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Diabetic Kidney Disease

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# Plan

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## > Introduction

1/ Are we following the guidelines ?

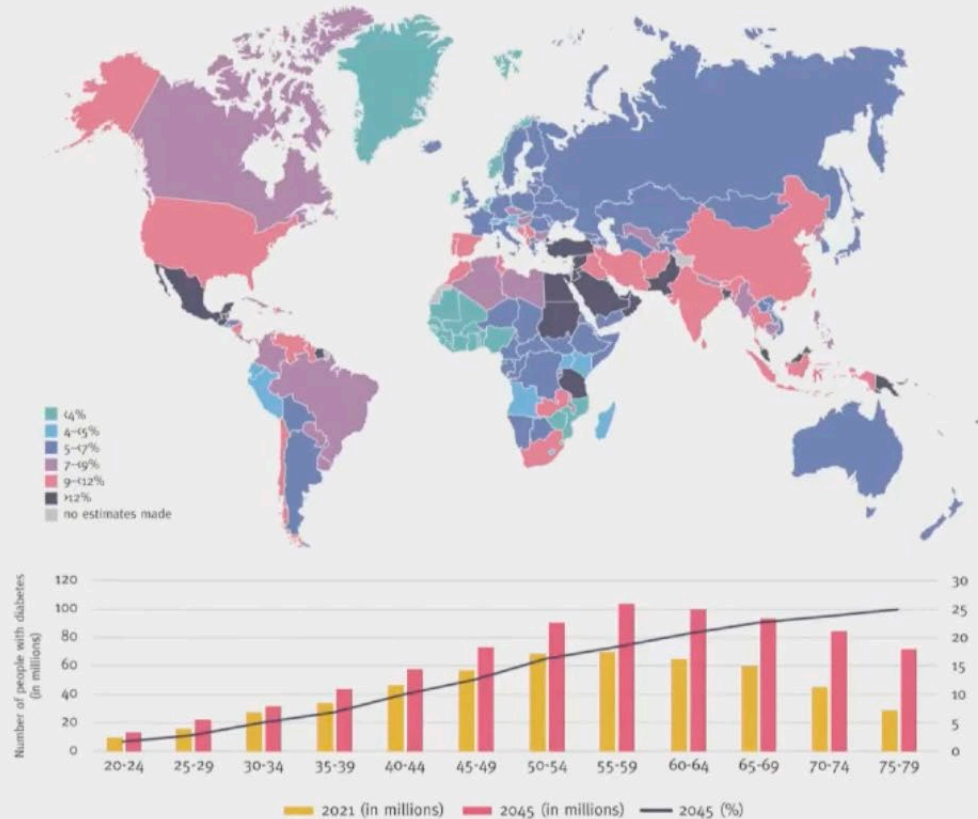
2/ CGM accuracy in DKD stage 4-5

3/ Tirzepatide reduces albuminuria in T2D

4/ Effectiveness of the association GLP-1 agonists and SGLT-2 inhibitors on renal events

# Increasing prevalence of DKD

## Diabetic Kidney Disease is Highly Prevalent



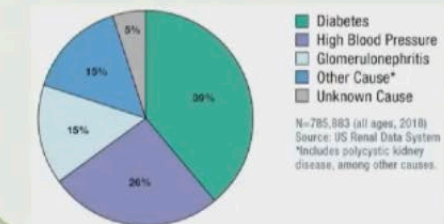
### Worldwide diabetes prevalence, adults:

- 2021: **537 million (10.5%)** estimated
- 2030: **643 million (11.3%)** expected
- 2045: **783 million (12.2%)** expected

Diabetic kidney disease **affects**  
**30-40%** of people with  
diabetes...



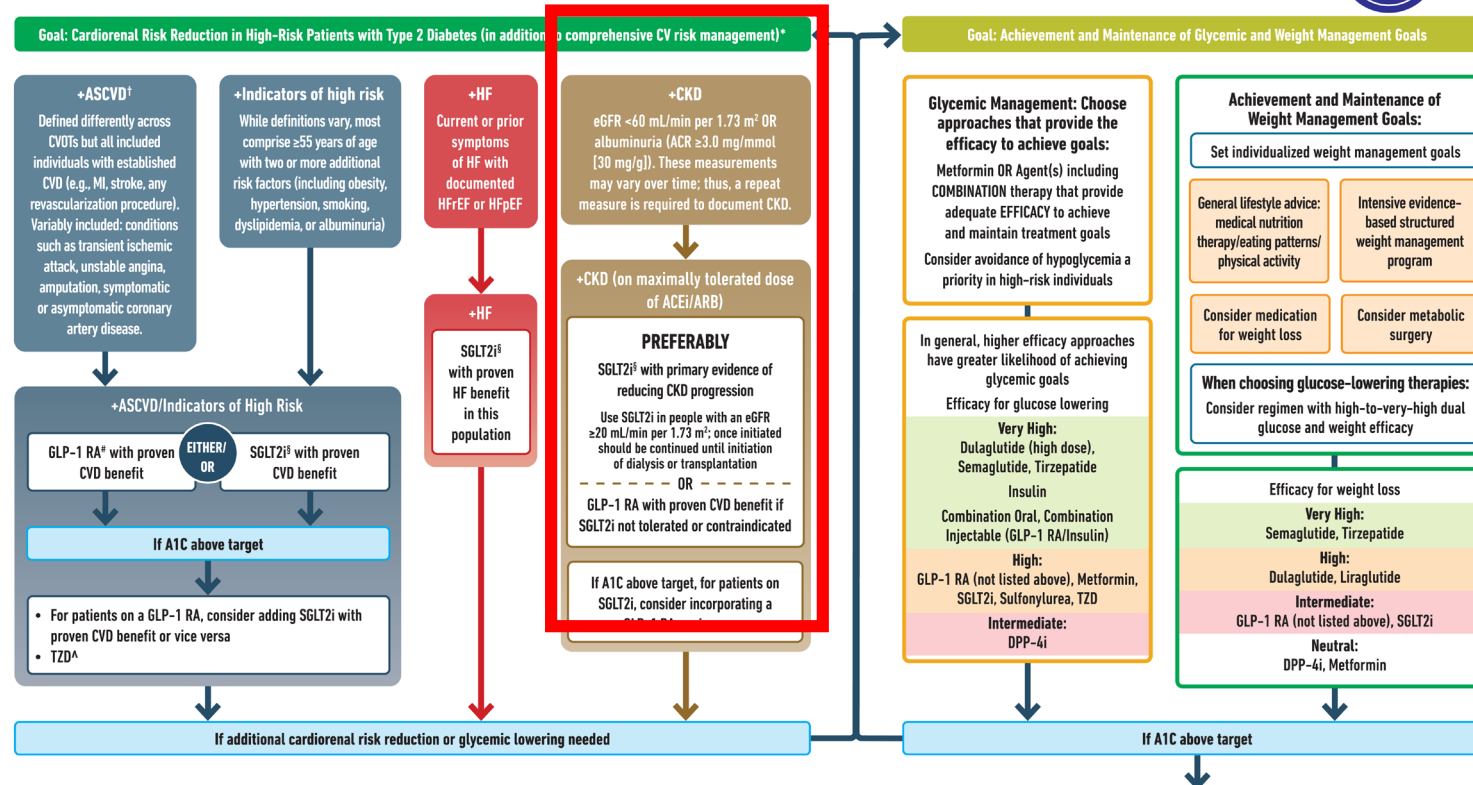
...and is the **leading cause**  
of **kidney failure** in the US



# Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Treatment: Standards of Care in Diabetes—2023

## USE OF GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIORS; DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES); SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)

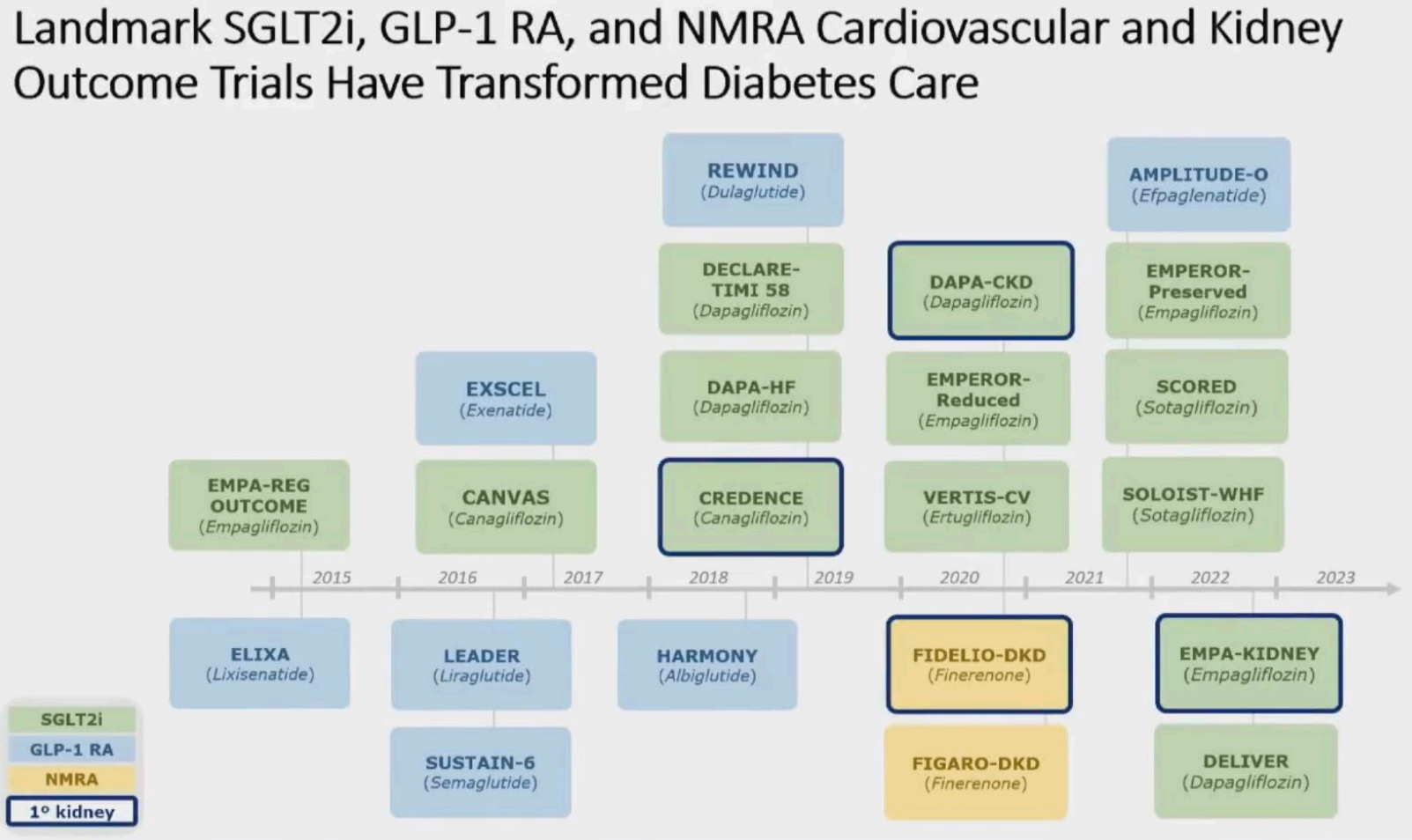


\* In people with HF, CKD, established CVD or multiple risk factors for CVD, the decision to use a GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i with proven benefit should be independent of background use of metformin; † A strong recommendation is warranted for people with CVD and a weaker recommendation for those with indicators of high CV risk. Moreover, a higher absolute risk reduction and thus lower numbers needed to treat are seen at higher levels of baseline risk and should be factored into the shared decision-making process. See text for details; <sup>Δ</sup> Low-dose TZD may be better tolerated and similarly effective; § For SGLT2i, CV renal outcomes trials demonstrate their efficacy in reducing the risk of composite MACE, CV death, all-cause mortality, MI, HF, and renal outcomes in individuals with TZD with established/high risk of CVD; # For GLP-1 RA, CVOTs demonstrate their efficacy in reducing composite MACE, CV death, all-cause mortality, MI, stroke, and renal endpoints in individuals with TZD with established/high risk of CVD.

