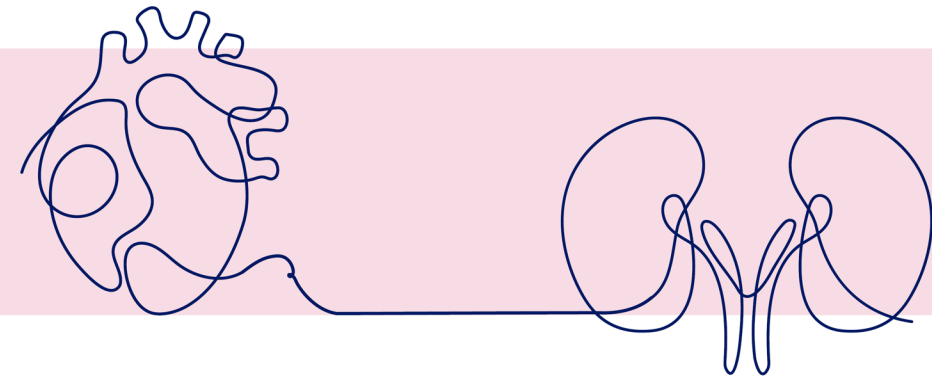


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Prevenzione e terapia dello scompenso cardiometabolico: SGLT2i, GLP-1 RA o entrambi?

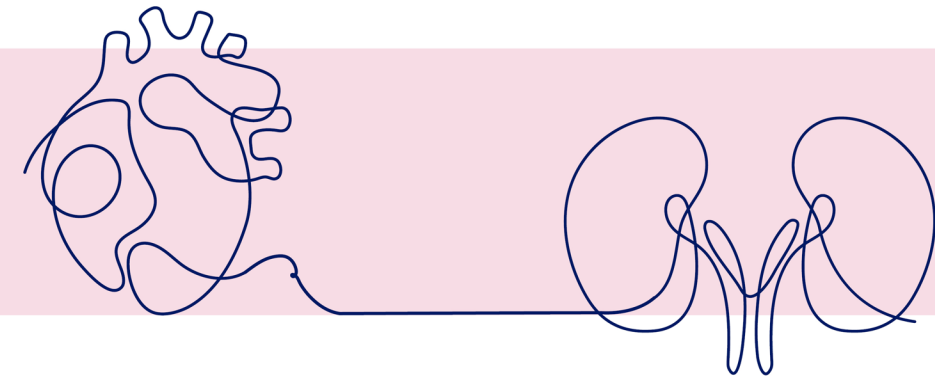
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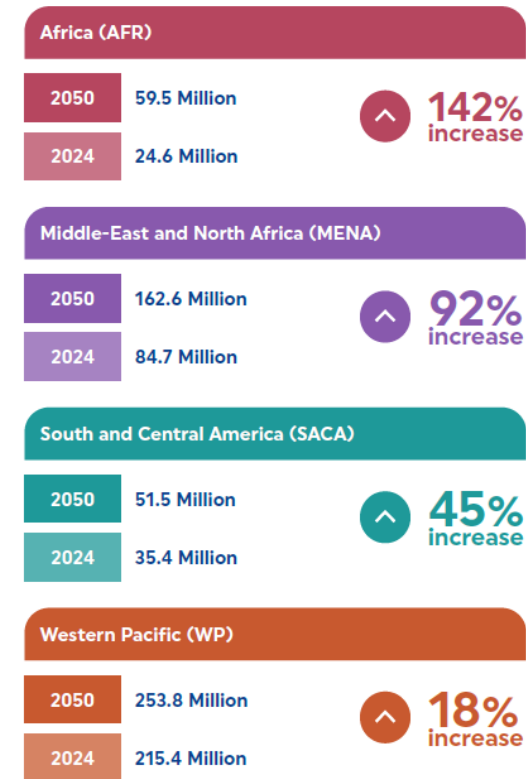
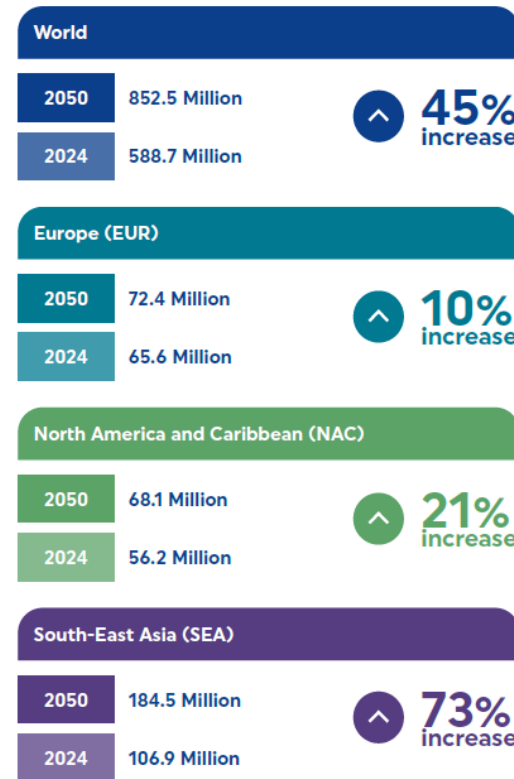
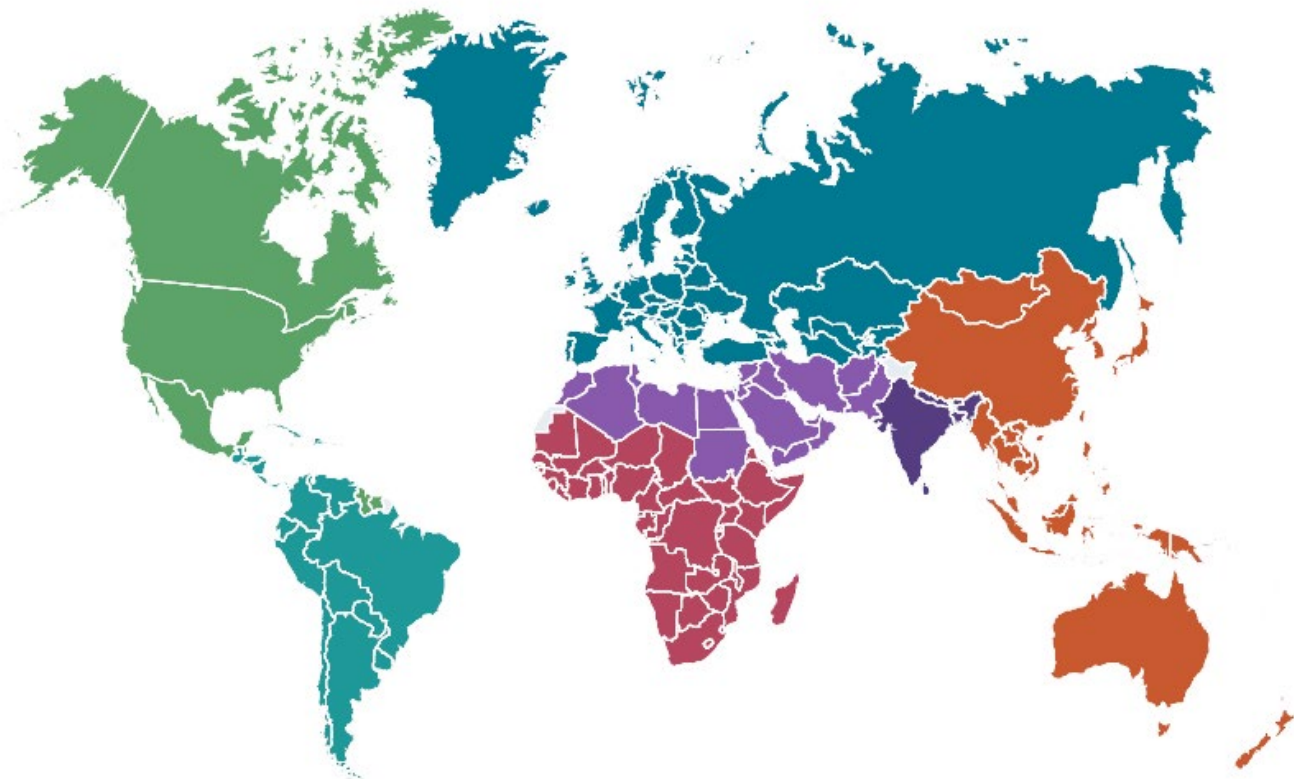
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Map 1 Number of people with diabetes worldwide and per IDF Region, in 2024–2050 (20–79 years)



589 million
people worldwide
have diabetes

Findings from these studies indicate that, compared to those without diabetes, people with T2D face:

↑ **60%**
higher risk

of developing any form of CVD

↑ **54%**
higher risk

of stroke

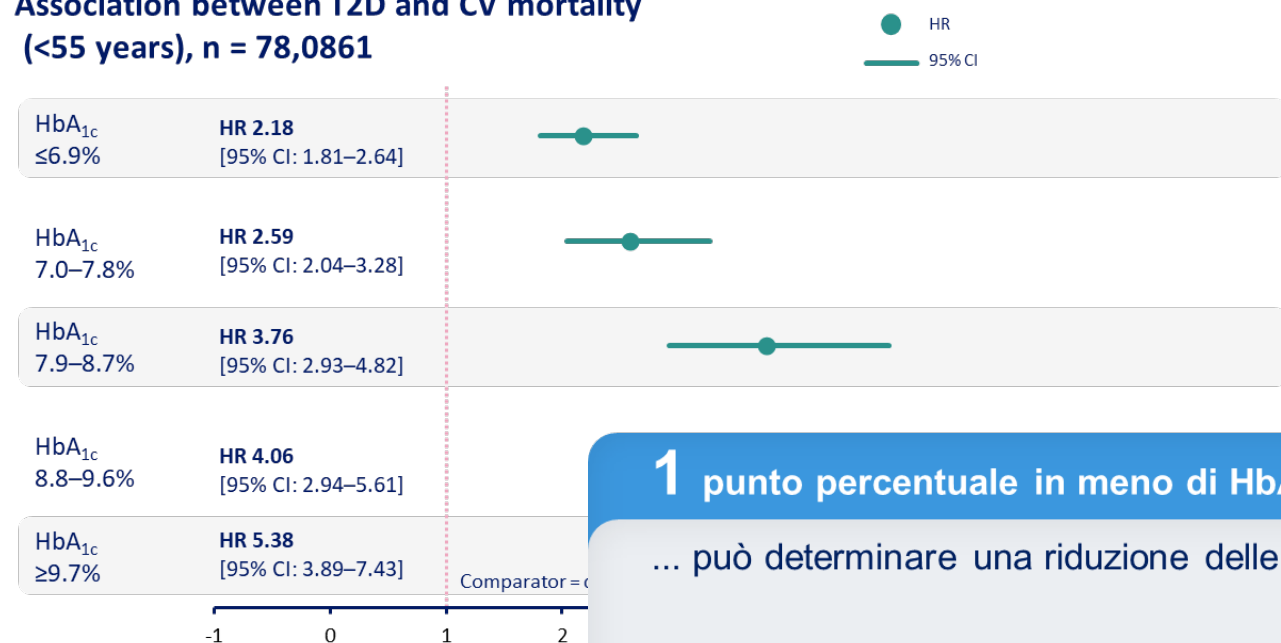
↑ **73%**
higher risk

of myocardial infarction (heart attack)

