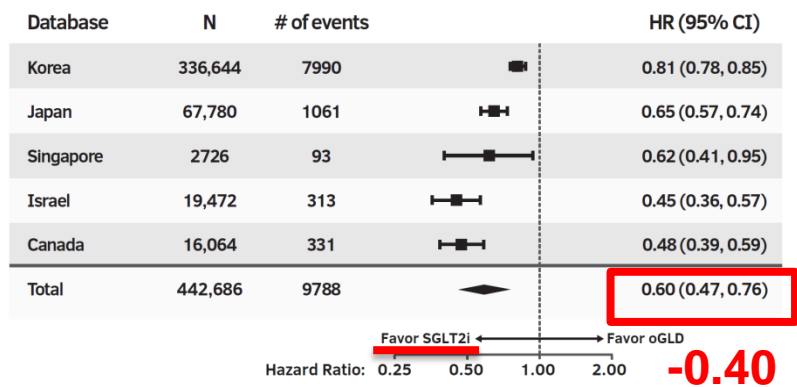
## All-Cause Death



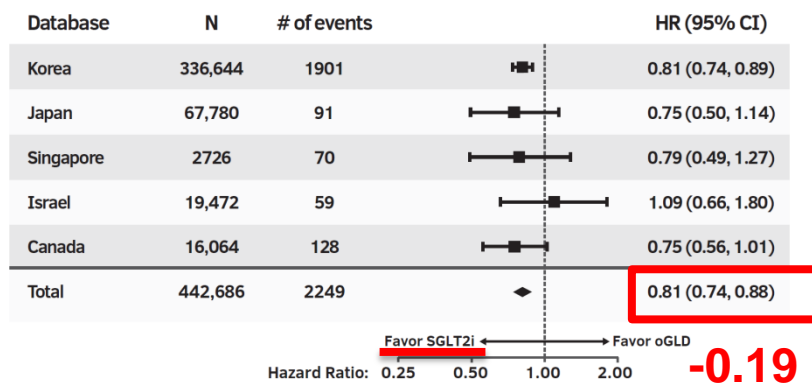
## Hospitalization for Heart Failure



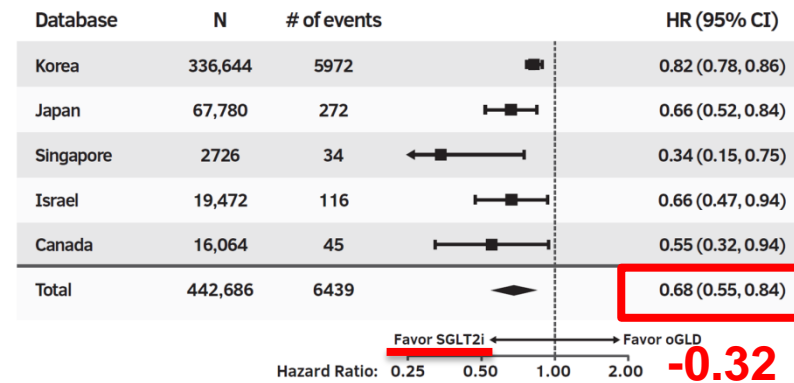
## Composite of All-Cause Death or HHF



## Myocardial Infarction



## Stroke



# Are all SGLT2 inhibitors the same?

Label information of marketed (summer 2017) SGLT2 inhibitors, and emerging preclinical and clinical data

## Two operational definitions of “sameness”

### **Regulatory (FDA) view: Label**

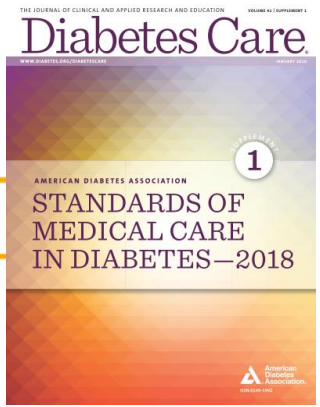
- Indications
- Safety and warnings
- Data from registrational trials within each drug (including sponsored RCTs of head to head comparisons)
- Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic analyses of sponsored registrational trials

### **Clinical & basic science view**

- Outcomes
- Adverse events
- Indirect comparisons by payors
- Indication for specific patients (e.g. glucose lowering v.s. hard outcomes)
- Preclinical and clinical data not reflected in the label



# 2018 ADA guideline



A1C is greater than or equal to 9%, **consider Dual Therapy.**

## Monotherapy

### Lifestyle Management + Metformin

Initiate metformin therapy if no contraindications\* (See Table 8.1)