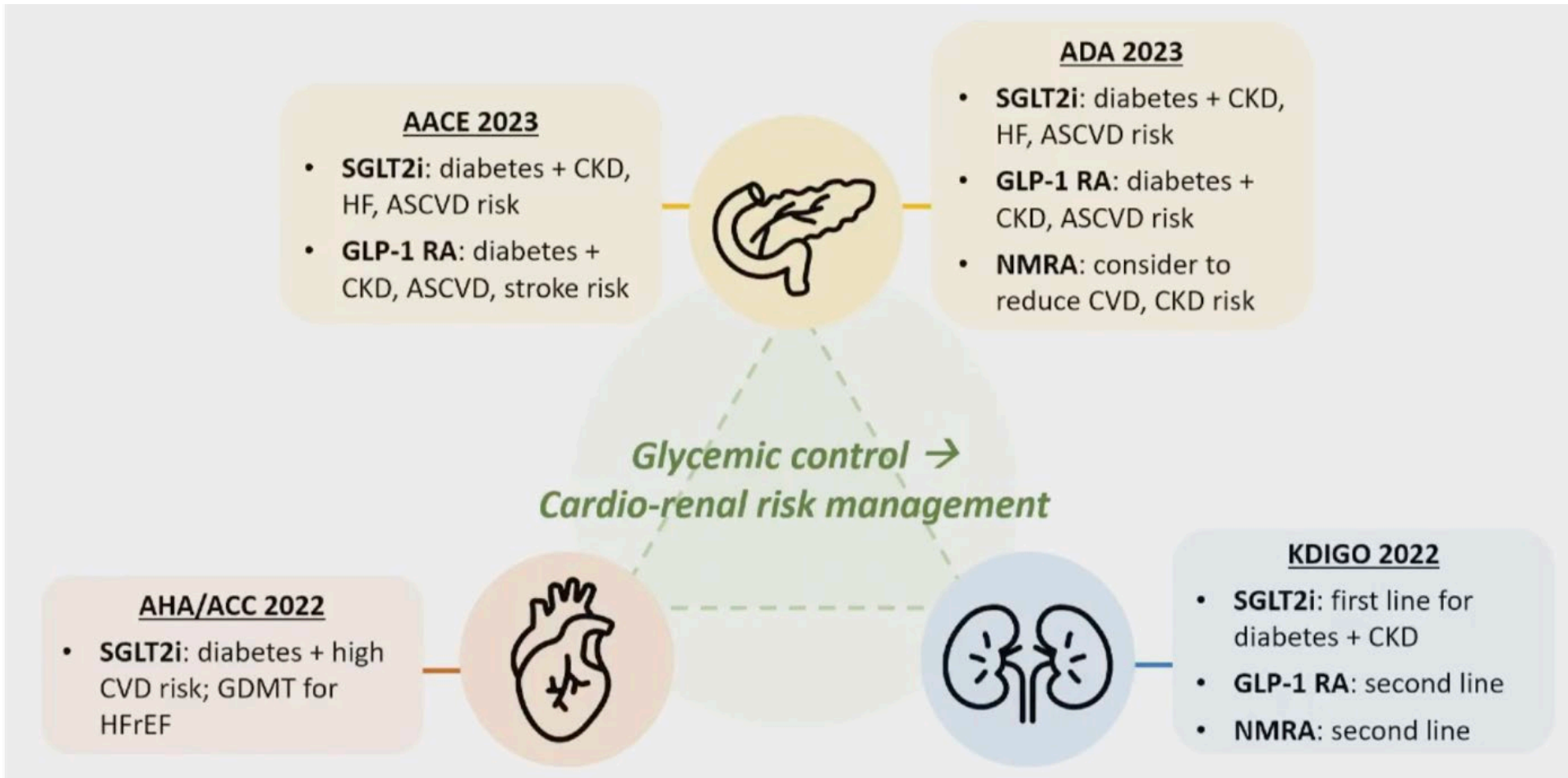
**Identify barriers to goals:**

- Consider DSMES referral to support self-efficacy in achievement of goals
- Consider technology (e.g., diagnostic CGM) to identify therapeutic gaps and tailor therapy
- Identify and address SDOH that impact achievement of goals

# 4 trials with CKD as primary outcome



# Guidelines now center Diabetes Complications



*1/ Are we following the guidelines and using the newer therapies to protect against DKD?*

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*How many people are eligible for these drugs ?*

# A large proportion of T2D are eligible for SGLT-1i and GLP-1 RA in the USA

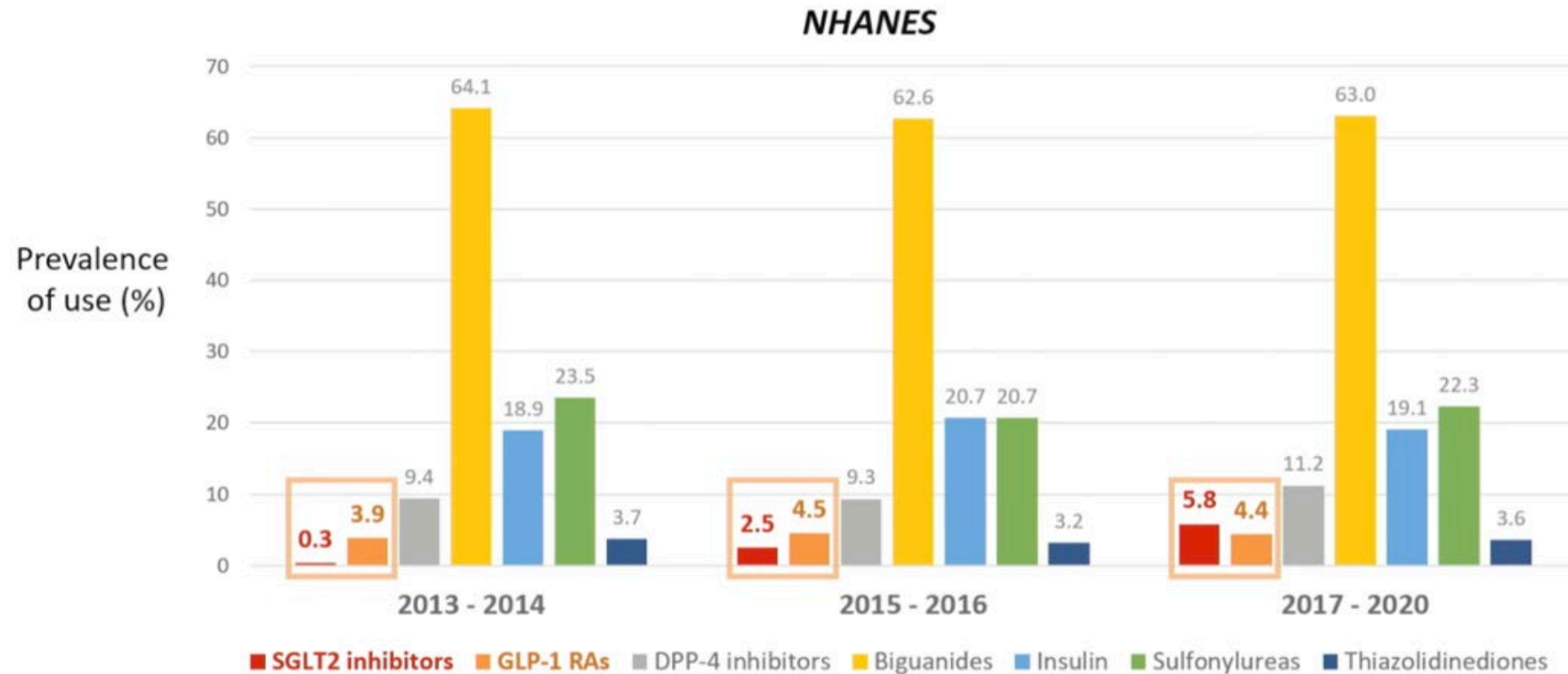
Distribution of eligibility in T2D – NHANES 2017-2018

	SGLT2i, weighted % (95% CI)	GLP-1 RA, weighted % (95% CI)	SGLT2i + GLP-1 RA, weighted % (95% CI)
<b>Overall</b>	52.6 (47.7, 57.5)	32.8 (28.8, 37.2)	26.6 (22.2, 31.7)
<b>Age, years</b>			
<65	44.0 (35.3, 53.1)	27.2 (21.8, 33.2)	20.9 (15.7, 27.3)
≥65	64.4 (56.9, 71.2)	40.6 (34.2, 47.2)	34.4 (27.6, 41.9)
<b>Comorbidities</b>			
Central obesity	50.7 (44.8, 56.7)	30.0 (25.7, 34.6)	24.1 (18.7, 30.5)
Hypertension	61.5 (56.0, 66.8)	32.3 (26.8, 38.4)	31.2 (25.7, 37.2)
Dyslipidemia	55.1 (49.3, 60.7)	28.5 (22.7, 35.2)	27.2 (21.7, 33.6)

Based on **ADA and ACC 2020 guidelines** where **SGLT2i** are indicated for people with diabetes and CKD, HF, or established ASCVD with eGFR 30-60ml/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> or UACR > 30 mg/g and **GLP-1 RA** are indicated for people with established or high risk ASCVD.



# SGLT-1i and GLP-1 RA use is low among adults with T2D in the USA



# SGLT-1i and GLP-1 RA use is not higher in DKD

SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA use is **not higher** among adults with **CKD** and is only **marginally higher** among adults with **heart failure** or **atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease**

Prevalence of SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA use in adults with T2D by comorbidity – NHANES 2017-2020

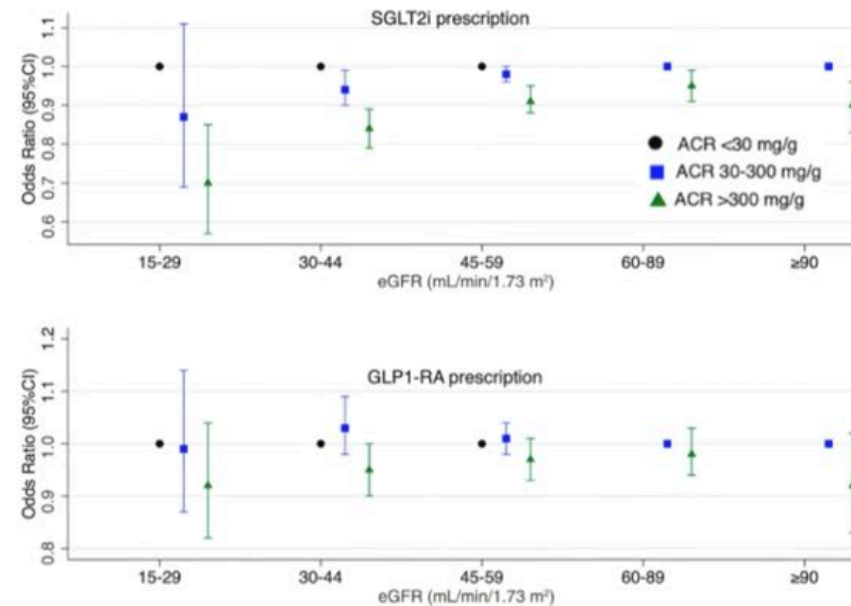
	SGLT2i		GLP-1 RA	
	Weighted prevalence (95% CI)	p-value	Weighted prevalence (95% CI)	p-value
CKD	-	0.98	-	0.61
No	5.9 (3.7, 9.1)	-	4.8 (2.7, 8.5)	-
Yes	5.8 (2.7, 12.2)	-	3.8 (2.2, 6.5)	-
CHF	-	0.40	-	0.20
No	5.4 (3.5, 8.2)	-	4.3 (2.9, 6.2)	-
Yes	11.2 (3.1, 32.8)	-	6.1 (3.4, 10.8)	-
ASCVD	-	0.09	-	0.31
No	4.8 (2.8, 8.1)	-	4.7 (3.3, 6.7)	-
Yes	9.4 (5.5, 15.5)	-	3.5 (1.7, 7.2)	-
CKD, CHF, or ASCVD	-	0.09	-	0.25
No	4.0 (2.3, 6.8)	-	5.4 (3.1, 9.0)	-
Yes	7.7 (4.5, 12.9)	-	3.5 (2.2, 5.4)	-

# SGLT-1i and GLP-1 RA less likely prescribed with more severe DKD and higher CV risk

- Prevalence of SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA prescriptions in the **Veterans Health Administration System (2019-2020; 1.2 million adults with T2D)**
- **Overall, 11% and 8%** prescribed **SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA**, respectively
- Among those with **CKD**, **12% and 10%** prescribed **SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA**, respectively

Those with *more severe kidney disease and higher cardiovascular and kidney risk* were *less likely* to be prescribed **SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA**

Association of albuminuria with SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA prescription

