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Glicemia e complicanze: lo stretto rapporto tra importanza del trattamento precoce e la prevenzione del rischio nel paziente diabetico

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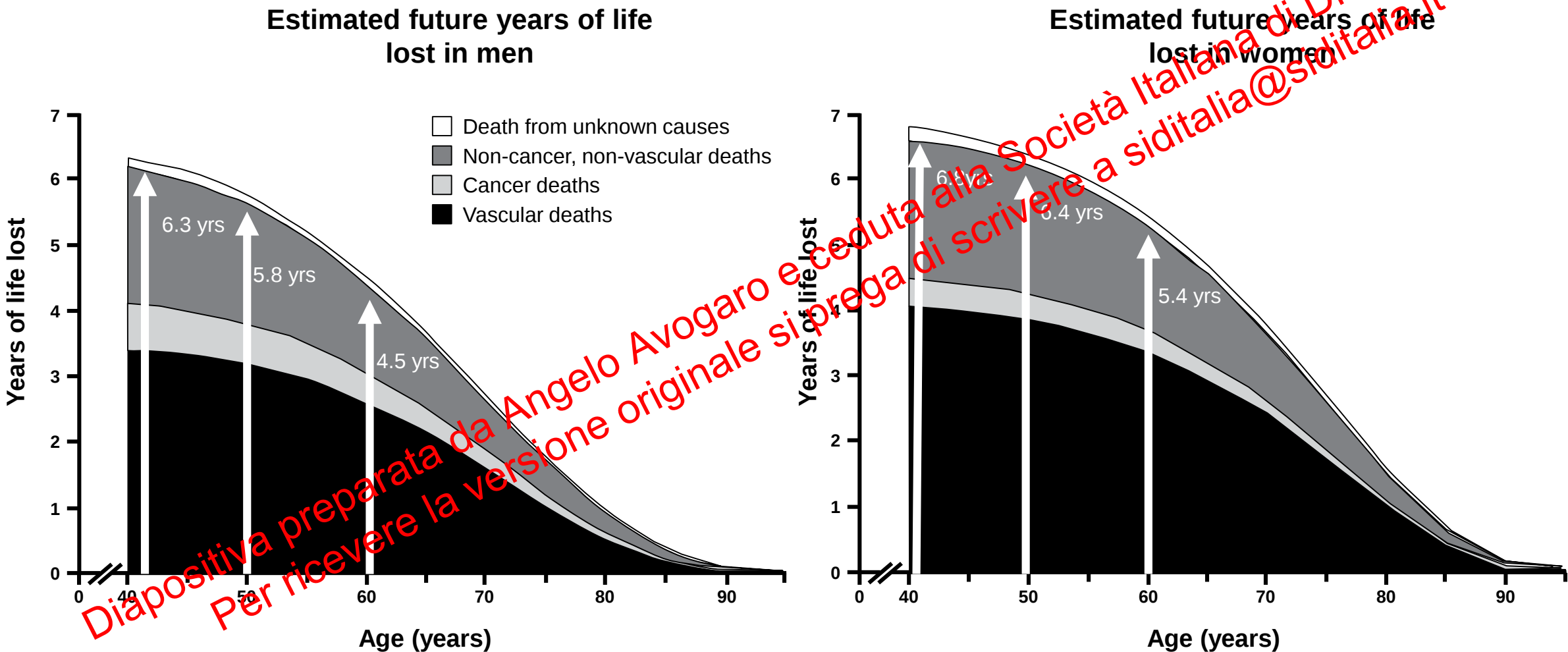
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Type 2 diabetes is associated with premature death from CV and non-CV causes



Arrows indicate the number of years of life lost incurred at specific ages by men or women with diabetes but without a history of vascular disease
CV, cardiovascular
Emerging Risk Factors Collaboration. *N Engl J Med* 2011;364:829–841

Association of Type 1 Diabetes vs Type 2 Diabetes Diagnosed During Childhood and Adolescence With Complications During Teenage Years and Young Adulthood

JAMA. 2017;317(8):825-835. doi:10.1001/jama.2017.0686

Complication and Race/Ethnicity Category	Type 1			Type 2		
	No.	Denominator	Age-Adjusted Prevalence, % (95% CI) ^a	No.	Denominator	Age-Adjusted Prevalence, % (95% CI) ^a
Diabetic kidney disease	89	1541	5.8 (4.6 to 7.4)	44	221	19.9 (15.1 to 25.9)
Non-Hispanic white	59	1177	5.2 (3.9 to 7.0)	6	64	9.3 (4.2 to 19.2)
Minority	30	364	8.0 (5.3 to 11.9)	38	157	24.4 (18.2 to 31.9)
Retinopathy	71	1710	5.6 (4.4 to 7.0)	38	267	9.1 (6.3 to 12.9)
Non-Hispanic white	54	1297	5.5 (4.2 to 7.2)	4	52	3.7 (1.4 to 9.9)
Minority	17	413	5.7 (3.5 to 8.0)	32	195	11.2 (7.3 to 16.7)
Peripheral neuropathy	110	1720	8.5 (7.1 to 10.2)	58	265	17.7 (13.6 to 22.7)
Non-Hispanic white	82	1310	8.3 (6.8 to 10.3)	14	71	15.7 (9.1 to 25.6)
Minority	28	410	8.8 (6.1 to 12.7)	44	194	19.6 (14.5 to 26.1)
Cardiovascular autonomic neuropathy	197	1615	14.4 (12.5 to 16.6)	43	252	15.7 (11.7 to 20.6)
Non-Hispanic white	155	1226	15.2 (12.9 to 17.7)	18	66	25.6 (16.6 to 37.4)
Minority	42	389	12.3 (8.9 to 16.7)	25	186	12.7 (8.6 to 18.3)
Arterial stiffness	137	1625	11.6 (9.8 to 13.6)	107	205	47.4 (40.3 to 54.7)
Non-Hispanic white	94	1242	10.2 (8.4 to 12.4)	21	60	30.7 (20.0 to 43.9)
Minority	43	383	15.4 (11.5 to 20.3)	86	145	55.4 (46.8 to 63.7)
Hypertension	141	1743	10.1 (8.6 to 11.9)	66	272	21.6 (17.1 to 26.9)
Non-Hispanic white	100	1325	9.5 (7.8 to 11.5)	16	72	20.0 (12.5 to 30.6)
Minority	41	418	12.2 (8.9 to 16.4)	50	200	22.4 (17.1 to 28.9)

^a Logistic regression model estimates set age = 21 y for type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

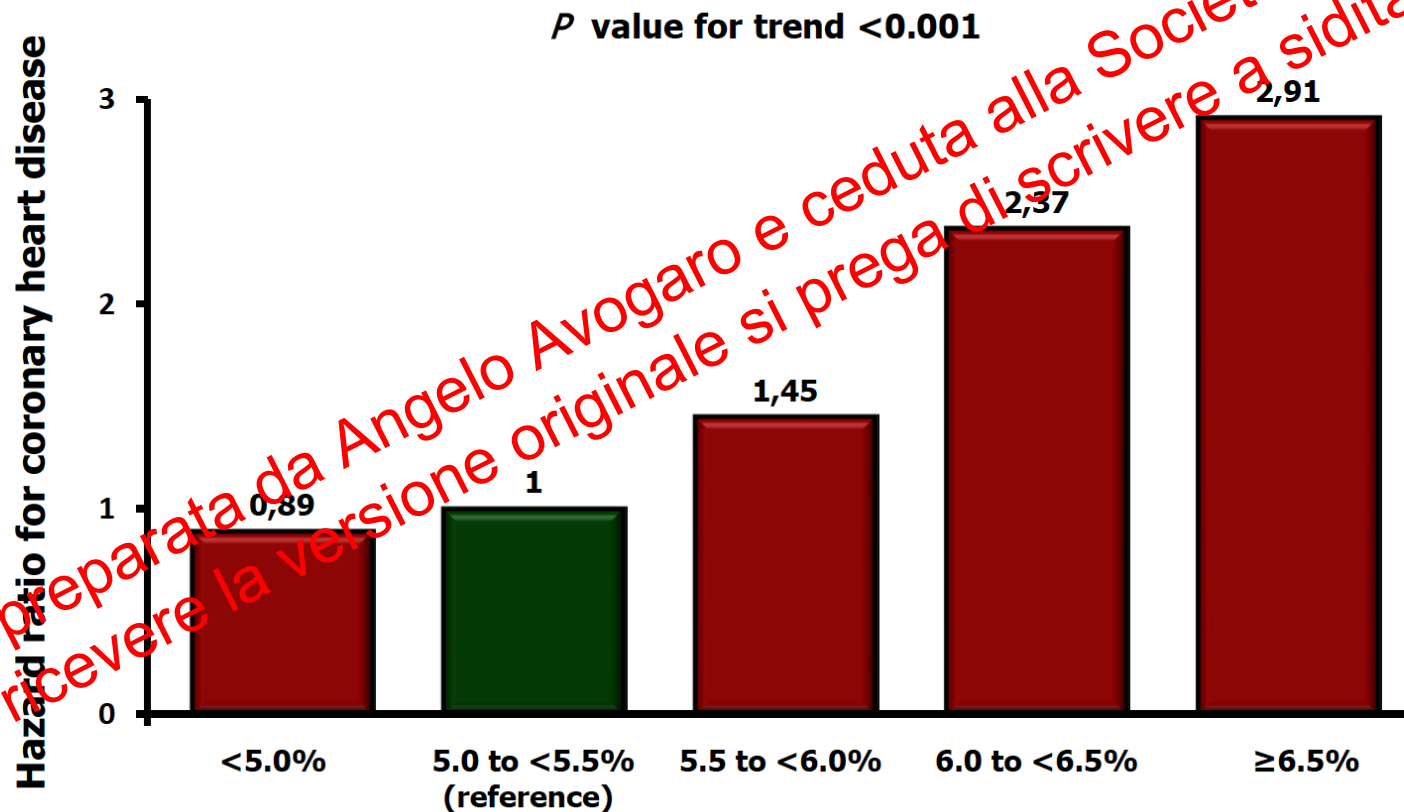
^b P values from age-adjusted logistic regression models.

^c Hosmer-Lemeshow goodness-of-fit test P < .05; indicates poor model fit.

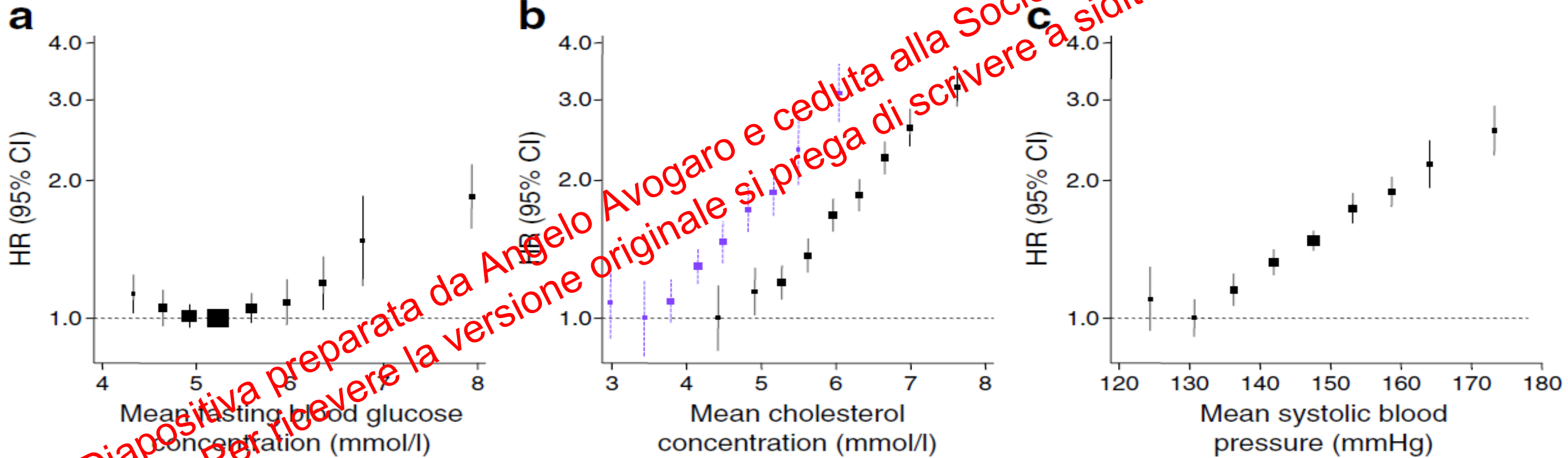
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HbA_{1c} levels below the diagnostic threshold for Diabetes associate with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease

Hazard Ratios for coronary heart disease in the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) population during the 15-Year study period according to HbA_{1c} category at baseline

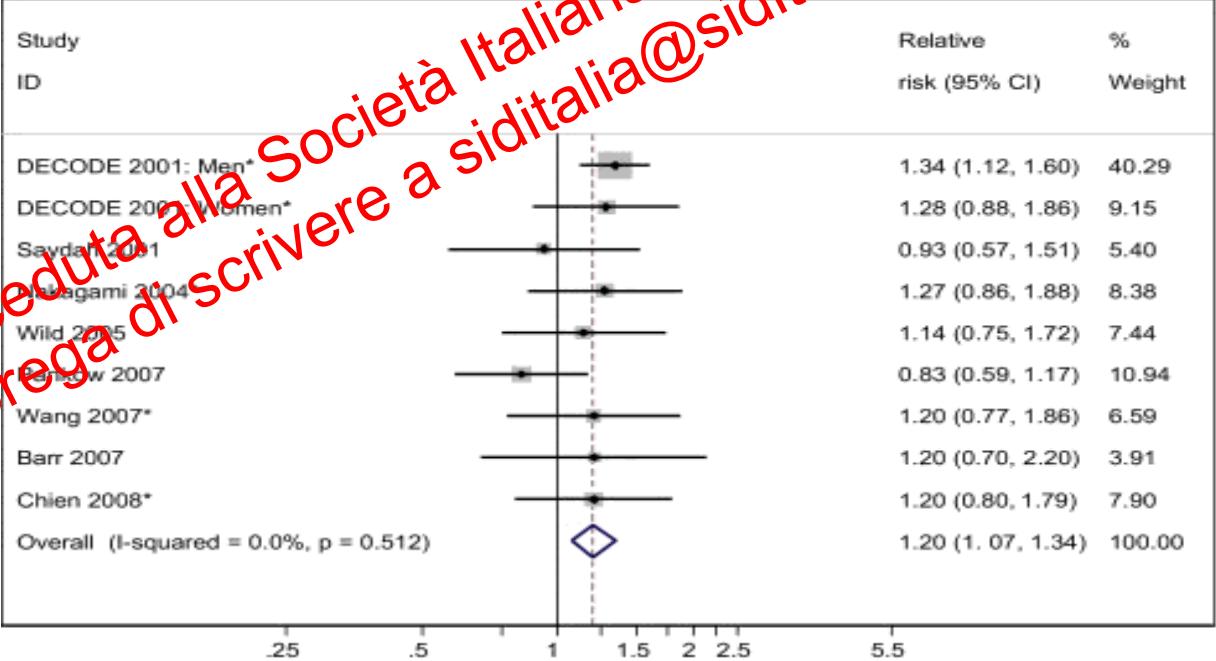
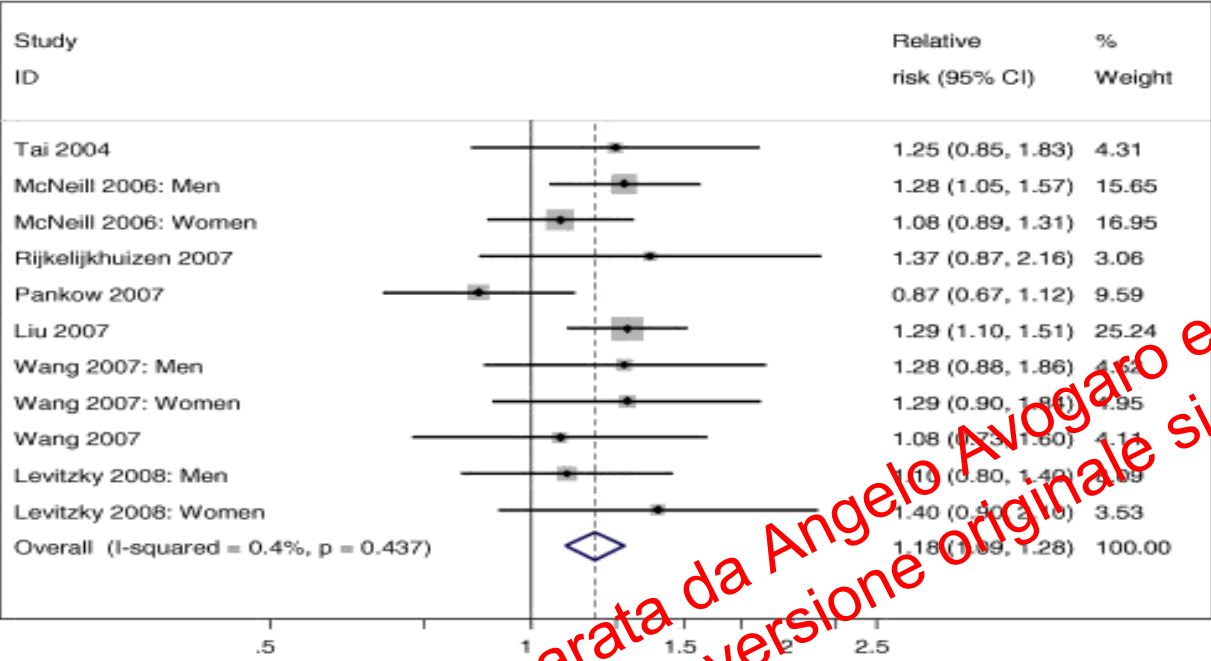


