

# Contemporary Management Strategies in Diabetes 2022

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# Contemporary Management Strategies in Diabetes

- Current guidelines
  - A1c goals
  - Pharmacologic treatment of hyperglycemia
- Novel Therapies
  - GLP-1 Receptor Agonists
  - DPP-4 Inhibitors
  - SGLT-2 Inhibitors
- CVD/CKD risk reduction

# Goals of Treatment

- Avoid acute complications of diabetes
- Prevent micro and macrovascular complications
- Minimize hypoglycemia
- Minimize weight gain and/or help weight loss
- Increase quality of life

# HbA1c Goals

- 2018 American College of Physicians: *Clinicians should aim to achieve an HbA<sub>1c</sub> level between 7% and 8% in most patients with type 2 diabetes.*
- 2018 American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists: *the AACE supports a goal A1c of < 6.5% for most patients*
- 2021 American Diabetes Association: *An A1c goal for many nonpregnant adults of < 7% is appropriate. Less stringent goals (A1c < 8.0%) may be appropriate for patients with a history of severe hypoglycemia, limited life expectancy, advanced micro or macrovascular complications, or extensive comorbid conditions.*

***Individualize A1c goals !***

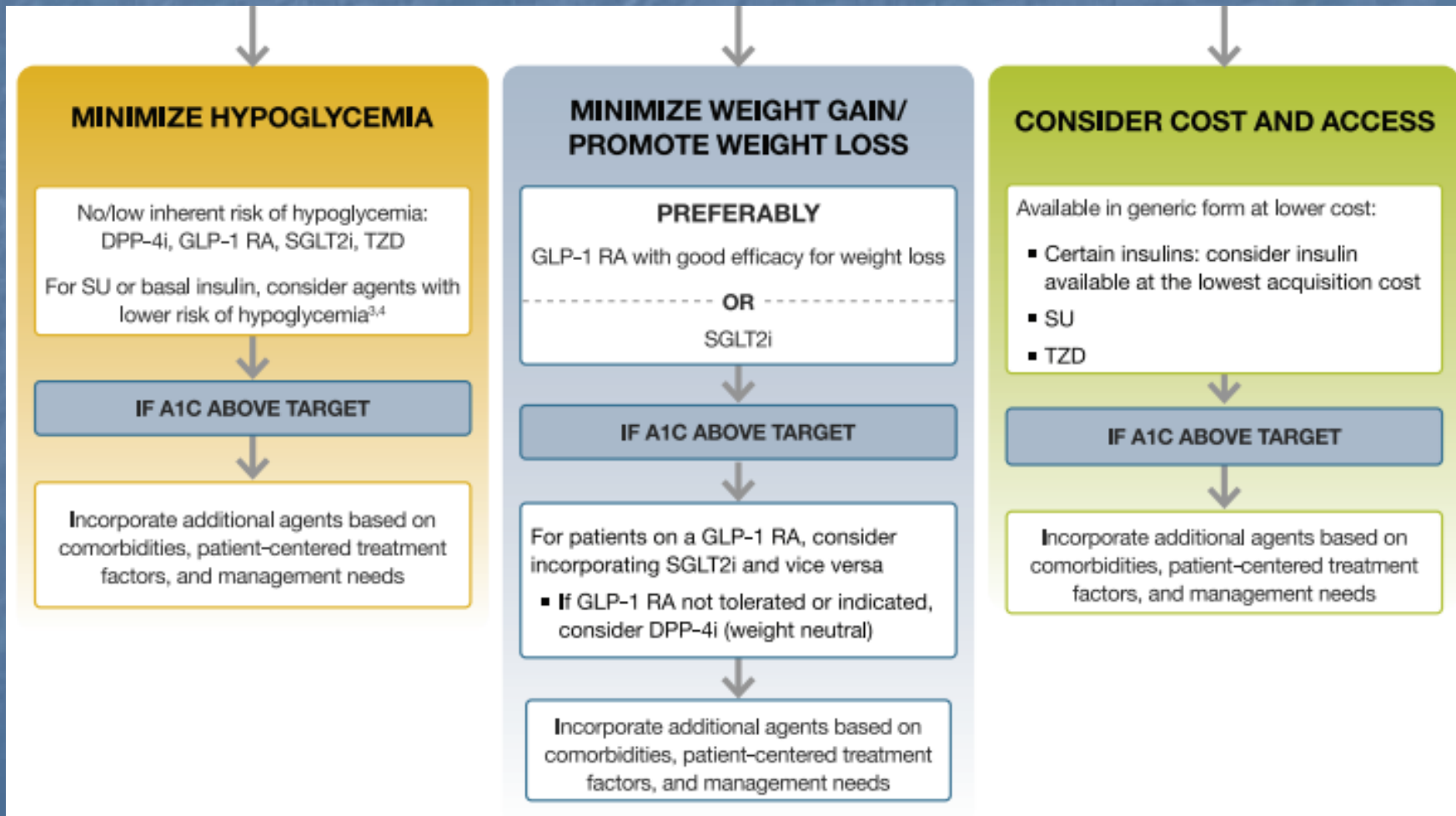
# Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes - 2022

## Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Management

# Pharmacologic Treatment of Hyperglycemia in Adults with Type 2 diabetes

First line therapy generally includes Metformin and Lifestyle modifications

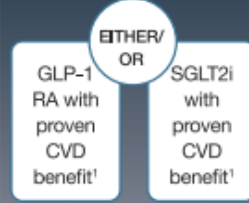
In absence of ASCVD, indicators of high risk, heart failure, CKD



**ASCVD/INDICATORS OF HIGH RISK, HF, CKD†**

**RECOMMEND INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C,  
INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET, OR METFORMIN USE‡**

**+ASCVD/INDICATORS  
OF HIGH RISK\***



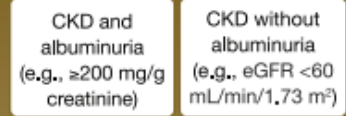
**IF A1C ABOVE TARGET**

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider incorporating SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit and vice versa<sup>1</sup>
- TZD<sup>2</sup>

**+HF\***

SGLT2i with proven benefit in this population<sup>1</sup>

**+CKD\*\***



**PREFERABLY**

SGLT2i with primary evidence of reducing CKD progression

**OR**

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing CKD progression in CVOTs

**OR**

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated

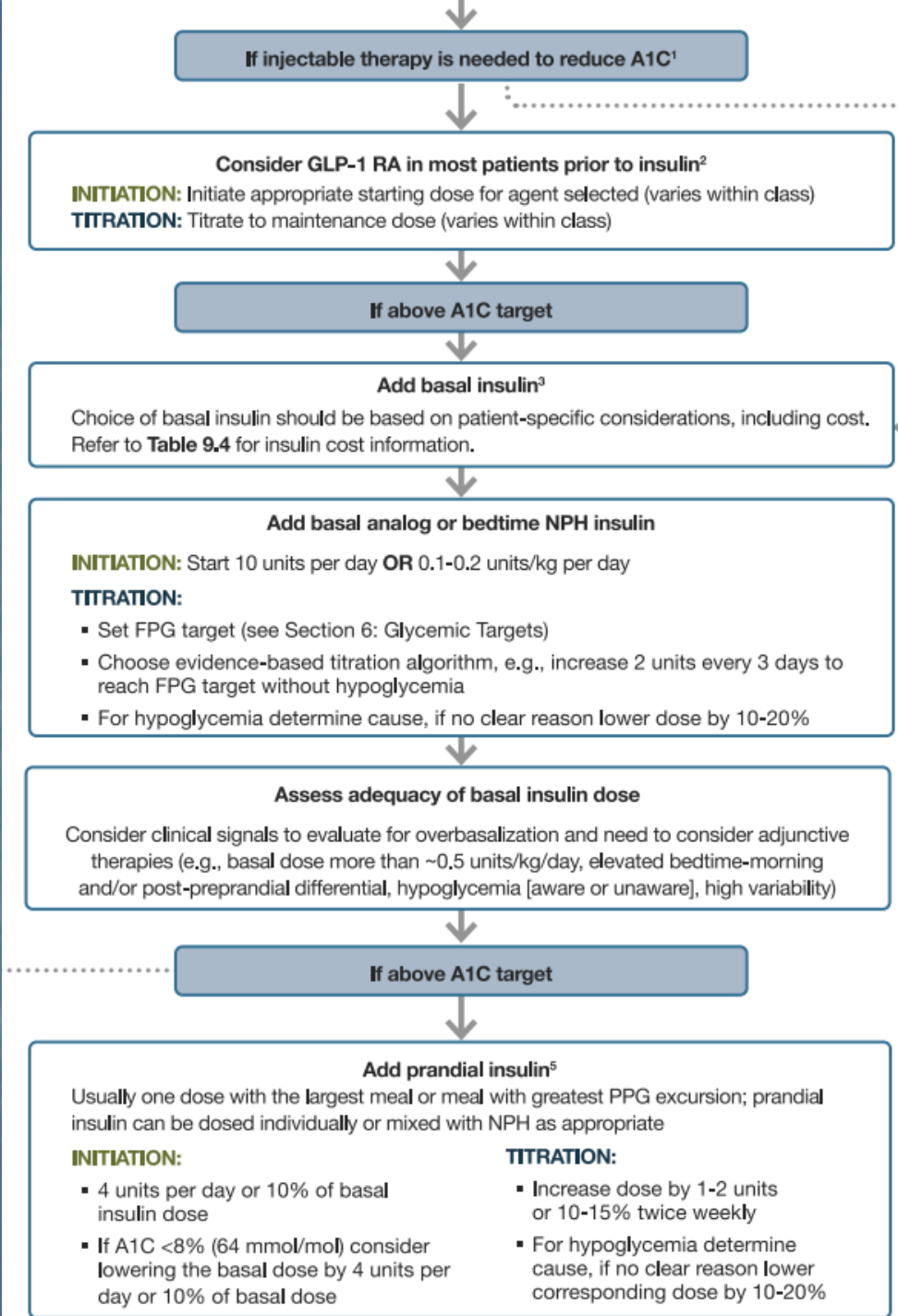
For patients with CKD (e.g., eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) without albuminuria, recommend the following to decrease cardiovascular risk



**IF A1C above target, for patients on SGLT2i, consider incorporating a GLP-1 RA and vice versa**

**IF A1C remains above target, consider treatment intensification based on comorbidities, patient-centered treatment factors, and management needs**





# Summary

- Start with monotherapy with Metformin unless A1c > 9% (consider starting with dual therapy), or A1c > 10% (consider injectable therapy)
- If monotherapy not effective after 3 months, proceed to dual therapy
- For patients with CVD, CKD or HF use GLP-1 RA or SGLT-2 inhibitors independent of baseline A1c
- If injectable therapy is needed, consider GLP-1 RA in most patients prior to insulin