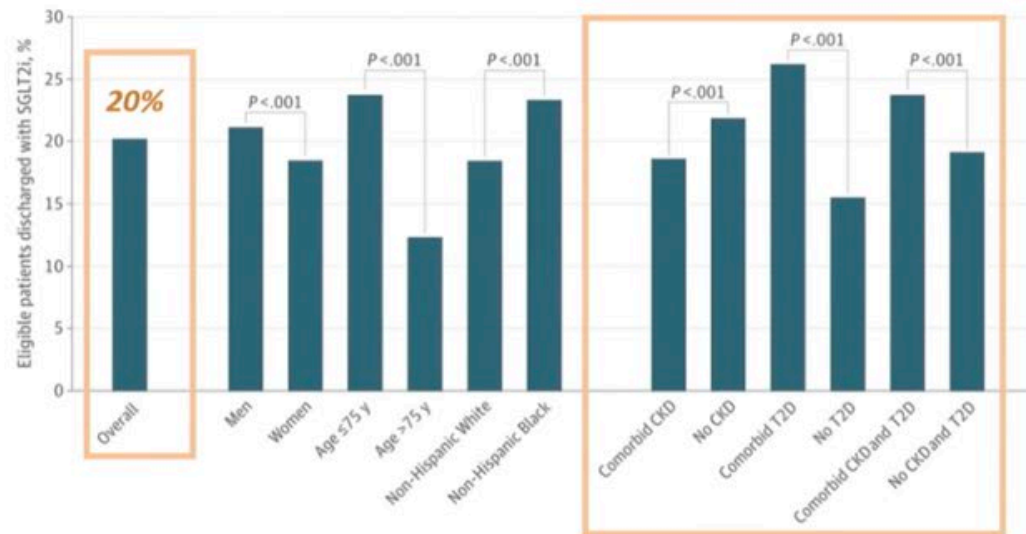


Models adjusted for age, sex, race, ethnicity, ZIP code median income, ZIP code area social deprivation index, VA diabetes and service connection, rurality, smoking status, alcohol use, HTN, BMI, mental health diagnosis, HbA1c, antidiabetes medications, specialty visits, frailty, COVID-19

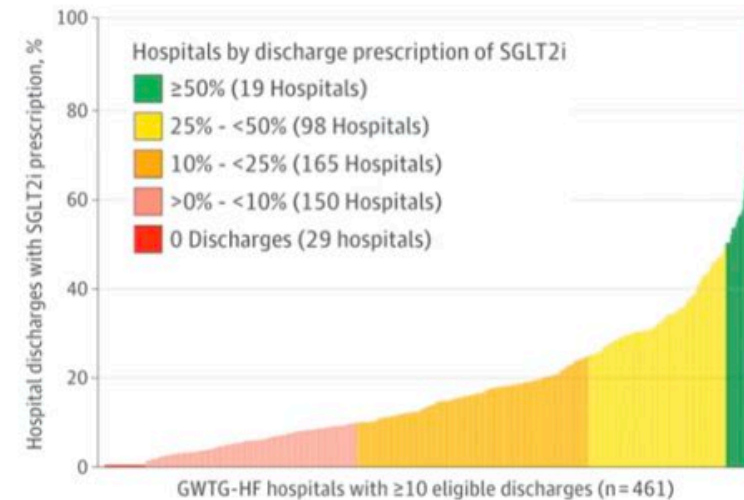
# SGLT2i use is low in HFrEF

Get with the Guidelines Heart Failure Registry, 2021-2022  
(n = 49,399 hospitalized for HFrEF)

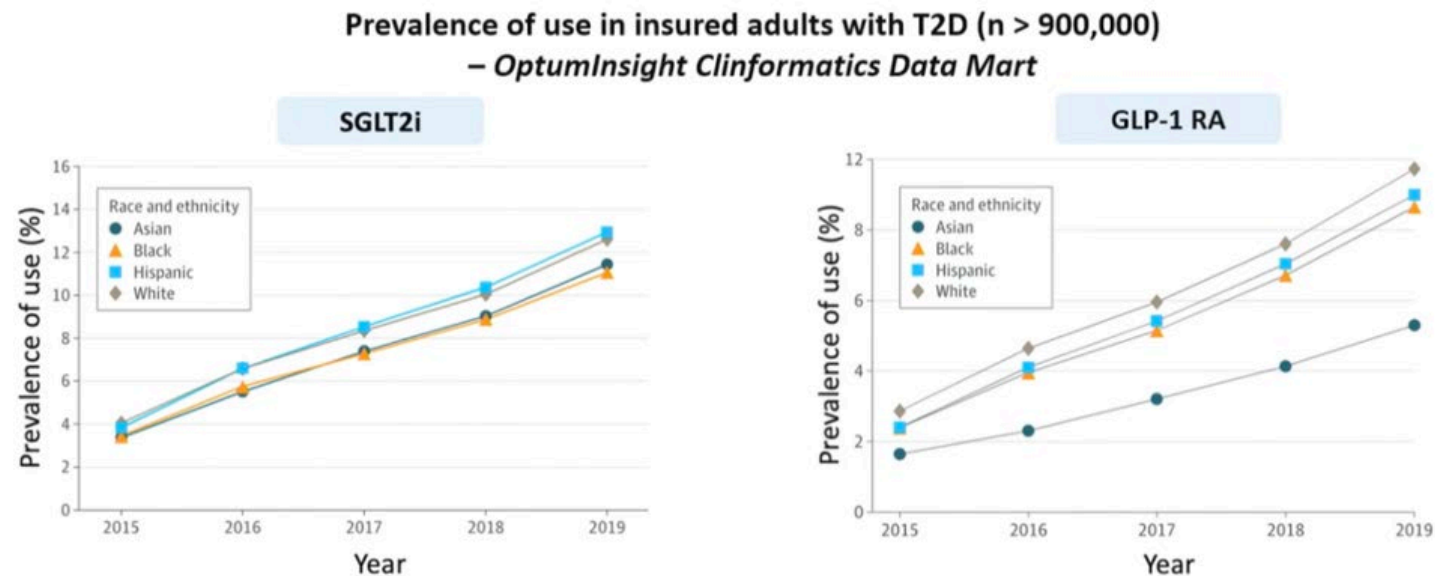
Percentage of eligible hospitalized HFrEF patients discharged on SGLT2i



Hospital-level variation in percentage of patients discharged on SGLT2i



# Racial and ethnic disparities in SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA use

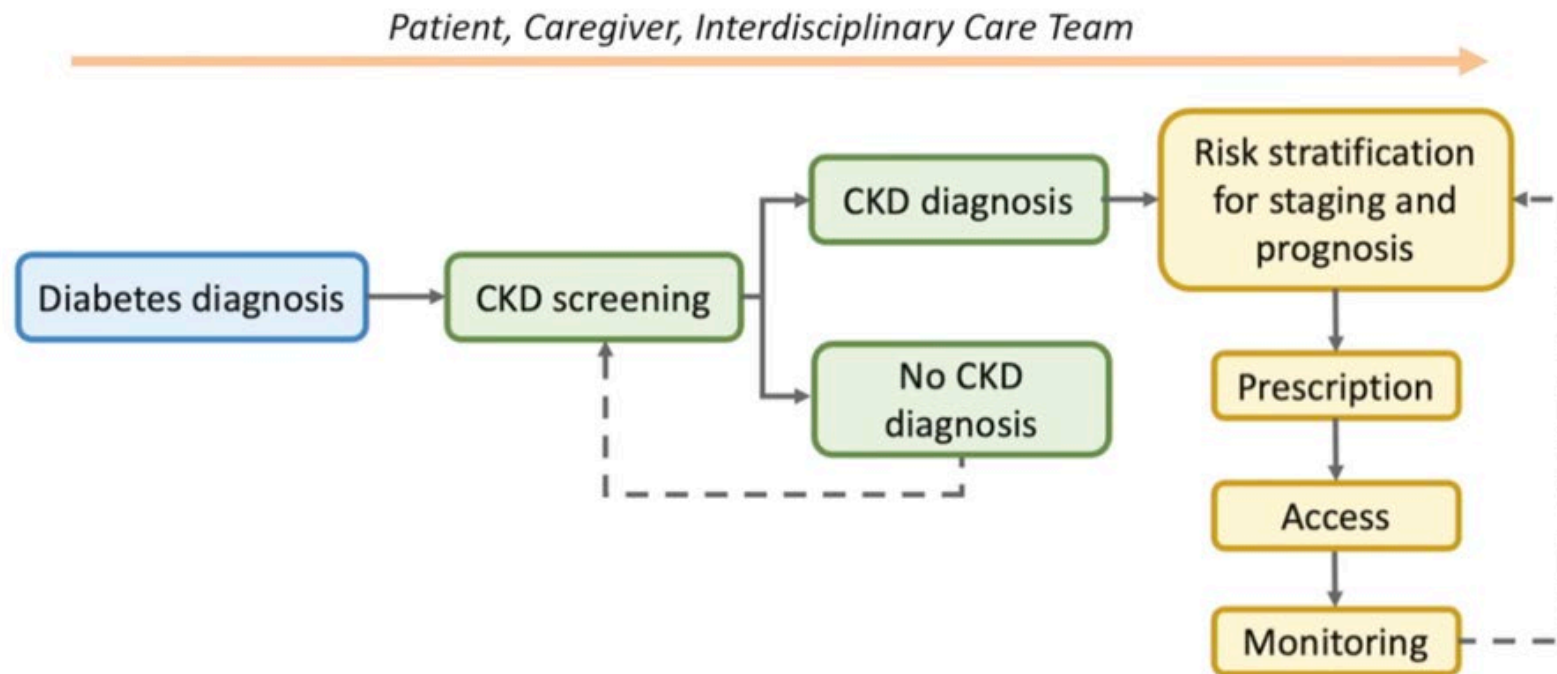


In NHANES 2017-2020 data, similar lower prevalence of use of:

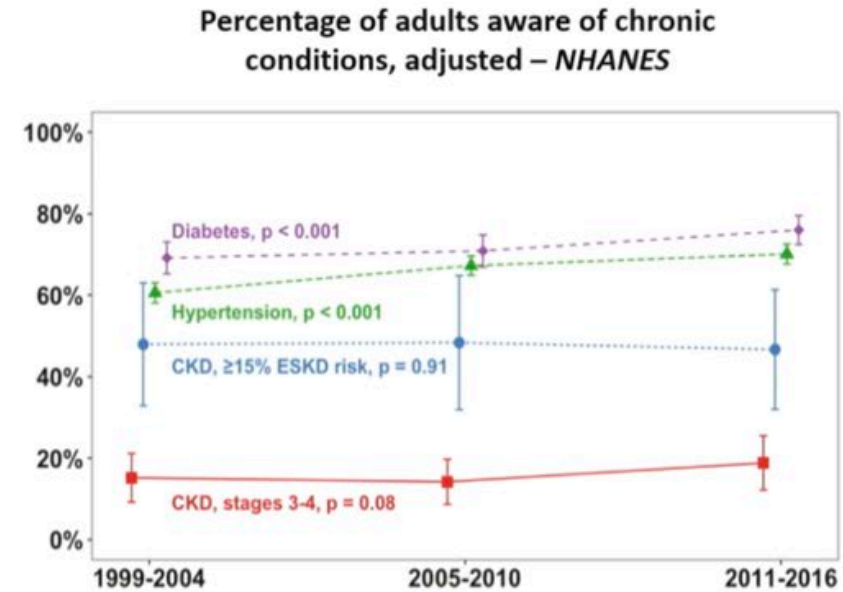
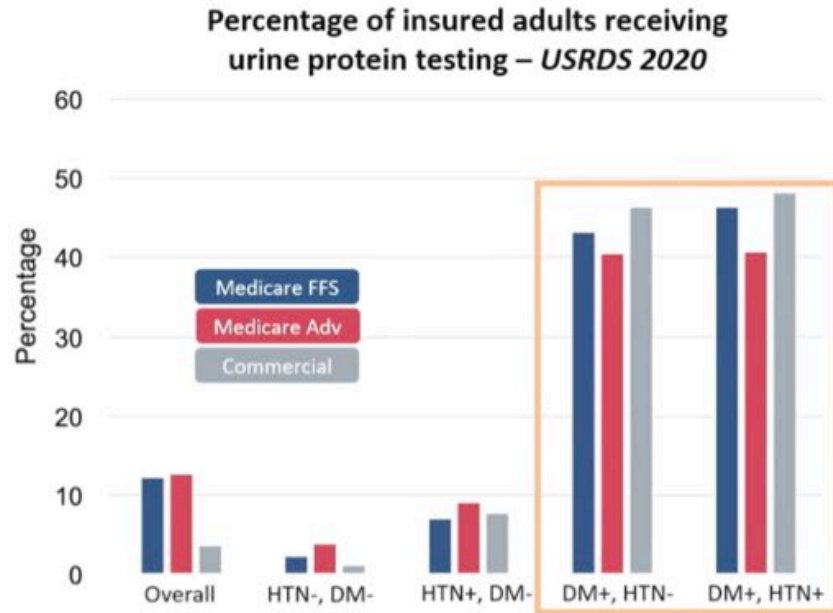
- **SGLT2i** in Non-Hispanic Black, Mexican American vs Non-Hispanic White adults (~3% vs 7%)
- **GLP-1 RA** in Mexican American vs Non-Hispanic White adults (2% vs 5%)