Comparison of HRs for CHD by long-term average concentrations of fasting blood glucose, total (and non-HDL) cholesterol, and systolic blood pressure



Pre-Diabetic Conditions: Risk of Cardiovascular Disease

Meta-analysis of 18 clinical trials evaluating the risk of CV disease among patients with impaired fasting glucose and/or impaired glucose tolerance



Impaired fasting glucose

Impaired glucose tolerance

Both types of pre-diabetic conditions increase the risk of CV disease

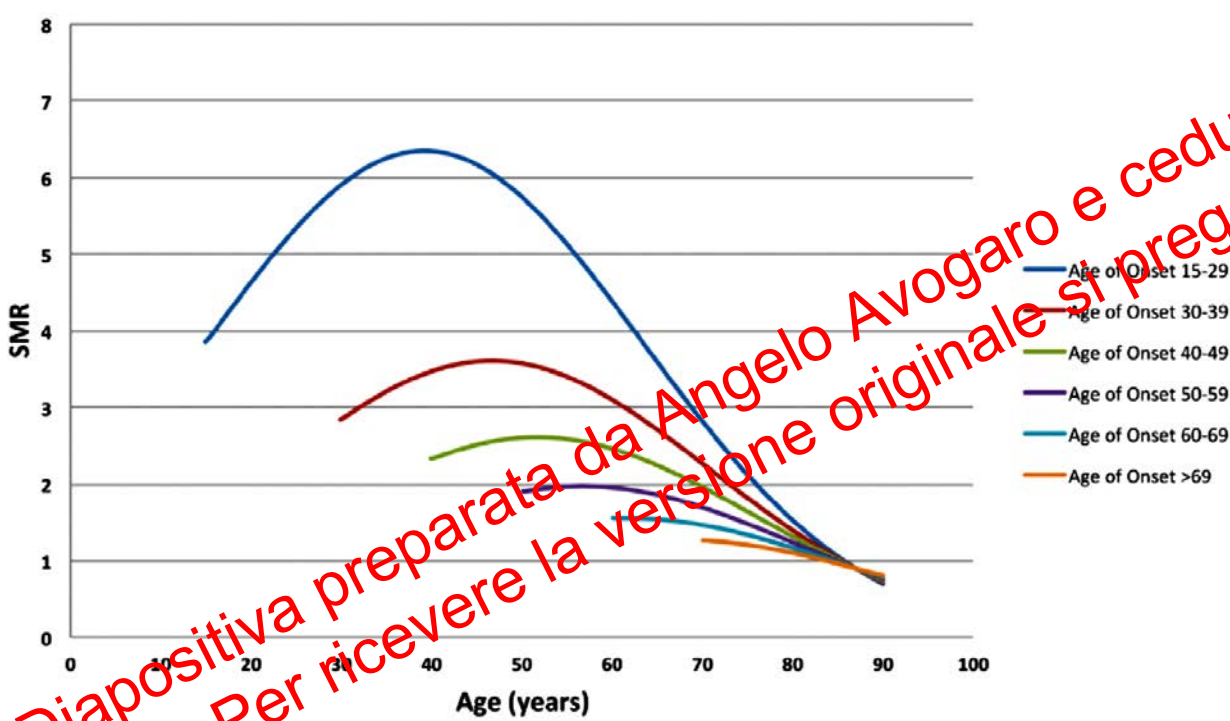
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CV=Cardiovascular

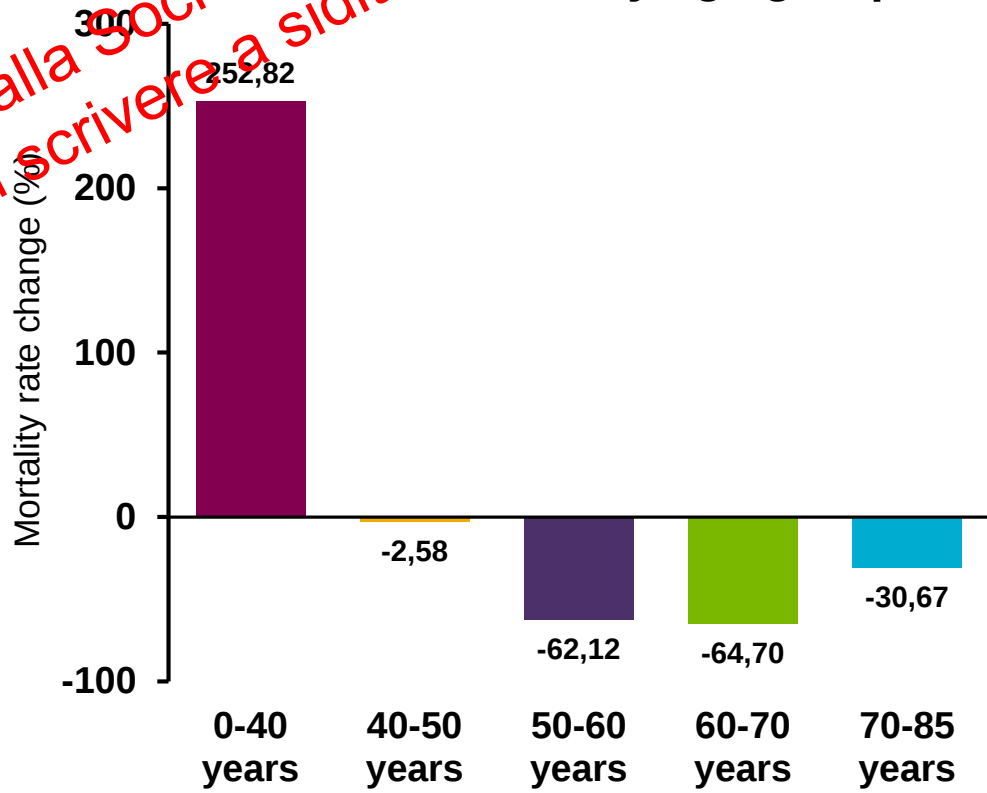
Source: Ford ES et al. JACC 2010;55:1310-1317

Early onset Type 2 diabetes is associated with higher rates of diabetes-related mortality compared with standard onset

Standardised mortality ratios for attained age for each age-of-onset cohort (n=15,238)¹



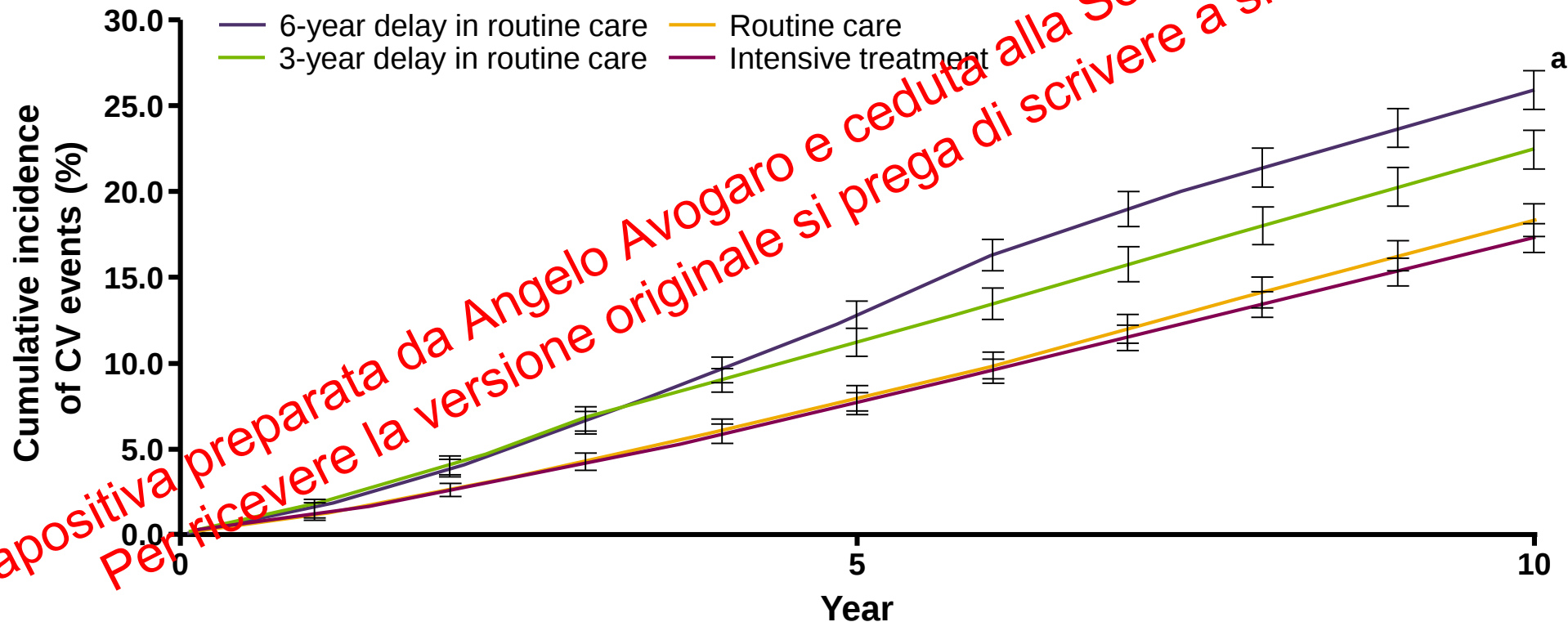
Change in Type 2 diabetes-related mortality between 2000–2011 by age group²



• SMR, standardised mortality ratio
• 1. Al-Saeed AH, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2016;39:823–829; 2. Harding JL, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2016;39:1018–1026

Future mortality: Early detection and treatment of Type 2 diabetes is predicted to reduce the rate of CV events, including mortality

- Simulation of data from the ADDITION-Europe trial demonstrated the time of initiation of treatment is more important than the intensity of glucose-lowering therapy for reducing CV events, including mortality



^aOutcome defined as stroke, MI, revascularisation, amputation or CV death; the error bars indicate SDs calculated from 100 simulations

CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction

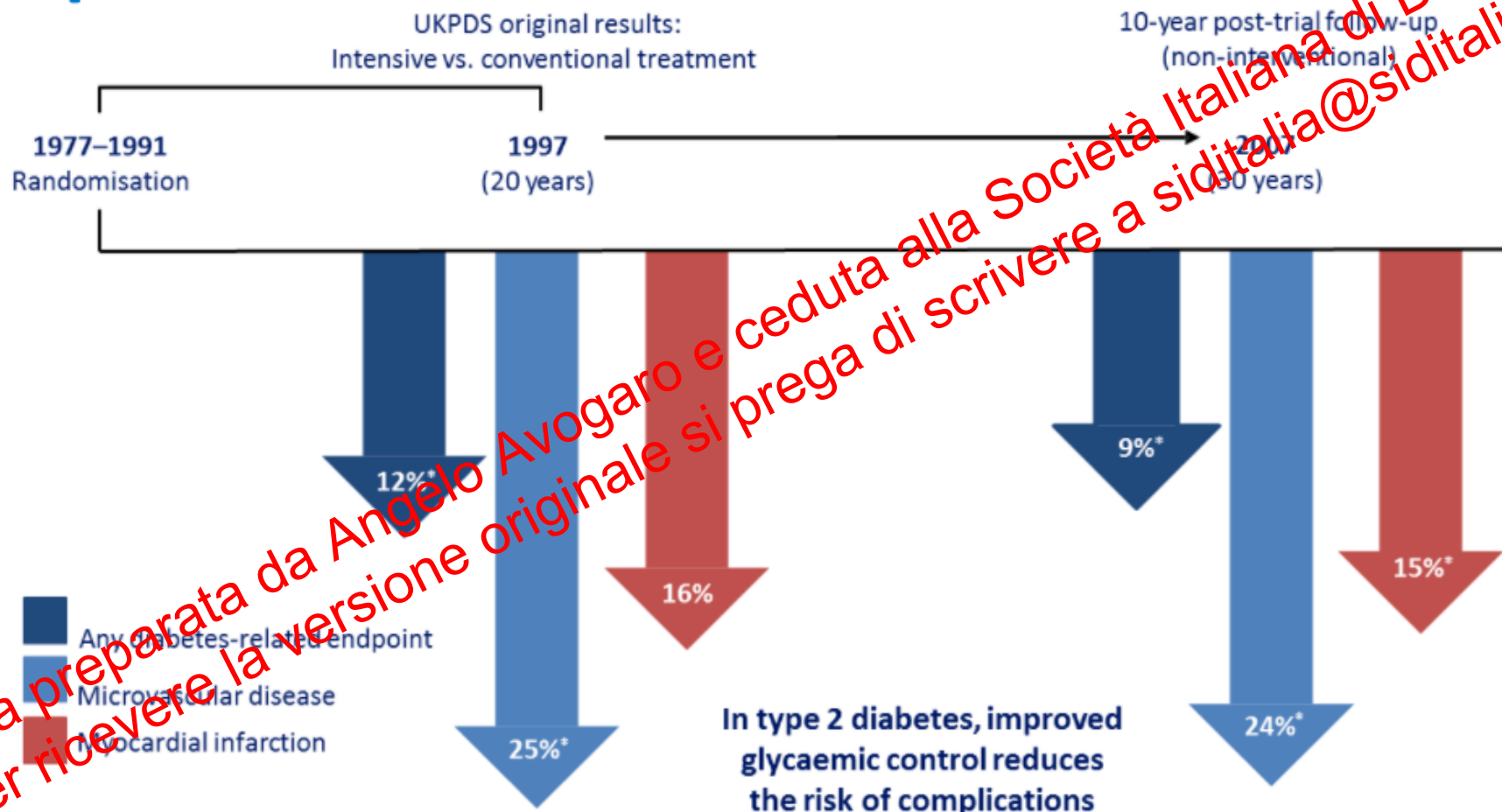
Herman WH, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2015;38:1449–1455