## Dual Therapy

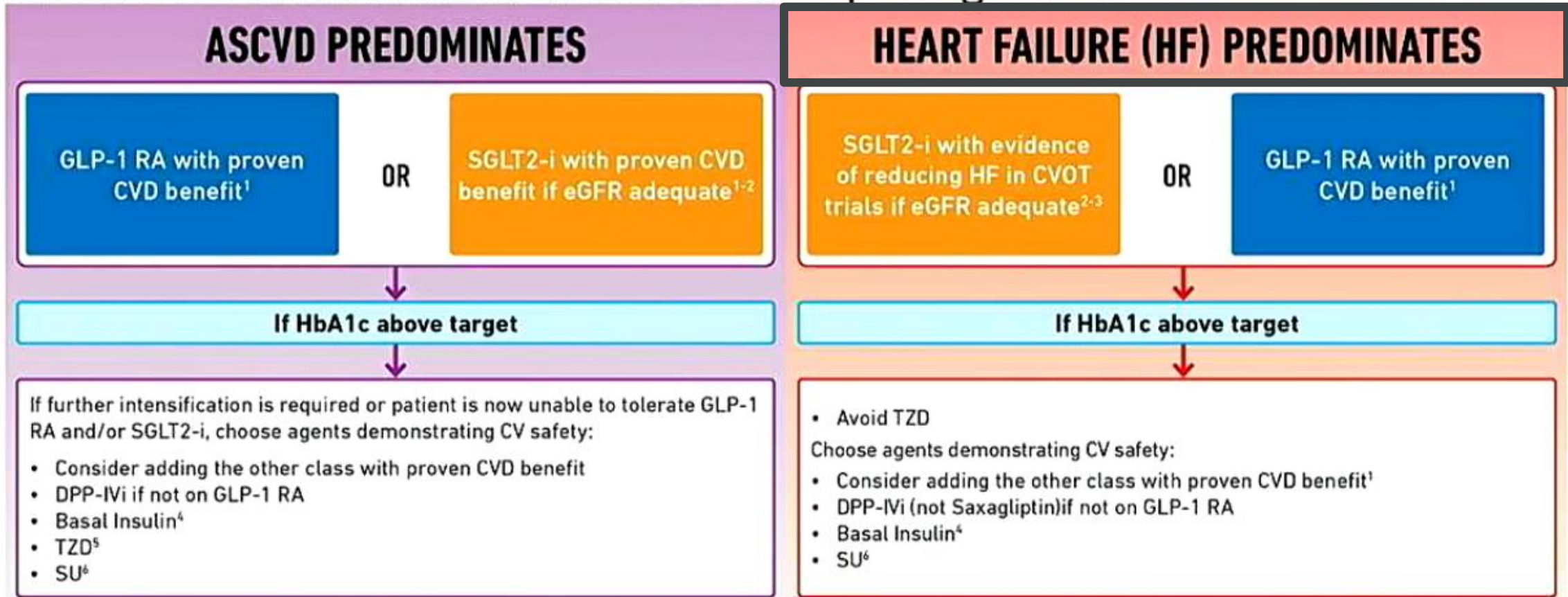
### Lifestyle Management + Metformin + Additional Agent

ASCVD?

- Yes:** - Add agent proven to reduce major adverse cardiovascular events and/or cardiovascular mortality (see recommendations with \* on p. S75 and **Table 8.1**)
- No:** - Add second agent after consideration of drug-specific effects and patient factors (See Table 8.1)

# Step 1: Assess cardiovascular disease

Presence of cardiovascular disease is compelling indication



1. SGLT2-i = Empagliflozin preferred, GLP1-RA = Liraglutide preferred. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events please see hierarchy of evidence in manuscript for CVD benefits for agents within the GLP-1 RA and SGLT2-i class, 2. Be aware that SGLT2-i vary by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use. 3. Both Empagliflozin and Canagliflozin have shown reduction in HF in CVOT trials, 4. Degludec or U100 Glargine have demonstrated CVD safety, 5. Low dose: American Diabetes Association, 78th Scientific Sessions, Orlando, FL, June 22-28, 2018. Session: Management of Hyperglycemia in Type 2 Diabetes—Draft ADA/EASD Consensus Report 2018. Access from: <https://professional.diabetes.org/2018EASDconsensus>



# Caveats and Questions

**No evidence** of CVD benefit in those at **lower cardiovascular risk**

The combination of SGLT2-i and GLP-1 RA has not been tested in cardiovascular outcome trials

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>  
**OR**  
SGLT2-i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if eGFR adequate<sup>2</sup>

If HbA1c above target

If further intensification is required or patient is unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2-i, choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- Consider adding the other class with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>
- DPP-IVi if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal Insulin<sup>5</sup>
- TZD<sup>6</sup>
- SU<sup>7</sup>



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2. Level of eGFR for initiation and continued use, 5. Degludec or U100 Glargine have demonstrated CVD effects, 7. Choose later generation SU with lower risk of risk of hypoglycaemia

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pharmacological management of patients with type 2 diabetes and  
cardiovascular diseases



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# 2018 TSOC and DAROC consensus

## Treatment algorithm in diabetic patients with hypertension.

Target HbA1c	<7%			
Monotherapy	Metformin			
Dual therapy	Metformin + SGLT-2 i			
Triple therapy	Metformin + SGLT-2 i + GLP-1 RA <sup>a</sup>	Metformin + SGLT-2 i + TZD <sup>b</sup>	Metformin + SGLT-2 i + DPP-4 i	Metformin + SGLT-2 i + SU or Glinide or AGI
Insulin therapy	Basal insulin or premixed insulin or basal bolus insulin, plus oral agents			

## Treatment algorithm in diabetic patients with CHD.

Target HbA1c	<7%			
Monotherapy	Metformin			
Dual therapy	Metformin + TZD <sup>a</sup>	Metformin + SGLT-2 i	Metformin + GLP-1 RA <sup>b</sup>	
Triple therapy	Metformin + TZD <sup>a</sup> + SGLT-2 i	Metformin + TZD <sup>a</sup> + GLP-1 RAs <sup>b</sup>	Metformin + SGLT-2 i + GLP-1 RAs <sup>b</sup>	
Insulin therapy	Basal insulin or premixed insulin or basal bolus insulin, plus oral agents			

## Treatment algorithm in diabetic patients with heart failure.

Target HbA1c	<8%			
Monotherapy	SGLT-2 i or metformin			
Dual therapy	SGLT-2 i + metformin			
Triple therapy	SGLT-2 i + metformin + GLP-1 RA	SGLT-2 i + metformin + DPP-4 i (except saxa., alo., and vilda.)	SGLT-2 i + metformin + SU or AGI	SGLT-2 i + metformin + Glinide
Insulin therapy	Basal insulin or premixed insulin or basal bolus insulin, plus oral agents			



