

# From Optimal Glycemic Control to CVD Protection

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# Relationship between cardiovascular disease (CVD) and type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM)

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- CVD is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients
  - Patients with diabetes are 2–4 times more likely to develop CVD than those without diabetes<sup>1</sup>
  - The National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) identifies diabetes as a coronary heart disease risk equivalent<sup>4</sup>
- The negative CV impact of T2DM may be due to a constellation of pathogenic processes<sup>5-8</sup>
  - Accelerated atherosclerosis<sup>5</sup>
  - Abnormalities in inflammatory pathways<sup>6</sup>
  - Abnormalities in endothelial,<sup>6-8</sup> myocardial,<sup>8</sup> and platelet function<sup>6</sup>

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# CVD as a major cause of morbidity and mortality in diabetic patients

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- CVD accounts for approximately 50% to 60% of deaths in patients with T2DM<sup>1</sup>
- As many as 80% of patients with T2DM will develop and possibly die from macrovascular disease<sup>2</sup>
- Heart disease and stroke are the top causes of death and disability in diabetes<sup>3</sup>
- Myocardial infarction (MI) and stroke cause 75% of all deaths in patients with diabetes<sup>4</sup>

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# Diabetes as a CHD risk equivalent

The NCEP identifies diabetes as a CHD risk equivalent based on **3 lines of evidence**

The absolute risk for first major coronary events for T2DM patients approximates that for recurrent events in nondiabetic persons with CHD

T2DM patients have an increased mortality rate with an MI

Survival is much worse once T2DM patients develop CHD than it is for CHD patients without diabetes

# Meta-analysis: improved glucose= reduction in macrovascular events

Meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials:  
conventional vs intensive interventions

## Macrovascular

T1DM (8 randomized studies)  
T2DM (6 randomized studies)

## Cardiovascular

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T2DM (6 randomized studies)

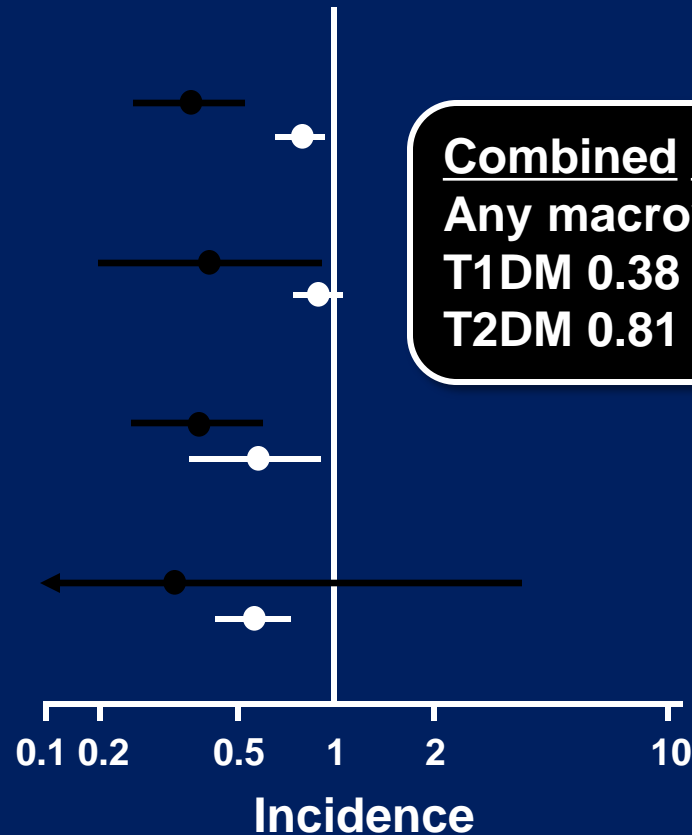
## Peripheral vascular

T1DM (8 randomized studies)  
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## Cerebrovascular

T1DM (8 randomized studies)  
T2DM (6 randomized studies)

**T1DM N = 1800**  
**T2DM N = 4472**



### Combined Incidence

Any macrovascular event

T1DM 0.38 (95% CI, 0.26–0.56)

T2DM 0.81 (95% CI, 0.73–0.91)

# Association of glycemic control and reductions in CV morbidity and mortality: conflicting evidence

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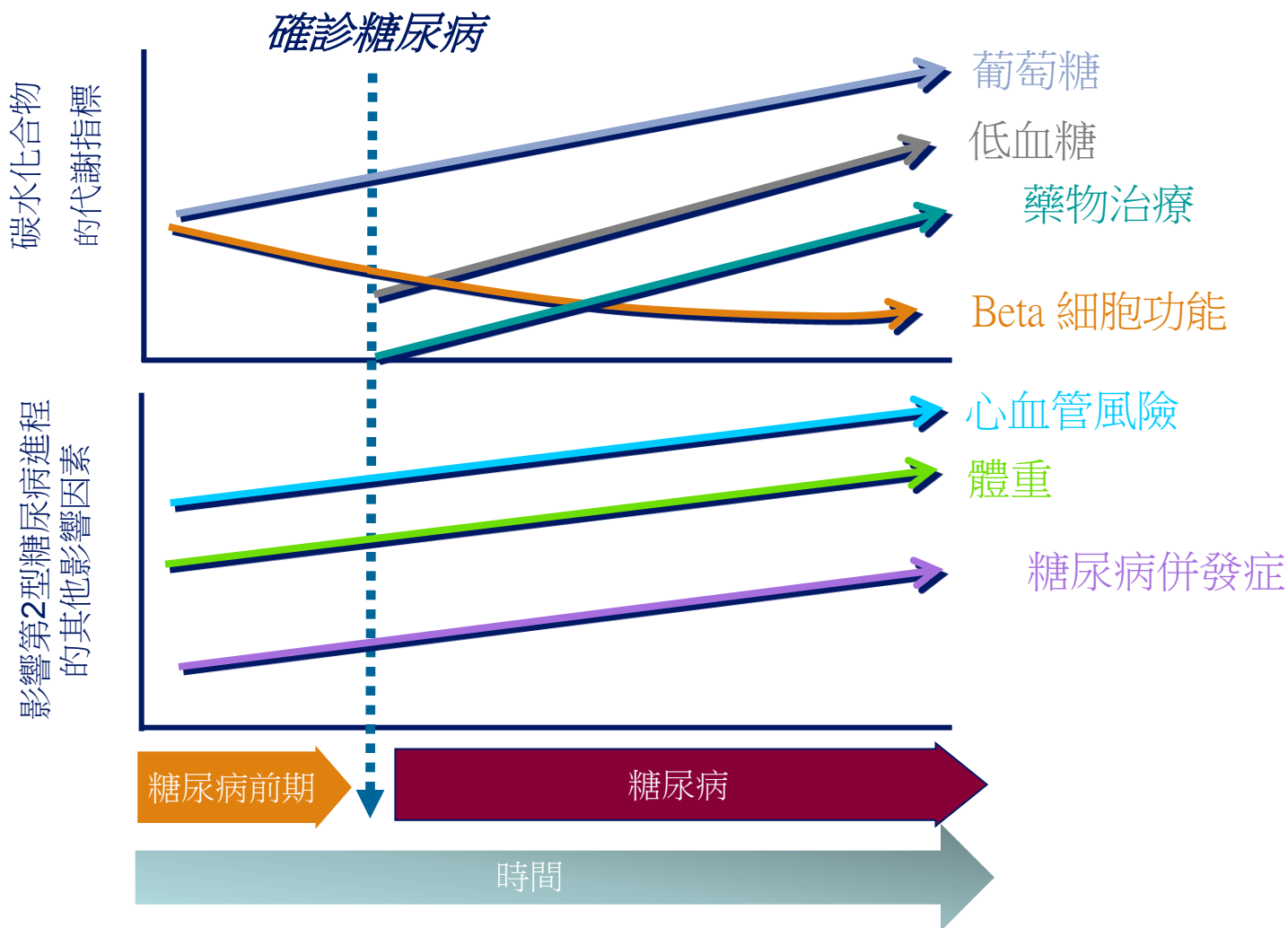
- There is conflicting evidence that achievement of glycemic control with antidiabetic therapy is associated with reductions in CV morbidity and mortality<sup>1-7</sup>
- Several randomized long-term studies (UKPDS, ACCORD, ADVANCE, VADT) failed to show a reduction in overall CV events with traditional diabetes therapy aimed at intensively lowering HbA1c<sup>1-4</sup>
- However, long-term follow-up of the UKPDS demonstrated a significant 15% to 33% reduction in MI within the intensive glycemic treatment group<sup>5</sup>
- Recent meta-analyses suggest that intensive glucose lowering does not significantly affect all-cause or CV mortality but may be associated with reductions in the risk of nonfatal MI<sup>6,7</sup>

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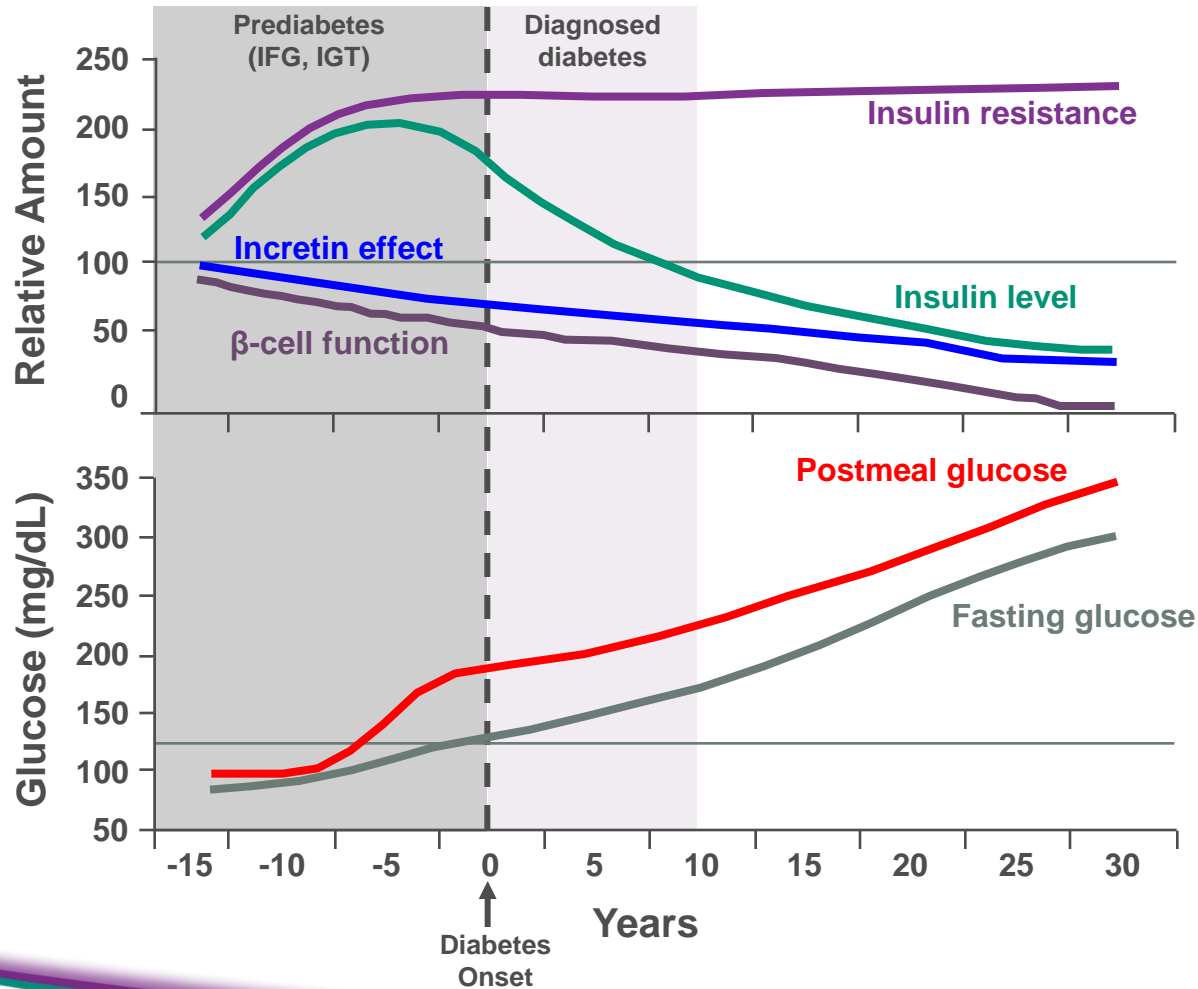
**CVD Protection is result from  
optimal glycemic control  
or  
efficacy of antidiabetic agent?**

# 第2型糖尿病的進程使患者面臨多方面的挑戰





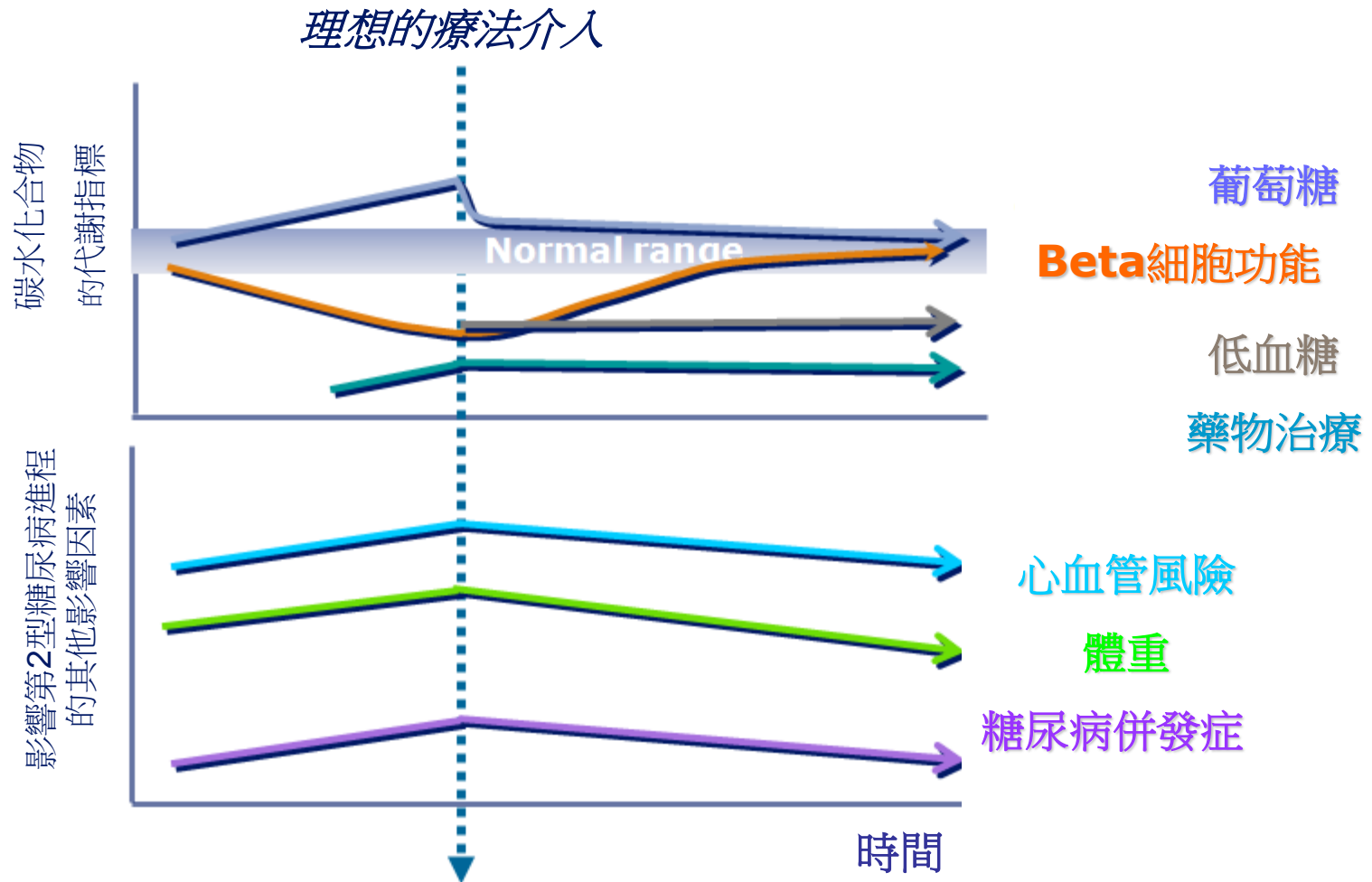
# Pathophysiology and Progression of Type 2 Diabetes



- In early stages, as insulin resistance rises, there is a compensatory increase in insulin secretion and glucose levels remain normal
- As β-cell dysfunction worsens, insulin secretion falls, IGT and hyperglycemia become apparent, and overt type 2 diabetes develops
- Glucose levels, both pre- and postprandially, increase steadily as the individual progresses from normoglycemia to IGT and, finally, type 2 diabetes

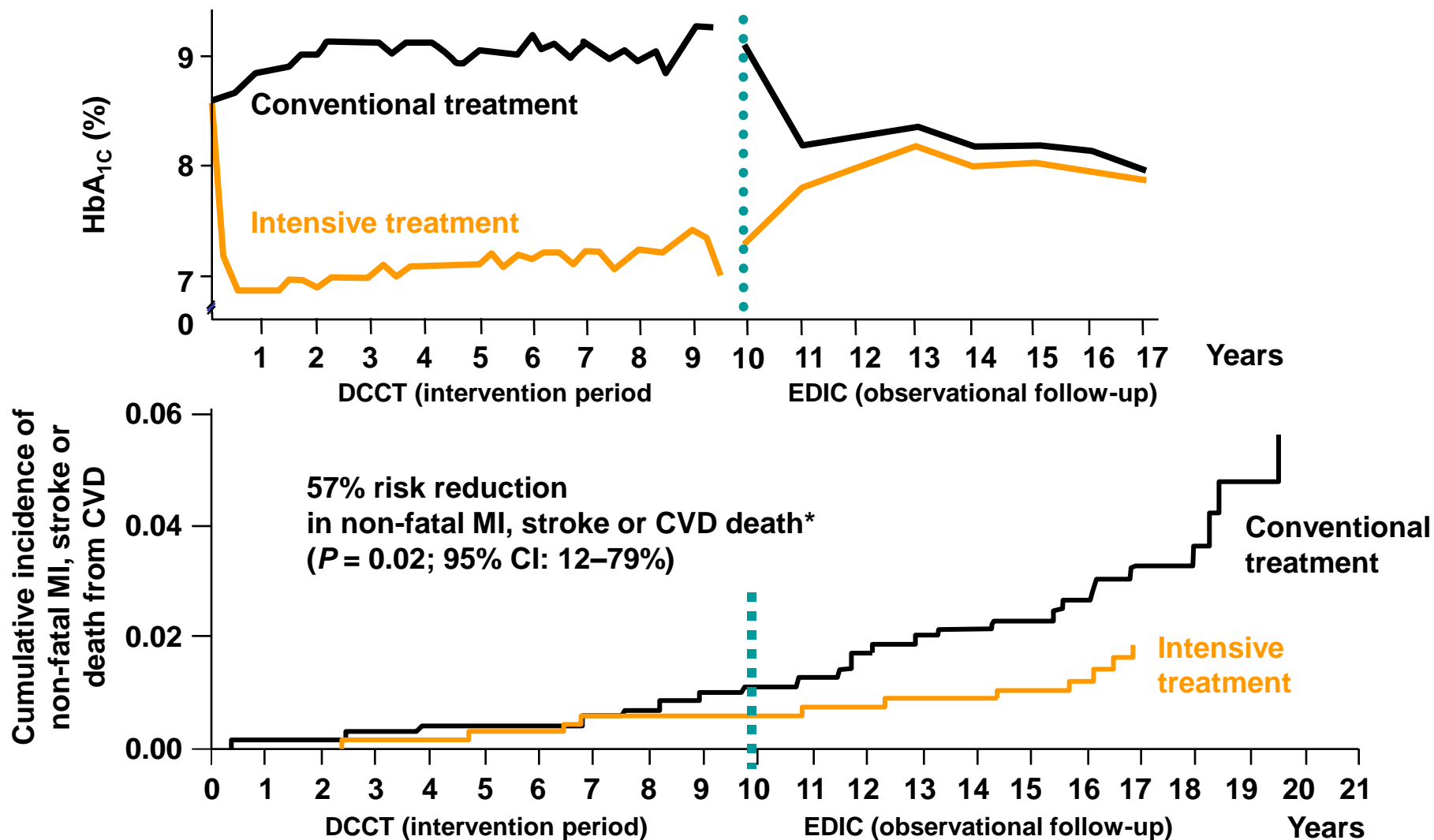
IFG=impaired fasting glucose; IGT=impaired glucose tolerance. Representative depiction of time course and function.

