

Gliptins, an unquestioned role in the clinical management of patients with diabetes



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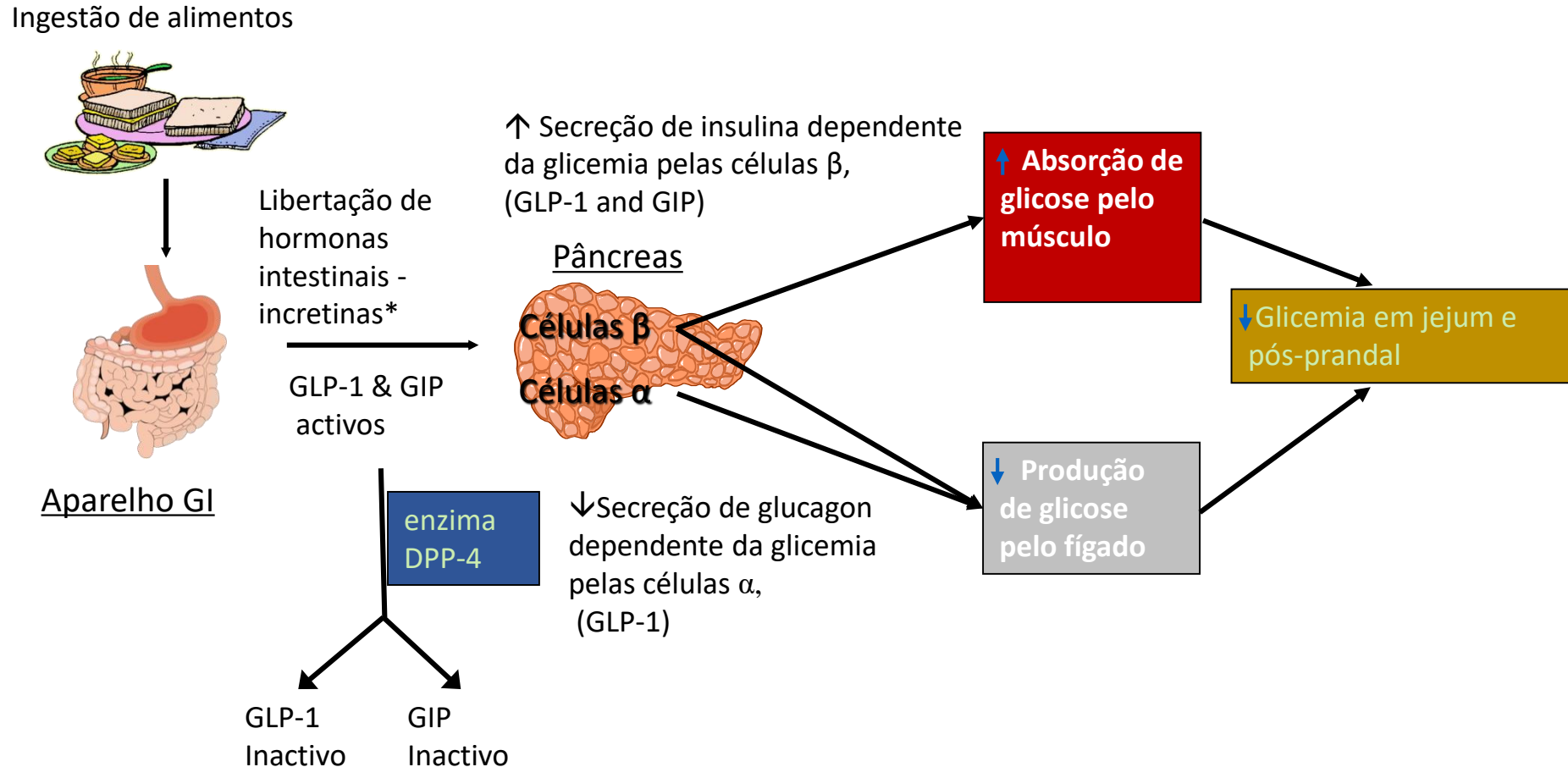
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Overview

- Gliptins/DPP-4 inhibitors: mechanism of action
- Efficacy, tolerability and safety of Gliptins
- Role in current Guidelines
- Cardiovascular outcome trials (CVOTs)
- Special populations
- Conclusions

Incretins modulate insulin and glucagon secretion after meals

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* As hormonas incretinas GLP-1 e GIP são libertadas pelo intestino ao longo do dia; os seus níveis aumentam como resposta à ingestão de uma refeição.

GLP-1=peptídeo-1 semelhante ao glucagon; GIP=peptídeo insulínico dependente da glicose.

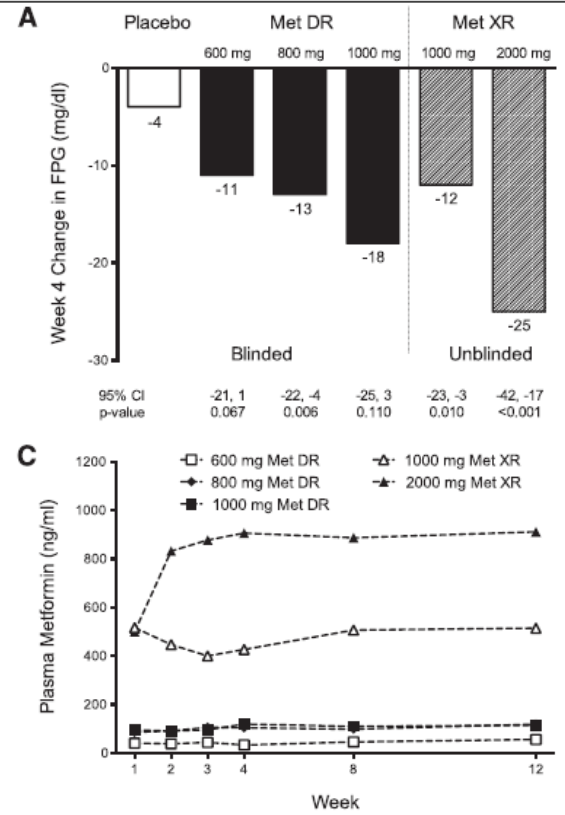
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The primary glucose-lowering effect of metformin resides in the gut, not in the circulation

