

**ANTI-HYPERGLYCEMIC DIABETES AGENTS in T2DM: Outcomes Comparison Summary Table**

| Drug Class                                 |   | Sulfonylureas   |                     | TZDs   |   |                                    | Meglitinides          | DPP4 Inhibitors  | GLP1 Agonists ***  | SGLT2 Inhibitors ***   | Insulin in T2DM   |  |
|--|---|---|---------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Generic → BRAND                            | Metformin (MF) GLUCOPHAGE                   | Gliclazide DIAMICRON  | Glyburide DIABETA   | Pioglitazone ACTOS   | Rosiglitazone AVANDIA   | Acarbose GLUCOBAY                  | Repaglinide GLUCONORM | Saxagliptin ONGLYZA<br>Sitagliptin JANUVIA<br>Alogliptin NESINA<br>Linagliptin TRAJENTA  | Liraglutide VICTOZA<br>Exenatide BYETTA, BYDUREON<br>Dulaglutide TRULICITY<br>Semaglutide OZEMPIC, RYBELSUS (PO)<br>Lixisenatide ADLYXINE; ALBIGLUTIDE D/C         | Empagliflozin JARDIANCE<br>Canagliflozin INVOKANA<br>Dapagliflozin FORXIGA, FARXIGA<br>Ertugliflozin STEGLATRO   | Intensity: <u>Less</u> (NPH HS + MF)  | Intensity: <u>More</u> (Multiple daily doses)  |
| Major trials to support findings/Outcomes* | UKPDS-33,34,80 (ADOPT; some use in ADVANCE) | ADVANCE   | UKPDS-33,80 (ADOPT) | ProACTIVE<br>Ferwana M. Meta-analysis 2013. SR-Liao 2017; IRIS                         | Meta-analysis. RECORD interim, ADOPT, DREAM                             | ACE (Prevention trial: Stop-NIDDM) | -                     | SAVOR-TIMI 53, TECOS, EXAMINE PROLOGUE, CARMELINA, CAROLINA  | LEADER, EXSCEL, FREEDOM CVO, REWIND, SUSTAIN-6, PIONEER-6, ELIXA, HARMONY  | EMPA-REG, CANVAS, CREDENCE, DECLARE, DAPA-HF, VERTIS-CV (2019), DAPA-CKD (2020), EMPEROR-Reduced & -Preserved (2020), EMPA-Kidney (2022)                                 | T2DM: UKPDS-33,80; ADVANCE, ACCORD, VADT, ORIGIN, DEVOTE<br>T1DM: DCCT/EDIC<br>(Also Boussageon et al. Meta-analysis. BMJ 2011;343:d4169) |  |
| ↓ Risk of Death / Major CV <sup>1</sup>    |   | ✓3,4,5<br>X <sup>25,6</sup> glipizide ↑ MACE vs MF NNH=10/5yr (SPREAD-DIMCAD) | ✓4,5                | 2.9yr,<br>composite NS<br>↓ MACE (IRIS) (pts with insulin resistance & recent CVA/TIA) |   | established CVD (Chinese)          |                       | ✓10,11 saxagliptin, alogliptin, sitagliptin, linagliptin ↔ non-inferior to placebo for MACE, But see ?HF below.<br>✓11 linagliptin vs glimepiride (CAROLINA) ↔ non-inferior for MACE | ✓✓✓22 liraglutide ↓ MACE NNT=53/3.8yr & ↓ mortality NNT=72/3.8yr LEADER, semaglutide SC w/ly ↓ MACE NNT=44/2.1yr SUSTAIN-6, dulaglutide ↓ MACE NNT=72/5.4yr REWIND | ✓✓✓15 empagliflozin ↓ MACE NNT=63/3.1yr, ↓ mortality NNT=39/3.1yr (EMPA-REG) canagliflozin ↓ MACE NNT=220/yr (CANVAS) but mortality NS<br>dapagliflozin ↔ MACE (DECLARE) |   | X <sup>21</sup> > insulin use with intensive target vs standard therapy, ↑ all-cause death NNH=95/3.5yr, & CV death NNH=125/3.5yr (ACCORD) |
| Effect on A1C**                            |   |   |                     |  |   |                                    | ✓✓                    |  |  |  |   |  |
| Weight (loss vs neutral vs gain)           |   |   |                     |  |   |                                    |                       |  |  |  |   |  |
| Risk of Hypoglycemia                       |   |   |                     | ✓✓<br>Low risk w monother  |   |                                    |                       |  |  |  |   |  |
| ↓ Risk of HF /Edema                        |   |   |                     | X <sup>26</sup> ↑ HF NNH=50/2.9yr, edema NNH=8/2.9yr                                   | X <sup>25,27</sup> ↑ HF NNH=69/5.3yr (RECORD), ↑ HF NNH=250/3yr (DREAM) |                                    |                       | X <sup>30</sup> ↑ HF saxagliptin NNH=143/2.1yr (SAVOR), alogliptin (EXAMINE posthoc)   | ✓31<br>Entire class of GLP1 agonists neutral for HF hospitalizations.  |  |   |  |
| Effect on GI tolerability                  |   |   |                     |  |   |                                    |                       |  |  |  |   |  |
| Cost                                       |   |   |                     |  |   |                                    |                       |  |  |  |   |  |
|  | hold or ↓ dose<br><br>T2DM (UKPDS-34)       |   |                     | X FDA +/- HC warnings: <sup>35</sup><br>fractures ♀ (NNH~30/~3.5 y)                    |   |                                    |                       | FDA +/- HC warning:<br><br>X new agents – outcome & safety data still limited  |  | ✓✓✓46 canagliflozin ↓ ESRD, doubled SCr & renal/CV death NNT= 23/2.6 yrs (CREDENCE)  |   |  |
| Overall                                    | ✓✓✓?  | ✓✓  | ✓                   | ✓?   | X?  | ✓                                  | ✓                     | ✓  | ? ✓✓ liraglutide (CV + mortality benefit), semaglutide SC (CV benefit, NIHB coverage ▼)  | ? ✓✓ empagliflozin (CV + mortality benefit, SKH ☎ & NIHB coverage ▼)   | ✓   | ✓✓<br>X?   |