Serious complications of T2D are present at diagnosis

Complication	Prevalence (%) [*]
Any complication	50
Retinopathy	21
Abnormal ECG	18
Absent foot pulses (≥ 2) and/or ischaemic feet	14
Impaired reflexes and/or decreased vibration sense	7
Myocardial infarction/angina/claudication	~2–3
Stroke/transient ischaemic attack	~1

^{*}Some patients had more than 1 complication at time of diagnosis

Early and sustained proactive glycaemic control is important: 20- and 30-year follow-up results



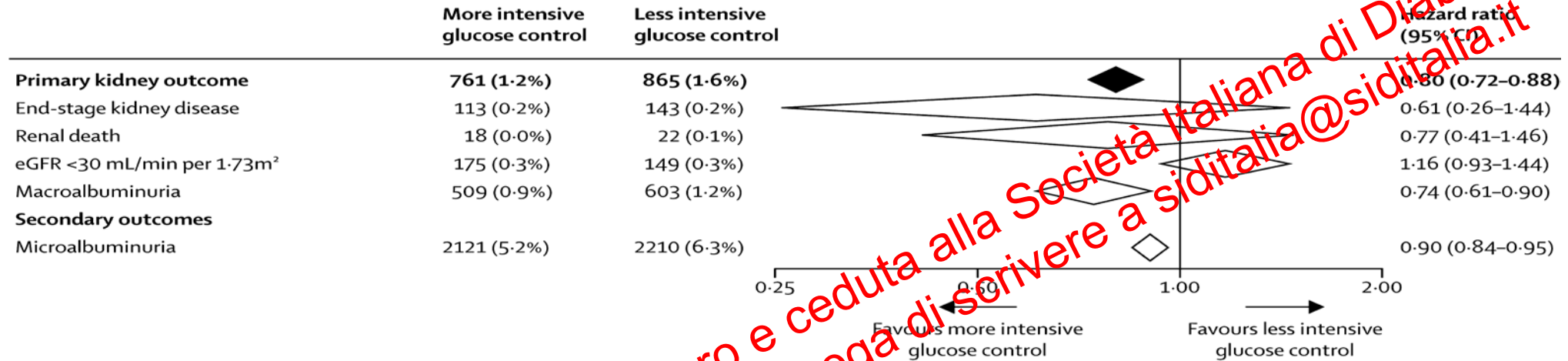
*P<0.05; intensive vs. conventional treatment.

UKPDS, United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study.

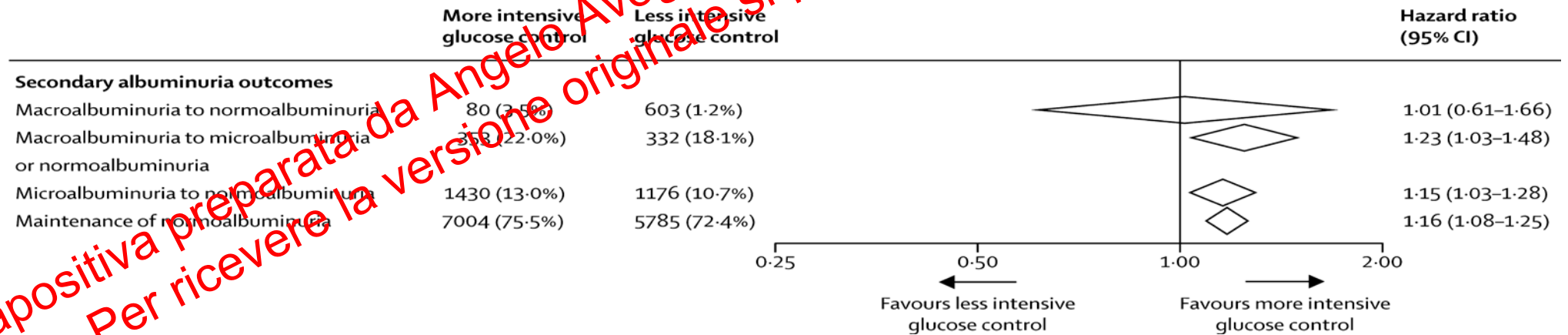
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Effect of intensive glucose control on (A) Primary kidney outcome, its components, and microalbuminuria. (B) Regression of albuminuria.

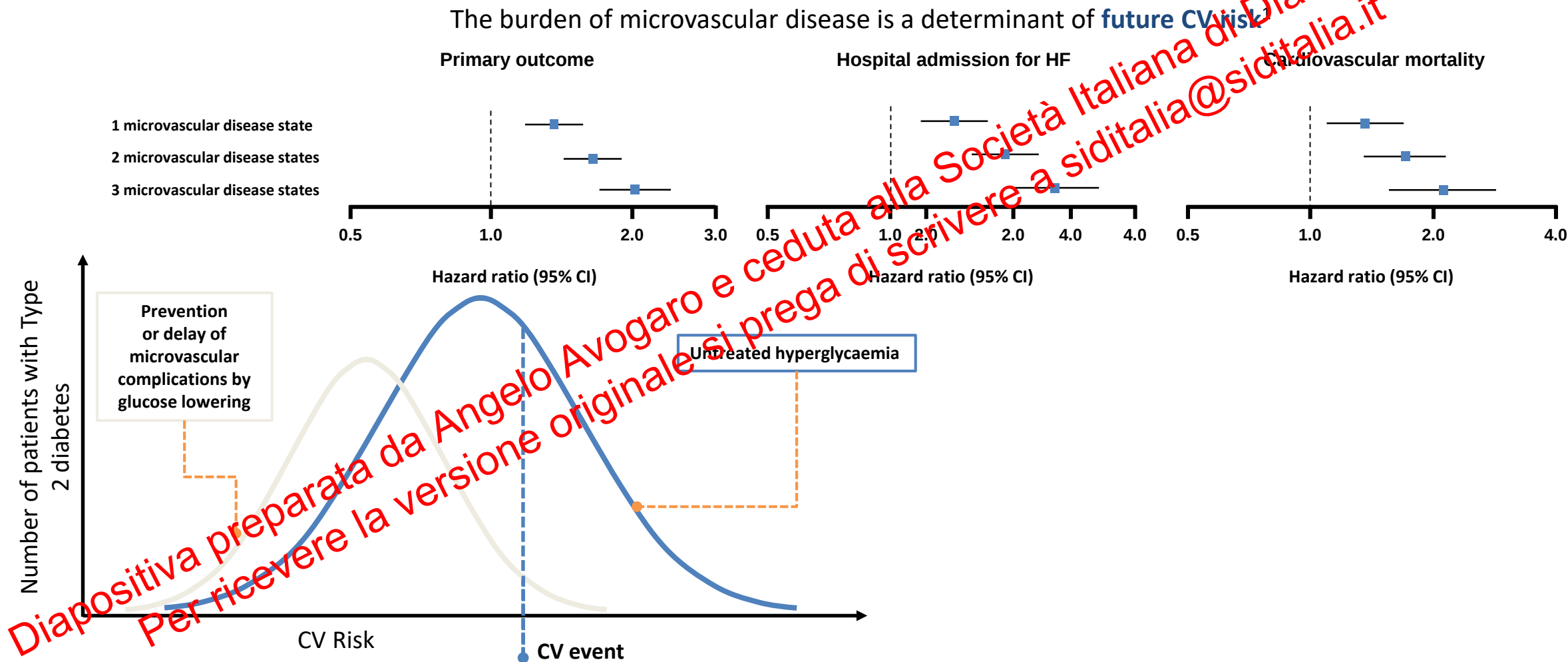
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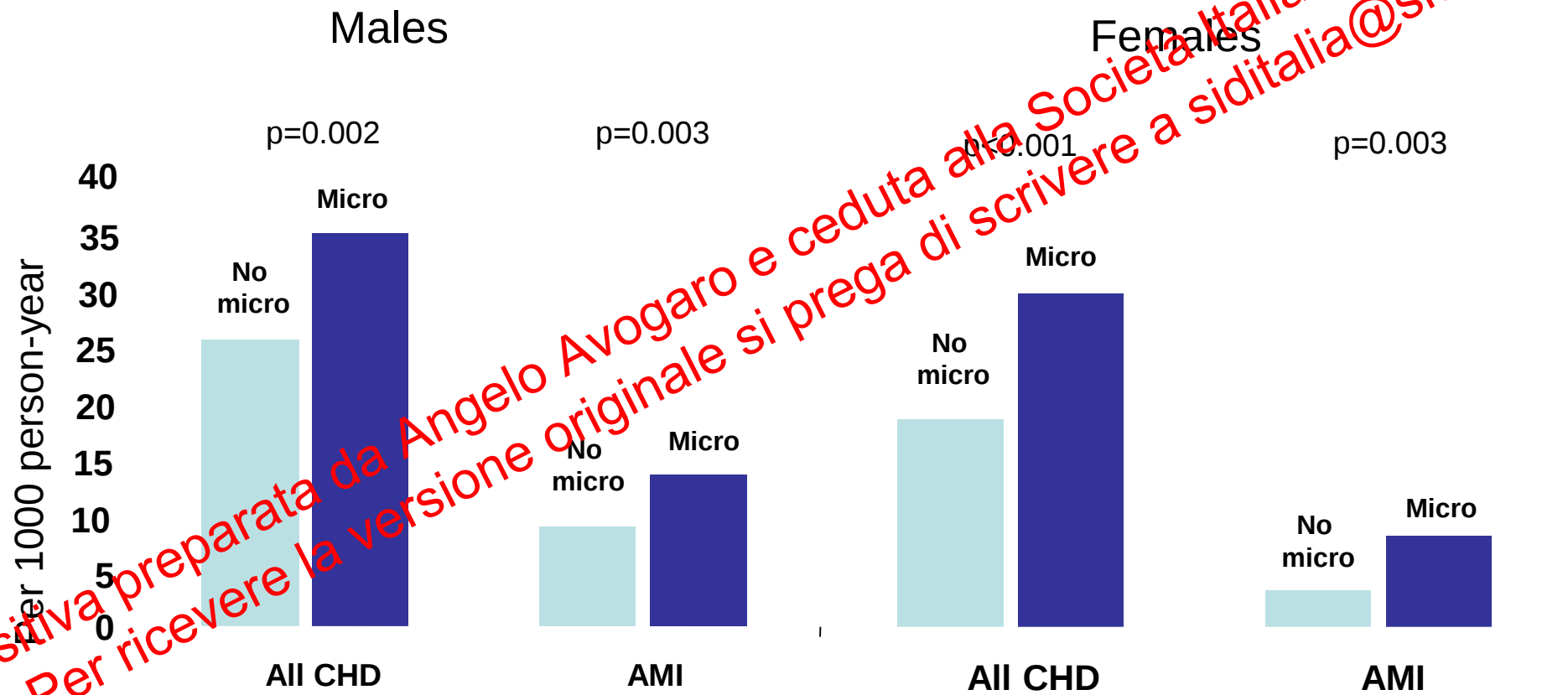
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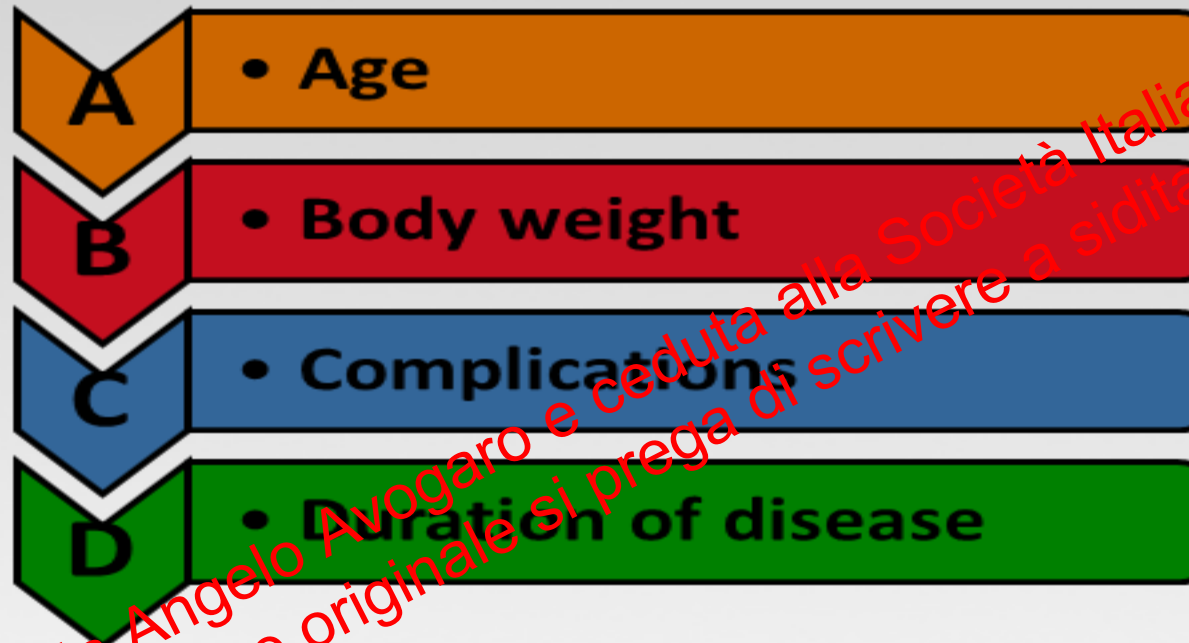
Prevention or delay of progression of microvascular complications may help reduce CV risks



Incidence Rate of CHD Events: The role of microvascular complications



ABCs of Individualization in Patients With T2DM: Factors to Consider When Selecting a Glycemic Target