↑ **84%**
higher risk

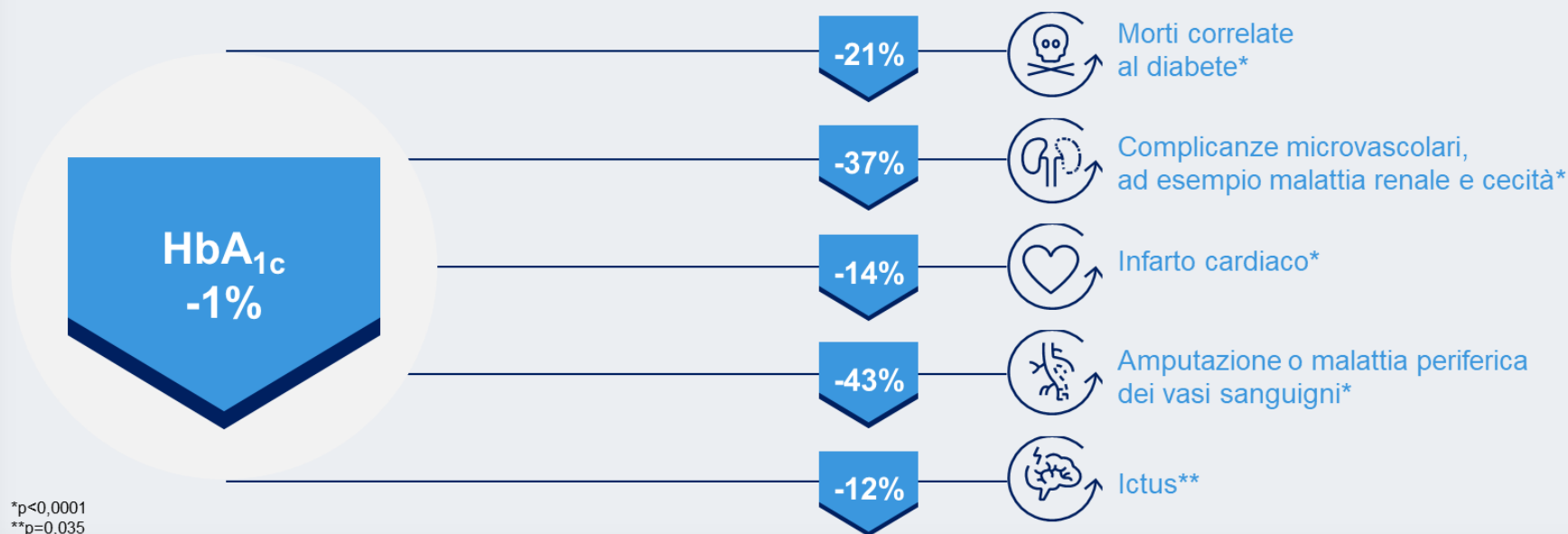
of heart failure

Association between T2D and CV mortality (<55 years), n = 78,0861



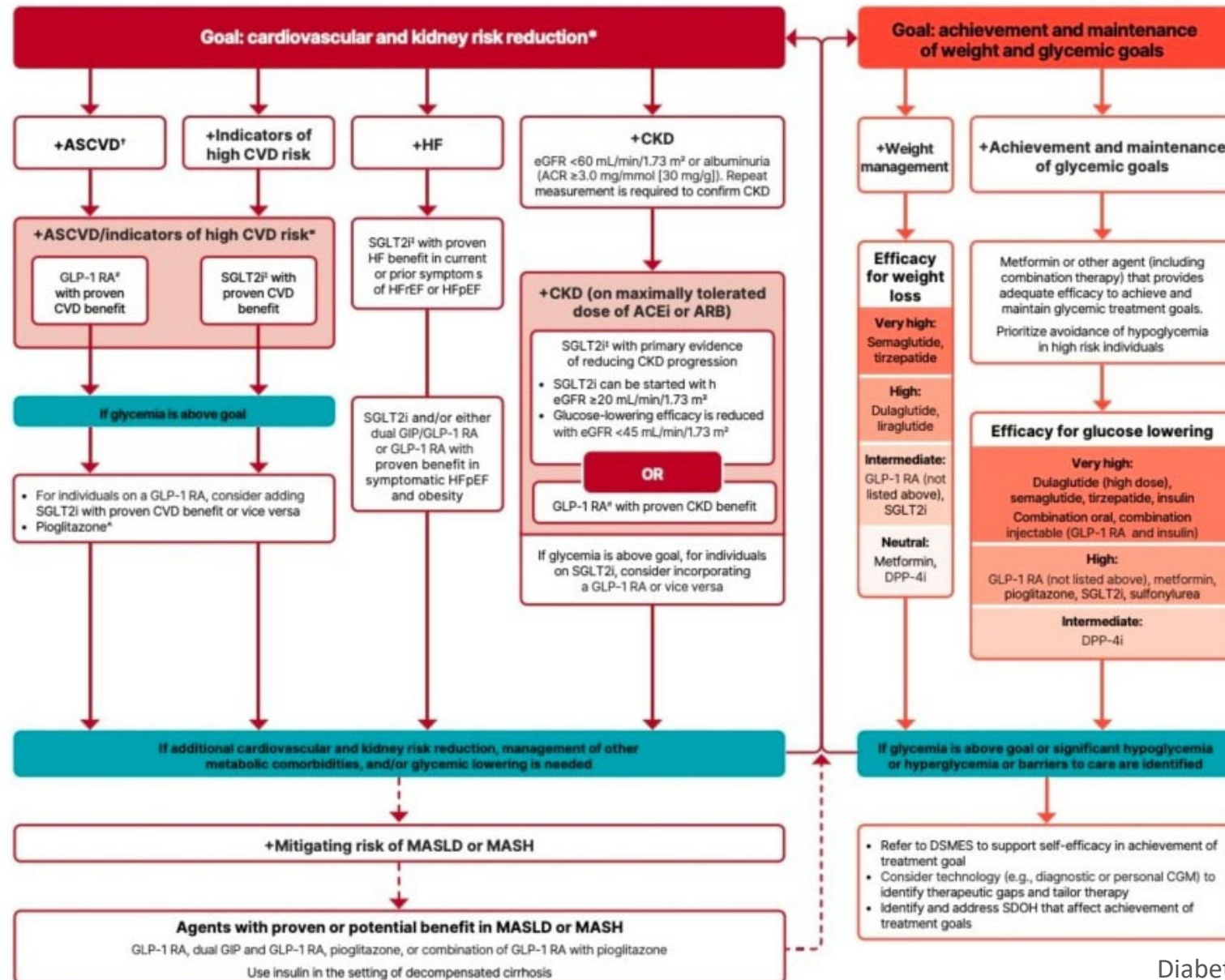
1 punto percentuale in meno di HbA_{1c} (1%)...

... può determinare una riduzione delle complicanze micro- e macro-vascolari:



Healthy lifestyle behaviors; diabetes self-management education and support; social determinants of health

To avoid therapeutic inertia, reassess and modify treatment regularly (3–6 months)





**Standards of Care
in Diabetes—2026**

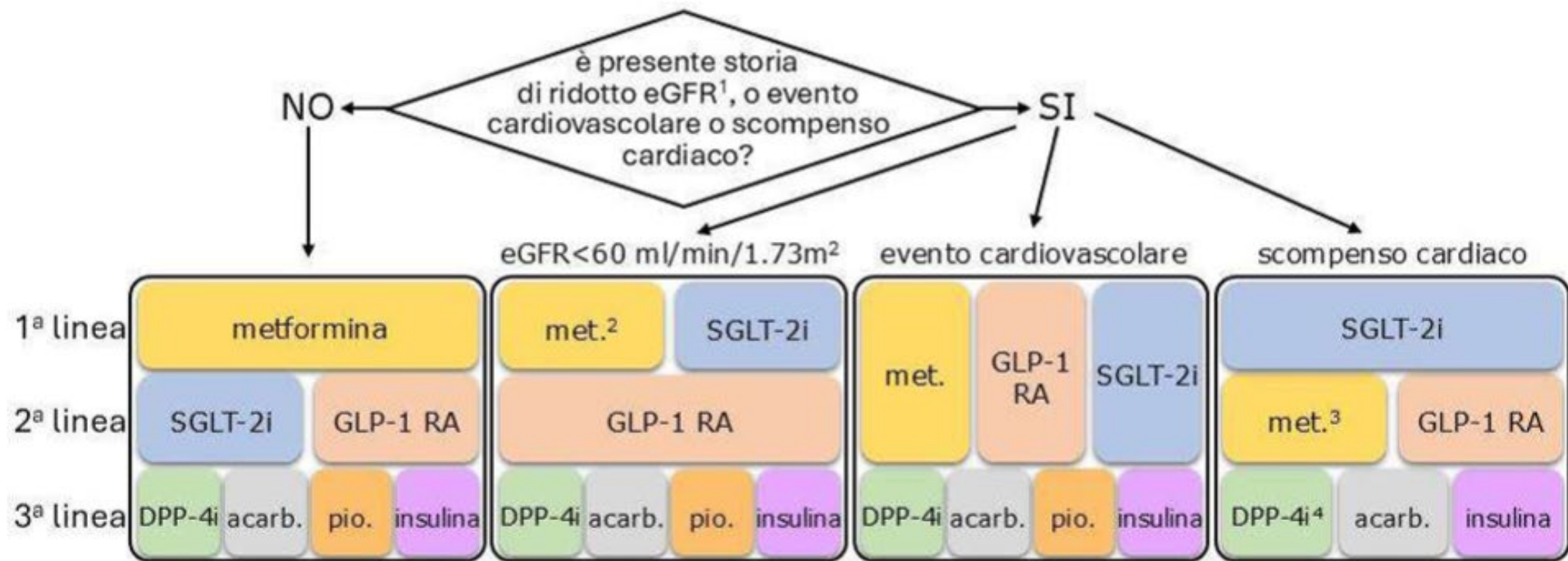


9.7 In adults with type 2 diabetes and established or high risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, the treatment plan should include medications with demonstrated benefits to reduce cardiovascular events (e.g., glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist [GLP-1 RA] and/or sodium–glucose cotransporter 2 [SGLT2] inhibitor) for glycemic management and comprehensive cardiovascular risk reduction (irrespective of A1C) ([Fig. 9.4](#) and [Table 9.2](#)). **A**