# Novel Therapies

GLP-1 agonists

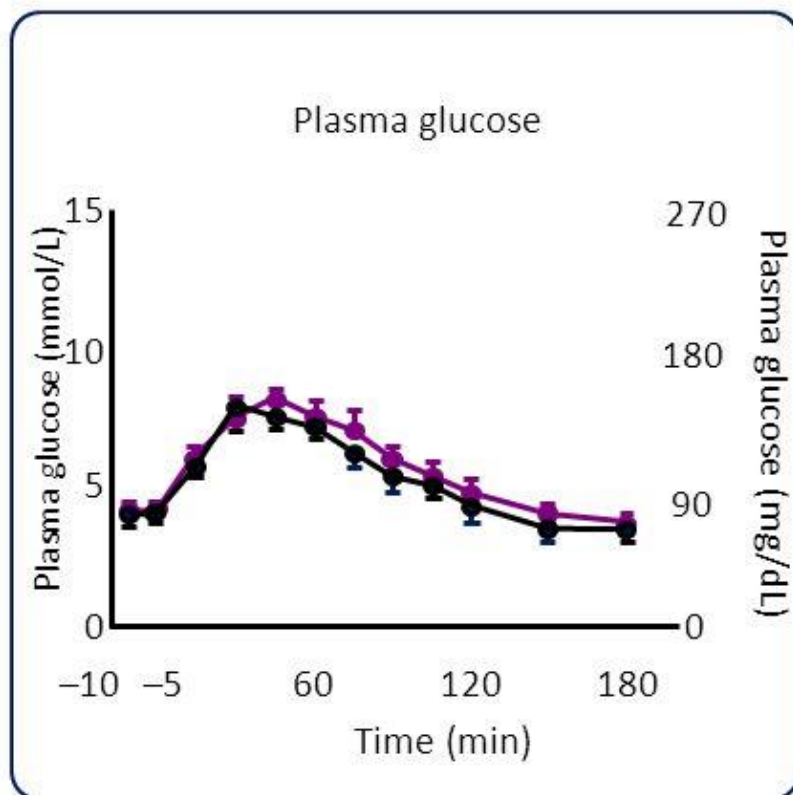
DPP-4 inhibitors

SGLT-2 inhibitors

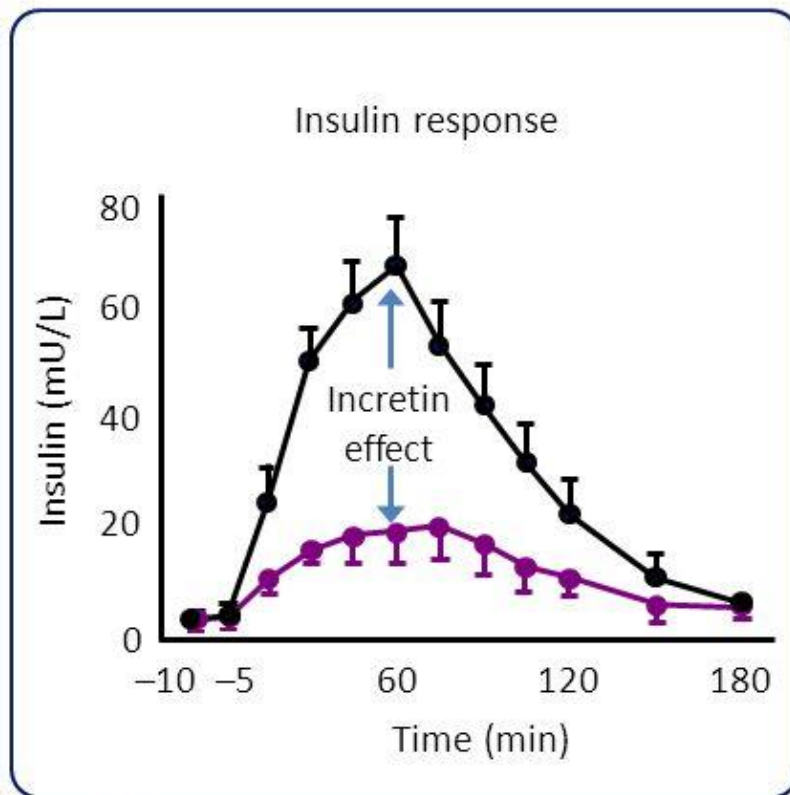
# Incretin Hormones

- Peptide hormones released by cells in the GI tract in response to nutrient stimulus
- Most potent is Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 (GLP-1)
- GLP-1 stimulates insulin secretion, suppresses glucagon secretion, delays GI tract motility and decreases appetite
- In patients with type 2 diabetes GLP-1 levels are decreased
- GLP-1 is rapidly degraded by the enzyme dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DPP IV)

## The Incretin Effect



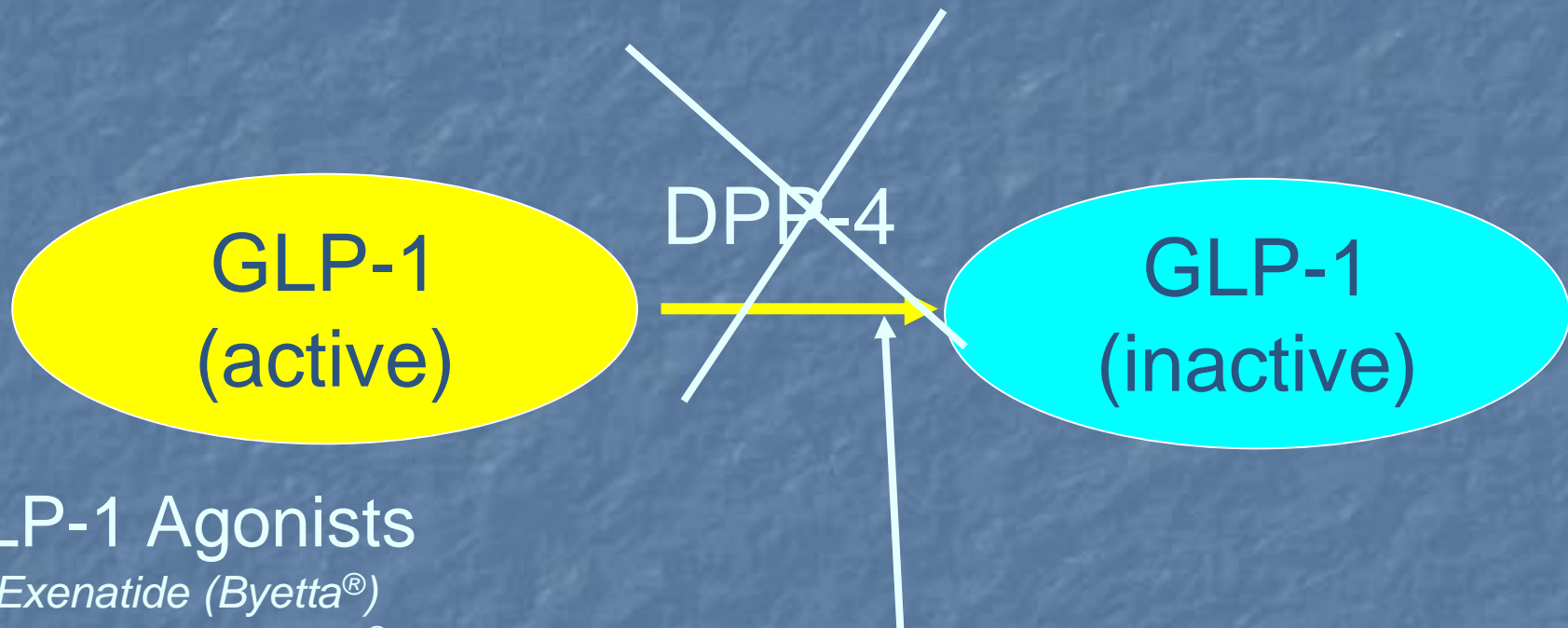
● Oral glucose load (50 g/400 mL)



● IV glucose infusion

**Insulin response is greater following oral glucose than IV glucose, despite similar plasma glucose concentration.**

# Strategies To Prolong GLP-1 Action



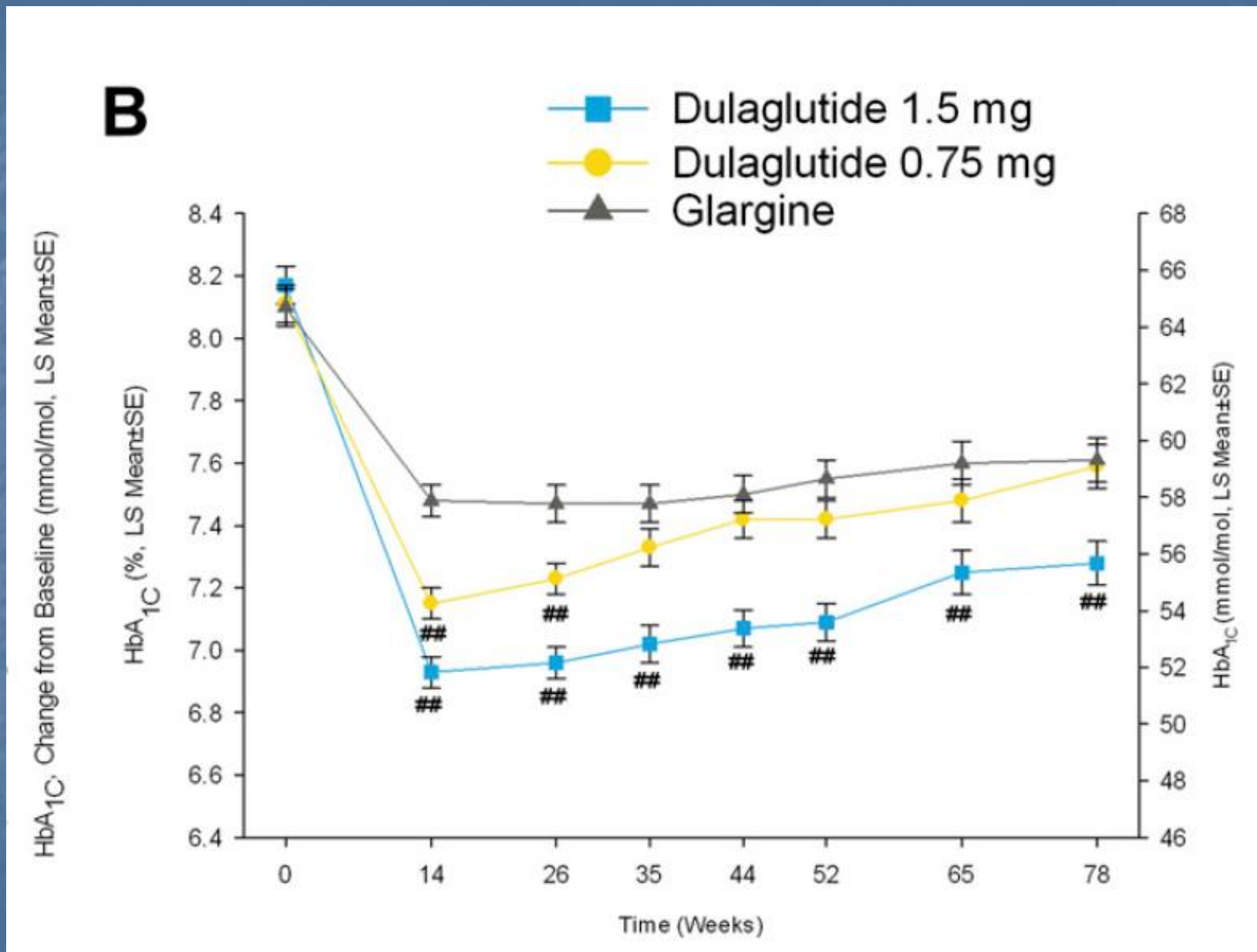
## 1. GLP-1 Agonists

- *Exenatide (Byetta<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Liraglutide (Victoza<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Exenatide ER (Bydureon<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Dulaglutide (Trulicity<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Lixisenatide (Adlyxin<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Semaglutide (Ozempic<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Oral Semaglutide (Rybelsus<sup>®</sup>)*

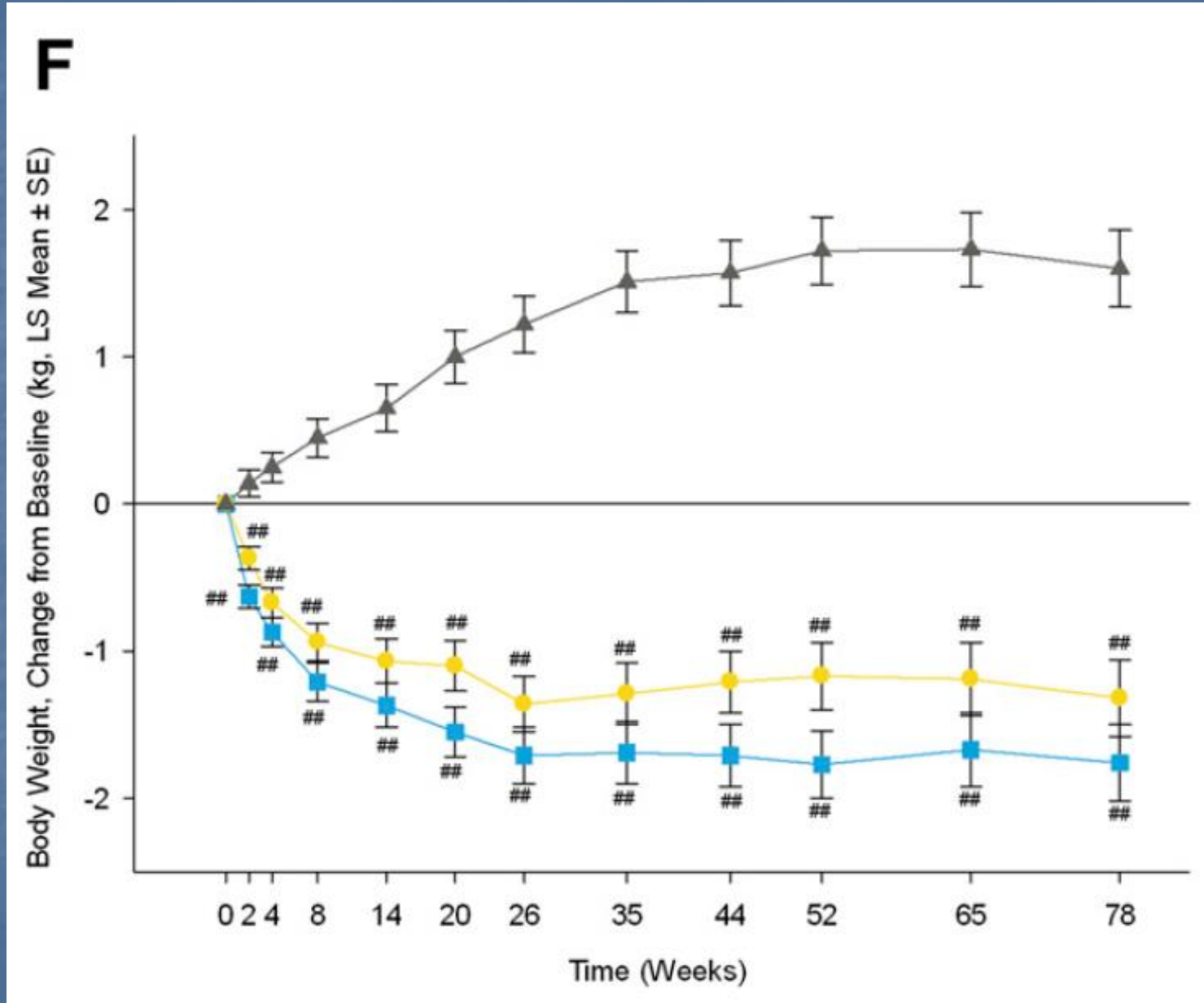
## 2. DPP-4 Inhibitors

- *Sitagliptin (Januvia<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Saxagliptin (Onglyza<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Linagliptin (Tradjenta<sup>®</sup>)*
- *Alogliptin (Nesina<sup>®</sup>)*

