

# Role of SGLT-2 inhibitors in diabetes

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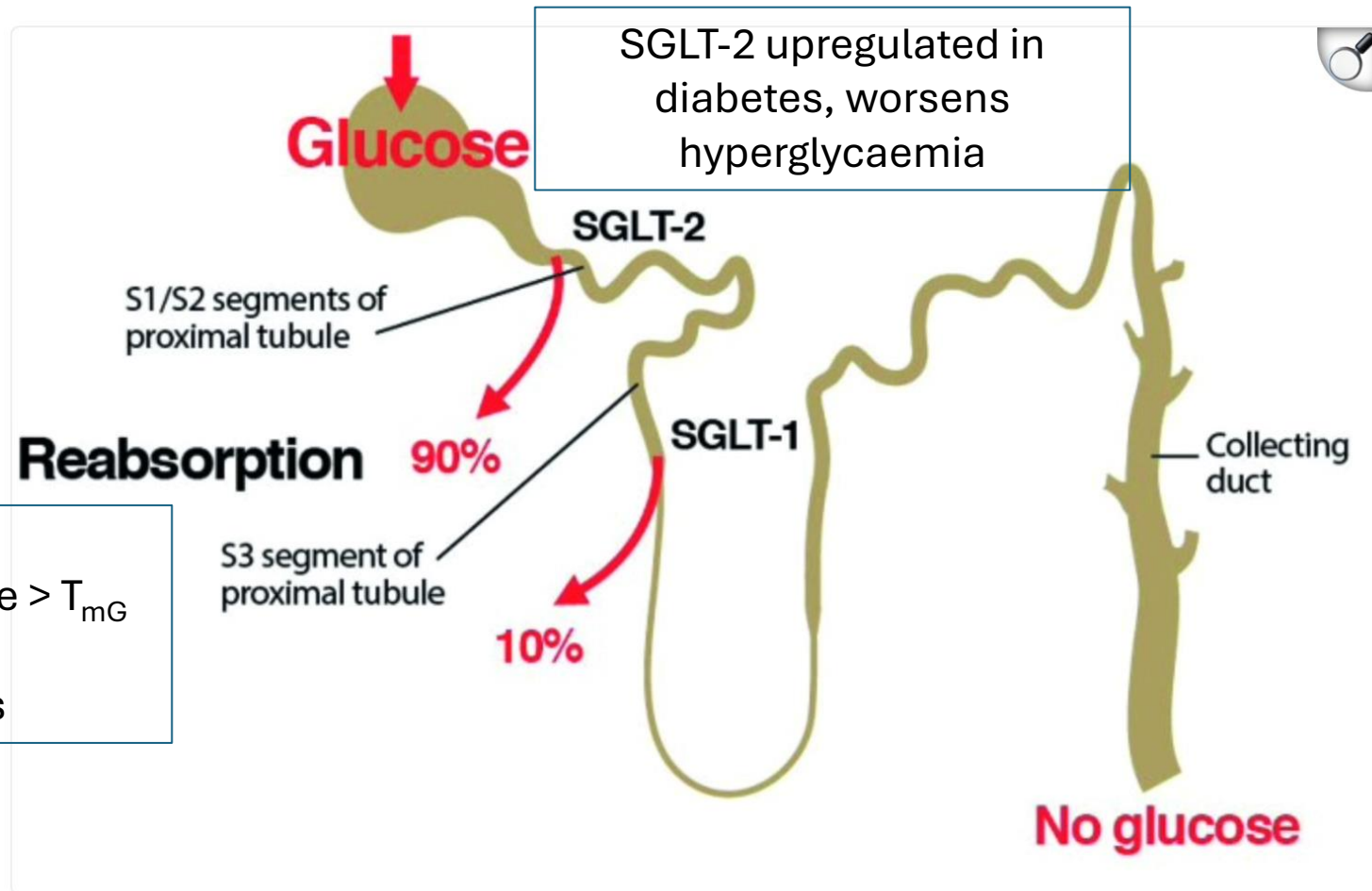
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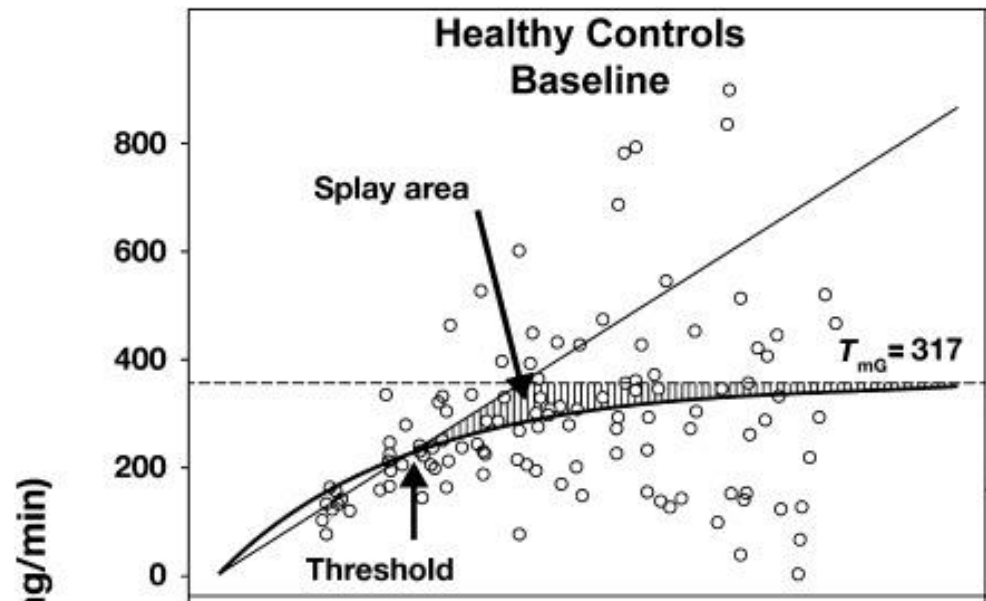
# Glucose filtration and reabsorption

162g/day (40 teaspoons)



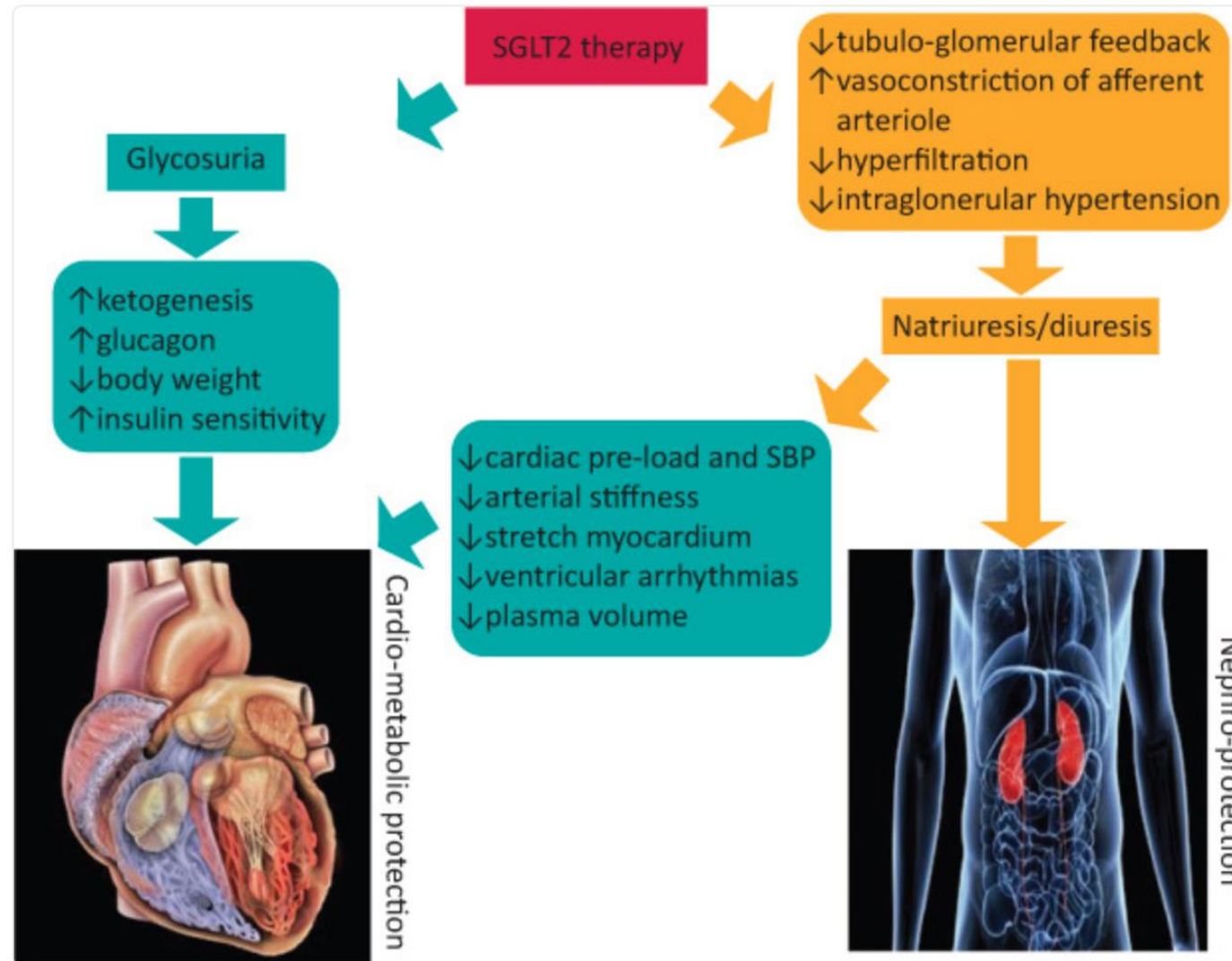
$T_{mG}$  375mg/min  
When filtered glucose >  $T_{mG}$   
= glycosuria  
 $T_{mG}$  higher in diabetes