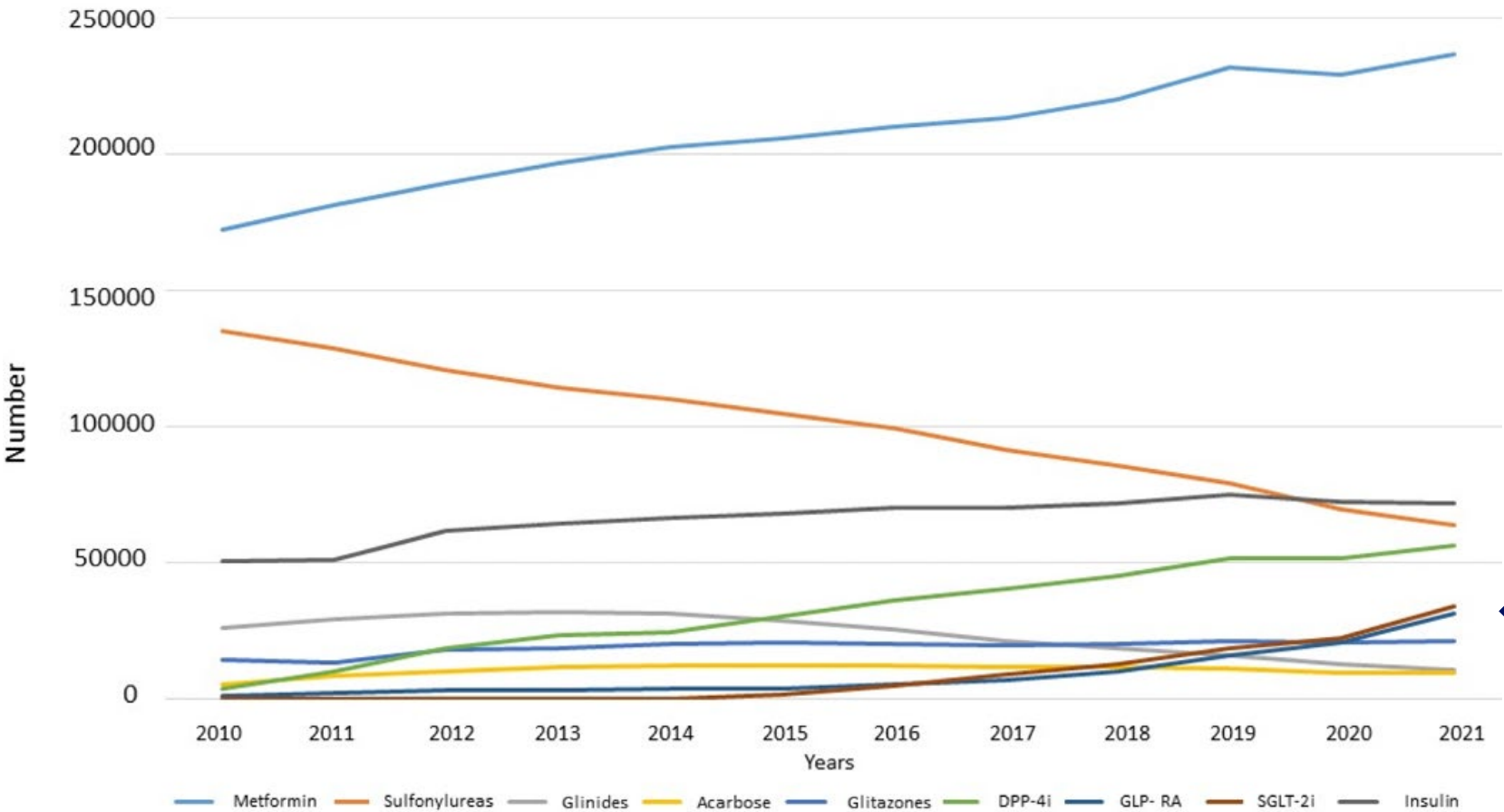
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10.40d In people with type 2 diabetes and established ASCVD or multiple risk factors for ASCVD, combined therapy with an SGLT2 inhibitor with demonstrated cardiovascular benefit and a GLP-1 RA with demonstrated cardiovascular benefit may be considered for additive reduction of the risk of adverse cardiovascular and kidney events. **B**

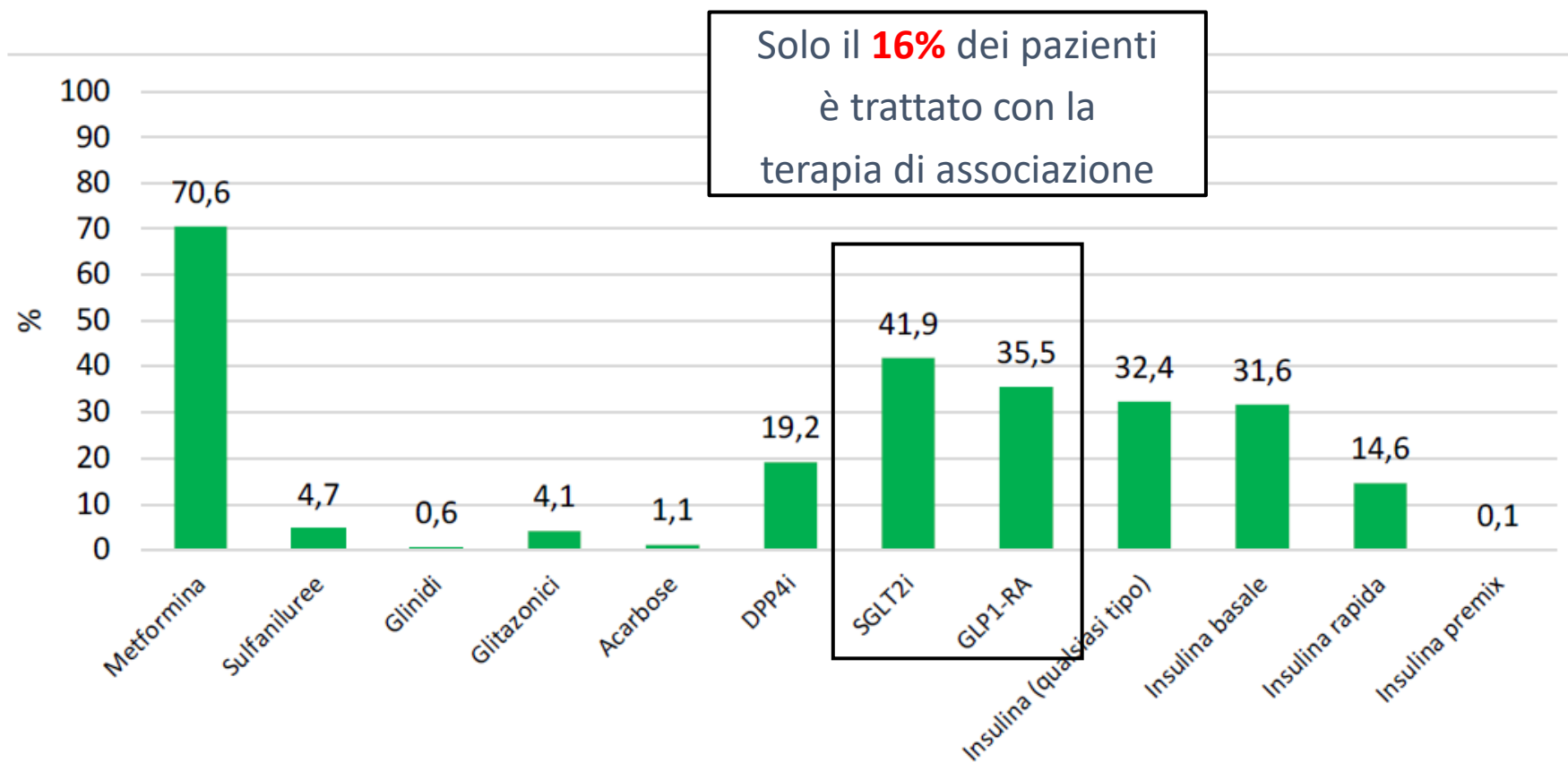


Trends of glucose-lowering drugs in older adults

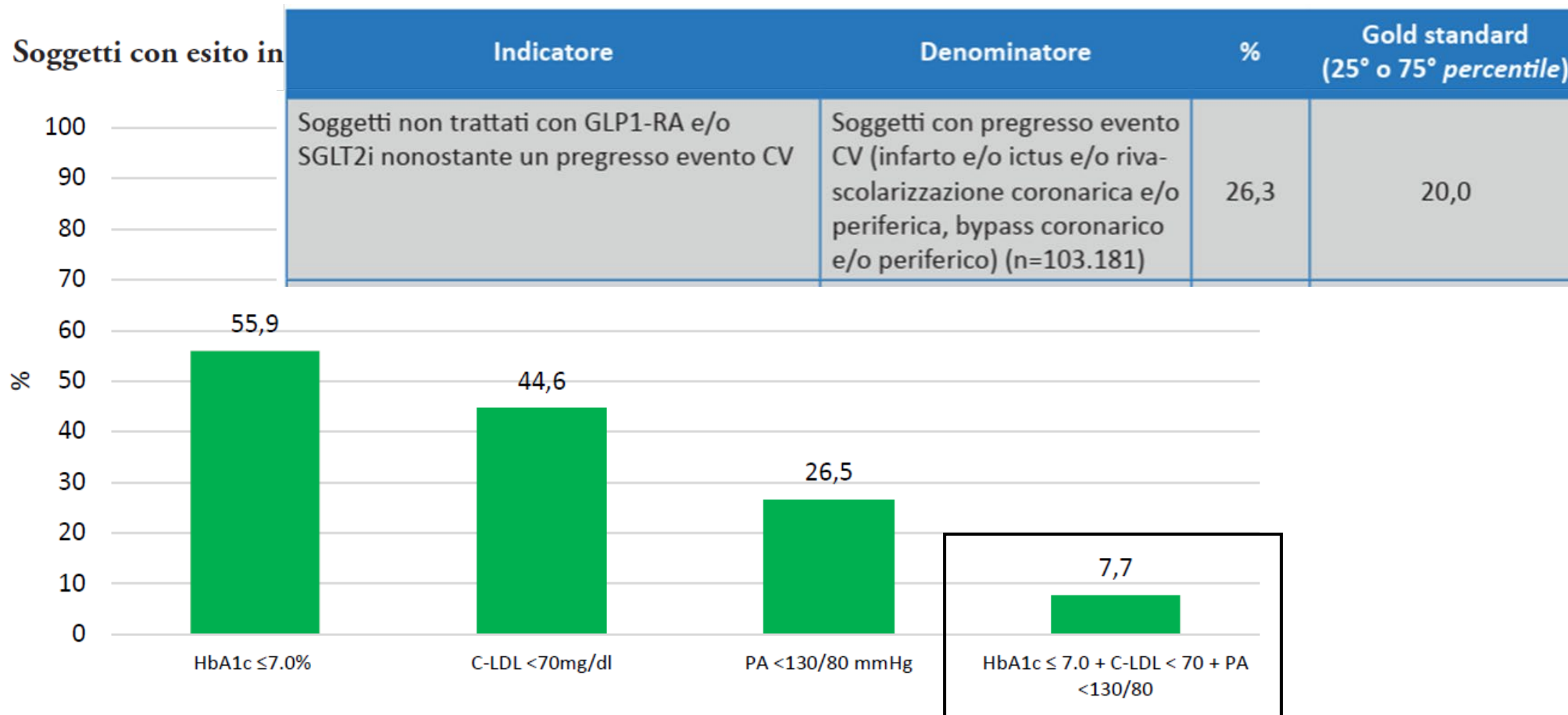


Uso dei farmaci (%)

Farmaci per il diabete (%)