# 理想的治療需要克服疾病進程的主要問題



# Legacy effect

# DCCT/EDIC: glycaemic control reduces the risk of non-fatal MI, stroke or death from CVD in type 1 diabetes



DCCT. *N Engl J Med* 1993; 329:977–986.

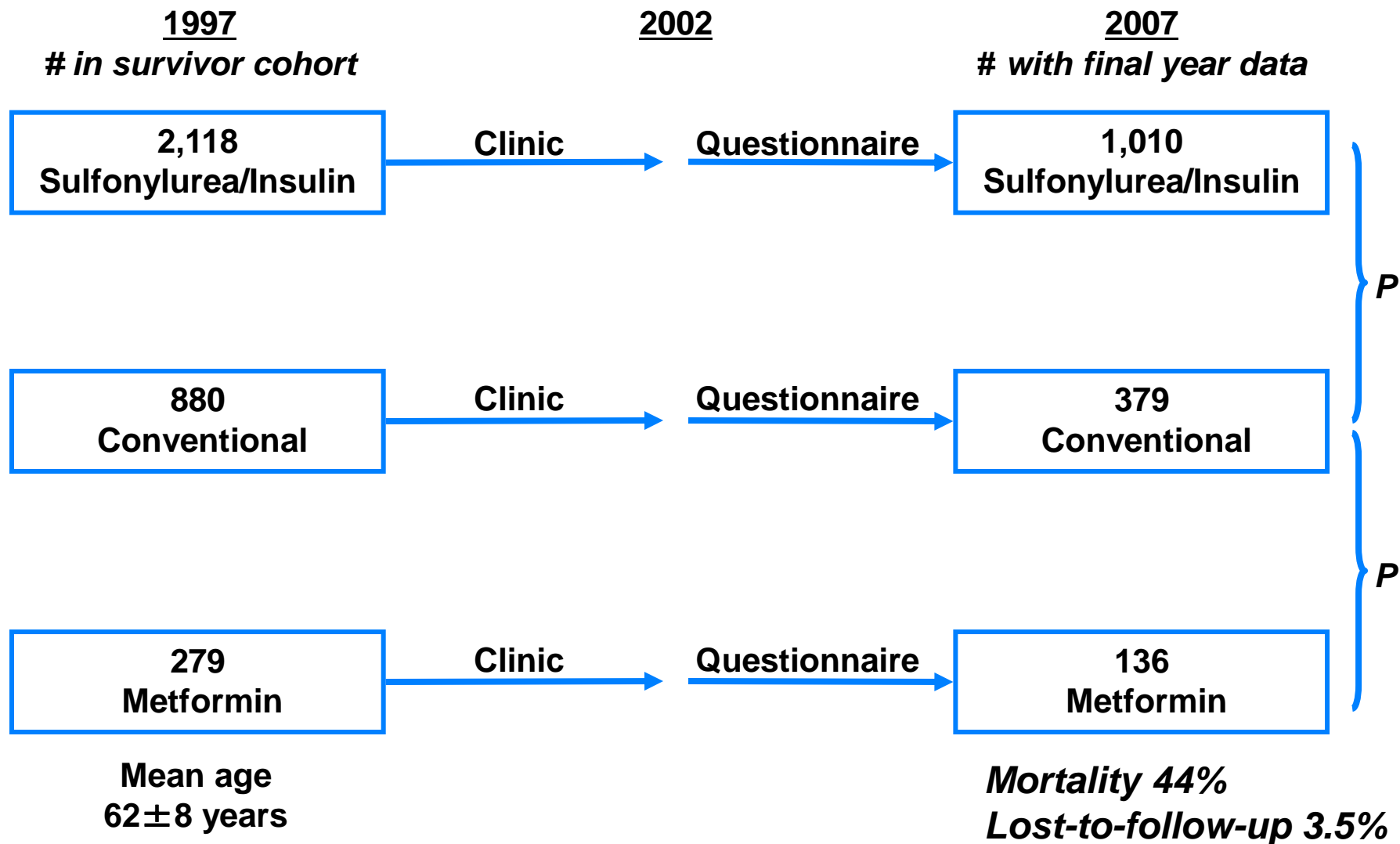
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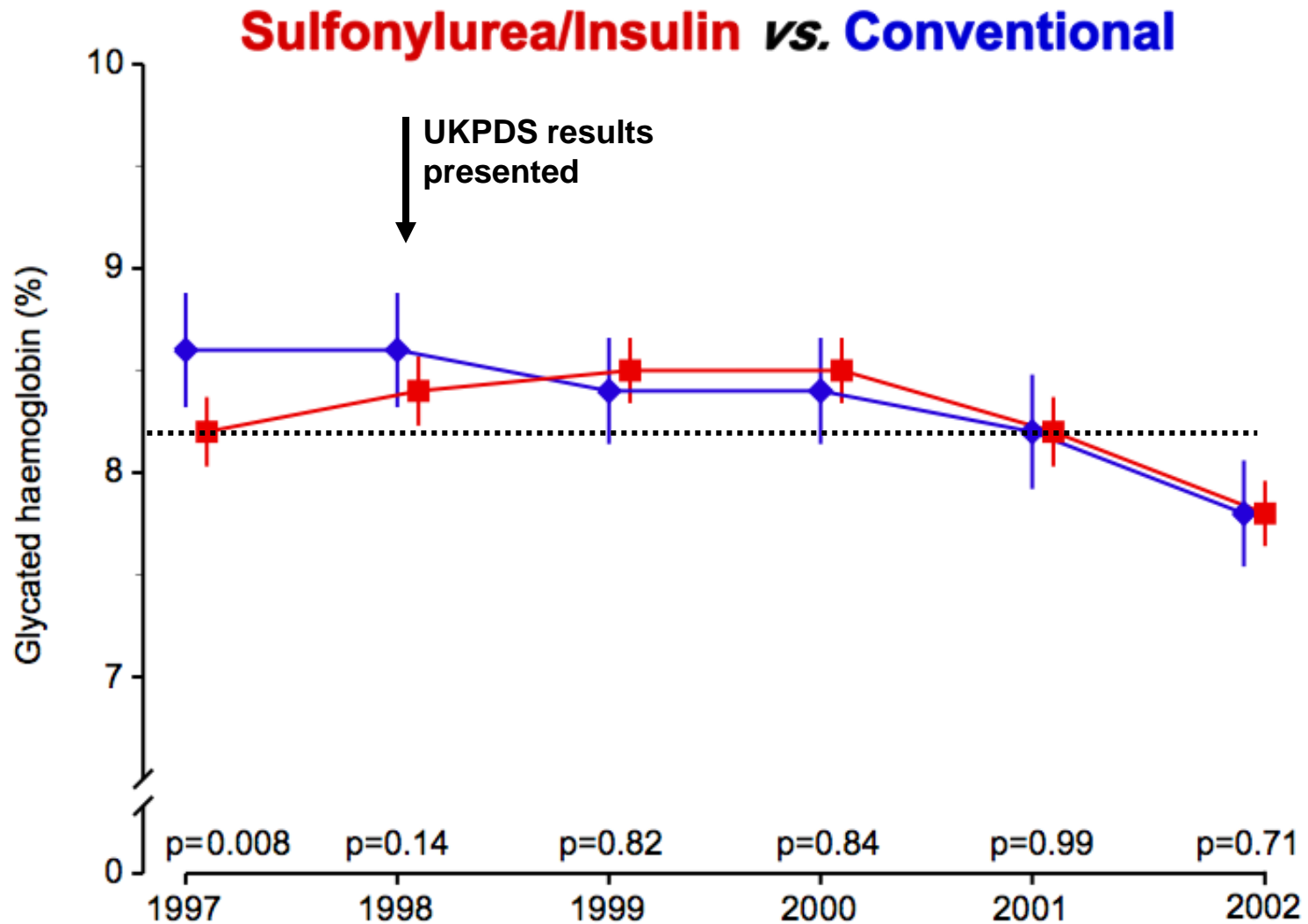
EDIC. *N Engl J Med* 2005; 353:2643–2653.

# UKPDS: 30 year follow-up

# Post-Trial Monitoring: Patients



# Post-Trial Changes in HbA<sub>1c</sub>



# Legacy Effect of Earlier Glucose Control-SU/insulin

After median 8.5 years post-trial follow-up

Aggregate Endpoints		1997	2007
Any diabetes related endpoints	RRR: P:	12% 0.029	9% 0.040
Microvascular disease	RRR: P:	25% 0.0099	24% 0.001
Myocardial infarction	RRR: P:	16% 0.052	15% 0.014
Diabetes related death	RRR: P:	10% 0.34	17% 0.01
Death from any cause	RRR: P:	6% 0.44	13% 0.007

**RRR = Relative Risk Reduction**



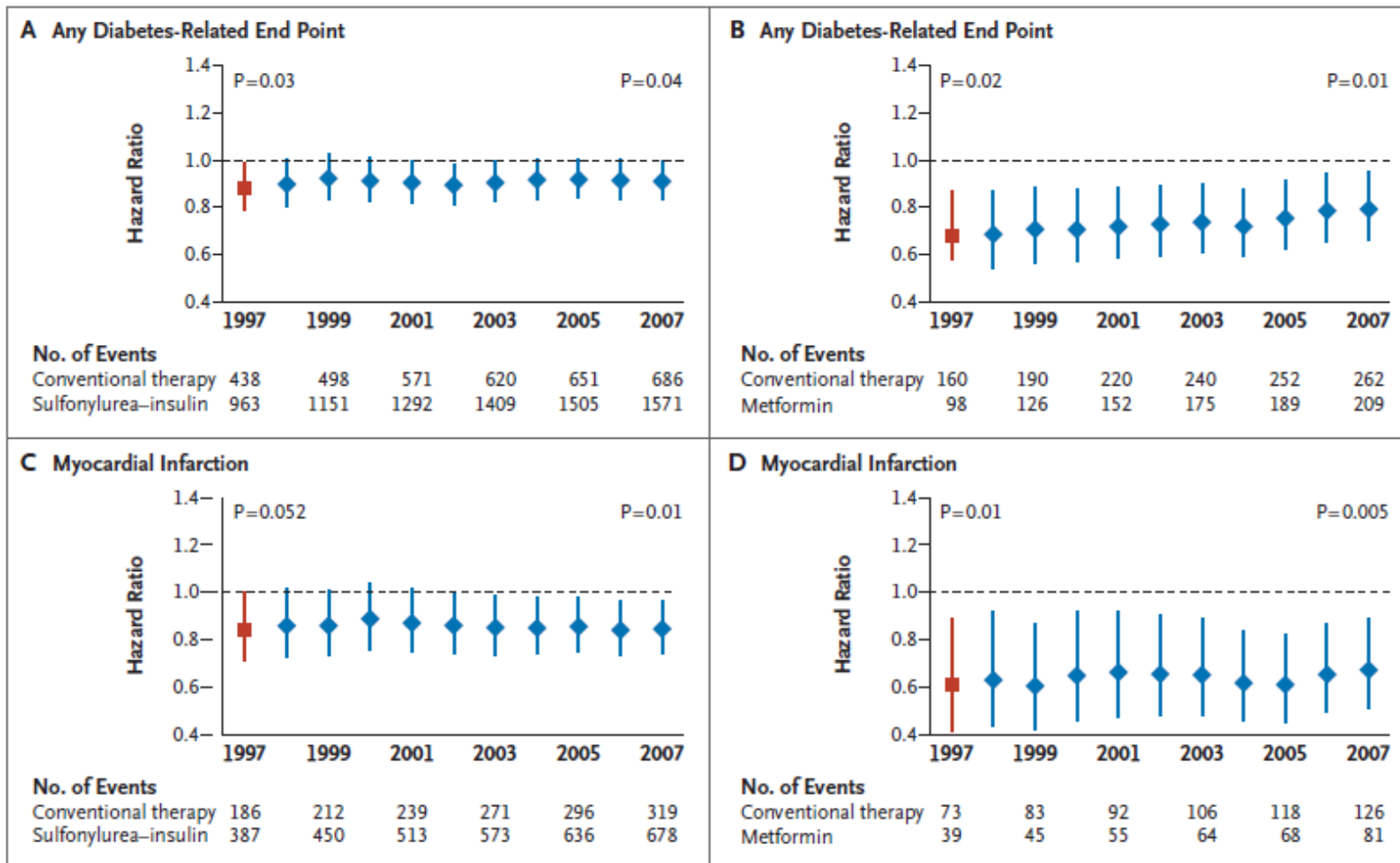
# Legacy Effect of Earlier Glucose Control-Metformin

After median 8.5 years post-trial follow-up

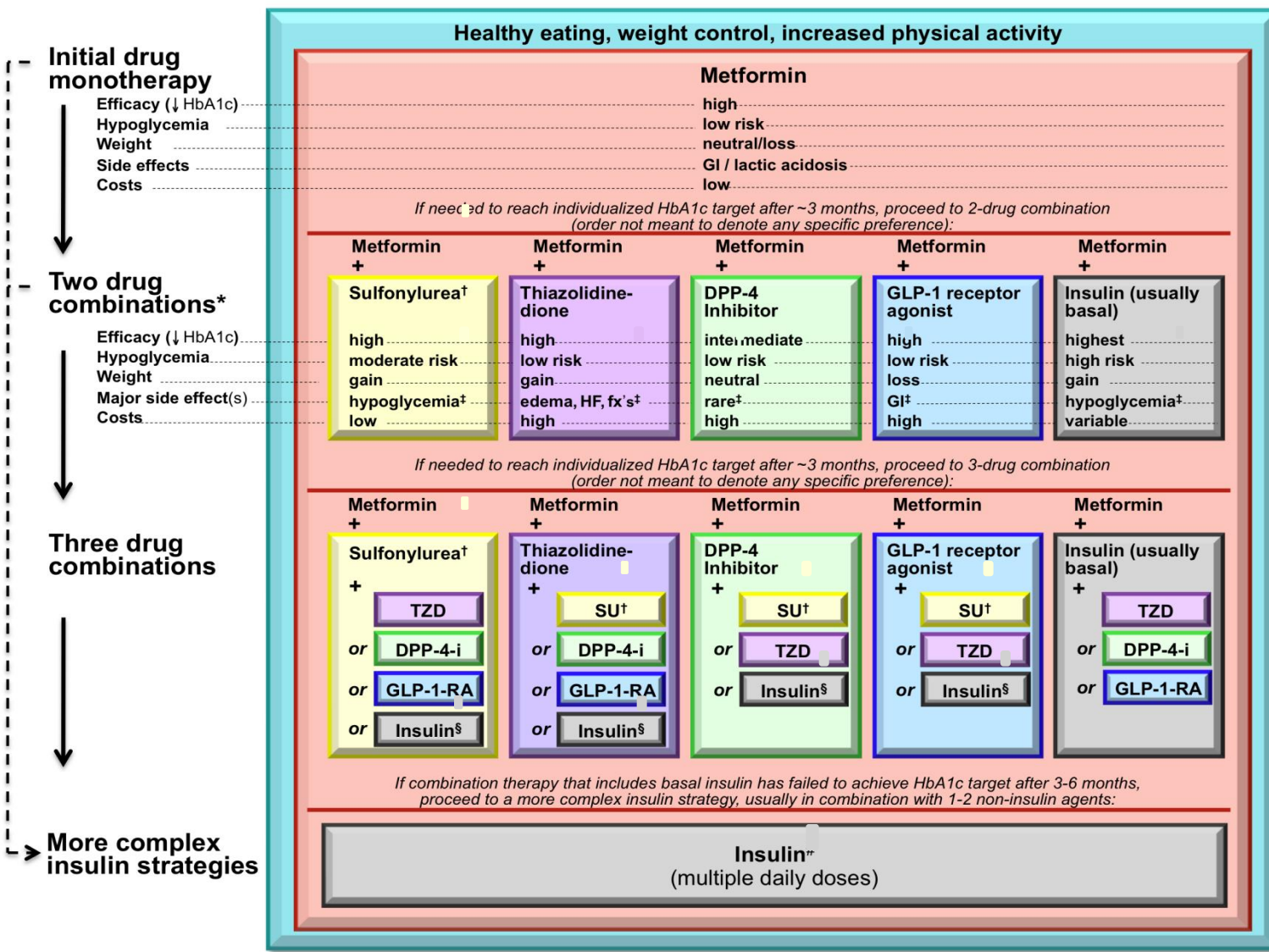
Aggregate Endpoints		1997	2007
Any diabetes related endpoints	RRR: P:	32% 0.002	21% 0.01
Microvascular disease	RRR: P:	29% 0.19	16% 0.31
Myocardial infarction	RRR: P:	39% 0.001	33% 0.005
Diabetes related death	RRR: P:	42% 0.017	30% 0.01
Death from any cause	RRR: P:	36% 0.011	27% 0.002