# Barriers to implementation of novel kidney-protective agents

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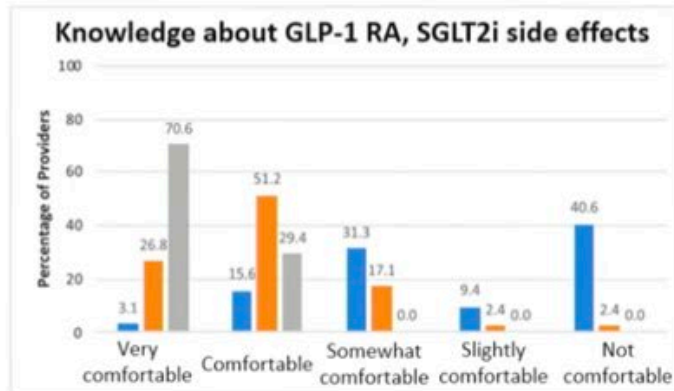
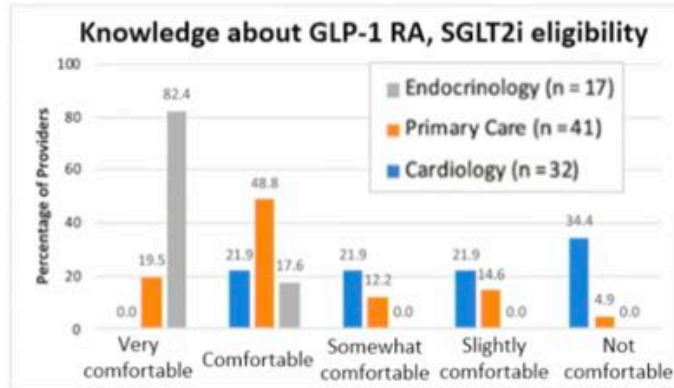
# Low rates of CKD screening



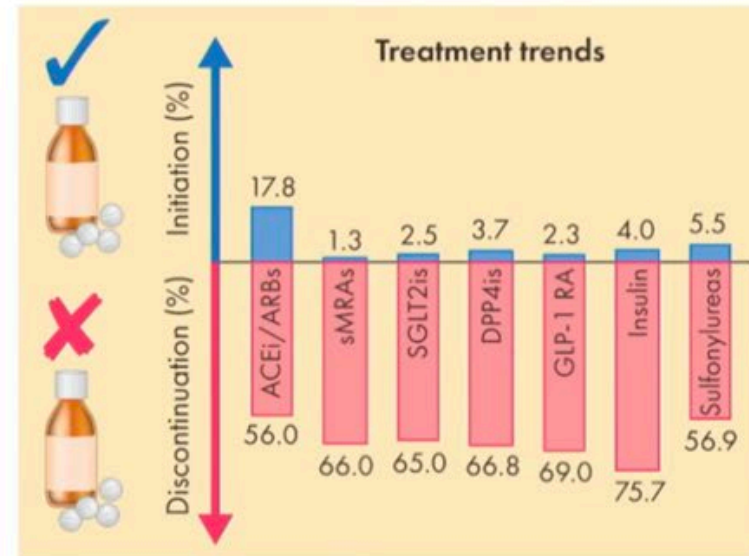
<https://usrds-adr.niddk.nih.gov/2022>; Alfego et al., *Diabetes Care* (2021); Chu et al., *Am J Kidney Dis* (2020)

# Provider uncertainty, inappropriate drug discontinuation

Questionnaire on provider comfort with SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA – academic health system (2018)

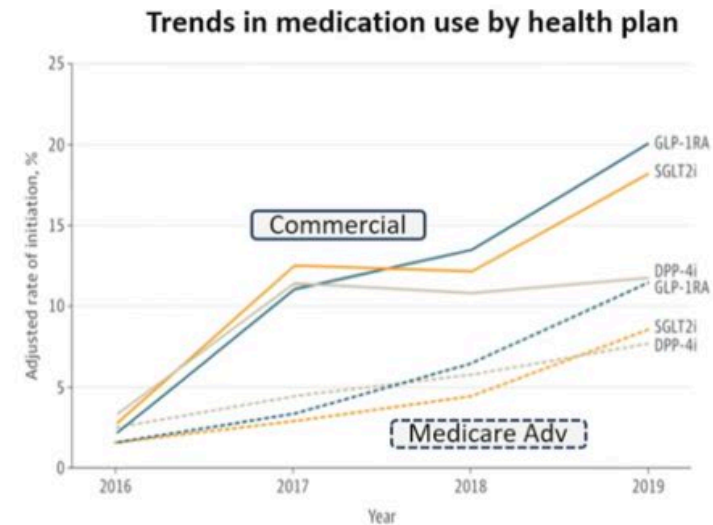
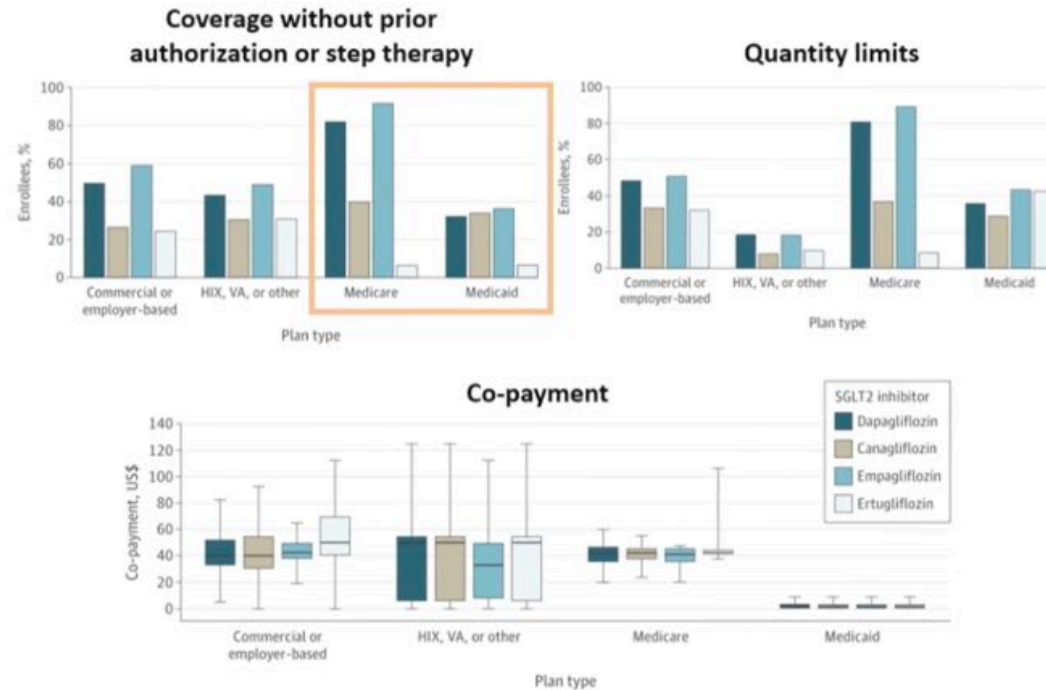


Drug discontinuation in T2D and incident CKD (n=63,271) or prevalent CKD (n=326,762) – US claims data (2007-2019)





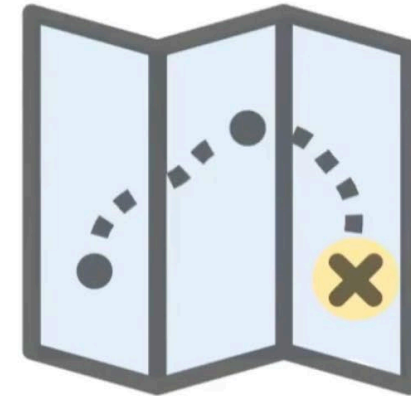
# Prescription barriers and prohibitive costs



Tummalapalli et al., *JAMA Health Forum* (2021); McCoy et al., *JAMA Network Open* (2021)

# Conclusions

- Guidelines recommend use of SGLT2 inhibitors and GLP-1 RA to **reduce kidney and cardiovascular disease risk in T2D and CKD**
- **SGLT2 inhibitor and GLP-1 RA use is low**, especially among those who would experience the most benefit
- **Barriers to guideline implementation** include low rates of CKD screening, provider uncertainty and fragmented care, challenges accessing prescriptions, and inappropriate drug discontinuation
- Addressing barriers to guideline implementation requires **interdisciplinary collaboration and integration across the DKD care pathway**



# 2/ CGM accuracy in DKD

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## **Symposium: CGM: Are you using them correctly?**

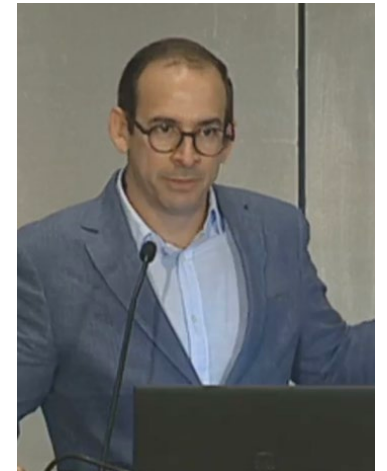
### **CGM in Special Populations: Accuracy and Efficacy Considerations**

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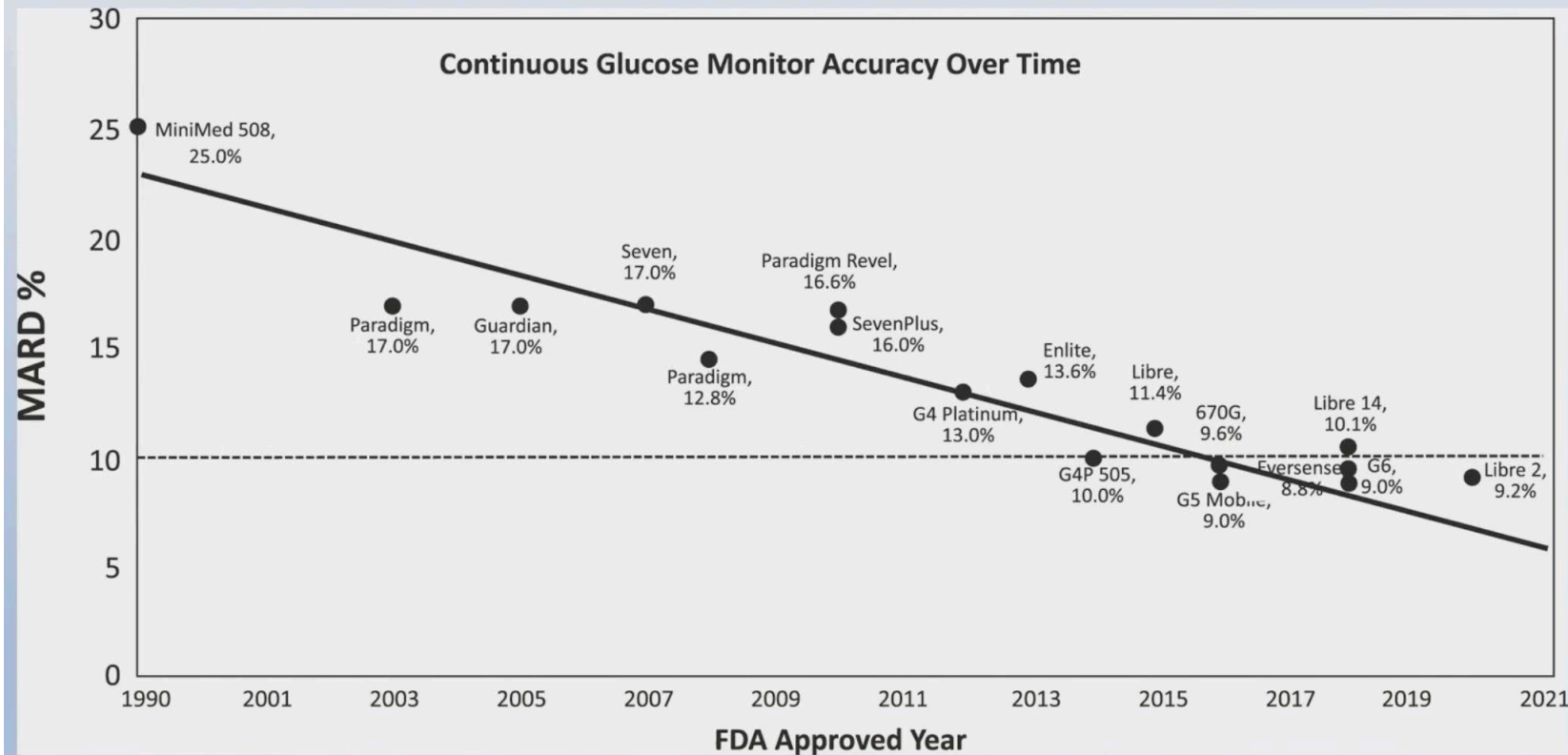
# Accuracy of Glucose Meters