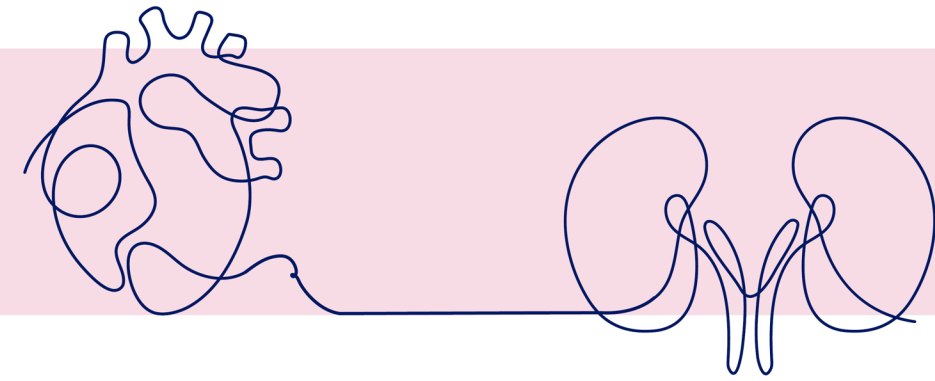


DM2 - Indicatori di esito intermedio



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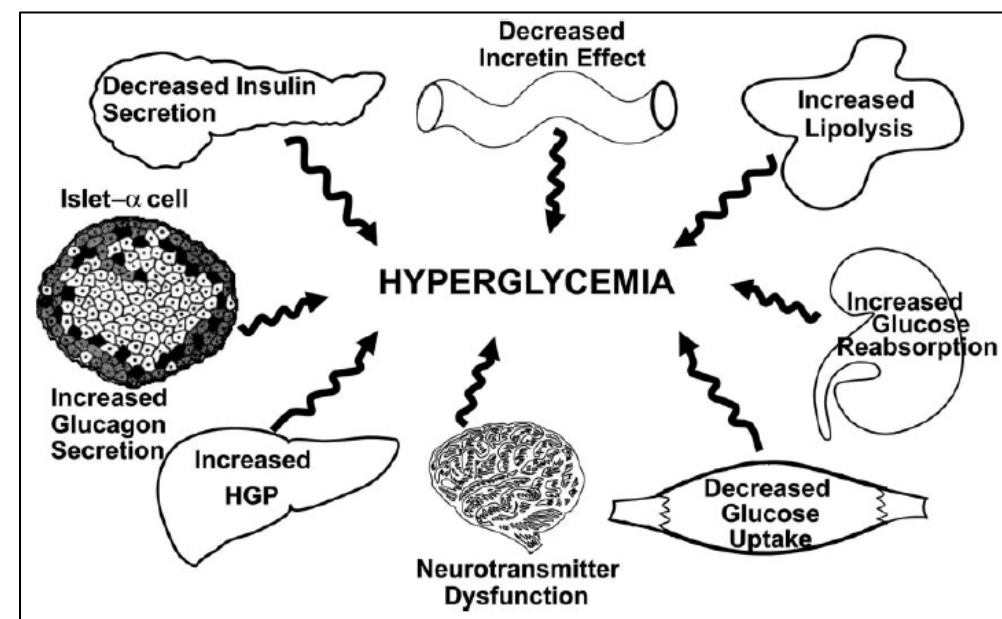
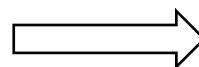
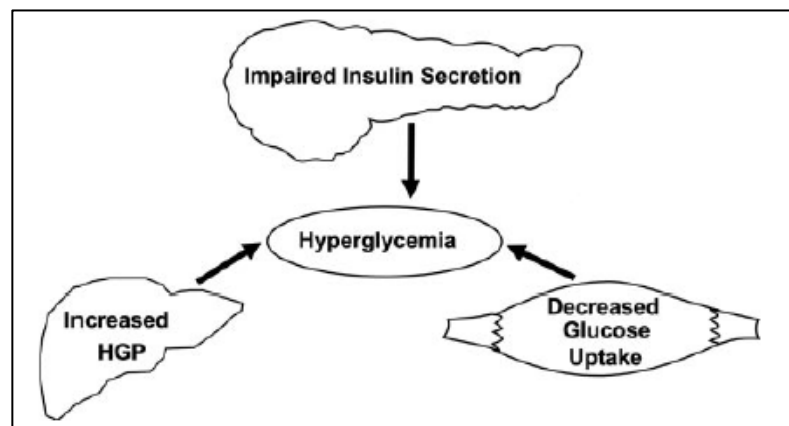


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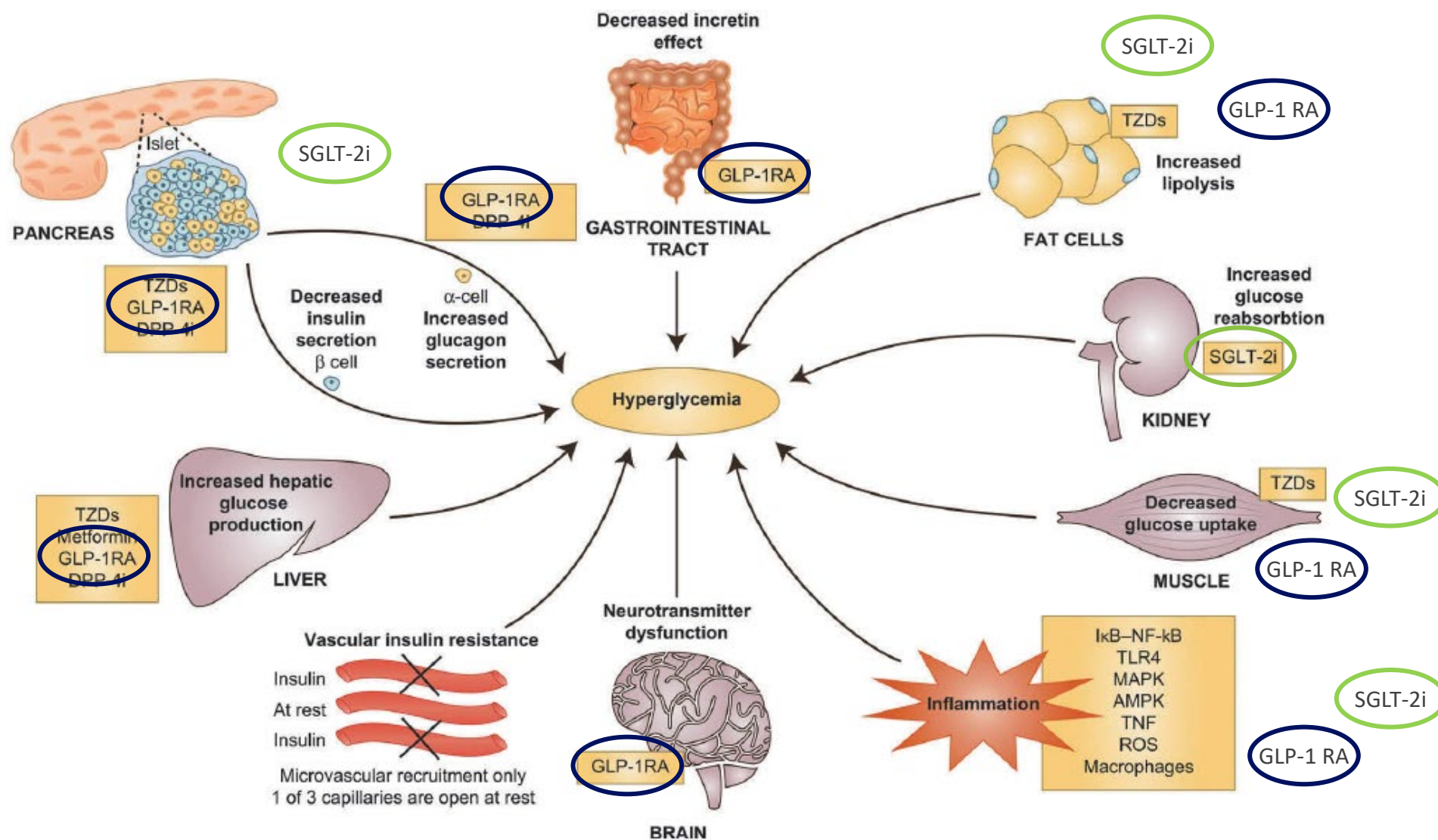
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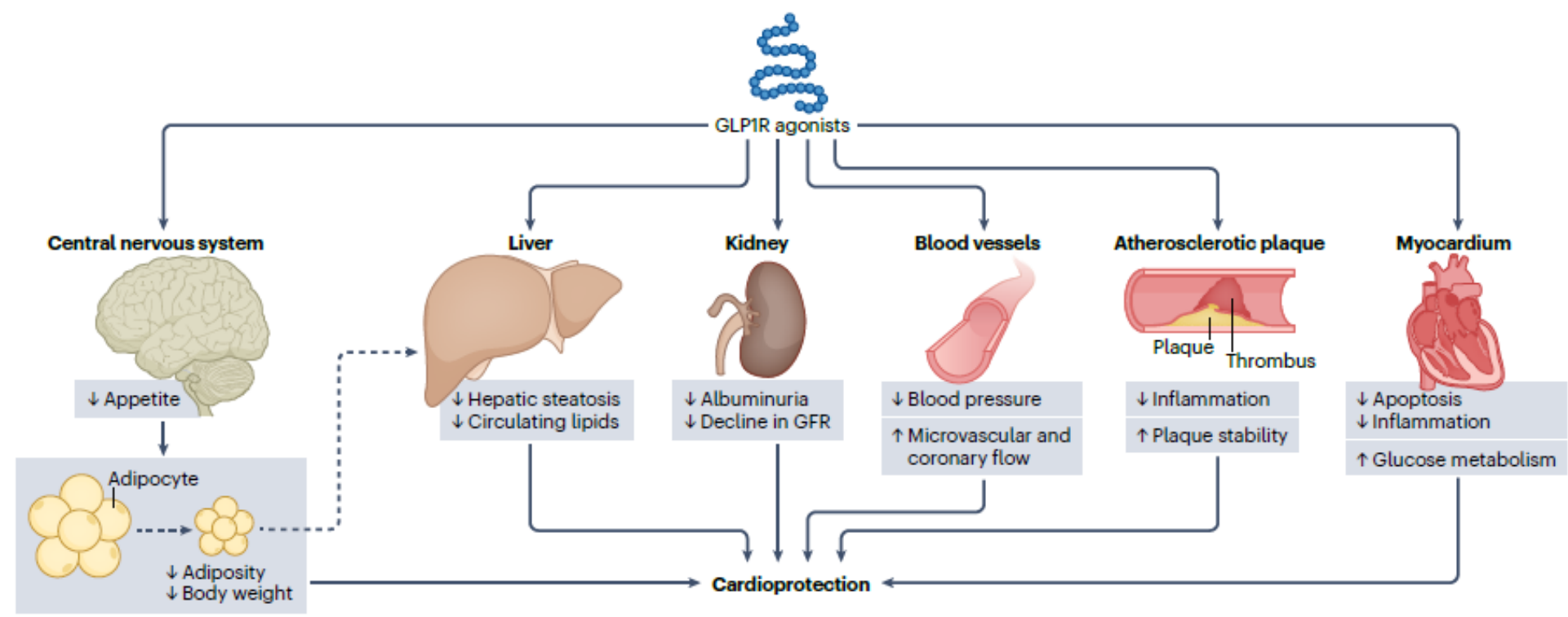