\*Drugs that lower blood glucose come with various levels of evidence regarding their balance of benefits & harms. This chart relies on current evidence, especially from randomized controlled trials that have evaluated patient oriented outcomes. Direct comparisons between agents have not been done so one is left to evaluate each drug for its relative advantages & disadvantages. \*\*A1C will vary depending on dose, combinations & initial A1C. \*\*\*See next page for breakout GLP1 & SGLT2 data. See full version of this ANTI-HYPERGLYCEMIC DIABETES AGENTS: Outcomes Comparison Summary Table online for additional notes: <http://www.rxfiles.ca/rxfiles/uploads/documents/Diabetes-Agents-Outcomes-Comparison-Summary-Table.pdf>  
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An Advantage  
✓✓✓
Neutral  
✓
A Disadvantage  
XX
Unknown/Ongoing  
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\*\*\*See next page for GLP1 & SGLT2 color comparison chart

**Individualize approach considering balance of potential benefits & harms. Over-aggressive pursuit of targets can ↑ mortality.** ACCORD

| Drug Class   | GLP1 Agonists  |   |  |   | SGLT2 Inhibitors  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Generic → BRAND  | Dulaglutide SC<br>TRULICITY (SC WEEKLY)  | Liraglutide SC<br>VICTOZA (SC DAILY)  | Semaglutide SC<br>OZEMPIC (SC WEEKLY)  | Semaglutide PO 1.4mg<br>RYBELSUS (PO DAILY) FDA; new Canada   | Canagliflozin<br>INVOKANA   | Dapagliflozin<br>FORXIGA / FARXIGA FDA   | Empagliflozin<br>JARDIANCE                         |
| Major trial(s) to support findings/Outcomes*                       | REWIND n=9901 / 5.4 yr   | LEADER n=9340 / 3.8 yr vs placebo (but ↑ insulin use)                       | SUSTAIN-6 n=3297 / 2 yr vs placebo (but ↑ insulin use)                       | PIONEER-6 n=3183 / 1.3 yr   | CANVAS n=10142 / 3.6 yr<br>CREDENCE n=4401 / 2.6 yr renal dx pts  | DECLARE-TIMI n=17160 / 4.2 yr<br>DAPA-HF n=4744 / 1.5 yr heart failure pts                       | EMPA-REG n=7020 / 3.1 yr                           |
| ↓ Risk of Major CV MACE  | ✓✓✓↓ MACE<br>NNT=72/5.4yrs<br>? N. America - neutral<br>HR: 1.14 (0.89-1.47)   | ✓✓✓↓ MACE<br>NNT=53/3.8yr<br>? N. America - neutral<br>HR: 1.01 (0.84-1.22) | ✓✓✓↓ MACE<br>NNT=44/2.1yr<br>? N. America - marginal<br>HR: 0.87 (0.57-1.34) | ✓ MACE<br>Non-inferior to Placebo<br>3.8% vs 4.8%<br>HR: 0.79 (0.57-1.11)<br>Many trial limitations, e.g. short | ✓✓✓↓ MACE<br>NNT~220/yr<br>(=NNT of 62 / 3.6yrs)  | ✓✓✓? MACE<br>Non-inferior to Placebo<br>HR 0.93 (0.84-1.03)<br>Superiority (NS) over 4.2yr       | ✓✓✓↓ MACE<br>NNT=63/3.1yrs<br>10mg as good as 25mg |
| ↓ Risk of All Death  | ✓ HR 0.9 (0.80-1.01)<br>10.8% vs 12%/5.4 yrs (NS)  | ✓✓✓<br>NNT=72/3.8yrs  | ✓ HR 1.05 (0.74-1.50)<br>3.8% vs 3.6%/2.1yrs (NS)                            | ✓✓✓ 2° endpoint<br>NNT=72/1.3yrs  | ✓ HR 0.87 (0.74-1.01)<br>HR 0.83 (0.68-1.02)  | ✓ HR 0.93 (0.82-1.04)  | ✓✓✓ 2° endpoint<br>NNT=39/3.1yr                    |
| Less Renal Disease (composite/surrogates)                          | ✓ NNT=40/5.4yrs<br>17.1 vs 19.6%/5.4 yrs   | ✓ NNT=67/3.8yr<br>5.7% vs 7.2%/3.8yrs                                       | ✓ NNT=44/2.1yr<br>3.8% vs 6.1%/3.8yr   | ?   | ✓✓✓ HR 0.66<br>NNT= 23/2.6 yrs  | ✓✓✓?class effect<br>HR 0.76 (0.67-0.87)  | ✓✓✓?class effect<br>↓acute renal failure NNT=71    |
| Effect on A1C**  | ✓✓✓  | ✓✓✓   | ✓✓✓  | ✓✓✓   | ✓✓  | ✓✓   | ✓✓   |
| Weight (loss vs neutral vs gain)                                   | ↓1.3-3 kg/5-52 wks   | ↓ 2.3 kg/3.8 yrs  | ↓ 3-4kg/2.1yrs   | ↓ 3.4kg/1.3 yrs   | ↓ 2.8-4 kg/4-52 wks<br>CANTATA-M  | ↓ 2 kg/12-52 wks   | ↓ ~1.5-2 kg/3.1 yrs                                |
| Less Risk of Hypoglycemia  | ✓✓?  | Severe: 2.4% vs 3.3% p=0.02<br>(placebo group had more insulin)             | ✓✓?  | Severe: 1.4% vs 0.8%  | Risk when given with sulfonylurea or insulin  |  |  |