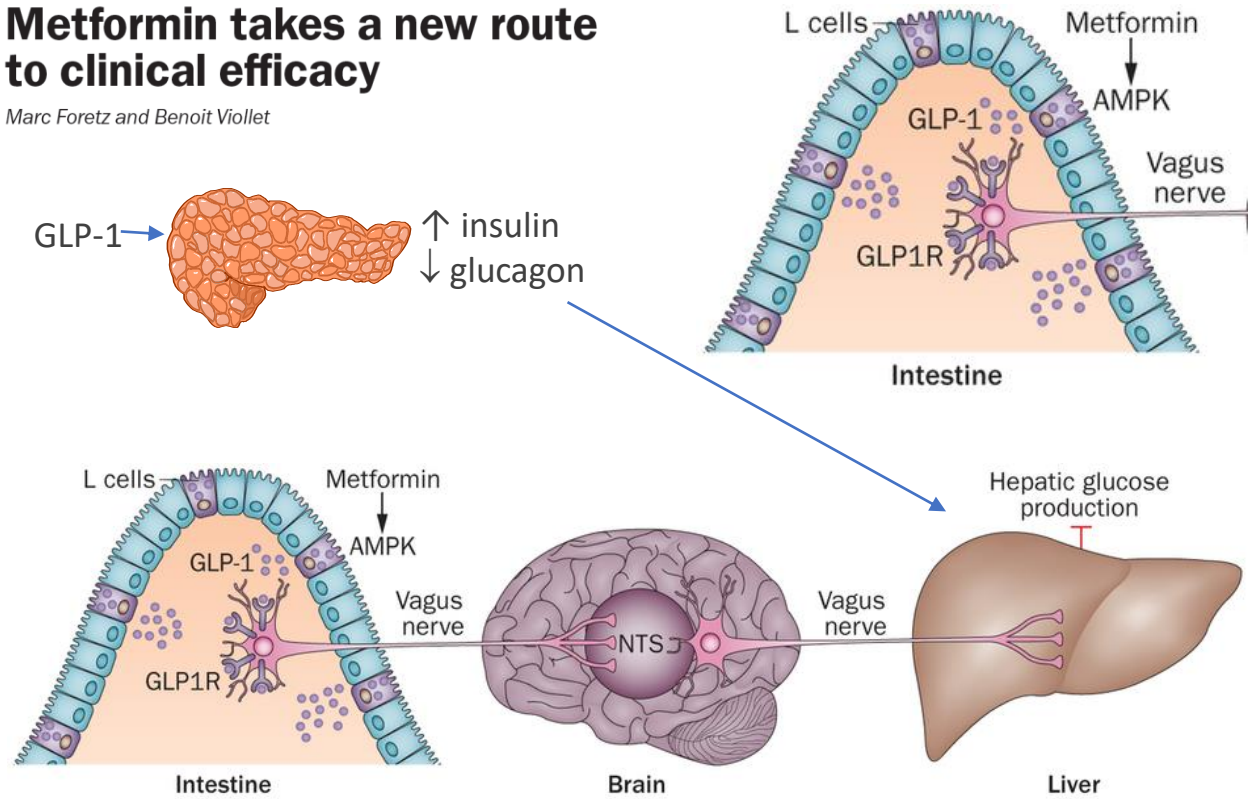
The Primary Glucose-Lowering Effect of Metformin Resides in the Gut, Not the Circulation. Results From Short-term Pharmacokinetic and 12-Week Dose-Ranging Studies

John B. Buse,¹ Ralph A. DeFronzo,² Julio Rosenstock,³ Terri Kim,⁴ Colleen Burns,⁴ Sharon Skare,⁴ Alain Baron,⁴ and Mark Fineman⁴



THERAPY
Metformin takes a new route to clinical efficacy

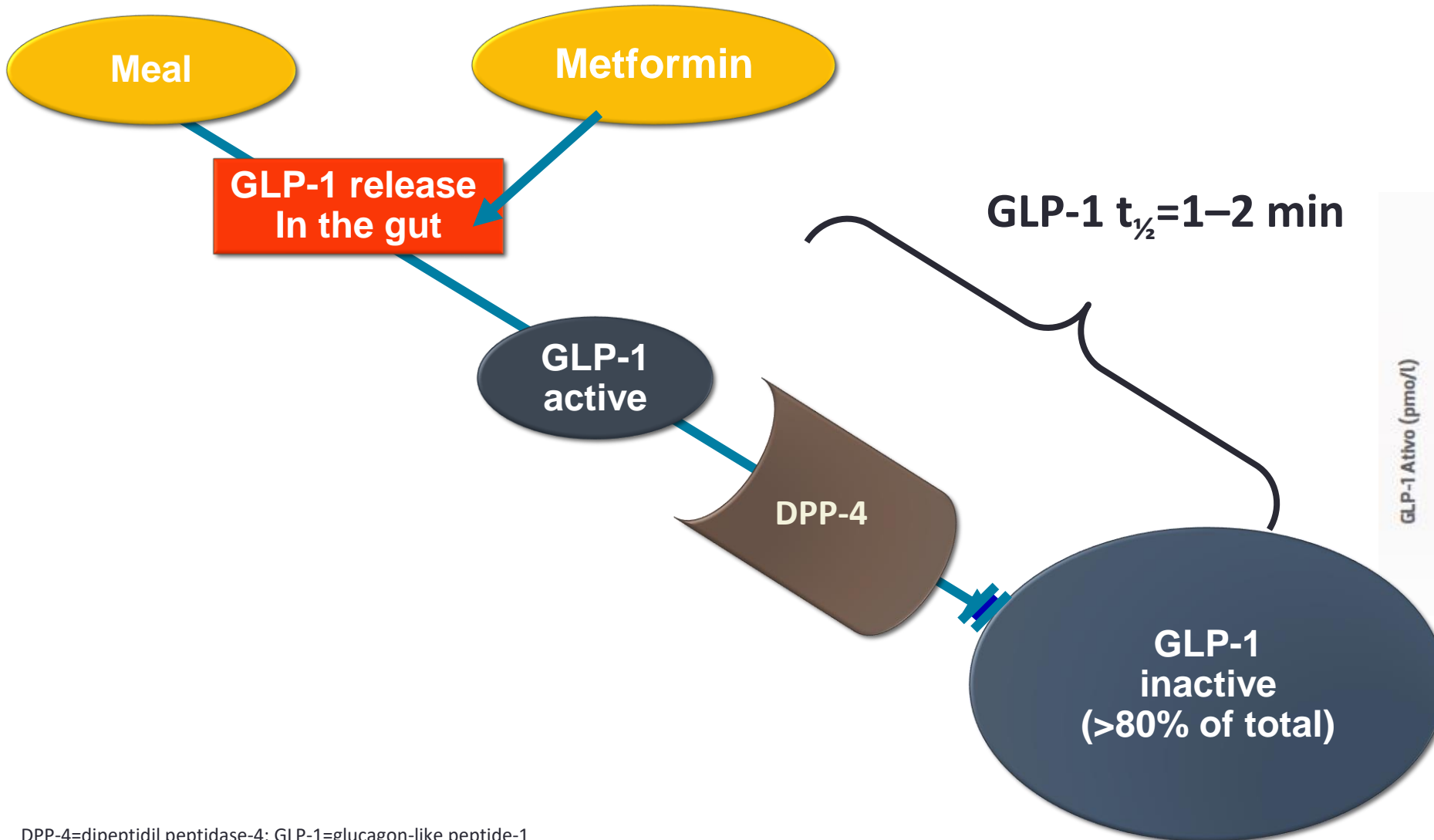
Marc Foretz and Benoit Viollet



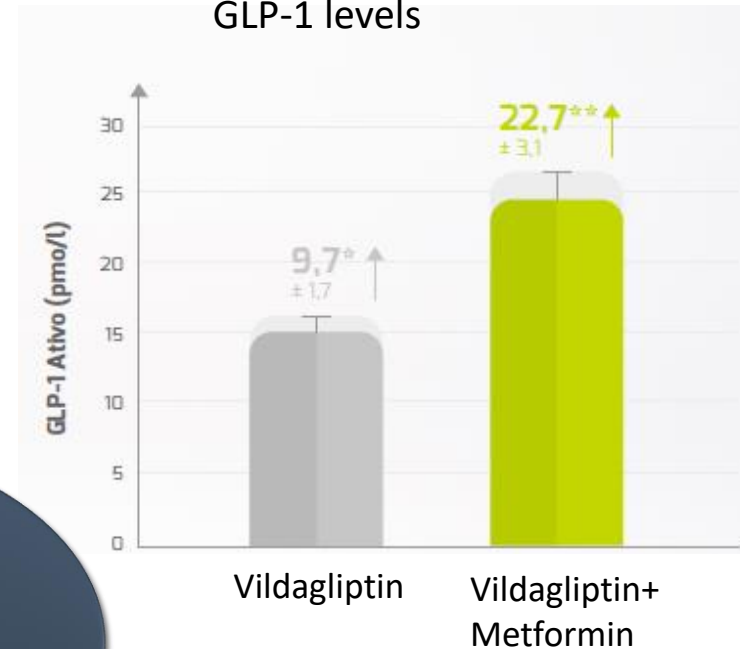
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Sinergistic effect metformin-gliptin