# Efficacy and Safety of Once-Weekly Dulaglutide Versus Insulin Glargine



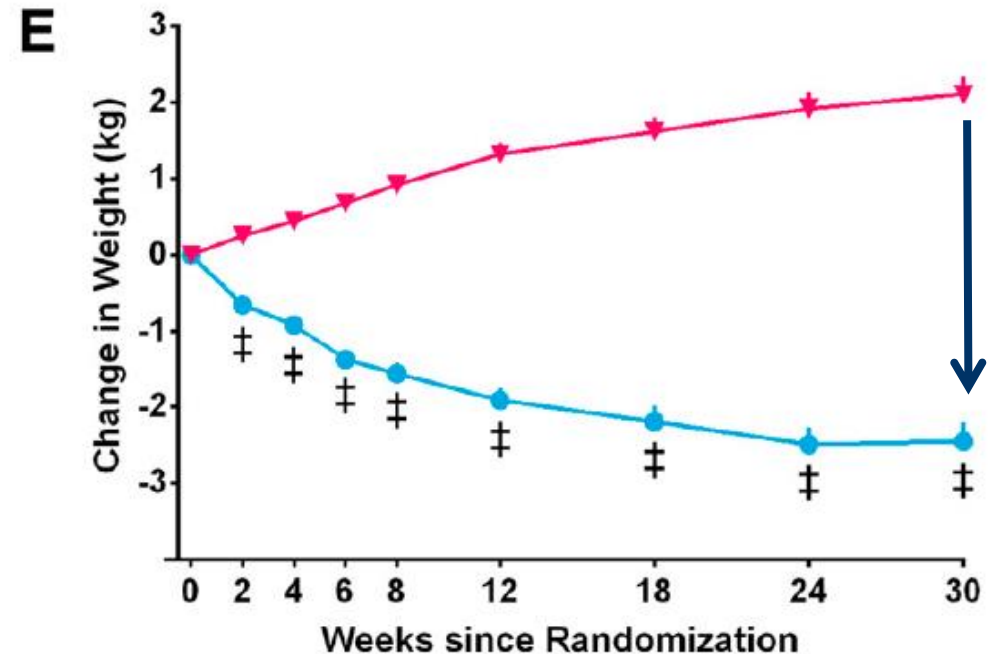
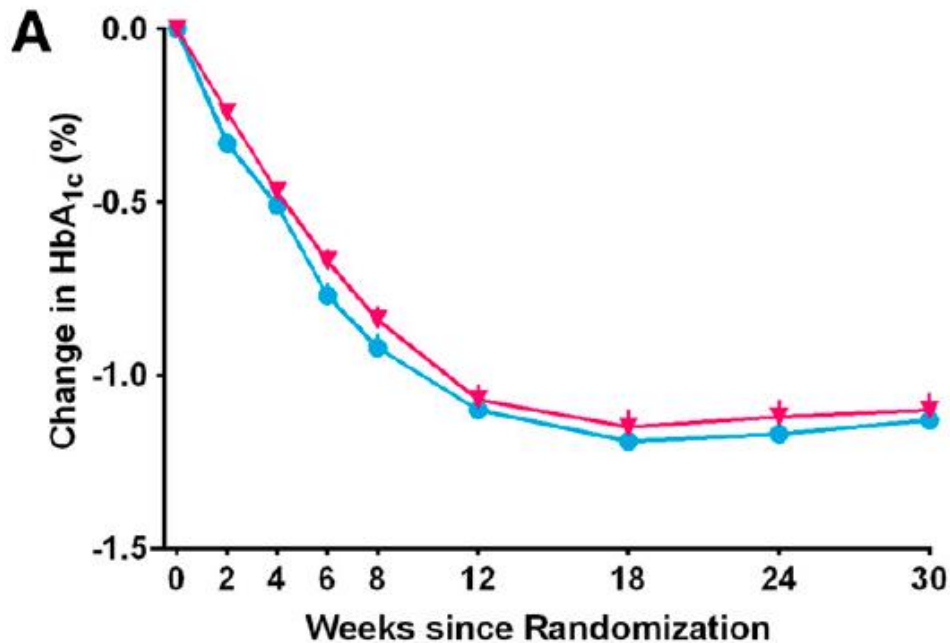
# Efficacy and Safety of Once-Weekly Dulaglutide Versus Insulin Glargine





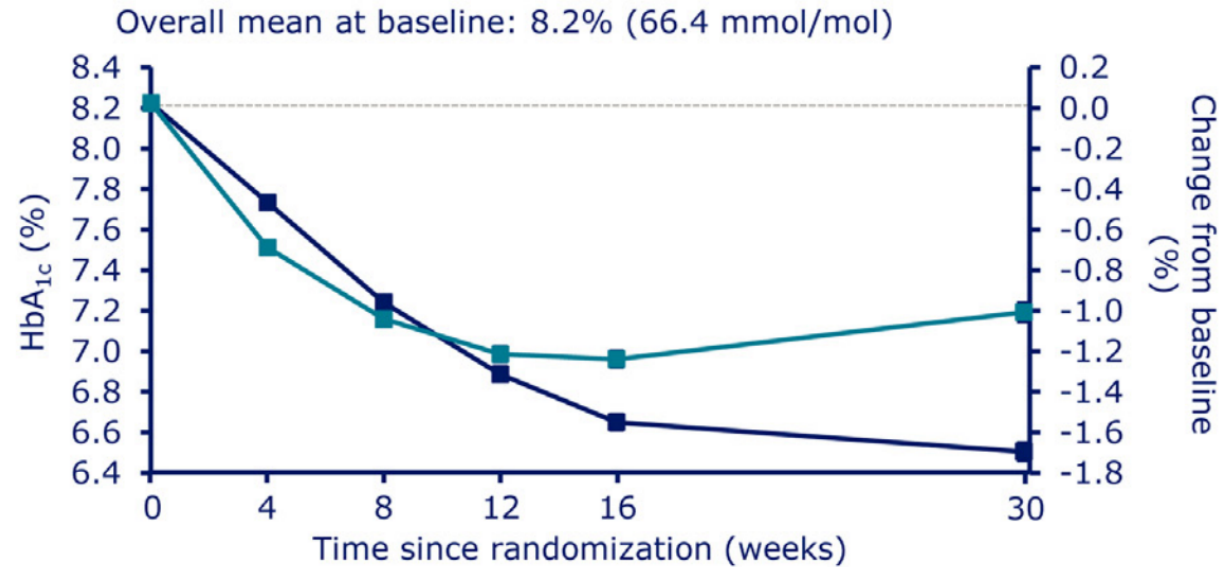
# Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 Receptor Agonist or Bolus Insulin with Optimized Basal Insulin in Type 2 diabetes

● Exenatide ▼ Lispro

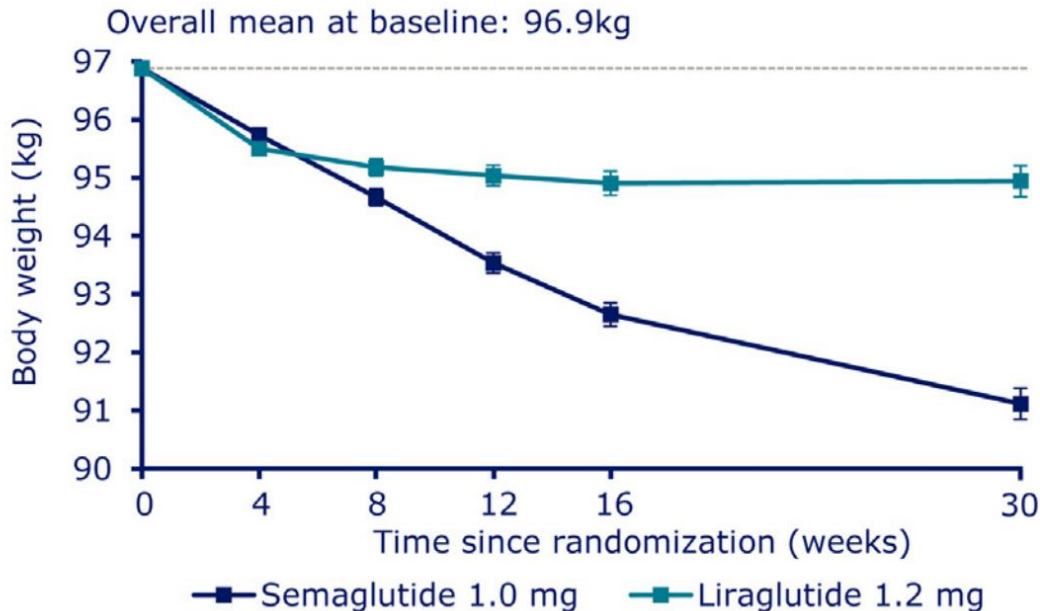


Efficacy and safety of once-weekly Semaglutide 1.0 mg vs once-daily Liraglutide 1.2 mg as add-on to 1–3 oral antidiabetic drugs in subjects with type 2 diabetes (SUSTAIN 10)

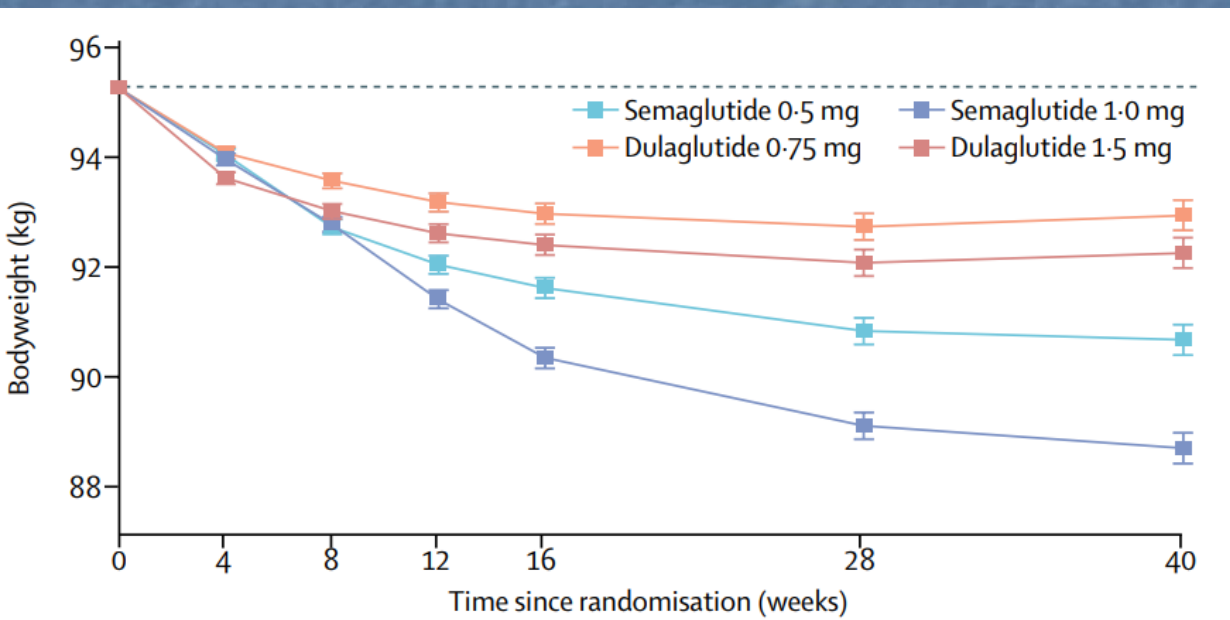
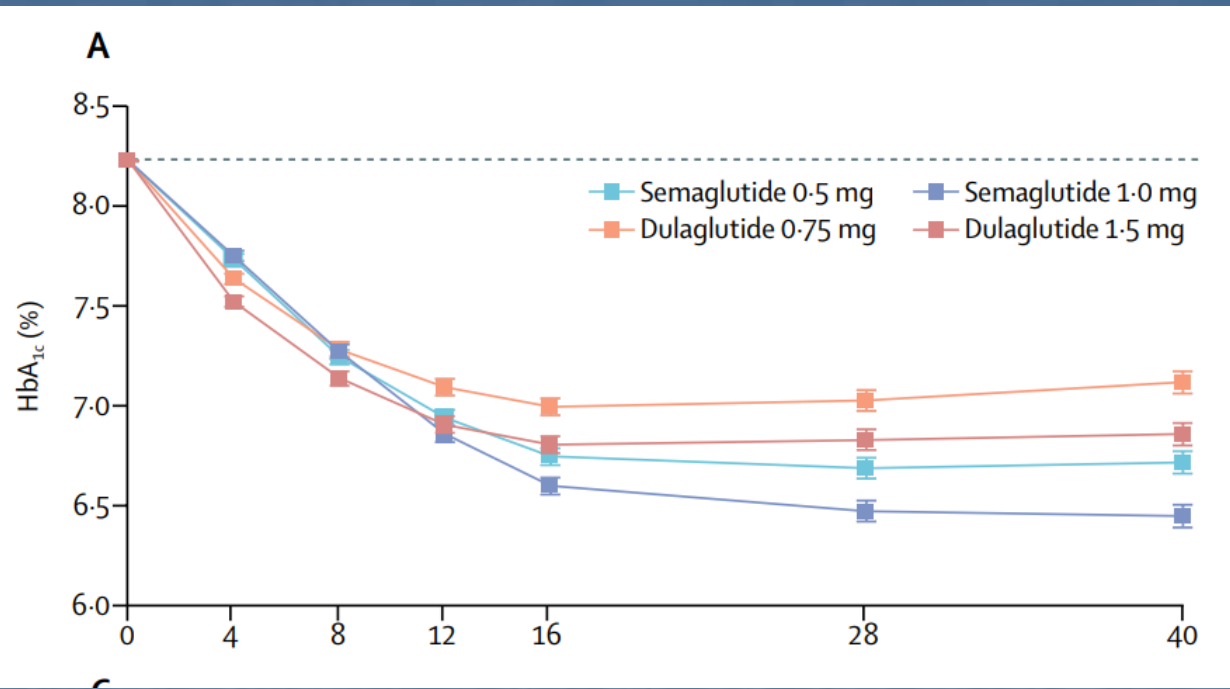
**a. Estimated change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time**