**RRR = Relative Risk Reduction**

# Metformin seems to provide greater benefits vs. SU + insulin



# New ADA/EASD position statement

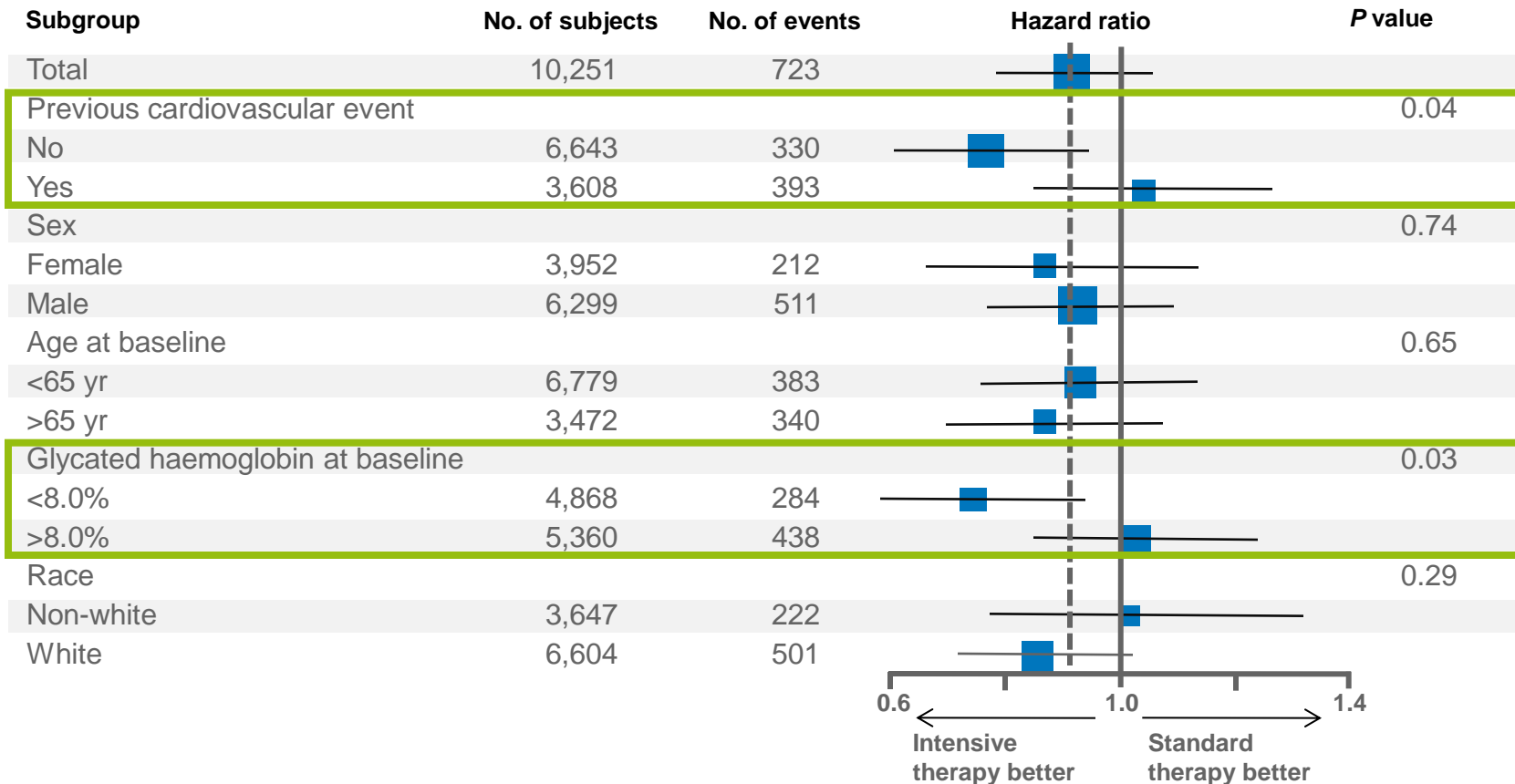


# Glycaemic control and prevention of CV events: Differences between ACCORD, ADVANCE and VADT

	<b>ACCORD</b> (n=10,251)	<b>ADVANCE</b> (n=11,140)	<b>VADT</b> (n=1,791)
<b>Median baseline HbA<sub>1c</sub> (%)</b>	8.1	7.2	9.4
<b>HbA<sub>1c</sub> goals (%) (I vs S)</b>	<6.0 vs 7.0–7.9	≤6.5 vs “based on local guidelines”	<6.0 (action if >6.5) vs planned separation of 1.5
<b>Median duration of follow-up (years)</b>	3.5 (terminated early)	5	5.6
<b>Achieved median HbA<sub>1c</sub> (%) (I vs S)</b>	6.4 vs 7.5	6.3 vs 7.0	6.9 vs 8.5
<b>Primary outcome</b>	Non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, CVD death	Microvascular plus macrovascular (non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, CVD death) outcomes	Non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke, CVD death, hospitalisation for heart failure, revascularisation
<b>HR for primary outcome (95% CI)</b>	0.90 (0.78–1.04)	0.9 (0.82–0.98); macrovascular 0.94 (0.84–1.06)	0.88 (0.74–1.05)
<b>HR for mortality findings (95% CI)</b>	1.22 (1.01–1.46)	0.93 (0.83–1.06)	1.07 (0.81–1.42)

I: Intensive glycaemic control  
S: Standard glycaemic control

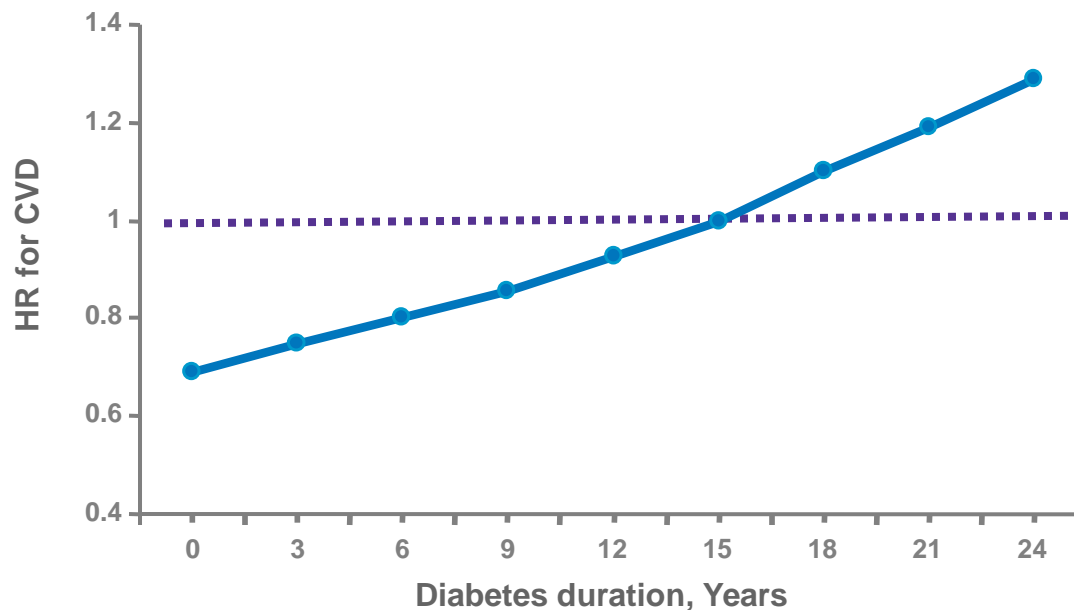
### Primary outcome



- Better outcomes were observed in subjects with no previous history of CV disease receiving intensive therapy

Median diabetes duration at baseline = 10 years

## Duration of type 2 diabetes and risk of CVD with intensive therapy<sup>1,2</sup>



- Hazard ratios for CVD owing to IGC was found to vary as a function of disease duration<sup>2,3</sup>
  - › Much reduced in patients with shorter diabetes duration
  - › Reduction becomes smaller with longer disease duration, to actually worsen in individuals with long-standing diabetes

CVD: cardiovascular disease; IGC: intensive glucose control

Mean diabetes duration at baseline = 11.5 years

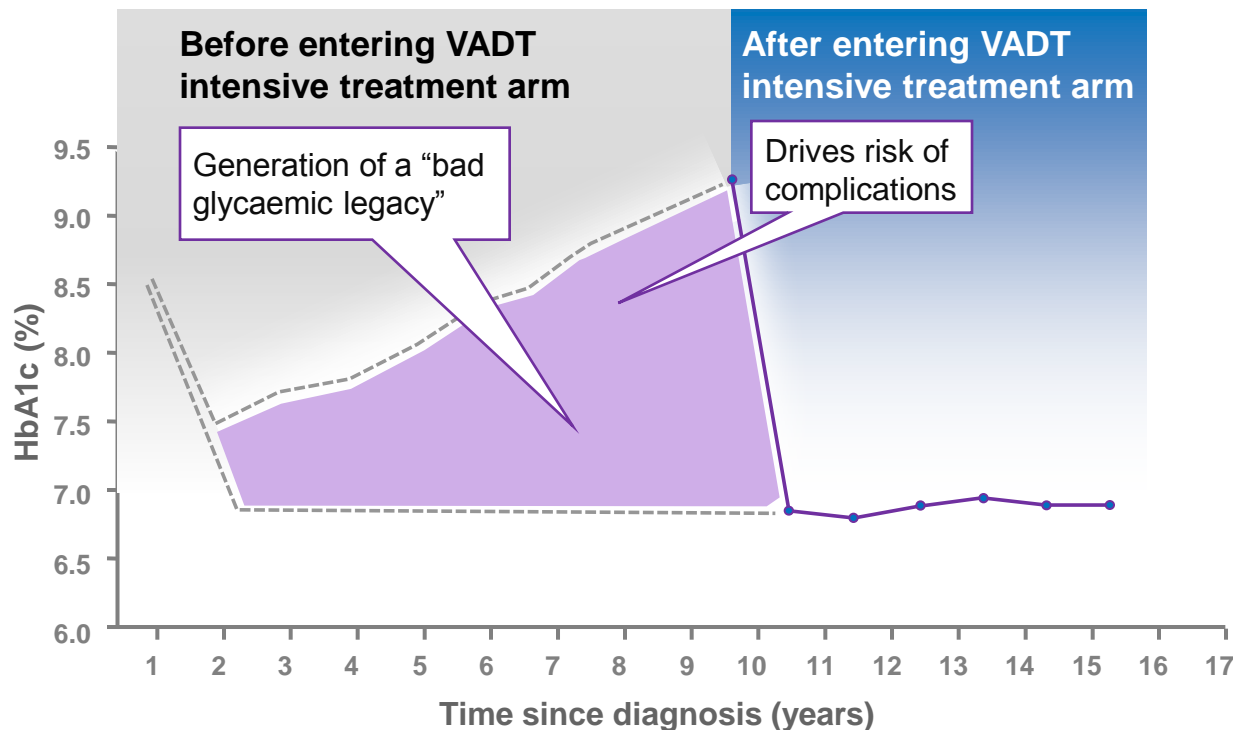


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### Hypothetical representation of the natural history of diabetes patients recruited in VADT



The upper dotted line represents the time course of HbA<sub>1c</sub> estimated on the basis of the average glucose profile described by the UKPDS. The lower dotted line represents the ideal time course of glycaemic control. The solid line represents the time course of HbA<sub>1c</sub> in the VADT.

Mean diabetes duration at baseline = 11.5 years

# Which HbA<sub>1c</sub> target?

9–8% → 7%

Beneficial effect on micro- and macrovascular complications (DCCT-EDIC, UKPDS)<sup>1-3</sup>

→ 6.5%

## CV benefits if:

- Primary prevention (ACCORD)<sup>4</sup>
- HbA<sub>1c</sub> <8% (ACCORD)<sup>4</sup>
- Diabetes duration <15 yrs (VADT)<sup>5</sup>

## Excess mortality if:

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> ≥8.5% at baseline
- Previous CV history
- Cardiac neuropathy (ACCORD)<sup>4</sup>

An individual tailored strategy: risk-benefit<sup>7,8</sup>  
Avoid weight gain and hypoglycaemia  
Lifestyle changes

## Conclusions – Target HbA<sub>1c</sub> of 6.5% if:

- Baseline HbA<sub>1c</sub> <8%
- Diabetes duration <15 years
- Primary prevention
- No cardiac neuropathy
- Long life expectancy, no severe comorbidities, or if this goal may be attained easily