$T_{mG}$  – renal glucose  
reabsorption capacity



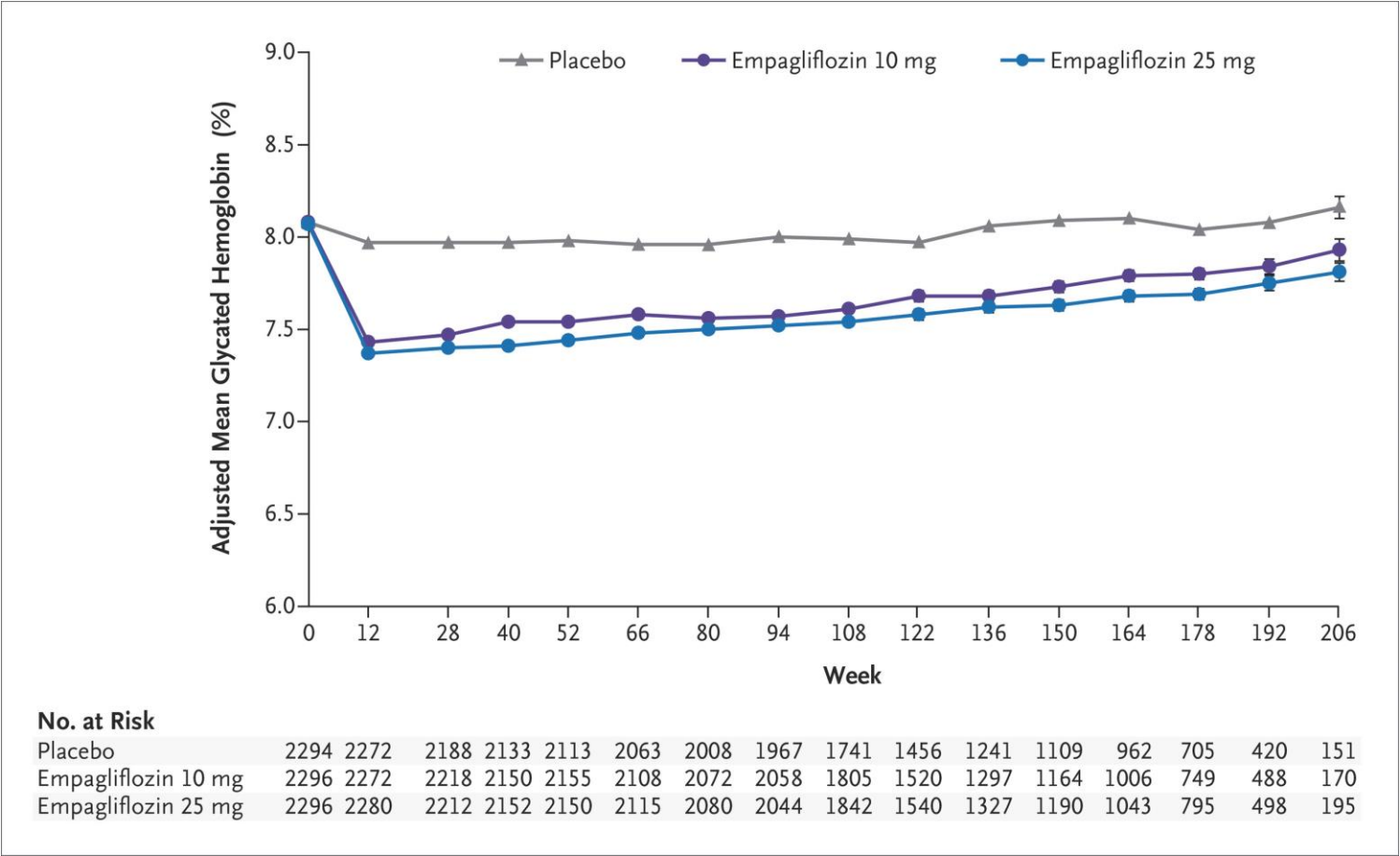
SGLT-2 inh. reduced threshold  
<4.6-6mM