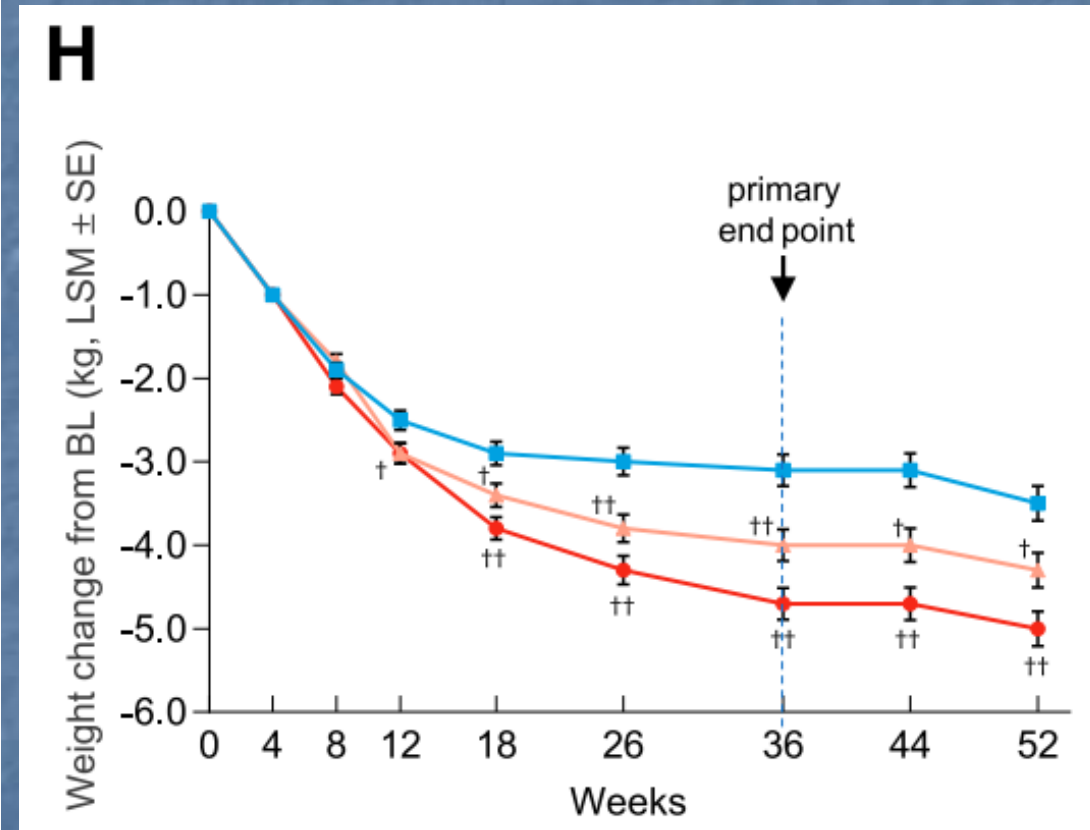
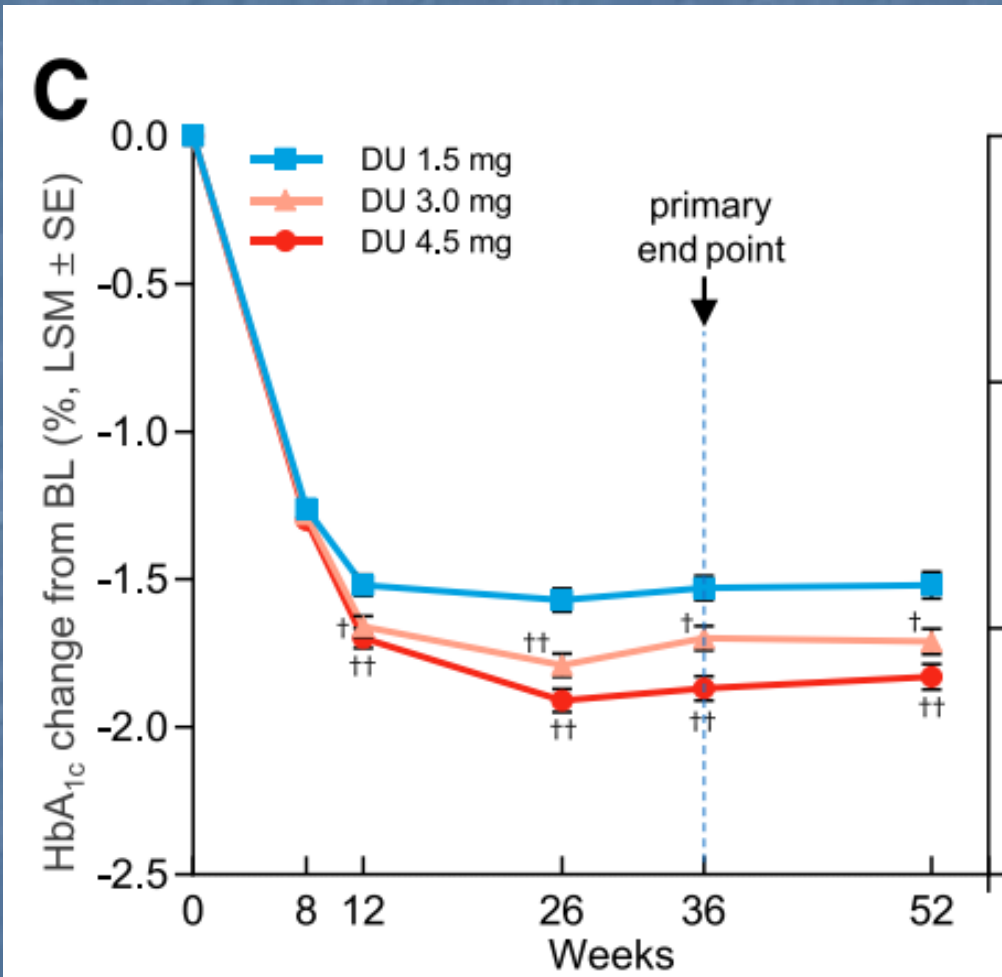
**a. Estimated change in body weight over time**



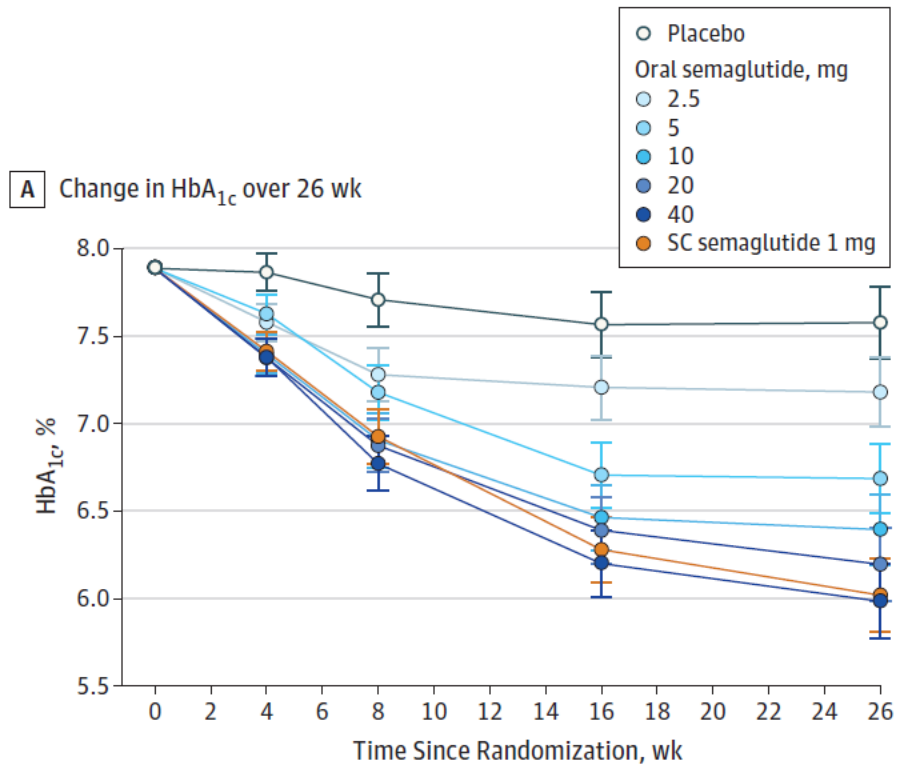
# Semaglutide versus Dulaglutide once weekly in patients with type 2 diabetes (SUSTAIN 7): a randomized, open label, phase 3b trial



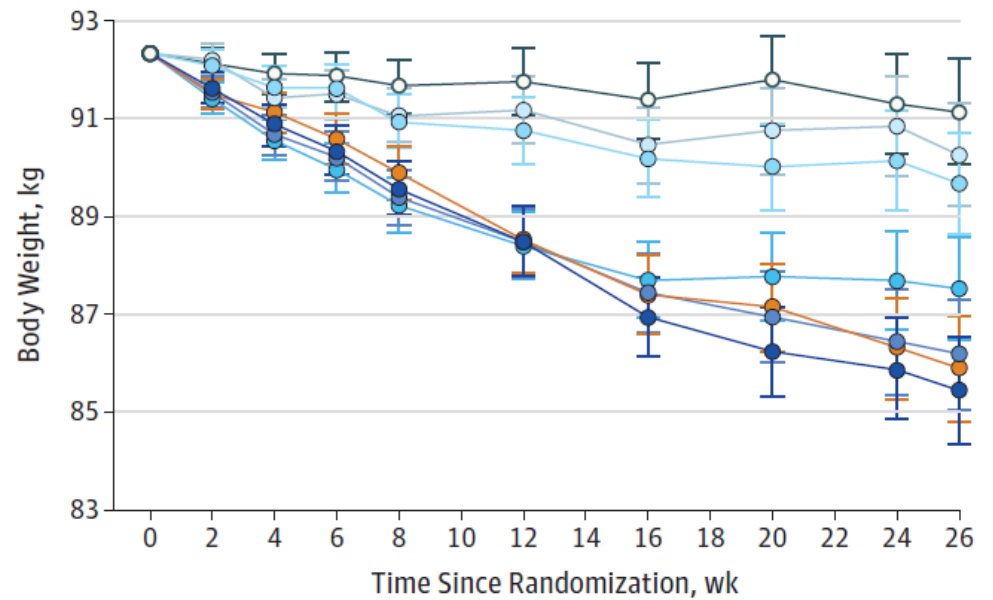
# Efficacy and Safety of Dulaglutide 3.0 mg and 4.5 mg versus Dulaglutide 1.5 mg in Metformin-Treated Patients with Type 2 Diabetes



