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Gli studi di meta-analisi

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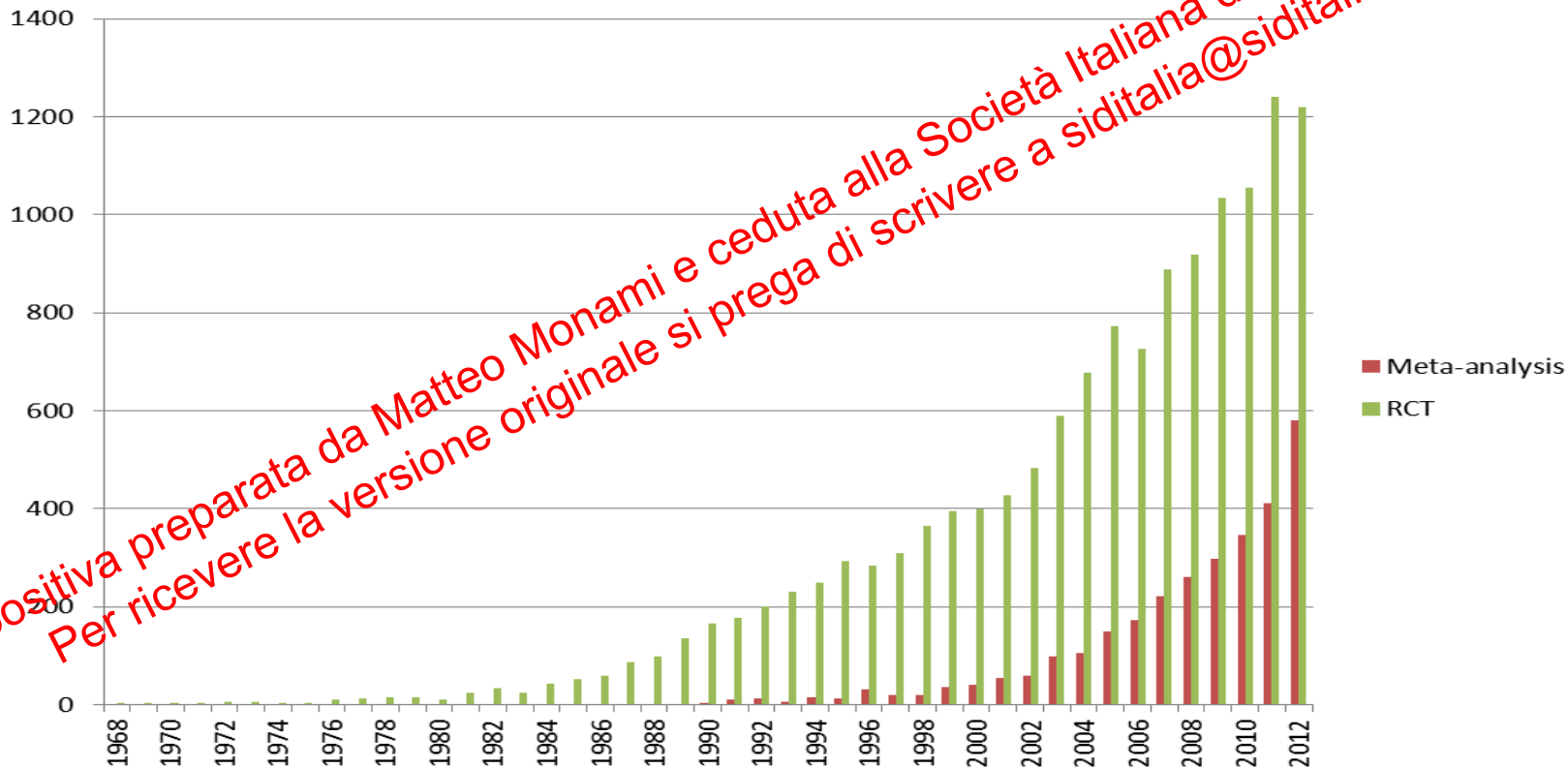
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Meta-analysis and diabetes



A new pandemic?



Qualità degli studi primari e revisioni sistematiche: rating del livello delle evidenze

Ia Metaanalisi o review sistematiche basate su più studi di livelli Ib

Ib Trial diagnostici o studi di esito di buona qualità

II Trial diagnostici o studi di esito di media qualità, numero insufficiente di pazienti, o altri trials (case-control, altri designi)

III Studi descrittivi, case report ed altri studi

IV Indicazioni di esperti a supporto delle raccomandazioni nelle linee guida

A Supportati da almeno due studi di livello Ib o da una review di livelli Ia (“E’ stato dimostrato”)

B Supportati da almeno due studi indipendenti di livello II o estrapolazioni da studi di livelli I (“E’ plausibile”)

C Non supportati da adeguati studi di livello I o II (“indicazioni”)

D Indicazioni di esperti (“non ci sono prove”)



Summarize the Evidence

How to do?

1. Narrative review:

It has the disadvantage to summarize available evidence without really synthesizing it in simple numbers

2. Pooled analysis (meta-analysis of individual data)

Retrospectively planned

Prospectively planned:

Meta-analisi in cui gli studi, in genere studi clinici randomizzati, vengono individuati, valutati e inclusi nel protocollo della meta-analisi prima che siano noti i risultati degli studi stessi.

3. Meta-analysis of published data

What is a meta-analysis?

Potential strengths

Meta-analysis is the statistical combination of results from two or more separate studies.



1. Increase in power
2. Settle controversies arising from conflicting claims
3. Ability to answer questions not posed by individual studies



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Intensive blood-glucose control with sulphonylureas or insulin compared with conventional treatment and risk of complications in patients with type 2 diabetes



Underpowered studies

	Chlorpropamide (n=619)	Glibenclamide (n=615)	Insulin (n=911)	OVERALL (n=2,145)	p
Myocardial Infarction	0.87 (0.68-1.12)	0.78 (0.60-1.01)	0.87 (0.70-1.09)	0.84 (0.71-1.00)	0.052
Stroke	1.01 (0.65-1.58)	1.38 (0.92-2.08)	0.86 (0.57-1.81)	1.11 (0.81-1.51)	0.52
All-cause mortality	1.02 (0.82-1.27)	0.91 (0.72-1.15)	0.85 (0.76-1.14)	0.94 (0.80-1.10)	0.44

UK Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) Group.
The Lancet, Volume 352, Issue 9131, Pages 837-853



CV outcome studies in T2DM



Power calculations

	UKPDS*	ADVANCE	ACCORD	VADT
Number	3,867	11,140	10,251	1,791
Mean follow-up (y)	11	5	3	6
Incidence of MACE in ctrl (% pt*y)	1.7	2.1	2.3	4.9
Power for 10% reduction (%)	21	42	22	21
% reduction for 80% power	21	16	25	24

* MI

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Strengths

Underpowered studies

Effect of Intensive vs conventional treatment on the risk of microvascular and macrovascular complications

UKPDS 33

VADT

ADVANCE

Cardiovascular endpoint, but prematurely terminated

ACCORD

Underpowered studies

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Prevention of cardiovascular disease through glycemic control in type 2 diabetes:

A meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials

Increase in power

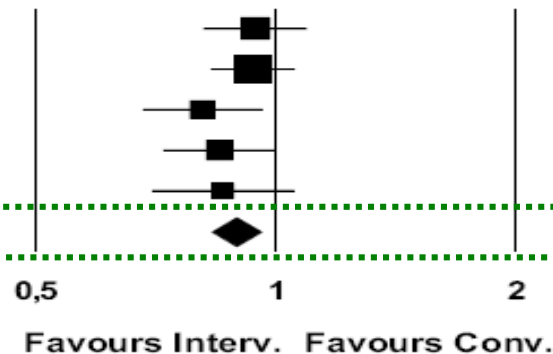
A Cardiovascular events

Study name

Statistics for each study

Odds ratio and 95% CI

	Odds ratio	Lower limit	Upper limit	Z-Value	p-Value
ACCORD	0,944	0,811	1,098	-0,746	0,455
ADVANCE	0,937	0,830	1,059	-1,035	0,301
PROACTIVE	0,811	0,681	0,966	-2,346	0,019
UKPDS 33+34	0,852	0,723	1,003	-1,920	0,055
VADT	0,860	0,700	1,058	-1,425	0,154
OVERALL	0,893	0,832	0,957	-3,182	0,001





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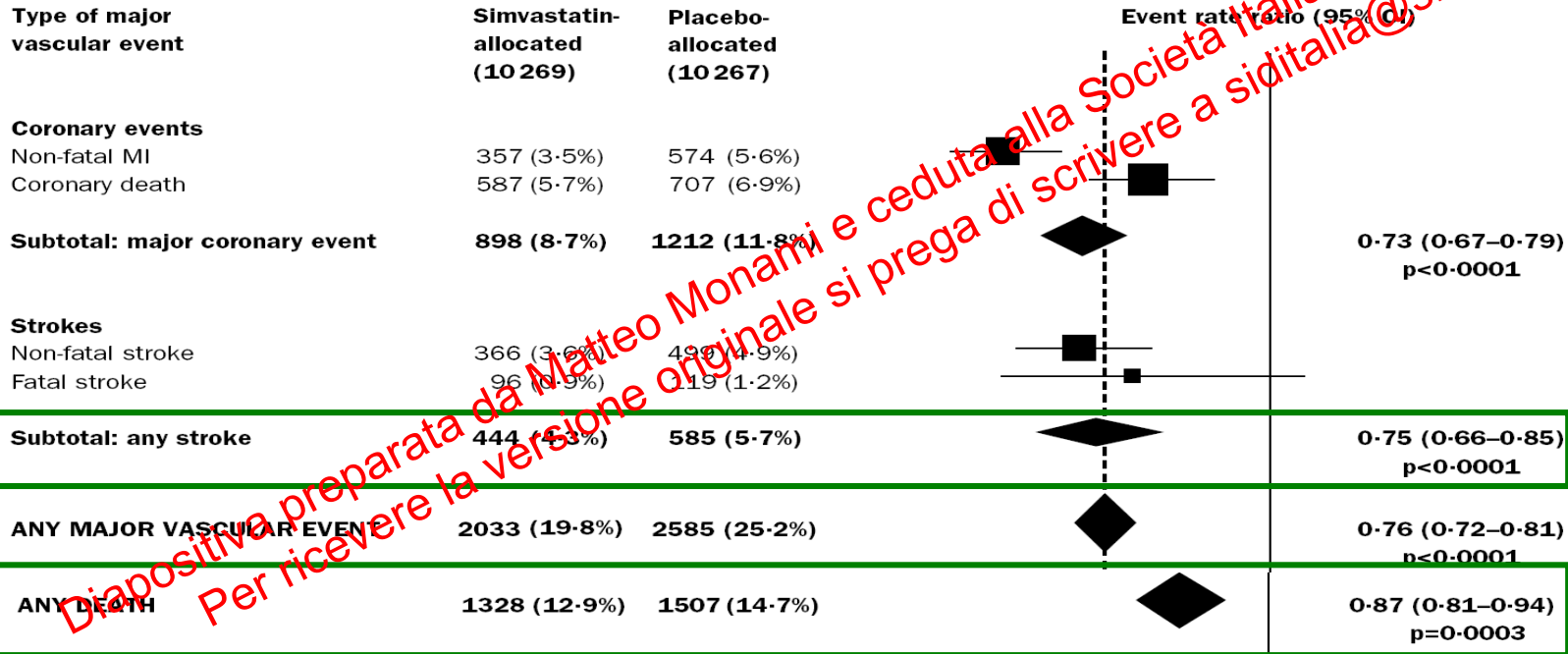
MRC/BHF Heart Protection study of cholesterol lowering with simvastatin in 20,536 high-risk individuals



A randomized placebo-controlled trial

MRC/BHF Heart Protection Study Collaborative Group*

Type of major vascular event





Pravastatin in elderly individuals at risk of vascular disease (PROSPER)



A randomized controlled trial

PROSPER study group

	Placebo (n, %) (n=2513)	Pravastatin (n, %) (n=2891)	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	p*
Primary endpoint				
Coronary heart disease death or non-fatal myocardial infarction or fatal or non-fatal stroke	473 (16.6)	408 (14.1)	0.85 (0.74–0.97)	0.014
Secondary endpoints				
Coronary heart disease death or non-fatal myocardial infarction	256 (10.2)	202 (10.1)	0.81 (0.69–0.94)	0.006
Fatal or non-fatal stroke	137 (5.5)	135 (4.7)	1.03 (0.81–1.31)	0.81
Deaths				
Coronary heart disease	122 (4.2)	94 (3.3)	0.76 (0.58–0.99)	0.043
Stroke	14 (0.5)	22 (0.8)	1.57 (0.80–3.08)	0.19
Vascular	157 (5.4)	135 (4.7)	0.85 (0.67–1.07)	0.16
Non-vascular	149 (5.1)	163 (5.6)	1.11 (0.89–1.38)	0.38
Cancer	91 (3.1)	115 (4.0)	1.28 (0.97–1.68)	0.082
Trauma or suicide	7 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	N/A	N/A
All causes	306 (10.5)	298 (10.3)	0.97 (0.83–1.14)	0.74