# 鈉-葡萄糖共同輸送器-2 抑制劑 (SGLT-2 inhibitors)



使用方法：  
可單一或併用  
其他口服抗糖尿病藥物或胰島素



優點：

- 較少發生低血糖
- 降低體重
- 降低血壓



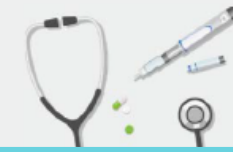
療效：  
HbA<sub>1c</sub> 約可降低 **0.7%**



主要的副作用：  
增加泌尿道及  
生殖器感染的風險



# Pharmacological Properties of SGLT2 Inhibitors



Each drug in the class as different from the others

	<u>Empagliflozin</u>	<u>Dapagliflozin</u>	<u>Canagliflozin</u>
<b>Therapeutic dose (mg/day)</b>	10-25	5-10	100-300
<b>Starting dose</b>	10	5	100
<b>Administration</b>	QD With or without food	QD With or without food	QD Before the first meal of the day
<b>Peak plasma concentration (hours post-dose)</b>	1.5	Within 2	1-2
<b>Absorption (mean oral bioavailability)</b>	≥ 60%	~ 78%	~ 65%
<b>Metabolism</b>	Primarily glucuronidation, No active metabolite		
<b>Elimination (half-life, hours)</b>	Hepatic:renal 44:56 [12.4]	Hepatic:renal 22:78 [12.9]	Hepatic:renal 67:33 [13.1]*
<b>Selectivity over SGLT1</b>	1:5000	> 1:1400	> 1:160 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Glucose excretion with higher dose (g/day)</b>	78 (25 mg dose)	~ 70 (5 or 10mg dose)	87 (100mg dose)

SGLT, sodium glucose cotransporter; QD, once daily.;\*For the 300 mg dose.



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

1. Sha S, et al. *Diab Obes Metab.* 2015; 17:188-197.

# SGLT-2 inhibitors dosage adjustments based on renal function

Each drug in the class as different from the others

**TABLE 2. SGLT2 INHIBITOR DOSAGE ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON RENAL FUNCTION**

eGFR mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	Canagliflozin	Dapagliflozin	Empagliflozin
≥60	No dosage adjustment 100-300 mg/day	No dosage adjustment 5-10 mg/day	No dosage adjustment 10-25 mg/day
45-60	100 mg daily	Not recommended eGFR <60	No dosage adjustment 10-25 mg/day
30-45	Not recommended eGFR <45	N/A	Not recommended eGFR <45
<30	Contraindicated	Contraindicated	Contraindicated

eGFR - estimated glomerular filtration rate; SGLT2 - sodium-glucose cotransporter-2.

# Which SGLT-2 inhibitor to use ?

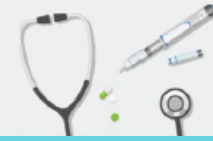
Efficacy comparison\* as monotherapy compared to placebo in 24 weeks trial

	<b>Empagliflozin</b> (10mg,25mg)	<b>Dapagliflozin</b> (5mg,10mg)	<b>Canagliflozin</b> (100mg,300mg)
<b>HbA1C reduction (%)</b>	0.7-0.9	0.5-0.7	0.91-1.16
<b>FPG reduction (mg/dL)</b>	31-36	19.9-24.7	36-43
<b>Weight Loss (in Kg)</b>	2.5-2.8	2.8-3.2	2.2-3.3
<b>SBP reduction (mmHg)</b>	2.6-3.4	2.3-3.6	3.7-5.4