# SGLT-2 inhibitors – mechanism of action

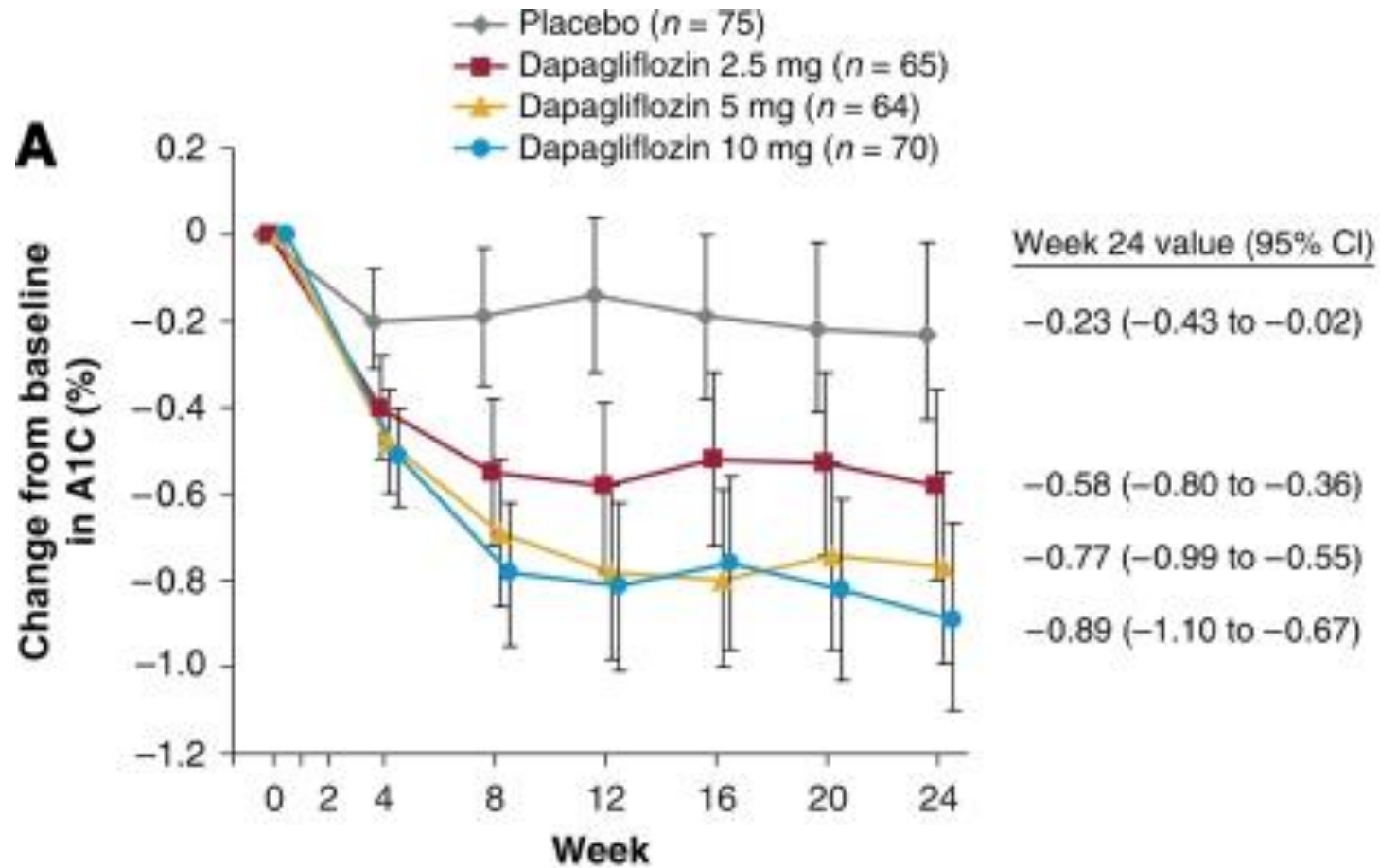


# SGLT-2 inhibitors in T2 diabetes

# Effect of Empagliflozin on glycaemic control (EMPA-REG OUTCOME)

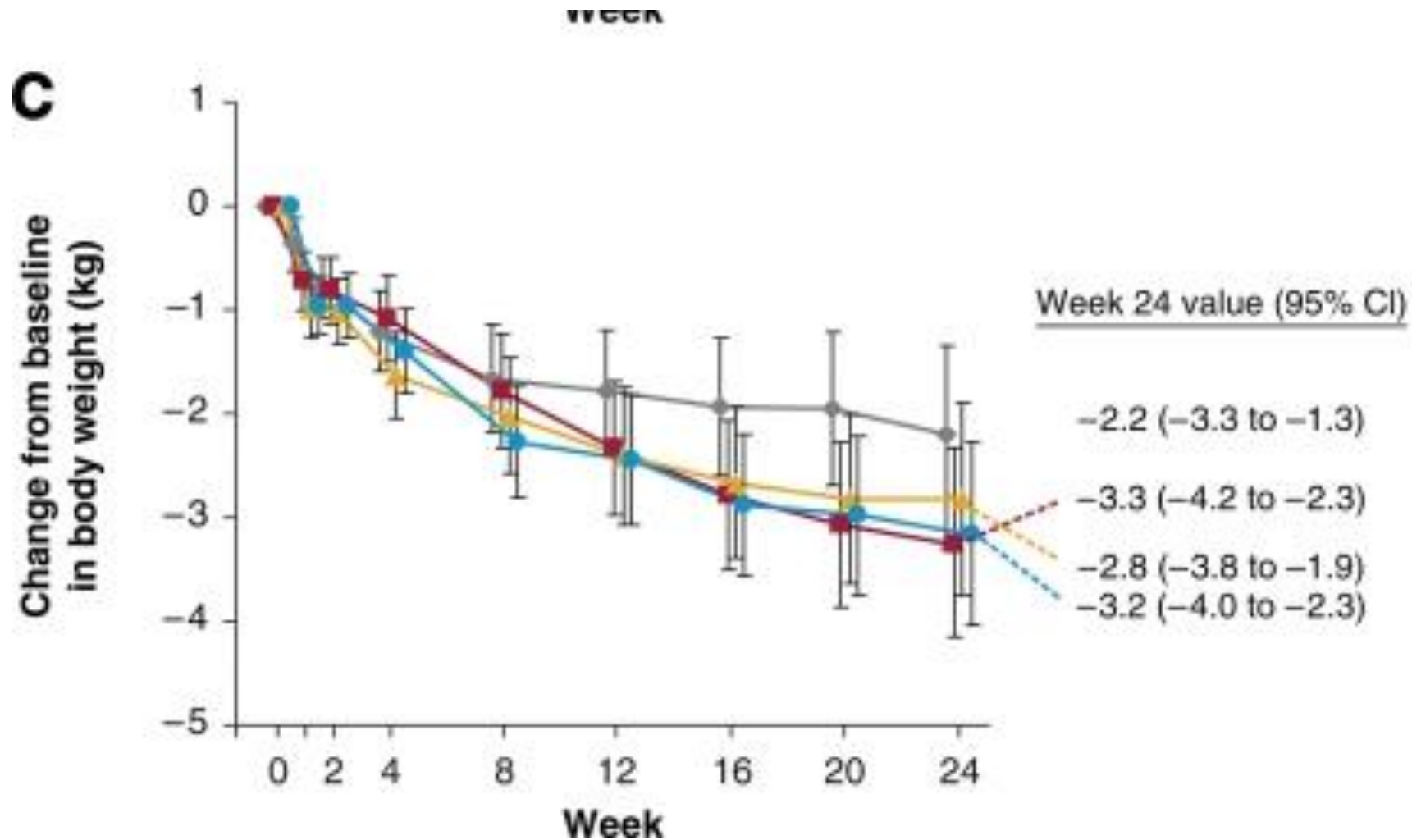


# Effect of Dapagliflozin on glycaemic control



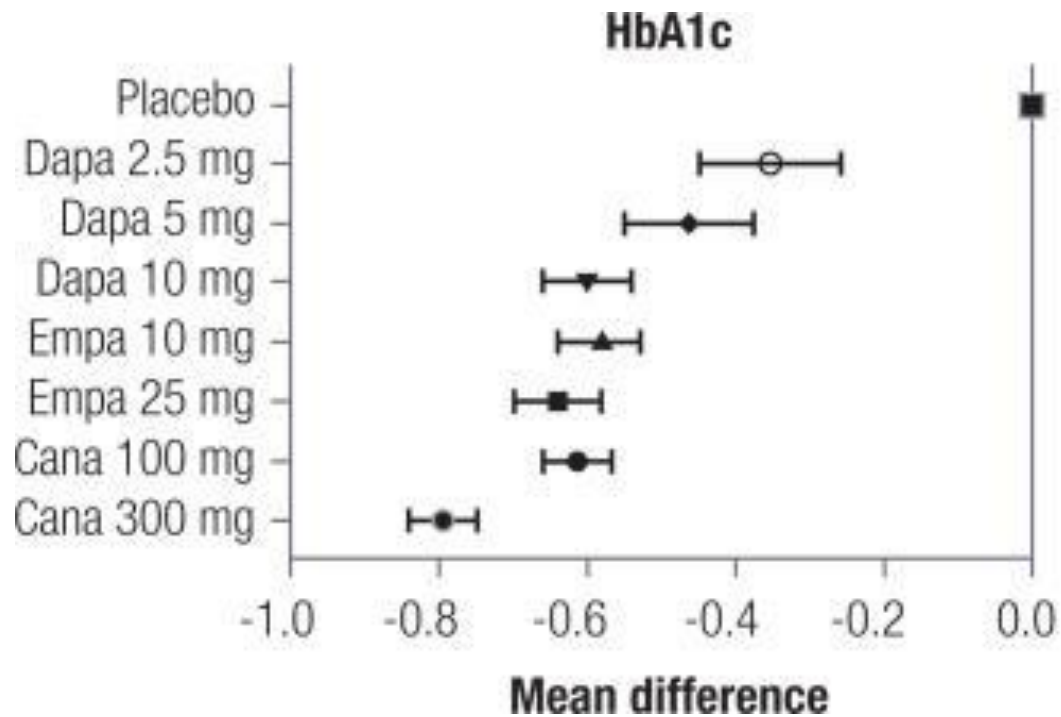


# Effect of Dapagliflozin on weight

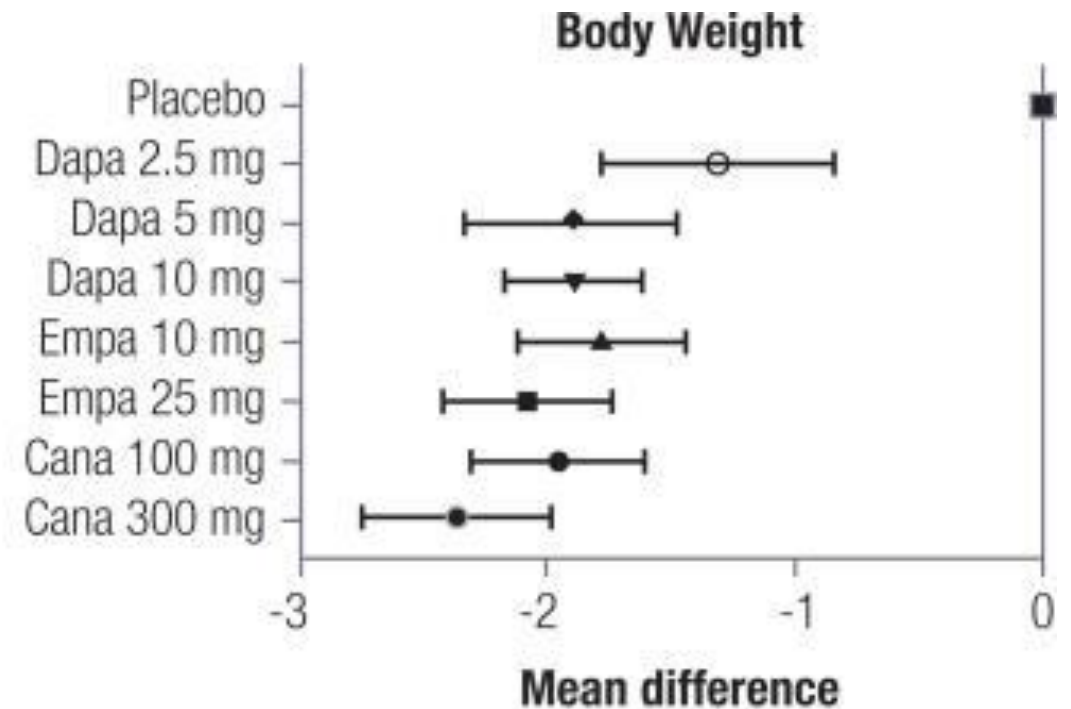


# Comparison of the effect of SGLT-2 inhibitors on HbA1c and weight

Trials were published from 2009 to 2018: 16,095 patients

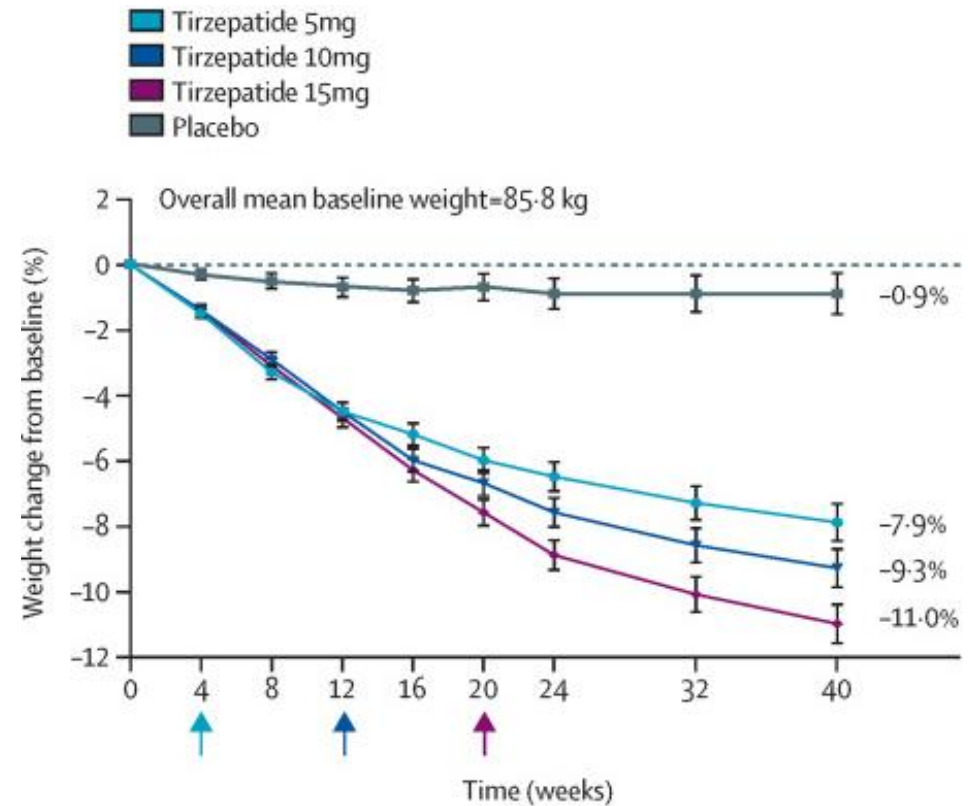
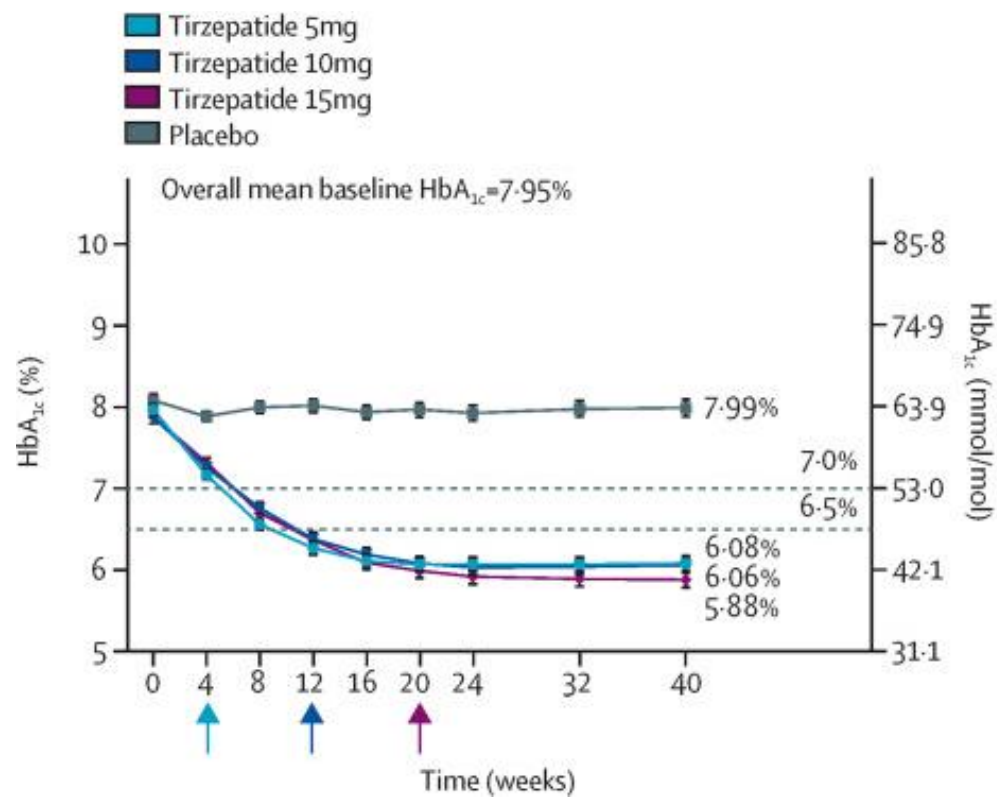