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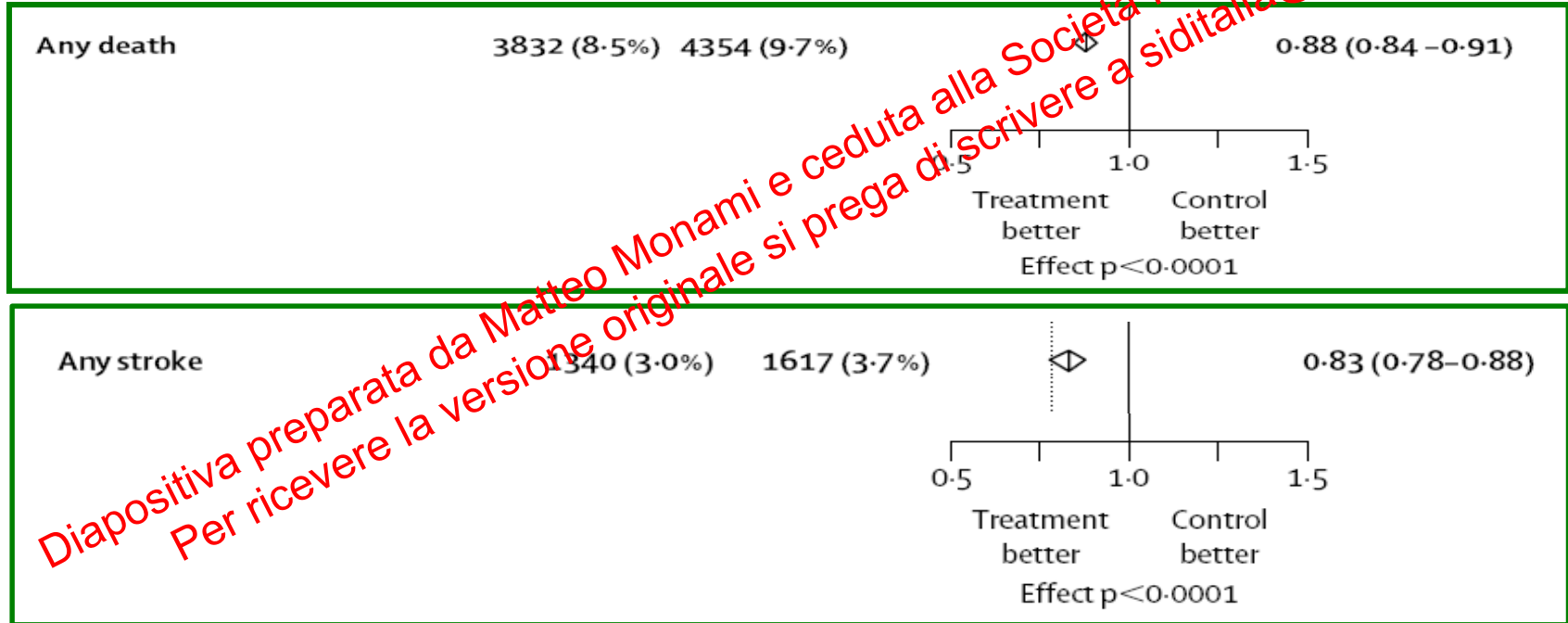


Efficacy and safety of cholesterol-lowering treatment



Prospective meta-analysis of data from 90,056 participants in 14 randomised trials of statins

Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' (CTT) Collaborators





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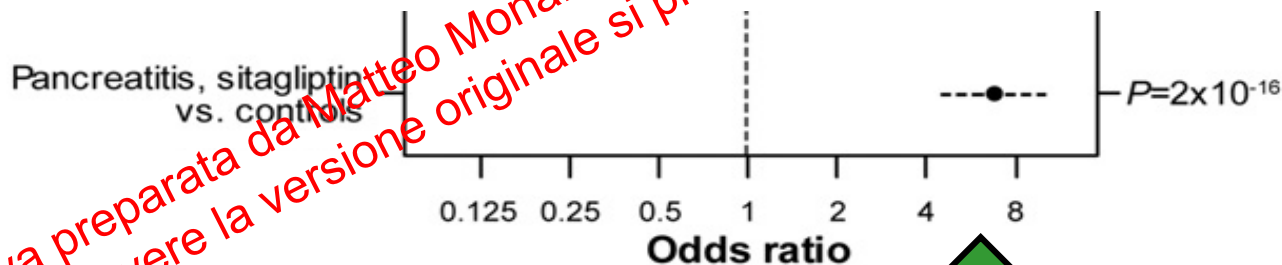


Pancreatitis, Pancreatic, and Thyroid Cancer With GLP-1-Based Therapies



M. Elashoff, V.A. Matveyenko, B. Gier, R. Elashoff, P.C. Butler

PANCREATITIS				
Drug	Pancreatitis events	Control events	Odds ratio vs control drugs	P-value vs control drugs
Exenatide	971	1433	10.68	2×10^{-16}
Sitagliptin	131	306	6.74	2×10^{-16}
Controls	43	678	—	—



7-fold increased risk of pancreatitis

Gastroenterology 2011; 141:150-156

This study has many methodological problems related to data management, underreporting adverse events and confounding factors.



Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors and pancreatitis risk

A meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials

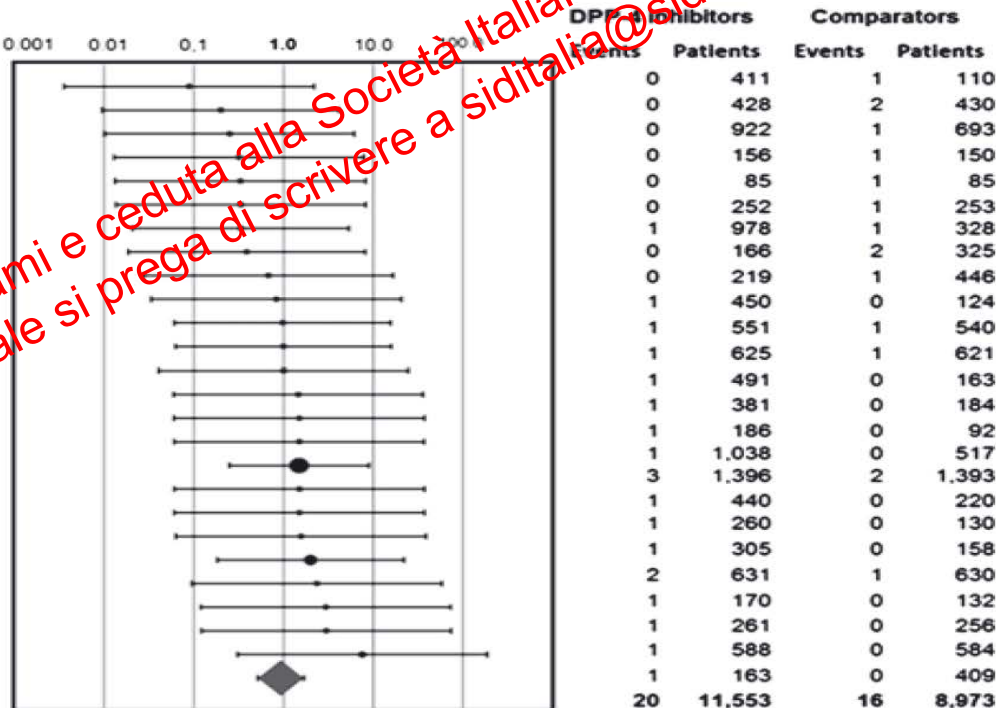
- 109 trials with duration ≥ 12 weeks with available information
- Exposure: 45,239 patient-years
- Cases of acute pancreatitis: 36