Each drug in the class as different from the others

\* Note: comparison in individual trials and not in head to head clinical trials

# 鈉-葡萄糖共同輸送器-2 抑制劑 (SGLT-2 inhibitors)



Each drug in the class as different from the others

在 canagliflozin 的大型研究中，觀察到以 canagliflozin 治療的患者



較高的  
骨折風險

Hazard Ratio: **1.26**  
95% CI : 1.04-1.52  
 $p=0.02$



較高的  
下肢截肢風險

Hazard Ratio: **1.97**  
95% CI : 1.41-2.75  
 $p<0.001$

在 empagliflozin 的大型研究中



並未觀察到  
此類不良反應事件風險  
上升的情況

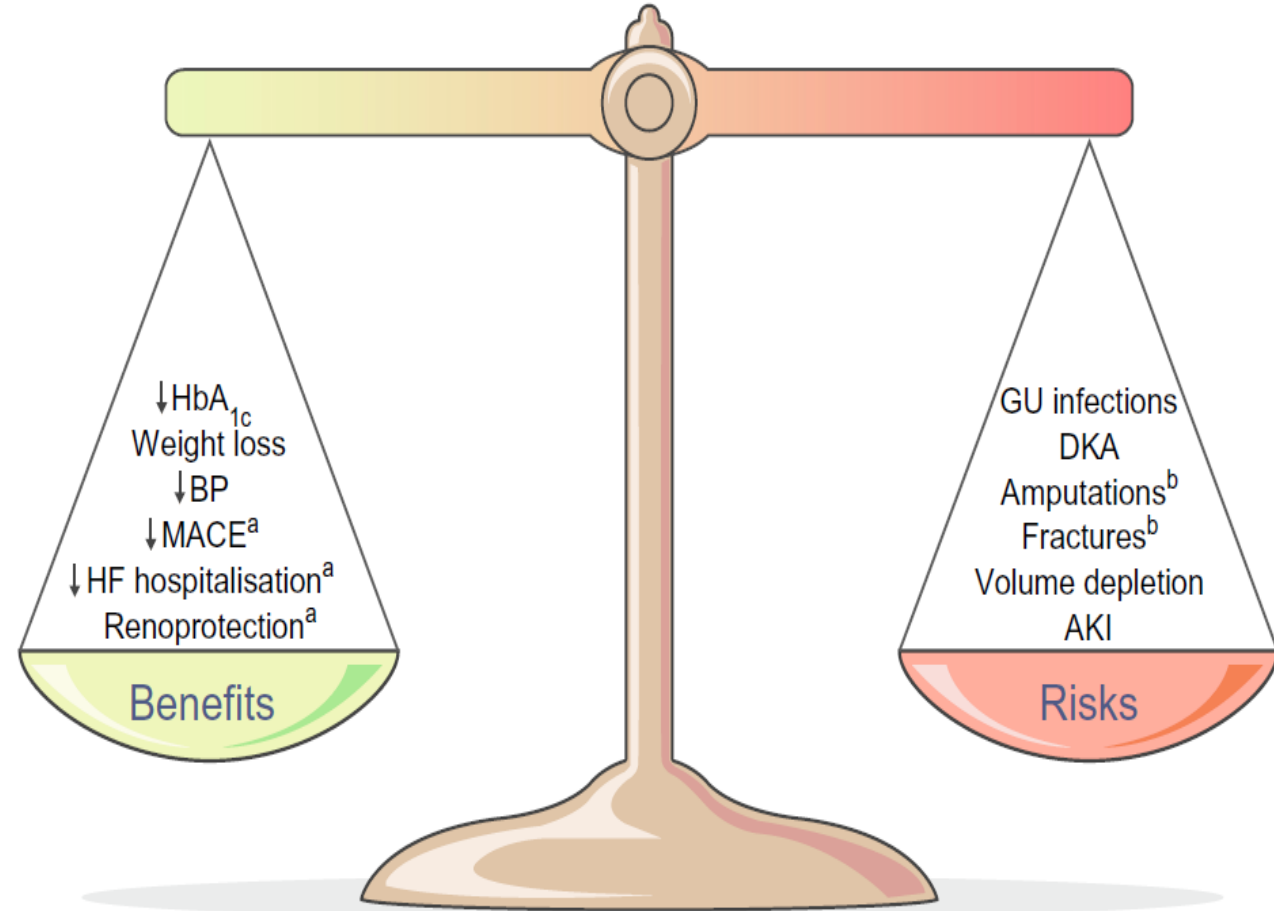


鈉-葡萄糖共同輸送器-2 抑制劑是否會增加骨折與下肢截肢的風險，  
仍待更進一步的研究

A meta-analysis of trials evaluating combined safety outcomes of canagliflozin, dapagliflozin and empagliflozin did not support a harmful effect of SGLT2 inhibitors on bone. The fracture event rate was 1.59% in the SGLT2 inhibitor group and 1.56% in the control group. Moreover, the incidence of fracture events was similar among the three SGLT2 inhibitors.

# Weighting risk and benefits

- There are no published head-to-head trials comparing empagliflozin, dapagliflozin with canagliflozin, so we can't directly compare the three agents.
- Amputation/fracture → CANA ?
- AKI → DAPA/CANA ?
  - ⇒ An analysis of SGLT2 users and nonusers: no differences
- Trend in stroke → EMPA-REG ?
  - ⇒ trend for cardiovascular mortality was similar in individuals with and without a history of stroke at baseline