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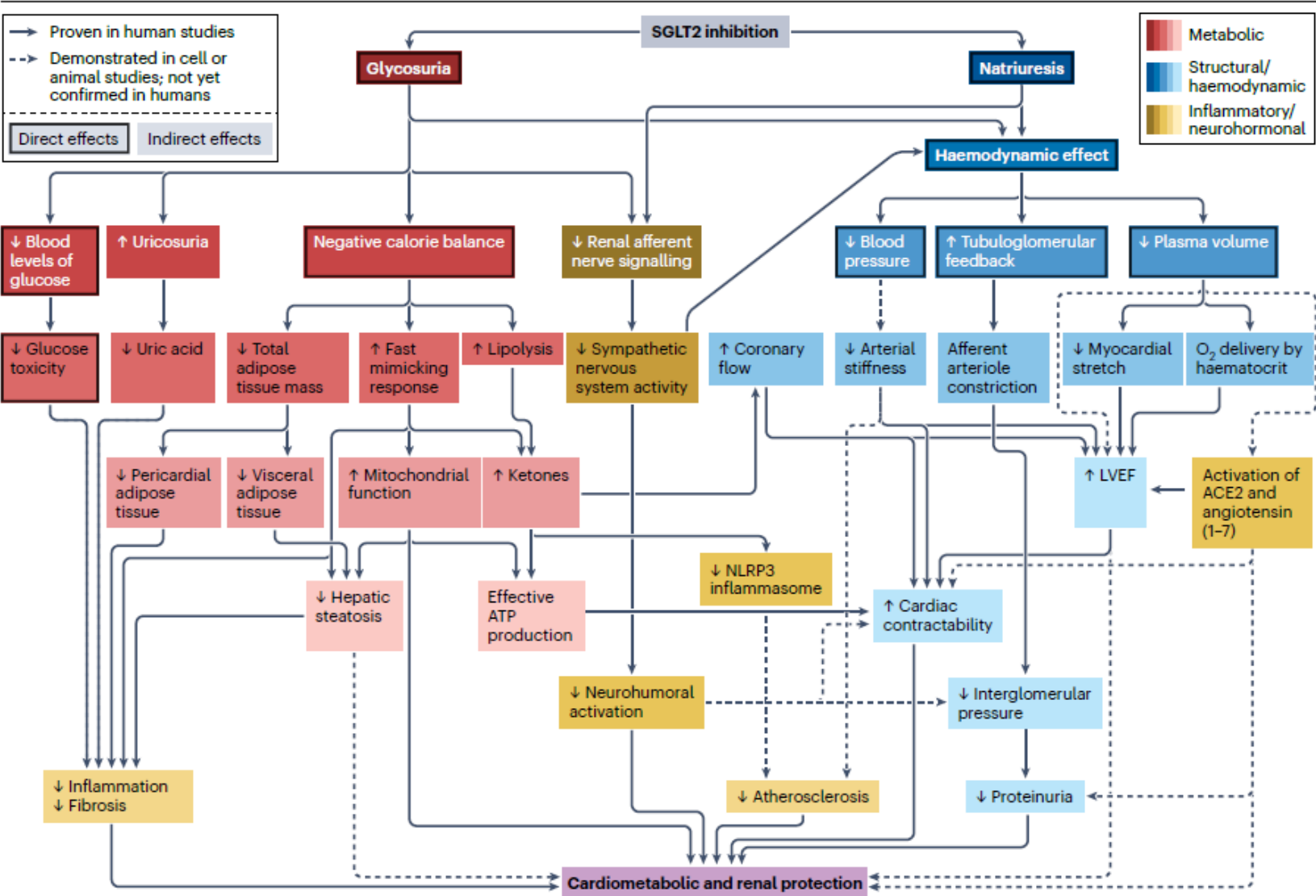
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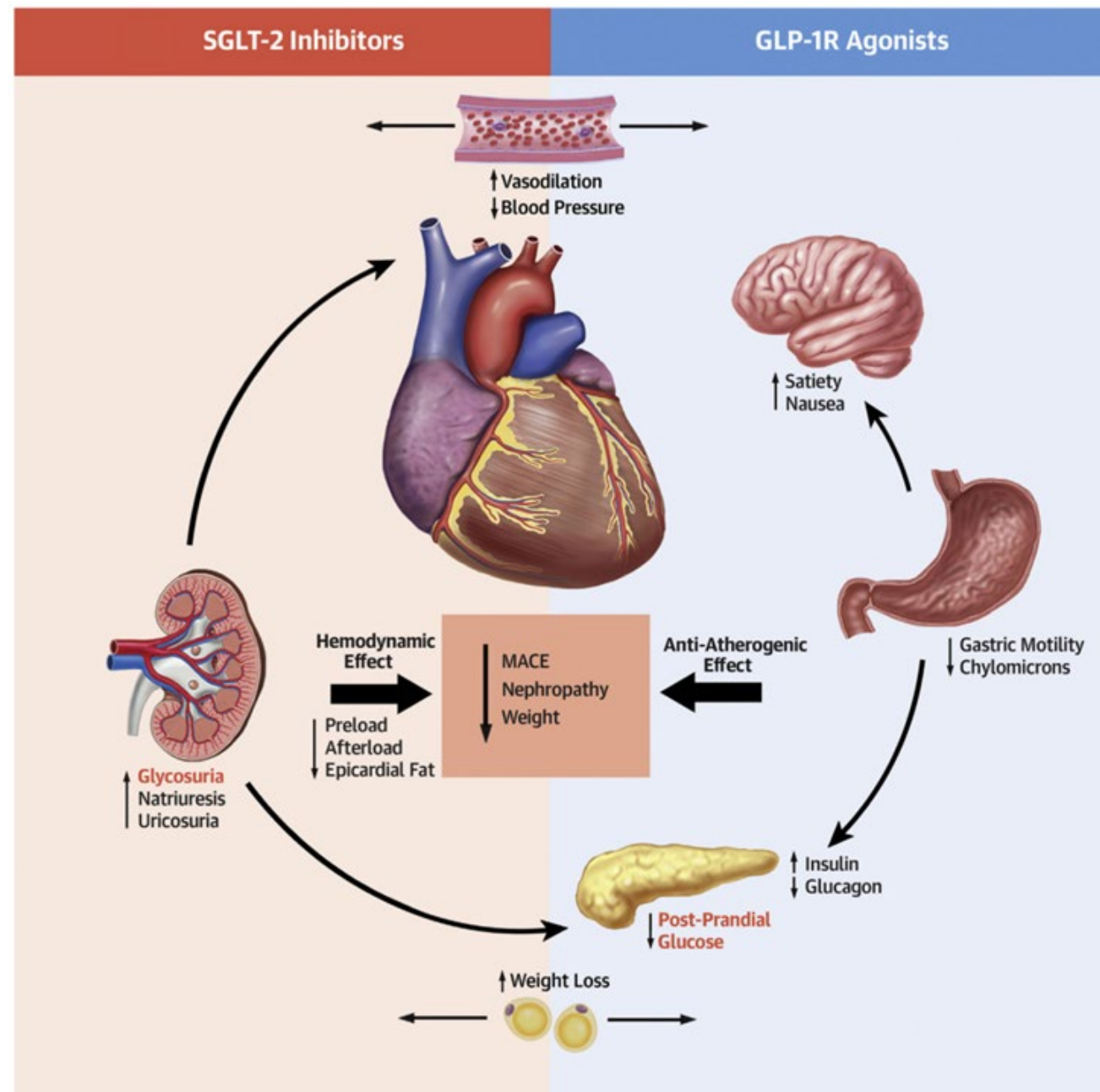