DPP-4 inhibitors and pancreatitis risk

A meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials

M. Monami¹, I. Dicembrini^{2,3} & E. Mannucci³

First author (ref)	MH-OR (95% Confidence Intervals)			P	Relative weight (%)
Raz 2006 (41)	0.089	0.004	2.192	0.14	3.42
NCT00575588 (1)	0.200	0.010	4.178	0.30	3.81
NCT00722371 (1)	0.250	0.010	6.152	0.40	3.43
Scherbaum 2008 (65)	0.318	0.013	7.878	0.48	3.42
NCT00614939 (1)	0.329	0.013	8.202	0.50	3.40
NCT01289119 (1)	0.333	0.014	8.221	0.50	3.42
Pfutzner 2011 (21)	0.335	0.021	5.366	0.44	4.57
Bergental 2010 (52)	0.389	0.019	8.141	0.54	3.80
NCT00700817 (1)	0.677	0.027	16.675	0.81	3.43
NCT01204294 (1)	0.831	0.034	20.523	0.91	3.42
Williams-Herman 2010 (45)	0.980	0.061	15.708	0.99	3.42
NCT00482729 (1)	0.994	0.062	15.920	1.00	4.57
Rosenstock 2010 (10)	1.000	0.041	24.668	1.00	3.42
Hollander 2011 (26)	1.455	0.059	35.881	0.82	3.42
NCT00996658 (1)	1.496	0.060	36.796	0.81	3.41
DeFronzo 2012 (5)	1.496	0.060	36.796	0.81	3.43
Ferrannini 2009 (69)	1.498	0.060	36.796	0.66	10.97
Pan 2008 (53)	1.505	0.061	37.098	0.80	3.43
Rosenstock 2009 (6)	1.505	0.061	37.098	0.80	3.42
Garber 2008 (60)	1.562	0.063	38.554	0.79	3.42
NCT00954447 (1)	2.000	0.181	22.113	0.57	6.09
NCT00328172 (1)	2.145	0.095	58.033	0.60	3.42
Wainstein 2012 (50)	2.954	0.120	72.849	0.51	3.42
Seck 2010 (49)	2.985	0.121	73.416	0.50	3.43
Russell-Jones 2012 (51)	7.560	0.306	186.538	0.22	3.42
OVERALL	0.933	0.515	1.688	0.817	100.00



MH-OR: 0.93 (0.51–1.69)

Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism 2013.



Metformin and CVD

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Effect of intensive blood-glucose control with metformin on complications in overweight patients with type 2 diabetes

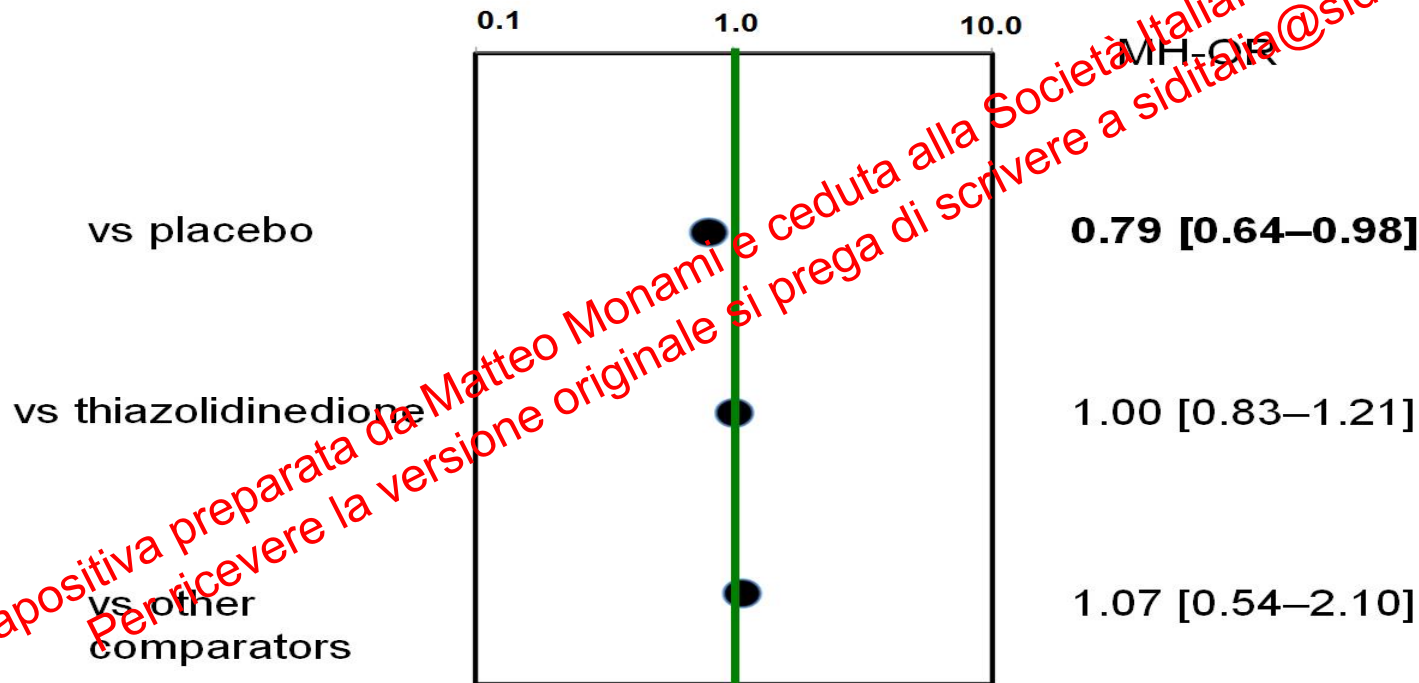
	Metformin (n=342)	Insulin/sulfonylurea (SU) (n=951)	Conventional (n=411)
Absolute risk (events per 1,000 patient-years)			
Myocardial infarction	11.0*	14.4	18.0
Stroke	3.3	6.2†	5.5
All-cause mortality	13.5*†	18.9	20.6

*P<0.05 vs conventional; †P<0.05 vs insulin/SU



Metformin and MACE

Meta-analysis of available RCTs



SU and MACE

Meta-analysis of available RCTs

Major CV events:

Comparators	# Trials	MH-OR	LL	UL	P		Sulfonylureas		Comparator	
							# Events	# Patients	# Events	# Patients
Rosiglitazone	6	0.74	0.50	1.10	0.140		209	3.490	251	3.714
Placebo/No therapy	2	0.87	0.71	1.07	0.190		279	1.306	225	969
Metformin	2	0.95	0.34	2.70	0.93		78	1.589	85	1.610
Insulin	2	0.98	0.80	1.20	0.830		278	1.252	209	929
GLP-1RA	2	1.05	0.33	2.84	0.920		8	380	9	515
Pioglitazone	8	1.03	0.77	1.44	0.740		86	3.173	80	3.195
DPP-4i	5	1.85	1.20	2.87	0.005		61	3.701	32	3.704
AGi	2	2.95	0.50	17.27	0.230		4	140	2	228

All-cause mortality:

1.22 [1.01–1.49] P=0.047



DPP-4 inhibitors and MACE



Meta-analysis of available RCTs

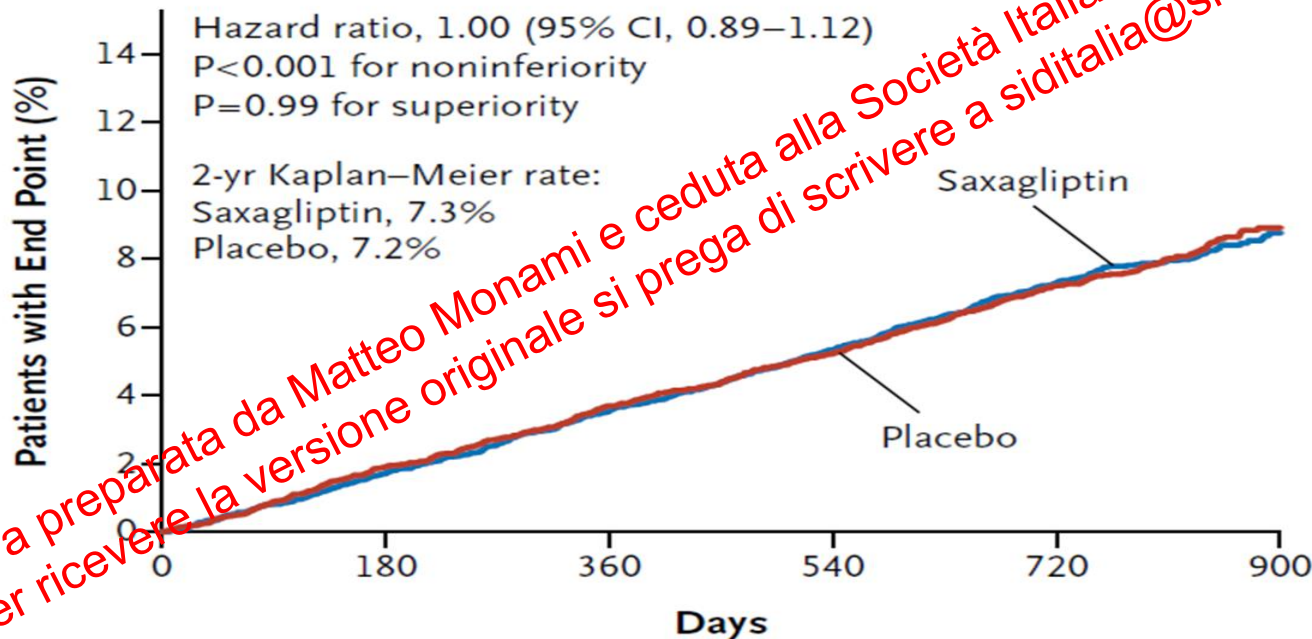




Saxagliptin and MACE



Results of the SAVOR trial: primary endpoint



Scirica BM, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2013 (in press)



Limitations of meta-analyses



Diagnostic criteria for the event not specified (or not specified uniformly)

No specific screening/diagnostic procedures

No adjudication of events in many studies

Short duration of studies

Small number of events (for rare adverse events)

Selection of relatively healthy populations

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SAVOR-TIMI 53



Comparison with meta-analysis of early trials

	SAVOR	Early trials
Number of patients	16,492	41,959
Number of events	1,222	495
Duration of follow-up (years)	2.1 (median)	~1.0 (mean)
Mean age (years)	65	55
Mean duration of diabetes (years)	12	5
Mean BMI (kg/m ²)	31.1	31.1
Mean HbA _{1c} (%)	8.0	8.2

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Scirica BM, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2013
Monami M, et al. *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2013;15:112–20.

GLP1-RA and MACE

Meta-analysis of available RCTs

All trials

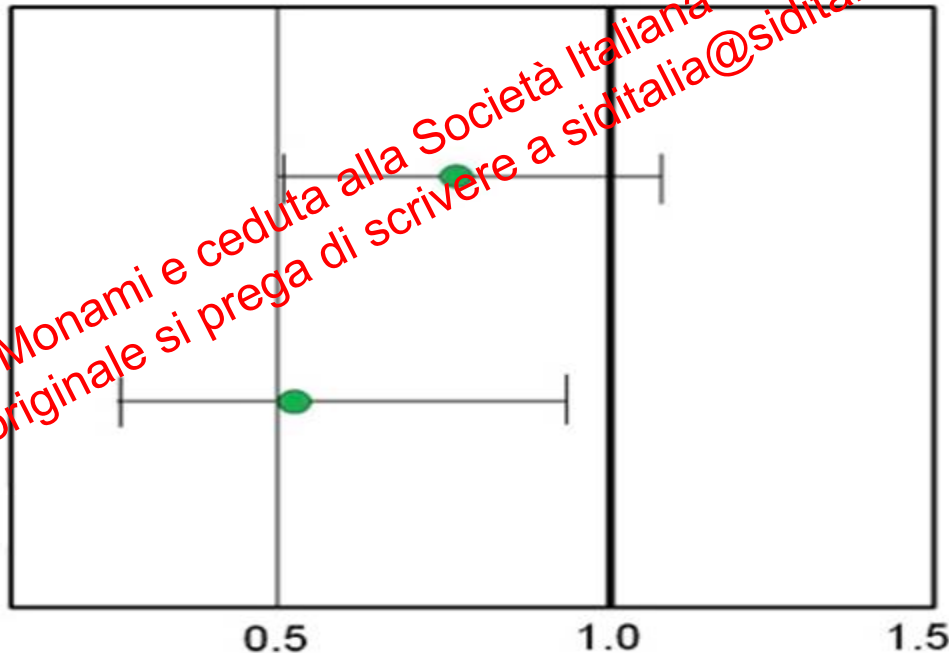
N= 25 RCTs

MH-OR: 0.78[0.54;1.13]; p=0.18

vs. placebo

N= 12 RCTs

MH-OR: 0.51[0.27;0.93]; p=0.029

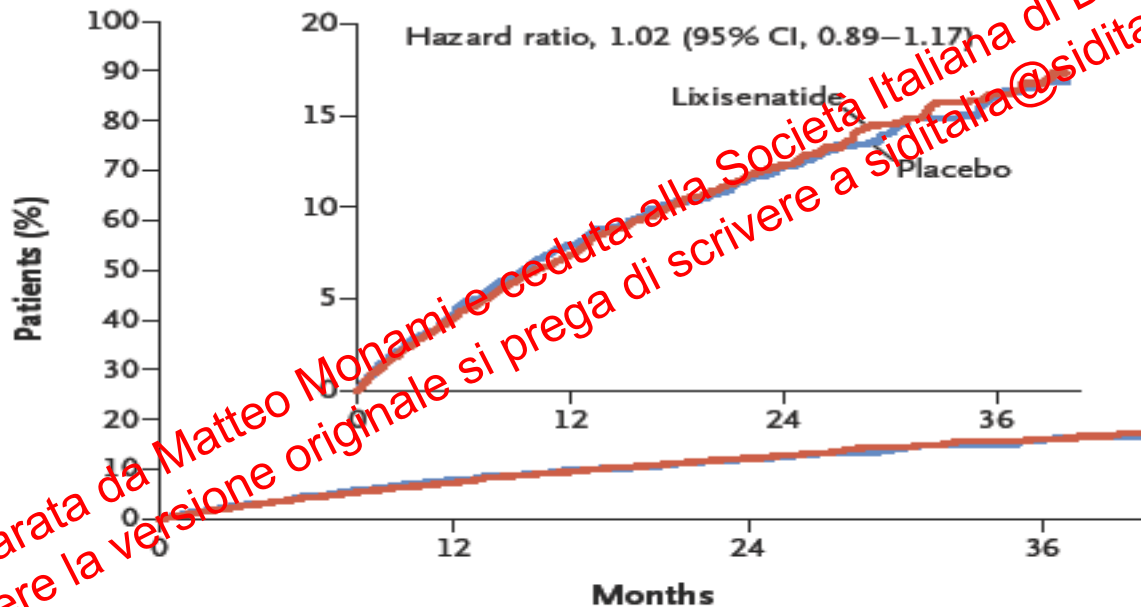




Lixisenatide and MACE



ELIXA trial – primary endpoint



Not at Risk

Placebo

3034

2759

1566

476

Lixisenatide

3034

2785

1558

484

Pfeffer MA, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015; 373:2247-57.