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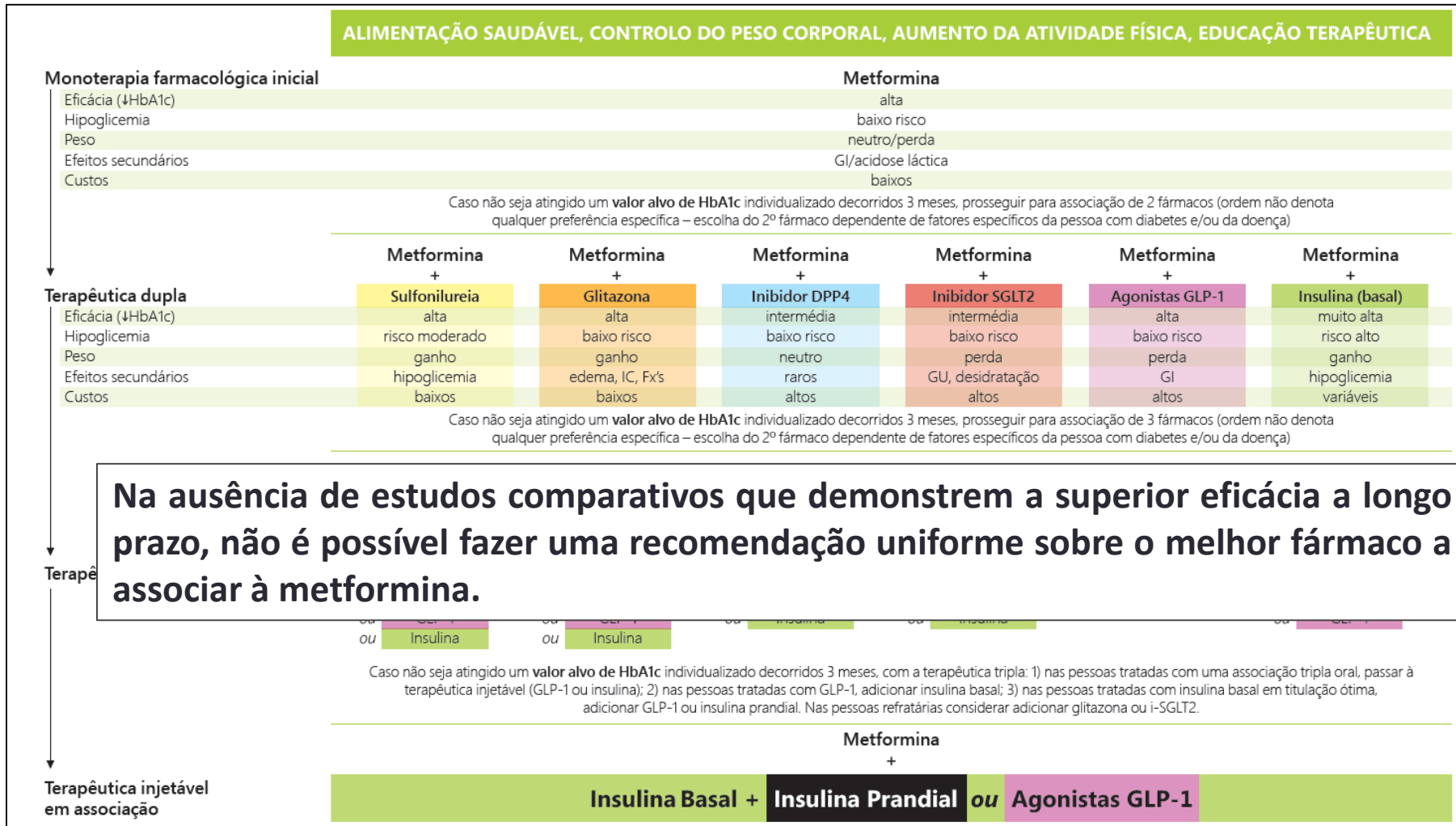


Effect of vildagliptin on
GLP-1 levels



Recomendações Nacionais da SPD para o Tratamento da Hiperglicemia na Diabetes Tipo 2
 – Proposta de Actualização
 (adaptação do recente “Update” 2015 da Declaração de Posição Conjunta ADA/EASD)*

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Gliptins/DPP-4 inhibitors

	DPP-4 inhibitor
Efficacy	Intermediate
Hypoglycaemia risk	Low risk
Weight	Neutral
Side effects	Rare
Costs	High

Efficacy – Intermediate (?)

- Similar to other oral drugs when comparisons are made using the same baseline A1C (↓ 0,7-0,8%)
- Lower when compared with GLP-1R agonists or insulin

Side effects - rare

- Excellent profile of tolerability and safety
 - Elderly patients



May be used at any stage of Chronic Kidney Disease

Impact of intensive treatment of glycemia: summary of major clinical trials

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Study	Microvasc		CVD		Mortality	
	Initial Trial	Long Term Follow-up	Initial Trial	Long Term Follow-up	Initial Trial	Long Term Follow-up
UKPDS	↓	↓	↔	↓	↔	↓
DCCT / EDIC*	↓	↓	↔	↓	↔	↔
<i>ACCORD</i>	↓		↔		↑	
<i>ADVANCE</i>	↓		↔		↔	
<i>VADT</i>	↓		↔		↔	