# Oral versus Subcutaneous Semaglutide



**B** Change in body weight over 26 wk

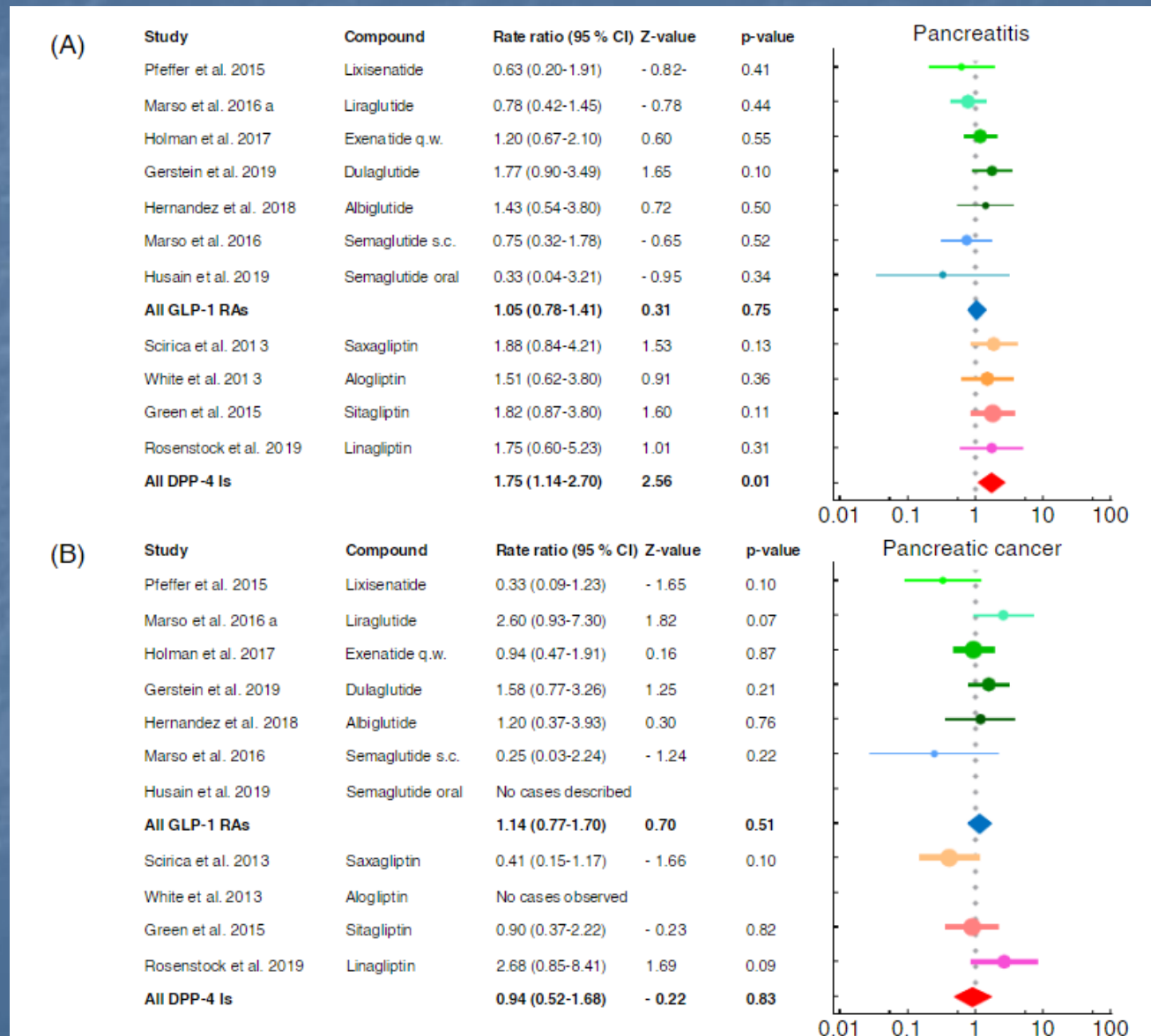


# GI adverse events of Liraglutide

(A Randomized clinical trial of 3.0 mg of Liraglutide in Weight Management)

	Liraglutide	Placebo	Difference
Nausea	40	15	25%
Diarrhea	21	9	12
Constipation	20	9	11
Vomiting	16	4	12
Dyspepsia	9	3	6
Abdominal Pain	5	3	2

# Incretin-based glucose-lowering medications and the risk of acute pancreatitis and malignancies: a meta-analysis based on cardiovascular outcomes trials



# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists: Daily Agents

- Exenatide (Byetta®)
  - Twice/day sc. Injections
  - Start with 5 mcg bid within 60 minutes of a meal and after 1 month increase the dose to 10 mcg bid if eGFR > 30 ml/min
  - Should not be used in patients with eGFR < 30 ml/min
- Liraglutide (Victoza®)
  - Once day sc injection, “use with caution in renal impairment”
  - Start with 0.6 mg qd for 1 week, then increase to 1.2 mg qd; may go to 1.8 mg qd
  - No dosage adjustment is recommended in patients with renal impairment
- Lixisenatide (Adlyxin®)
  - Initiate at 10 mcg daily, can increase to 20 mcg daily after 2 weeks.
  - No dose adjustments for patients with moderate renal impairment (eGFR >30 ml/min), minimal experience for patients with severe renal impairment
- Oral Semaglutide (Rybelsus®)
  - Daily pill take with water 30 minutes before food, water or medications (3 mg, 7 mg and 14 mg)
  - No dose adjustment is recommended for patients with renal impairment



# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists: Weekly Agents

- Exenatide ER (Bydureon<sup>®</sup>)
  - Once per week injection 2 mg
  - Not recommended in patients with eGFR < 45 ml/min
- Dulaglutide (Trulicity<sup>®</sup>)
  - Once per week, start 0.75 mg, can increase to 1.5 mg, 3 mg, or 4 mg.
  - No dose adjustment needed in patients with renal impairment including end stage renal disease
- Semaglutide (Ozempic<sup>®</sup>)
  - Start at 0.25 mg weekly, after 4 weeks can increase to 0.5 mg weekly and if not at goal can increase to 1 mg after another 4 weeks, recently approved dose of 2 mg
  - No dose adjustments for patients with renal impairment including end stage renal disease

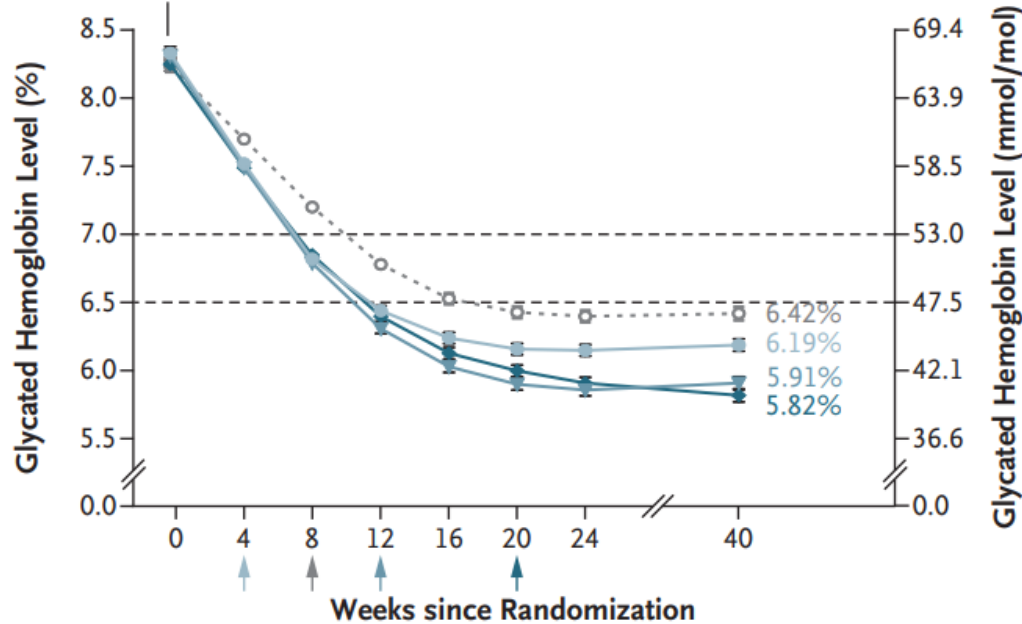
# Tirzeparide

- Dual GLP-1 and GIP receptor agonists
- Weekly administration (dose starting at 2.5 mg and titrating up to 15 mg)
- Can be used in patients with CKD and ESRD
- Similar side effect profile as GLP-1 RA

# Tirzepatide

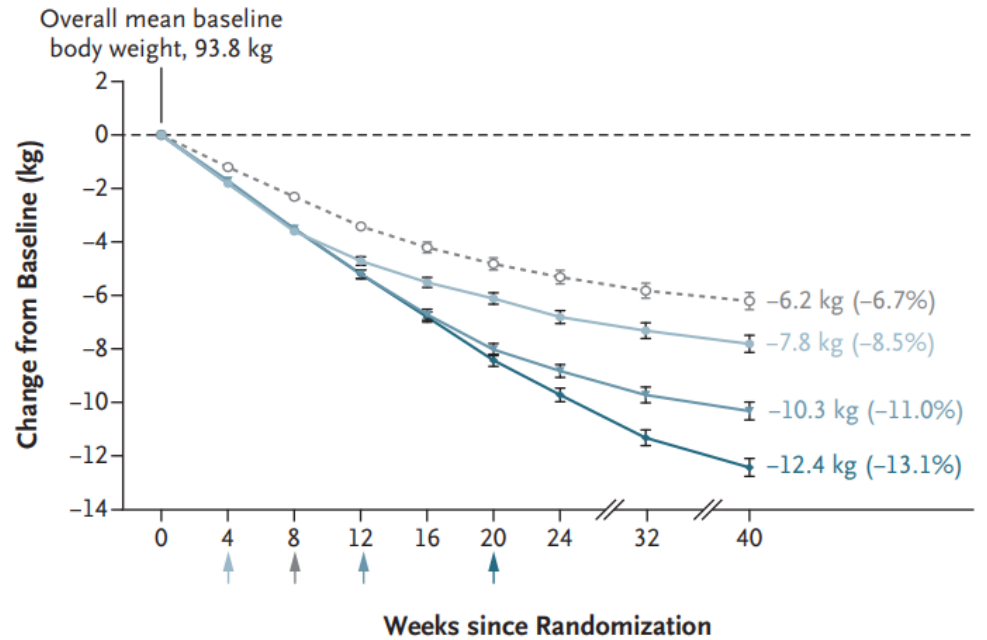
## B Glycated Hemoglobin Level

Overall mean baseline  
glycated hemoglobin,  
8.28%



## B Change in Body Weight from Wk 0 to Wk 40

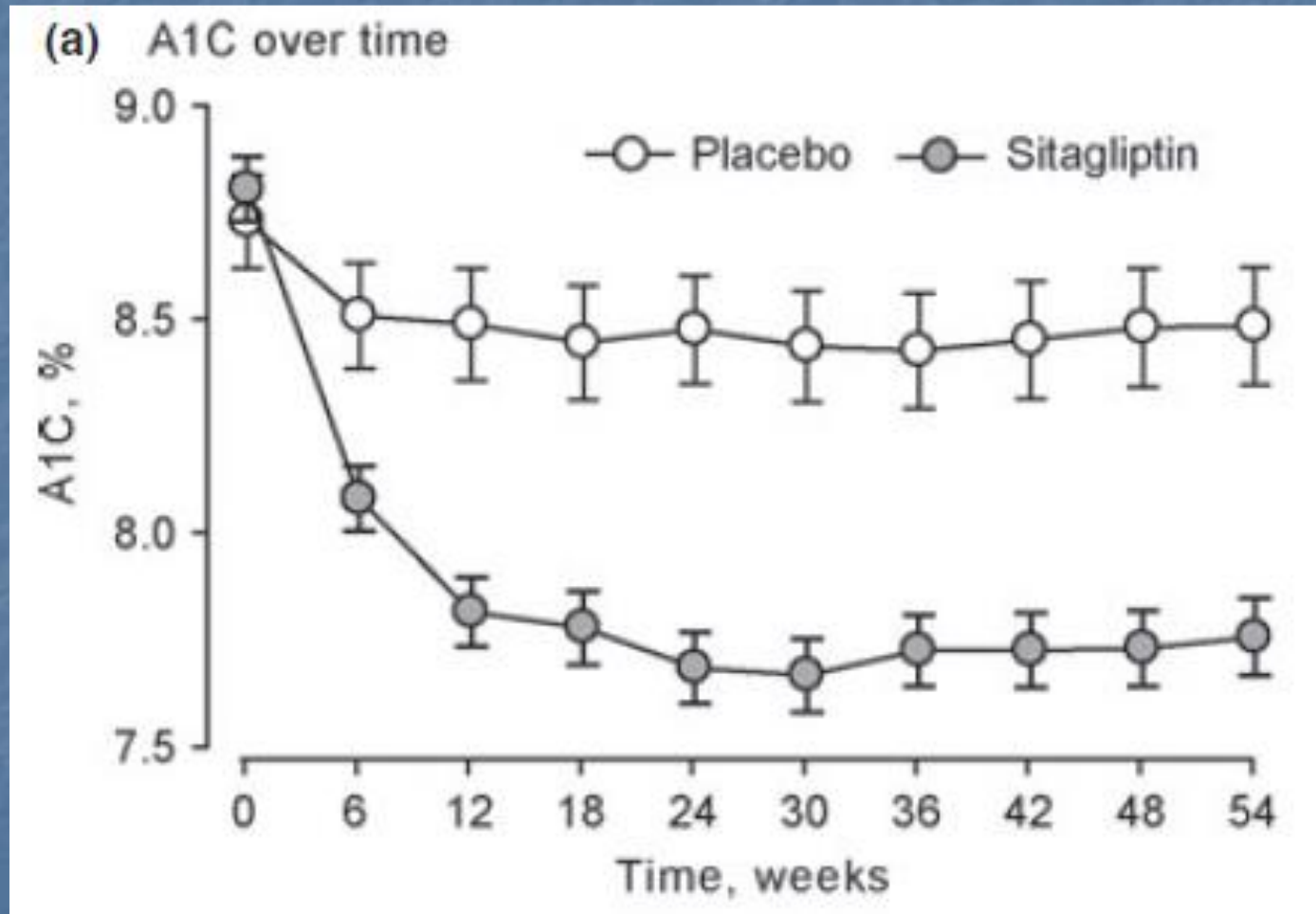
● Tirzepatide, 5 mg    ▼ Tirzepatide, 10 mg    ◆ Tirzepatide, 15 mg    ○ Semaglutide, 1 mg