Liraglutide and MACE



LEADER trial

Table 1. Primary and Secondary Outcomes.*

Outcome	Liraglutide (N=4668)	Incidence Rate	Placebo (N=4673)	Incidence Rate	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	no. of patients (%)	no. of events/ 100 patient-yr	no. of patients (%)	no. of events/ 100 patient-yr		
Primary composite outcome†	608 (13.0)	3.4	694 (14.9)	3.9	0.87 (0.78–0.97)	0.01
Expanded composite outcome‡	948 (20.3)	5.3	1062 (22.7)	6.0	0.88 (0.81–0.96)	0.005
Death from any cause	381 (8.2)	2.1	447 (9.6)	2.5	0.85 (0.74–0.97)	0.02
Death from cardiovascular causes	219 (4.7)	1.2	278 (6.0)	1.6	0.78 (0.66–0.93)	0.007
Death from noncardiovascular causes	169 (3.5)	0.9	169 (3.6)	1.0	0.95 (0.77–1.18)	0.66
Myocardial infarction§	292 (6.2)	1.6	339 (7.3)	1.9	0.86 (0.73–1.00)	0.046
Fatal§	17 (0.4)	0.1	28 (0.6)	0.2	0.60 (0.33–1.10)	0.10
Nonfatal	281 (6.0)	1.6	317 (6.8)	1.8	0.88 (0.75–1.03)	0.11
Silent§	62 (1.3)	0.3	76 (1.6)	0.4	0.86 (0.61–1.20)	0.37
Stroke§	173 (3.7)	1.0	199 (4.3)	1.1	0.86 (0.71–1.06)	0.16
Fatal§	16 (0.3)	0.1	25 (0.5)	0.1	0.64 (0.34–1.19)	0.16
Nonfatal	159 (3.4)	0.9	177 (3.8)	1.0	0.89 (0.72–1.11)	0.30

Marso SP, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2016; 375:311-22,



Semaglutide and MACE



SUSTAIN-6 trial

Table 2. Primary and Secondary Cardiovascular and Microvascular Outcomes.

Outcome	Semaglutide (N= 1648)		Placebo (N= 1649)		Hazard Ratio (95% CI)*	P Value
	no. (%)	no./100 person-yr	no. (%)	no./100 person-yr		
Primary composite outcome†	108 (6.6)	3.24	146 (8.9)	4.44	0.74 (0.58–0.95)	<0.001 for noninferiority; 0.02 for superiority
Expanded composite outcome‡	199 (12.1)	6.17	264 (16.0)	8.36	0.74 (0.62–0.89)	0.002
All-cause death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke	123 (7.4)	3.66	158 (9.6)	4.81	0.77 (0.61–0.97)	0.03
Death						
From any cause	62 (3.8)	1.82	60 (3.6)	1.76	1.05 (0.74–1.50)	0.79
From cardiovascular cause	44 (2.7)	1.29	46 (2.8)	1.35	0.98 (0.65–1.48)	0.92
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	47 (2.9)	1.40	64 (3.9)	1.92	0.74 (0.51–1.08)	0.12
Nonfatal stroke	27 (1.6)	0.80	44 (2.7)	1.31	0.61 (0.38–0.99)	0.04



Rosiglitazone and myocardial infarction



Study	Rosiglitazone group	Control group	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Number of events/total number (%)				
Myocardial infarction				
Small trials combined	44/10.285 (0.43)	22/6.106 (0.36)	1.45 (0.88–2.39)	0.15
DREAM	15/2.635 (0.57)	9/2.634 (0.34)	1.65 (0.74–3.68)	0.22
ADOPT	27/1.456 (1.85)	41/2.895 (1.42)	1.33 (0.80–2.21)	0.27
Overall			1.43 (1.03–1.98)	0.03
Death from cardiovascular causes				
Small trials combined	25/6.845 (0.36)	7/3.980 (0.18)	2.40 (1.17–4.91)	0.02
DREAM	12/2.635 (0.46)	10/2.634 (0.38)	1.20 (0.52–2.78)	0.67
ADOPT	2/1.456 (0.14)	5/2.895 (0.17)	0.80 (0.17–3.86)	0.78
Overall			1.64 (0.98–2.74)	0.06



Rosiglitazone: FDA warning black box



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888-INFO-FDA

FDA Adds Boxed Warning for Heart-related Risks to Anti-Diabetes Drug Avandia Agency says drug to remain on market, while safety assessment continues

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced today that the manufacturer of Avandia (rosiglitazone), a drug used to treat type 2 diabetes, has agreed to add new information to the existing boxed warning in the drug's labeling about potential increased risk for heart attacks.

People with type 2 diabetes who have underlying heart disease or who are at high risk of heart attack should talk with their health care provider about the revised warning as they evaluate treatment options. FDA advises health care providers to closely monitor patients who take Avandia for cardiovascular risks.

"FDA has moved expeditiously to review the cardiovascular risks of this drug so that we could inform patients and doctors at the earliest possible time of our findings," said Janet Woodcock, M.D., FDA's deputy commissioner for scientific and medical programs, chief medical officer, and acting director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. "FDA remains committed to making sure that doctors and patients have the latest information about the risks and benefits of medicines."

Avandia, manufactured by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Philadelphia, Pa., was approved in 1999 as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve control of blood sugar levels. Avandia is approved to be used as a single therapy or used in combination with metformin and sulfonylureas, other oral anti-diabetes treatments.

During the past year, FDA has carefully weighed several complex sources of data, some which show conflicting results related to the risk of chest pain, heart attacks and heart-related deaths, and deaths from any cause in patients treated with Avandia.

At this time, FDA has concluded that there isn't enough evidence to indicate that the risks of heart attacks or death are different between Avandia and some other oral type 2 diabetes treatments. Therefore, FDA has requested that GSK conduct a new long-term study to evaluate the potential cardiovascular risk of Avandia, compared to an active control agent. GSK has agreed to conduct the study and FDA will ensure it is initiated promptly.

The revision of Avandia's existing boxed warning – FDA's strongest form of warning – includes the following statement:

A meta-analysis of 42 clinical studies (mean duration 6 months; 14,237 total patients), most of which compared Avandia to placebo, showed Avandia to be associated with an increased risk of myocardial ischemic events such as angina or myocardial infarction. Three other studies (mean duration 41 months; 14,067 patients), comparing Avandia to some other approved oral antidiabetic agents or placebo, have not confirmed or excluded this risk. In their entirety, the available data on the risk of myocardial ischemia are inconclusive.