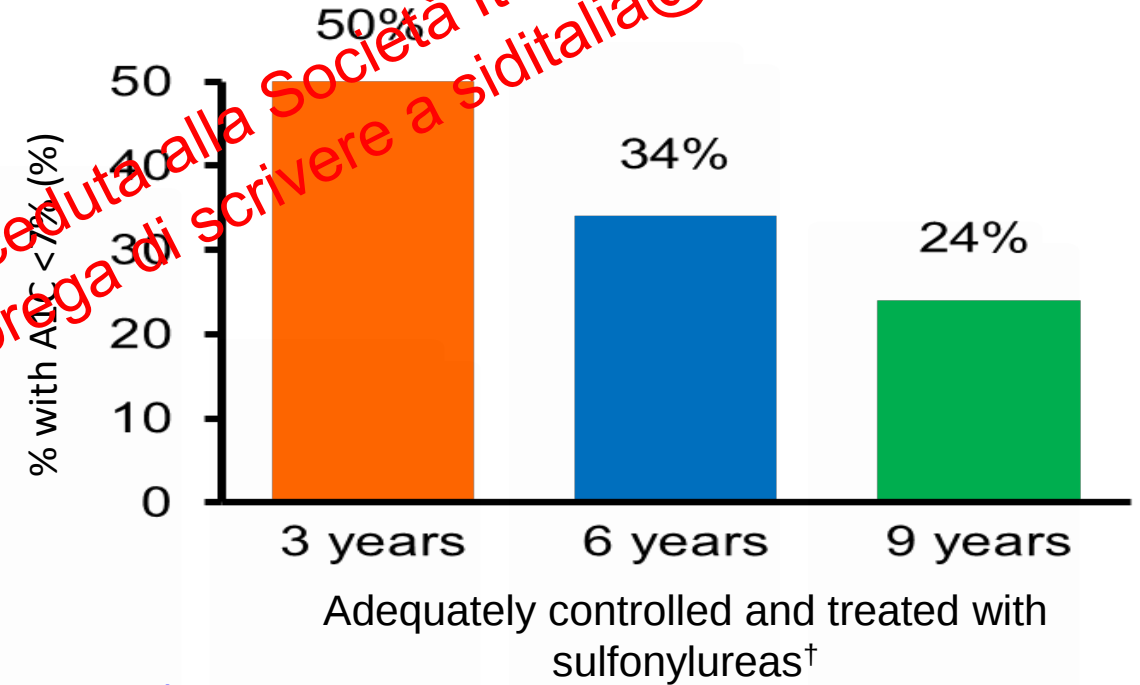
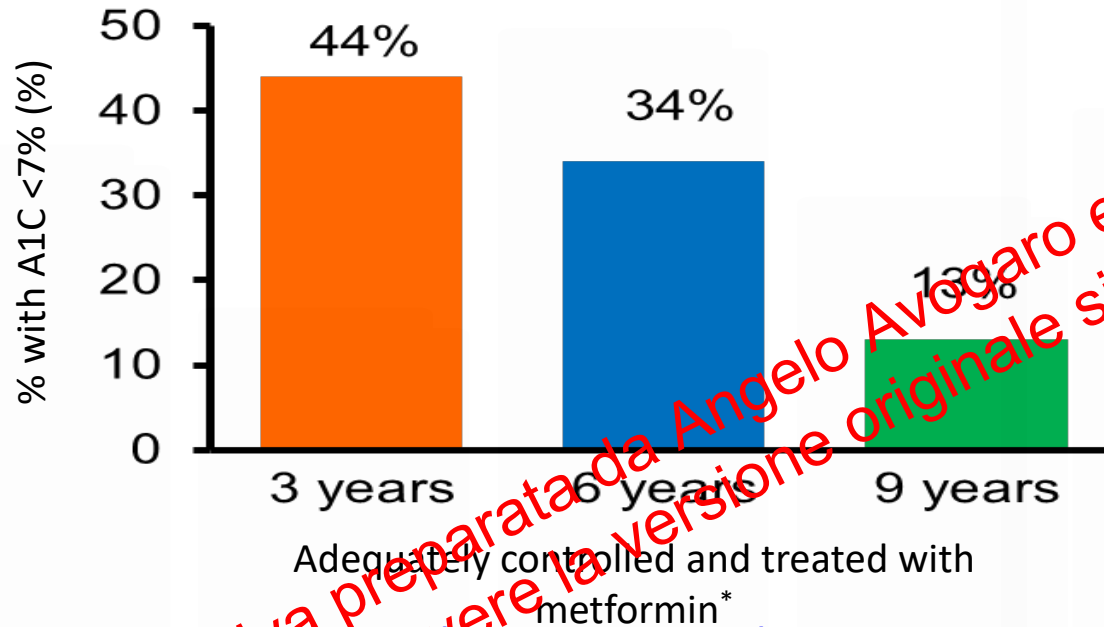


- **HbA1c < 7.0% for most; individualization is key**
 - Tighter targets (6.0%-6.5%) for younger, healthier patients
 - Looser targets (7.5%-8.0%) for older patients, those with comorbidities, and those prone to hypoglycemia

Diabetes Mellitus: Change in Glycemic Control Over Time

United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) 49

4,075 patients with DM randomized to diet alone, insulin, sulfonylurea, or metformin for 9 years



Adequately controlled and treated with metformin*

Adequately controlled and treated with sulfonylureas†

Glycemic control in patients on DM monotherapy worsens over time

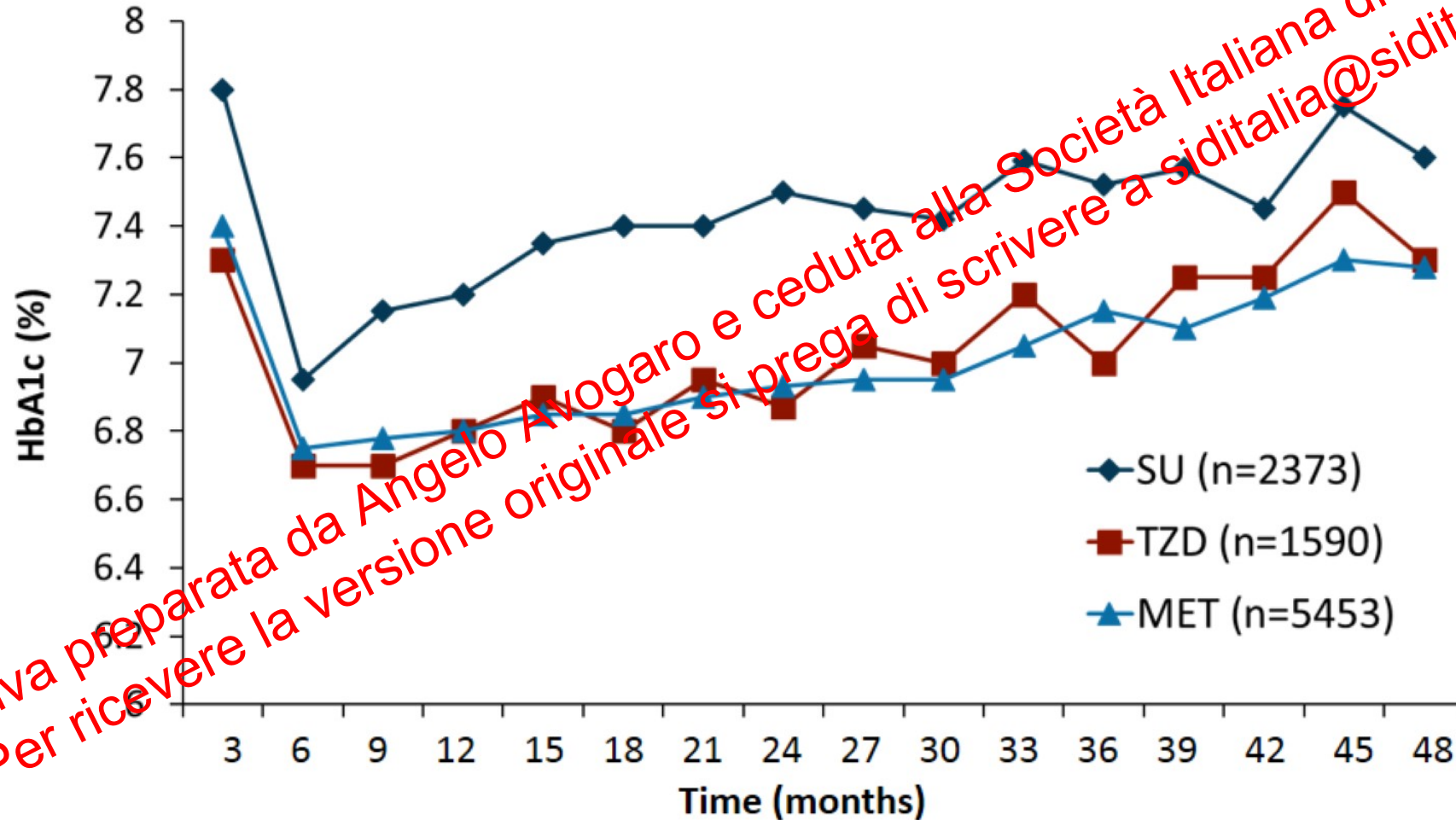
*Overweight drug-naïve patients

†Normal weight and overweight drug-naïve patients

DM=Diabetes mellitus, HbA_{1C}=Glycosylated hemoglobin

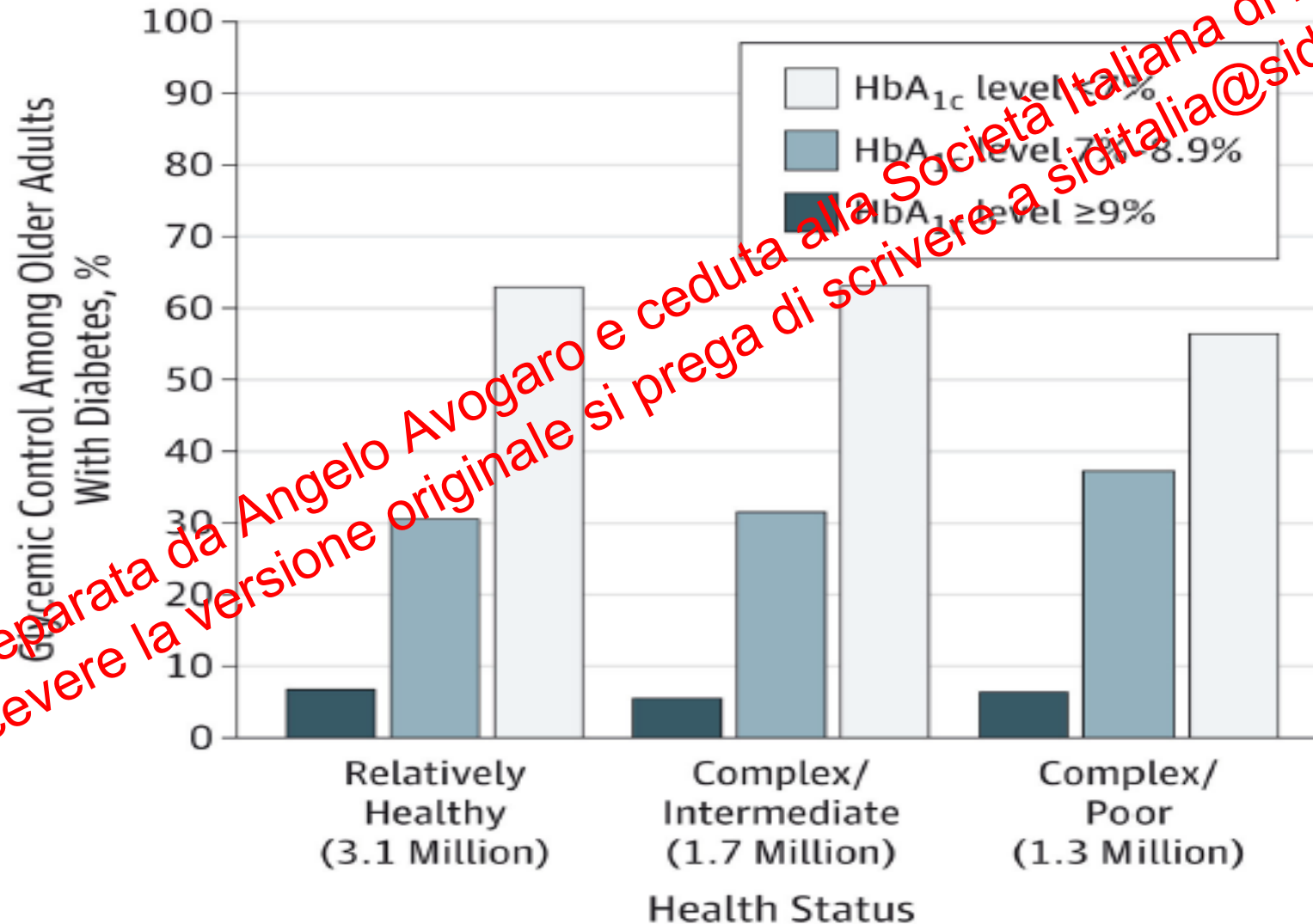
Source: Turner RC et al. JAMA 1999;281:2005-2012