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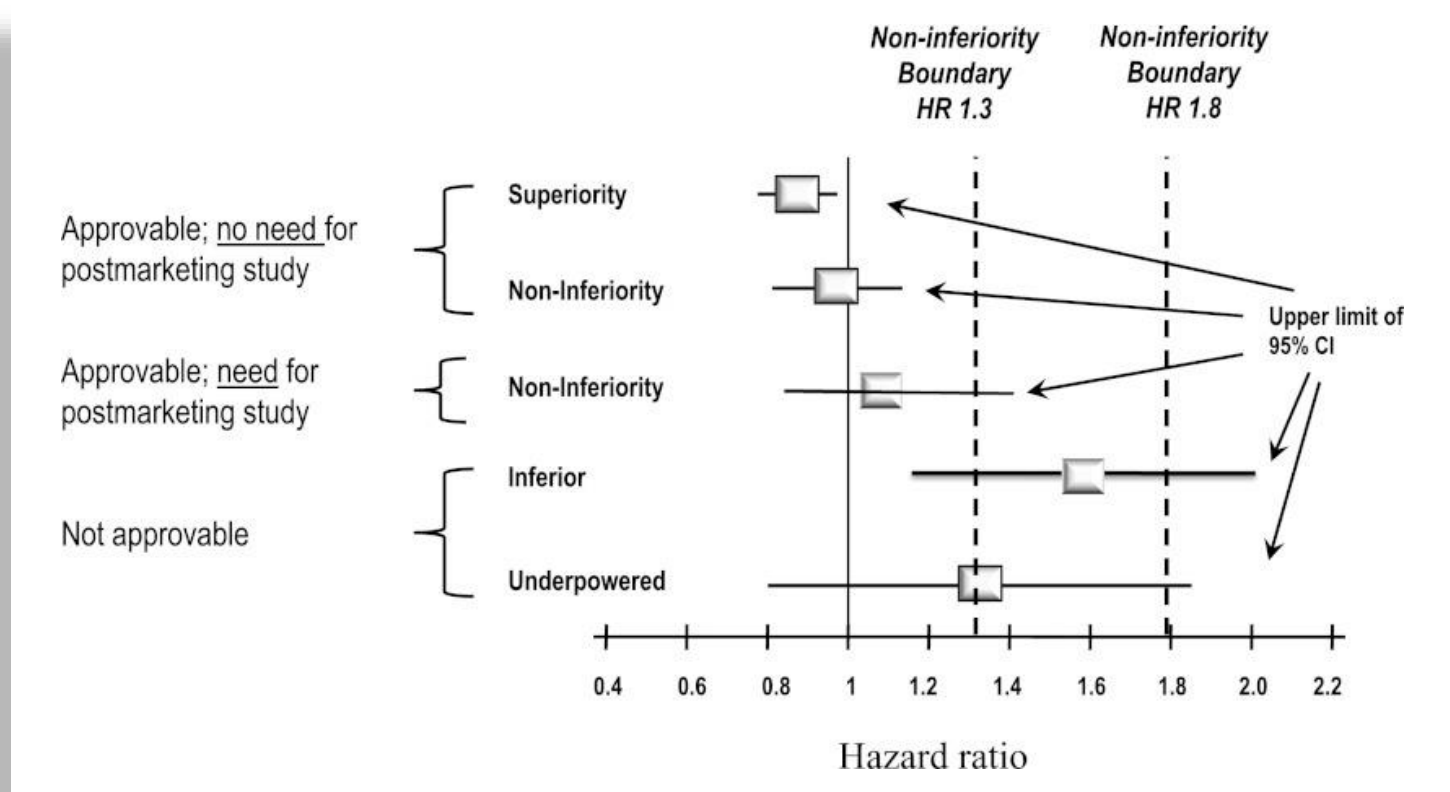
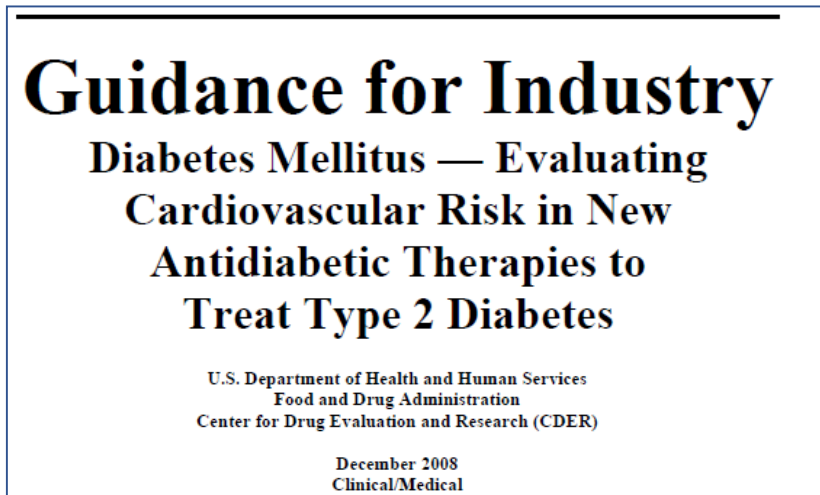
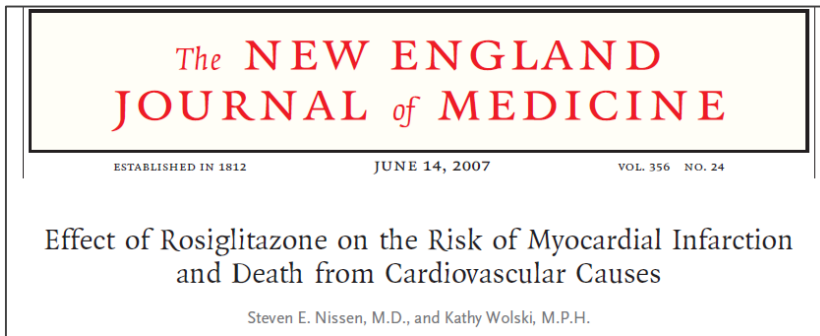
 Initial Trial
 Long Term Follow-up

* in T1DM

Summary (UKPDS, ACCORD, VADT)

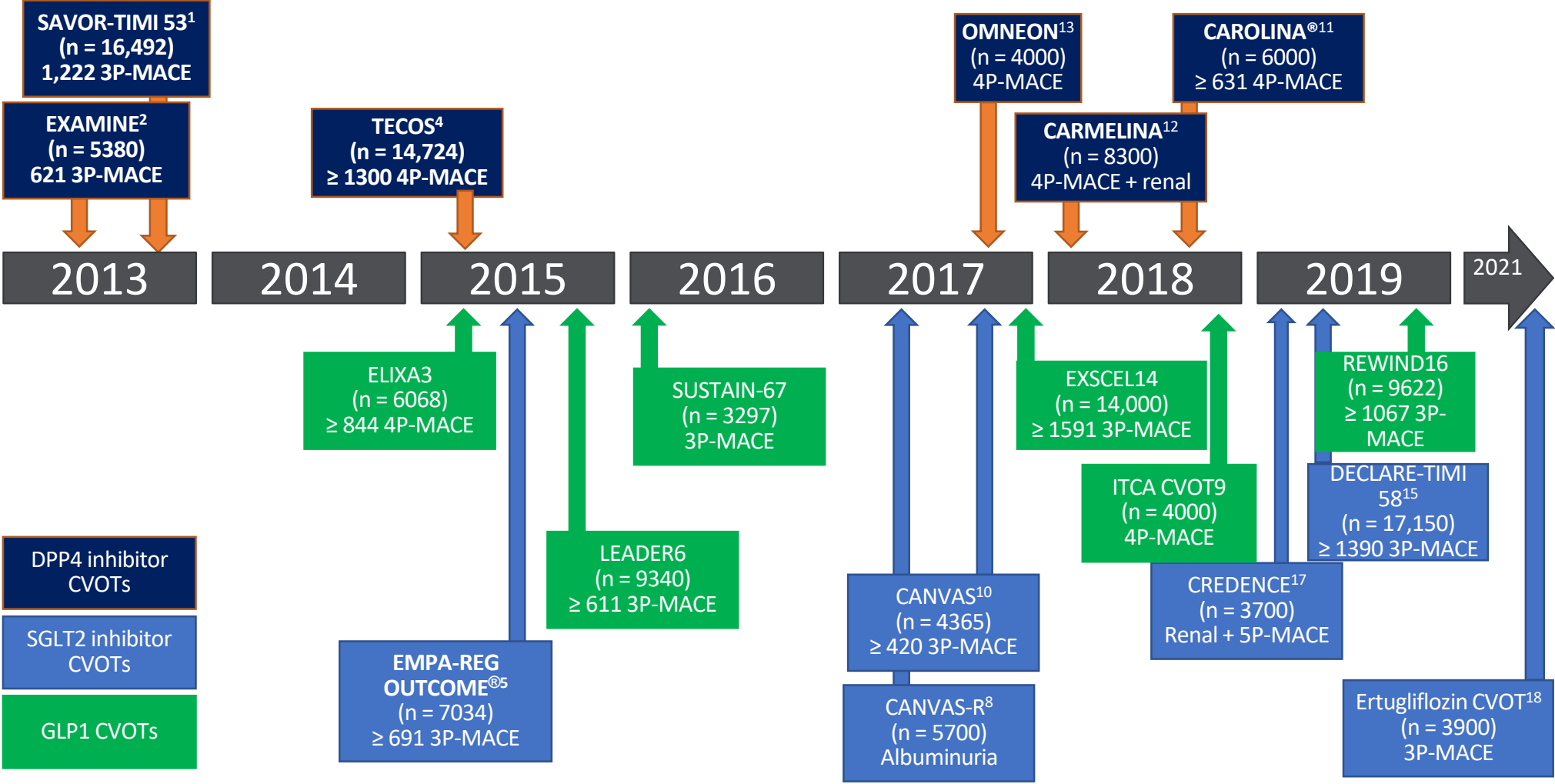
- An intensive approach to hyperglycemia is always effective in preventing microvascular complications (retinopathy and nephropathy) or its progression.
- Intensive treatment of hyperglycemia for the prevention of macrovascular complications is only proven to be effective in younger patients, with short duration of disease and without established cardiovascular disease.
 - Long-term follow-up was necessary to show benefit!