# When a second drug is going to be added...

Free  
combination

**vs**

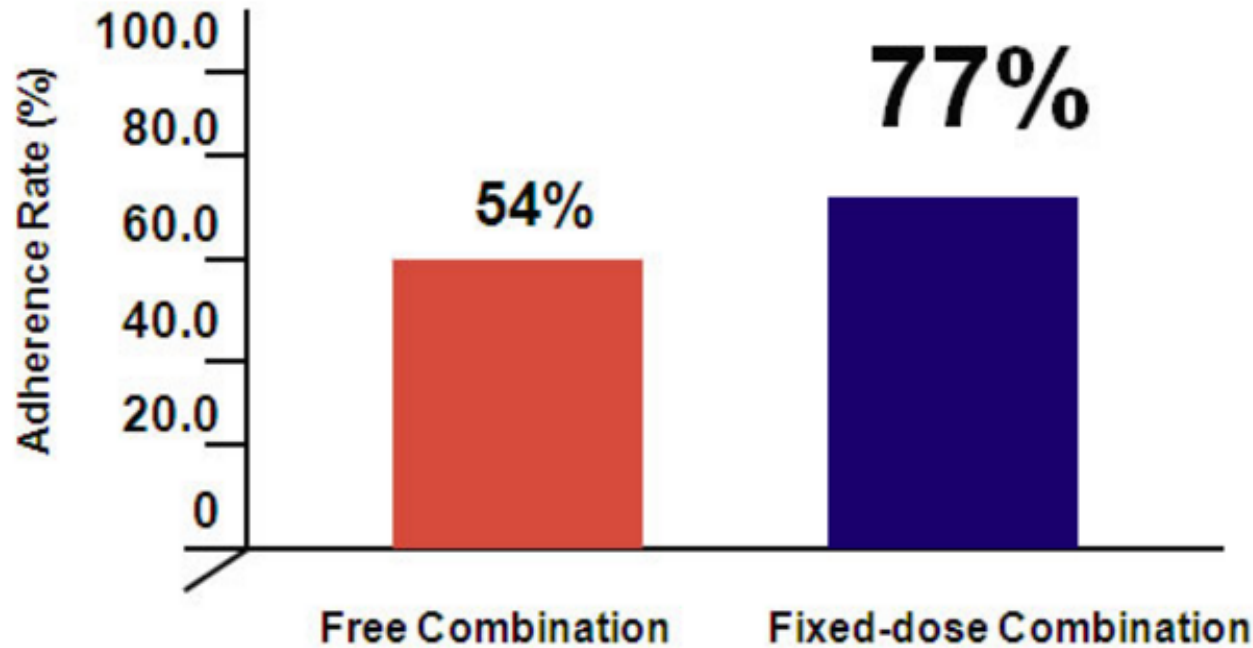
Fixed-dose  
combination



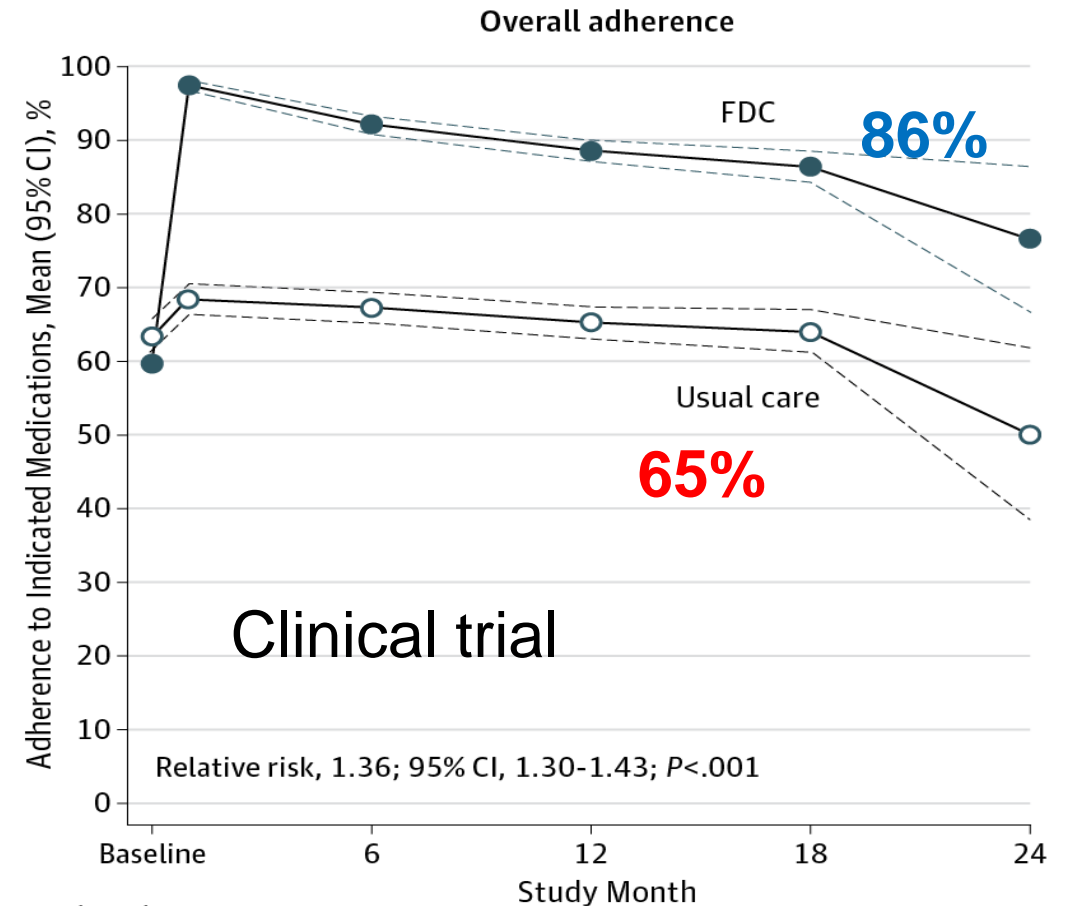
Jardiance-Duo  
(12.5/850 mg)  
Xig-Duo  
(10/1000 mg)

# Fixed-dose combinations (FDC) improve adherence

## Real-world evidence



Retrospective analysis, 6502 patients, glyburide/metformin, 180 days<sup>1</sup>  
 The adherence rate was defined as the sum of the days' supply of oral antidiabetic medication obtained by the patient during the follow-up period divided by the total number of days in the designated follow-up period



Relative risk, 1.36; 95% CI, 1.30-1.43; P<.001

No. of events/total No.	Baseline	6	12	18	24
FDC	598/1002	899/977	827/935	452/524	26/34
Usual care	635/1002	657/978	602/925	334/522	18/36

Randomized, open-label trial, 2004 patients with established CVD or at risk of CVD, aspirin/simvastatin/lisinopril/ hydrochlorothiazide, 15 months<sup>2</sup> \*P<0.001