T2DM Control Is Not Durable

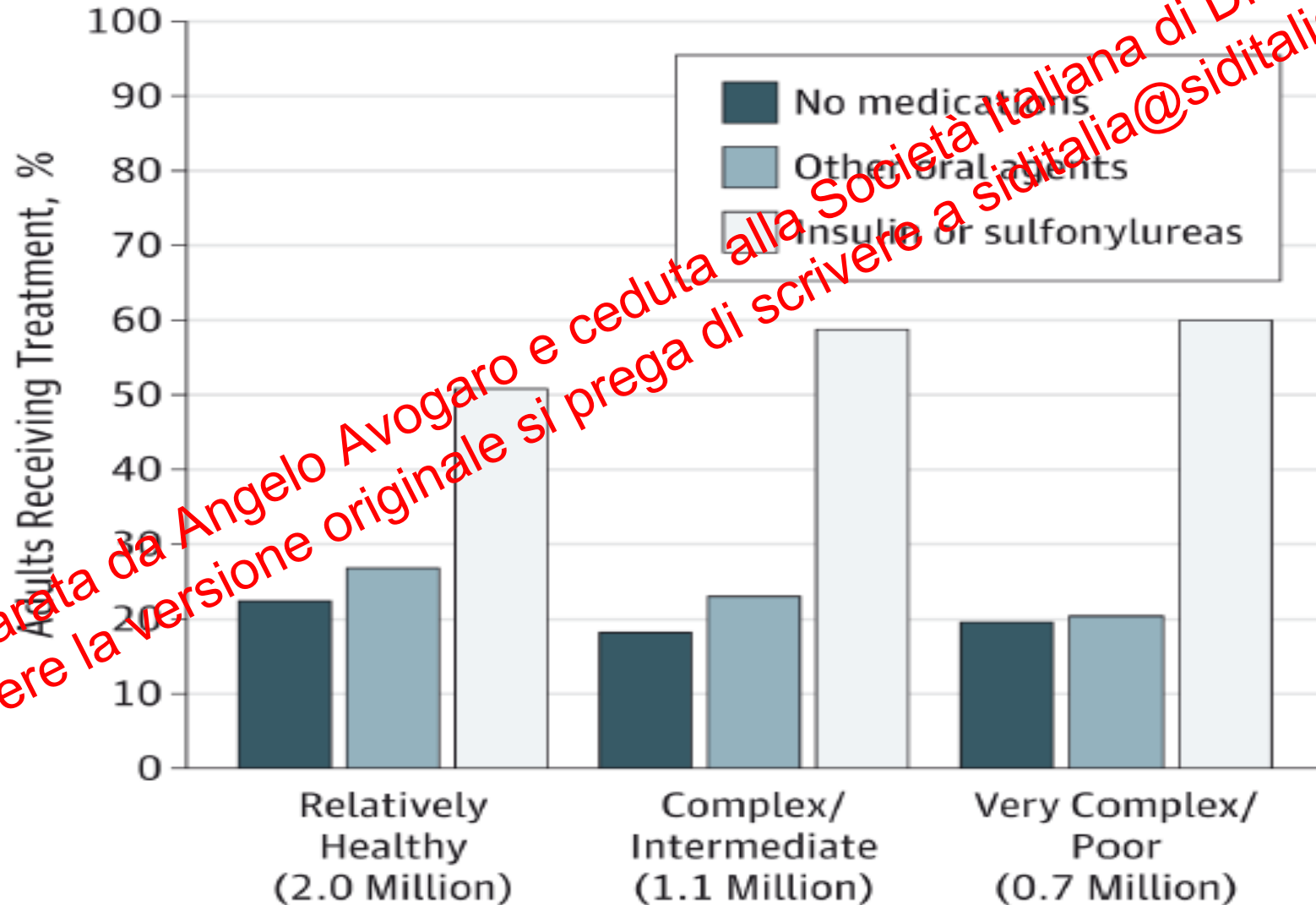


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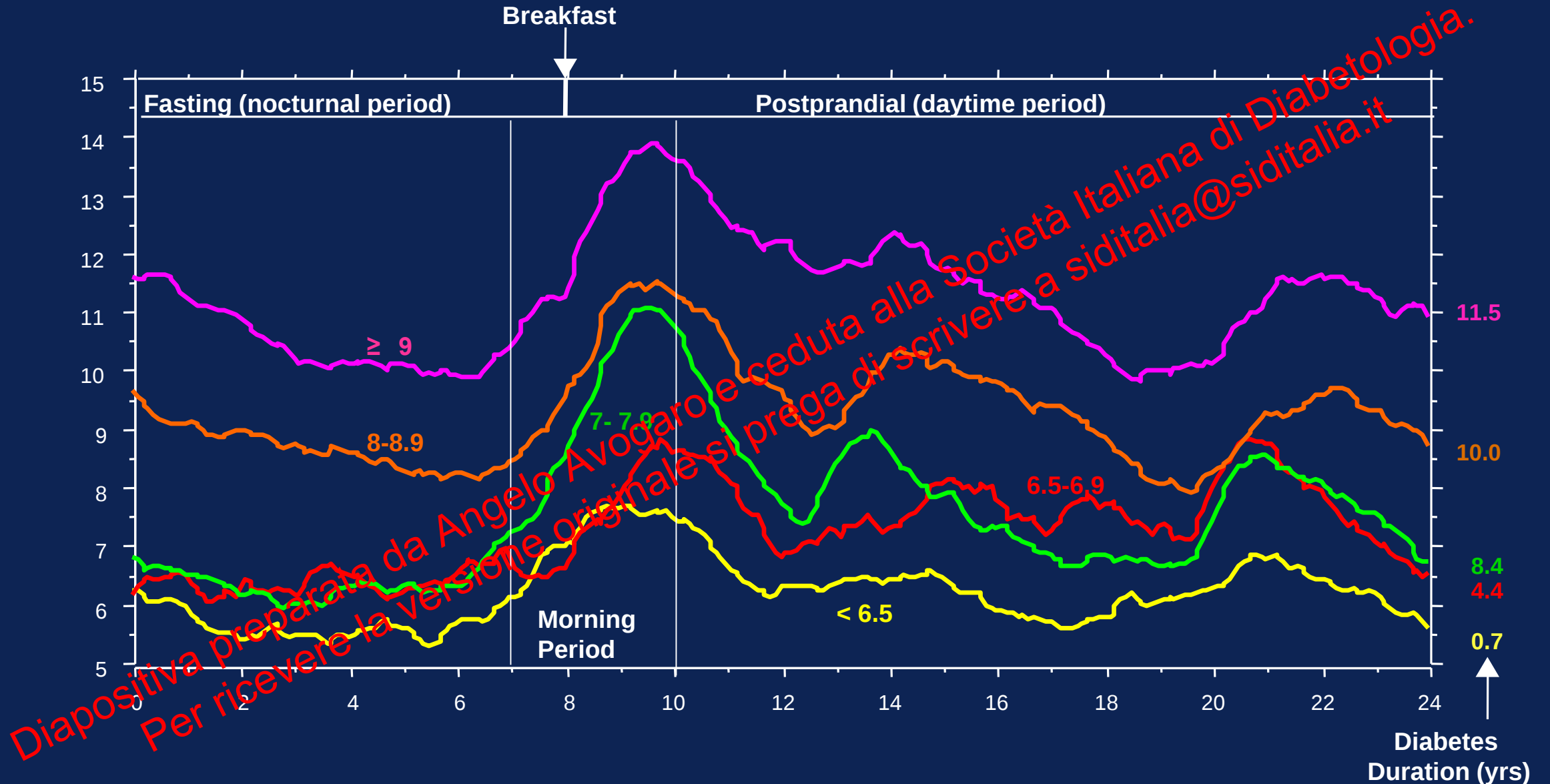
Patients with Comorbidities are Frequently Overtreated



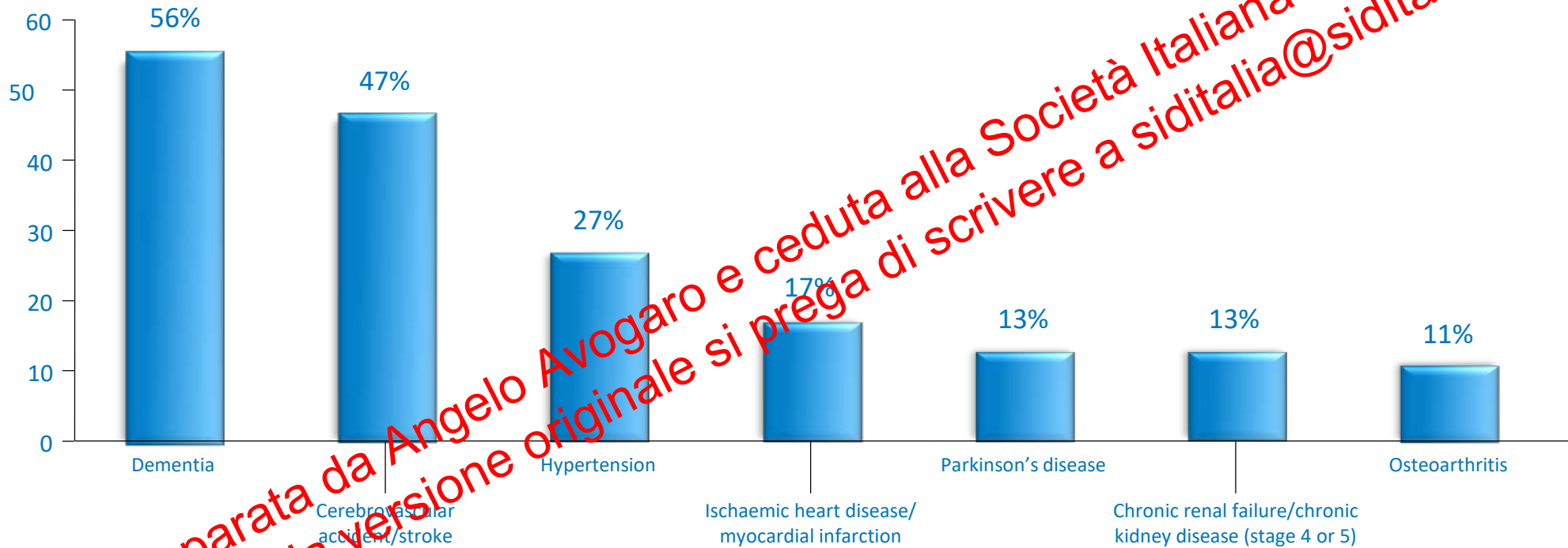
Comorbid Patients frequently receive inappropriate therapies



Daily glycemic variation (mmol/L) with worsening type 2 diabetes



Patients with type 2 diabetes in nursing homes frequently have many comorbidities



In this study, each individual had a mean of four comorbidities

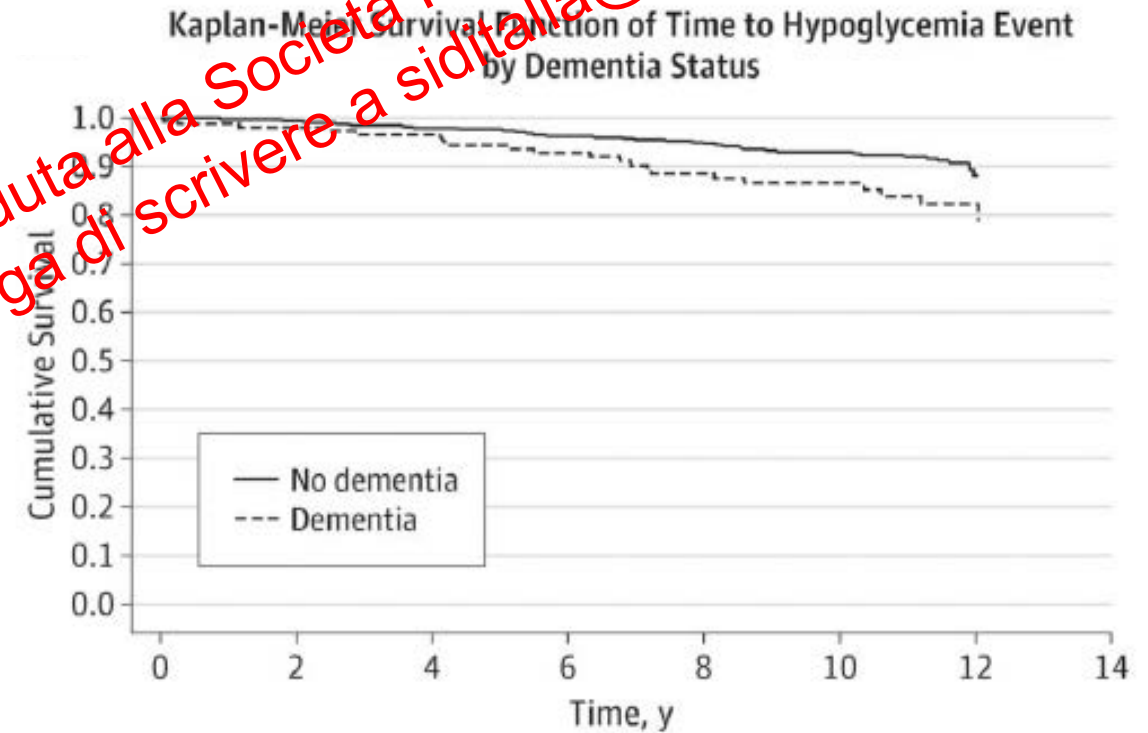
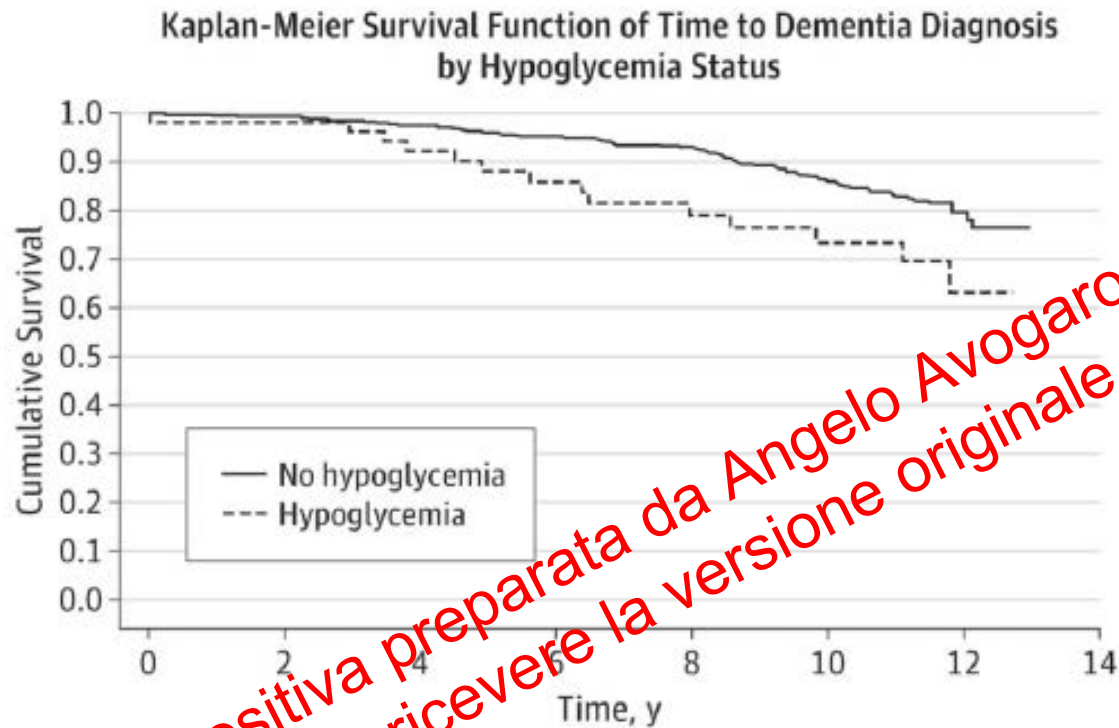
Treatment in Comorbid Diabetic Patients can be Problematic

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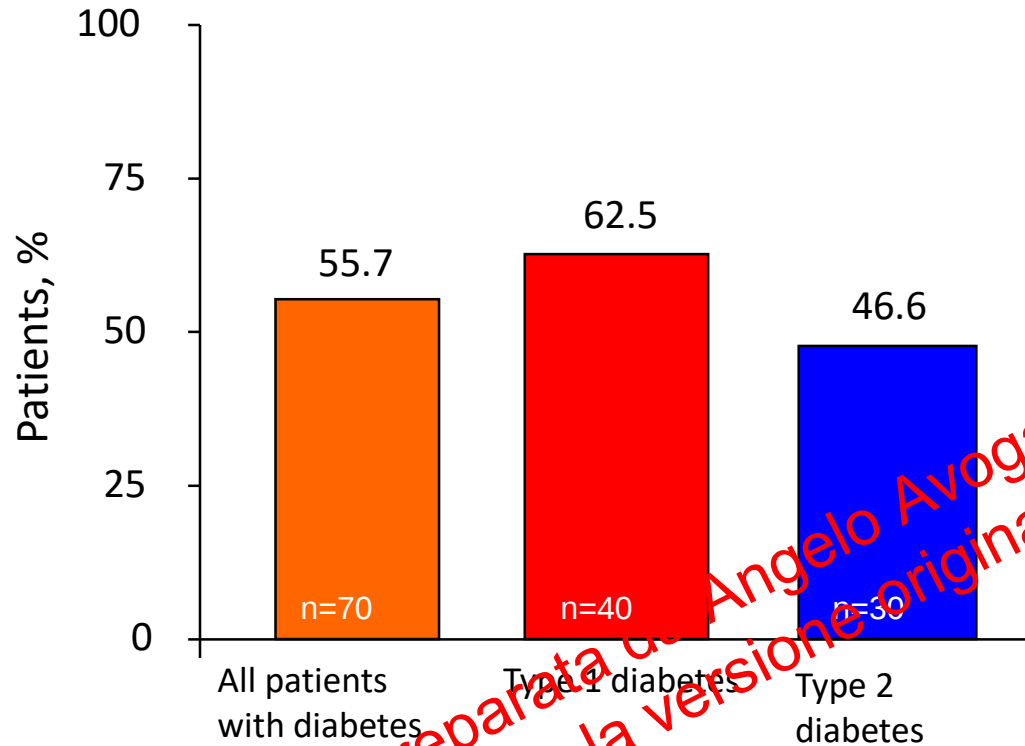
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| - Rocefin 1 g | 1 somministrazione ore 14 |
| - Zaroxolin 10 mg | 1 cp ore 8 |
| - Renagel 800 mg | 1 cp x 3 (ore 8-14-18) |
| - Dilatrend 6.25 mg | 1 cp x 3 (ore 8-14-18) |
| - Mimpara 60 mg | 1 cp ore 8 |
| - Eskim 1000 mg | 1 cp ore 8 |
| - Lasix 500 mg | ½ cp x 2 (ore 8-18) |
| - Aprovel 150 mg | 1 cp x 2 (ore 8 e 18) |
| - Metocal 1250 mg | 1 cp ore 14 |
| - Foznol 1000 mg | 1 cp x 2 (ore 8 e 18) |
| - Calcitriolo 0.25 mcg | 1 cp ore 14 |
| - Adalat crono 30 mg | 1 cp ore 22 |
| - Pantoprazolo 20 mg | 1 cp x 2 (ore 8 e 18) |
| - Cardioaspirin 100 mg | 1 cp ore 14 |
| - Selectin 40 mg | 1 cp ore 22 |
| - Motilex 0.5 mg | 1 cp a pranzo |
| - Zyloric 300 mg | ½ cp a giorni alterni |
| - Lormetazepam 30 mg | XV gtt la sera al bisogno |
| - Fentanyl 1 g | 1 somministrazione e.v. a.b. |
| - Kayerdate | a giorni alterni (sommministrato ieri) |
| - Catapresan TTS 2 cerotto | 1 applicazione/settimana (sostituito 16/09/2010) |
| - Neorecormon 10.000 U | 1 somministrazione ogni 5 die (sommministrato il 20/09) |
| - Cardura 4 mg | 1 cp al bisogno |
| - Catapresan 300 mg | 1 cp al bisogno |
| - Insulina Humalog | 6 U a colazione (secondo stick pre prandiale) |
| - Insulina Humalog | 11 U a pranzo (secondo stick pre prandiale) |
| - Insulina Humalog | 12 U a cena (secondo stick pre prandiale) |
| - Insulina Lantus | 14 U ore 22 |