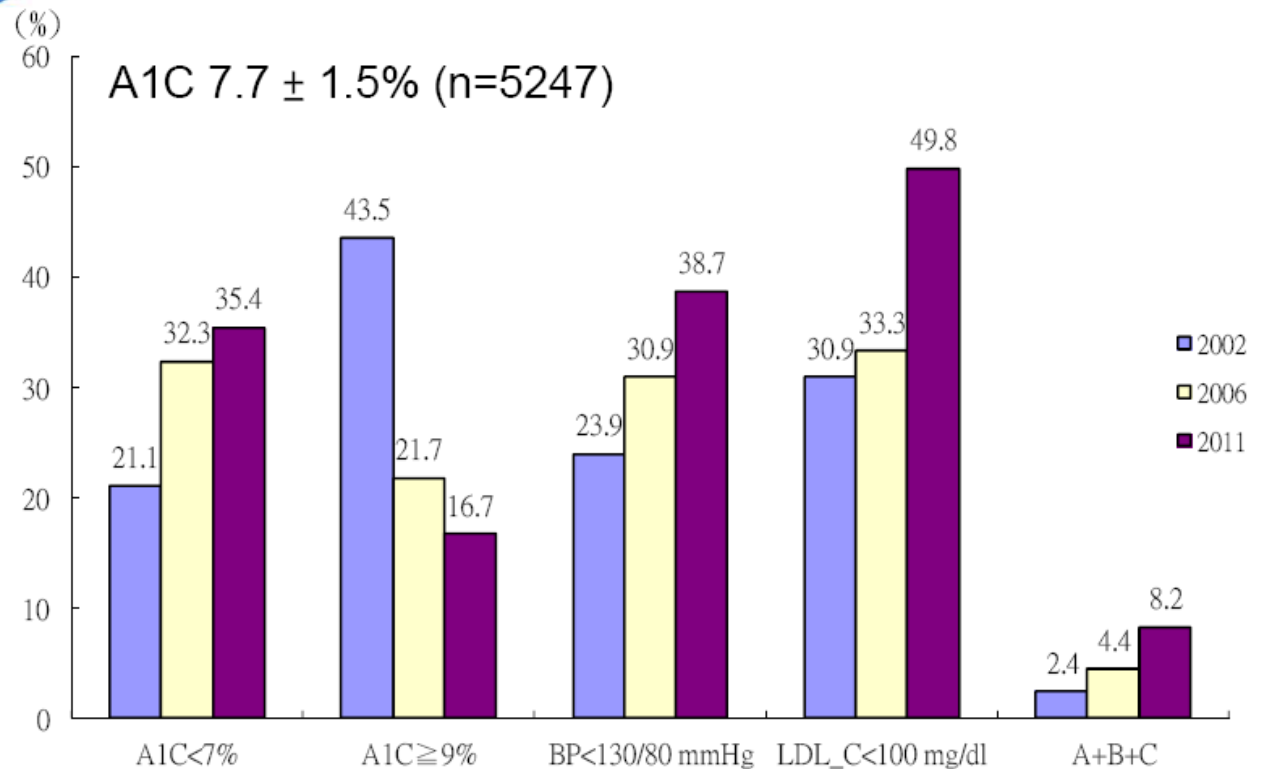
# Unmet medical needs



# Nearly 2/3 of all T2DM Patients remain uncontrolled on their current therapy



## 三高控制狀況 -TADE 2002/2006/2011調查

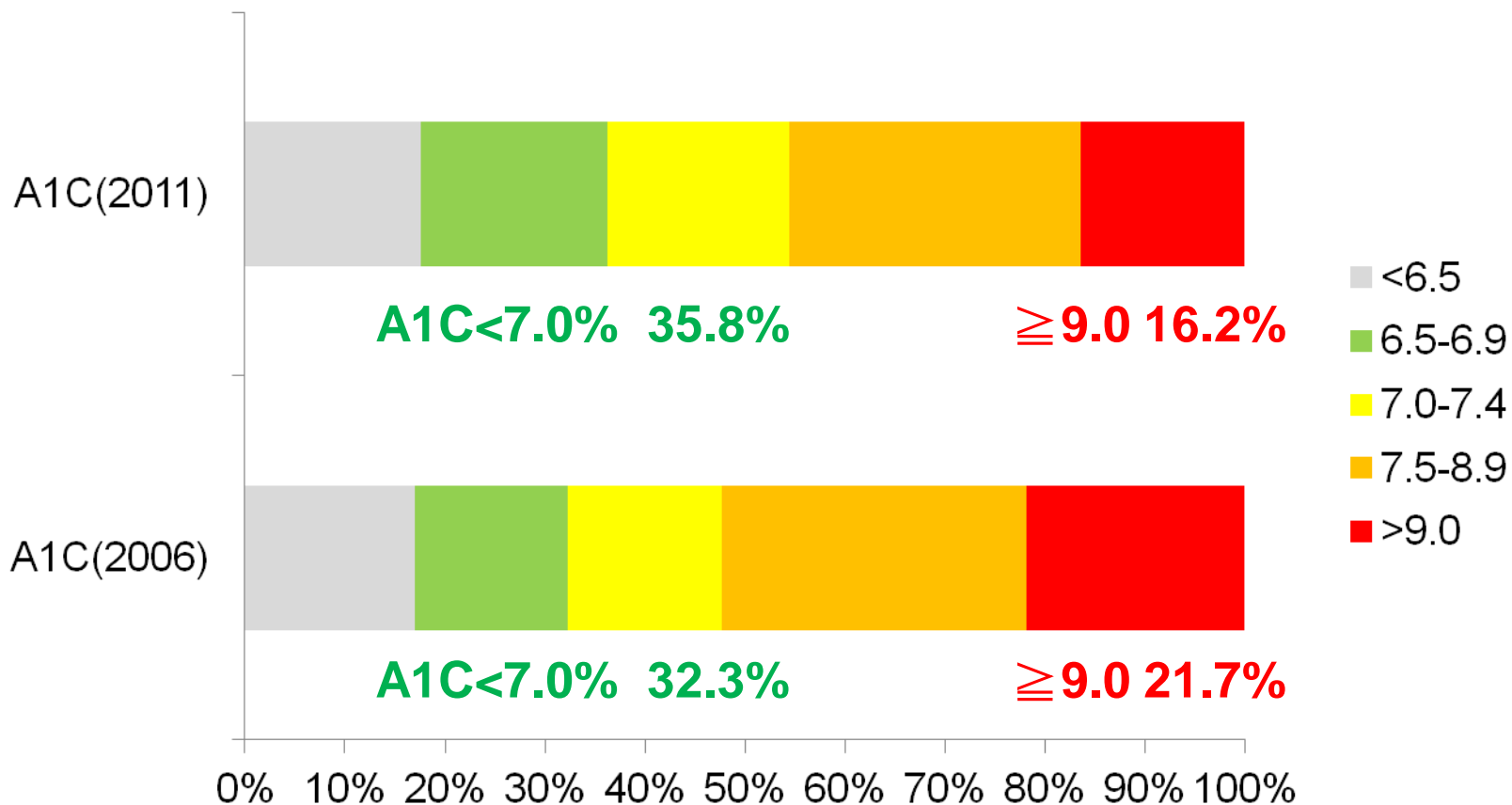


A : A1C <7%、B : BP<130/80 mmHg、C : LDL-C<100 mg/dL

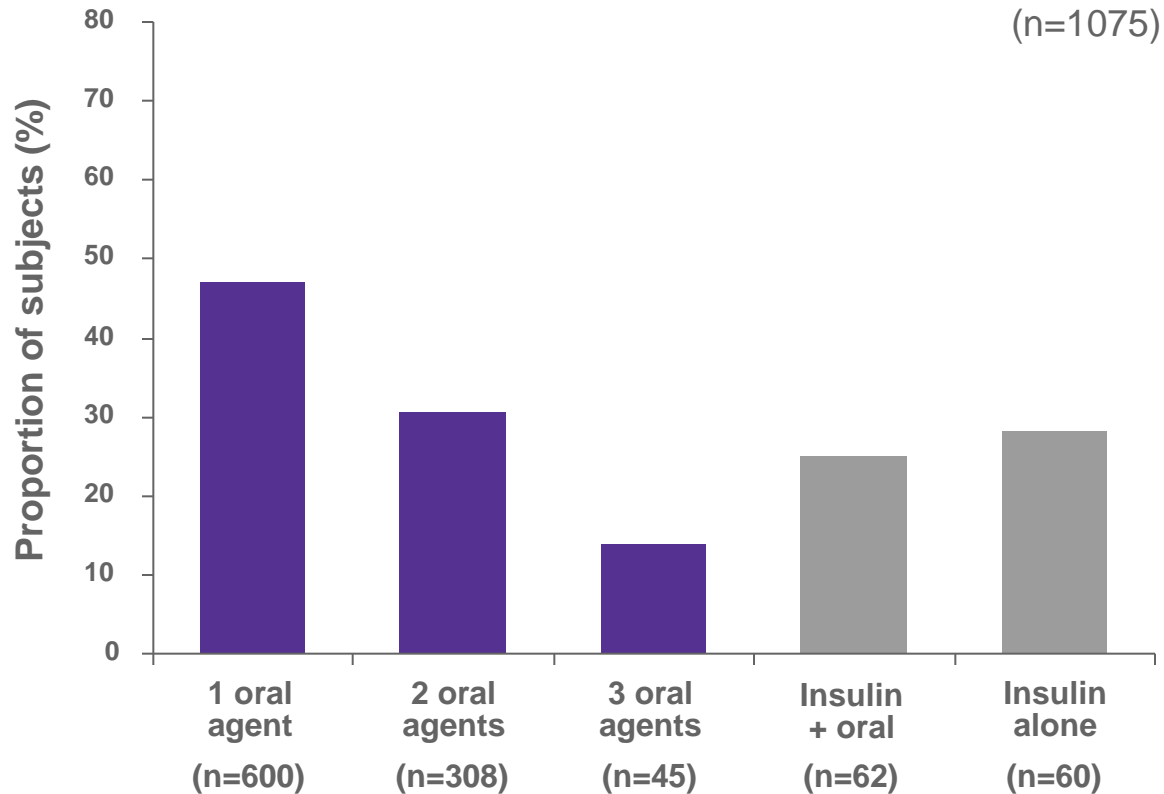


資料來源:健康局委託糖尿病衛教學會針對糖尿病健康促進機構抽樣調查

# Despite increasing levels of glycaemic control, there is still much room for improvement

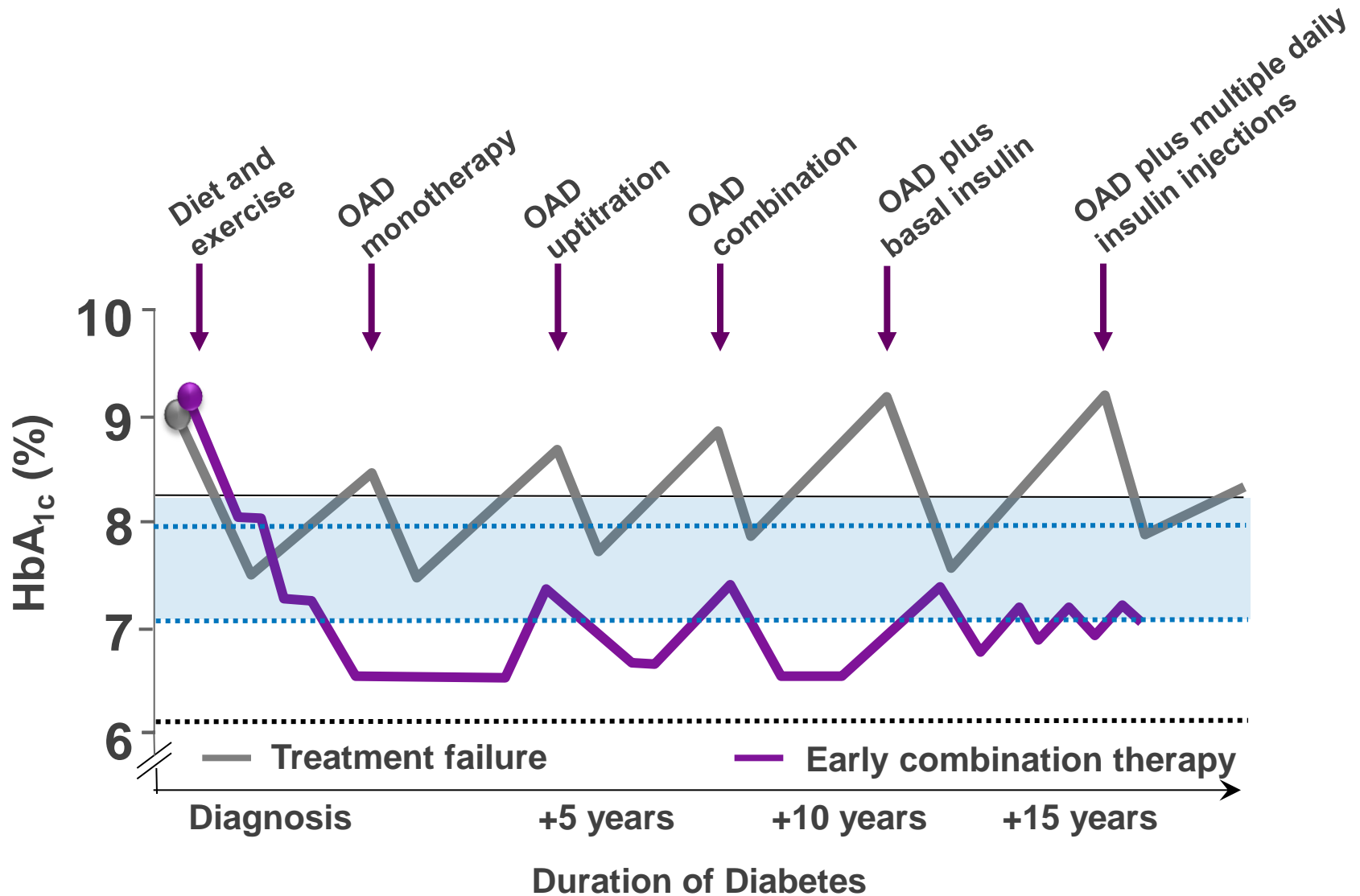


## Proportion of subjects with optimal glycaemic control (6 months after diagnosis)\*



\*Defined as the proportion of patients who had glycosylated haemoglobin <7% during the 6 months after the initial documentation of diabetes during the index data. \*\*Adjusted odds ratio (95% CI)

# Due to efficacy/side effect tradeoffs, physician tend to delay adding treatment



## FAQ:

積極的血糖控制對於第二型糖尿病患者是如此的重要，為何還有相當多的患者無法達到治療目標？

# National Estimates of Emergency Hospitalizations for Adverse Drug Events in Older U.S. Adults, According to Therapeutic Category, 2007–2009.\*

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Therapeutic Category	Annual National Estimate of Hospitalizations (N = 99,628)		Proportion of Emergency Department Visits Resulting in Hospitalization
	no.	% (95% CI)	%
Hematologic agents	42,104	42.3 (35.5–49.0)	44.6
Endocrine agents	22,726	22.8 (16.7–28.9)	42.1
Cardiovascular agents	9,800	9.8 (7.1–12.5)	42.3
Central nervous system agents	9,621	9.7 (7.6–11.8)	32.2
Antiinfective agents	3,759	3.8 (2.6–4.9)	17.4
Antineoplastic agents	2,882†	2.9 (0.9–4.9)†	51.0
Other agents	3,211	3.2 (2.6–3.8)	15.0
Medications not stated or not known	957	1.0 (0.5–1.5)	20.6
Medications in more than one therapeutic category	4,568†	4.6 (2.7–6.5)	41.2

\* Estimates were based on data from the NEISS–CADES project. The proportion of emergency department visits resulting in hospitalization is the ratio of hospitalizations to total emergency department visits for adverse drug events involving the specified therapeutic category.

† The coefficient of variation was greater than 30%.



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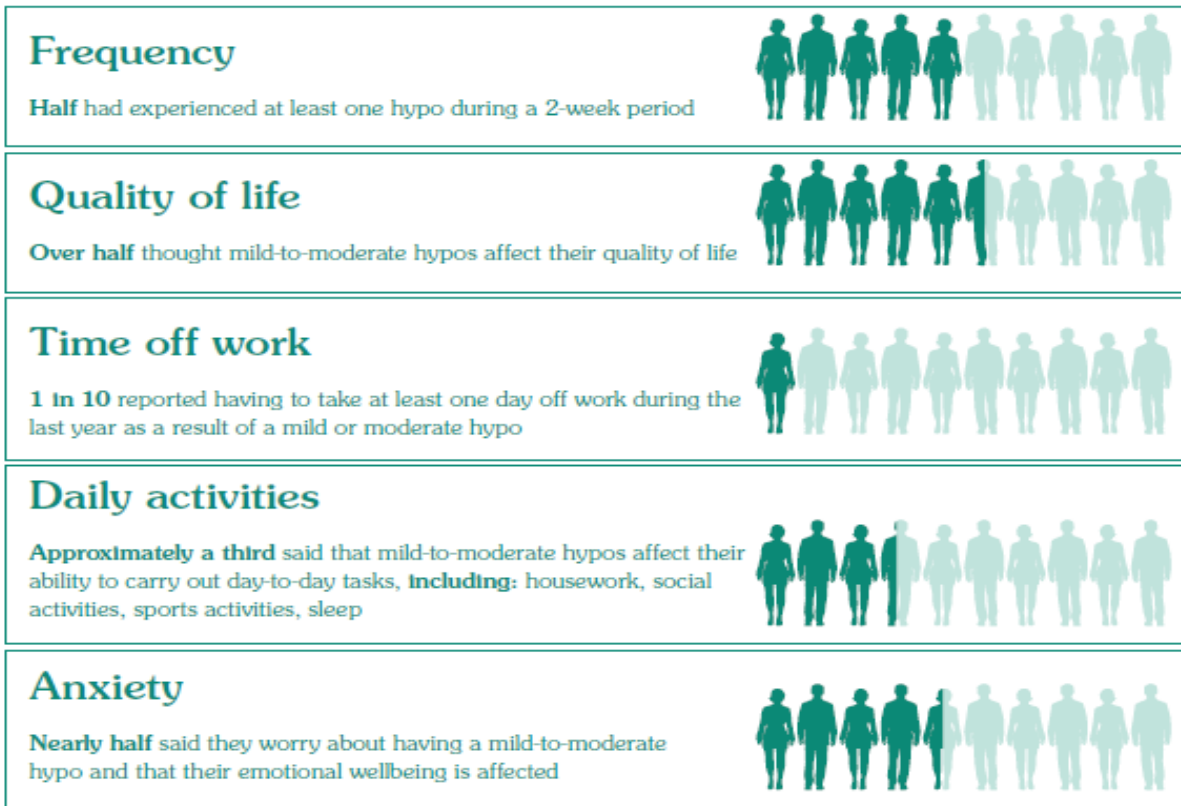
Endocrine agents	Annual National Estimate of Hospitalizations % (95% CI)	Proportion of Emergency Department Visits Resulting in Hospitalization %
Hypoglycemia with loss of consciousness or seizure	26.0 (13.5–38.4)	57.5
Hypoglycemia with altered mental status or other neurologic sequelae	40.7 (31.8–49.5)	42.4
Hypoglycemia with cardiovascular sequelae	8.3 (6.1–10.4)	49.6
Hypoglycemia with weakness, dyspnea, or respiratory distress	5.7 (3.0–8.5)	47.5
Hypoglycemia with other or unspecified sequelae	14.0 (6.2–21.8)	37.3



# Hypoglycemia will affect patients' quality of life and is under detection

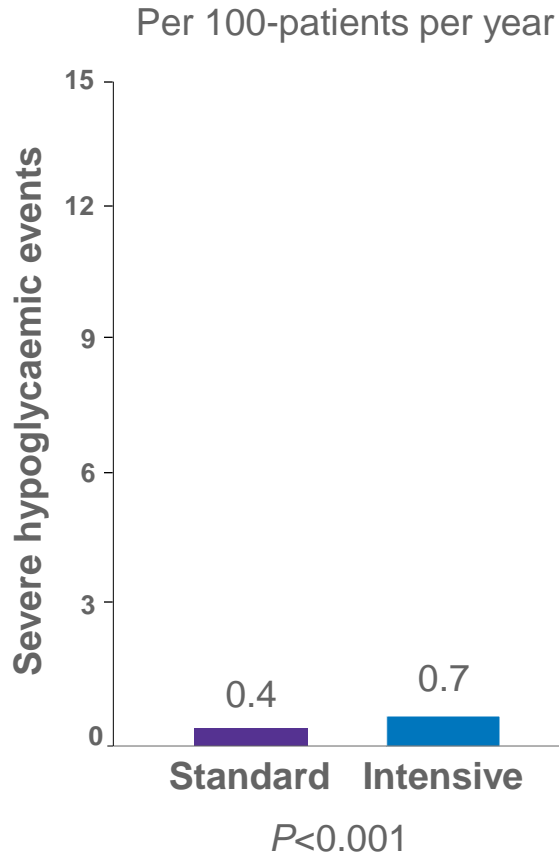
- Few patients report hypoglycaemia to their doctor<sup>1</sup>