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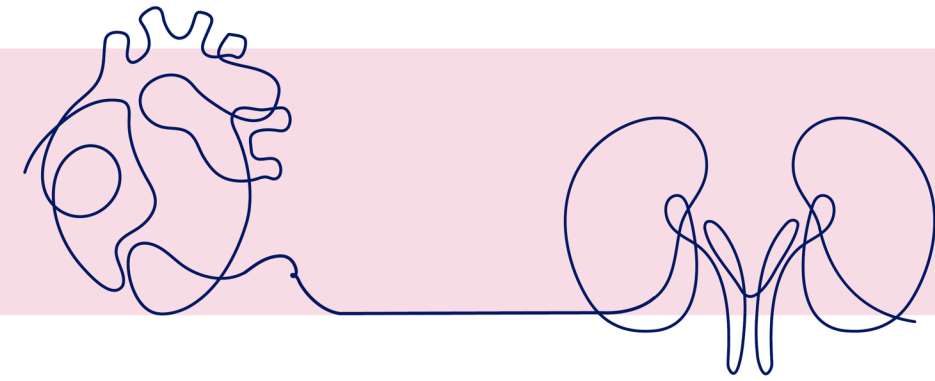
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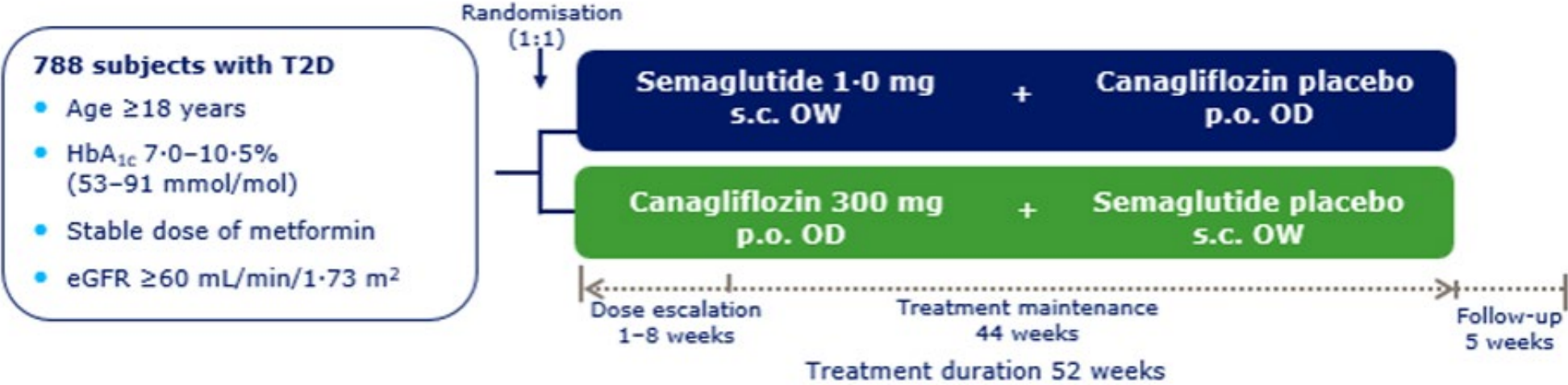
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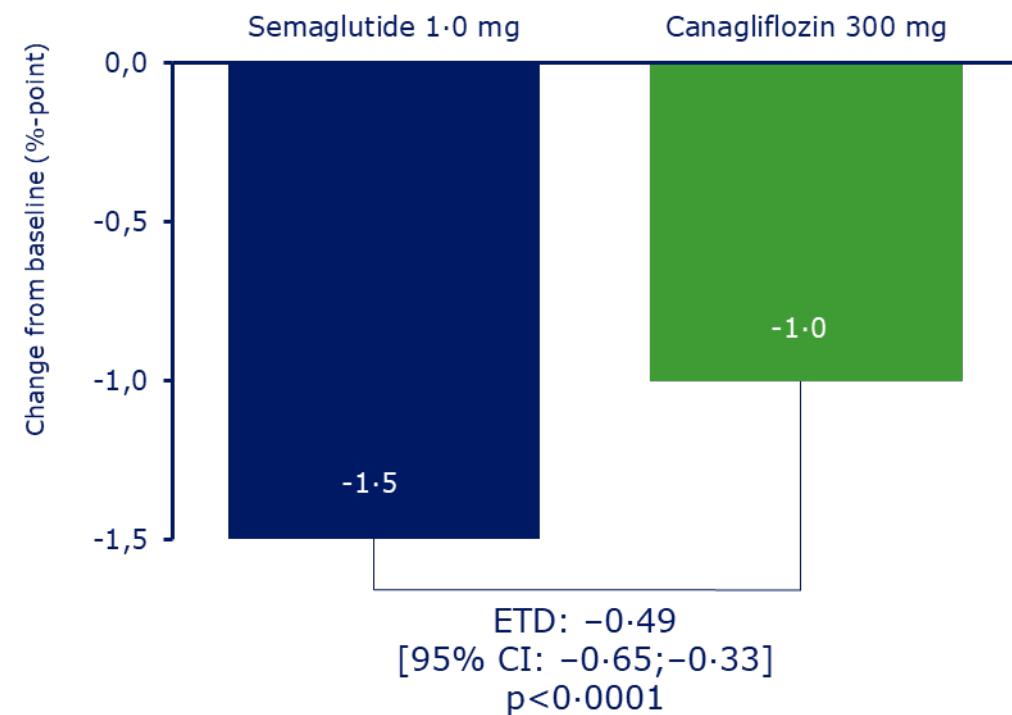
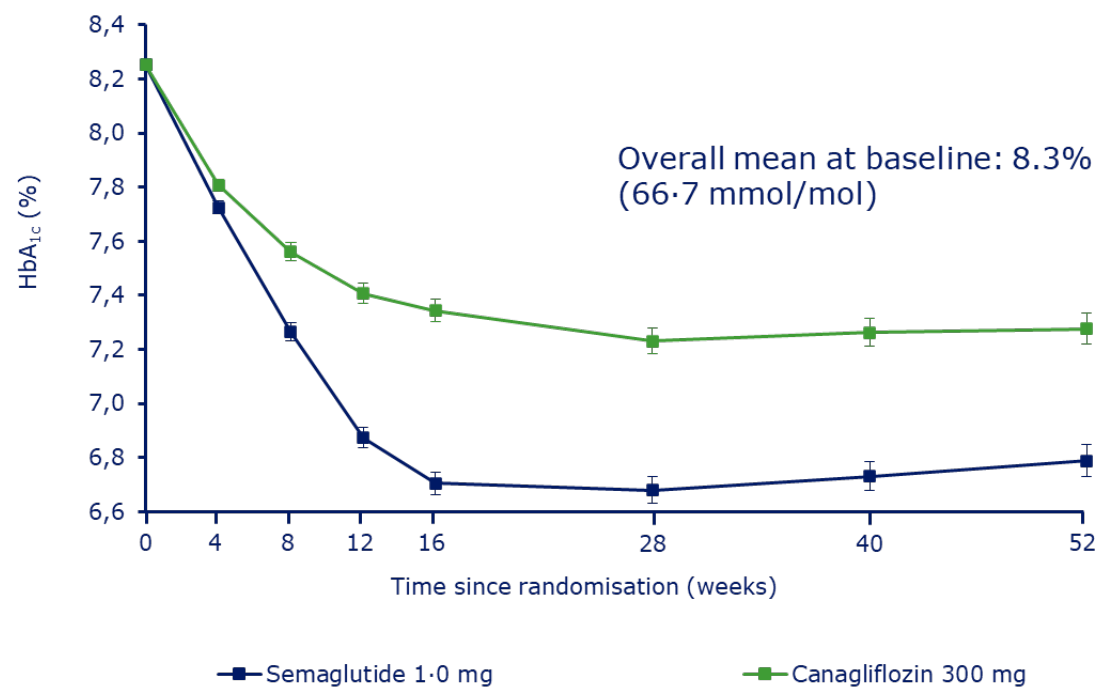
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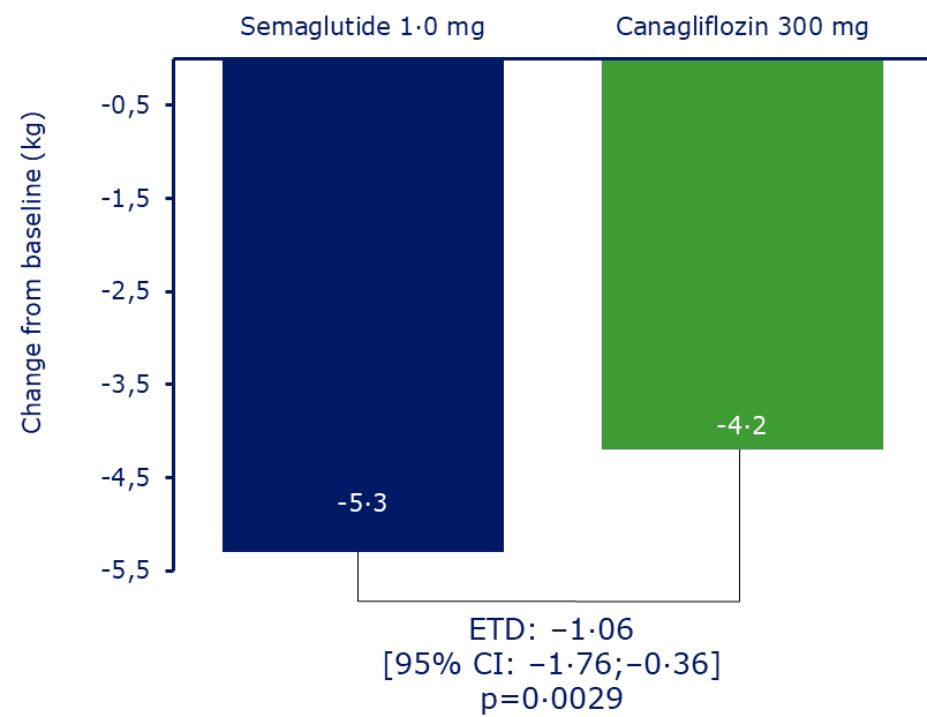
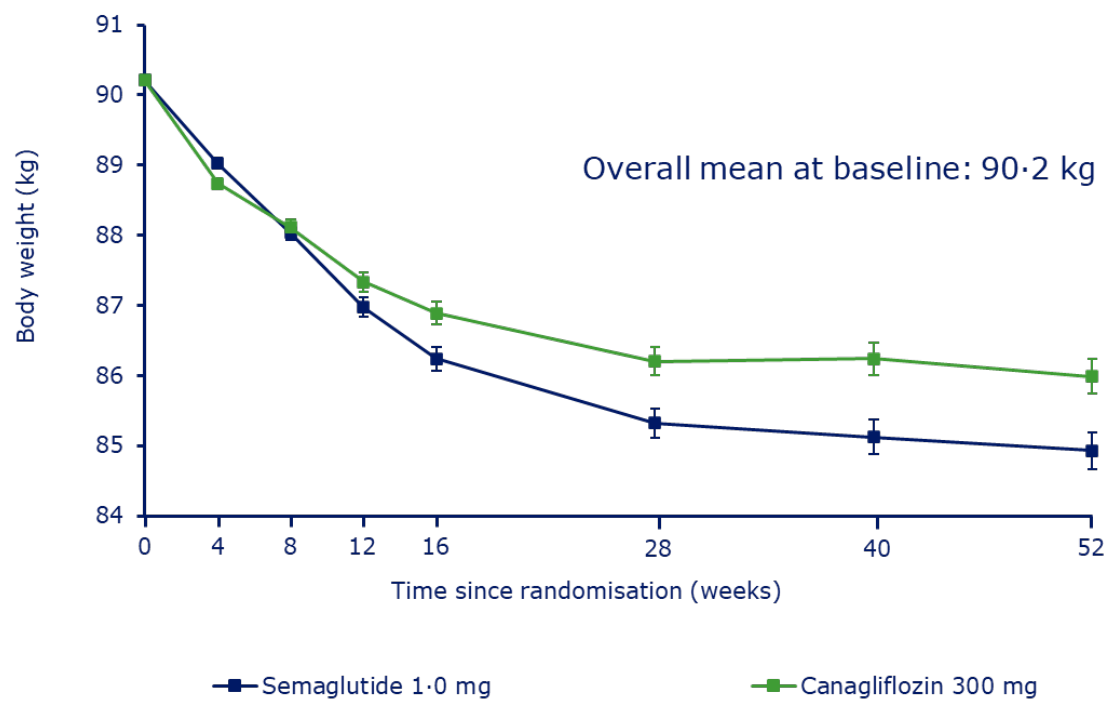
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HbA1c – primary endpoint