| Less Risk of HF /Edema   | ✓<br>HR: 0.93 (0.77-1.22)  | ✓<br>HR: 0.87 (0.73-1.05)   | ✓<br>HR: 1.11 (0.77-1.61)  | ✓<br>HR: 0.86 (0.48-1.55)   | 2° endpoint<br>↓HF hospitalizations   | ↓ worsening HF or CV death<br>NNT=21/1.5yr   | 2° endpoint<br>↓HF hospitalizations                |
| Effect on GI & D/C due to Tolerability                             | X GI<br>D/C due to AE 9% vs 6%<br>NNH=36/5.4yrs  | X GI<br>D/C due to AE 9.5% vs 7.3%<br>NNH=46/3.8yrs                         | X GI<br>D/C due to AE 11.5-14.5%<br>vs 5.7-7.6% NNH= ~14/2yrs                | X D/C due to GI: 6.8% vs 1.6%<br>D/C due to AE 11.6% vs 6.5%;<br>NNH=20/1.3yrs                                  | D/C due to AE 12% vs 13%;<br>NNH= ? 100/2.6yrs  | D/C due to AE 8.1% vs 6.9%;<br>NNH=84/4.2yrs   | D/C due to AE 17.3 vs 19.4%;<br>NNH= 48/3.1yrs     |
| ? AE Concerns Associated with Class                                | Adverse Events (AE): injection site irritations if SC; ?/rare: ? ↑ pancreatitis, ?pancreatic cancer; ? ↑ thyroid cancer (liraglutide); <sup>41</sup> gallbladder disease <sup>46</sup> ; ?diabetic retinopathy complications. <sup>SUSTAIN-6</sup> See infographic pg 16. Once weekly agents may have ↓ GI adverse events. <sup>42</sup> |   |  |   | FDA +/- HC warning: ↑DKA; ↑AKI (caution: ↓ intravascular volume & ↓renal fx); Rare: Fournier's gangrene; genital skin infection (OR 3.5 vs placebo) ? ↑UTI/urosepsis/pyelonephritis. See infographic page 17. |  |  |
| Cost 1 month<br><small>Some cost programs may be available</small> | XX<br>\$225 x ⊗  | XX<br>\$90-\$235 x ⊗  | XX<br>\$120-\$220 x ▼NIHB  | XX<br>\$260 x ⊗   | X<br>\$110  | X<br>\$110 ▼NIHB   | X<br>\$110 ▼NIHB                                   |
| Other  | Well tolerated, except GI.<br>↓BP 1.7/0.5 mmHg.<br>Environmental impact - single use disposable pen  | Gallbladder AE: NNH=84  | NIHB open benefit  | Smaller, shorter trial. SAE lower in tx group.  | ?↑(HR ~2) limb amputations<br>?↑fracture (HR 1.3)/↓BMD <sup>HIF</sup>   | ↑bladder/ breast cancer (avoid with pioglitazone).<br>HF benefit similar in DM & non-DM patients | NIHB open benefit                                  |
| Practical / Clinical Considerations                                | Upper GI effects often worse than lower GI effects; a low fat diet is better (small, frequent meals, gradual dose titration; patients may struggle with AEs in first ~2 weeks, but many will gain tolerability and do OK. Often insulin dose can be reduced 20% initially, and possibly more after that.                                 |   |  |   | Uncertain multi-mechanism of action e.g. lower BP. Monitor BP and assess for postural hypotension, especially in older adults.  |  |  |
| Time Tested  | X new agent – outcome & safety data still limited  | X ~10yr hx; but... limited real world use                                   | X new agent – outcome & safety data still limited                            | X new agent – outcome & safety data still limited   | X new agents – outcome & safety data still limited  |  |  |
| Convenience  | ✓✓ Single Use Pen SC once weekly   | ✓ SC once daily   | ✓✓ SC once weekly  | ✓✓✓ Oral once daily   | ✓✓✓ Oral once daily   |  |  |
| Overall  | ?  | ?   | ?  | ?   | ? Safety  | ?  | ?  |

|                     |    |                |   |                      |                      |
|---------------------|----|----------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| An Advantage<br>✓✓✓ | ✓✓ | Neutral<br>✓** | X | A Disadvantage<br>XX | Unknown/Ongoing<br>? |
|---------------------|----|----------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|

\*\*Note: the "Neutral" designation is given a checkmark indicating that there is little or no disadvantage; however, there is also little or no advantage.