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Bidirectional association between hypoglycemia and dementia



Asymptomatic episodes of hypoglycemia may go unreported

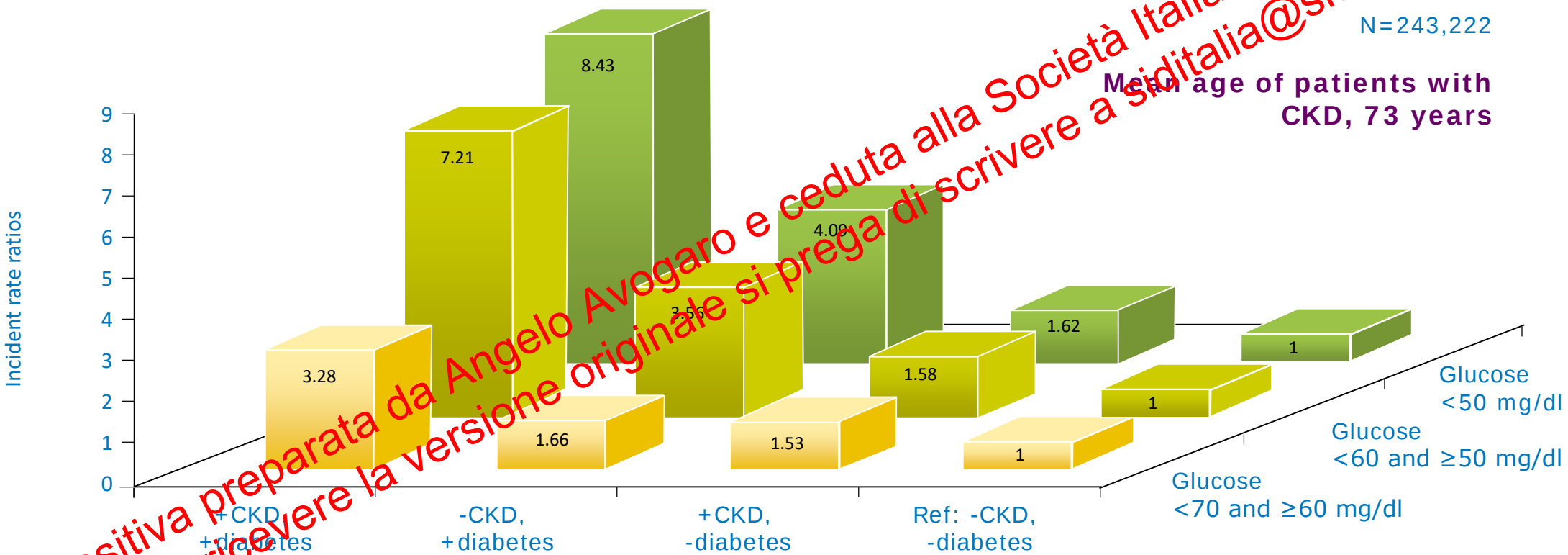


Patients with ≥ 1 unrecognized hypoglycemic event, %

- In a cohort of patients with diabetes, more than **50% had asymptomatic (unrecognized) hypoglycemia**, as identified by continuous glucose monitoring¹

Diabetes increases the risk of hypoglycaemia in patients with chronic kidney disease

Risk for hypoglycaemia of varying severity and adjusted incidence rate ratio classified by presence or absence of CKD and diabetes



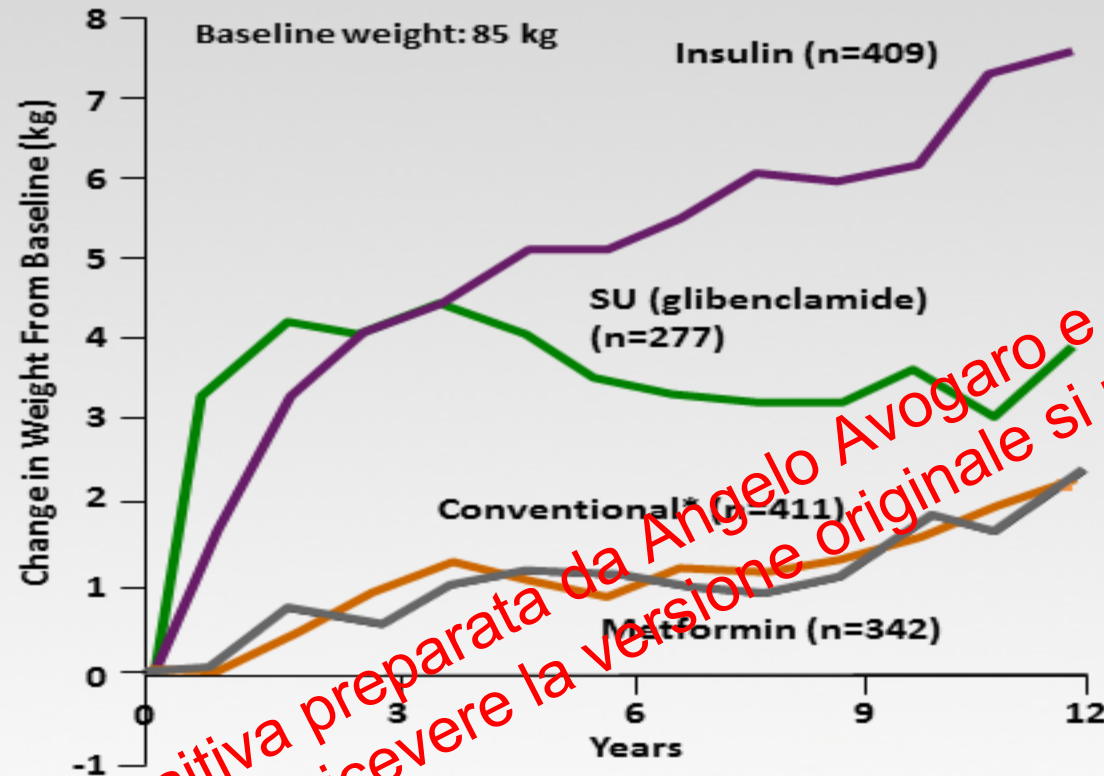
Association of hypoglycemia and cardiac ischemia. A study based upon continuous glucose monitoring and ECG monitoring

(Desouza et al; Diabetes Care 26: 1485, 2003)

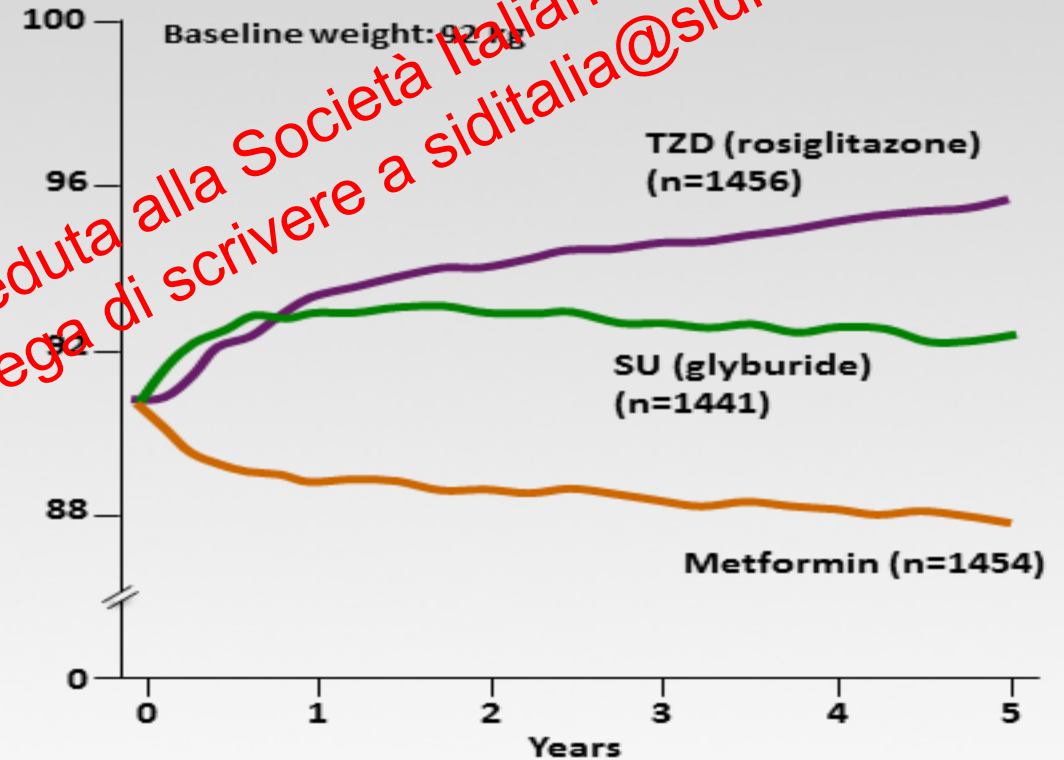
	Total episodes	Episodes with cardiac pain	Episodes with ECG abnormalities
Hypoglycemia	54	10	6
Asymptomatic	28	-	2
Symptomatic	26	10	4
Normoglycemia	-	0	0
Hyperglycemia	59	1	0
Glucose increase >100 mg in 1 h	50	9	2

Many Current Antihyperglycemic Agents Result in Weight Gain Over Time

UKPDS: up to 8 kg in 12 years^[a]



ADOPT: up to 4.8 kg in 5 years^[b]



ADOPT = A Diabetes Outcome Progression Trial; TZD = thiazolidinedione

*Conventional treatment = diet initially, then SUs, insulin, and/or metformin if fasting plasma glucose > 12.6 mmol/L



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a. UKPDS Group. *Lancet*. 1998;352(9131):854-865.

b. Kahn SE, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2006;355(23):2427-2443.



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PROFILES OF ANTIDIABETIC MEDICATIONS



	MET	GLP-1 RA	SGLT-2i	DPP-4i	AGi	TZD	SU GLN	COLSVL	BCR-GR	INSULIN	PRAML
HYPO	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate/ Severe Mild	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate to Severe	Neutral
WEIGHT	Slight Loss	Loss	Loss	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Loss
RENAL/ GU	Contra- Indicated CKD Stage 3B,4,5	Exenatide Contra- Indicated CrCl < 30	Genital Mycotic Infections	Dose Adjustment May be Necessary (Except Linagliptin)	Neutral	May Worsen Fluid Retention	More Hypo Risk	Neutral	Neutral	More Hypo Risk & Fluid Retention	Neutral
GI Sx	Moderate	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Mild	Moderate	Neutral	Moderate
CHF	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
CVD	Benefit	Benefit	Increased LDL	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	?	Neutral	Safe	Neutral	Neutral
BONE	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate Bone Loss	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral



Few adverse events or possible benefits



Use with caution



Likelihood of adverse effects

The Patient who needs Combination Therapy: Data from 15 RCT (Phung et al. DOM 2014)

Mean age: 48-63 years

HbA1c: 7.2-9.9%

Mean duration of Diabetes: 1.6-4.1 years

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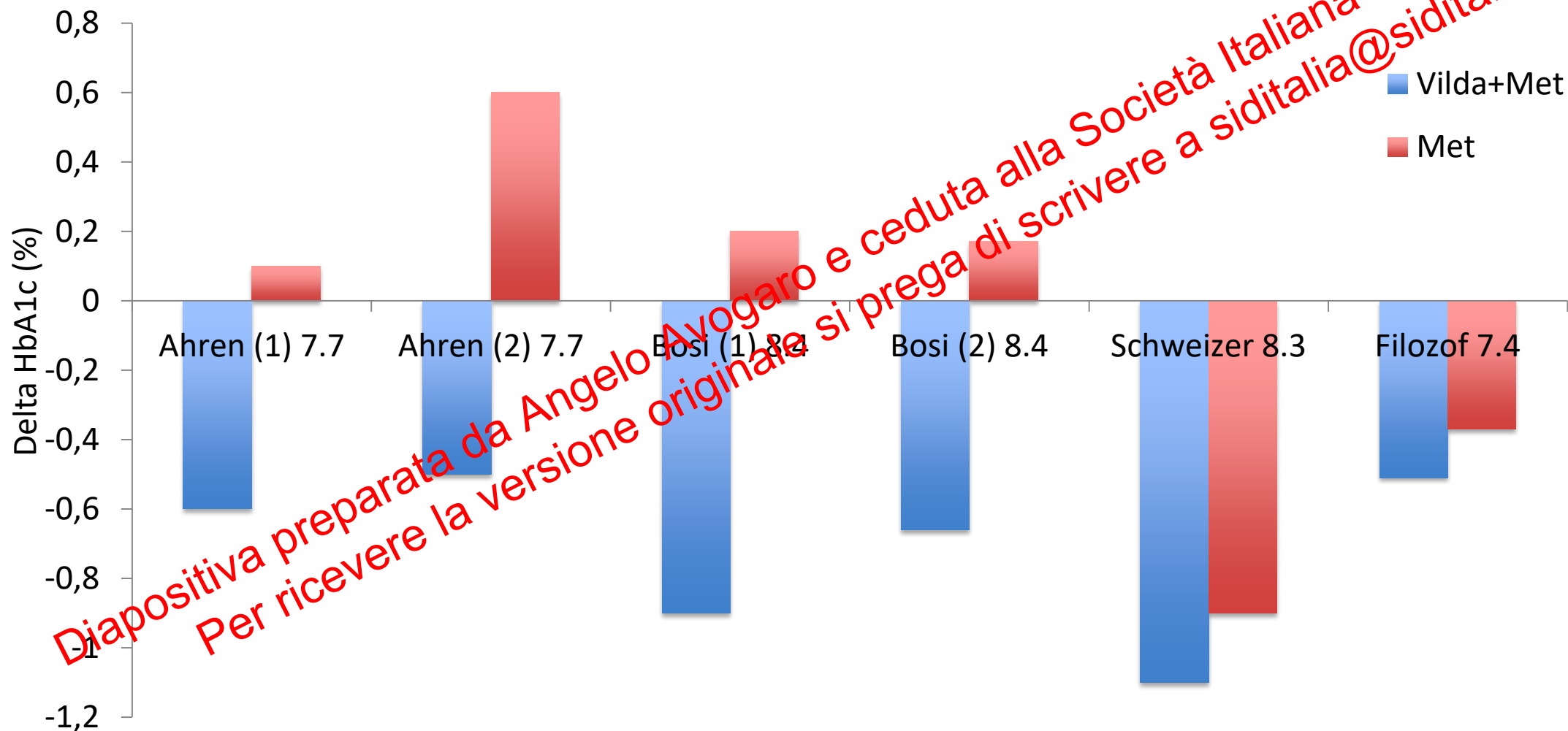
Rationale for Combination Therapy

1. Complementary Action between DPP-4 Inhibitors and Metformin
2. Evidence for the Direct Effects of Metformin on GLP-1 Level and Bioactivity
3. The Inhibitory Effect of Metformin on DPP-4 Activity.
4. Upregulation of GLP-1 Receptor Expression by Metformin in Pancreatic Islet β -Cells.