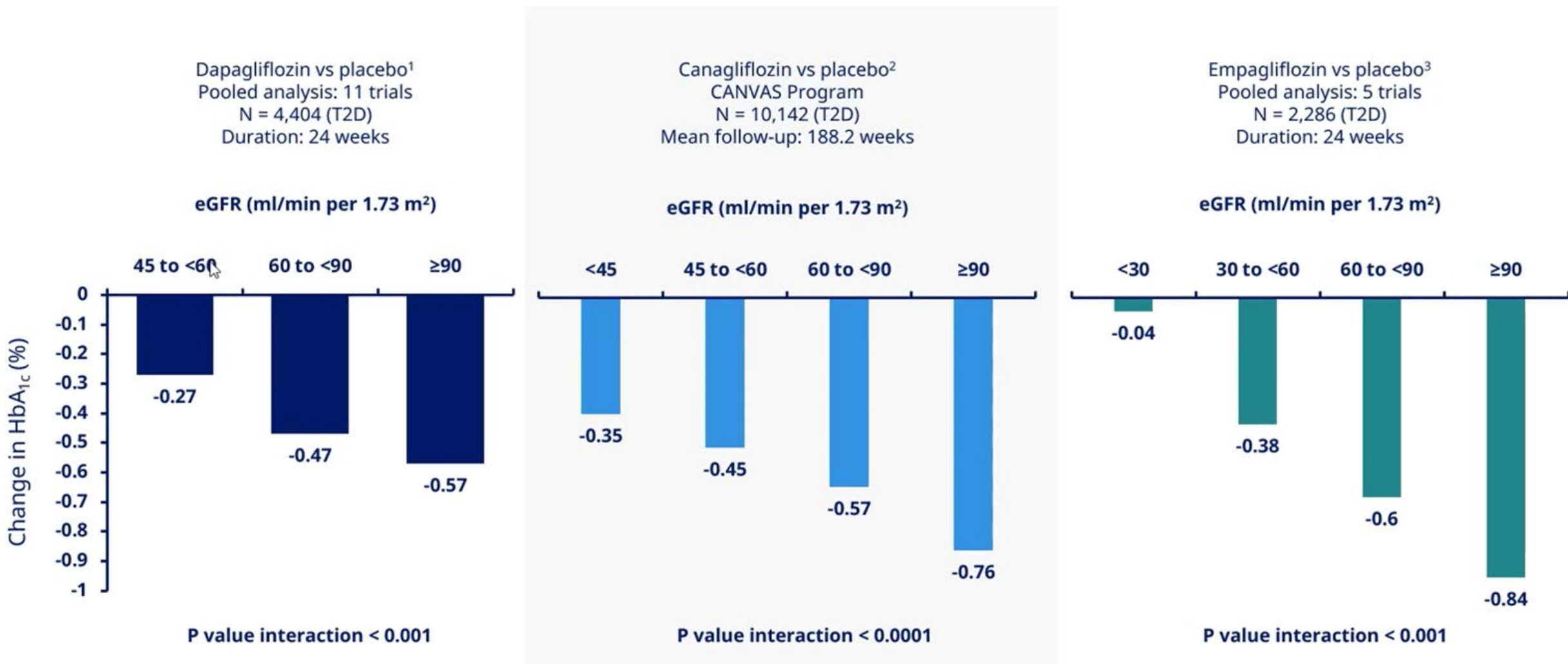


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Body Weight

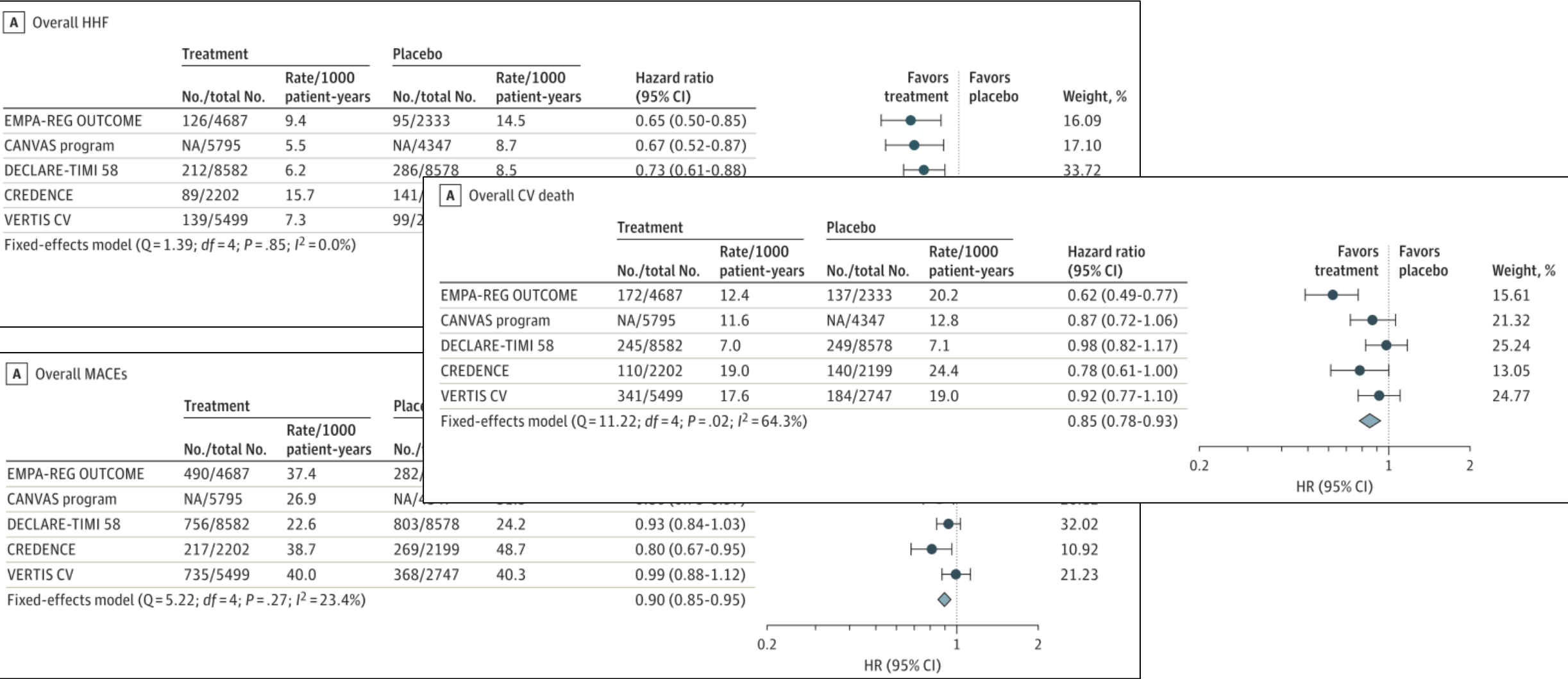


The glycemic efficacy of SGLT2i decreases as renal function declines

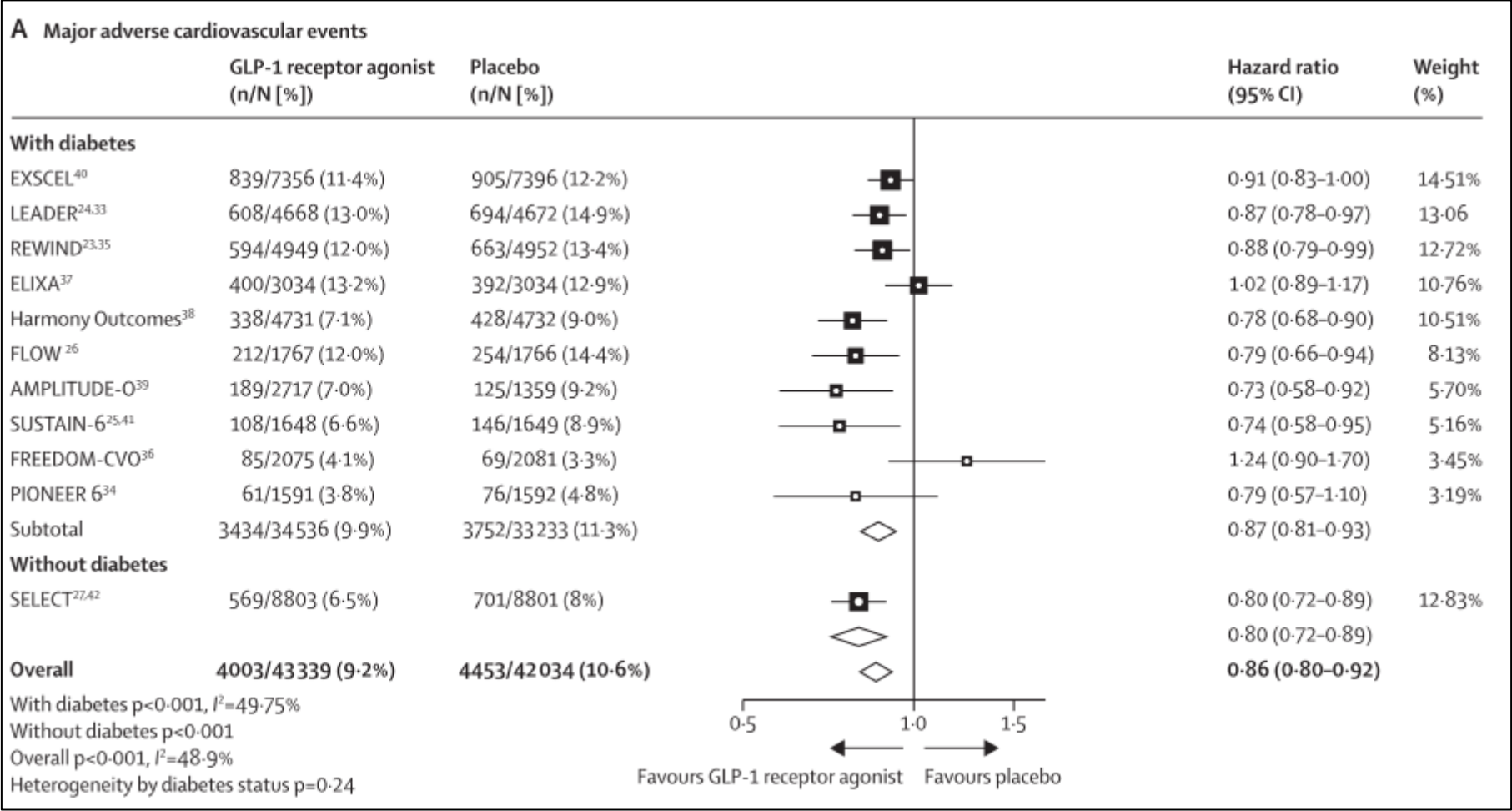


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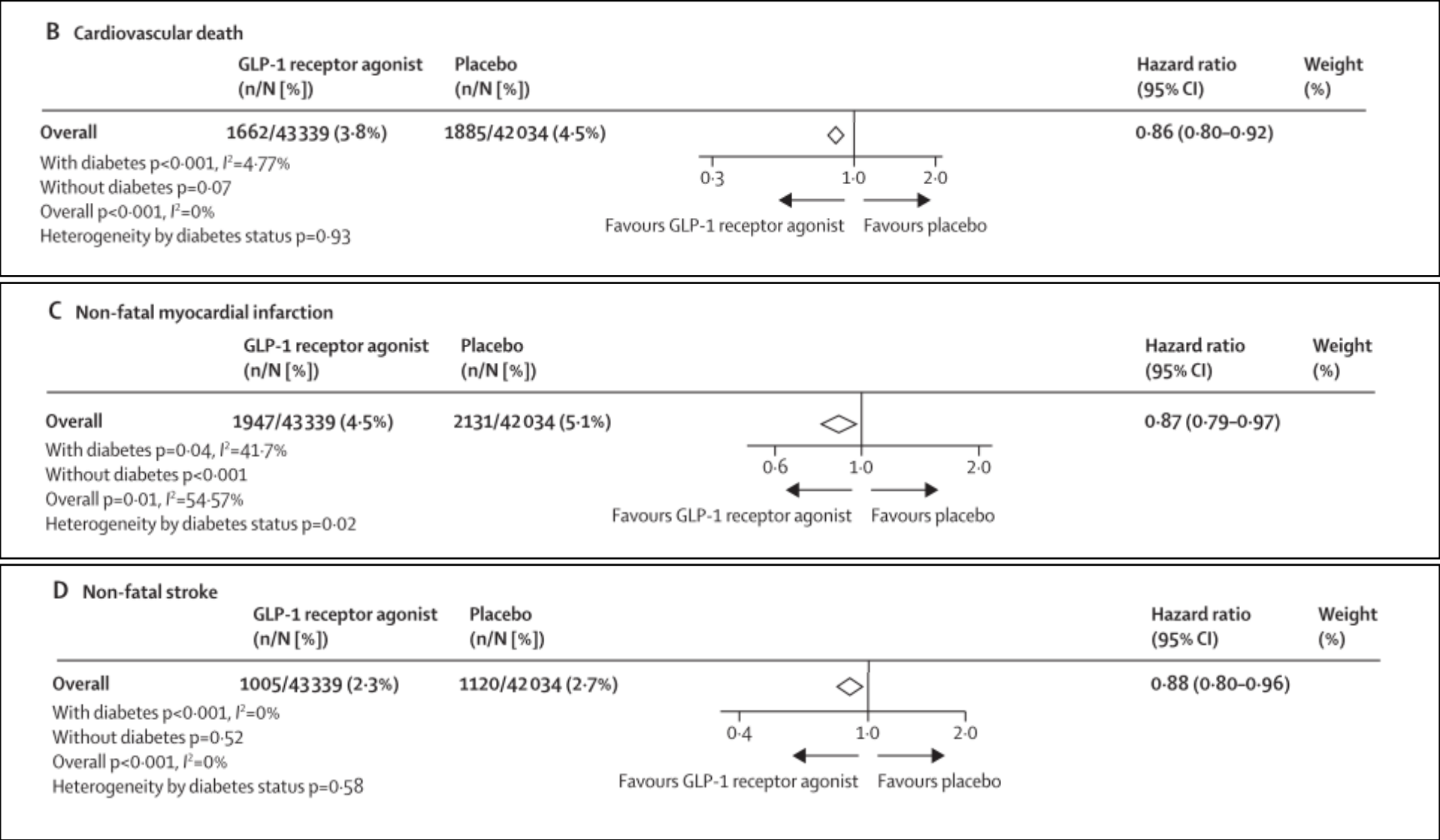