1. Melikian C et al. Clin Ther. 2002 Mar;24(3):460-7

2. Simon Thom et al. JAMA. 2013;310(9):918-929. doi:10.1001

# After reducing number of pills,

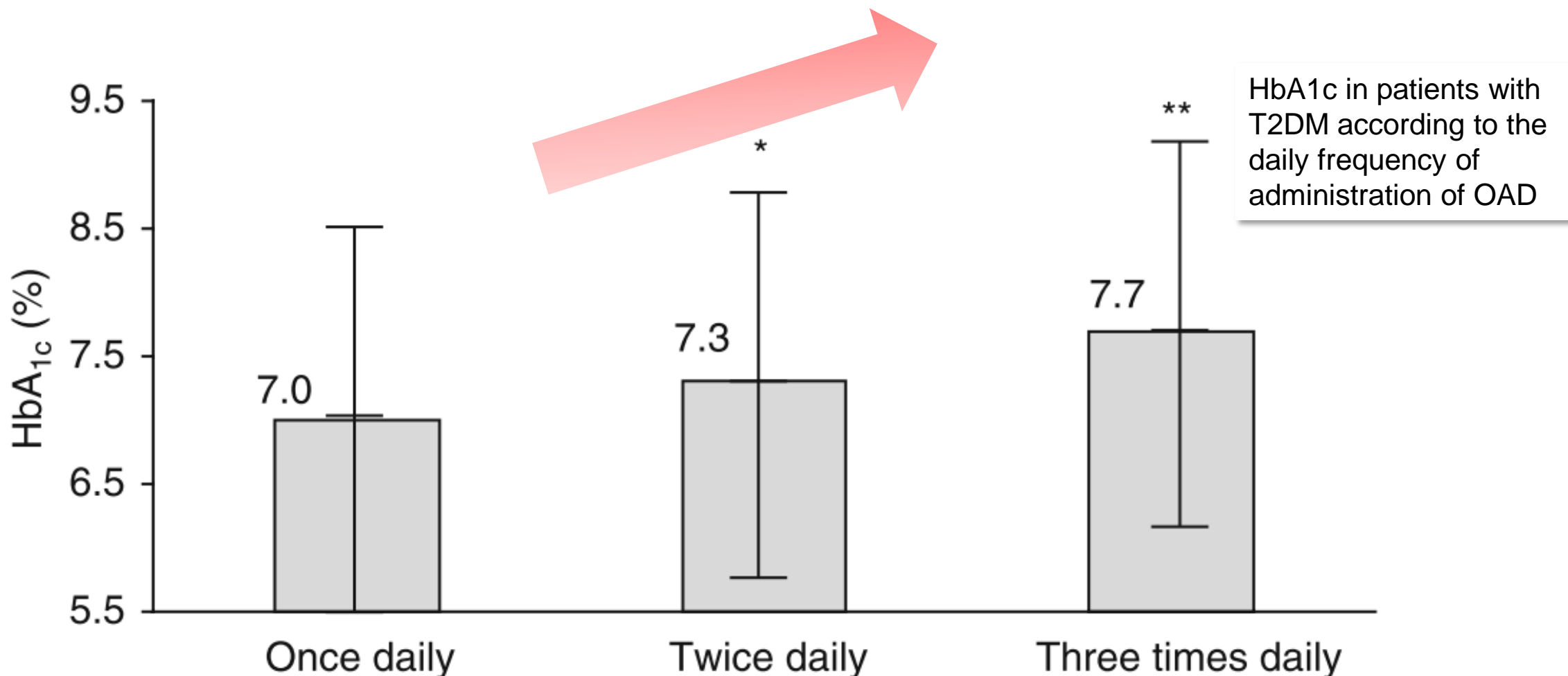
Once  
Daily

**VS**

$\geq 2$  time  
Daily

?

# Frequency of daily doses of OAD and HbA<sub>1c</sub>



\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$  vs once-daily administration

Prospective assessment of self-reported compliance with a standardized questionnaire in an cohort of 11,896 T2DM patients