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Clinical trials demonstrating the additive effect on glycemic control of combination therapy with vildagliptin and metformin.

(redrawn from Dotta et al. 2012)

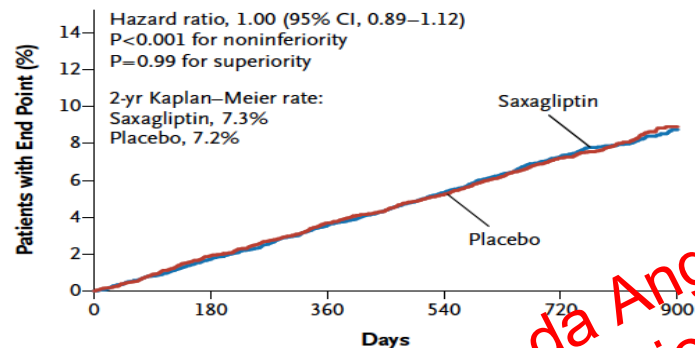


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Saxagliptin and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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A Primary End Point

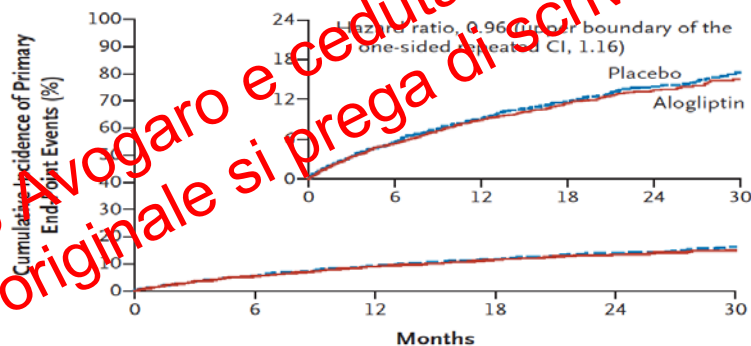


No. at Risk						
Placebo	8212	7983	7761	7287	4855	851
Saxagliptin	8280	8071	7836	7313	4520	847

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Alogliptin after Acute Coronary Syndrome in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

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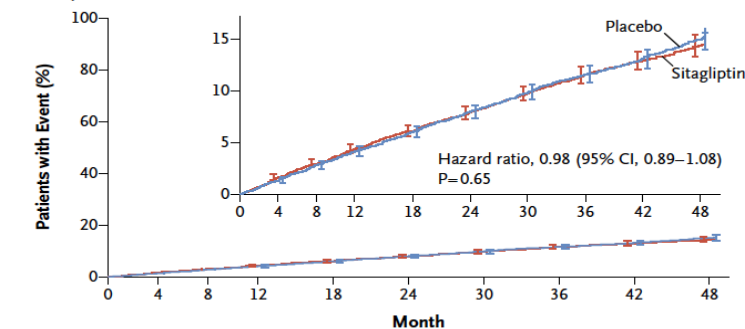
No. at Risk						
Placebo	2679	2299	1891	1375	805	286
Alogliptin	2701	2316	1899	1394	821	296

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Effect of Sitagliptin on Cardiovascular Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes

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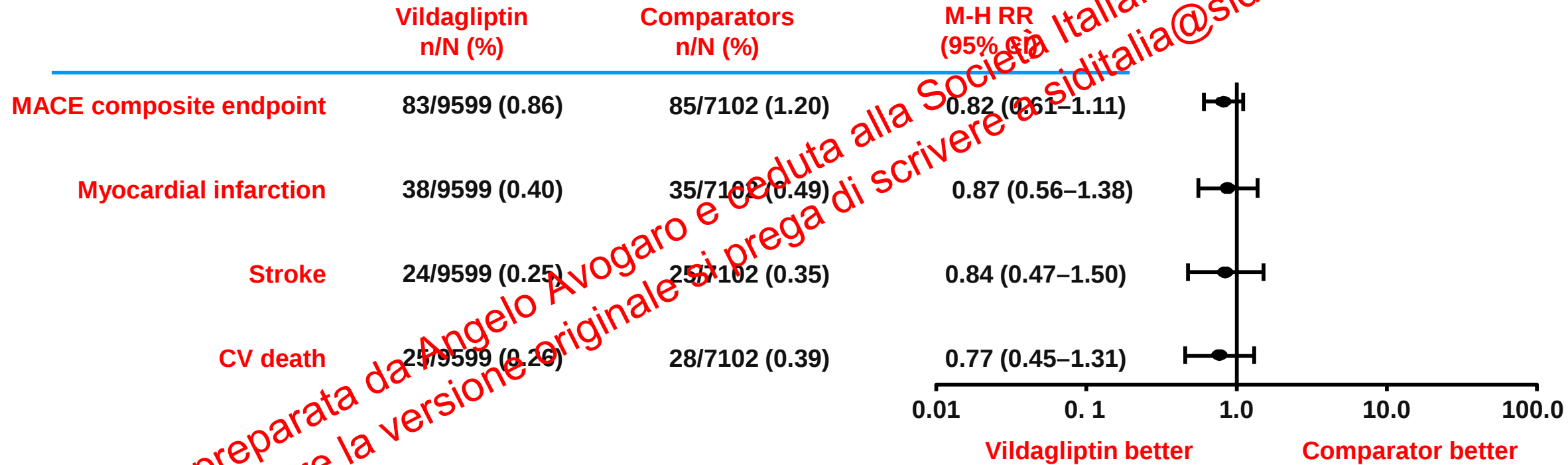
A Primary Cardiovascular Outcome



No. at Risk										
Sitagliptin	7332	7131	6937	6777	6579	6386	4525	3346	2058	1248
Placebo	7339	7146	6902	6751	6512	6292	4411	3272	2034	1234

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Incidences and risk ratios for adjudicated MACE* and its individual components



*MACE, major adverse cardiovascular (CV) events–non-fatal myocardial infarction, non-fatal stroke or CV death

Vildagliptin = 50 mg qd/bid; M-H RR, Mantel-Haenszel risk ratio

Adapted from McInnes G et al. Poster no 891 presented at the 50th EASD Annual Meeting, Sep 15–19, 2014, Vienna, Austria.

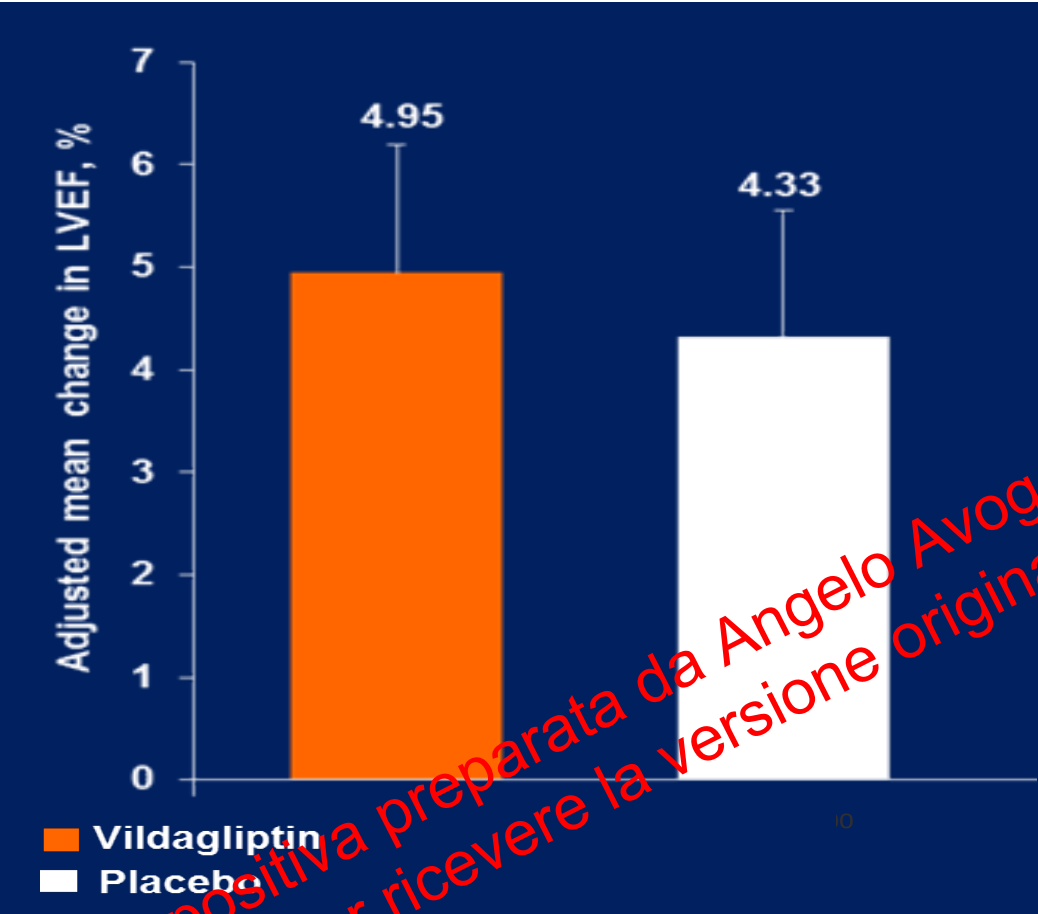
Hospitalisations for heart failure, DPP-4i class effect?

Combined analysis

Analysis	DPP-4i's	Placebo	HR (95%CI)	P value
SAVOR TIMI (n=16,492)	289 (3.5%)	228 (2.8%)	1.27 (1.07,1.51)	0.009
EXAMINE (n=5380)	106 (3.9%)	89 (3.3%)	1.19 (0.89, 1.58)	0.238
TECOS (n=14,671)	228 (3.1%)	229 (3.1%)	1.00 (0.83, 1.20)	0.983
COMBINED ANALYSIS	623 (3.4%)	546 (3.0%)	1.14 (0.97, 1.34)	

Test for heterogeneity for 3 trials:
 $p=0.178$, $I^2= 42\%$

VIVIDD met it's primary efficacy endpoint (non-inferiority for LVEF change) - all CV events were adjudicated for VIVIDD



Patients with event, n(%)	Vildagliptin n=128	Placebo n=125	P value*
Any adjudicated event	35 (27.3)	31 (24.8)	0.646
CV death	7 (5.5)	4 (3.2)	0.377
HF	23 (18.0)	22 (17.6)	0.939
hHF	13 (10.2)	10 (8.0)	0.552

*P values were based on CMH test (or Fisher exact test if 25% of the expected frequency is <5)

Krum H et al. No significant difference in risk of heart failure hospitalization with vildagliptin in diabetic patients with systolic chronic heart failure: VIVIDD study. Poster presented at the 74th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association (ADA), June 13–17, 2014, San Francisco, CA, USA

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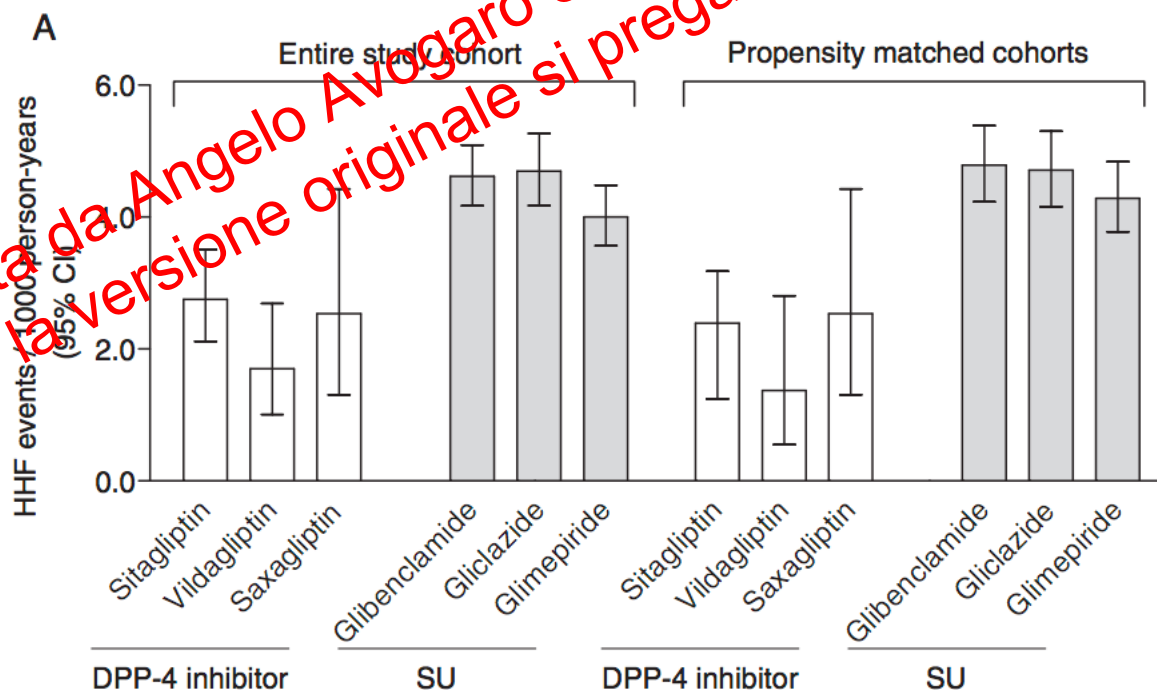
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	HR (95% CI)	P-value	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Glucose-lowering medications				
Sulphonylureas (reference)	1.000		1.000	
Glitazones	0.926 (0.807–1.063)	0.277	0.777 (0.635–0.950)	0.014
DPP-4 inhibitors	0.751 (0.630–0.895)	0.001	0.642 (0.510–0.808)	<0.001