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|---------------|---|------------------|---|
| GLP1 Agonists | <b>REWIND</b><br>Lower risk group; e.g. 21% had past CVD; others higher risk.<br>Renal: macroalbuminuria, eGFR decline 30+%, chronic renal replacement tx                   | SGLT2 Inhibitors | <b>CREDENCE</b><br>Patients with albuminuric CKD, eGFR 30-<90 mL/min, & albuminuria; High risk group: 50% had CVD<br>Renal: canagliflozin – composite primary endpoint: ↓ESRD, doubled Scr & renal/CV death |
|               | <b>LEADER</b><br>High risk group  |                  | <b>CANVAS</b><br>High risk group: 66% had established/hx of CVD [1° outcome if no CV disease history, HR= 0.98 (0.74-1.3)]  |
|               | <b>SUSTAIN-6</b><br>High risk group: 83% had established CVD, CKD or both   |                  | <b>DECLARE-TIMI</b><br>High risk group: >40% had atherosclerotic CVD; 33% CAD, 6% PAD, 7.6% cerebrovascular dx, 10% HF  |
|               | <b>PIONEER-6</b><br>MF: 77%, insulin 60%; Smaller, shorter trial; SAE leading to lower discontinuation rate in tx group, 2.6% vs 3%.<br>Higher risk group: CVD or CKD 84.7% |                  | <b>DAPA-HF</b><br>Both patients with and without diabetes studied; similar benefit in both groups.  |
|               |   |                  | <b>EMPA-REG</b><br>High risk group: 100% had established CVD. Patients had not received glucose-lowering agents for >12 weeks   |

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## Notes / References for Diabetes Agents Colour Outcomes Comparison Chart ([www.RxFiles.ca](http://www.RxFiles.ca))

### Death/MACE (MACE: Major adverse cardiovascular event)

1. Drug manufacturers must establish CV safety (one-sided upper boundary of 95% CI  $\leq 1.3$ ) vs comparator (typically placebo) in a RCT for all new agents in  $\uparrow$  CV risk patients.<sup>1</sup> **FDA**
2. Metformin vs conventional diet; obese  $>120$  lbW & small sample  $n=753$ ;  $\downarrow$  **all-cause mortality NNT 14/10.7 yr**, and  $\downarrow$  **MI NNT=14/10.7 yr**.<sup>2</sup> **UKPDS-34** 10 yr observational follow-up  $\downarrow$  **all-cause mortality NNT=14/~20 yr**, and  $\downarrow$  **MI NNT=16/~20 yr**.<sup>3</sup> **UKPDS-80**
3. Intensive HbA1c target (included gliclizide) vs standard HbA1c target; MACE 10% vs 10.6%  $p=NS$ , all-cause mortality 8.9% vs 9.6%  $p=NS$ .<sup>4</sup> **ADVANCE**
4. Intensive therapy (chlorpropamide, glipizide<sup>USA</sup>, glibenclamide or insulin) vs conventional diet; all-cause mortality 17.9% vs 18.9%  $p=NS$ , MI 14.7% vs 17.4%  $p=NS$ , and stroke 5.6% vs 5%  $p=NS$ .<sup>5</sup> **UKPDS-33** 10 yr observational follow-up  $\downarrow$  **all-cause mortality NNT=29/~20 yr**, and  $\downarrow$  **MI NNT=36/~20 yr**.<sup>3</sup> **UKPDS-80**
5. SU (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation) vs control (diet, placebo, other antihyperglycemic); all-cause mortality OR 1.12 (0.96-1.3,  $I^2=0\%$ ), CV mortality OR 1.12 (0.87-1.42,  $I^2=12\%$ ), MI OR 0.92 (0.76-1.12,  $I^2=NR$ ), stroke OR 1.16 (0.81-1.66,  $I^2=NR$ ).<sup>6</sup>
6. Metformin vs glipizide; Chinese, small sample  $n=304$ , & medically undertreated 100% CAD, but  $\leq 10\%$  taking ACEi; Metformin  $\downarrow$  **MACE NNT=10/5 yr**.<sup>7</sup> **SPREAD-DIMCAD**
7. Pioglitazone vs placebo; T2DM & high CV risk;  $\downarrow$  **MACE NNT=50/2.9 yr**,<sup>8</sup> **PROACTIVE** insulin resistance & recent TIA/stroke;  $\downarrow$  **MACE NNT=36/4.8 yr**.<sup>9</sup> **IRIS**
8. Rosiglitazone vs placebo;  $\uparrow$  **MACE 2.9%** vs 2.1%  $p=0.08$  (NS), trial stopped 5 mons early,<sup>10</sup> **DREAM**  $\uparrow$  MI **NNH=167** & CV death 0.87% vs 0.39%  $p=0.06$ .<sup>10</sup> Rosiglitazone vs glyburide  $\uparrow$  **MACE NNH 63/4 yr**.<sup>12</sup> **ADOPT**
9. Acarbose vs placebo; impaired glucose tolerance;  $\downarrow$  **MACE NNT 40/3.3 yr**.<sup>13</sup> **STOP-NIDDM** Acarbose vs placebo; coronary heart disease (Chinese) HR 0.98 95% CI, 0.86-1.11,  $p=0.73$ .<sup>13</sup> **ACE**
10. Saxagliptin vs placebo; MACE 7.3% vs 7.2%, **non-inferior** ( $p<0.001$ ), but not superior ( $p=0.99$ ).<sup>14</sup> **SAVOR-TIMI 53** Alogliptin vs placebo; MACE 11.3% vs 11.8%, **non-inferior** ( $p<0.001$ ), but not superior ( $p=0.32$ ).<sup>15</sup> **EXAMINE** Sitagliptin MACE vs placebo; MACE 9.6% vs 9.6%, **non-inferior** ( $p<0.001$ ), but not superior ( $p=0.65$ ).<sup>16</sup> **TECOS** Meta-analysis(**SAVOR-TIMI 53**, **EXAMINE**, **TECOS**) MACE RR 0.99 (95% CI, 0.93-1.06,  $I^2=0\%$ ).<sup>17</sup>
11. Linagliptin vs placebo; MACE 12.4% vs 12.1% **non-inferior** ( $p<0.001$ ), but not superior ( $p=0.74$ ).<sup>18</sup> **CARMELINA** Linagliptin vs glimepiride: MACE 11.8% vs 12% non-inferior ( $p<0.001$ ) but not superior.<sup>19</sup> **CAROLINA2019**
12. Liraglutide vs placebo; **MACE 13%** vs 14.9%, **superior** ( $p=0.01$ , **NNT=53/3.8 yr**), but results neutral in North America subgroup;  $\downarrow$  **CV death NNT=77/3.8 yr** and  $\downarrow$  **all-cause mortality NNT 72/3.8 yr**.<sup>19</sup> **LEADER** Semaglutide SC weekly vs placebo; MACE **superior**; (nephropathy was better; however, retinopathy complications were worse).<sup>20</sup> **SUSTAIN6**