OAD: oral antidiabetic drug

1. Guillausseau PJ et al. Treat Endocrinol. 2005;4(3):167-75. 2. Diabetes Metab. 2003 Feb;29(1):79-81.

# Which class? What kind of metformin?

SU

or

TZD

or

DPP-4  
inhibitors

or

**SGLT-2  
inhibitors**

+

Metformin  
IR

or

**Metformin  
XR**

=

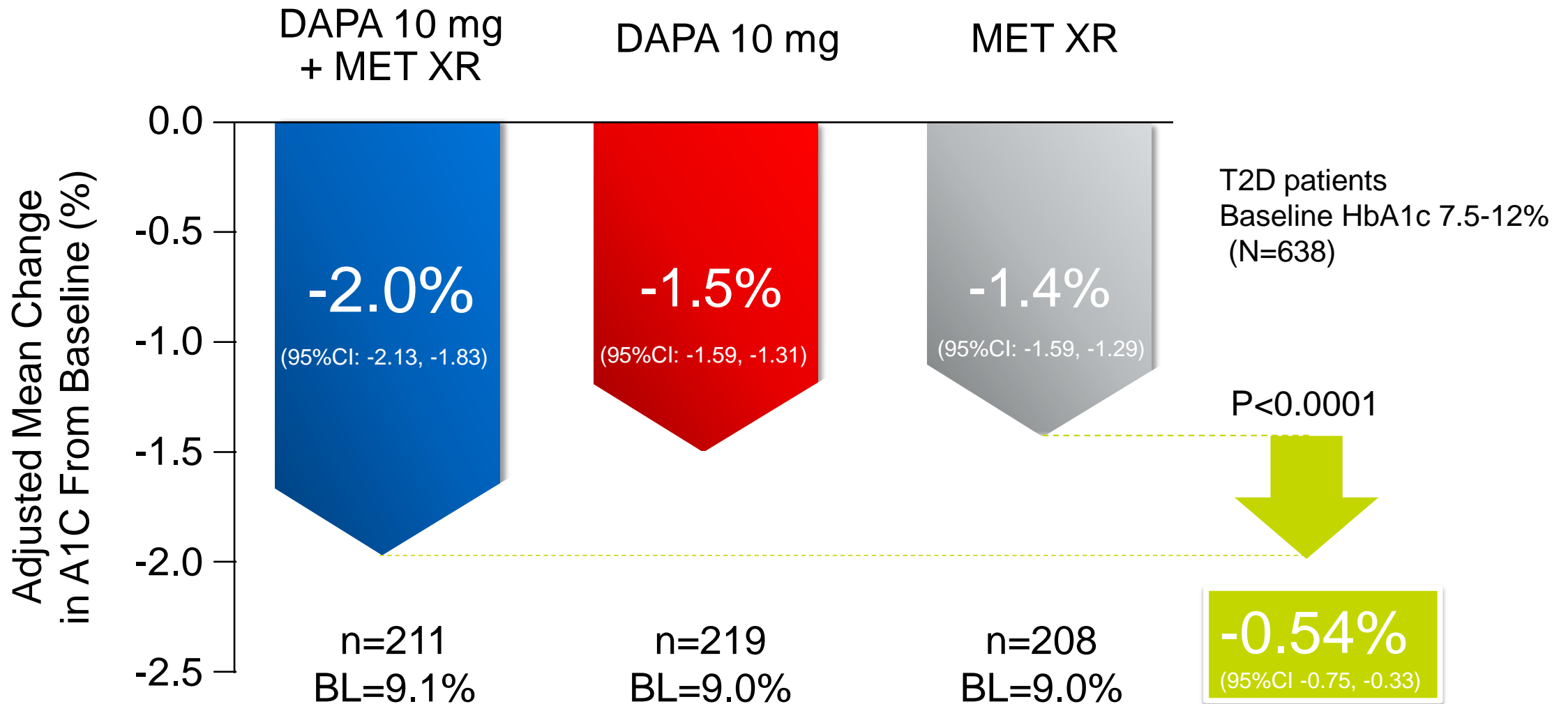
 **xigduo<sup>®</sup> XR**  
Extended-Release Tablets  
(dapagliflozin/metformin HCl)

- ✓ Once-daily dosage
- ✓ Less GI side effects

- ✓ Superior glycemic effect and durability
- ✓ Additional benefits that other classes do not provide



# HbA1c reduction of 2% at week 24

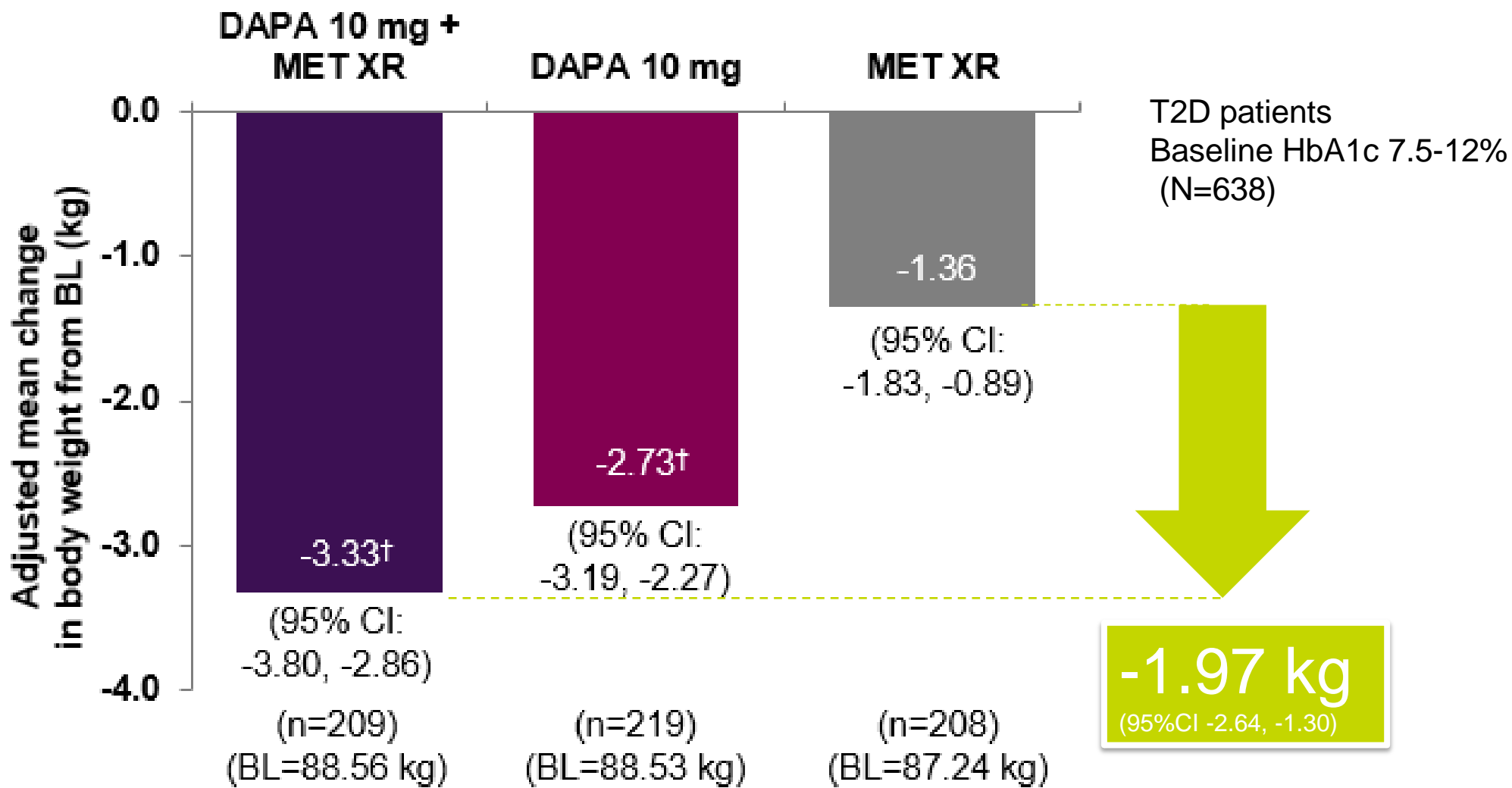


Mean metformin XR doses for combination and metformin groups were 1928.6 mg and 1949.7 mg