HbA1c reduction of **0.62%** (95% CI -0.66% to -0.59%)

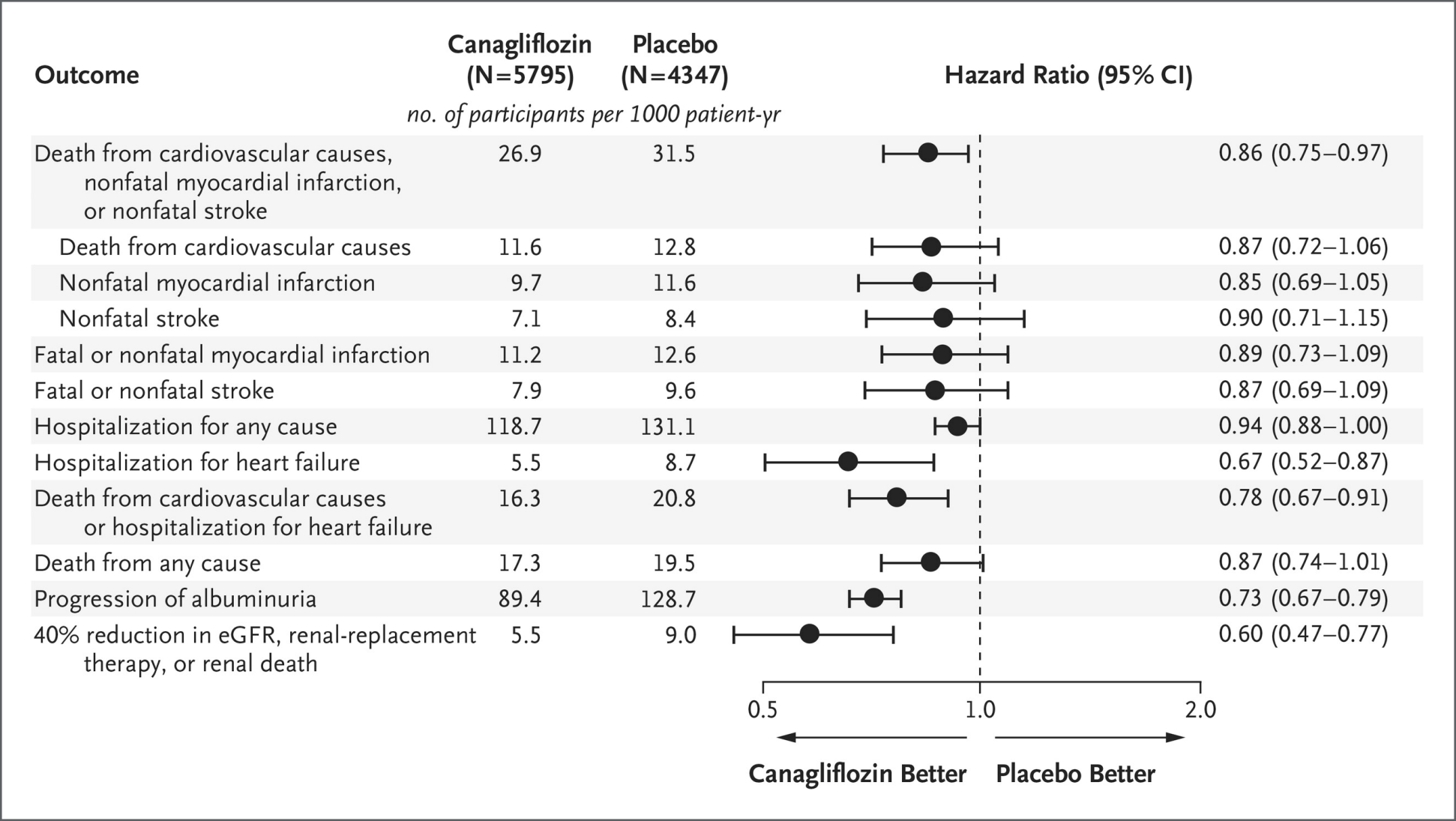


Weight reduction from **-2.36 kg** (95% CI -2.74 kg to -1.98 kg) to **-1.31 kg** (95% CI -1.78 kg to -0.84 kg)

# As a comparison... effect of Tirzepatide....



# Canagliflozin and Cardiovascular and Renal events in T2D - CANVAS



	Cardiovascular outcome trials in type 2 diabetes				Renal outcome trials		Heart failure outcome trials	
Trial drug	CANVAS canagliflozin	DECLARE TIMI-58 dapagliflozin	EMPA-REG OUTCOME empagliflozin	VERTIS-CV ertugliflozin	CREDENCE canagliflozin	DAPA-CKD dapagliflozin	DAPA-HF dapagliflozin	EMPEROR- REDUCED empagliflozin
n	10,142	17,160	7,020	8,246	4,401	4,304	4,744	3,730
Baseline participant characteristics	65% established CVD; 35% risk factors for CVD	40% established CVD; 60% risk factors for CVD	All established CVD	All established CVD	All T2D with established diabetic kidney disease	All chronic kidney disease with or without T2D	All HFrEF II–IV with or without T2D	All HFrEF II–IV with or without T2D
Major adverse CV event (MACE)	↓14% <sup>9</sup>	↔	↓14% <sup>12</sup>	↔	↓20% <sup>9</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CV death and hospitalisation for heart failure	↓22% <sup>10</sup>	↓17% <sup>11</sup>	↓34% <sup>13</sup>	↔	↓31% <sup>9</sup>	↓29% <sup>15</sup>	↓25% <sup>16</sup>	↓25% <sup>17</sup>
Major adverse renal events	↓47% <sup>9</sup>	↓47% <sup>11</sup>	↓39% <sup>12</sup>	↔	↓30% <sup>9</sup>	↓39% <sup>15</sup>	↔	↓50% <sup>17</sup>
Hospitalisation for heart failure	↓33% <sup>9</sup>	↓27% <sup>11</sup>	↓35% <sup>12</sup>	↓30% <sup>14</sup>	↓39% <sup>9</sup>	n/a	↓30% <sup>16</sup>	↓31% <sup>17</sup>
CV death	↔	↔	↓38% <sup>12</sup>	↔	↔	↔	↓28% <sup>16</sup>	↔
All-cause mortality	↔	↔	↓32% <sup>12</sup>	↔	↔	↓31% <sup>15</sup>	↓17% <sup>16</sup>	↔





# SGLT2 inhibitors in type 2 diabetes

A systematic review and meta-analysis of cardiovascular outcome trials balancing their benefits and risks

Benefit

Risk



Randomised clinical trials  
assessing SGLT2i  
on cardiovascular events  
in patients with type 2 diabetes



5  
trials



46,969  
participants

CardioVascular Outcomes Trials	CANVAS	CREDENCE	DECLARE- TIMI	EMPA-REG OUTCOME	VERTIS- CV
Sample size (n)	10,142	4401	17,160	7020	8246
Follow-up (years)	3.6	2.6	4.2	3.1	3
CVD* (%)	65.6	50.4	40.6	99.2	75.9

\*at baseline, CVD: cardiovascular disease

1. Estimate incident rate ratio

2. Estimate spontaneous rate (placebo groups)

3. Estimate absolute treatment effect

For 1000 patients  
treated over 3.5 years  
with SGLT2 inhibitors:

All-cause deaths decreased from 70 to 61 (-9)



MACE  
decreased  
from 104 to 95  
(-9)



HHF  
decreased  
from 37 to 26  
(-11)



ESRD  
decreased  
from 8 to 6  
(-2)



Genital infection  
increased  
from 15 to 51  
(+36)



Keto-acidosis  
increased  
from 1 to 3  
(+2)



Amputations:  
unclear

MACE: major adverse cardiovascular events, HHF: hospitalisation for heart failure, ESRD: end-stage renal disease

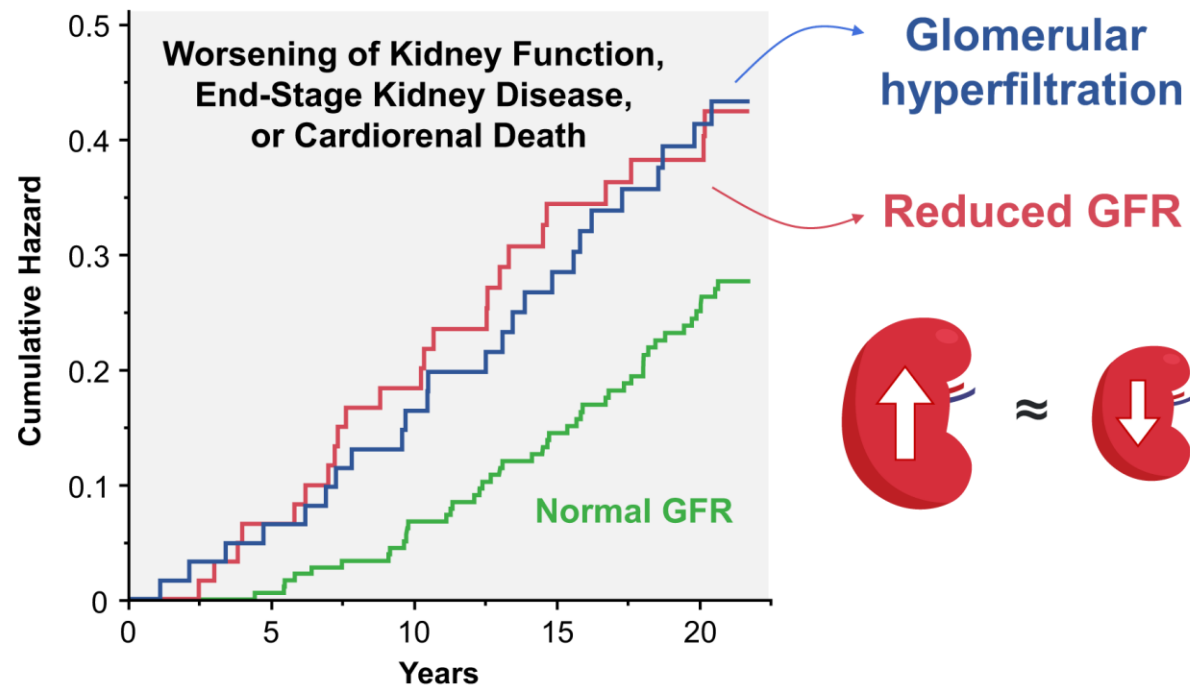
The risk–benefit ratio of SGLT2i remains in favour of their use in  
patients with type 2 diabetes and a high risk of CVD