Antidiabetic therapies and cardiovascular risk



Studies should include older patients, with long duration of diabetes and established cardiovascular disease.

Overview of Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials with antidiabetic agents

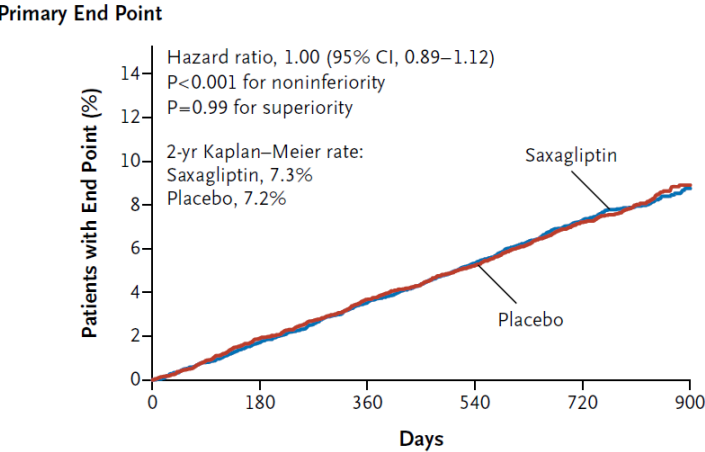
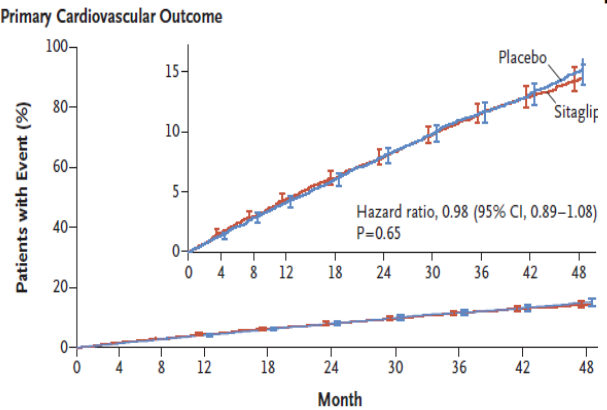


Timings and study details consulted at ClinicalTrials.gov.

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CVOTs with gliptins

	SAVOR ⁽¹⁾	TECOS* ⁽²⁾	EXAMINE ⁽³⁾
Primary end-point	3-p MACE (cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal ischemic stroke) *hospitalization for unstable angina.		
Design	Multicenter, double blind and randomized		
Treatment	Saxagliptin vs placebo	Sitagliptin vs placebo	Alogliptin vs placebo
Patients	16 492 Established CVD or high risk	14 671 Established CVD	5380 Established CVD (ACS in the previous 15-90 days)
Median follow-up	2.1 years	3 years	1.5 years



	SAVOR ⁽¹⁾	TECOS ⁽²⁾	EXAMINE ⁽³⁾
Primary end-points (MACE)	HR=1,00 (0,89-1,12)	HR=0,98 (0,88-1,09)	HR=0,96 (≤1,16)
Heart failure	HR=1,27 (1,07-1,51)	HR=1,00 (0,83-1,20)	HR= 1,19 (0,89-1,58)
Hypoglycemia	1,16 (1,08-1,25)	1,12 (0,89-1,40)	6,7% (A) vs 6,5% (P)

1. *N Engl J Med* 2013 Oct 3;369(14):1317-26.
 2. *N Engl J Med* 2015 Jul 16;373(3):232-42
 3. *N Engl J Med.* 2013; 369:1327-35

The Safety of Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 Inhibitors and the Risk for Heart Failure

Benjamin M. Scirica, MD, MPH

Putative explanations for the differences in HF outcomes

- Different population?
 - The populations were more similar than different
- Different adjudication of Hospitalization for HF?
 - all 3 studies used a similar well-defined HF end point, adjudicated by a blinded committee.
- Different pharmacological properties between gliptins?
 - No reported differences regarding non-GLP-1 substrates (BNP)

Observational studies and meta-analyzes did not find any association between gliptins and increased risk of hospitalization for HF.

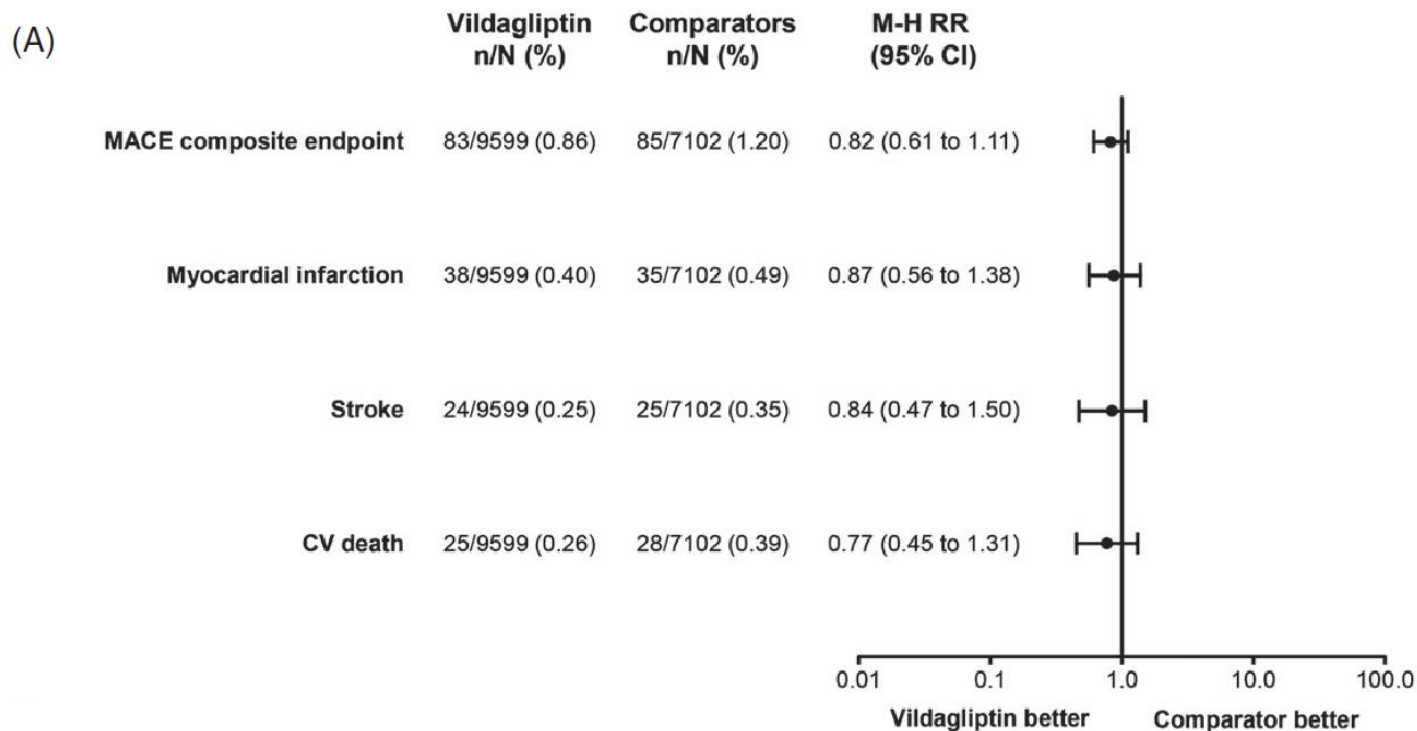
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Cardiovascular and heart failure safety profile of vildagliptin: a meta-analysis of 17 000 patients