19. Intensive insulin vs standard insulin; **T1DM population**; ~11 yr observational follow up  $\downarrow$  **MACE NNT=23/ ~17 yr**.<sup>32</sup> **DCCT**, <sup>33</sup> **EDIC**
20. Insulin basal/bolus vs conventional diet; all-cause mortality 18.6% vs 19.9%  $p=NS$ , MI 15.8% vs 17.9%

### Death/MACE (MACE: Major adverse cardiovascular event)- cont'd

- $p=NS$ , and stroke 5.4% vs 5.0%  $p=NS$ .<sup>5</sup> **UKPDS-33** 10 yr observational follow-up  $\downarrow$  **all-cause mortality NNT=29/~20 yr**, and  $\downarrow$  **MI NNT=36/~20 yr**.<sup>3</sup> **UKPDS-80**
21. Greater insulin use (any & bolus) with intensive therapy vs standard therapy;  $\uparrow$  **MACE NNT=33/3.5 yr** and  $\uparrow$  **CV death NNT=125/3.5 yr**.<sup>34</sup> **ACCORD**  
Insulin degludec vs insulin glargine (T2DM; ~50/50 split bolus vs bolus/basal baseline & no difference between basal/bolus insulin use between groups at the end of study): MACE 8.5% vs 9.3% (95% CI 0.78- 1.06;  $p<0.001$  non-inferiority).<sup>34a</sup> **DEVOTE**

### Weight (weight gain/loss variable, diabetic agents used in conjunction with diet and lifestyle interventions as well as other concomitant medications)

- A1. Metformin:  $\downarrow$  2.9 kg/4 yr <sup>1</sup> **ADOPT**
- A2. Sulfonylureas:  $\uparrow$  1.6 kg/4 yr <sup>1</sup> **ADOPT**
- A3. Pioglitazone:  $\uparrow$  3.6 kg/3 yr <sup>2</sup> **PROACTIVE**
- A4. Rosiglitazone:  $\uparrow$  4.8 kg/4 yr; rosiglitazone statistically significant  $\uparrow$  weight vs. both metformin & glyburide <sup>1</sup> **ADOPT**
- A5. Acarbose:  $\downarrow$  1.15 kg/3 yr <sup>3</sup> **STOP-NIDDM**
- A6. Repaglinide:  $\uparrow$  ~1.7 kg/12-24 wks;<sup>4,5</sup> nateglinide:  $\uparrow$  0.7-1 kg/16-24 wks<sup>4,6</sup>
- A7. DPP4-inhibitors (generally considered neutral)<sup>7</sup>
  - saxagliptin  $\downarrow$  0.4 kg/2.1 year (similar to placebo) <sup>8</sup> **SAVOR-TIMI 53**
  - alogliptin  $\uparrow$  1 kg/18 months (similar to placebo) <sup>9</sup> **EXAMINE**
  - sitagliptin  $\uparrow$   $\leq$  0.5 kg/12 weeks<sup>10</sup>
- A8. GLP1 agonists
  - exenatide  $\downarrow$  2.8 kg/24-52 weeks<sup>11</sup>
  - liraglutide  $\downarrow$  2.3 kg/3.8 yr <sup>12</sup> **LEADER**
  - dulaglutide  $\downarrow$  1.3-3 kg/5-52 weeks<sup>13</sup>
- A9. SGLT2 inhibitors<sup>14</sup>
  - canagliflozin  $\downarrow$  2.8-4 kg/4-52 weeks<sup>15,16</sup> **CANTATA-M**
  - dapagliflozin  $\downarrow$  2 kg/12-52 weeks<sup>17</sup>

13. Lixisenatide vs placebo (post-ACS); MACE 13.4% vs 13.2%, **non-inferior** ( $p < 0.001$ ), not superior ( $p = 0.81$ ).<sup>21</sup> [ELIXA](#)
14. Exenatide extended release vs placebo (~70% CVD, ~30% primary prevention); MACE 11.4% vs 12.2% over median 3.2 yr, **non-inferior** ( $p < 0.001$ ), but not superior ( $p = 0.06$ ).<sup>22</sup> [EXSCEL](#) Dulaglutide<sup>USA</sup> CV trial ongoing, estimated completed 2018.<sup>23</sup> [REWIND](#) Albiglutide CV trial ongoing, estimated completed 2018.<sup>24</sup> [HARMONY](#) Semaglutide PO CV trial semaglutide po vs placebo: MACE, non-inferior; ↓ all-cause death 1.4% vs 2.8%<sup>25</sup> 2ndy endpoint 2019, [PIONEER-6](#)
15. Empagliflozin vs placebo; **MACE 10.5% vs 12.1%, superior** ( $p = 0.04$ , **NNT=63/3.1 yr**); ↓ **CV death NNT=46/3.1 yr** and ↓ **all-cause mortality NNT 39/3.1 yr**.<sup>25</sup> [EMPA-REG](#) Canagliflozin vs placebo; **MACE 26.9/1000ptys (2.7%/yr) vs 31.5/1000ptys (3.15%/yr), superior** ( $p = 0.02$ , **NNT~220/yr**), f/u duration 3.6yr, no significant difference in components of primary composite or death; ↑ MACE in 1<sup>st</sup> 30 days ( $n = 13$  vs  $n = 1$ ,  $p = NS$ , non-dose related); ↓ MACE (NS) after 30 days (HR 0.89, 95% CI 0.64, 1.25); numeric imbalance not present in non-[CANVAS](#) trials.<sup>26,27,27a</sup> [CANVAS](#) Dapagliflozin vs placebo; MACE 8.8% vs 9.4%  $p < 0.001$  **non-inferior**, but not superior  $p = 0.17$ ; ↓ CV death & HF hospitalization combo outcome.<sup>28</sup> [DECLARE](#)
16. Ertugliflozin CV trial ongoing, estimated completed 2019.<sup>29</sup> [VERTIS CV](#) Sotagliflozin CV trial ongoing, estimated completed 2022. [SCORE](#)
17. Basal insulin (glargine) vs standard care; all-cause mortality 15.2% vs 15.4%  $p = NS$ , MI 5.4% vs 5.2%  $p = NS$ , and stroke 5.3 vs 5.1%  $p = NS$ .<sup>30</sup> [ORIGIN](#)
18. Basal insulin vs basal/bolus insulin; small sample  $n = 152$ ; CV mortality 3.8% vs 6.7%  $p = NS$ , MACE 20% vs 32%  $p = NS$ .<sup>31</sup>