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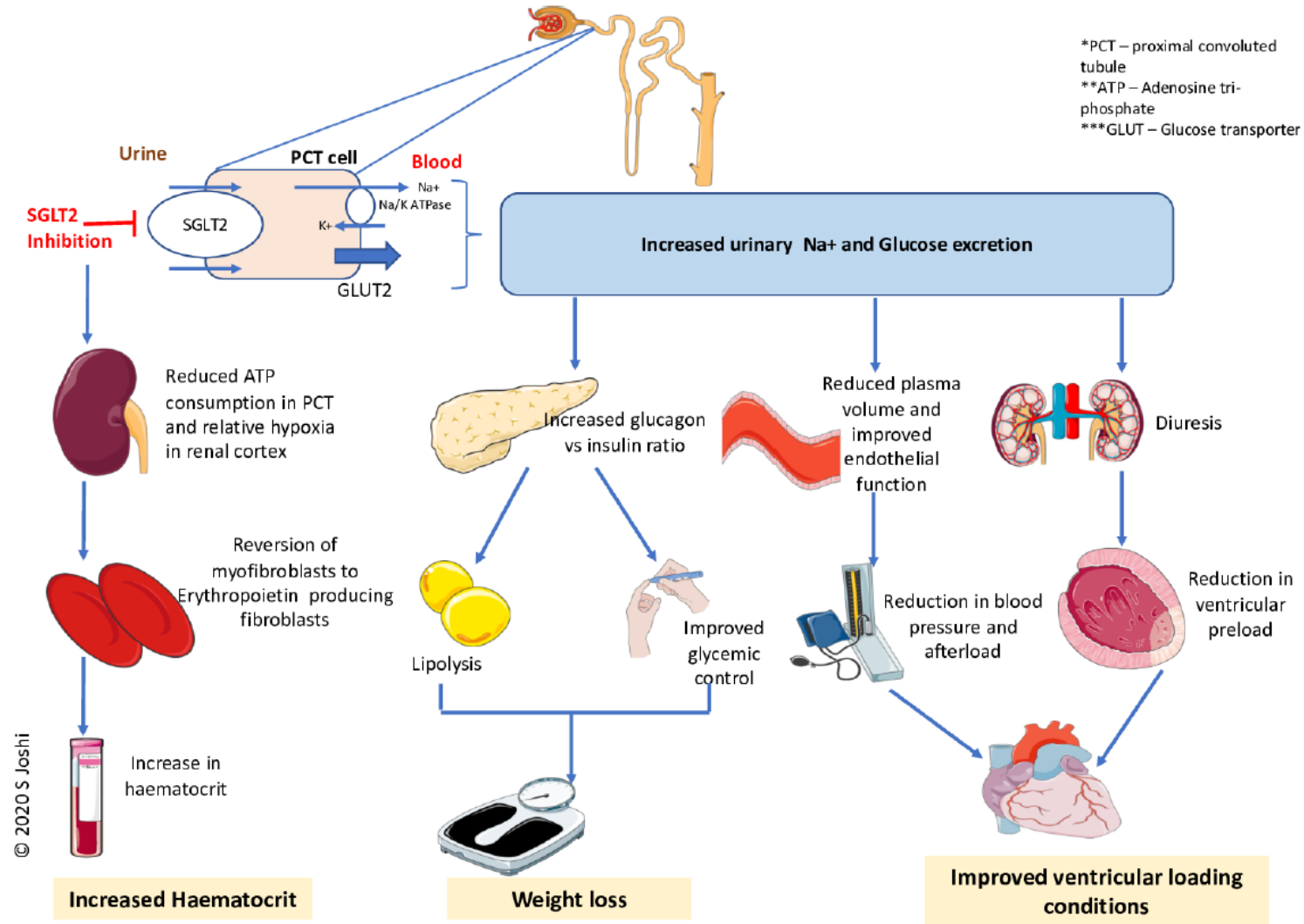
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## PROGNOSTIC ROLE OF GLOMERULAR HYPERFILTRATION

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# Cardiovascular benefit





## **Association of British Clinical Diabetologists (ABCD) and Diabetes UK joint position statement and recommendations for non-diabetes specialists on the use of sodium glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitors in people with type 2 diabetes (January 2021)**

- Adults above 18 years with T2D and one or more of the following are likely to benefit the most:
  - established / high risk of cardiovascular disease
  - chronic kidney disease with albuminuria
  - history of heart failure
  - inadequate glycaemic control with need to minimise hypoglycaemia
  - inadequate glycaemic control with need to minimise weight gain / encourage weight loss.
- Patients with a clear understanding of the risks associated with SGLT2 inhibitors and how to reduce those risks.

# SGLT-2 inhibitors - Adverse effects

Diabetologia (2022) 65:2000–2010

## Amputations

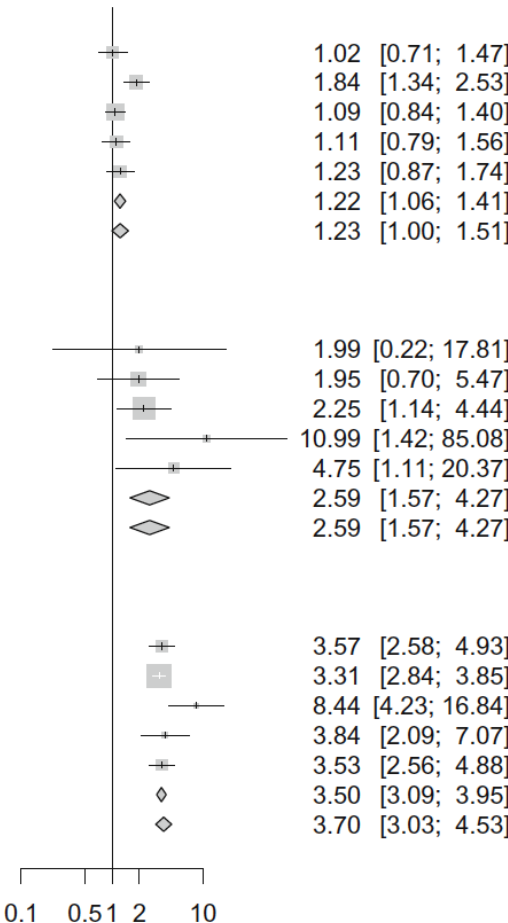
Study	Experimental Events	Experimental Time	Control Events	Control Time	IRR	95% CI
Amp						
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	88	14529.70	43	7232.30	1.02	[0.71; 1.47]
CANVAS	130	20862.00	53	15649.20	1.84	[1.34; 2.53]
DECLARE-TIMI58	123	36044.40	113	36027.60	1.09	[0.84; 1.40]
CREDENCE	70	5725.20	63	5717.40	1.11	[0.79; 1.56]
VERTIS-CV	111	16497.00	45	8241.00	1.23	[0.87; 1.74]
Fixed effect model					1.22	[1.06; 1.41]
Random effects model					1.23	[1.00; 1.51]
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 52\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0292$ , $p = 0.08$						

## DKA

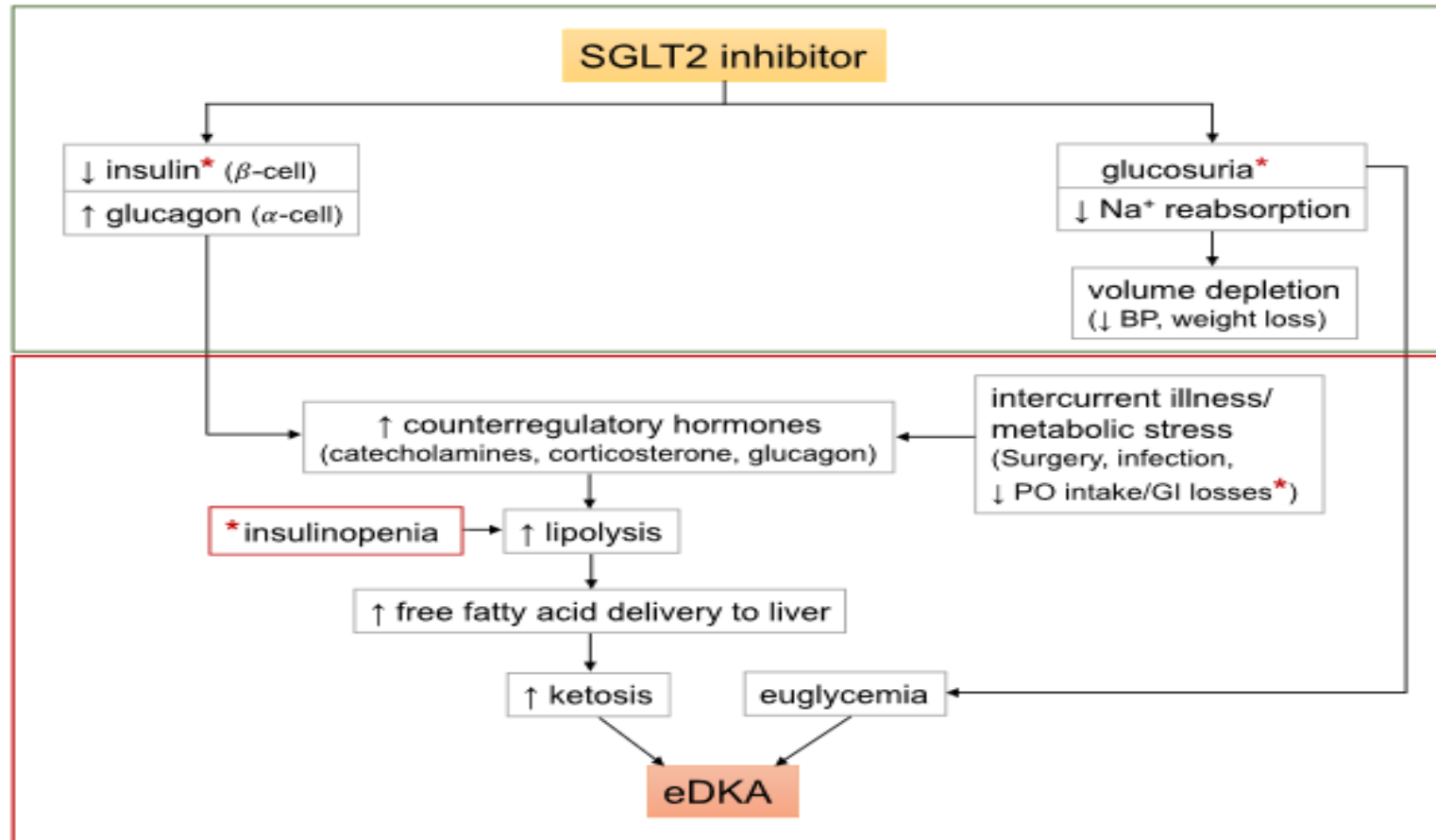
Keto						
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	4	14529.70	1	7232.30	1.99	[0.22; 17.81]
CANVAS	13	20862.00	5	15649.20	1.95	[0.70; 5.47]
DECLARE-TIMI58	27	36044.40	12	36027.60	2.25	[1.14; 4.44]
CREDENCE	11	5725.20	1	5717.40	10.99	[1.42; 85.08]
VERTIS-CV	19	16497.00	2	8241.00	4.75	[1.11; 20.37]
Fixed effect model					2.59	[1.57; 4.27]
Random effects model					2.59	[1.57; 4.27]
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 0\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0$ , $p = 0.54$						