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Heart Failure (HF) events

- 0,43% (vilda) vs 0,45% (placebo)
- RR = 1,08 (95% CI 0,68-1,70)

Conclusions –Vildagliptin is not associated with an increased risk of adjudicated MACE relative to comparators.

Effects of Vildagliptin on Ventricular Function in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Heart Failure

A Randomized Placebo-Controlled Trial

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Methods

- 254 patients with T2DM and heart failure (class I-III) and LVEF <0.40
- Vildagliptin vs placebo

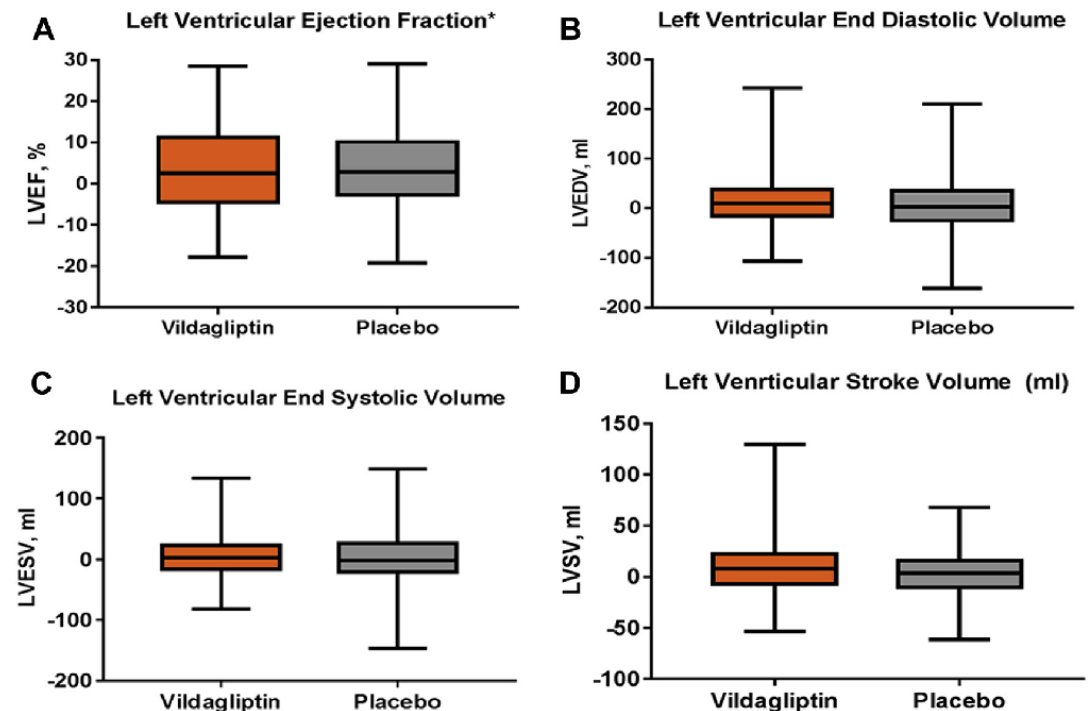
Results

- Mean change LVEF = $4.95 \pm 1.25\%$ (vildagliptin) vs $4.33 \pm 1.23\%$ (ns)
- LVED and LVES volumes increased more in the vildagliptin group

Conclusions

- Vildagliptin had no major effect on LVEF

FIGURE 3 Change From Baseline in LVEF (Primary Endpoint) and Other Echocardiographic Measurements

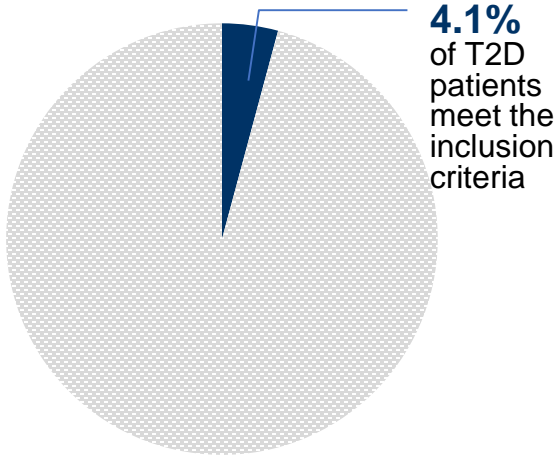


Design of major positive CVOTs

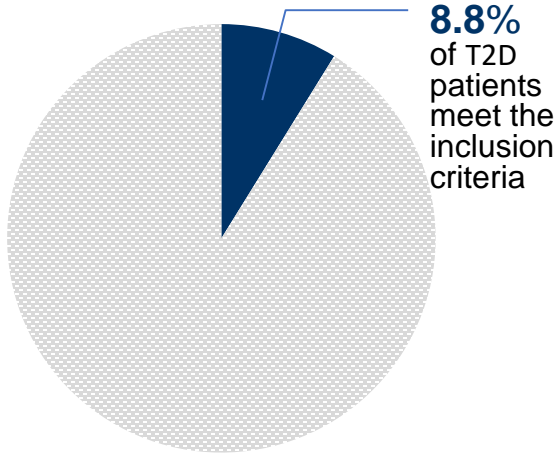
	EMPA-REG ¹	(CANVAS+CANVAS-R) ²	LEADER ^{3*}
n	7020	10,143	9340
Interventions	EMPA/PBO (1:1:1) (10 mg, 25 mg, PBO)	CANA/PBO (1:1:1) (100mg, 300mg, PBO)	LIRA/PBO (1:1) (1,2-1,8 mg, PBO)
Key inclusion criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HbA_{1c} ≥7% and ≤10% • eGFR >30 mL/min • Age ≥18 years • Secondary prevention (99%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Previous CV event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HbA_{1c} ≥7% and ≤10.5% • eGFR >30 ml/min • Primary prevention: ~35% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ≥2 CV risk factors • Secondary prevention: ~65% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Established vascular complications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T2DM uncontrolled • Primary prevention (~20%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Age ≥60 + 1 or more risk factor • Secondary prevention (~80%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Established vascular complications
Primary endpoint	MACE (CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke)	Pooled MACE (CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke) from CANVAS & CANVAS-R	MACE (CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal ischemic stroke)