**Table 2.** Accuracy of Glucose Meters in Different Reference Glucose Ranges.

Glucose meter	MARD (%)	SD	MARD (%)	SD	MARD (%)	SD	MARD (%)	SD
	Overall		BS < 70 mg/dL		BS 70-179 mg/dL		BS ≥180 mg/dL	
Contour Next	5.6	6.4	8.9	13.2	4.8	3.5	5.4	5.2
StatStrip Xpress	6.3	6.1	11.1	9.6	4.9	3.9	6.0	5.5
OneTouch VerioIQ	7.1	6.9	9.9	13.0	6.3	4.7	6.8	5.9
Accu-Chek Nano	7.3	7.1	11.6	12.8	6.7	5.8	6.8	5.8
FreeStyle Freedom Lite	7.5	6.4	15.4	7.1	7.3	6.8	6.2	4.8
Accu-Chek Aviva Plus	7.6	7.9	12.1	15.2	7.3	5.8	6.9	6.4
FreeStyle Lite	8.2	8.1	16.6	6.5	7.9	5.7	6.8	8.3
Nova Max	9.7	12.6	27.0	24.6	8.9	10.5	6.9	6.0
TRUResult	13.0	8.4	13.2	10.8	12.8	7.3	13.1	8.4
HemoCue Glucose 201	13.2	9.9	19.9	19.4	11.6	7.9	12.6	7.3
OneTouch Ultra2	13.6	11.5	30.3	14.9	15.7	10.8	9.7	7.4
ReliOn Prime	14.3	10.2	16.2	8.8	11.4	7.9	15.1	11.1
BREEZE @2	15.8	12.4	25.7	19.1	13.3	9.7	14.9	11.0
ReliOn Micro	16.0	12.2	29.9	11.8	14.2	11.2	14.1	10.9
AgaMatrix PRESTO	16.2	13.7	39.2	14.4	21.2	11.3	9.8	7.8
AgaMatrix JAZZ	16.7	13.9	38.0	16.3	22.3	11.6	10.5	8.3
SideKick	20.8	16.6	31.7	16.1	16.7	12.9	20.4	17.2

Meters are listed in order of overall increasing MARD.

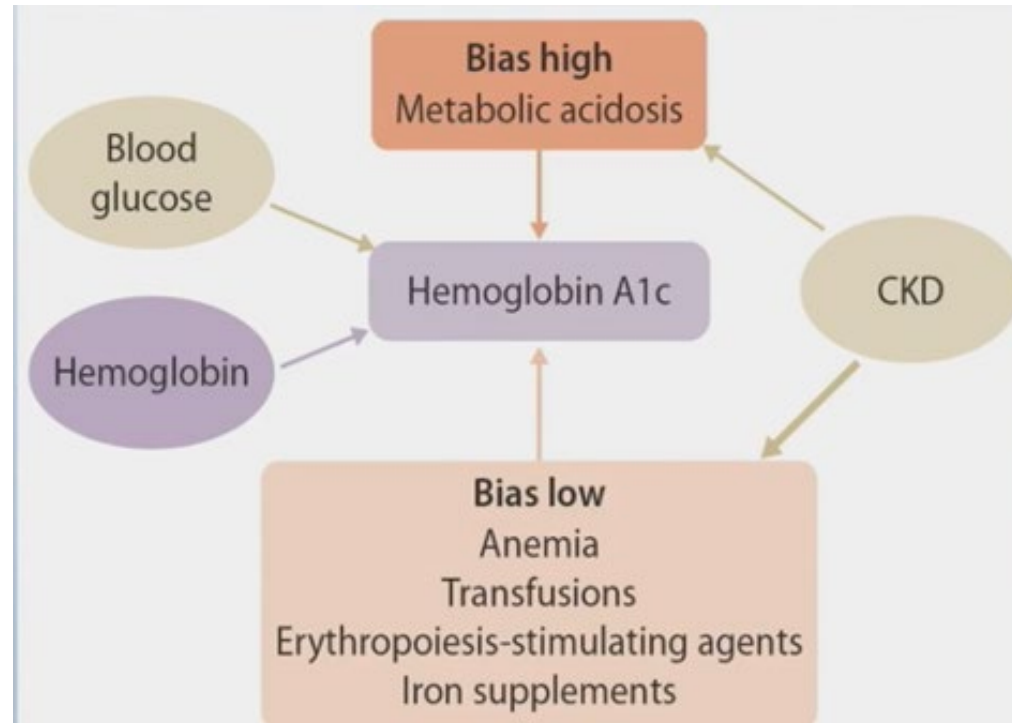
# CGM Accuracy: 30 years of advancement



Libre 3  
Dexcom One  
Dexcom G7  
Dexcom G6  
Guardian 4  
2023

# Accuracy and precision of HbA1c measurement declines with advanced CKD (G4-5)

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# Targeting hypoglycemia with CGM in DKD patients

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## **GLYCEMIC MONITORING AND TARGETS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD: KDIGO 2022**

Practice Point 2.1.3: A **glucose management indicator (GMI)** derived from **continuous glucose monitoring (CGM)** data can be used to index glycemia for individuals in **whom HbA1c is not concordant** with directly measured blood glucose levels or clinical symptoms.

Practice Point 2.1.4: Daily **glycemic monitoring with CGM or self-monitoring of blood glucose (SMBG)** **may help to prevent hypoglycemia** and improve glycemic control when antihyperglycemic therapies associated with risk of hypoglycemia are used.

Practice Point 2.1.5: For patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D) and CKD who **choose not to do daily glycemic monitoring by CGM or SMBG**, **antihyperglycemic agents that pose a lower risk of hypoglycemia are preferred** and should be administered in doses that are appropriate for the level of eGFR.

Practice Point 2.2.2: **CGM metrics, such as time in range and time in hypoglycemia, may be considered as alternatives to HbA1c** for defining glycemic targets in some patients.

# Is CGM accurate in hemodialysis?

## CGM in Hemodialysis – recent sensors

Author & Year	Population	CGM duration	Results
<b>Olafsdottir, 2017</b>	DM1, n: 50 (at least 10 pairs of glucose)	Dexcom G5 Libre 14 days (vs HemoCue)	Libre MARD 19.3.0% (vs 22.5% for non HD patients) Dexcom G5 MARD 15.5% (vs 15% for non HD pts)
<b>Yajima, 2019</b>	DM2, HD, n: 13	14 days (FreeStyle Libre Pro) Ipro2	Overall, MARD 19.5% (vs OneTouch Ultra Verio) MARD 31.9% for glucose <70 mg/dl Only 49% and 51% of glucoses fell into Zone A and B of EGA CGM glucose -24.4 mg/dL (166.9 ± 57.4 mg/dL vs 142.5 ± 63.9 mg/dL, <i>P</i> < .0001)
<b>Matoba, 2020</b>	DM2, n: 13	Freestyle Libre Pro Ipro 2	DuringHD: MARD 18.2%, Ipro 15% CEG Zone A/B: 86.9% for Flash vs 95% for Ipro
<b>Nasser Hissa, 2021</b>	DM2, HD, n: 12	14 days (FreeStyle Libre)	Overall, MARD 21.4% (± 17.8) Similar values in pre-dialysis between capillary and CGM
<b>Mambelli, 2021</b>	DM2, non-DM, n: 31	14 days (FreeStyle Libre)	Good correlation between SMBG and Flash Glucose Monitoring, CEG analyses revealed 97.6% of the readings fell within the A+B regions
<b>Villard, Diab Care, 2022</b>	DM1 (4), DM2. (12), PTDM (1)	Dexcom G6 Pro 10 days	Overall, MARD 13.8-14.3 TIR 38%
<b>Hissa, 2021</b>	DM2, n: 12	Libre 14 days AccuCheck	Overall MARD 21.4%
<b>Toyoda, 2021</b>	DM, n: 41	Freestyl Libre	MARD 23.4%, PreHD MARD 21.7%, PostHD MARD 25.8%. Sensor glucose lower than capillary

Rodolfo J. Galindo, Roy Beck, F. Scioscia, G. Umpierrez, Katherine Tuttle. Endocrine Reviews, 2020

Rodolfo J. Galindo, Ian DeBoer, Joshua Neumiller, Katherine Tuttle, Clinical Journal of American Society of Nephrology, 2022



# MARD is higher after hemodialysis

- FreeStyle Libre
- n=41 patients
- MARD day 5 > day 1
- Before HD MARD lower than after HD
- Sensor glucose levels were significantly lower than the capillary glucose levels

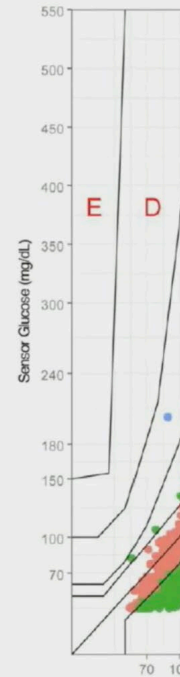
MARD, %

14 days 23.4 (12.9)

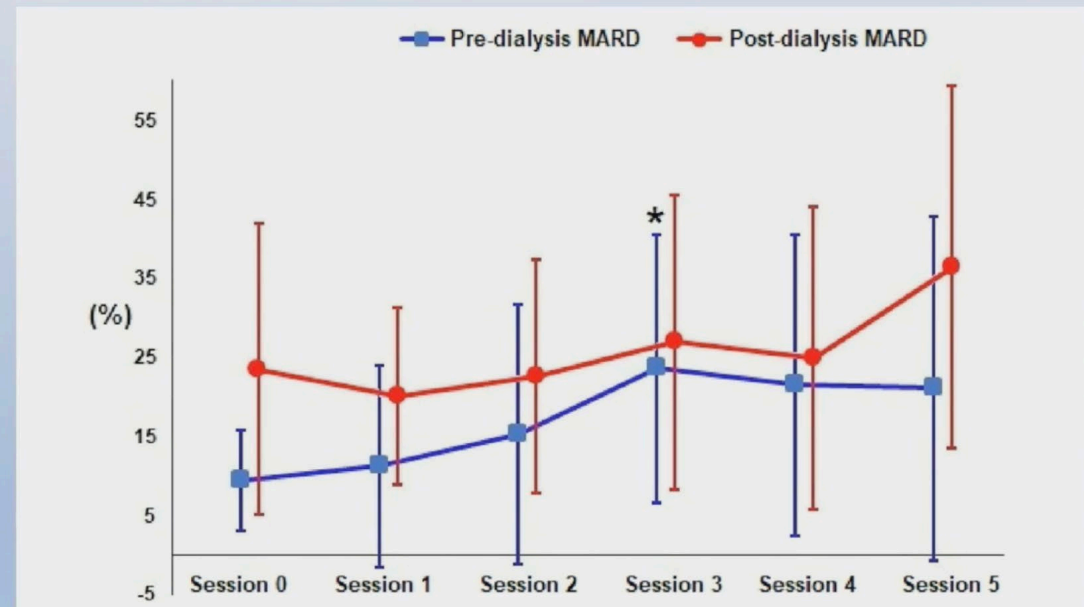
Before HD 21.7 (12.2)

After HD 25.8 (11.9)\*

\*P<0.05 (vs. before dialysis)



## Accuracy comparison between Accu-Check and Freestyle Libre 1



# Hyperglycemia in hemodialysed people

## Evaluation of the accuracy of a factory-calibrated continuous glucose monitor in individuals with diabetes on hemodialysis

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### Background - Objective

Continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) improves glycemic control in patients with diabetes, but its reliability in hemodialysis patients is uncertain. In this study, we evaluated the accuracy of a factory-calibrated CGM in individuals with diabetes on hemodialysis.

### Methods

The Dexcom G6 Pro CGM was worn on the abdomen and worn continuously during the study. Self-monitored blood glucose (SMBG) and venous blood glucose (vBGM) were measured during the study.

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### Results

#### Participant characteristics

Diabetes treatment	Total
No insulin	Insulin

### Glycemic outcomes from CGM

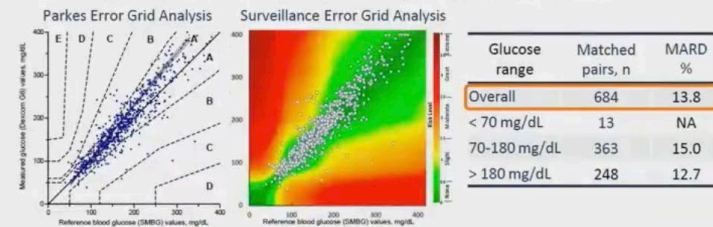
Time in	< 54 mg/dL	0 (0-0.4)
hypoglycemia	54-69 mg/dL	0.1 (0-1.7)
<b>Time in range</b>	<b>70-180 mg/dL</b>	<b>38.5 (29.3-57.9)</b>
	181-250 mg/dL	27.8 (22.8-32.3)
Time in hyperglycemia	> 250 mg/dL	28.7 (7.8-40.6)

±43 mg/dL and the coefficient of variation was 35.6 ±9.5%.