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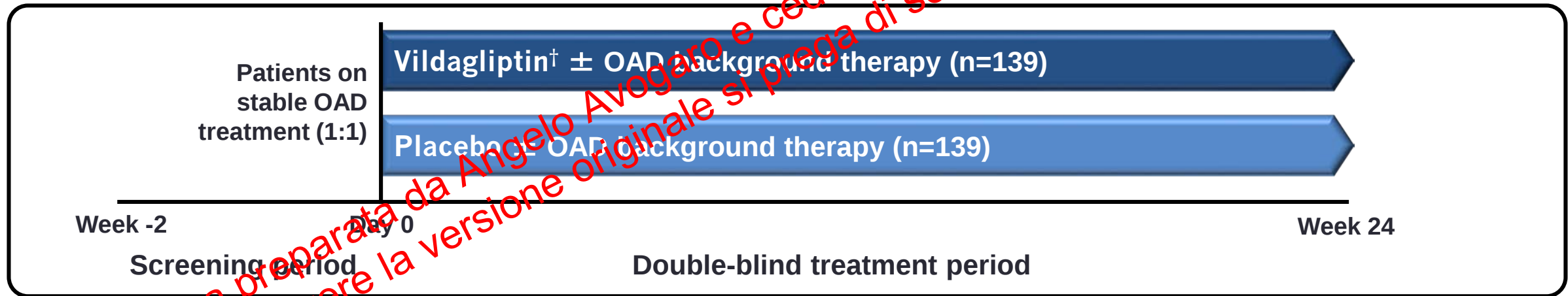
Intraclass differences in the risk of hospitalization for heart failure among patients with type 2 diabetes initiating a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor or a sulphonylurea: Results from the OsMed Health-DB registry

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INTERVAL: randomised study with individualised treatment targets

- **INTERVAL:** Individualised Treatment targets for Elderly patients with type 2 diabetes using Vildagliptin Add-on or Lone therapy
- With unique per-patient, investigator-defined HbA_{1c} targets, based on clinical judgement



*Patients with T2DM, ≥70 years old; [†]Patients who were drug-naïve or on other background OAD therapy received vildagliptin (50 mg) twice daily; patients on sulphonylurea monotherapy received vildagliptin (50 mg) once daily; [‡]Vildagliptin is indicated as monotherapy in patients inadequately controlled by diet and exercise alone, and for whom metformin is inappropriate due to contraindications or intolerance²
OAD = oral antidiabetic agent

INTERVAL Study: Baseline Data

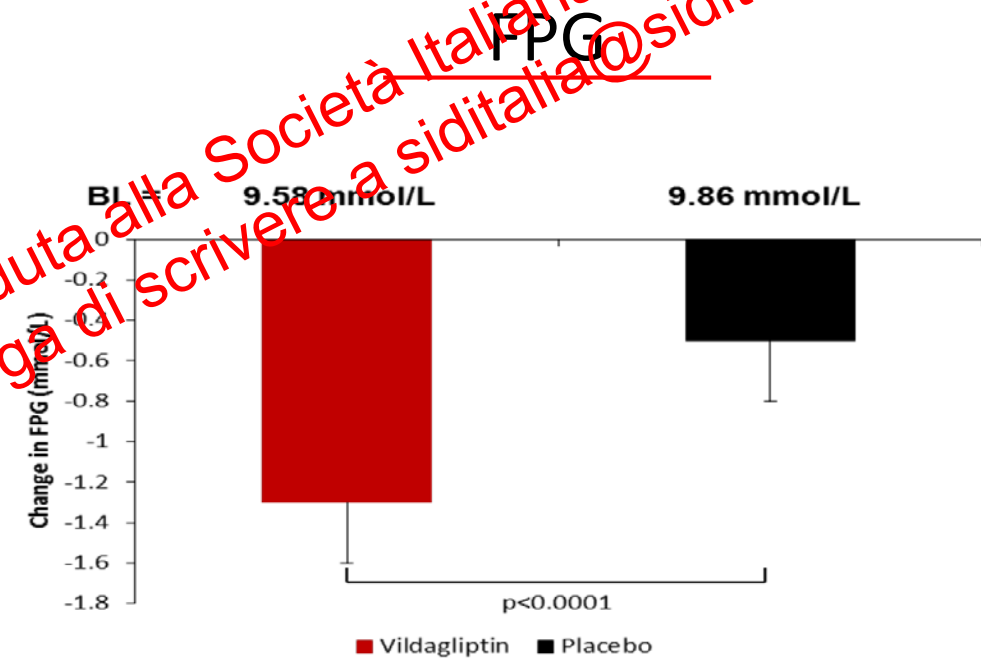
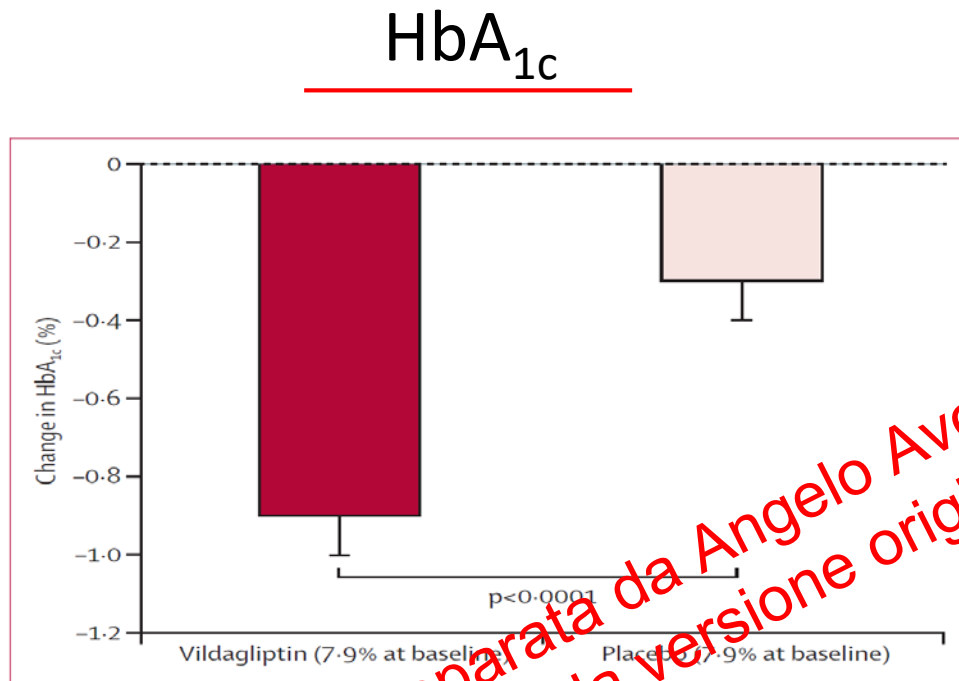
	Vildagliptin (n=139)	Placebo (n=139)
Age (years)	75.1 (4.3)	74.4 (4.0)
Range	70.0–97.0	70.0–89.0
Men	73 (52.5%)	53 (38.1%)
Race		
White	135 (97.1%)	134 (96.4%)
Other	4 (2.9%)	5 (3.6%)
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	137.0 (13.3)	137.5 (15.8)
Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	76.8 (8.3)	76.9 (7.9)
Body-mass index (kg/m ²)	29.1 (3.8)	30.5 (4.8)
HbA _{1c} (%)	7.9 (0.8)	7.9 (0.7)
Fasting plasma glucose (mmol/L)	9.6 (2.3)	9.9 (2.1)
Duration of type 2 diabetes (years)	12.2 (7.9)	10.8 (6.9)
Range	1.3–35.0	0.3–30.8
GFR (MDRD) (mL/min/1.73 m ²)		
Normal (>80)	34 (24.5%)	31 (22.3%)
Mild (≥50 to ≤80)	86 (61.9%)	87 (62.6%)
Moderate (≥30 to <50)	18 (13.7%)	21 (15.1%)
Frailty status		
Yes	12 (8.6%)	14 (10.1%)
No	126 (90.6%)	123 (88.5%)
Missing	1 (0.7%)	2 (1.4%)

Data are mean (SD) or number (%). HbA_{1c}=glycosylated haemoglobin A_{1c}. GFR (MDRD)=glomerular filtration rate estimated using the modification of diet in renal disease formula.

Table 1: Baseline demographics and clinical characteristics

Metformin and sulphonylureas were the most frequently used OADs; of the randomly assigned patients, nearly half were taking metformin, whereas a third were using sulphonylureas.

INTERVAL Study: Vildagliptin reduces HbA_{1c} and FPG at 24^o week in elderly patients



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Full analysis set was used for analysis.

BL, baseline; HbA_{1c}, glycosylated hemoglobin A_{1c}; SEM, standard error of mean

FPG; fasting plasma glucose.

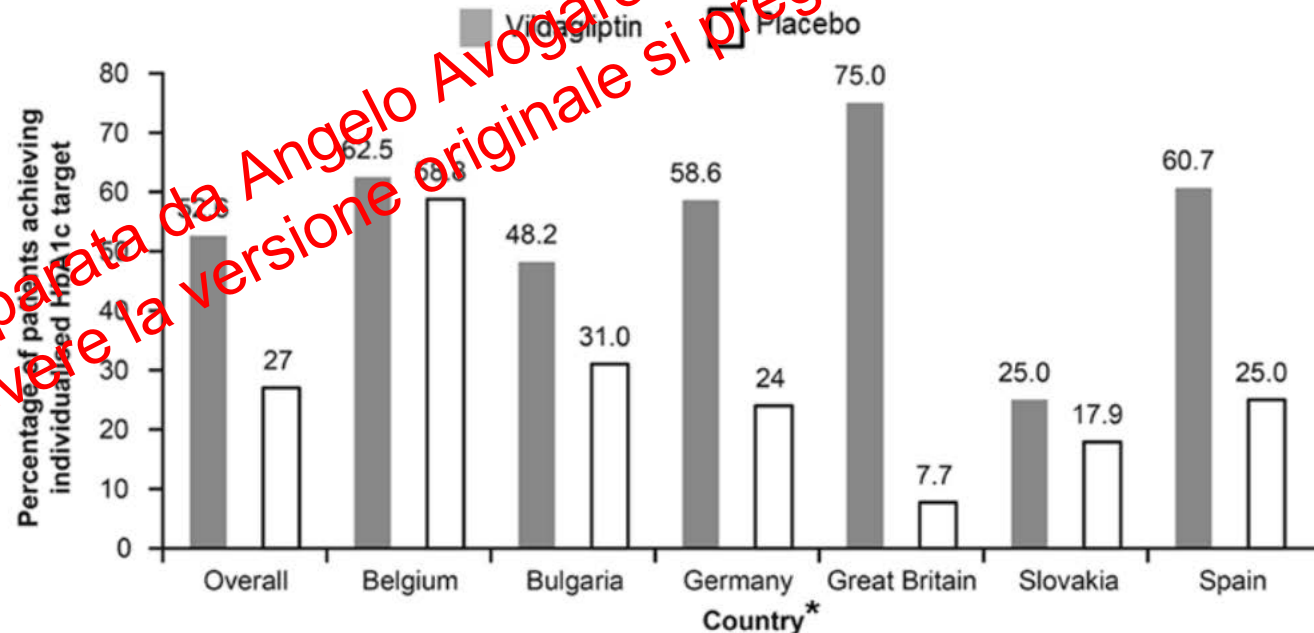
Studio INTERVAL: safety of treatments

	Vildagliptin (n=139)	Placebo (n=139)
Overall*	66 (47.5%)	63 (45.3%)
SAEs†	8 (5.8%)	5 (3.6%)
Discontinuations due to AEs	6 (4.3%)	3 (2.2%)
Deaths	1 (0.7%)	1 (0.7%)
AEs (of any severity) in ≥5% of participants in any treatment group		
Dizziness	11 (7.9%)	3 (2.2%)
Headache	8 (5.8%)	4 (2.9%)
Nasopharyngitis	7 (5.0%)	7 (5.0%)
Any predefined risk‡	21 (15.1%)	24 (17.3%)
Hepatic-related AEs	0	0
Infection-related AEs	18 (12.9%)	24 (17.3%)
Pancreatitis-related AEs	0	0
Muscle-related AEs	1 (0.7%)	0
Neuropsychiatric-related AEs	1 (0.7%)	0
Lactic-acidosis-related AEs	0	0
Skin or vascular-related AEs	1 (0.7%)	0
Cardiovascular or cerebrovascular AEs	5 (3.6%)	3 (2.2%)

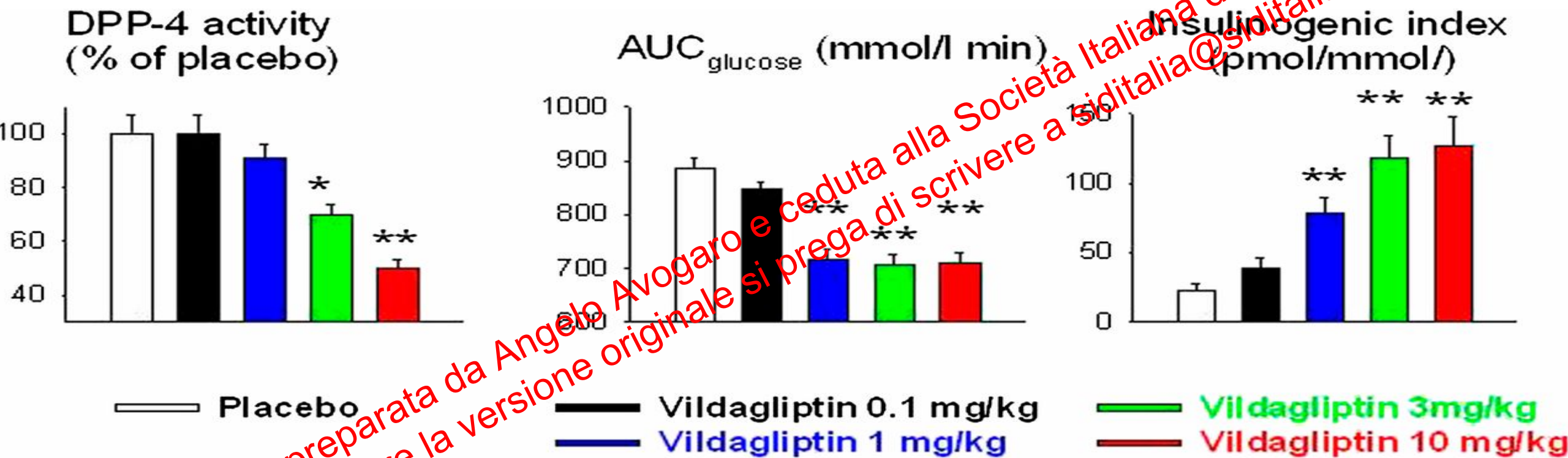
Most AEs were mild to moderate, occurred at a far lower frequency than expected, and seemed to be less frequent than reported in other studies with DPP4 inhibitors, although such a comparison does have its limitations. Our study further corroborates the safe profile of vildagliptin reported in two separate pooled analyses of vildagliptin studies in elderly patients with type 2 diabetes.

Individualizing treatment targets for elderly patients with type 2 diabetes: factors influencing clinical decision making in the 24-week, randomized INTERVAL study

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DPP-4 activity in peripheral plasma at 120 min after oral administration of the DPP-4 inhibitor vildagliptin at different doses or placebo



The classical and nonclassical mechanisms for the glucose-lowering effect of DPP-4 inhibition.

The pleiotropic mechanisms of DPP-4 inhibition