Generalizability of the eligibility criteria for CVOTs in diabetes

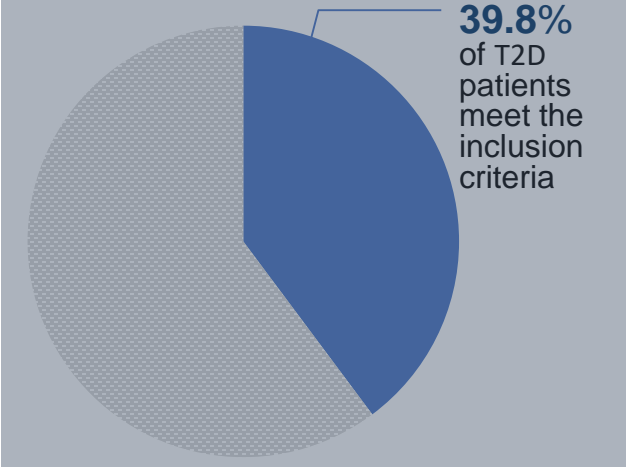
EMPA-REG OUTCOME



CANVAS Program



DECLARE-TIMI 58



The generalizability of the eligibility criteria of the 3 SGLT2 inhibitor CVOTs was assessed in the 2009–2010 and 2011–2012 NHANES databases

CV, cardiovascular; CVOT, cardiovascular outcome trial; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey; SGLT2, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2; T2D, type 2 diabetes.
Wittbrodt ET et al. *Am J Manag Care*. 2018;24:S138-S145.
O Estudo DECLARE-TIMI 58 está a decorrer: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01730534>

Antihyperglycemic Therapy in Adults with Type 2 Diabetes

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Monotherapy

Lifestyle Management + Metformin

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

**A1C at target
after 3 months
of monotherapy?**

- Yes:** - Monitor A1C every 3–6 months
- No:** - Assess medication-taking behavior
- Consider Dual Therapy

Dual Therapy

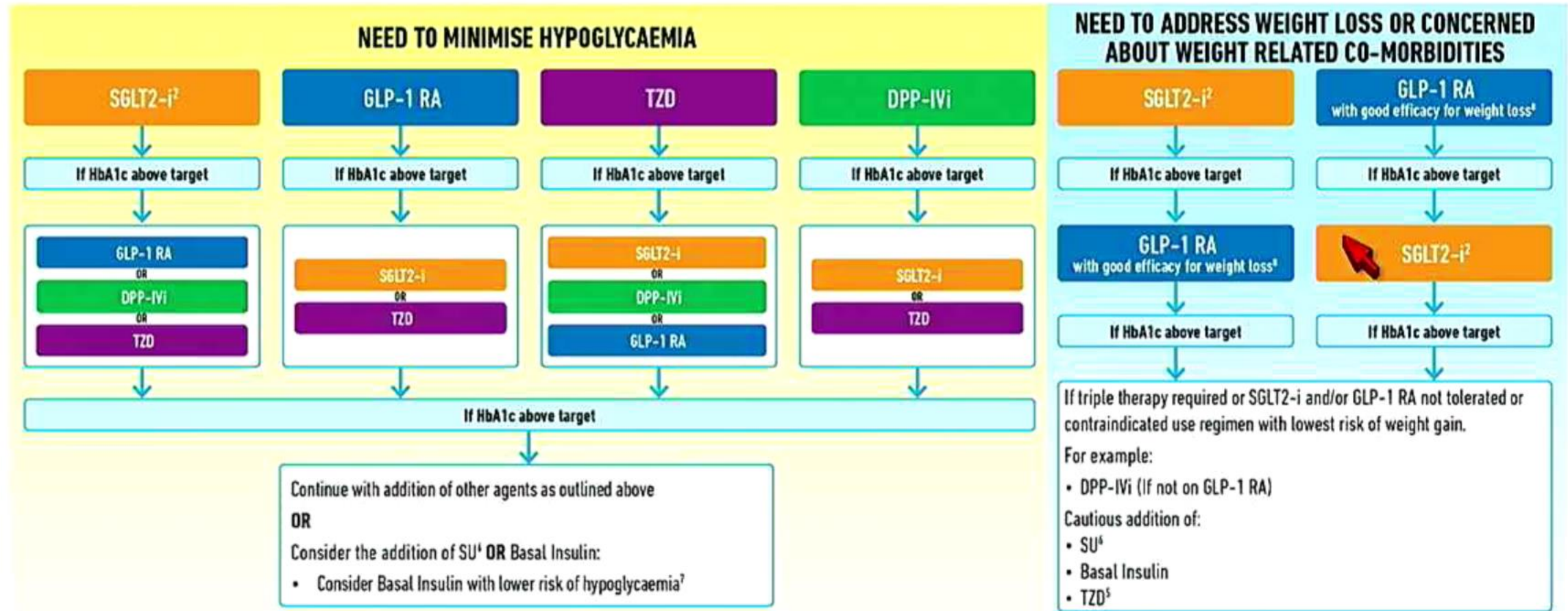
Lifestyle Management + Metformin + Additional Agent

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)



ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC MEDICATION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES: OVERALL APPROACH



1. SGLT2-i = Empagliflozin preferred, GLP-1 RA = Liraglutide preferred. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events please see Section X to see hierarchy of evidence 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 may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
6. Choose later generation SU with lower risk of risk of hypoglycaemia
7. Degludec / Glargine U100 < Glargine U100 / Detemir < NPH insulin
8. GLP-1 RA with best efficacy for weight loss Semaglutide > Liraglutide > Dulaglutide > Exenatide > Lixisenatide
9. If no specific co-morbidities (i.e. established CVD), low risk of hypoglycaemia and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight related co-morbidities: using the algorithm to minimise medication costs
10. Consider country and region specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZD relatively more expensive and DPP-IVi relatively cheaper

For example:
• DPP-IVi (If not on GLP-1 RA)
Cautious addition of:
• SU⁴
• Basal Insulin
• TZD⁵