B. HbA1c was correlated with the glycemic management indicator (correlation coefficient 0.7, p<0.001) but significantly lower: GMI 8.2±1.0% vs. HbA1C 7.7±1.3% (p=0.02).

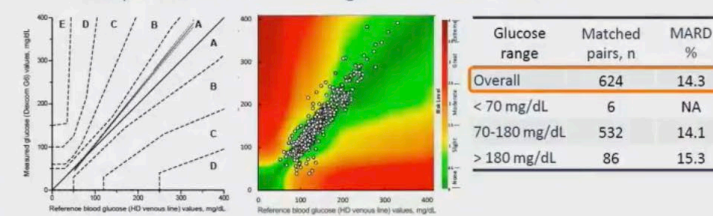
### Accuracy assessment of the CGM

#### 1- Comparison to self-monitoring blood glucose measurements



• 98.7% of values are within the A/B zones of the Parkes error grid (clinically accurate or no risk from error). 96.6% of values are within the green risk zone of the surveillance error grid analysis (no or low risk level of hypo- or hyperglycemia).

#### 2- Comparison to venous blood glucose measurements



• 100% of values are within the A/B zones of the Parkes error grid and 96.3% within the green risk zone of the surveillance error grid analysis.  
 • Measured glucose values with the Dexcom G6-Pro were overestimated in 70% and 74% compared with SMBG and vBGM respectively, as shown by linear regression curves (blue line on the Parkes error grid).

### Conclusion

The performance of the Dexcom G6 Pro CGM is reasonably accurate and clinically relevant in patients with diabetes on hemodialysis. Glycemic control in our population is poor and does not meet the glycemic targets defined by the International Consensus (TIR>50%). The use of a factory-calibrated CGM by patients and healthcare professionals could contribute to better assessment and management of blood glucose in this fragile population.

# Discordance Between Glycated Hemoglobin A1c and GMI in DKD

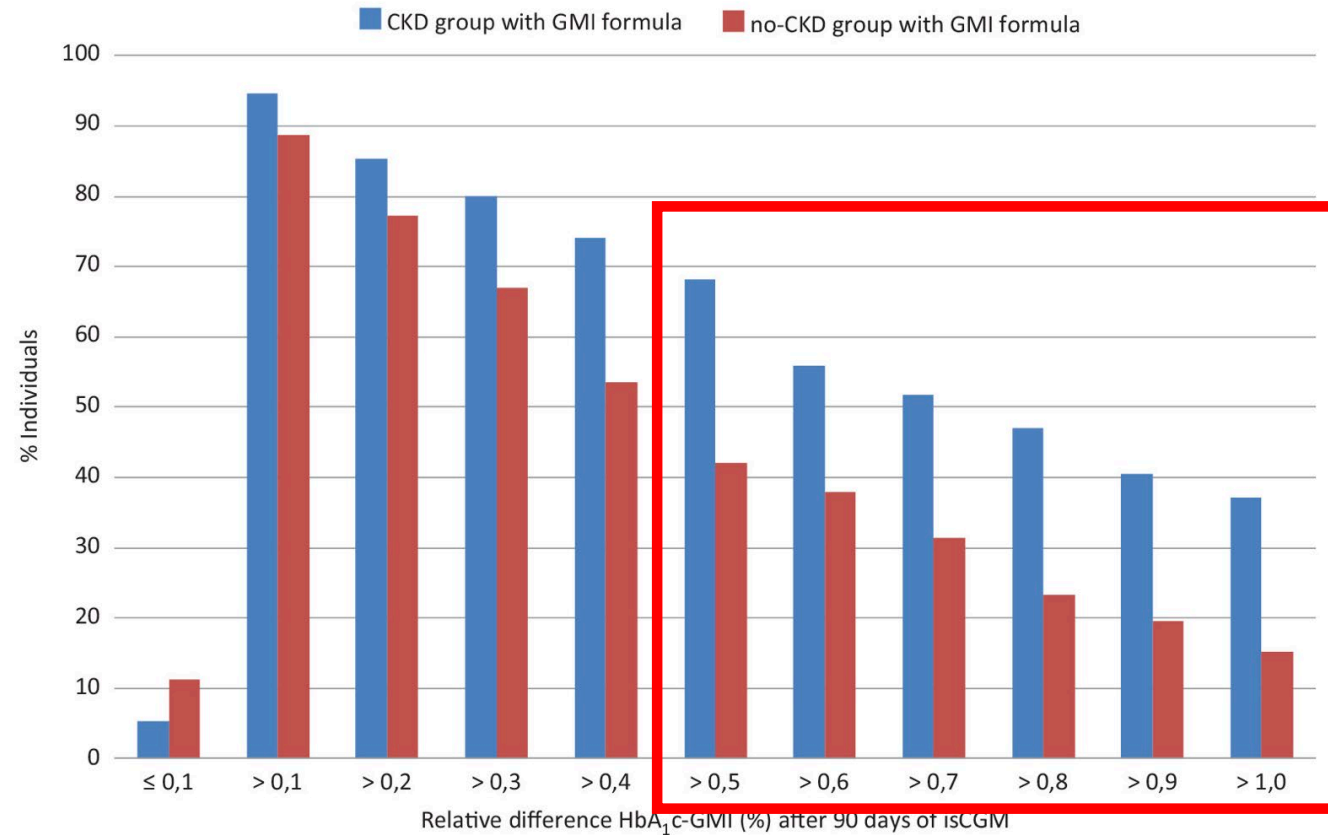


Figure 1. Individuals were subdivided as a percentage ratio based on the relative difference HbA<sub>1c</sub>-GMI threshold between CKD and no-CKD groups. Abbreviations: GMI, glucose management indicator; CKD, chronic kidney disease.

# ...with use of a specific formula CKD-GMI

based on the linear regression  
between HbA<sub>1c</sub> and CGM mean  
glucose at 90 days =  $3.558 + 0.026 \times [\text{CGM mean glucose (mg/dL)}]$

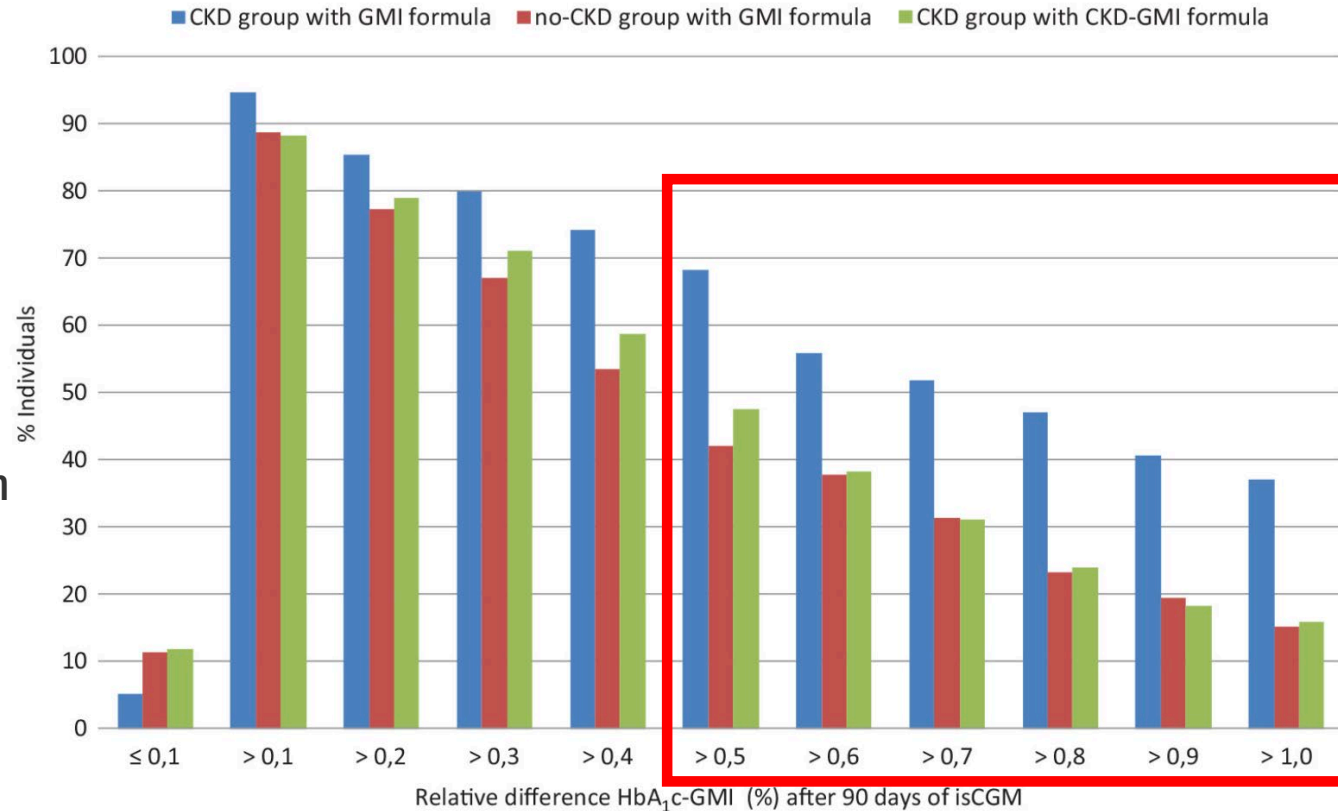


Figure 4. Individuals were subdivided as a percentage ratio based on the relative difference HbA<sub>1c</sub>-GMI threshold between CKD and no-CKD groups. Abbreviations: GMI, glucose management indicator; CKD, chronic kidney disease.

# Potential chemical interferences

CGM system	Glucose sensing methods	Known interferences from chemical substances
Abbott Diabetes Care FreeStyle Libre 14 day system <sup>28</sup>	GO + Redox Sensing Membrane	Ascorbic acid Salicylic acid
Abbott Diabetes Care FreeStyle Libre 2 <sup>29,30</sup>	GO + Redox Sensing Membrane	Ascorbic acid
Dexcom G6 <sup>31,32</sup>	GO + Perm-selective membrane coating	Hydroxyurea
Medtronic MiniMed Guardian Sensor 3 <sup>34,35</sup>	GO	Acetaminophen
Senseonics Eversense <sup>36,37</sup>	Nonenzymatic electrochemical fluorescent-based polymer	Mannitol Tetracycline

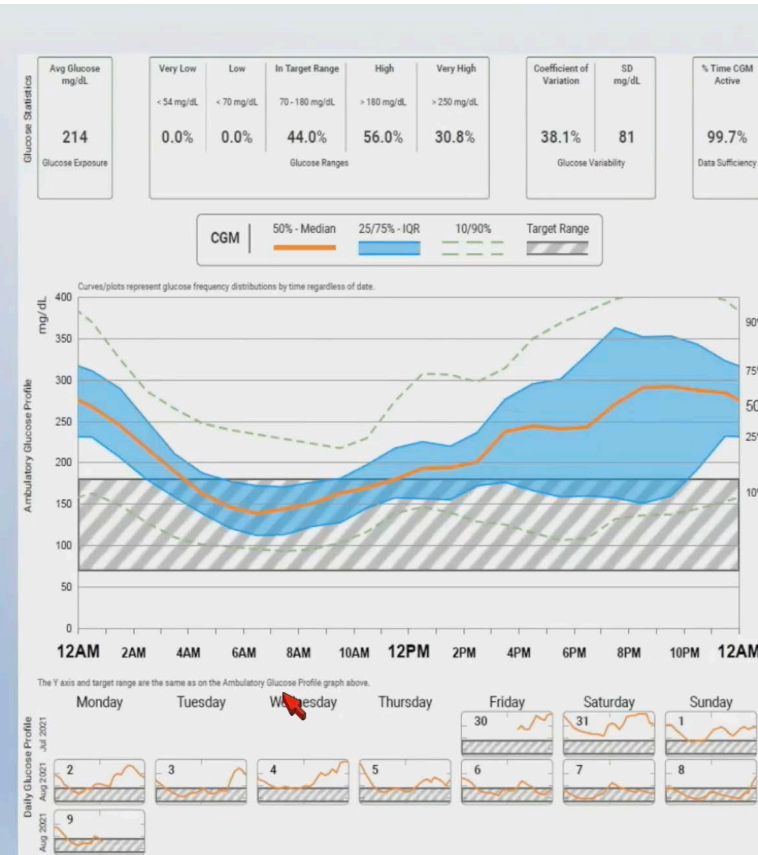
# In conclusion, CGMS is of clinical use in hemodialysis

79F DM2 x 34 years, ESKD due to DM2  
Hemodialysis for 5 years, starting mid-mornings.