## A Diabetes UK survey of 1,954 type 2 diabetes patients and their experiences of hypoglycaemia<sup>2</sup>

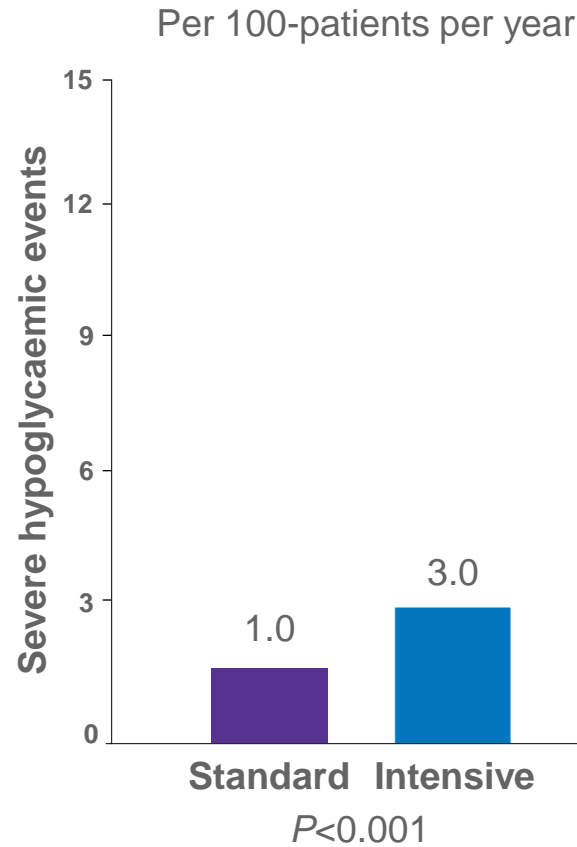


# Increased incidence of severe hypoglycaemic events with intensive therapy in ADVANCE, ACCORD and VADT

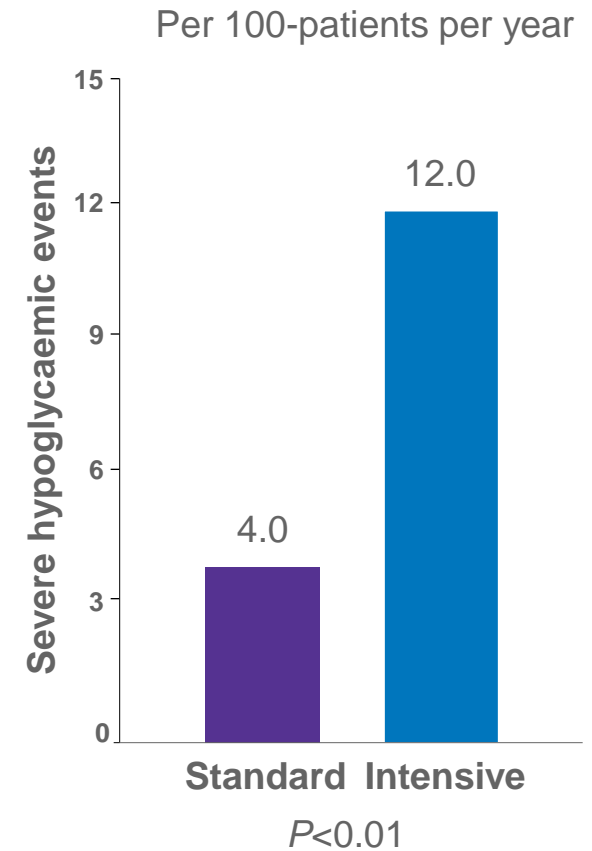
## ADVANCE<sup>1</sup>



## ACCORD<sup>2</sup>



## VADT<sup>3</sup>

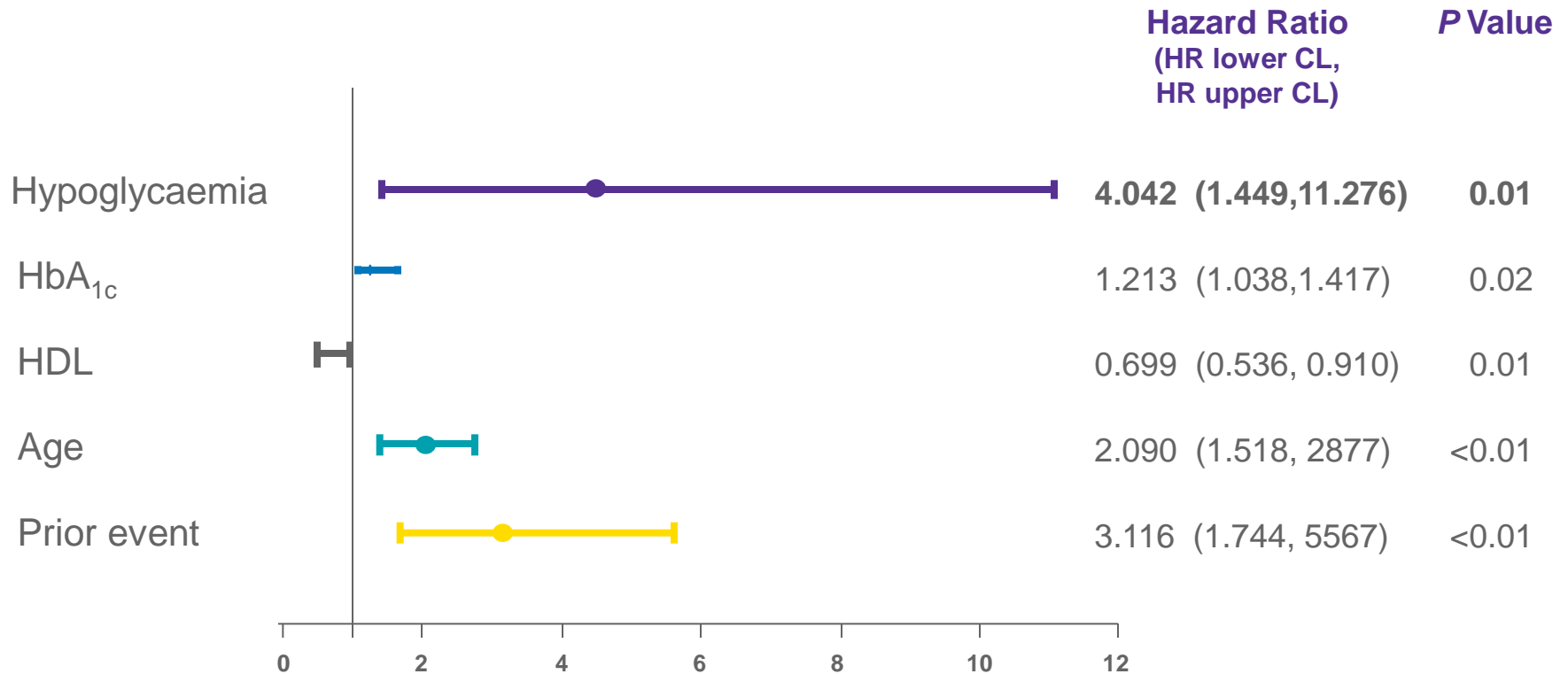


- Intensive glucose lowering contributes to an increased risk of hypoglycaemia by 2- to 3-fold, particularly at later stages of type 2 diabetes



1. ADVANCE Collaborative Group. N Engl J Med. 2008;358:2545-59. 2. ACCORD Study Group. N Engl

# Hypoglycaemia – a major predictor of cardiovascular death in the VADT study



# Hypoglycemia may increase the risk of morbidity and mortality in T2DM patients

**Adjusted hazard ratio for primary and secondary clinical outcomes, ADVANCE patients who developed severe hypoglycemia vs those who didn't**

<b>End point</b>	<b>Severe hypoglycemia, n=231 (%)</b>	<b>No severe hypoglycemia, n=10 909 (%)</b>	<b>HR (95% CI)</b>
<b>Major macrovascular event*</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>3.53 (2.41–5.17)</b>
<b>Major microvascular event*</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>2.19 (1.40–3.45)</b>
<b>All-cause mortality</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>3.27 (2.29–4.65)</b>
<b>Cardiovascular mortality</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.79 (2.36–6.08)</b>
<b>Noncardiovascular mortality</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.80 (1.64–4.79)</b>

# Risk of mortality and adverse cardiovascular outcomes in type 2 diabetes: a comparison of patients treated with SUs and metformin

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## ARTICLE

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**Abstract** *Aims/hypothesis:* The aim of this study was to evaluate the risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes newly treated with sulfonylureas and metformin. *Subjects and methods:* The Diabetes Audit and Research in Tayside Scotland (DARTS) diabetes information system and the Medicines Monitoring Unit (MEMO) dispensed prescribing database for the population of Tayside, Scotland (400,000 people) were employed. Patients newly prescribed with oral hypoglycaemic agents between 1994 and 2001 were classified into five study cohorts according to the treatment received: metformin only, sulfonylureas only, sulfonylureas added to metformin, metformin added to sulfonylureas, and both drugs simultaneously. In Cox regression analyses, we estimated relative risks for all-cause mortality, cardiovascular mortality and cardiovascular hospital admission for patients in the five study cohorts, with metformin monotherapy as the reference group. *Results:* Of the 5,730 study patients, 1,000 died during a maximum of 8 years follow-up. Patients in the sulfonylureas only cohort had increased risks of mortality and cardiovascular mortality, with unadjusted relative risks of 3.12 (95% CI 2.54–3.84) and 3.71 (95% CI 2.64–5.22), respectively. After adjusting for differences between groups (age, sex, duration of diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, HbA<sub>1c</sub>, smoking, previous hospital admission, treatment

with cardiovascular medication), these relative risks were 1.43 (95% CI 1.15–1.77) and 1.70 (95% CI 1.18–2.45), respectively. Patients in the combination cohorts had significantly increased risks of cardiovascular hospital admission, as well as increased risks of mortality and cardiovascular mortality. *Conclusions/interpretation:* In this cohort study of patients newly treated with oral hypoglycaemic agents, those treated with sulfonylureas only, or combinations of sulfonylureas and metformin, were at higher risk of adverse cardiovascular outcomes than those treated with metformin alone.

**Keywords** Cardiovascular risk · Metformin · Sulfonylureas

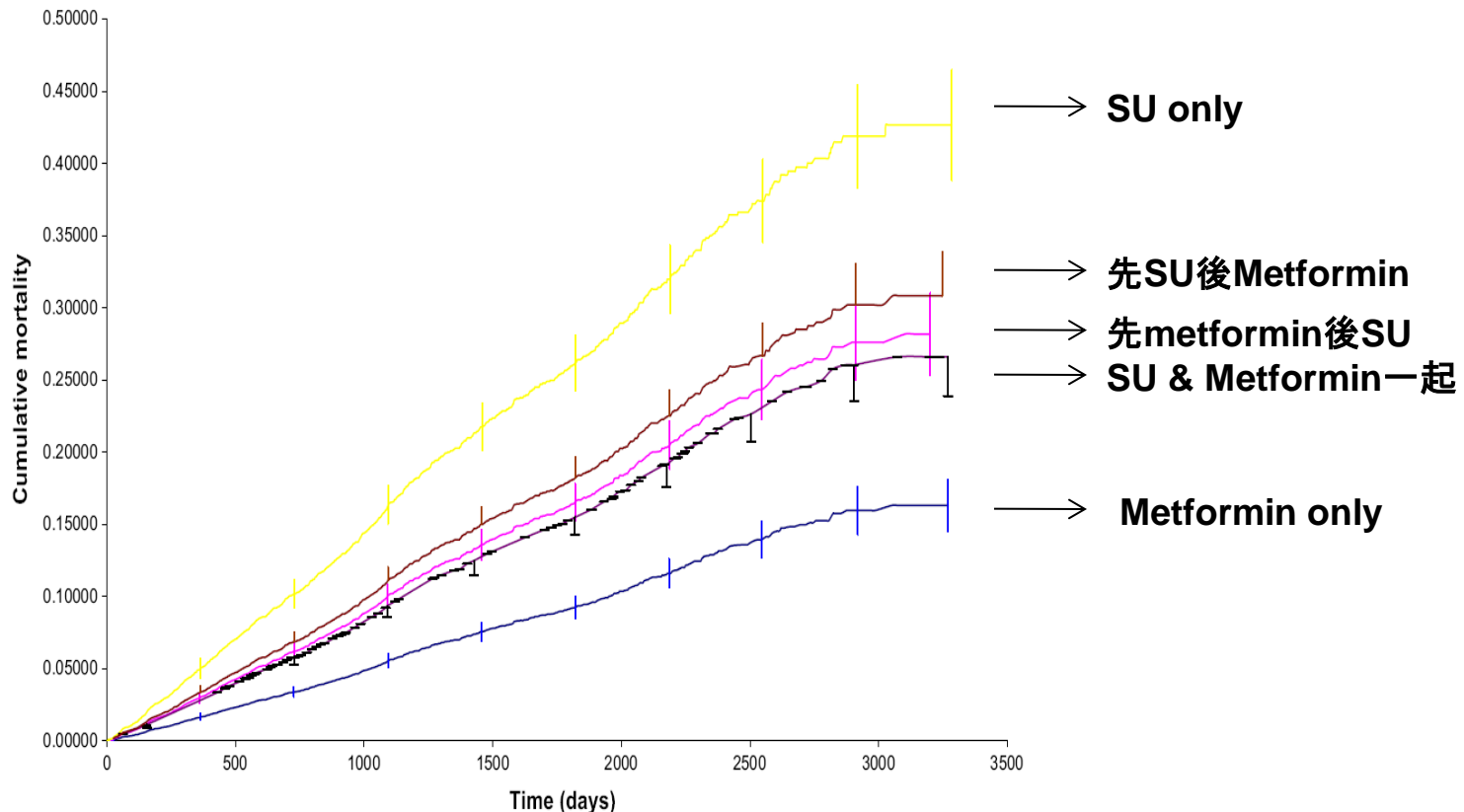
**Abbreviations** DARTS: Diabetes Audit and Research in Tayside Scotland · MEMO: Medicines Monitoring Unit · UGDP: University Group Diabetes Program · UKPDS: United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study · NHS: National Health Service · OHA: oral hypoglycaemic agent · ICD-9/10: International Classification of Diseases, 9th and 10th revisions · AIIRA: angiotensin II receptor antagonist

## Introduction



## DARTS: Cumulative Mortality Rates in 5 Study Cohorts

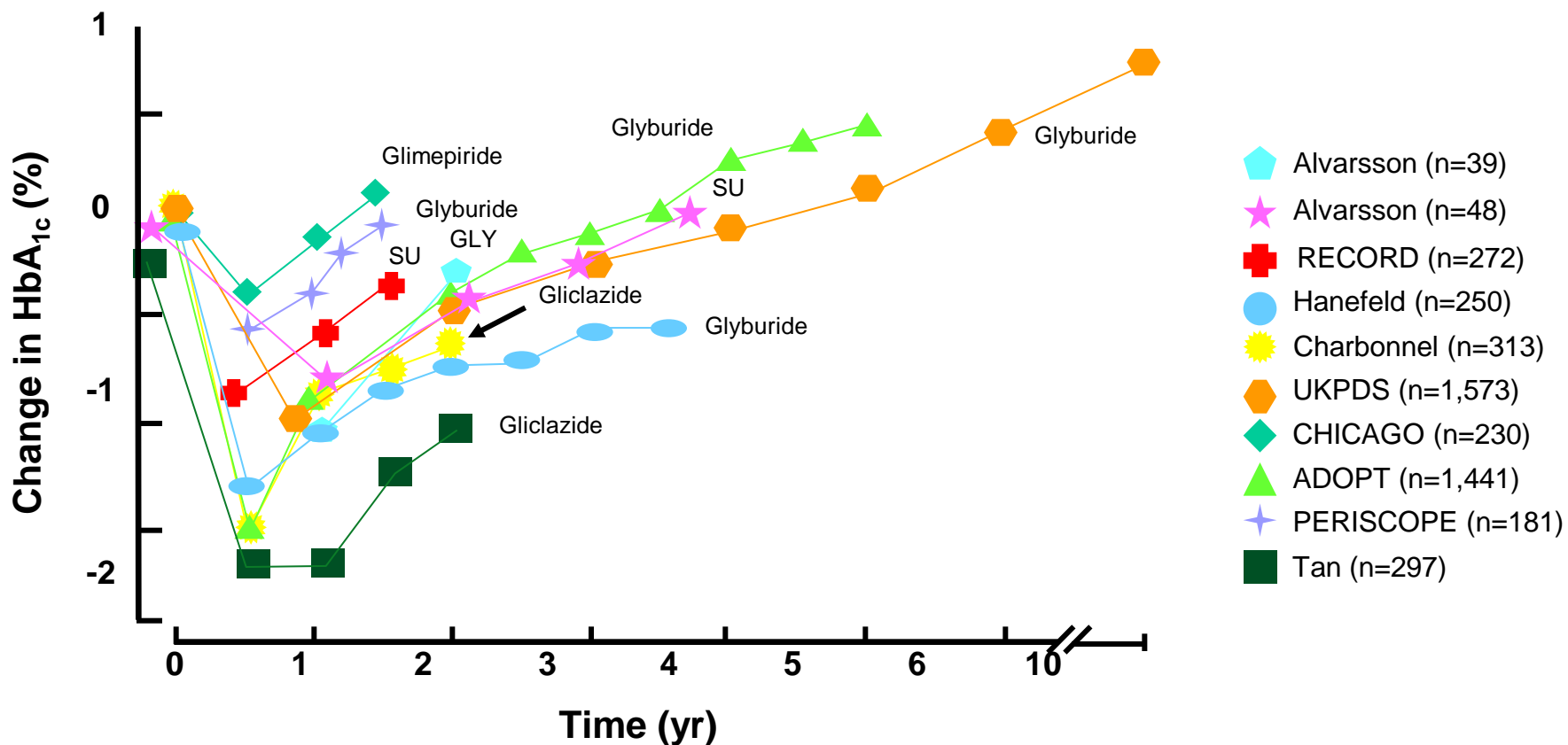
**Fig. 1** Cumulative mortality rates (with standard errors at yearly intervals) in five study cohorts: 1. Metformin monotherapy: patients treated with metformin only (*blue line*). 2. Sulfonylureas monotherapy: patients treated with sulfonylureas only (*yellow line*). 3. Combination 1: patients treated with metformin with sulfonylureas added later (*pink line*). 4. Combination 2: patients treated with sulfonylureas with metformin added later (*brown line*). 5. Both: treatment with both sulfonylureas and metformin on the same day (*purple line*)



## Conclusion

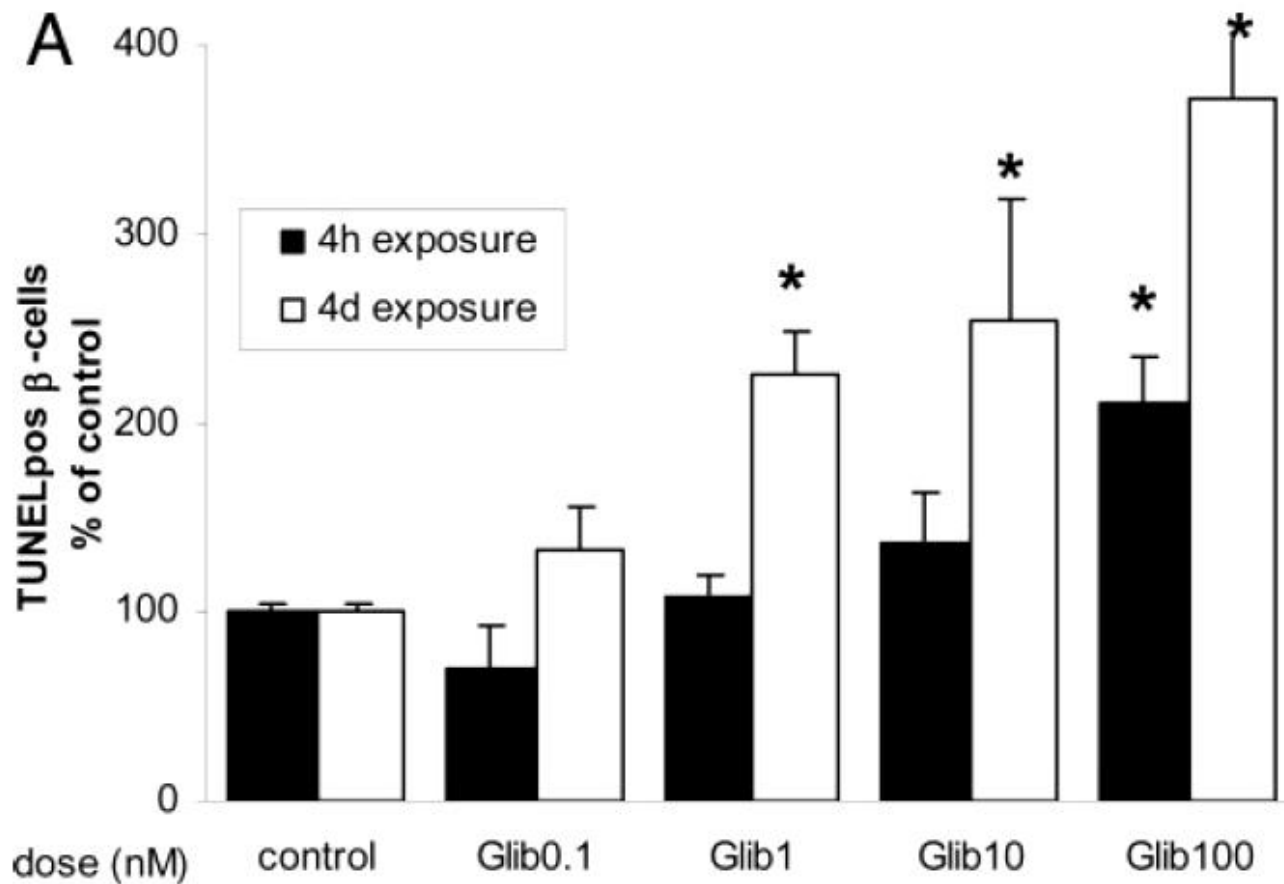
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# Sulfonylureas - Long-Term Efficacy