### HF/Edema- cont'd

29. Repaglinide vs rosiglitazone: peripheral edema 0% vs 3.2%,  $p = N/A$ .<sup>9</sup>
30. Saxagliptin vs placebo; ↑ **hospitalization for HF NNH=143/2.1 yr**; however, subgroup without a history of HF at baseline ↑ **hospitalization for HF NNH=147/2.1 yr**, subgroup eGFR <60 mL/min ↑ **hospitalization for HF NNH=68/2.1 yr** & no difference from 12 months on (HR 1.05, 95% CI 0.81-1.35).<sup>10, 11</sup> [SAVOR-TIMI 53](#) Alogliptin vs placebo; hospitalization for HF 3.9% vs 3.3%  $p = 0.22$ ; subgroup without a history of HF at baseline ↑ **hospitalization for HF NNH=111/1.5 yr**.<sup>12,13</sup> [EXAMINE](#) Sitagliptin vs placebo; hospitalization for HF 3.1% vs 3.1%  $p = 0.98$ ; and neutral results when adjusted for baseline HF (aHR 1.00, 95% CI 0.83-1.20 [unpublished data]).<sup>14,15</sup> [TECOS](#) Meta-analysis([SAVOR-TIMI 53](#), [EXAMINE](#), [TECOS](#)) HF admission RR 1.12 (95% CI, 1.00-1.25,  $I^2 = 42\%$ ).<sup>16</sup> FDA warnings for both saxagliptin & alogliptin.<sup>17</sup> Linagliptin vs placebo; hospitalization for heart failure 6.0% vs 6.5% for an absolute incidence rate difference of -0.27 (95% CI, -0.82 to 0.28), with no significant difference between the 2 treatment groups (HR, 0.90; 95% CI, 0.74-1.08;  $P = .26$ ).[CARMELINA](#)
31. Liraglutide vs placebo; hospitalization for HF: 4.7% vs 5.3%  $p = 0.14$ .<sup>18</sup> [LEADER](#) Lixisenatide vs placebo; hospitalization for HF: 4.0% vs 4.2%  $p = 0.75$ .<sup>19</sup> [ELIXA](#)
32. Empagliflozin vs placebo; hospitalization for HF: 2.7% vs 4.1%  $p = 0.002$ .<sup>20</sup> [EMPA-REG](#) Empagliflozin in HF patients (regardless of diabetes status) ongoing trial estimated to be complete 2020 [EMPEROR-Reduced & Preserved](#). Canagliflozin vs placebo; hospitalization for HF: 5.5/1000ptys (0.55%/yr) vs 8.7/1000ptys (0.87%/yr) (HR 0.67, 95% CI 0.52-0.87) follow up 3.6yr but exploratory.<sup>27a</sup> [CANVAS](#) Dapagliflozin vs placebo; hospitalization for HF: 2.5%/1000 patient year vs 3.3%/1000 patient year HR0.73 (95% CI 0.61-0.88) but exploratory.<sup>28</sup> [DECLARE](#) Dapagliflozin 10mg po once daily vs placebo; composite primary outcome: worsening HF (hospitalization or urgent visit resulting in IV therapy for heart failure) or CV death: 16.3% vs 21.2%  $p < 0.001$ . [DAPA-HF](#)
33. Basal insulin (glargine) vs standard care; hospitalization for HF 4.9% vs 5.5%  $p = NS$ .<sup>21</sup> [ORIGIN](#)
34. Basal insulin vs basal/bolus insulin; small sample  $n = 152$ ; HF 1.3% vs 5.3%  $p = NS$ .<sup>22</sup> [ArchInternMed1997](#)

### Other/Additional Trials Recently Published

35. Pioglitazone & Rosiglitazone [FDA +/-](#) Health Canada warnings/label changes:
  - ?↑ HF (see above)<sup>1</sup> [PROACTIVE](#), [2](#) [RECORD](#), [3](#) [DREAM](#), [4](#), [5](#)
  - ?↑ fractures ♀; pioglitazone vs placebo 5.1 vs 2.5%, calculated  $p = 0.005$  ?↑ fractures ♀ **NNH=38/2.9 yr** (unpublished [PROACTIVE](#) data).<sup>6</sup> Rosiglitazone vs MF ↑ fractures ♀ **NNH=24/4 yr**, rosiglitazone vs glyburide ↑ fractures ♀ **NNH=17/4 yr**.<sup>8</sup> [ADOPT](#) Post marketing data: pioglitazone