DAPA: Dapagliflozin, MET XR: metformin XR, XR: extended release; BL: mean baseline

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# Weight loss of 3.3 kg at week 24

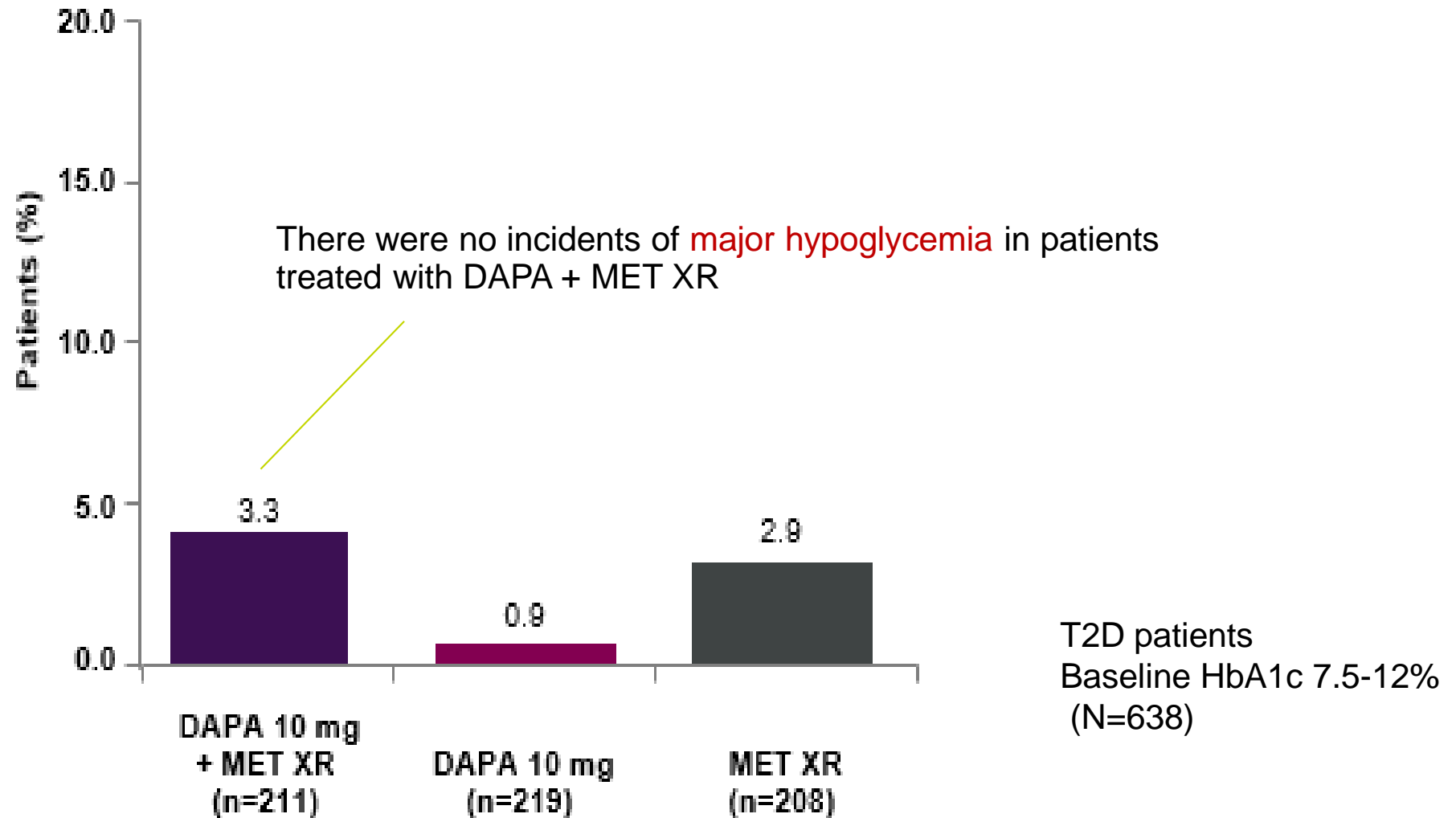


Dapagliflozin is not indicated for the management of weight loss.

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# Hypoglycemia incidence at week 24



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# Take home message

- Diabetes: complex management
- Monotherapy fails...combination therapy can be started with A1c of 8.5%
- SGLT-2i (RCT and RWD) CV protection (MACE/heart failure) , considered as priority use in those with high risk for CAD (low risk: DECLARE)
- Which SGLT-2i? No direct head-to-head study comparing efficacy or safety
- The viewpoint of physician using them to treat diabetes (cardiorenal events) in a safe manner.
- SGLT-2 inhibitors are appropriate for patients who are at risk of hypoglycemia, overweight, or with CVD.
  
- Wait for more data: CKD study, heart failure study, more safety data (fractures, amputations...)

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