# SU induced $\beta$ -cell Apoptosis in Human Pancreatic Islets



# Check list for choosing medication

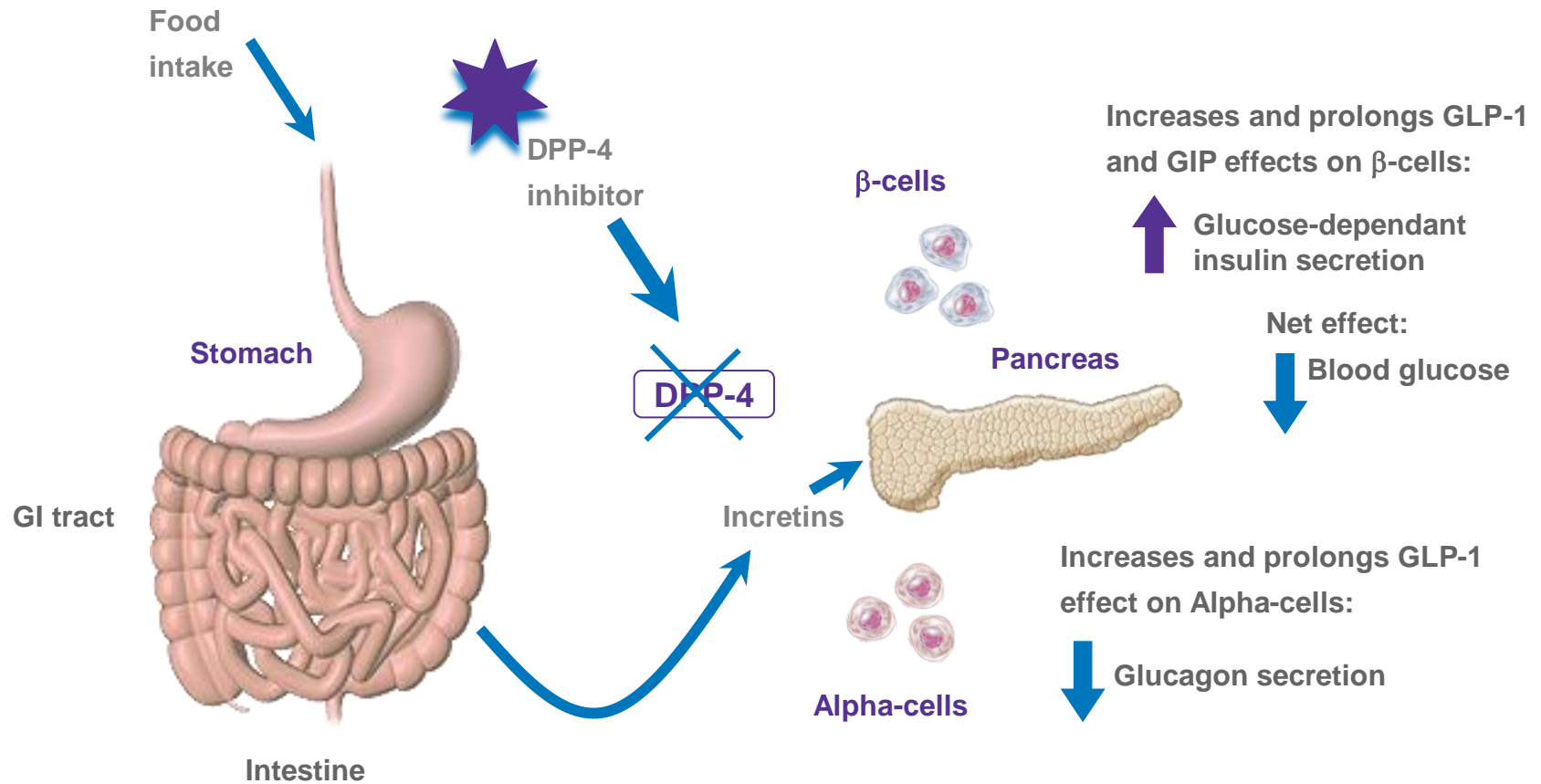


## Checklist for choosing Medications

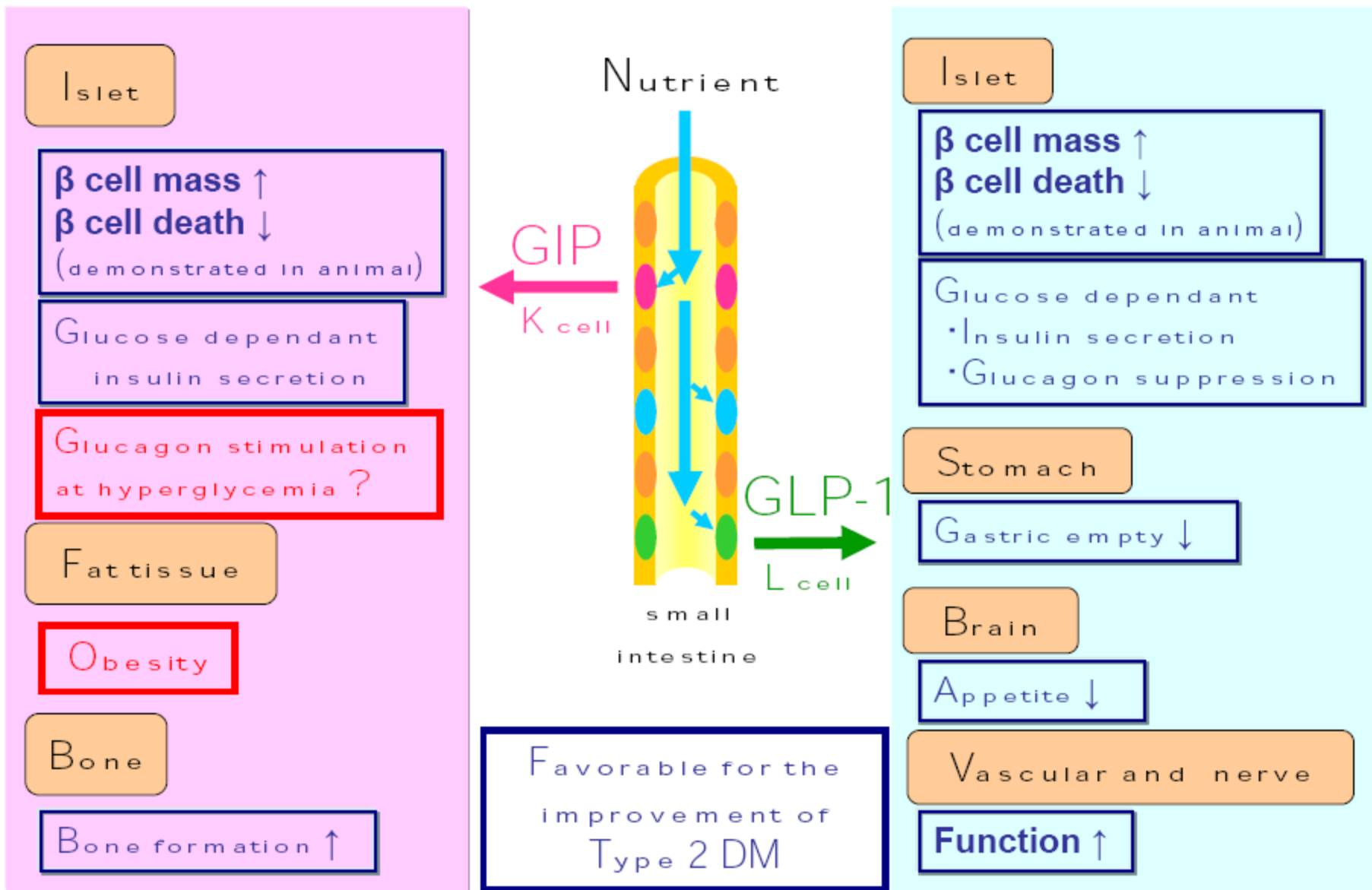
- Hypoglycemia
- Weight Gain
- Sustained Control

# Role of the incretins

# DPP-4 inhibitors enhance incretins activity

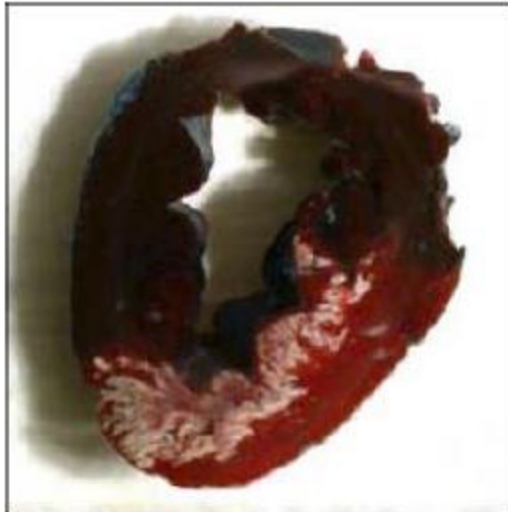


# Divergent biological effects of Incretins, GLP-1 and GIP

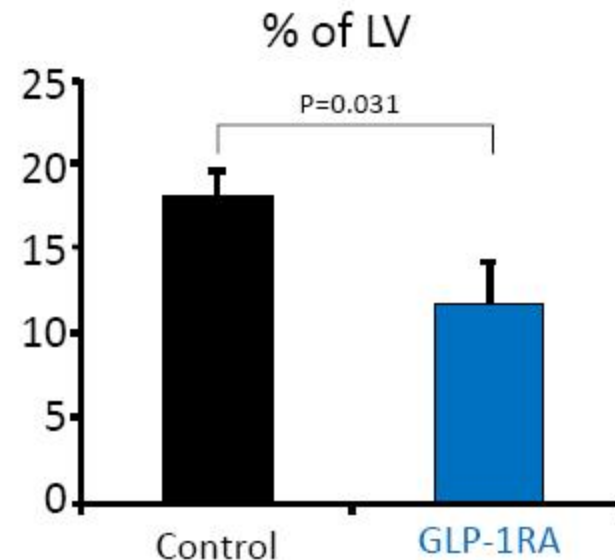


# GLP-1 receptor activation exerts cardioprotective effects: The myocardial infarction pig model

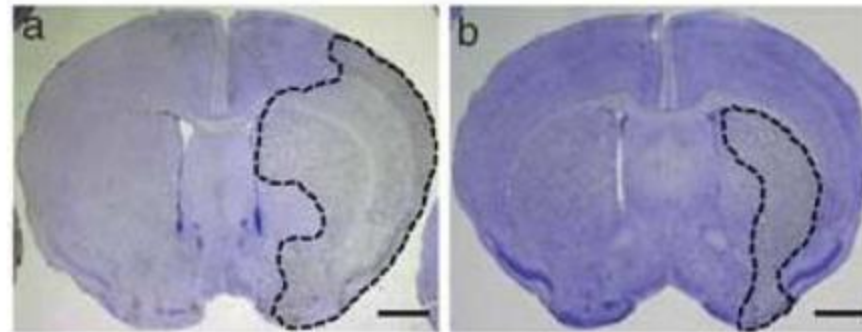
Control



GLP-1RA

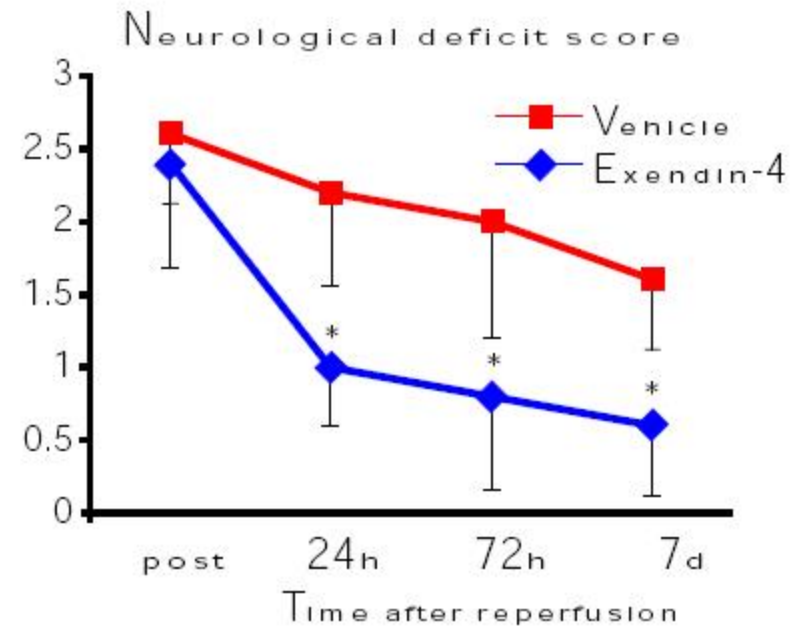
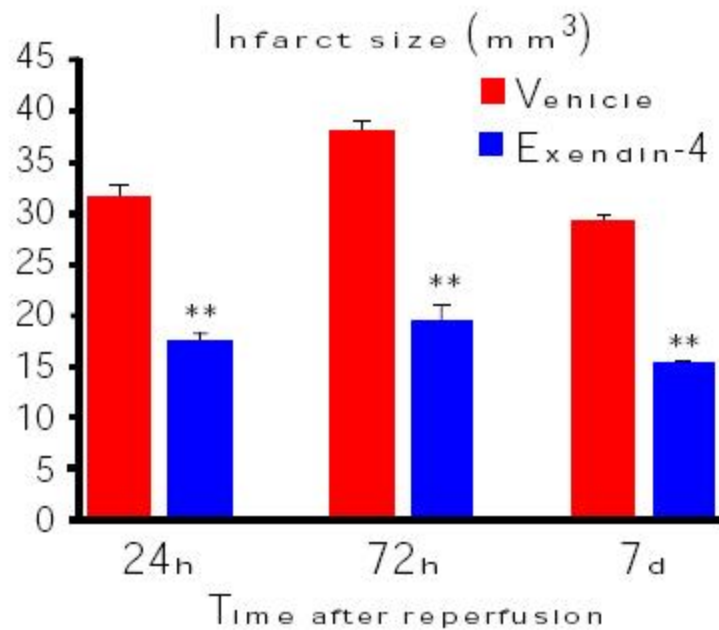


# GLP-1 receptor activation exerts neuroprotective effects: transient focal cerebral ischemia model (mouse)



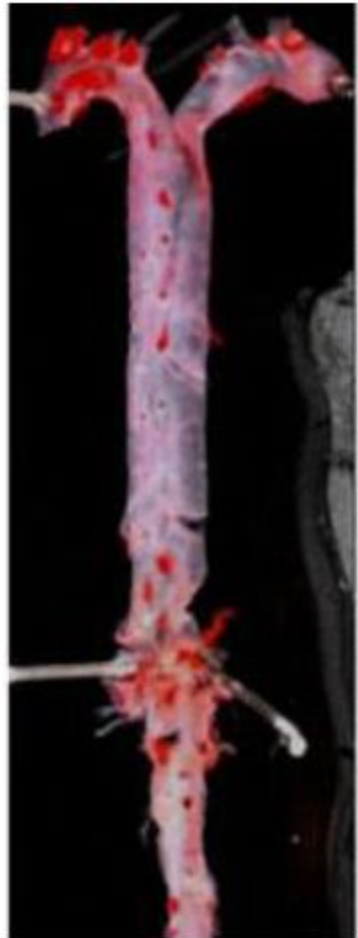
Vehicle

Exendin-4



# Infusion of GLP-1 or GIP prevents development of atherosclerotic lesions in apoE knockout

Control



GLP-1

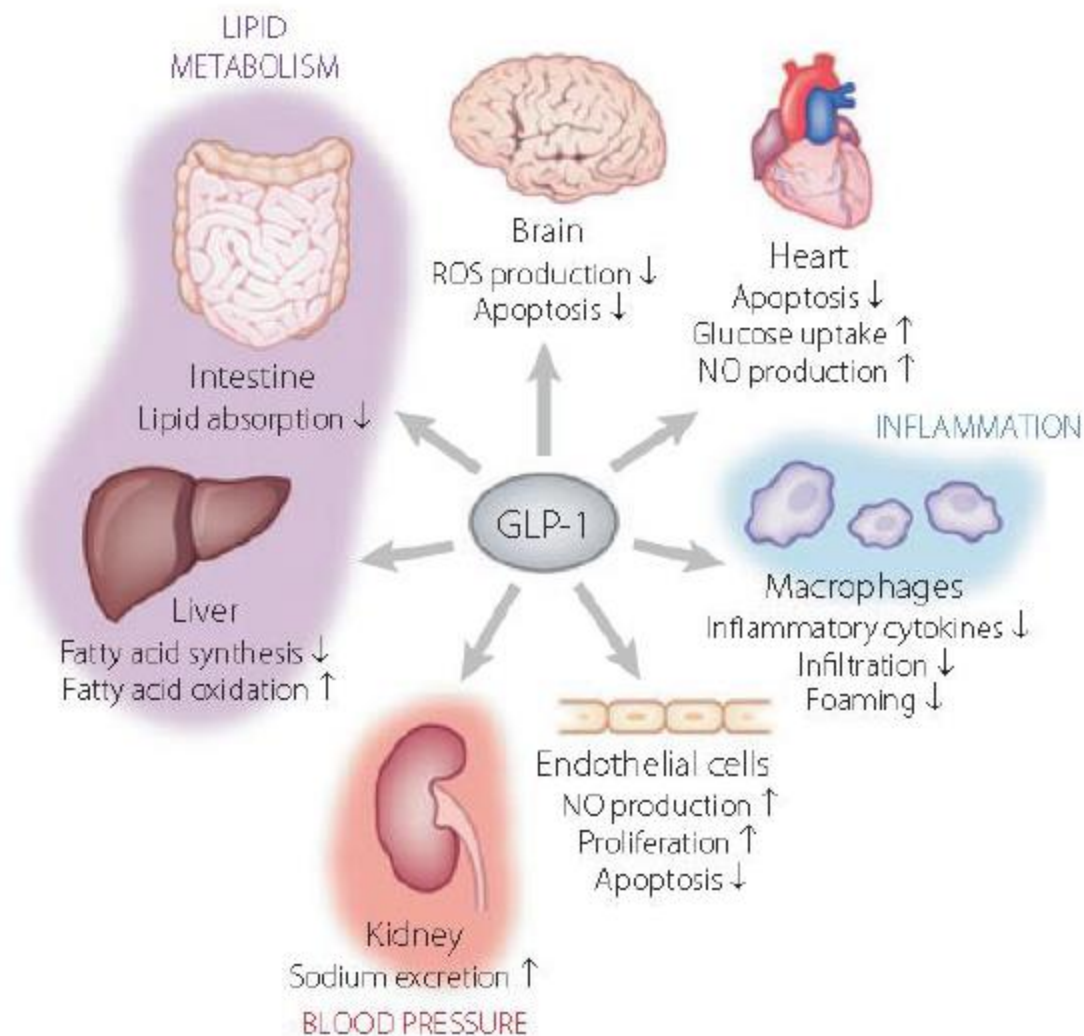


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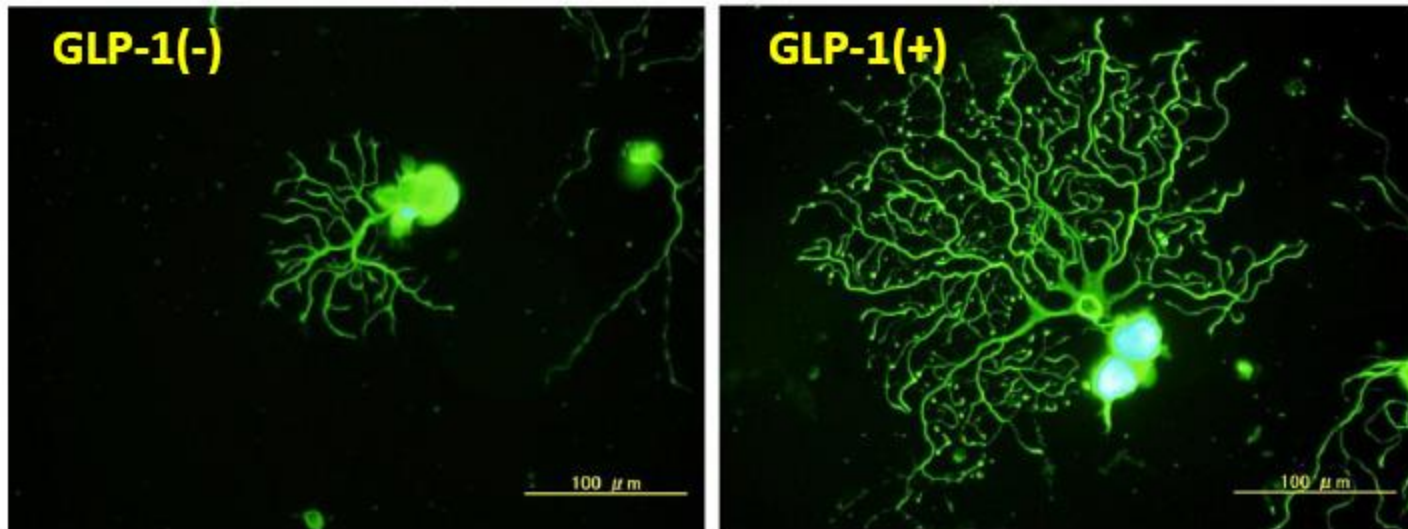