Insulin glargine, 10 u each evening  
Hemoglobin A1c was 4.8%  
Most recent monthly laboratory  
glucose concentrations were 128 and  
147 mg/dL.

Overall pattern is consistent with  
excess basal insulin administration  
relative to insufficient prandial blood  
glucose control,

Initiate prandial insulin



# 3/ Tirzepatide reduces albuminuria in T2D

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## Tirzepatide Reduces Albuminuria in Patients With T2D: Post-Hoc Pooled Analysis of SURPASS 1-5

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## Background and Objective

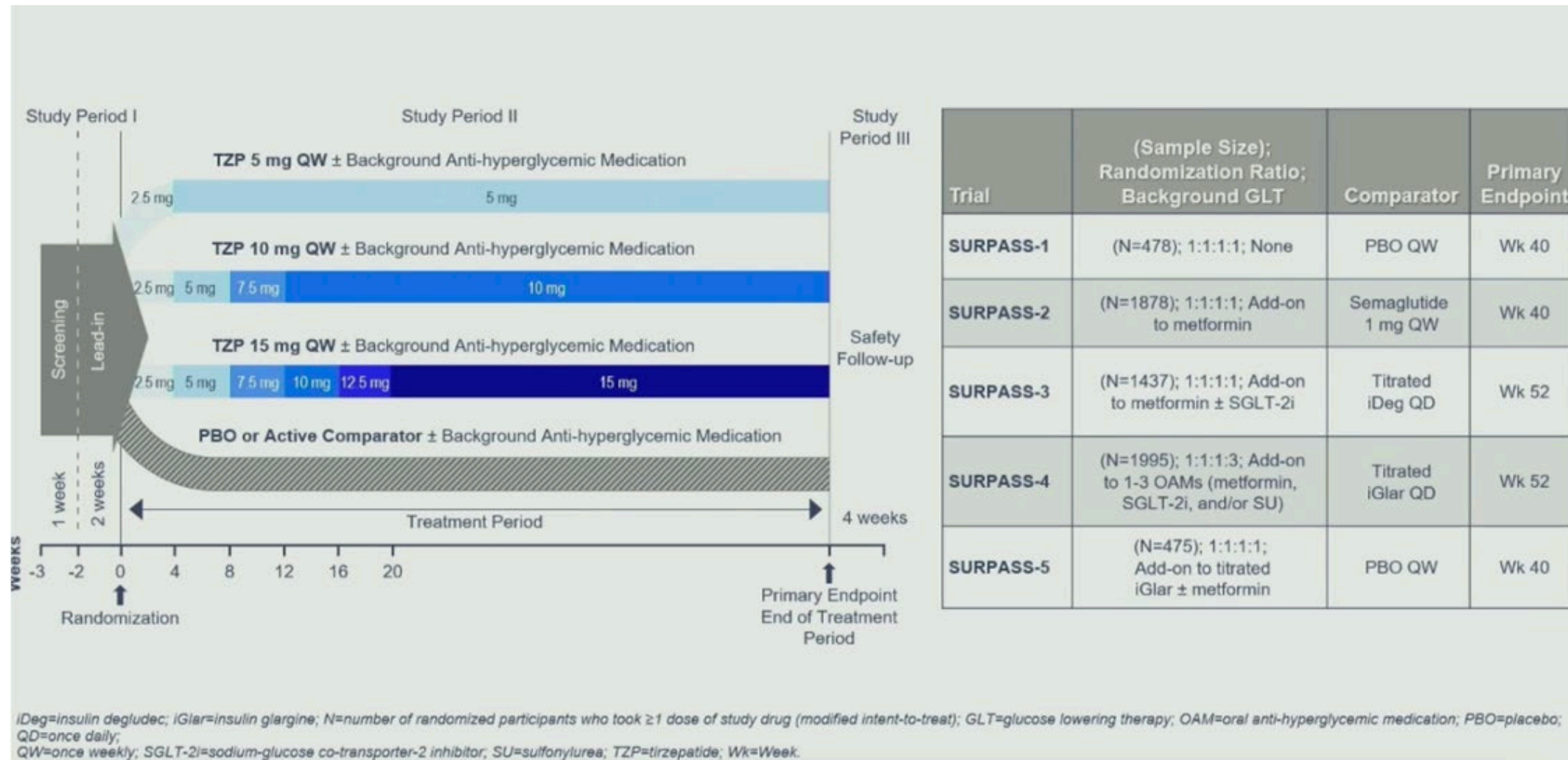
### Background

- Chronic kidney disease (CKD), defined by decreased estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)<sup>a</sup> and increased albuminuria,<sup>b</sup> is common in people with type 2 diabetes (T2D)<sup>1</sup>
- In SURPASS-4, the glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP)/glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonist tirzepatide showed a potential kidney protective effect in people with T2D and high cardiovascular risk<sup>2</sup>
- Tirzepatide slowed the rate of eGFR decline and reduced urine albumin-creatinine ratio (UACR) vs. insulin glargine over 2 years<sup>2</sup>

### Objective

- To examine the effects of tirzepatide vs. comparator treatments on UACR across the SURPASS-1 through -5 trials

# Surpass studies designs



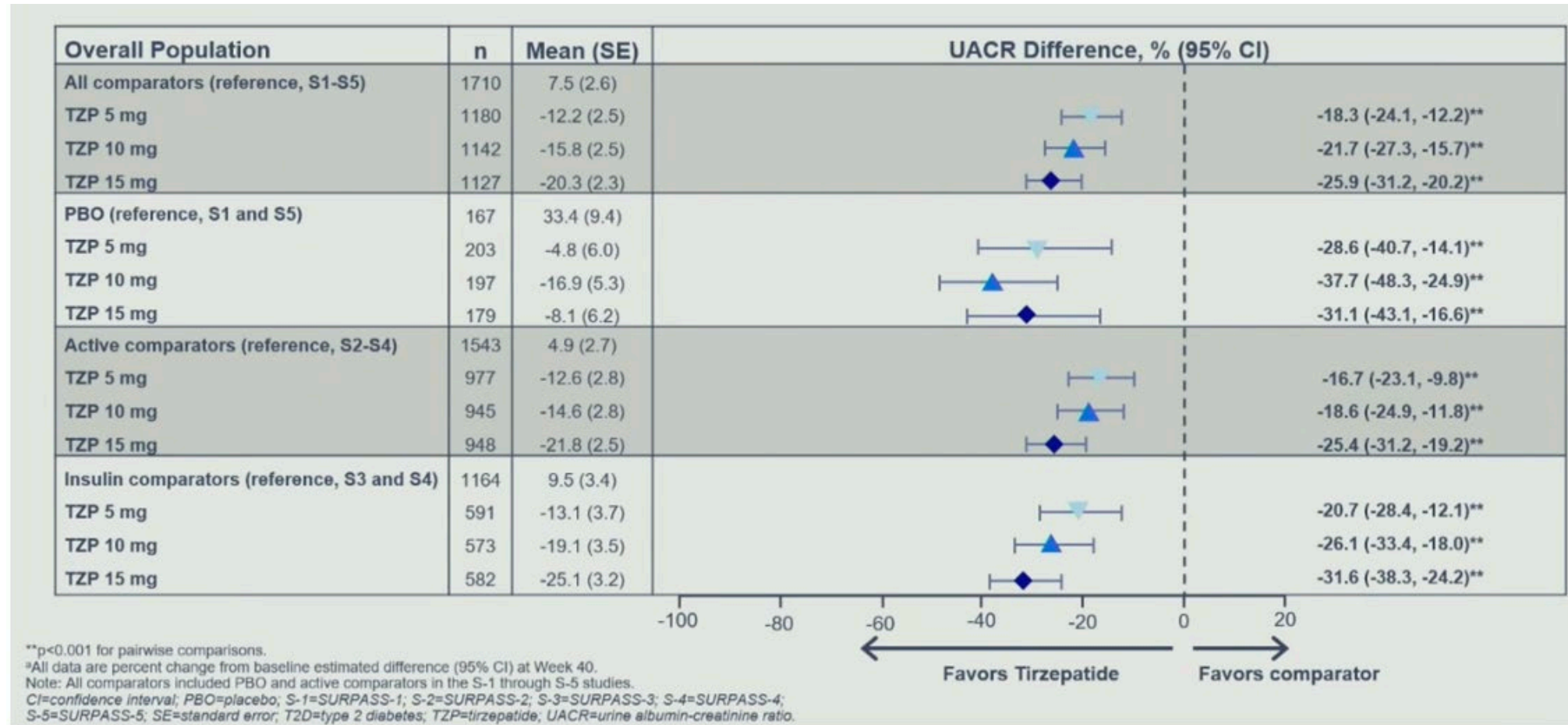


# Demographics and baseline characteristics

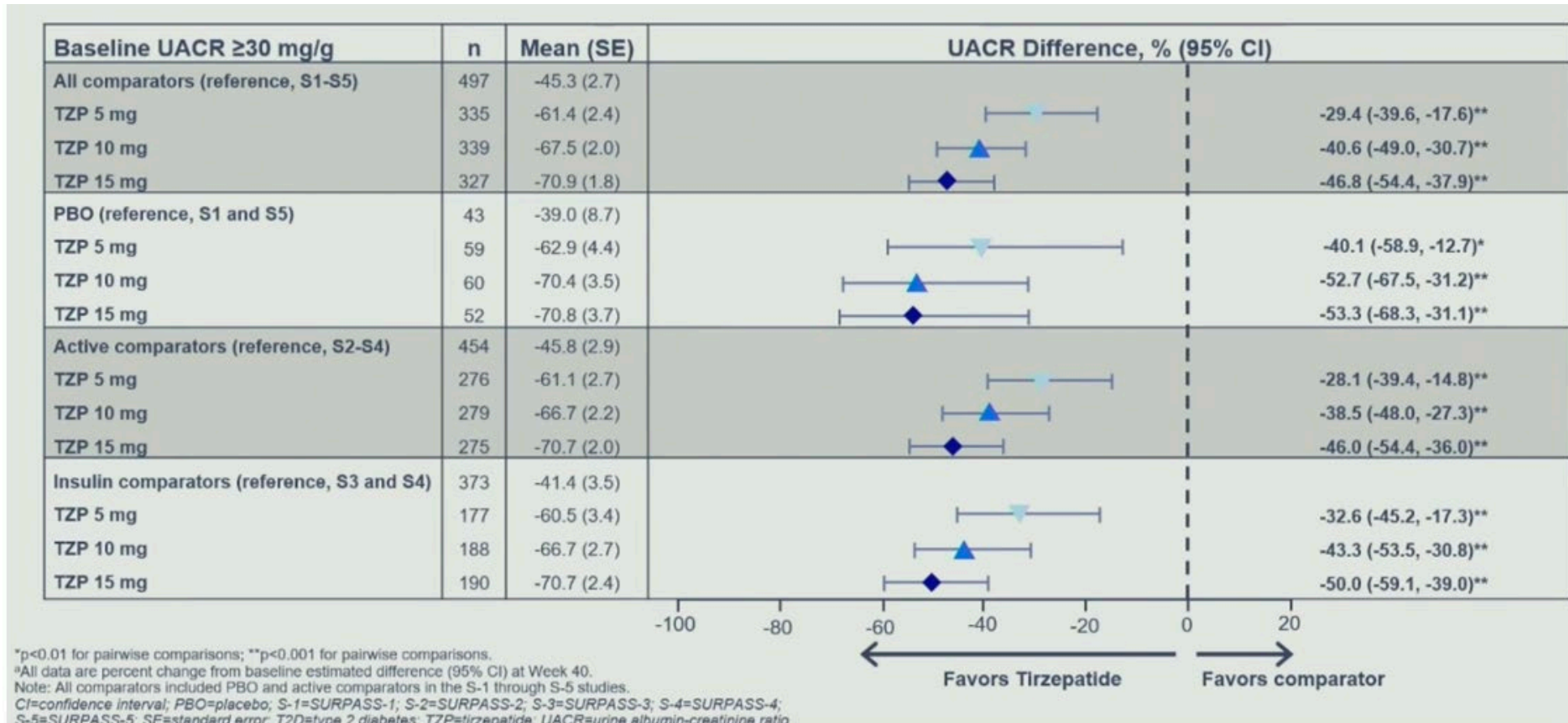
	TZP 5 mg (N=1394)	TZP 10 mg (N=1397)	TZP 15 mg (N=1408)	Pooled Comparator (N=2064)	Total (N=6263)
Age, years, mean (SD)	58.3 (10.3)	58.9 (10.3)	58.3 (10.6)	60.3 (10.3)	59.1 (10.4)
Male, %	51.6	56.3	52.5	57.9	54.9
<b>eGFR</b>					
mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD)	91.3 (20.2)	90.7 (18.8)	90.9 (19.4)	87.8 (20.3)	89.9 (19.8)
<60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , n (%)	117 (8.4)	100 (7.2)	98 (7.0)	222 (10.8)	537 (8.6)
<b>UACR</b>					
mg/g, median (IQR)	11.0 (5.0-38.0)	10.6 (4.4-37.0)	12.0 (5.0-40.0)	12.0 (5.0-43.0)	11.0 (5.0-39.8)
Macroalbuminuria, n (%)	73 (5.3)	96 (6.9)	69 (4.9)	115 (5.6)	353 (5.7)
Microalbuminuria, n (%)	336 (24.2)	308 (22.2)	347 (24.7)	502 (24.6)	1493 (24.0)
Duration of T2D, years, mean (SD)	9.5 (7.1)	9.3 (6.8)	9.4 (7.2)	10.1 (7.3)	9.6 (7.1)
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD)	33.3 (6.4)	33.4 (6.4)	33.5 (6.2)	33.0 (6.1)	33.3 (6.3)
HbA1c, %, mean (SD)	8.3 (1.0)	8.3 (1.0)	8.3 (1.0)	8.3 (0.9)	8.3 (1.0)

BMI=body mass index; eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate; HbA1c=glycated hemoglobin; IQR=interquartile range; N=number of randomized participants who took ≥1 dose of study drug (modified intent-to-treat); SD=standard deviation; T2D=type 2 diabetes; TZP=tirzepatide; UACR=urine albumin-creatinine ratio.