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Rosiglitazone and cardiovascular risk

- Inclusion of trials with non-cardiovascular endpoints
- Questionable statistical methods: overestimation (Peto's analysis)
- Selection of trials (duration >24 wk. GSK-sponsored)
- Different duration of follow-up in rosiglitazone and comparator groups

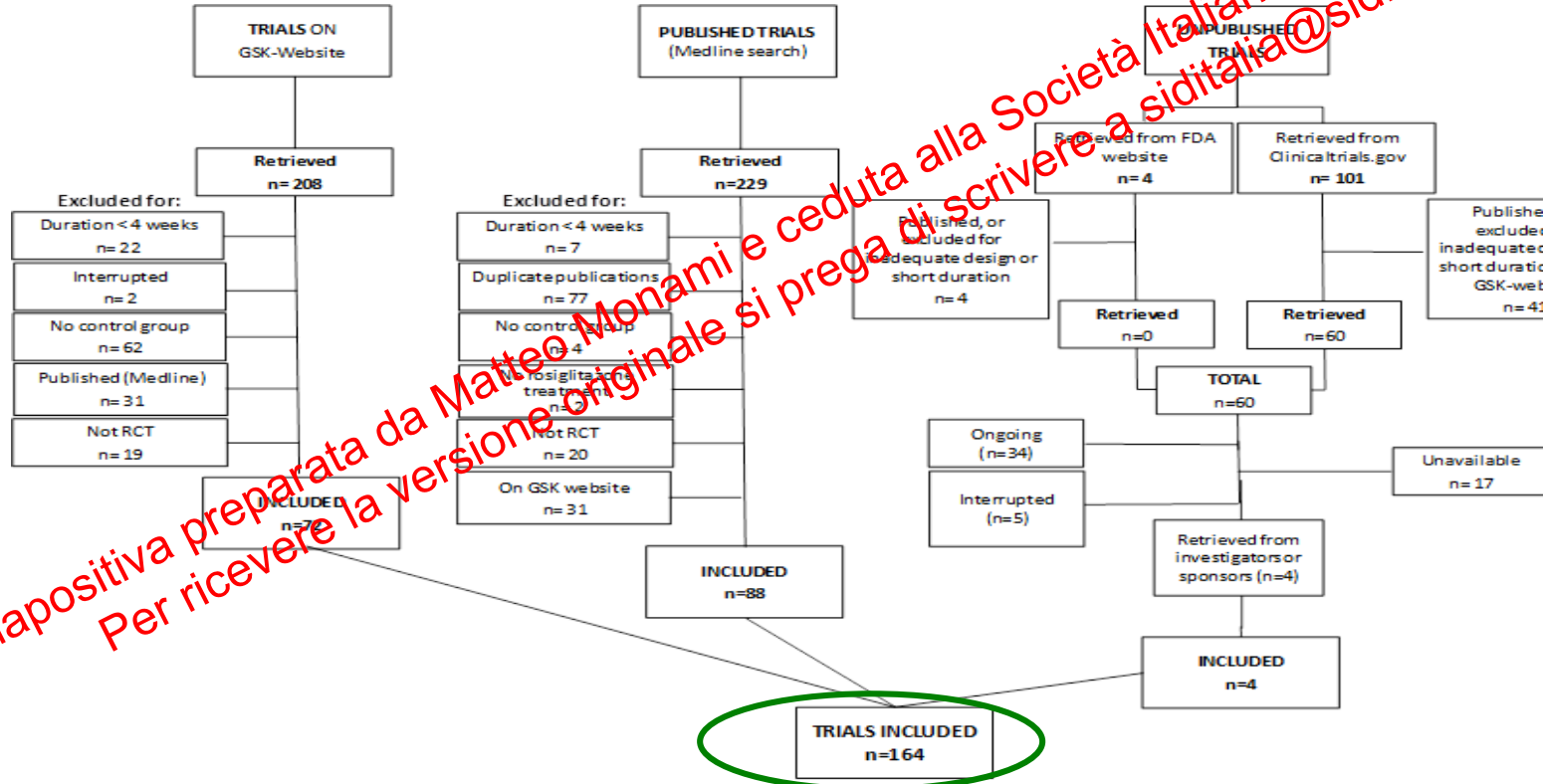
"The *time limit* of 24 wks is largely too short to select trials showing a possible effect of rosiglitazone on atherosclerosis. and at the same time it is too long to collect all the RCTs providing informations about a possible effect of the drug on myocardial oxygen consumption..."

"...in the DREAM and ADOPT trials. the *duration of follow-up* in patients treated with rosiglitazone is longer. meaning that the proportion of CV adverse events is higher. determining a bias against rosiglitazone. which would need to be corrected".

Cardiac safety profile of rosiglitazone

A comprehensive meta-analysis of randomized clinical trials

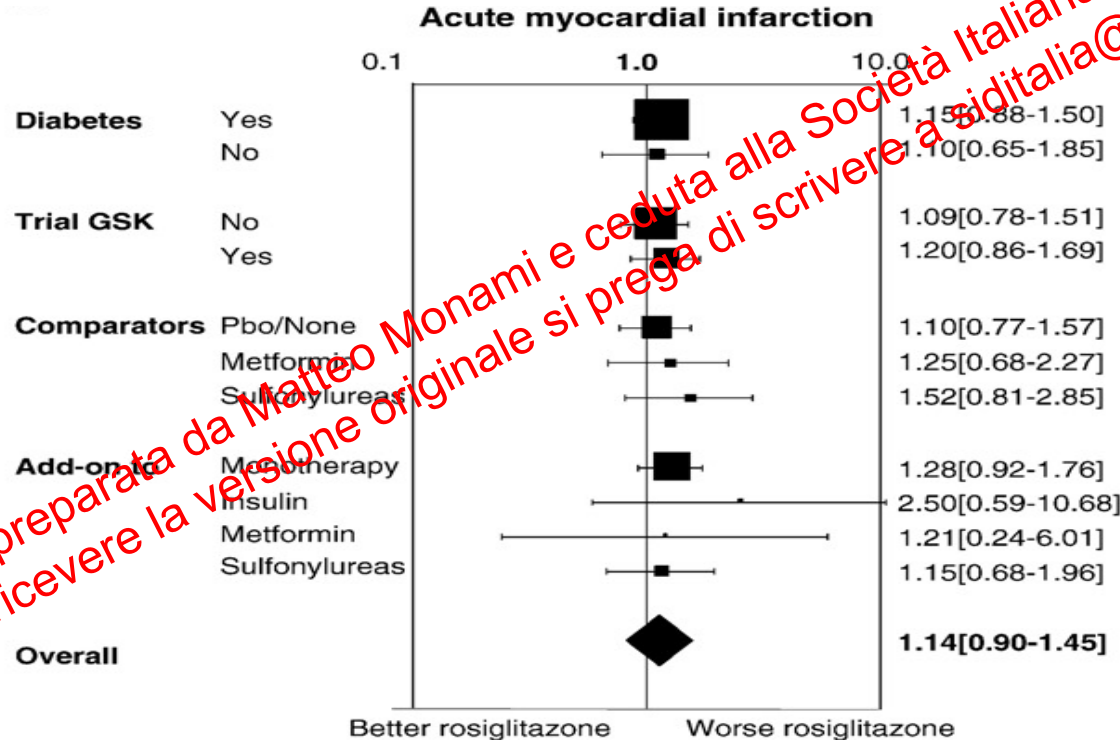
E. Mannucci et al. / International Journal of Cardiology 143 (2010) 135–140



Cardiac safety profile of rosiglitazone

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NEWS

FDA panel advises easing restrictions on rosiglitazone

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Meta-analysis: strengths and limitations

Conclusions

- Meta-analysis are inevitable whenever there is more than one trial addressing the same clinical issue (e.g., more than one trial on cardiovascular outcomes with the same drug)
- Meta-analyses of cardiovascular events reported in trials with metabolic outcomes should be interpreted with caution, due to their specific methodological limitations. However,:
 - ✓ They are the only source of information when specific large-scale trials on cardiovascular outcomes are unavailable (e.g., Sulfonylureas);
 - ✓ They add relevant information even when cardiovascular outcome trials are available, particularly for patients at low/medium cardiovascular risk.