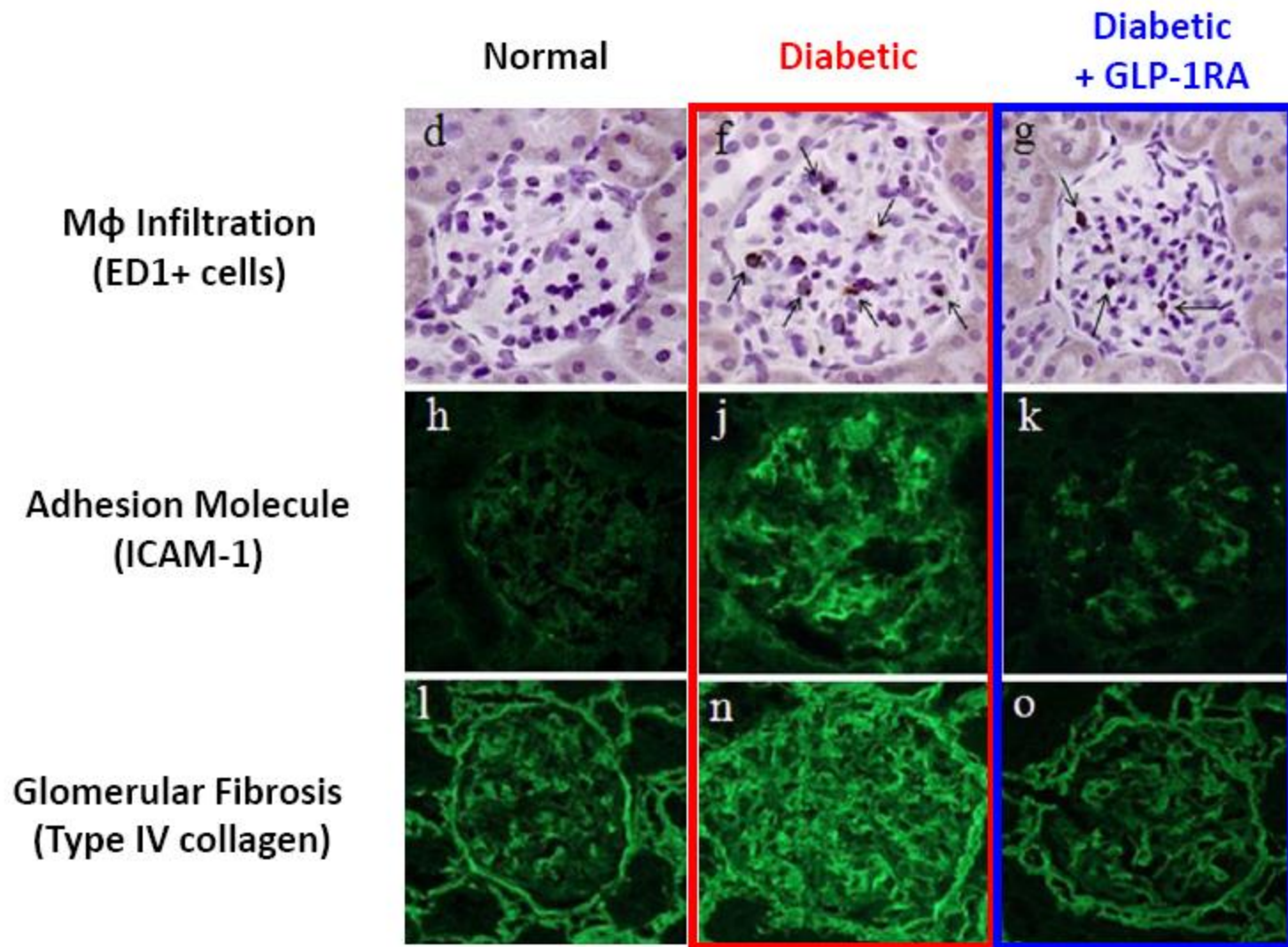
# Underlying mechanisms for GLP-1's beneficial effects for cardiovascular complications



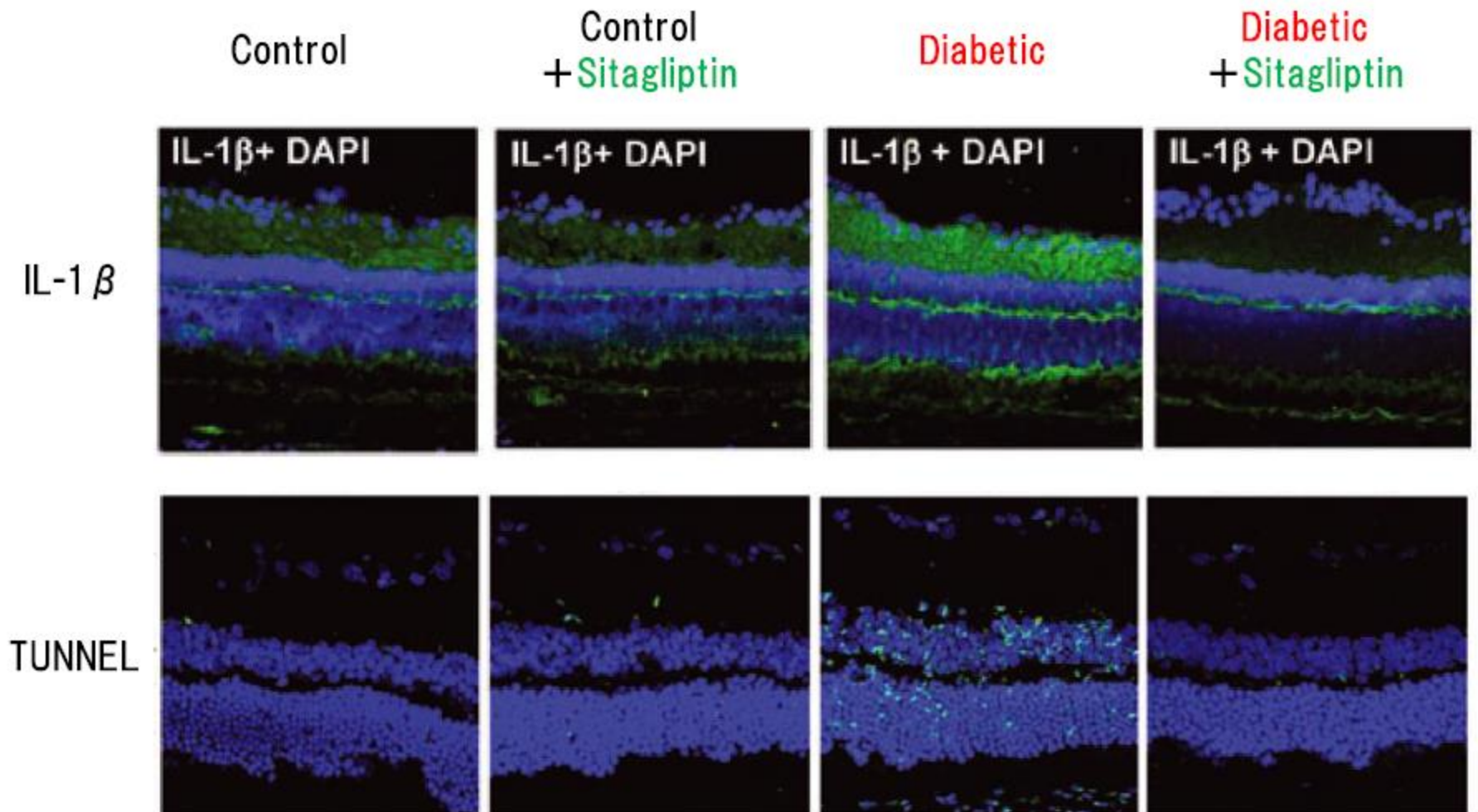
## GLP-1 promotes neurite outgrowth from the rat dorsal root ganglion



# GLP-1 prevents kidney lesions in STZ-induced diabetic rats

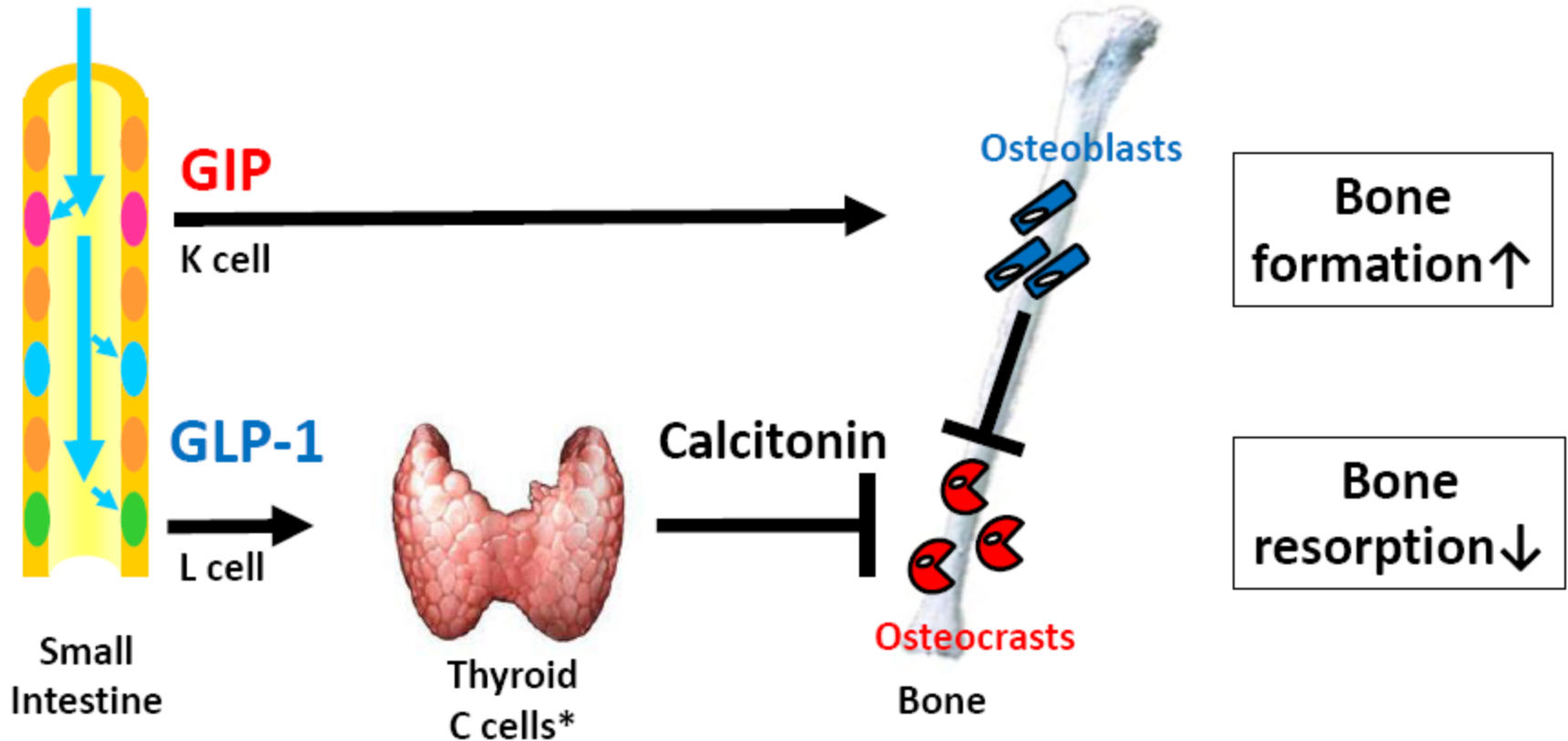


# DPP-4 inhibitor prevents inflammation and apoptosis in the retina of STZ-induced diabetic rats



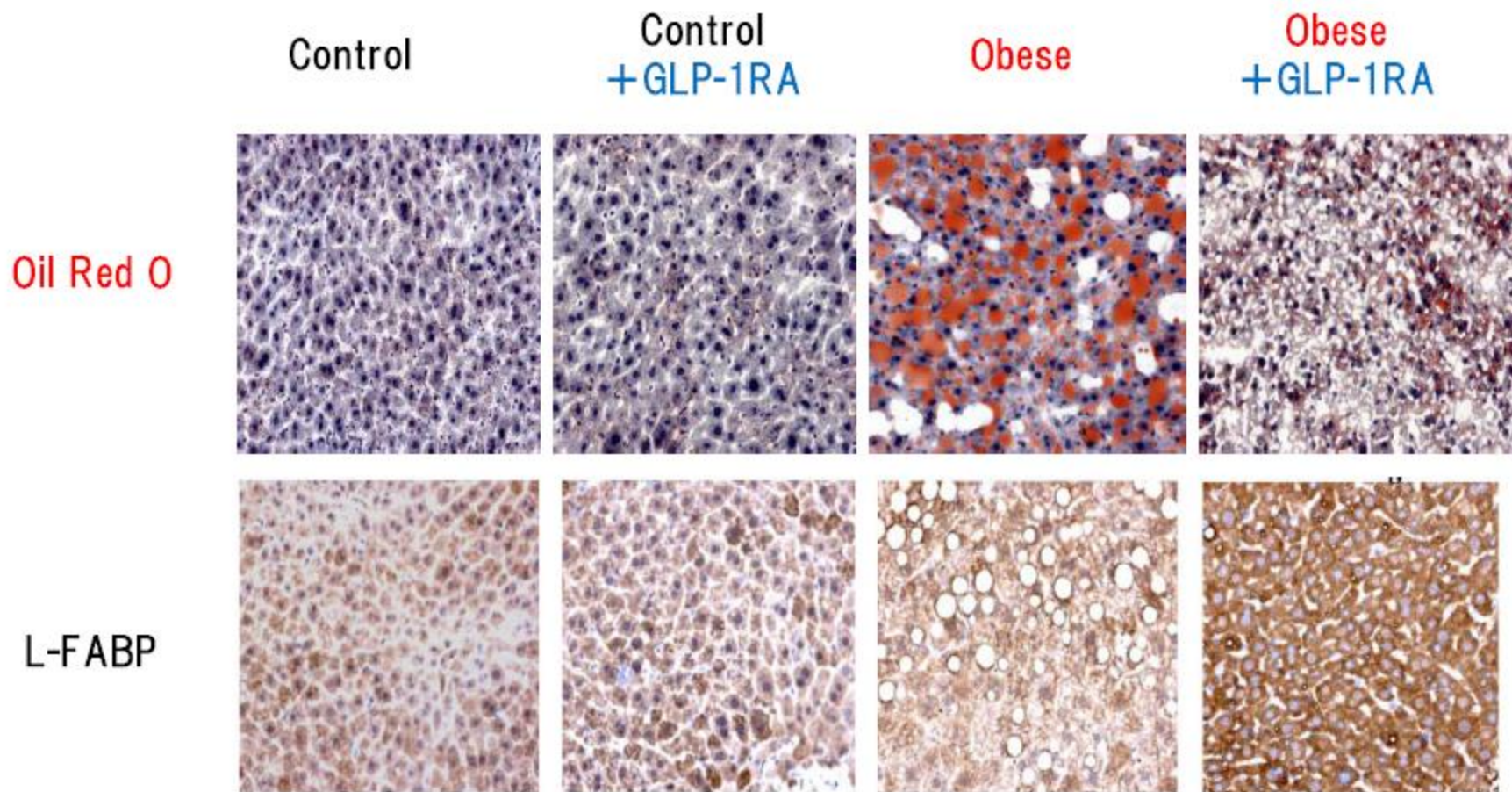
# Regulation of bone metabolism by GIP and GLP-1