# Tirzepatide reduces albuminuria (whole population)



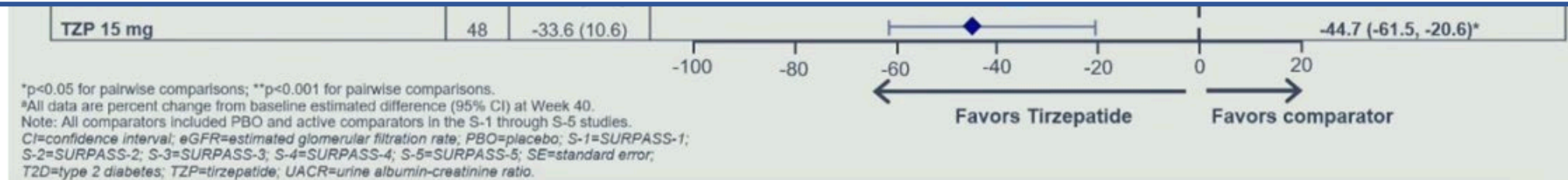
# Tirzepatide reduces albuminuria in T2D with microalbuminuria



# Tirzepatide reduces albuminuria in T2D with baseline eGFR < 60 ml/min

eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup>	n	Mean (SE)	UACR Difference, % (95% CI)	
All comparators (reference, S1-S5)	182	23.2 (10.5)		
TZP 5 mg	93	-15.6 (10.1)		-31.5 (-48.7, -8.6)*
TZP 10 mg	80	-16.3 (10.8)		-32.0 (-49.8, -8.0)*

In conclusion, SURPASS studies suggest a potential renal protective effect of tirzepatide, more pronounced in the presence of albuminuria and a low eGFR



# 4/ Effectiveness of the association GLP-1a and SGLT-2i on renal events

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Comparative effectiveness of combination treatment with glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists (GLP-1 RAs) and sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT-2) inhibitors compared to either agent alone on the risk of cardiovascular and serious renal events

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# Reknown cardiorenal benefits

	<b>CV effects</b>	<b>Renal effects</b>
	Effect on MACE	Progression of diabetic kidney disease
<b>GLP-1 RAs</b>	<p><b>Benefit:</b> dulaglutide, liraglutide, semaglutide (subcutaneous)</p> <p>Neutral: exenatide once weekly, lixisenatide</p>	<p><b>Benefit</b> on renal end points in cardiovascular outcome trials (CVOTs), driven by albuminuria outcomes: dulaglutide, liraglutide, semaglutide (subcutaneous)</p>
<b>SGLT-2 inhibitors</b>	<p><b>Benefit:</b> canagliflozin, empagliflozin</p>	<p><b>Benefit:</b> canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin</p>

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# Objective and method

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Objective: to determine whether the combined use of SGLT2i and GLP-1 RA is associated with a decrease risk in 2 primary outcomes: MACE and serious renal events when compared to the use of either drug class along among T2D

Method: data sources (UK clinical practice research datalink CPRD)

- 60 million patients from GP practices
- Hospital Episode Statistics Admitted patient care
- Office for national statistics (registered deaths)



## Methods – study design



- Population-based prevalent new-user design
- **Cohort 1:** compared the combined use of GLP-1 RAs and SGLT-2 inhibitors to the use of GLP-1 RAs alone
- **Cohort 2:** compared the combined use of GLP-1 RAs and SGLT-2 inhibitors to the use of SGLT-2 inhibitors alone

### Two co-primary outcomes:

- Major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE)
  - Myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke, and cardiovascular mortality
- Serious renal events
  - Hospitalizations for kidney complications, chronic kidney disease, and kidney failure



# Cohort 1: combination vs GLP-1 RA alone

Results – Cohort 1, combination vs. GLP-1 RAs alone

Characteristics of GLP-1 RA–SGLT-2 Inhibitor Combination Users and GLP-1 RA Users After Matching			
Characteristics	GLP-1 RA–SGLT-2 Inhibitor Combination Users	GLP-1 RA Users	Absolute Standardized Difference
Total	6696	6696	
Age, years, mean (SD)	56.7 (10.4)	57.3 (10.4)	0.05
Male sex, n (%)	3,652 (54.5)	3,643 (54.4)	0.00
Body mass index, n (%)			
< 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	837 (12.5)	840 (12.5)	0.00
≥ 30.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	5,782 (86.4)	5,790 (86.5)	0.00
Unknown	77 (1.1)	66 (1.0)	0.02
Smoking status, n (%)			
Ever	5,384 (80.4)	5,434 (81.2)	0.02
Never	1,302 (19.4)	1,251 (18.7)	0.02
Unknown	10 (0.1)	11 (0.2)	0.00
Alcohol-related disorders, n (%)	566 (8.5)	567 (8.5)	0.00
Duration of GLP-1 RA use, years, mean (SD)	1.6 (1.4)	1.6 (1.4)	0.00
Duration of diabetes, years, mean (SD)	11.0 (6.1)	11.2 (6.3)	0.03
Hemoglobin A1c, n (%)			
≤7.0%	323 (4.8)	281 (4.2)	0.03
7.1%-8.0%	983 (14.7)	994 (14.8)	0.00
>8.0%	5,374 (80.3)	5,409 (80.8)	0.01
Unknown	16 (0.2)	12 (0.2)	0.01
Type of antihyperglycemic drugs, n (%)			
Metformin	6,048 (90.3)	6,035 (90.1)	0.01
Thiazolidinediones	469 (7.0)	467 (7.0)	0.00
Meglitinides	26 (0.4)	21 (0.3)	0.01
Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors	7 (0.1)	4 (0.1)	0.02
Sulfonylureas	3,411 (50.9)	3,386 (50.6)	0.01
DPP-4 inhibitors	1,705 (25.5)	1,695 (25.3)	0.00
Insulin	1,705 (25.5)	1,701 (25.4)	0.00



# Less serious renal outcomes with the combination compared to GLP-1 RA alone

Hazard Ratios for MACE and Serious Renal Events Comparing Combination Use of GLP-1 RA/SGLT-2 Inhibitor with GLP-1 RA Use Alone				
Exposure	No. of patients	Events	Person-years	HR (95% CI) †
<b>Primary outcomes</b>				
<b>MACE</b>				
GLP-1 RA alone	6696	113	10,971	1.00 [Reference]
GLP-1 RA/SGLT-2 inhibitor combination	6696	45	6417	0.70 (0.49-0.99)
<b>Serious renal outcomes</b>				
GLP-1 RA alone	6696	51	10,992	1.00 [Reference]
GLP-1 RA/SGLT-2 inhibitor combination	6696	13	6453	0.43 (0.23-0.80)

Abbreviations: HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval; SGLT, sodium-glucose transport protein; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events.

† Patients were matched on duration of GLP-1 RA use, GLP-1 RA molecule, and propensity score.

# Cohort 2: combination vs SGLT-2i alone

Results – Cohort 2, combination vs. SGLT-2 inhibitors alone

Characteristics of SGLT-2 Inhibitor–GLP-1 RA Combination Users and SGLT-2 Inhibitor Users After Matching			
Characteristics	SGLT-2 Inhibitor–GLP-1 RA Combination Users	SGLT-2 Inhibitor Users	Absolute Standardized Difference
Total	8942	8942	
Age, years, mean (SD)	57.6 (10.2)	57.5 (10.3)	0.00
Male sex, n (%)	4,676 (52.3)	4,752 (53.1)	0.02
Body mass index, n (%)			
< 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	1,567 (17.5)	1,628 (18.2)	0.02
≥ 30.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	7,296 (81.6)	7,235 (80.9)	0.02
Unknown	79 (0.9)	79 (0.9)	0.00
Smoking status, n (%)			
Ever	7,177 (80.3)	7,149 (79.9)	0.01
Never	1,758 (19.7)	1,787 (20.0)	0.01
Unknown	7 (0.1)	6 (0.1)	0.00
Alcohol-related disorders, n (%)	759 (8.5)	756 (8.5)	0.00
Duration of SGLT-2 inhibitor use, years, mean (SD)	1.5 (1.4)	1.5 (1.4)	0.01
Duration of diabetes, years, mean (SD)	10.8 (6.3)	10.8 (6.4)	0.00
Hemoglobin A1c, n (%)			
≤7.0%	344 (3.8)	319 (3.6)	0.01
7.1%–8.0%	1,661 (18.6)	1,652 (18.5)	0.00
>8.0%	6,924 (77.4)	6,959 (77.8)	0.01
Unknown	13 (0.1)	12 (0.1)	0.00
Type of antihyperglycemic drugs, n (%)			
Metformin	8,099 (90.6)	8,044 (90.0)	0.02
Thiazolidinediones	504 (5.6)	491 (5.5)	0.01
Meglitinides	32 (0.4)	40 (0.4)	0.01
Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors	13 (0.1)	11 (0.1)	0.01
Sulfonylureas	3,845 (43.0)	3,832 (42.9)	0.00
DPP-4 inhibitors	3,834 (42.9)	3,820 (42.7)	0.00
Insulin	1,550 (17.3)	1,571 (17.6)	0.01

# Less serious renal outcomes with the combination compared to SGLT-2i alone

Hazard Ratios for MACE and Serious Renal Events Comparing Combination Use of GLP-1 RA/SGLT-2 Inhibitor with SGLT-2 Inhibitor Use Alone				
Exposure	No. of patients	Events	Person-years	HR (95% CI) †
<b>Primary outcomes</b>				
<b>MACE</b>				
SGLT-2 inhibitor alone	8942	141	13,160	1.00 [Reference]
SGLT-2 inhibitor/GLP-1 RA combination	8942	55	7250	0.71 (0.52-0.98)
<b>Serious renal outcomes</b>				
SGLT-2 inhibitor alone	8942	26	13,243	1.00 [Reference]
SGLT-2 inhibitor/GLP-1 RA combination	8942	10	7278	0.67 (0.32-1.41)

Abbreviations: HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval; SGLT, sodium-glucose transport protein; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events.

† Patients were matched on duration of SGLT-2 inhibitor use, SGLT-2 inhibitor molecule, and propensity score.



## Conclusion

- In this population-based cohort study using real-world data, the combined use of GLP-1 RAs and SGLT-2 inhibitors was associated with a decreased risk of MACE and serious renal events, when compared to the use of either drug class alone
- These findings highlight the potential of combining two effective anti-hyperglycemic drug classes for the prevention of macrovascular complications of type 2 diabetes

# Take Home Message: Diabetic Kidney Disease

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- 1/ Barriers to implementation of novel kidney-protective agents: multidisciplinary approach
- 2/ CGMS is of clinical use in hemodialysis
- 3/ Tirzepatide has a potential renal protective effect of tirzepatide more pronounced in the presence of albuminuria and a low eGFR
- 4/ The association GLP-1a and SGLT-2i might decrease MACE and serious renal events compared to either drug alone. Need of randomized clinical trials



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