- empagliflozin ↓ ~1.5-2 kg/3.1 y<sup>18</sup> [EMPA-REG](#)
- A10. Insulin
- intensive therapy vs standard therapy; avg weight ↑ 3.5 kg vs 0.4 kg/3.5 y; weight ↑ >10 kg 28% vs 14%  $p < 0.00$ <sup>19</sup> [ACCORD](#)
  - Note: detemir -1.27 to -0.8 kg vs NPH (glargine no difference vs NPH)<sup>20</sup>

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22. MF should be considered 1<sup>st</sup> line in HF patients with eGFR > 30 mL/min [Grade D, Consensus].<sup>1</sup> [CDA'13](#)
  23. Retrospective cohort ( $n = 10,920$  patients hospitalized with HF); MF vs SU ↓ **all-cause mortality aHR 0.85 (95% CI 0.75-0.98)**, MF + SU vs MF ↓ **all-cause mortality aHR 0.89 (95% CI 0.82-0.96)**, MF + insulin vs SU neutral aHR0.96 (95% CI 0.82-1.13), MF+SU+insulin neutral aHR 0.94 (0.77-1.15).<sup>2</sup>
  24. Intensive A1C target (included gliclazide) vs standard A1C target; HF (HF death, HF hospitalization, worsening NYHA class) 3.9% vs 4.1%  $p = NS$ .<sup>3</sup> [ADVANCE](#)
  25. Glyburide vs rosiglitazone; ↓ **HF (serious events) NNT 167/3.5 yr**, ↓ **HF (total events) NNT=67/3.5 yr**.<sup>4</sup> [ADOPT](#)
  26. Pioglitazone vs placebo; ↑ **hospitalization for HF NNH=50/2.9 yr** (not adjudicated), ↑ **edema (without HF) NNH=8/2.9 yr**.<sup>5</sup> [PROACTIVE](#)
  27. Rosiglitazone +metformin or SU vs control; ↑ **hospitalization for HF or HF death NNH=69/5.5 yr**.<sup>6</sup> [RECORD](#) Rosiglitazone vs placebo; ↑ **HF NNH=250/3 yr**.<sup>7</sup> [DREAM](#)
  28. Acarbose vs placebo; impaired glucose tolerance; HF 0% vs 0.3%  $p = N/A$ .<sup>8</sup> [STOP-NIDDM](#)
- Other- continued**
- or sitagliptin/metformin of which  $n = 58$  cases were hospitalized ( $n = 4$  cases admitted to the ICU),  $n = 2$  cases of hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis.<sup>27</sup> Listed adverse event for other agents (e.g., liraglutide) in product monograph.
40. Incretin agents (DPP-4 inhibitors and GLP1 agonists) ?↑ pancreatic cancer:  $n = 13$  pancreatic cancer cases suspected of being associated with all incretin-based therapies (July 31, 2014).<sup>24,28</sup>
  41. Liraglutide: ?↑ thyroid C-cell tumor (including medullary thyroid carcinoma) in animal studies (both genders, dose-dependent, and treatment-duration-dependent).<sup>29</sup>
  42. ?↑/↓ GI (nausea, diarrhea, vomiting) AE with long acting agents<sup>30,31</sup>: ↑ **GI AE: taspoglutide once weekly 59% vs exenatide BID 35%** (clinical development of taspoglutide has been stopped).<sup>32</sup> ↓ **GI AE: Exenatide once weekly 28% vs exenatide BID 48%**, albiglutide once weekly 29.8% vs liraglutide daily 52%, exenatide once weekly 19.1% vs liraglutide daily 44.5%.<sup>33</sup> [DURATION-5,34](#) [HARMONY-7,35](#) [DURATION-6](#) Neutral GI: dulaglutide once weekly 39.4% vs liraglutide daily 38.3%.<sup>36</sup> [AWARD-6](#)
  43. SGLT2 inhibitors [FDA +/-](#) Health Canada warnings/label changes:
    - ?↑ diabetic ketoacidosis;  $n = 5$  Canadian cases, some requiring hospitalization (May 2016);  $n = 73$  US cases ( $n = 44$  T2DM cases,  $n = 15$  T1DM cases,  $n = 13$  NR) (Mar 2013-2015) all requiring hospitalization or emergency department care.<sup>37,38</sup>
    - ?↑ urosepsis & pyelonephritis;  $n = 19$  cases requiring hospitalizations (canagliflozin [ $n = 10$  cases] and dapagliflozin [ $n = 9$  cases]), of which  $n = 4$  cases required ICU admission and  $n = 2$  cases required hemodialysis (Mar 2013-Oct 2014).<sup>38</sup>
    - ?↑ AKI;  $n = 2$  Canadian cases (Canagliflozin) (Oct 2015);  $n = 101$  US cases (Mar 2013-Oct 2015), of which  $n = 96$  cases required hospitalization ( $n = 22$  cases required ICU admission),  $n = 15$  cases required hemodialysis, and  $n = 4$  cases resulted in death. ~50% of cases occurred within 1 month of drug initiation; empagliflozin not included in review due to recent approval.<sup>39,40</sup>
    - ?↑ fracture; canagliflozin 100 mg-300 mg vs placebo follow up 3.6yr; 15.4/1000ptys (1.54%/yr) vs 11.9/1000ptys (1.19%/yr) **NNT= 285/yr** (HR 1.26, 95% CI 1.04-1.52).<sup>41</sup> [CANVAS](#) ?↓ BMD (total hips, lumbar spine, femoral neck, & distal forearm).<sup>41</sup>
    - ?↑ lower limb amputation; canagliflozin 100-300 mg vs placebo follow up 3.6yr; ↑ all amputation 6.3/1000ptys (.63%/yr) vs 3.4/1000ptys (0.34%/yr) **NNH=345/yr** (HR 1.97, 95% CI 1.41-2.75) & ↑ major amputation (ankle, below/above knee) 1.8/1000ptys (0.18%/yr) vs 0.9/1000ptys (0.09%/yr) **NNH>1000/yr** (HR 2, 95% CI 1.08-3.82). [CANVAS](#) Other trials neutral. e.g., [CANVAS-R](#)<sup>42,43</sup> May2017 [FDA](#): canagliflozin -increased risk of leg and foot amputations. [https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm557507.htm?source=govdelivery&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm557507.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