Nutrients



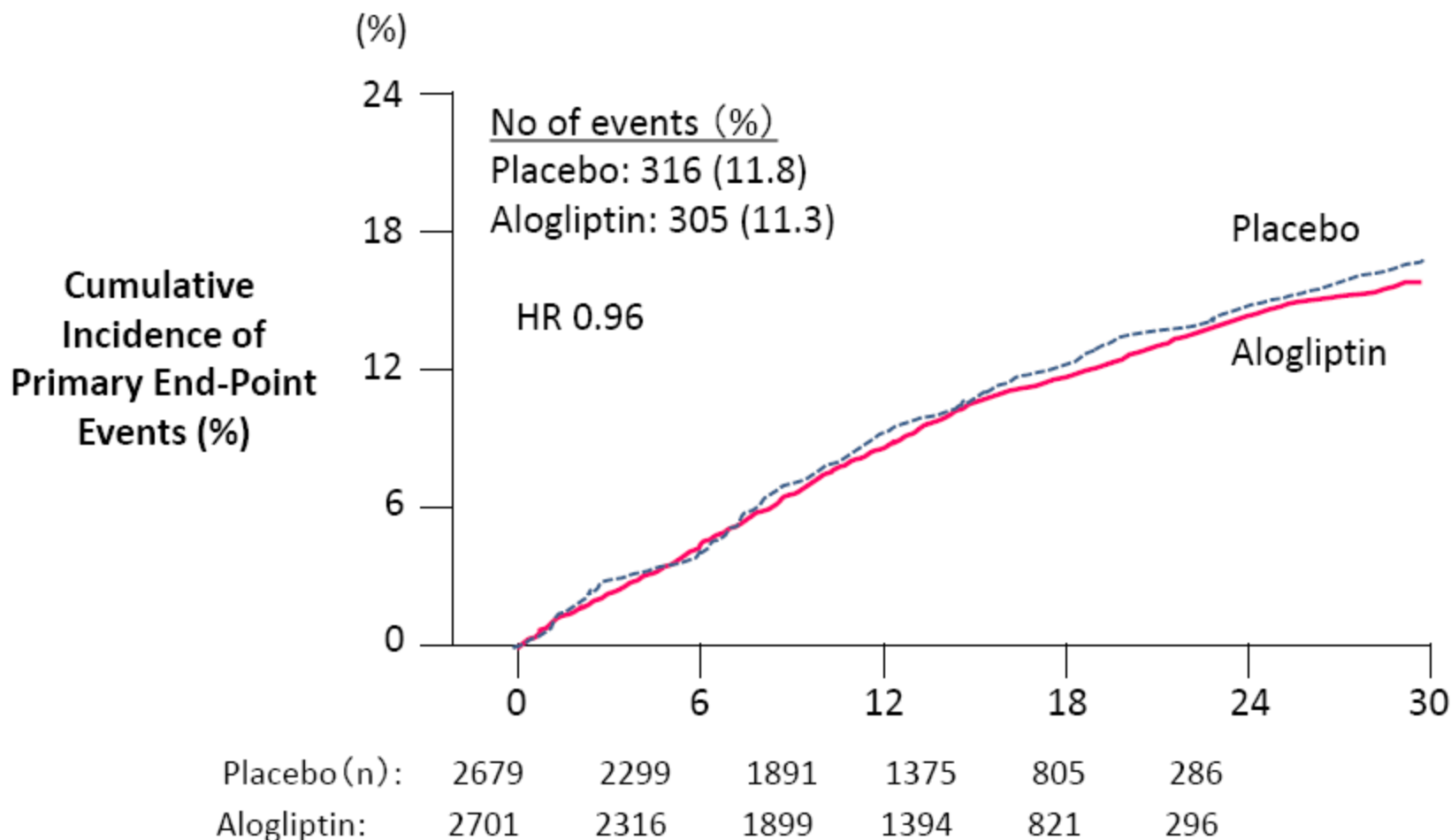
\* Low expression of GLP-1R in human

## GLP-1 receptor activation ameliorates fatty liver in obese rats



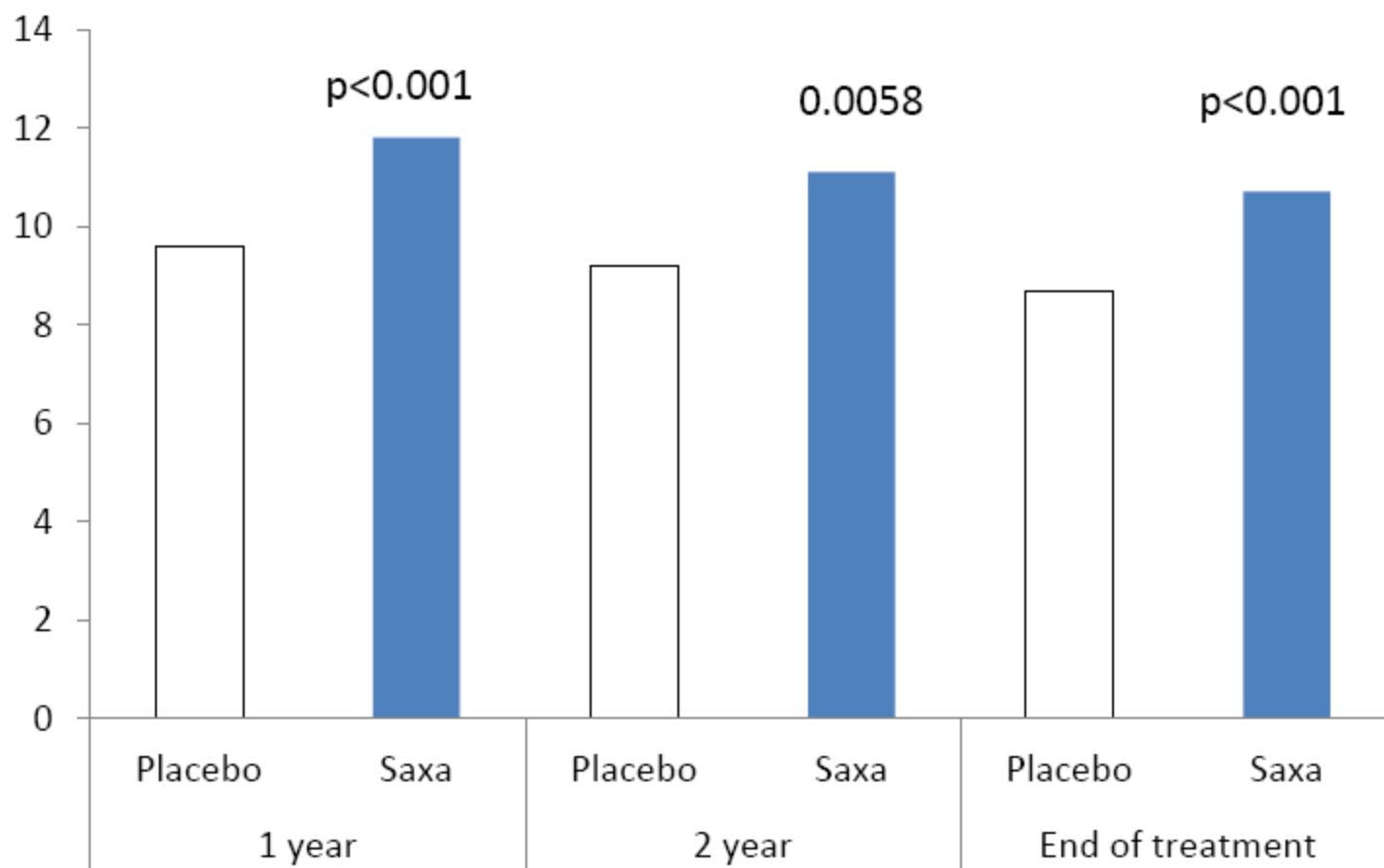
GLP-1 ameliorates fatty liver by controlling expression of genes involved in fatty acid metabolism

## No improvement by alogliptin in cardiovascular outcomes in type 2 diabetic patients with acute coronary syndrome (EXAMINE)



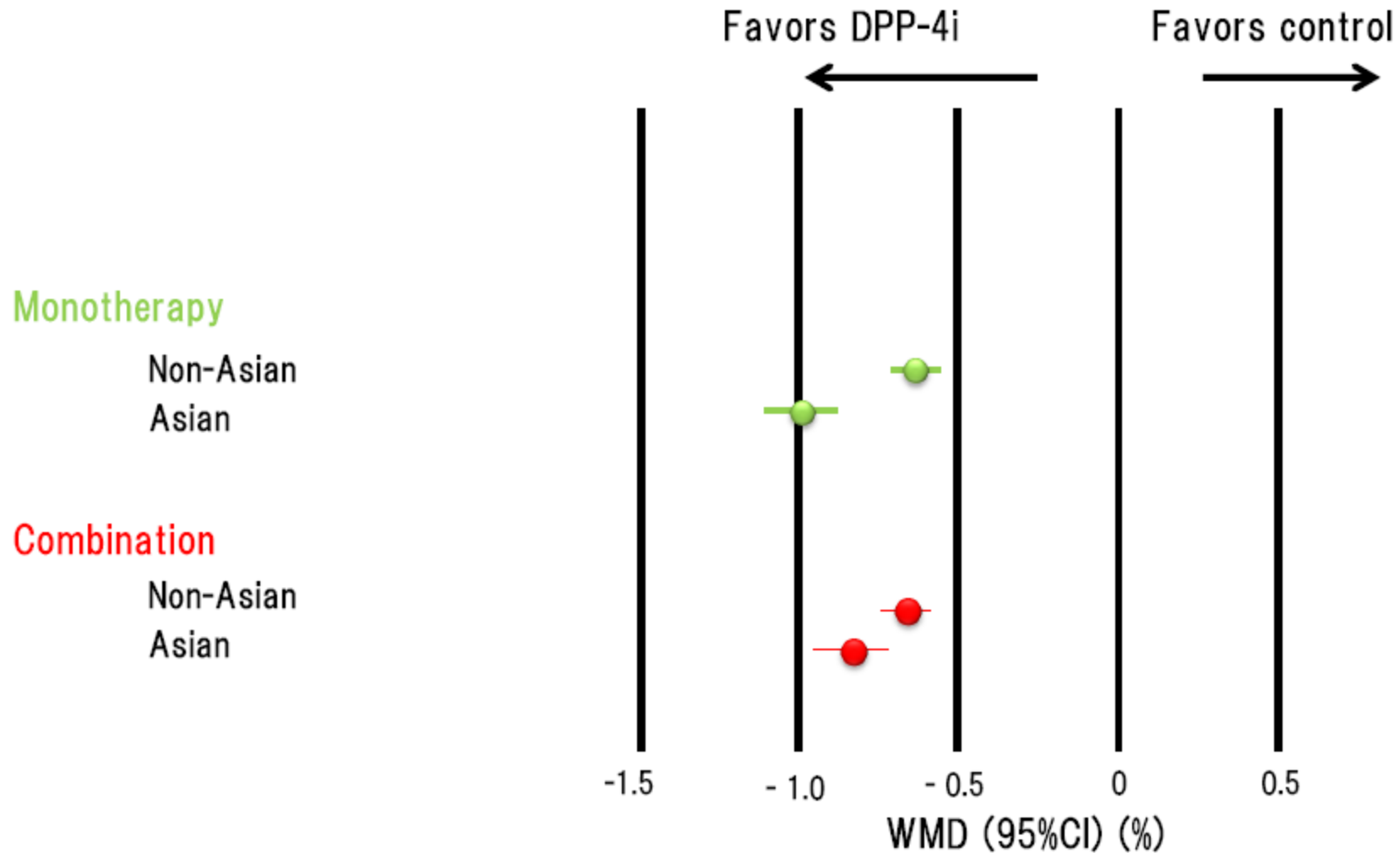
Most patients were on aspirin, statin and ACEI/ARB

## Improvement of microalbuminuria in type 2 diabetic patients with a history of, or at high risk for CVD (SAVOR TIMI 53)





# Efficacy of DPP-4 inhibitors (Meta analysis): Comparison between Asian and non-Asian type 2 diabetes



**DPP-4i demonstrates greater HbA1c lowering in Asian type 2 diabetes**

# Meal sequence and postprandial glucose (model)

①



Preload dietary fibers that reduce glucose absorption



②



Enhance GLP-1 secretion by protein and fat



③

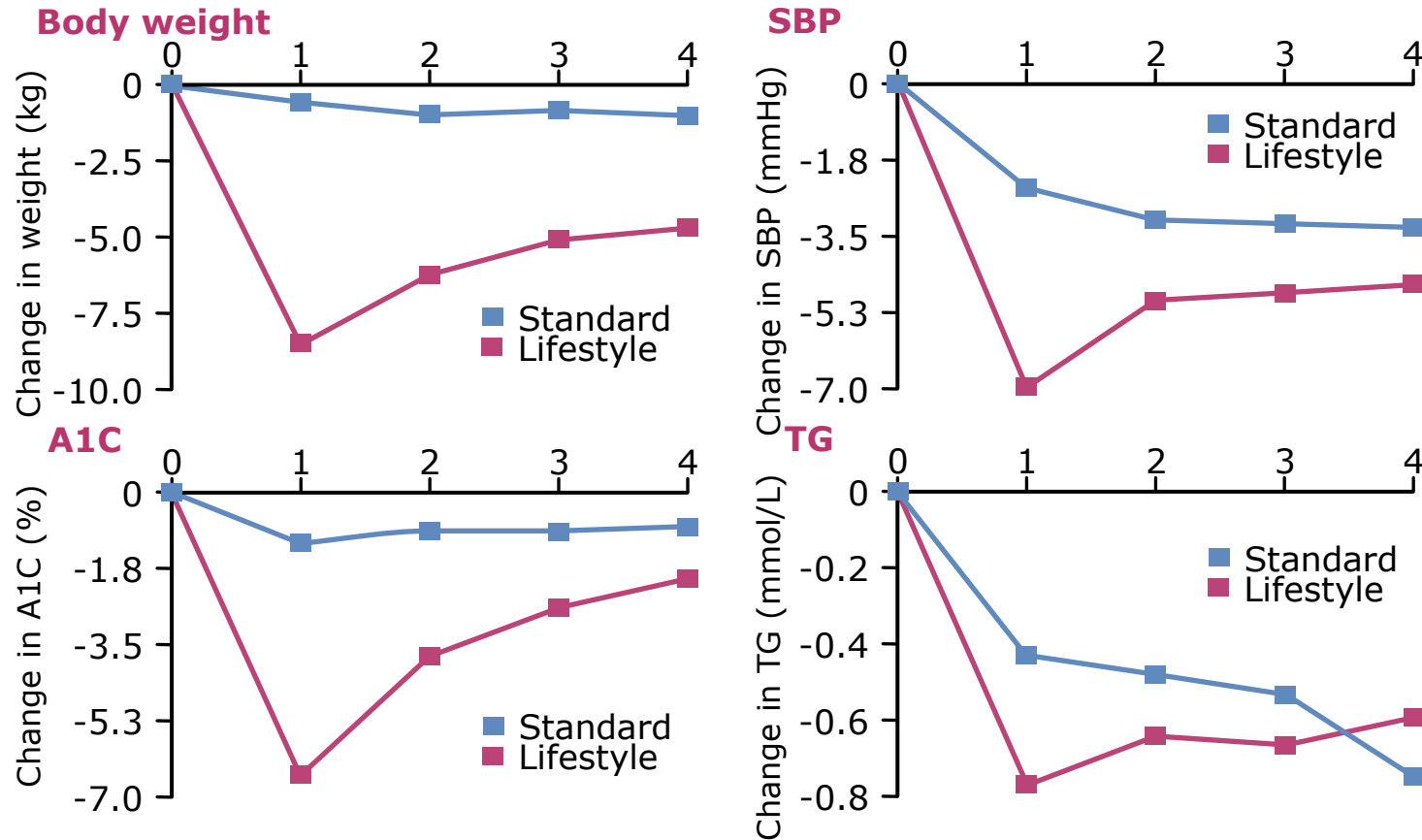


Ready to ingest carbohydrates



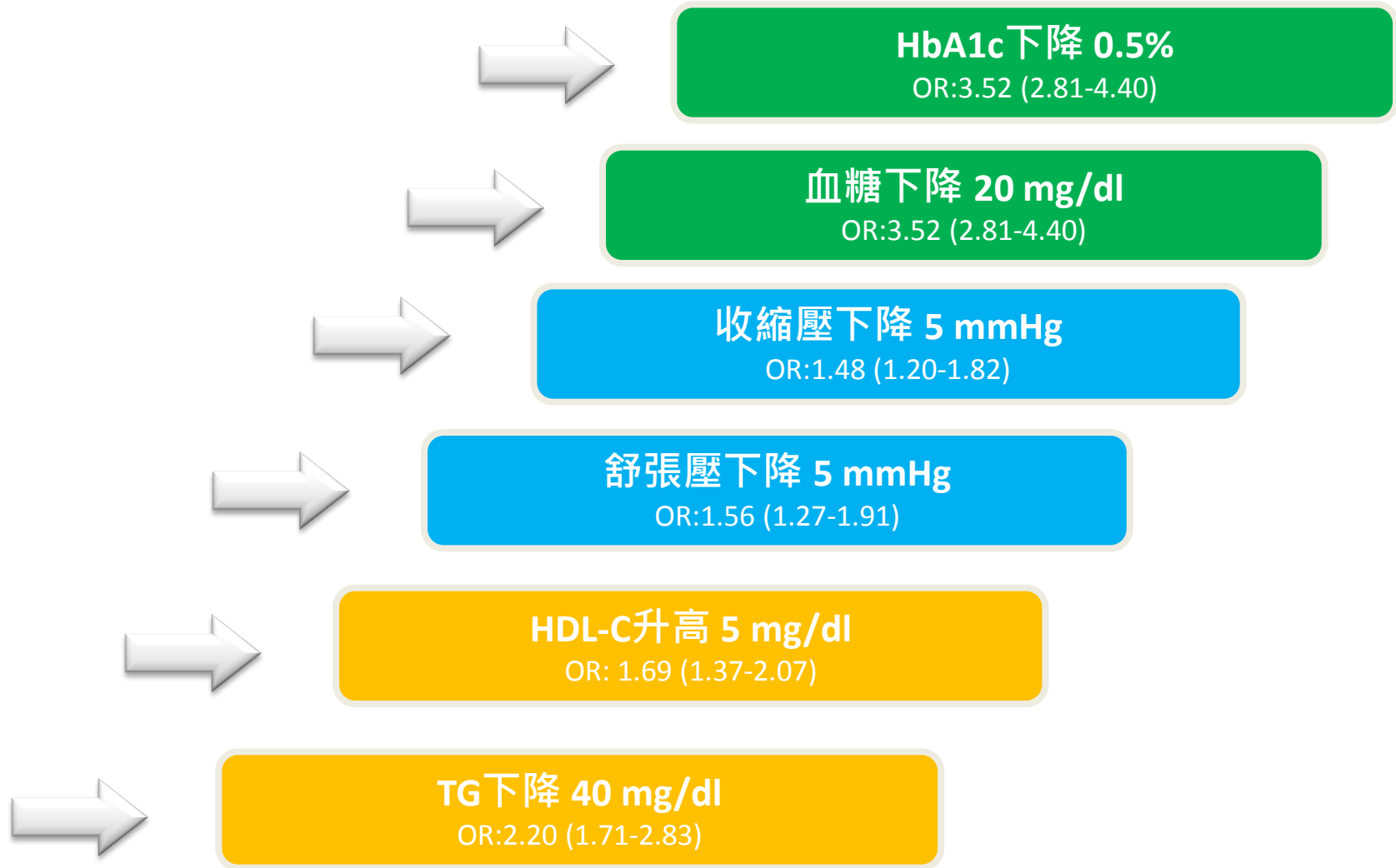
Reduce postprandial glucose levels

# Look AHEAD: 1- and 4-year results



Weight loss: -6.15% vs. -0.88% ( $p < 0.001$ )  
A1C, Fitness, SBP, HDL-C better in intensive lifestyle group

# 與體重不變的患者相比，減少體重5-10%的患者



CVD Protection is result from

*optimal glycemc control*

or

*efficacy of antidiabetic agent?*

***Thank you!!***