# GLP-1 agonist: Take home message

- Powerful hypoglycemic effect with weight loss and no hypoglycemia
- Can be used instead of insulin in most patients with type 2 diabetes
- Can be added to basal insulin instead of adding prandial insulin
- Not tolerated because of GI side effects in ~ 10-15% of patients
- Most, but not all GLP-1 agonists provide CVD benefits in patients with established CVD or at high risk for CVD
- Possible CKD protection

# Efficacy of sitagliptin in patients with type 2 diabetes



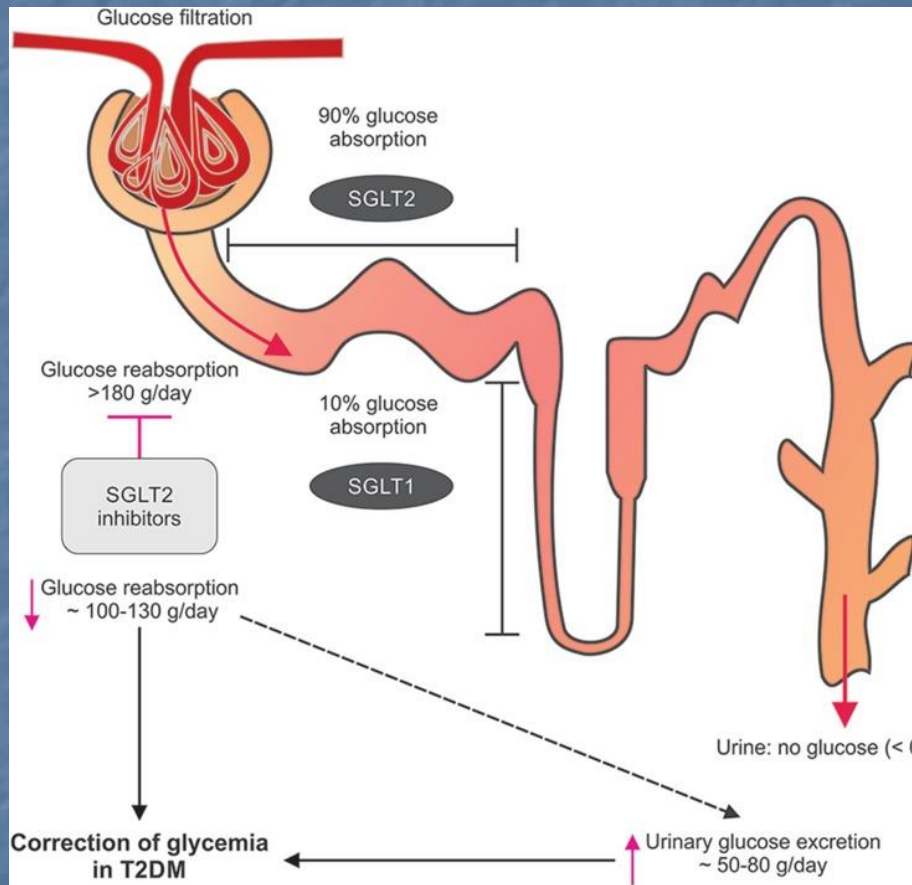
# DPP-4 Inhibitors

- Sitagliptin (Januvia<sup>®</sup>) 2006
  - 100 mg po qd (reduce dose in renal insufficiency)
- Saxagliptin (Onglyza<sup>®</sup>) 2009
  - 2.5 or 5 mg po qd (reduce dose in renal insufficiency)
- Linagliptin (Tradjenta<sup>®</sup>) 2011
  - 2.5 mg po qd (no renal adjustment)
- Alogliptin (Nesina<sup>®</sup>) 2013
  - 25 mg po qd (reduce dose in renal insufficiency)

# DPP-4 Inhibitors: Take home message

- Less powerful than sulfonylureas
- Minimal risk of hypoglycemia
- No weight gain
- Easy to use and tolerate
- Neutral effects on cardiovascular disease

# Sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitors

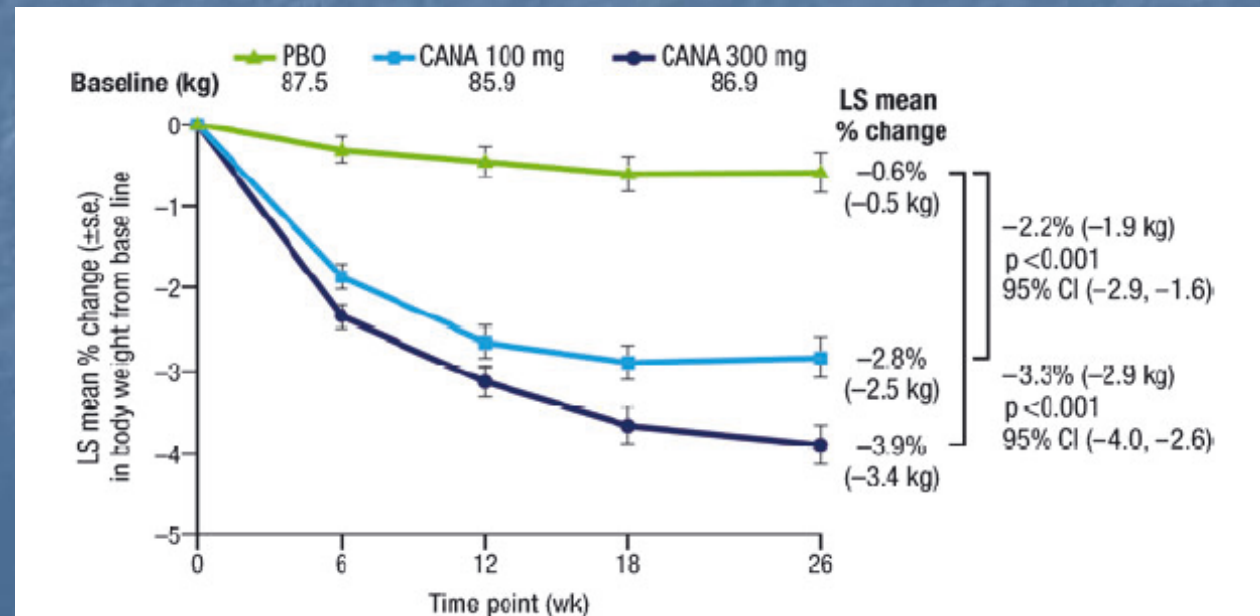
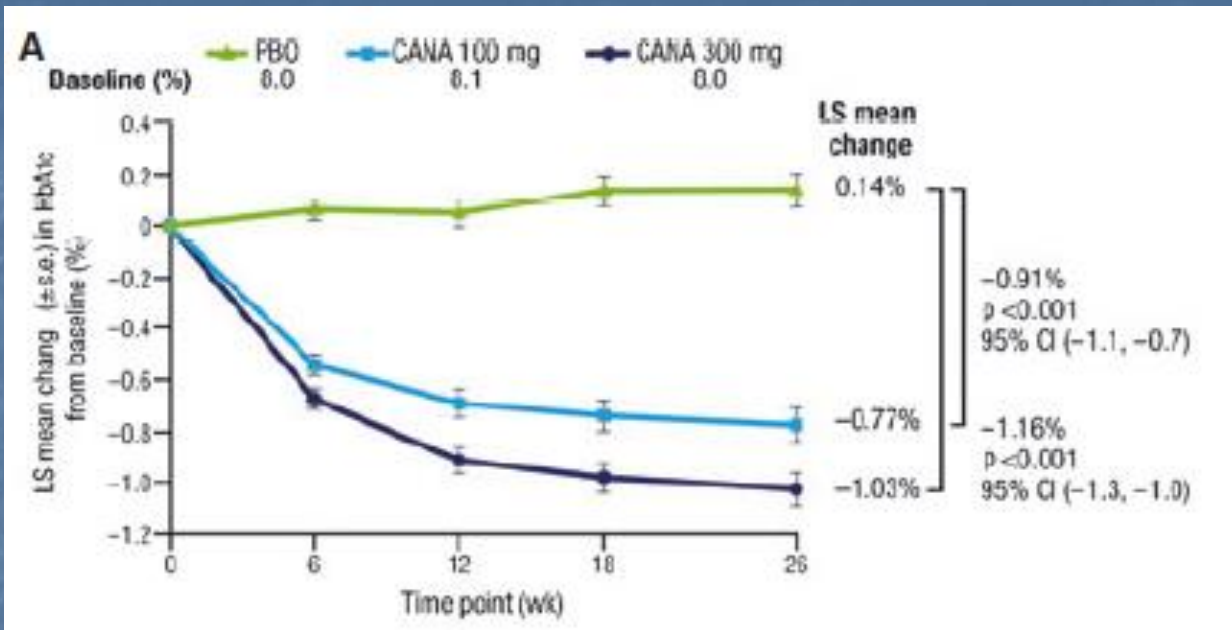


- SGLT2:
  - High-capacity, low-affinity: 90% glucose reabsorption, located in segment 1 proximal convoluted tubule
- Blockade of SGLT-2
  - Osmotic diuresis (glucosuria)
  - Lower blood pressure (2-5 mmHg)
  - Decreased uric acid
  - Self-limited glucose lowering
  - Self-limited weight loss
- Drugs
  - Canagliflozin, empagliflozin, dapagliflozin, ertugliflozin

Kalra S, Singh V, Nagrale D. Sodium-Glucose Cotransporter-2 Inhibition and the Glomerulus: A Review. *Advances in Therapy*. 2016;33(9):1502-1518.