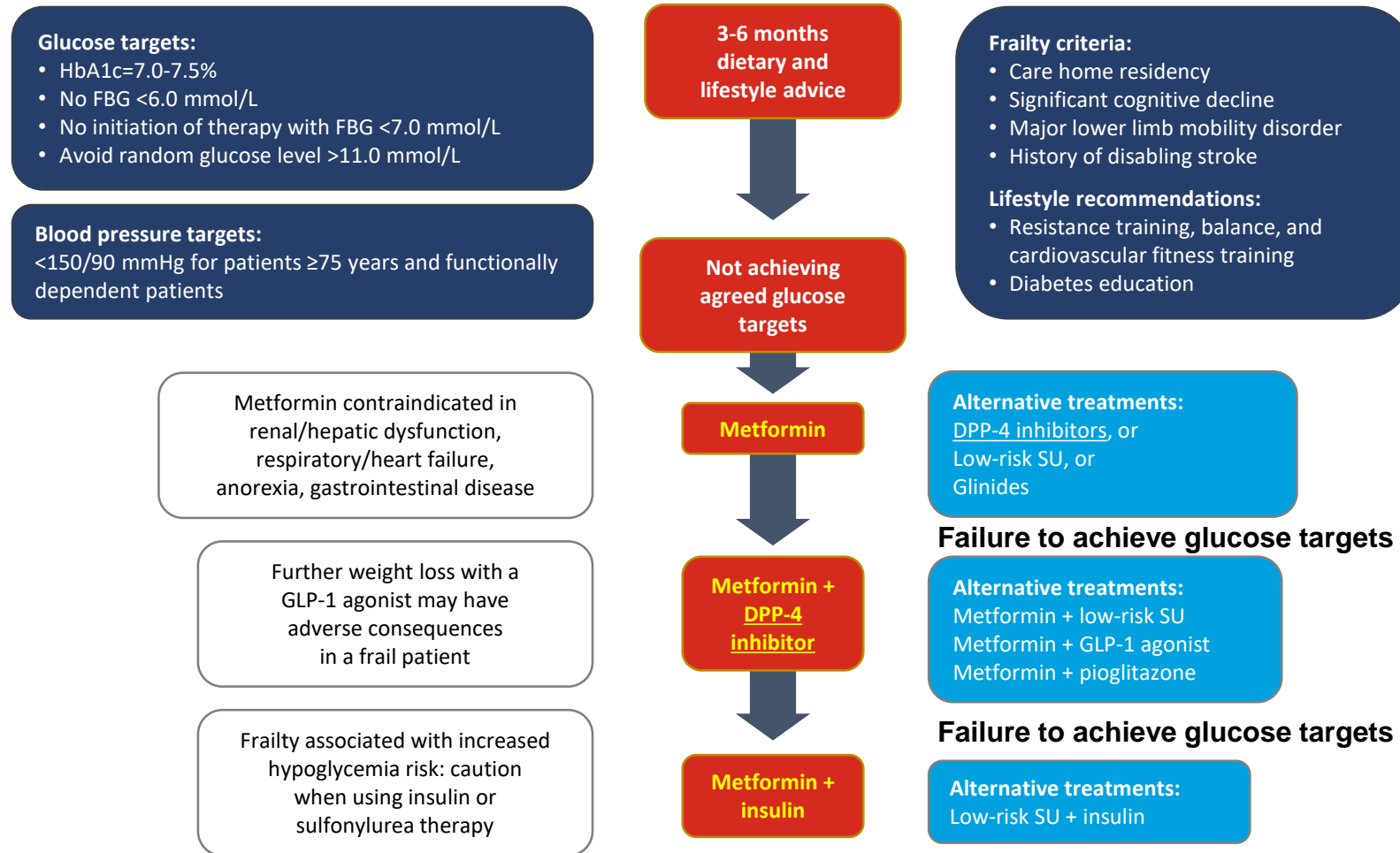
Elderly patients: pitfalls in the treatment of hyperglycemia

Problem	Drug class
Hypoglycemia risk	SU, insulin
Gradual decline of GFR	SU, metformin, iSGLT2*
Frailty	GLP-1R agonists, iSGLT2
Therapeutic education with devices/ Caregivers support	GLP-1R agonists, insulin

* Loss of efficacy with reduction of GFR. Higher number of side effects related to volume depletion.

Therapeutic Algorithm: IAGG/European Diabetes Working Party for Older People^{1,2}

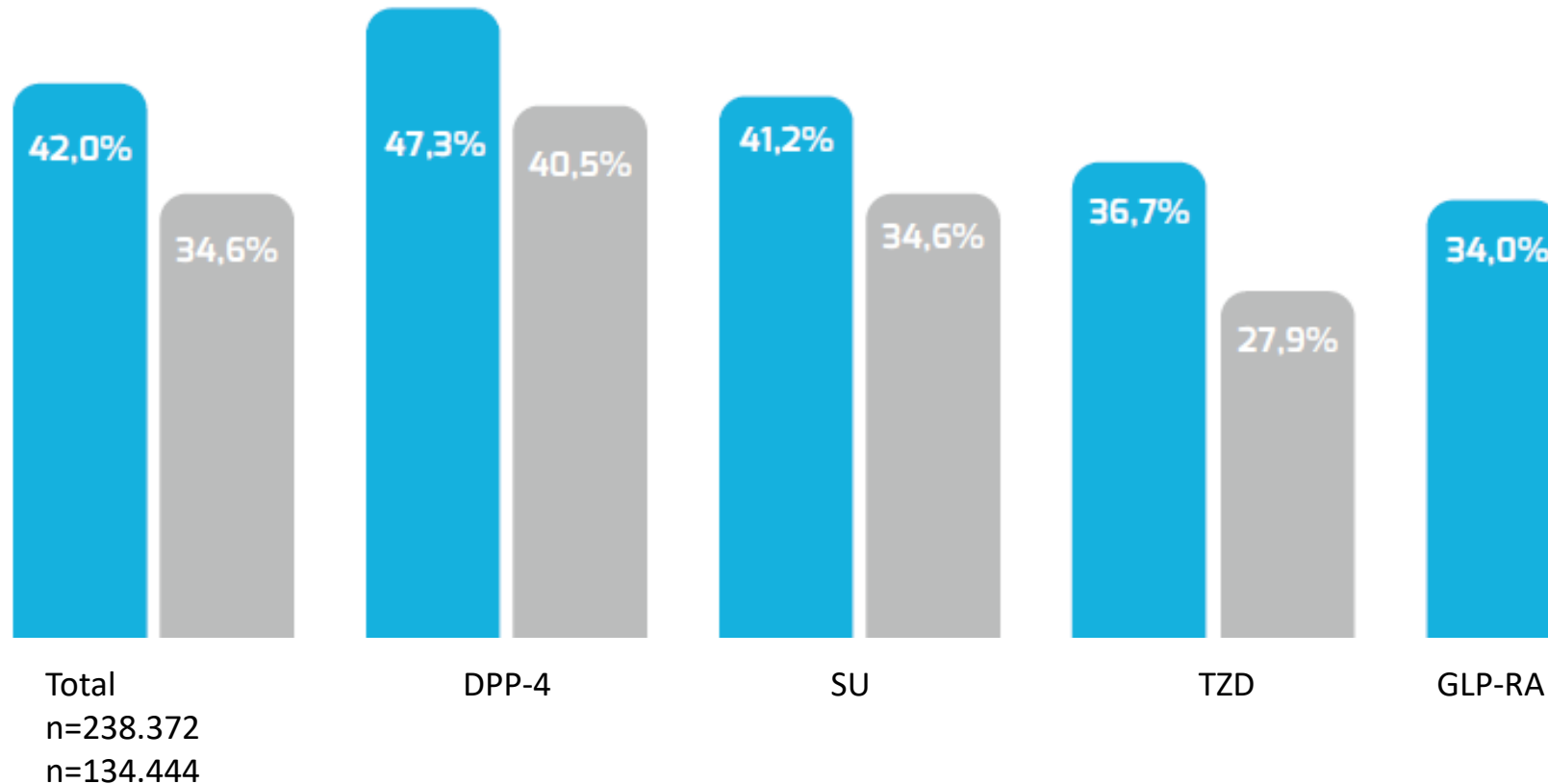
Recommendations for Older Patients With Type 2 Diabetes (≥70 years)



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2. Sinclair A et al. *J Am Med Dir Assoc* 2012;13:497-502

Compliance and persistence in the treatment of diabetes



Conclusions

- Gliptins are a cornerstone in the oral treatment of hyperglycemia, allowing improved control with low risk of hypoglycemia and weight neutrality.
- Gliptins have excellent tolerability and rare side effects.
 - May be used through the whole spectrum of diabetes history:
 - Elderly
 - Chronic kidney Disease
 - Higher compliance when compared to other options.
- Gliptins were the first class to prove cardiovascular safety in dedicated CVOTs.