- exposure in women associated **0.8 excess fractures (distal upper and lower limbs)/100 patient-years** vs comparator treated group.<sup>8</sup> No ↑ risk in males.<sup>8,9</sup>
- ?↑ diabetic macular edema: retrospective cohort, TZD users vs nonusers ↑ macular edema 1 yr follow up aOR 2.3 (1.5-3.6) & 10 yr follow up HR 2.3 (1.7-3.0).<sup>10</sup> Cross-section of **ACCORD** ↑ macular edema aOR, 0.97 (0.67-1.40).<sup>11</sup> Note- only rosiglitazone has a warning.<sup>12</sup>
36. Piog: ?↑ bladder cancer; France, retrospective observational cohort pioglitazone exposure vs other diabetic agent HR 1.22 (1.03-1.43), pioglitazone exposure **cumulative dose > 28 000 mg** vs other diabetic agent HR 1.75 (1.22-2.5), pioglitazone **exposure >12 months** vs other diabetic agent HR 1.28 (1.09-1.51).<sup>13</sup> US, prospective observational cohort (5 yr interim analysis) pioglitazone exposure vs never exposed HR 1.2 (0.9-1.5), pioglitazone exposure >12 months vs never exposed HR 1.4 (0.9-2.1), & pioglitazone exposure >24 months vs never exposed HR 1.4 (1.03-2.0).<sup>14</sup> FDA calculated pioglitazone >12 months associated **27.5 excess cases of bladder cancer /100,000 person-yrs** vs never exposed.<sup>15,16</sup>
37. Rosiglitazone **FDA +/-** Health Canada warnings/label changes: restricted access- in Canada (SK-EDS) due to ?↑ CV events- see MACE/mortality.<sup>17-21</sup>
38. DPP-4 inhibitors FDA +/- Health Canada warnings/label changes:
- ?↑ HF risk with saxagliptin and alogliptin (see above).<sup>10, 11</sup> **SAVOR-TIMI 53**,<sup>12,13</sup> **EXAMINE**,<sup>16, 22</sup>
  - ?↑ arthralgia risk; n=33 cases of severe arthralgia, of which n=10 cases were hospitalized due to disabling joint pain; n=8 cases reported a positive rechallenge (2006-2013).<sup>23</sup>
39. Incretin agents (DPP-4 inhibitors and GLP1 agonists) ?↑ pancreatitis:<sup>24</sup> Meta-analysis of **SAVOR-TIMI 53**, **EXAMINE**, & **TECOS** (n=36,395) demonstrated ↑ acute pancreatitis **OR 1.79 (1.13-2.82)** and **ARI of 0.13%** vs placebo.<sup>24a</sup> US case control study; incretin agent (exenatide or sitagliptin) within 30 days **OR 2.24 (95% CI, 1.36-3.68)**.<sup>25</sup> FDA: n=30 cases of pancreatitis with exenatide of which n=21 cases hospitalized, n=3 cases reported positive rechallenge.<sup>26</sup> FDA: n=88 cases of pancreatitis with sitagliptin
44. ?↑ UTI; SGLT2 inhibitor vs placebo: **OR 1.34 (1.03-1.74, I<sup>2</sup>=0%)**, vs active agent: OR 1.42 (1.06-1.9, I<sup>2</sup>=25%); however recent real world surveillance data suggests this may not be an issue <sup>47, 48</sup> <https://annals.org/aim/article-abstract/2739786/sodium-glucose-cotransporter-2-inhibitors-risk-severe-urinary-tract-infections?searchresult=1> .
- ↑ **genital tract skin infection**; SGLT2 inhibitor vs placebo **OR 3.50 (2.46-4.99, I<sup>2</sup>=0%)**, vs active agent: OR 5.06 (3.44-7.45, I<sup>2</sup>=0%).<sup>44</sup>
45. Dapagliflozin: ? ↑ bladder/breast cancer; approved by FDA 2014 (rejected in 2012 due to breast & bladder cancer concerns). Dapagliflozin vs control; bladder cancer: n=10 cases vs n=1 case & breast cancer: n=12 cases vs n= 3 cases (up to 2013).
46. Canagliflozin 100mg once daily vs placebo: ↓ primary composite outcome of ESKD, doubling of SCr & renal or CV death: 11.1% vs 15.5% p= 0.00001. **CREDESCENCE**
47. FDA Warning (May 2019): SGLT2 inhibitors associated with **Fournier Gangrene**. 55 cases reported to FDA between 2013-19 with SGLT2i. Likely class effect (cana = 21, dapa = 16, empa=18). 2019 review: <https://annals.org/aim/article-abstract/2732837/fournier-gangrene-associated-sodium-glucose-cotransporter-2-inhibitors-review-spontaneous>



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