## GU infections

Gen						
EMPA-REG OUTCOME	301	14529.70	42	7232.30	3.57	[2.58; 4.93]
CANVAS	890	20862.00	202	15649.20	3.31	[2.84; 3.85]
DECLARE-TIMI58	76	36044.40	9	36027.60	8.44	[4.23; 16.84]
CREDENCE	50	5725.20	13	5717.40	3.84	[2.09; 7.07]
VERTIS-CV	297	16497.00	42	8241.00	3.53	[2.56; 4.88]
Fixed effect model					3.50	[3.09; 3.95]
Random effects model					3.70	[3.03; 4.53]
Heterogeneity: $I^2 = 42\%$ , $\tau^2 = 0.0206$ , $p = 0.14$						



# Mechanism of Euglycaemic DKA (Eu DKA)



## **Association of British Clinical Diabetologists (ABCD) and Diabetes UK joint position statement and recommendations for non-diabetes specialists on the use of sodium glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitors in people with type 2 diabetes (January 2021)**

### **Use with caution in the following situations:**

- Ketogenic diet
- Body mass index under 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- High risk of acute effects of hyperglycaemia (such as dehydration due to non-adherence to medication)
- HbA1c >86 mmol/mol
- Frailty
- Cognitive impairment as it may interfere with the adequate understanding to take action to prevent and identify DKA
- Recent weight loss
- Long duration of diabetes (generally over 10 years from diagnosis)

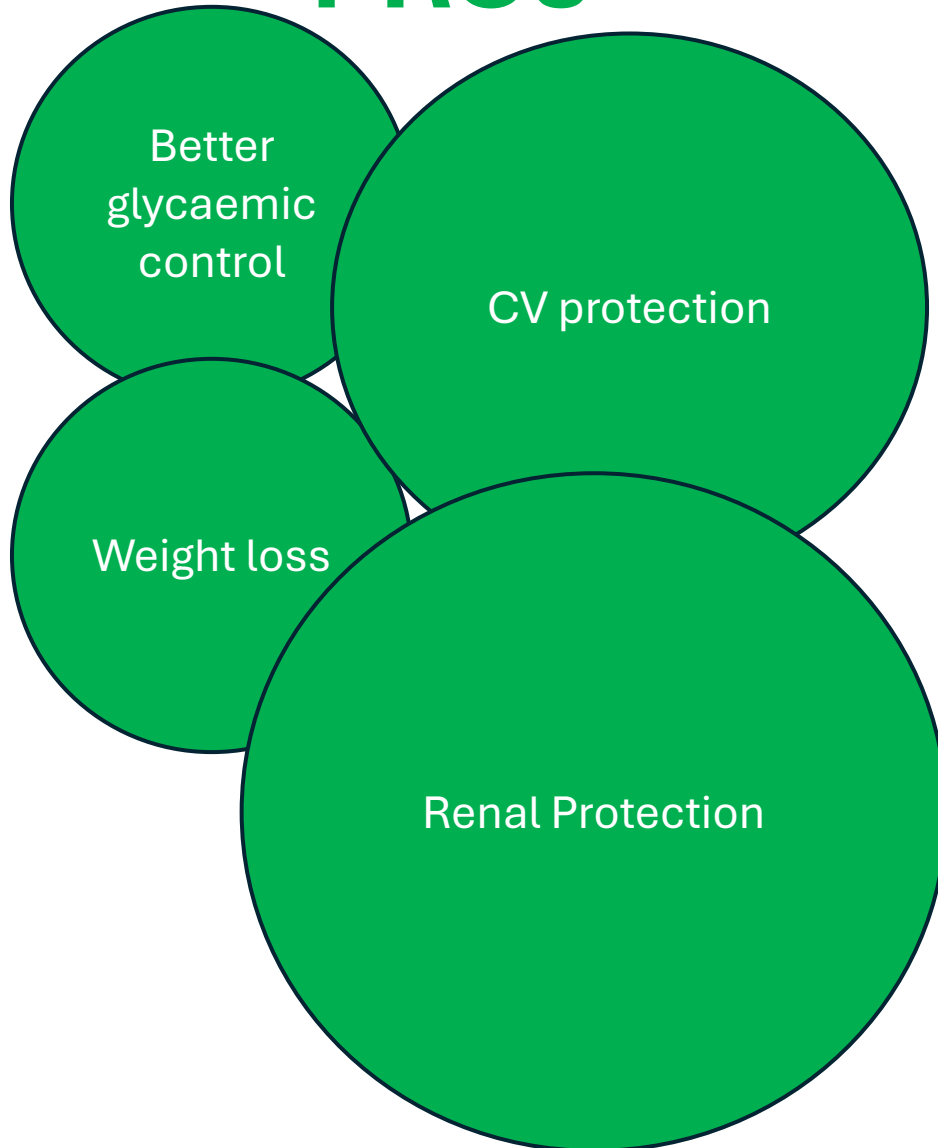
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- Suspend SGLT2 inhibitors in the following circumstances:
  - acute medical admission including COVID-19
  - admission for elective surgery or procedure requiring starvation
  - vomiting
  - dehydration.
- Restart only AFTER patient has been eating normally for AT LEAST 24 hours AND no longer acutely unwell.
- Alternative diabetes treatment may be required in the interim.

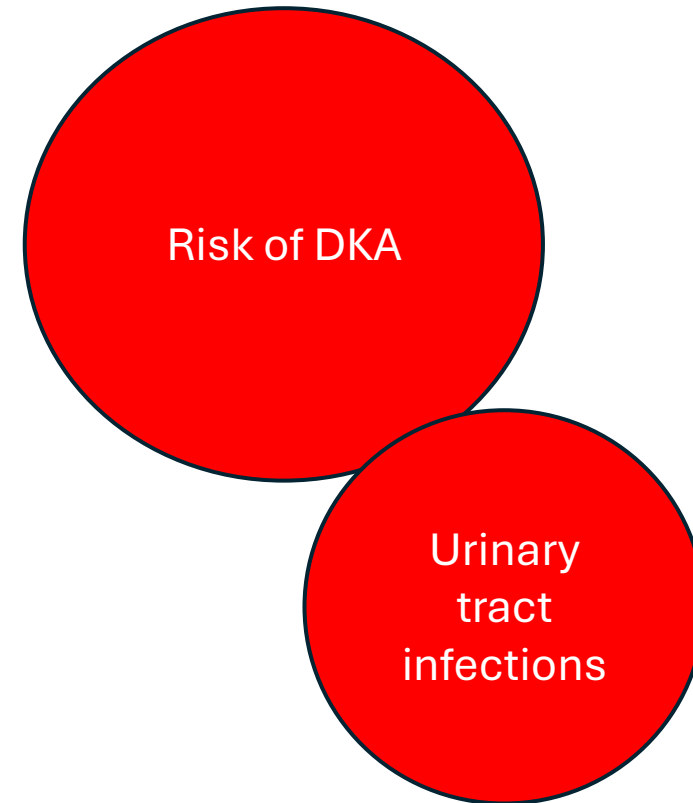
**SGLT-2 inhibitors in T1 diabetes**

# Role of SGLT-2 inhibitors in T1D patients - UNLICENCED

## PROs



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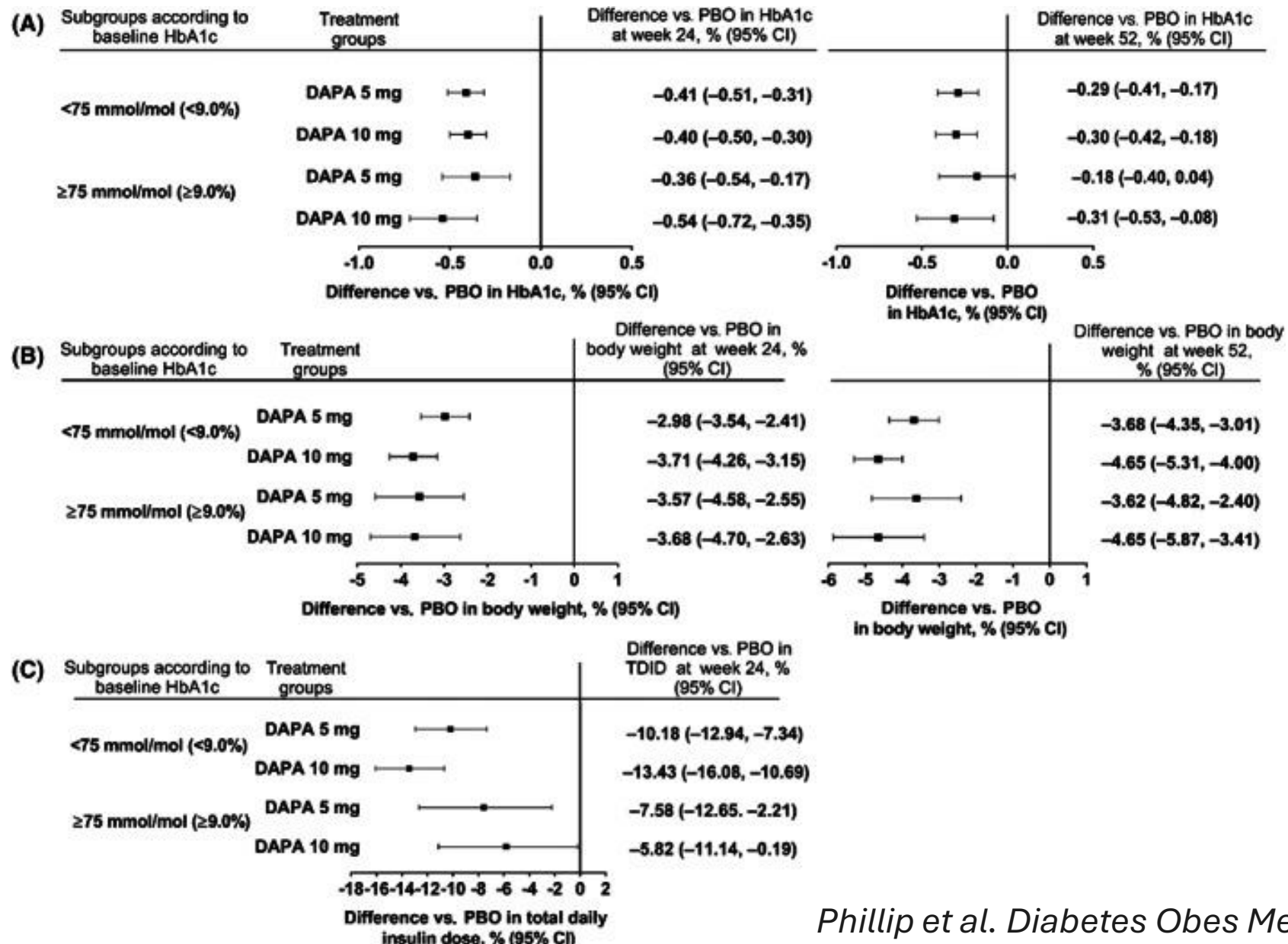


# DEPICT-1 and DEPICT-2 studies

- Randomized, double-blind studies
- Adults with T1D and HbA1c 7.5%-10.5%
- Randomized (1:1:1) to receive dapagliflozin 5 mg, 10 mg or placebo.
- Efficacy analyses included 530, 529 and 532 and safety analysis included 548, 566 and 532 patients in the dapagliflozin 5 mg, 10 mg and placebo groups, respectively.