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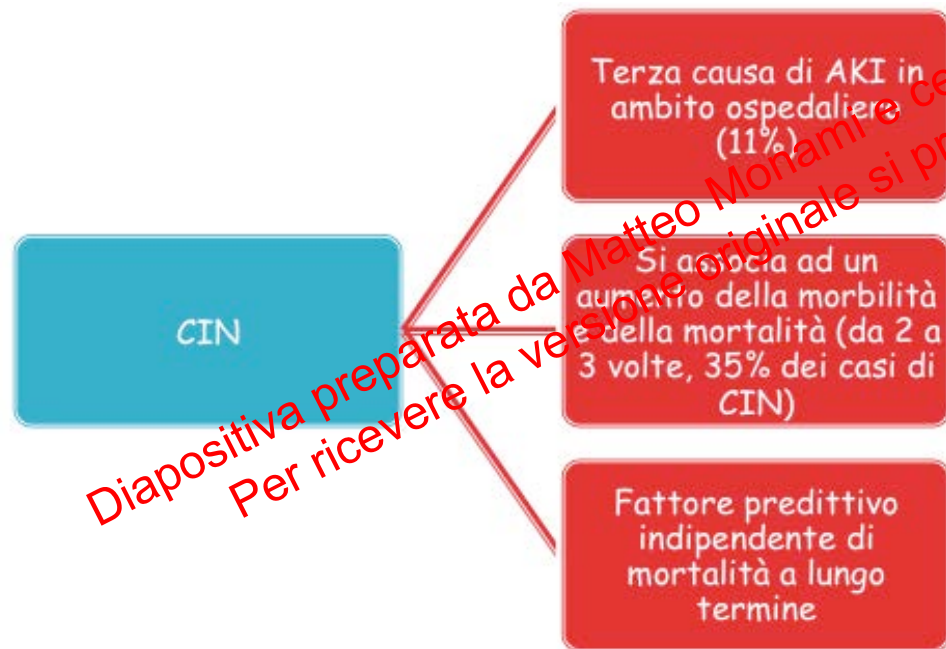
Conduzione di una meta-analisi

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Contrast-induced nephropathy (CIN) is usually defined by a fixed (0.5 mg/dL or 44 $\mu\text{mol/L}$) or a proportionate (25%) rise in serum creatinine (SCr) levels after contrast exposure.



Incidence:

- 5% in mild renal insufficiency
- 50% in severe renal dysfunction and DM.





CIN e fattori predittivi noti



- Iodinaxol (iso-osmolare) è più sicuro in termini di tossicità rispetto ad alcuni tipi di mdc a bassa osmolarità (iohexol e ioxaglate) ma non rispetto ad altri (iopamidolo, iopromide, iobitridolo, ioversolo)

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1. Prospero registration
2. Search (medline/clinicaltrials.gov): “*vitamin diabetes contrast nephropathy*”
3. Flow chart
4. Database
5. Analysis
6. Manuscript

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1. PROSPERO website registration

<https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/hyperspero.php>

- a) Descrizione della problematica
- b) Definizione chiara degli obiettivi della meta-analisi
- c) Formulazione delle ipotesi da testare
- d) Definizione degli eventuali sotto-gruppi da considerare
- e) Definizione della strategia statistica
- f) Altro



COSE DA FARE



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2. Search

a) Published studies: Medline/Embase/Cochrane

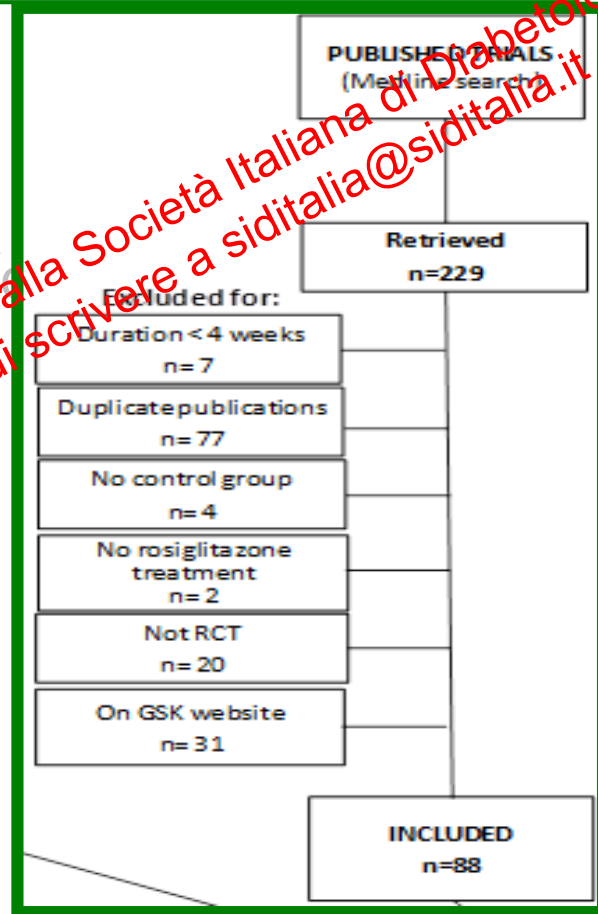
b) Unpublished studies: www.clinicaltrials.gov

Key-words: vitamin and contrast and nephropathy and vitamin

Limits: meta-analysis and RCT

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RANDOMIZATION, ALLOCATION, BLINDING, ITT

Sono descritti i metodi per:

1. Generare la lista di randomizzazione?
2. Rendere espliciti gli attori coinvolti nel processo di randomizzazione: chi genera la lista, chi arruola i partecipanti, chi li assegna a ciascun gruppo, ecc.?
3. Occultare la lista di randomizzazione (ad es. randomizzazione centralizzata, buste chiuse), dettagliando le strategie utilizzate per mantenere nascosta la sequenza di allocazione (AABABAB”) – allocation concealment – sino all’assegnazione del paziente.
4. Rendere o meno ciechi ai soggetti esaminati e/o agli sperimentatori informazioni fondamentali dell'esperimento in grado di influenzarne i risultati?
5. Definire se l'analisi è intention to treat (ITT) ovvero un'analisi statistica che, nella valutazione di un esperimento, si basa sugli intenti iniziali di trattamento e non sui trattamenti effettivamente somministrati (per protocol)?.

4. Analysis

METODO AD EFFETTI FISSI (FIXED EFFECTS MODEL)

(MANTEL-HAENSZEL METHOD; PETO METHOD)

L'OR di ogni studio è pesato per l'inverso della propria varianza, che, a sua volta, è funzione della numerosità campionaria e del numero di eventi dello studio

METODO AD EFFETTI RANDOM (RANDOM EFFECTS MODEL)

(DERSIMONIAN & LAIRD METHOD)

L'OR di ogni studio è pesato per l'inverso della propria varianza più le varianze tra i diversi studi

SE NON ESISTE ETEROGENEITA' (differenze fra gli studi primari inclusi in una meta-analisi: tipo di partecipanti, interventi, "outcome", disegno dello studio, variabilità. Viene saggiata con test quali il Q di Cochran) TRA I DIVERSI STUDI E' PROBABILE CHE I DUE MODELLI DIANO RISULTATI MOLTO SIMILI