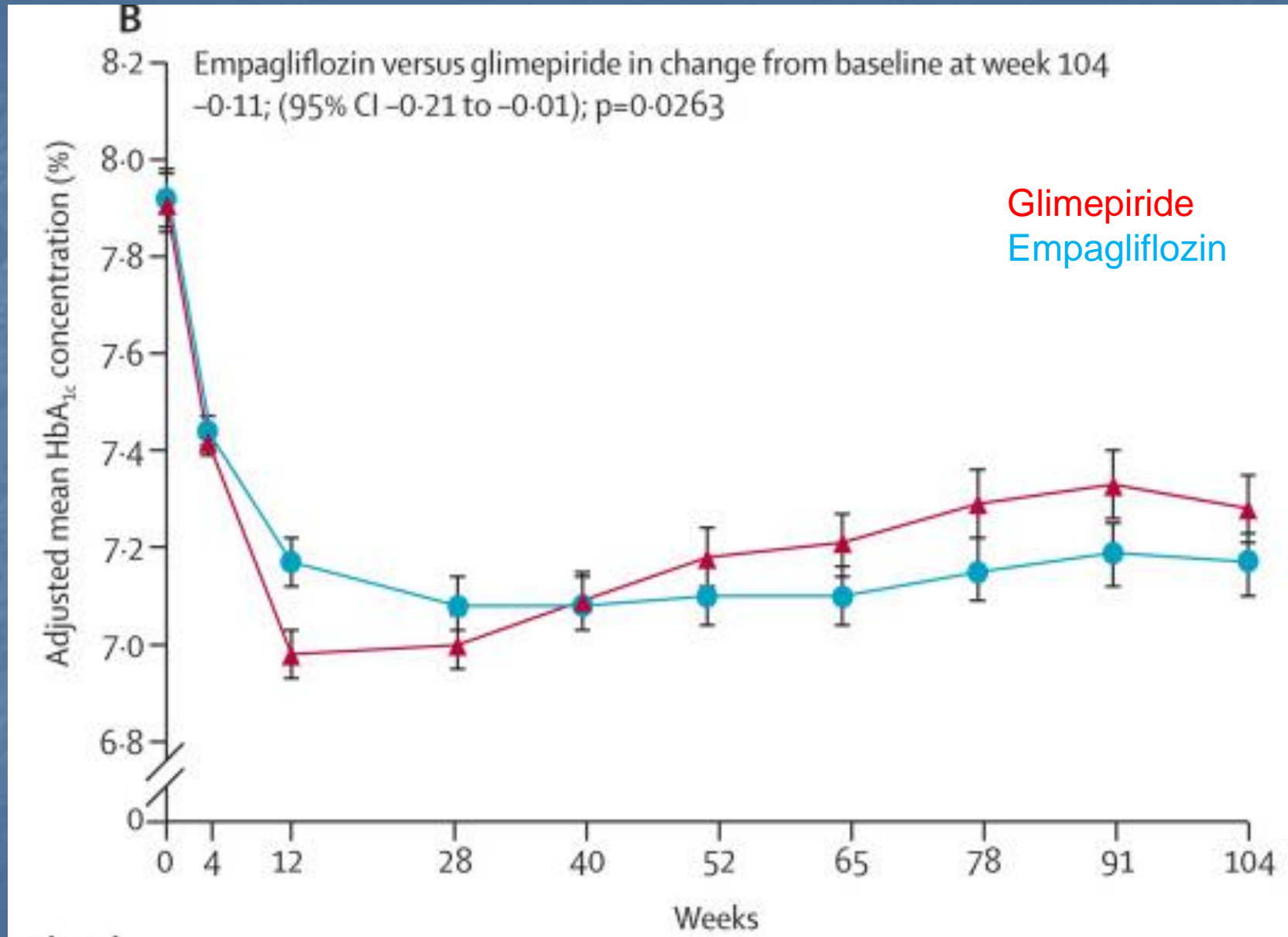


# Effects of Canagliflozin in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes



*Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism 15:372-382, 2013*

# Comparison of Empagliflozin and Glimepiride as add-on to Metformin in patients with type 2 diabetes: a 104 week randomized, active controlled, double-blind, phase 3 trial



# Adverse Events in the EMPA-REG OUTCOME Trial

	Placebo	Empagliflozin 10 mg	Empagliflozin 25 mg
UTI male	9	11	10%
UTI female	41	36	37
Gen. Infection male	2	5	5
Gen Infection female	3	9	11

# SGLT-2 Inhibitors: Clinical summary

- Variable HbA1c reduction
  - -0.5% to 2.5%, depending on starting point
- Weight reduction
  - ~2.5 kg, stabilizes
- Hypoglycemia only with insulin or sulfonylurea
- Decreased efficacy with decreasing GFR
  - Contraindicated GFR < 30 ml/min
- Adverse effects
  - Mycotic genital infections
    - Women >> men
  - Fournier Gangrene
    - 1/10,000 men, NS
  - Calciuria
    - Bone loss
  - Rarely, euglycemic DKA
    - Especially in patients with type 1 diabetes, but also in patients with insulin deficient type 2 diabetes
    - Trigger: stress (→ increased glucose demand) + ketosis + ongoing osmotic diuresis and glucosuria → DKA)

# SGLT-2 Inhibitors

- Canagliflozin (Invokana<sup>®</sup>) 2013
  - Canagliflozin should not be started in patients with eGFR < 45 mg/min
  - Doubles the risk of lower limb amputation
  - 100 mg qd, if eGFR > 60 mg/min can increase to 300 mg qd
- Dapagliflozin (Farxiga<sup>®</sup>) 2014
  - 5 or 10 mg qd, do not use if eGFR < 60 mg/min
- Empagliflozin (Jardiance<sup>®</sup>) 2014
  - 10 to 25 mg qd, do not use if eGFR < 45 mg/min
- Ertugliflozin (Steglatro<sup>®</sup>) 2017
  - 5 to 15 mg qd, initiation or continuation of use is not recommended in patients with eGFR < 60 mg/min,

# SGLT-Inhibitors: Take Home Messages

- Powerful hypoglycemic effect
- Mild weight loss
- No hypoglycemia (unless used in combination with insulin or sulfonylureas)
- Well tolerated with main side effects increase in genital yeast infections
- Do not use when eGFR < 30
- Significant decrease in heart failure hospitalization, CVD events and CKD outcomes

# CVD and CKD Reduction

# Summary of early CVD Outcomes Trials

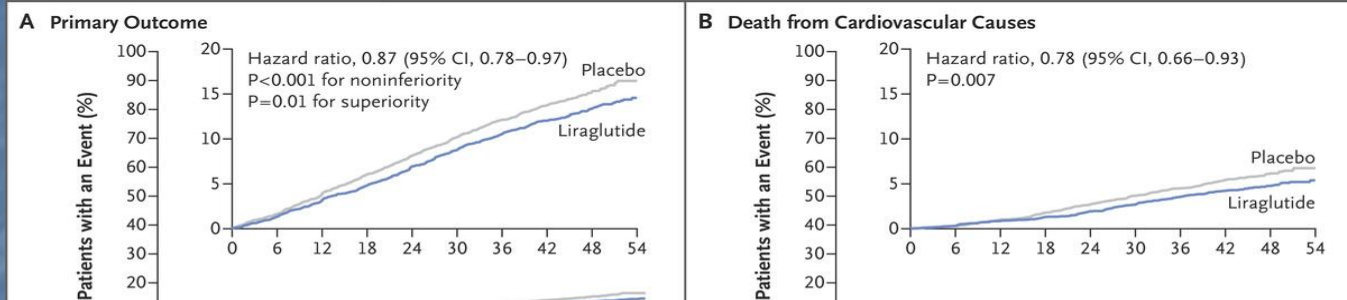
- All cardiovascular disease outcomes trials have enrolled people at high risk of CVD outcomes
- Most have had a small difference in glycemic control between the intervention and control group
  - On the order of 0.5% A1C
- It seems likely that differences in glycemic control of this magnitude, in this population, have no impact on cardiovascular disease risk



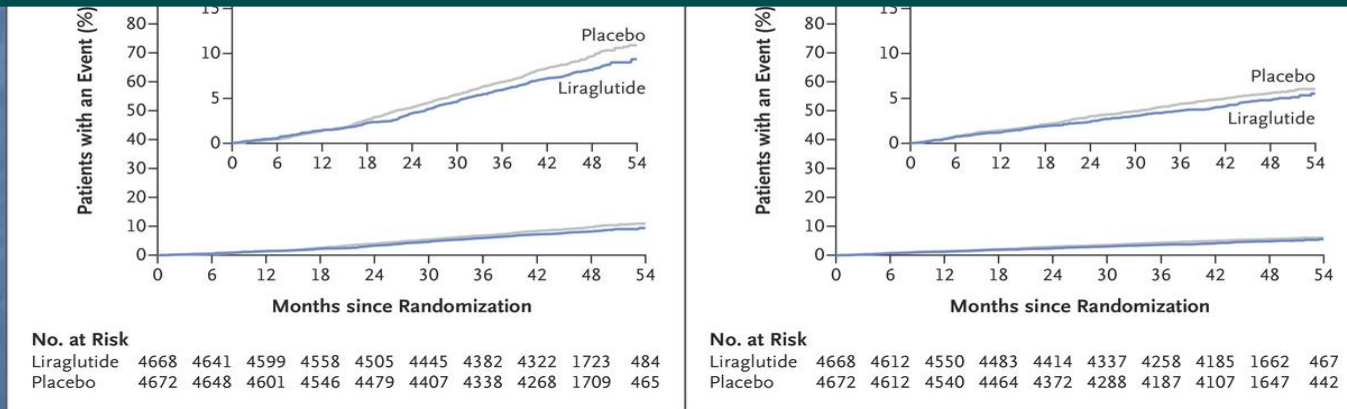
# Large CV Outcomes Trials in Diabetes post-2008

Study	SAVOR ✓	EXAMINE ✓	TECOS ✓	CAROLINA ✓	CARMELINA ✓
<b>DPP4-i</b>	saxagliptin ✓	alogliptin ✓	sitagliptin ✓	linagliptin ✓	linagliptin ✓
<b>Comparator</b>	placebo <b>NEUTRAL</b>	placebo <b>NEUTRAL</b>	placebo <b>NEUTRAL</b>	sulfamonomethoxime <b>NEUTRAL</b>	placebo <b>NEUTRAL</b>
<b>N</b>	16,500	5,400	14,000	6,000	8,300
<b>Results</b>	2013	2013	2015	2017	2017
Study	LEADER ✓	ELIXA ✓	SUSTAIN 6 ✓	EXSCEL ✓	REWIND ✓
<b>GLP1-RA</b>	liraglutide ✓	lixisenatide ✓	semaglutide ✓	exenatide LR ✓	dulaglutide ✓
<b>Comparator</b>	placebo <b>+</b>	placebo <b>NEUTRAL</b>	placebo <b>+</b>	placebo <b>NEUTRAL</b>	placebo <b>+</b>
<b>N</b>	16,500	14,000	6,000	5,400	8,300
<b>Results</b>	2016	2015	2016	2018	2019
Study	EMPA-REG ✓	CANVAS ✓	DECLARE ✓	VERTIS CV ✓	
<b>SGLT-2-i</b>	empagliflozin ✓	canagliflozin ✓	dapagliflozin ✓	ertugliflozin ✓	
<b>Comparator</b>	placebo <b>+</b>	placebo <b>+</b>	placebo <b>+</b>	placebo <b>NEUTRAL</b>	
<b>N</b>	7300	4300	22,200	3900	
<b>Results</b>	2015	2017	2019	2020	

# Liraglutide: LEADER Outcomes



Primary outcome  
 (CVD death, non-fatal MI, stroke) HR 0.87 (0.78-0.97)  
 CVD Death HR 0.78 (0.66-0.93)  
 All-cause Death HR 0.85 (0.74-0.97)

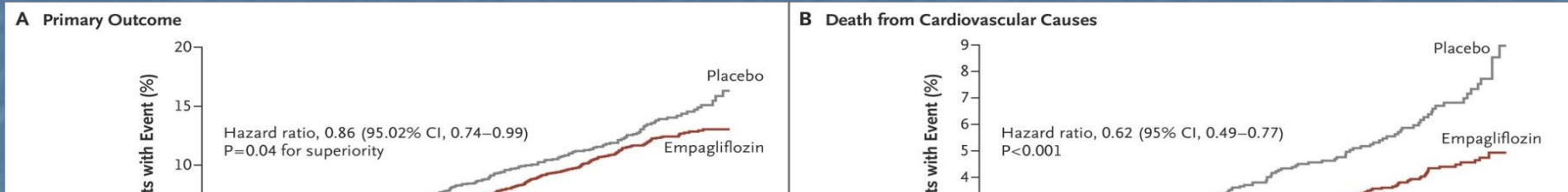


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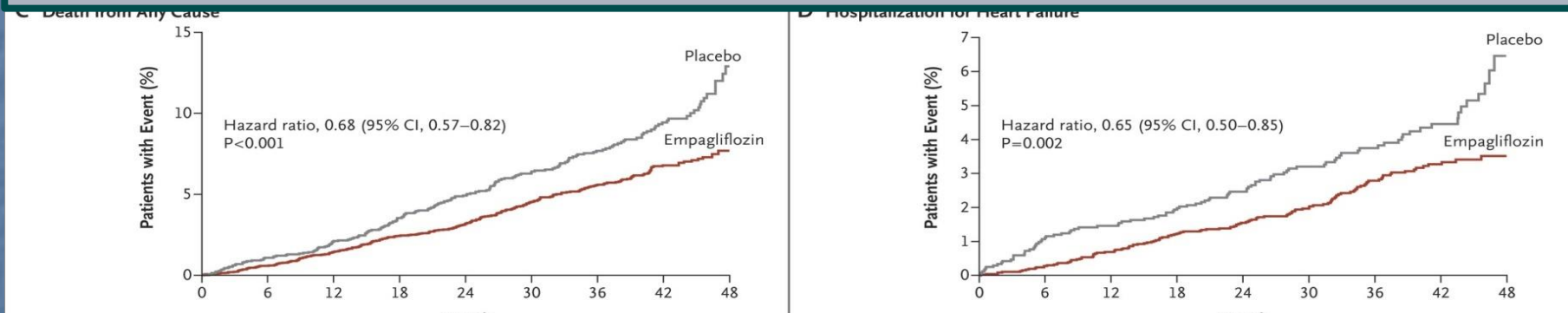
Benefit apparent at 1 year