# DEPICT 1 and DEPICT 2 – effect on glyc.control/insulin dose/weight by HbA1c

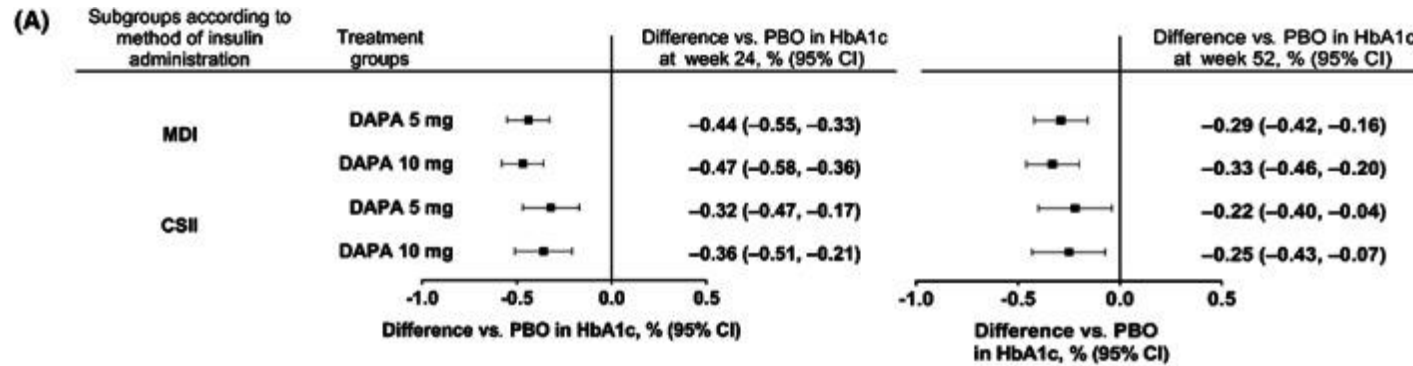


HbA1c

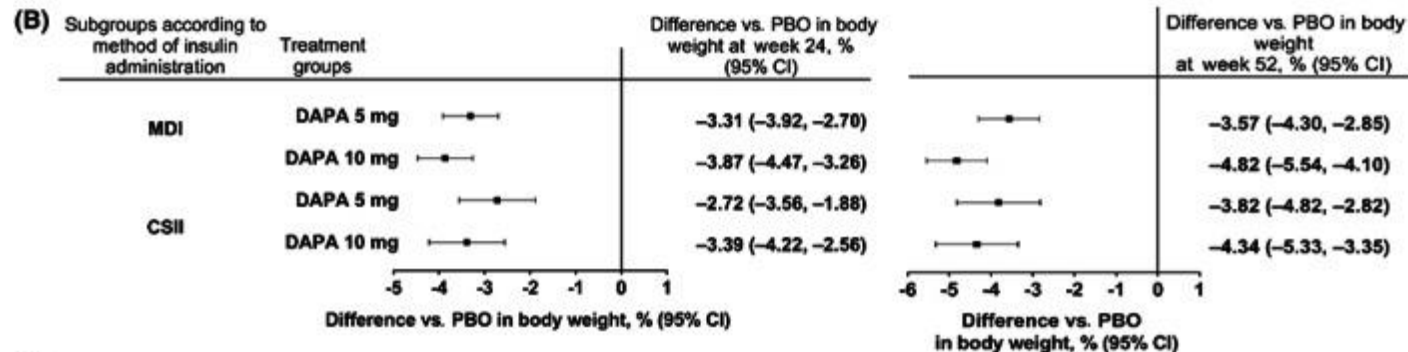
Weight

Insulin dose

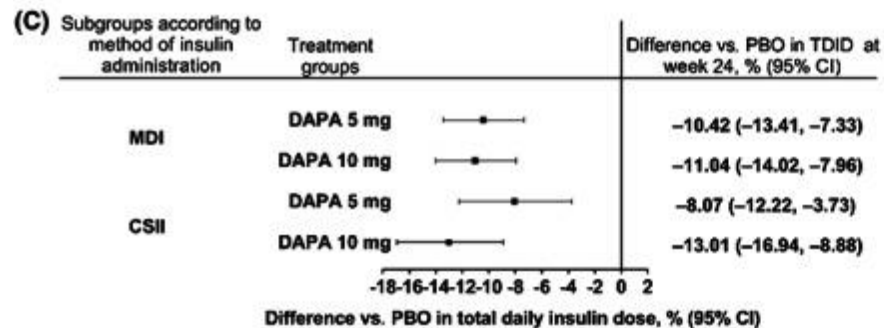
# DEPICT 1 and DEPICT 2 – effect on glyc.control/insulin dose/weight by method of insulin delivery