# Empagliflozin: EMPA-REG CVD Outcomes



Primary outcome  
 (CVD death, non-fatal MI, stroke) HR 0.86 (0.74-0.99)  
 CVD Death HR 0.62 (0.49-0.77)  
 All-cause Death HR 0.68 (0.57-0.82)



No. at Risk	0	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48
Empagliflozin	4687	4651	4608	4571	4534	4497	4460	4423	4386
Placebo	2333	2303	2280	2257	2234	2211	2188	2165	2142

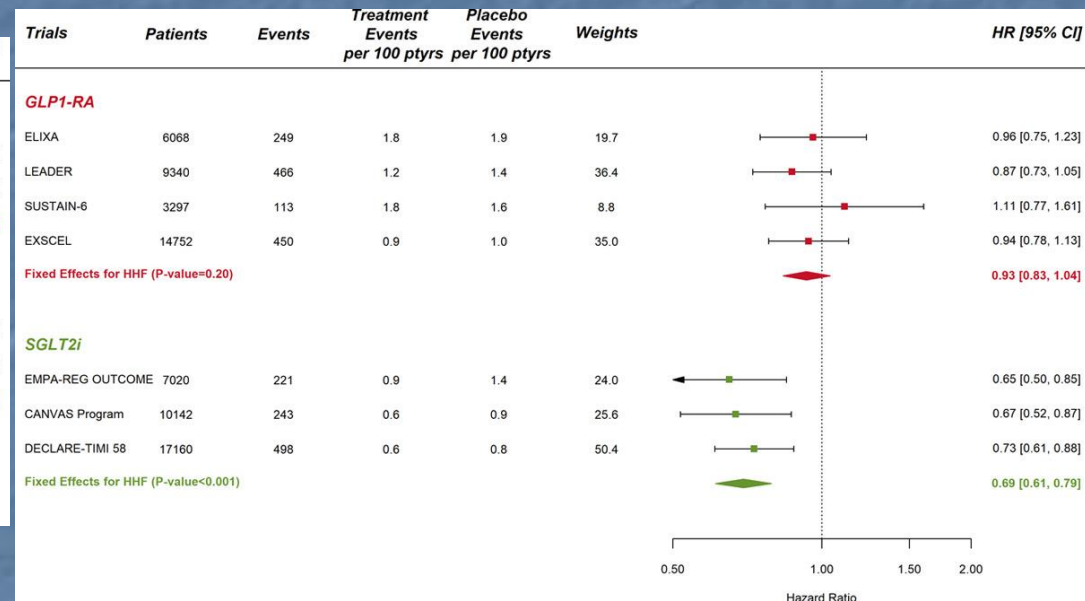
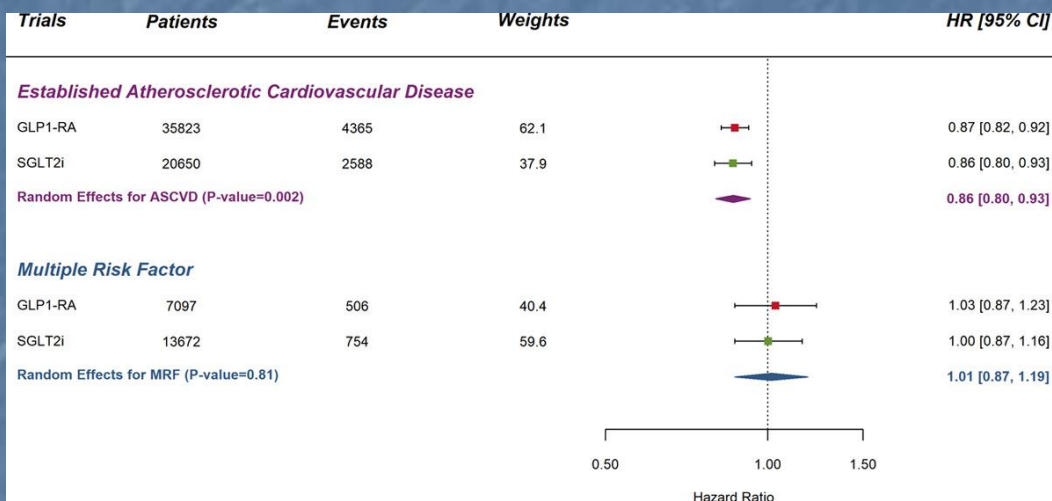
CVD benefit apparent at 3 months...  
 A1C difference ~0.5

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Empagliflozin	2487	2441	2395	2349	2303	2257	2211	2165	2119
Placebo	1202	1175	1148	1121	1094	1067	1040	1013	986

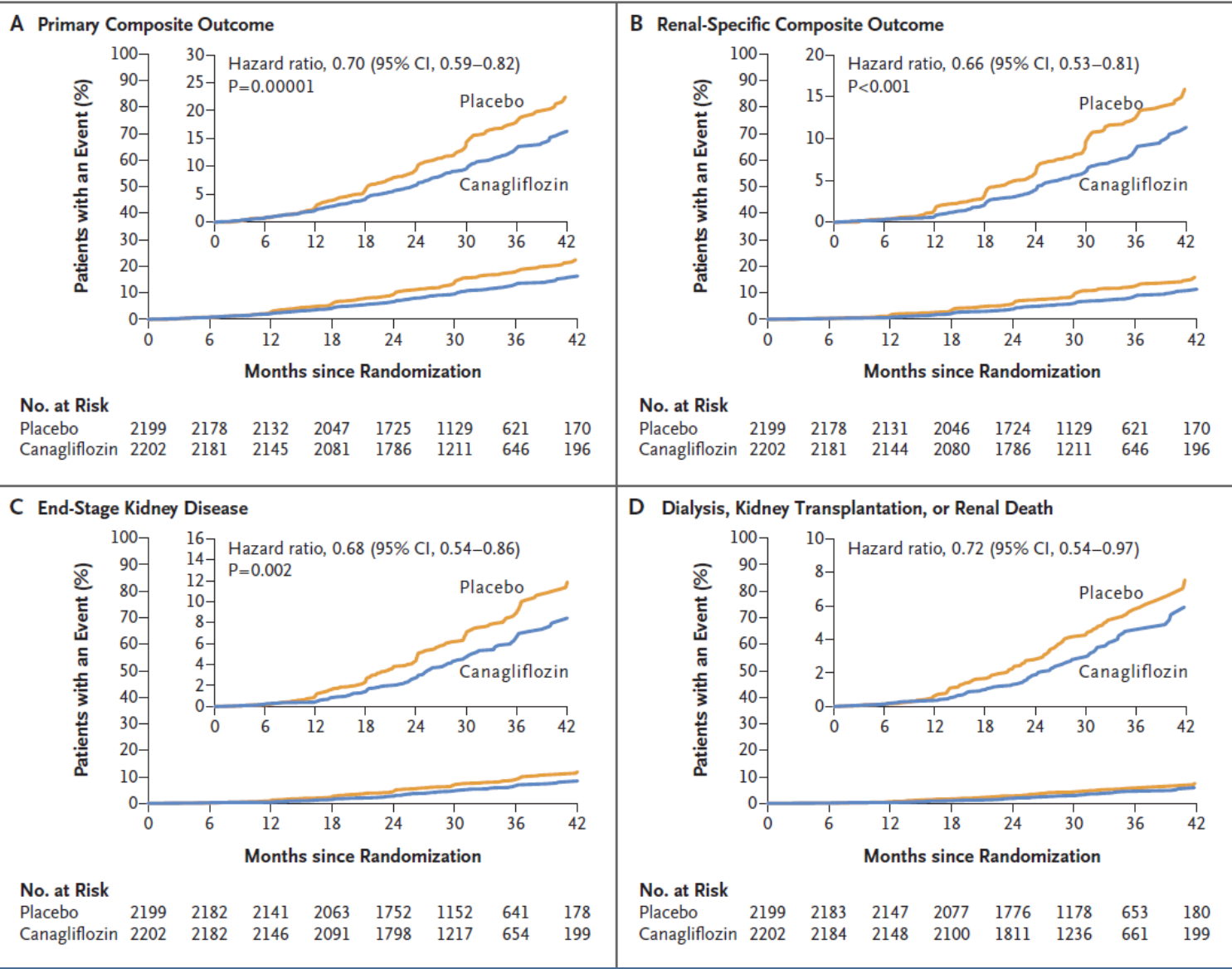
# Meta-analysis of Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials

Effect on composite of myocardial infarction, stroke and cardiovascular death

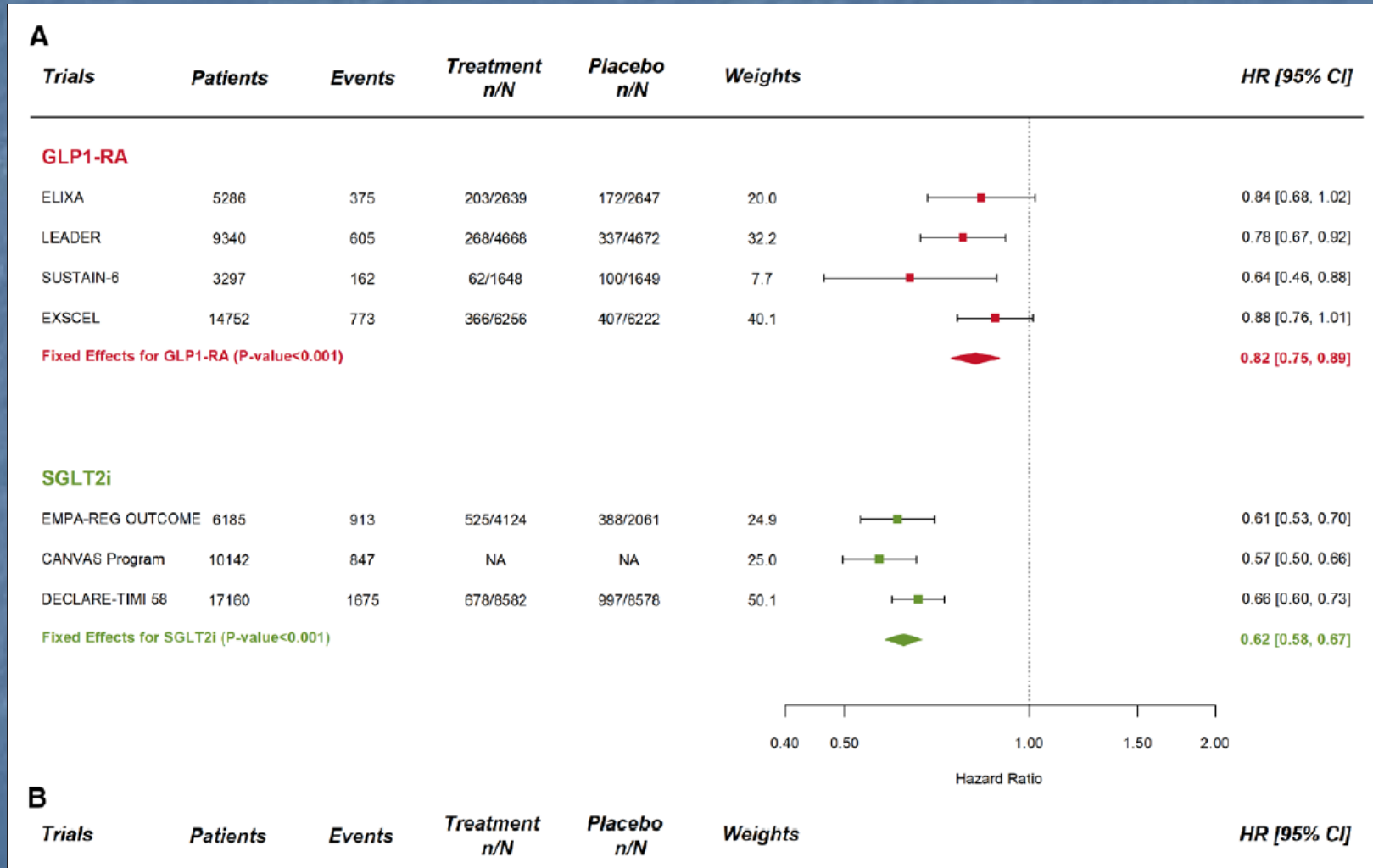
Effect on hospitalization for heart failure



# Canagliflozin and Renal Outcomes: the Credence Trial




# Meta-analysis of GLP-1 agonists and SGLT-2 inhibitor on Renal End Points



# CVD and CKD Reduction: Take Home Messages

- Long acting GLP-1 agonists and SGLT-2 inhibitors are both effective at reducing CVD disease in patients with pre-existing CVD or at high risk
- SGLT-2 inhibitors are also effective at reducing hospitalizations in patients with heart failure
- SGLT-2 inhibitors are effective at reducing CKD end points in patients with baseline eGFR > 30 ml/min
- The long acting GLP-1 agonists effects at reducing the CKD end points are mostly driven by a reduction in macroalbuminuria, excluding that particular outcome there was a non significant effect on the risk of doubling serum creatinine





THANK YOU