HbA1c



Weight



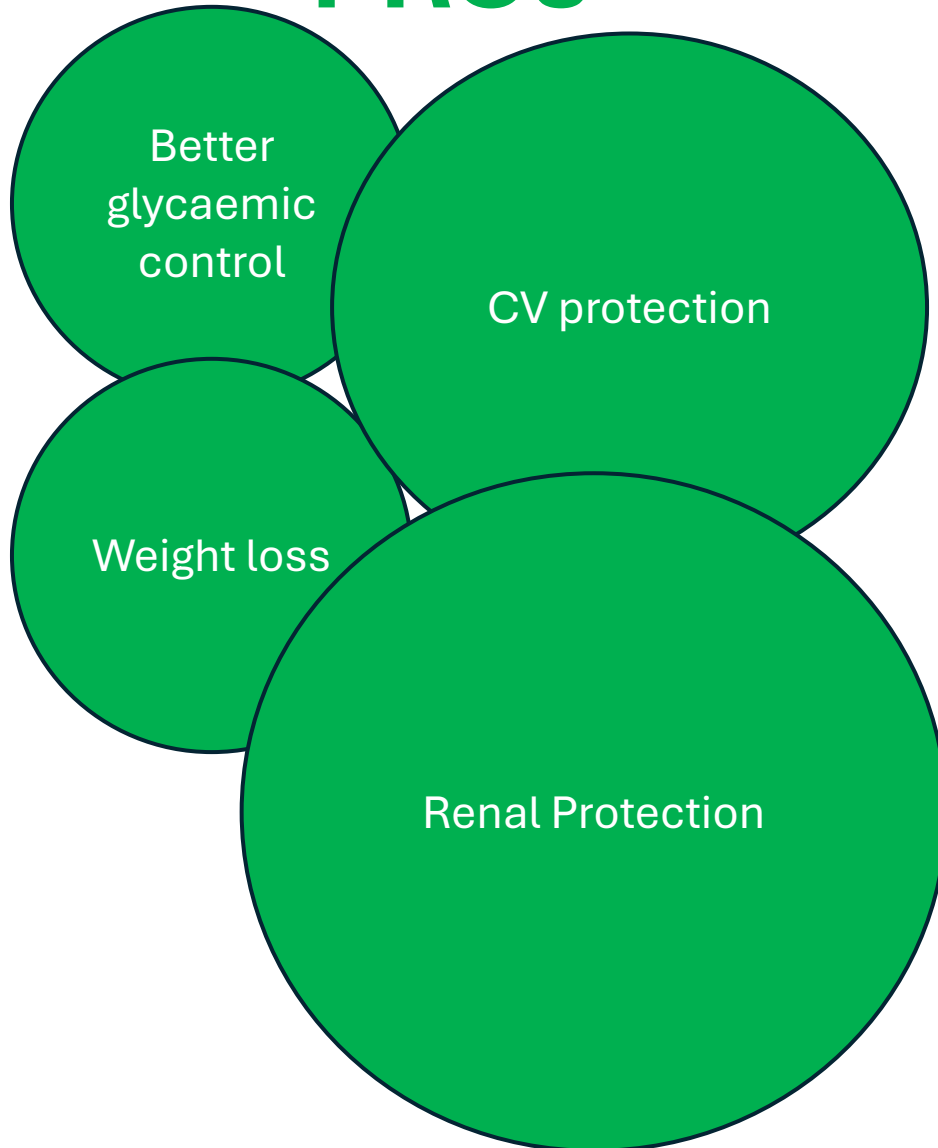
Insulin dose

# DEPICT 1 and DEPICT 2 – side-effects

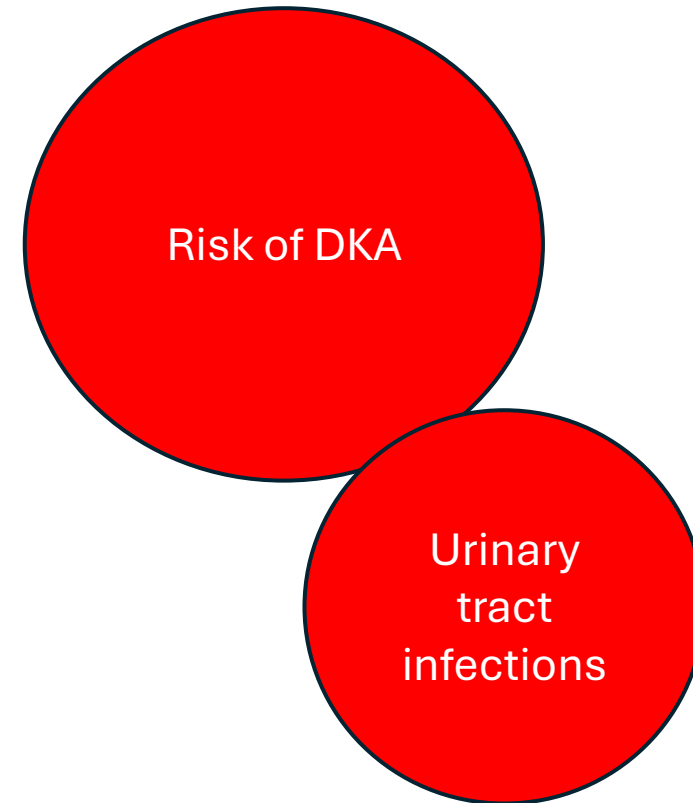
	Week 24 (short-term period)			Week 52 (short-term + long-term period)		
	DAPA 5 mg (N = 548)	DAPA 10 mg (N = 566)	Placebo (N = 532)	DAPA 5 mg (N = 548)	DAPA 10 mg (N = 566)	Placebo (N = 532)
AE of special interest <sup>b</sup>						
Adjudicated CV event	2 (0.4)	5 (0.9)	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	5 (0.9)	4 (0.8)
Events of renal function	6 (1.1)	2 (0.4)	0	7 (1.3)	3 (0.5)	4 (0.8)
Fracture	8 (1.5)	6 (1.1)	5 (0.9)	12 (2.2)	11 (1.9)	12 (2.3)
Urinary tract infection	37 (6.8)	21 (3.7)	25 (4.7)	57 (10.4)	30 (5.3)	39 (7.3)
Male <sup>c</sup>	2 (0.8)	2 (0.7)	3 (1.2)	4 (1.7)	4 (1.5)	4 (1.6)
Female <sup>d</sup>	35 (11.3)	19 (6.5)	22 (7.8)	53 (17.0)	26 (8.9)	35 (12.5)
Genital infection	61 (11.1)	54 (9.5)	12 (2.3)	73 (13.3)	68 (12.0)	18 (3.4)
Male <sup>c</sup>	12 (5.1)	12 (4.4)	0	13 (5.5)	17 (6.2)	0
Female <sup>d</sup>	49 (15.8)	42 (14.3)	12 (4.3)	60 (19.3)	51 (17.4)	18 (6.4)
SAEs						
≥1 SAE	37 (6.8)	31 (5.5)	20 (3.8)	69 (12.6)	59 (10.4)	46 (8.6)
≥1 SAE related to study drug	18 (3.3)	12 (2.1)	3 (0.6)	23 (4.2)	20 (3.5)	6 (1.1)
SAE leading to study discontinuation	15 (2.7)	7 (1.2)	6 (1.1)	22 (4.0)	13 (2.3)	9 (1.7)
Hypoglycaemia						
≥1 SAE of hypoglycaemia	6 (1.1)	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	8 (1.5)	5 (0.9)	5 (0.9)
Hypoglycaemia leading to study discontinuation	3 (0.5)	0	1 (0.2)	3 (0.5)	1 (0.2)	2 (0.4)
Ketone-related events <sup>e</sup>						
≥1 ketone-related SAE	14 (2.6)	11 (1.9)	2 (0.4)	28 (5.1)	20 (3.5)	4 (0.8)
Ketone related SAE leading to study discontinuation	9 (1.6)	7 (1.2)	0	14 (2.6)	11 (1.9)	0
Death <sup>f</sup>	0	0	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0	1 (0.2)

# Role of SGLT-2 inhibitors in T1D patients - UNLICENCED

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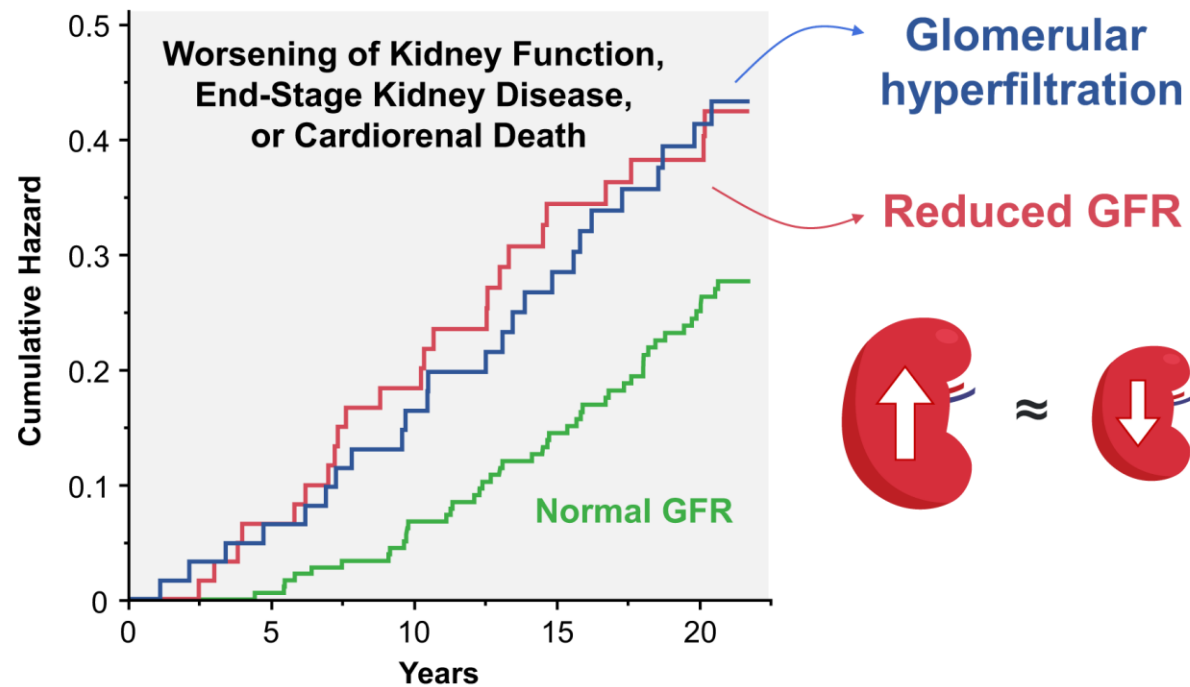
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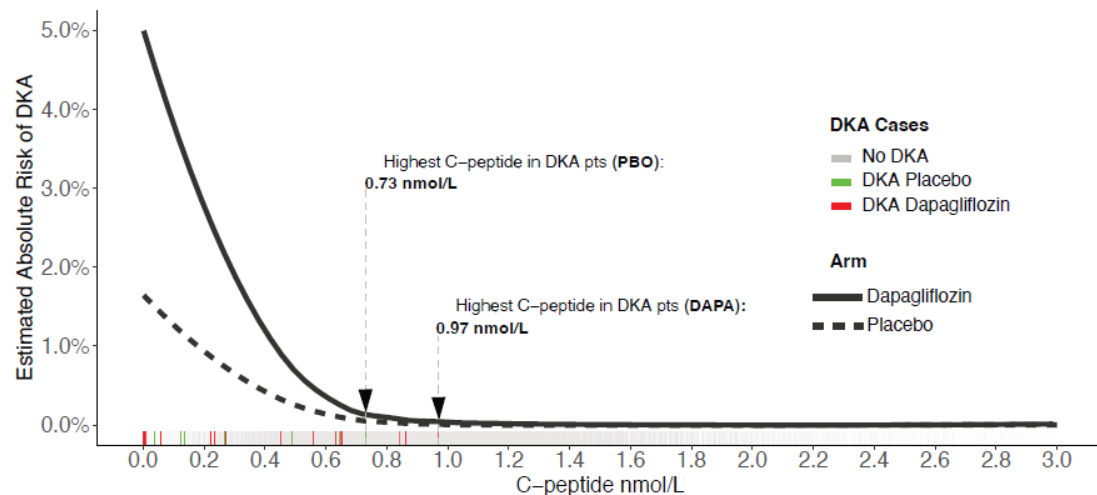
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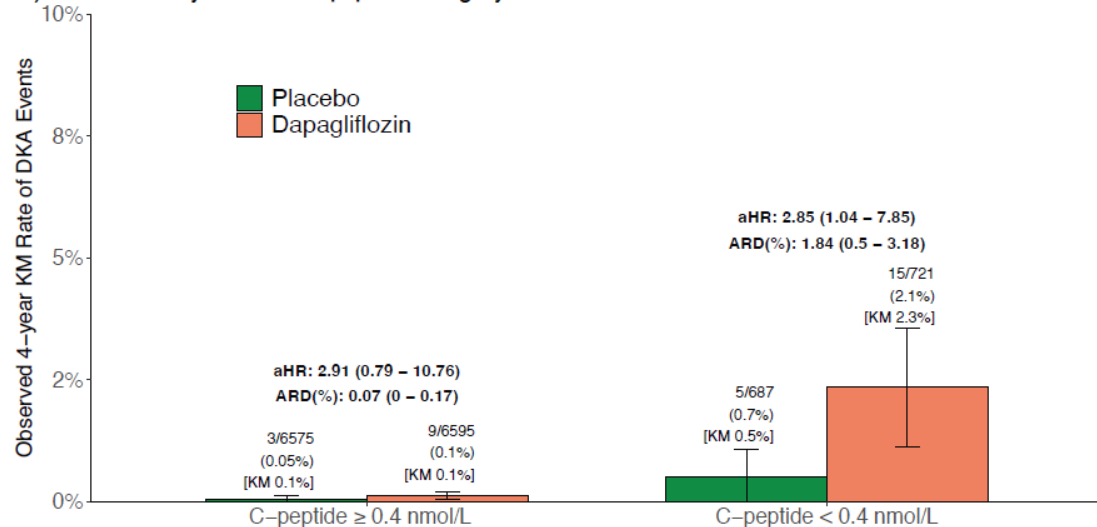
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**A) Risk of DKA by Baseline C-peptide and Treatment Allocation**



**B) Risk of DKA by Baseline C-peptide Category and Treatment Allocation**





# For discussion...

- 40-year-old patient with T1D (15 years)
- HbA1c 55 mmol/mol
- No missed insulin doses
- Diabetic nephropathy/heart failure

- 40-year-old patient with T1D (15 years)
- HbA1c 85mmol/mol
- Heart failure

- 40-year-old patient with T1D (15 years)
- HbA1c 120mmol/mol
- Frequently missed insulin doses
- Alcohol excess
- Diabetic nephropathy

Thank you