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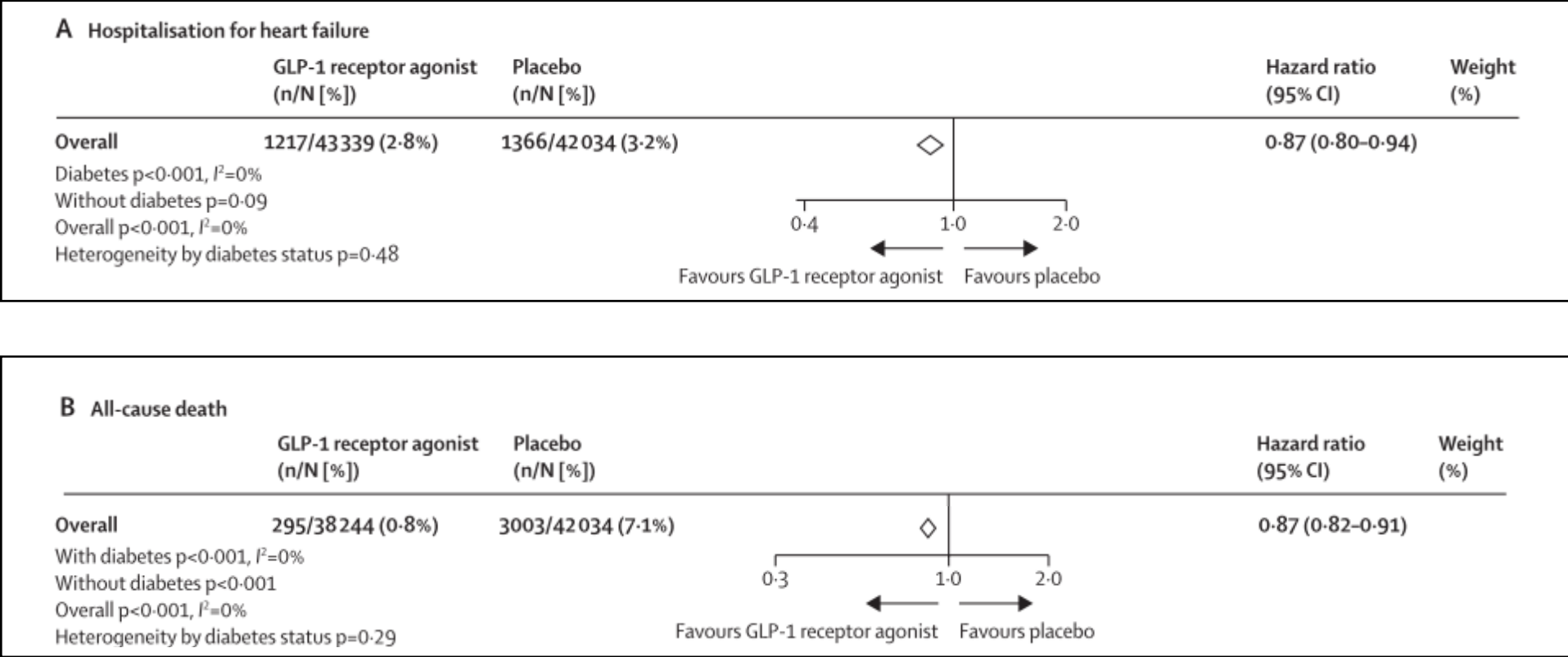
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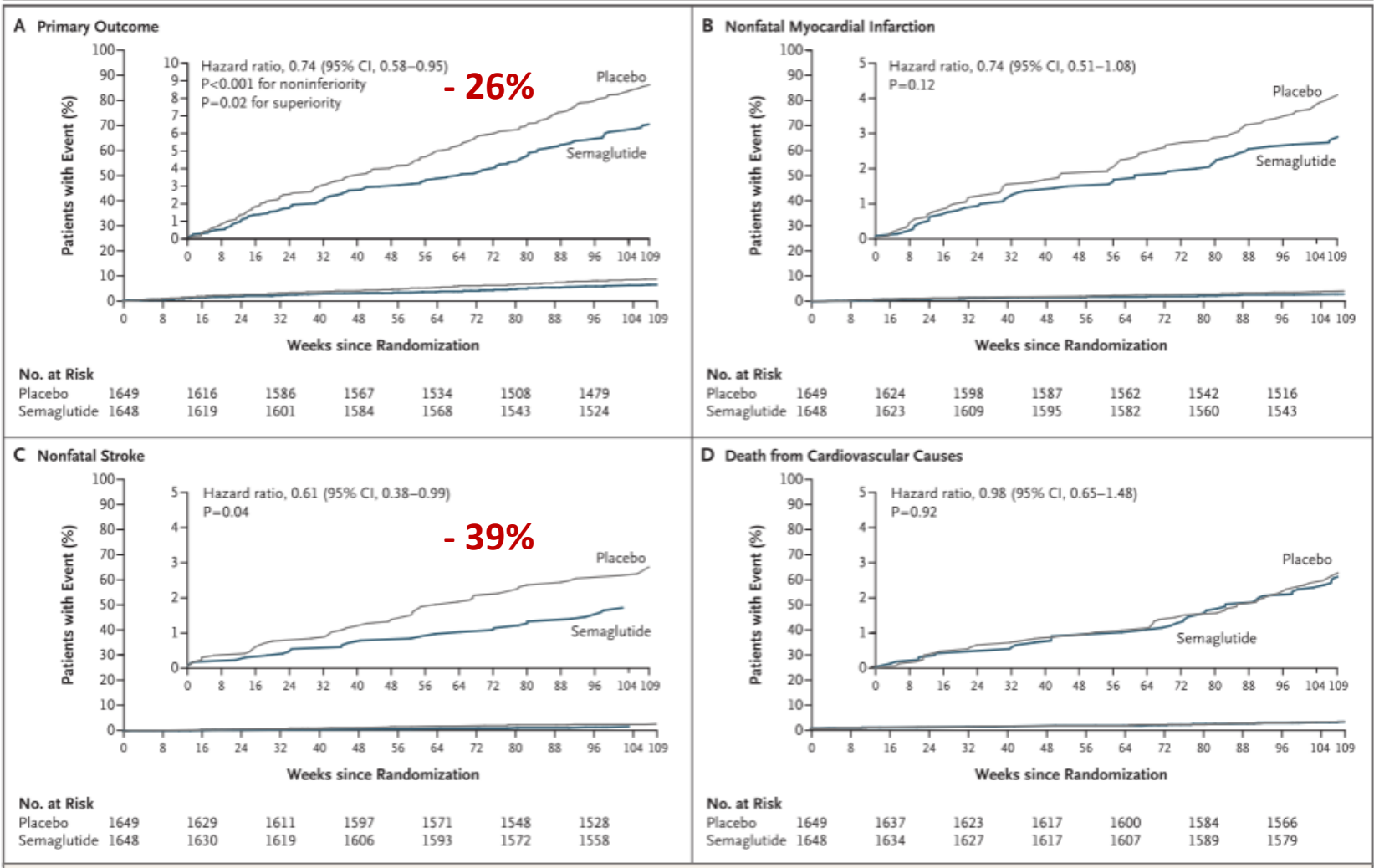
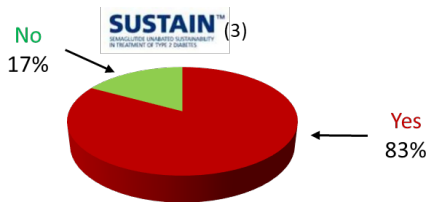
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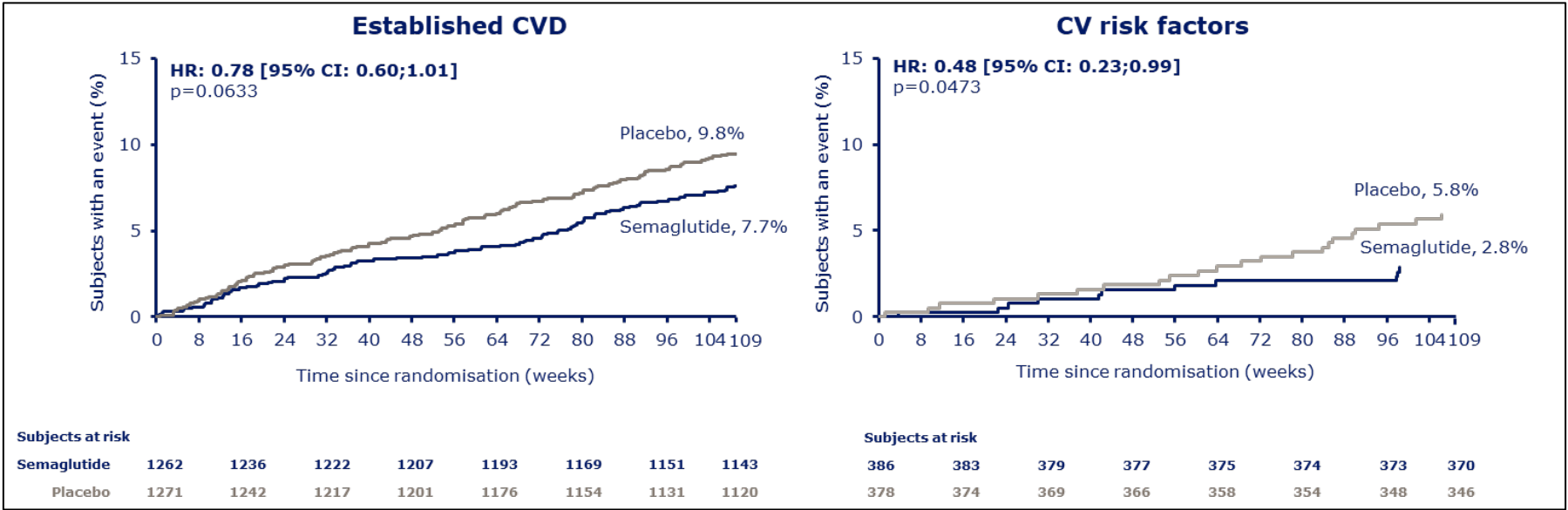


Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes the SUSTAIN-6 trial



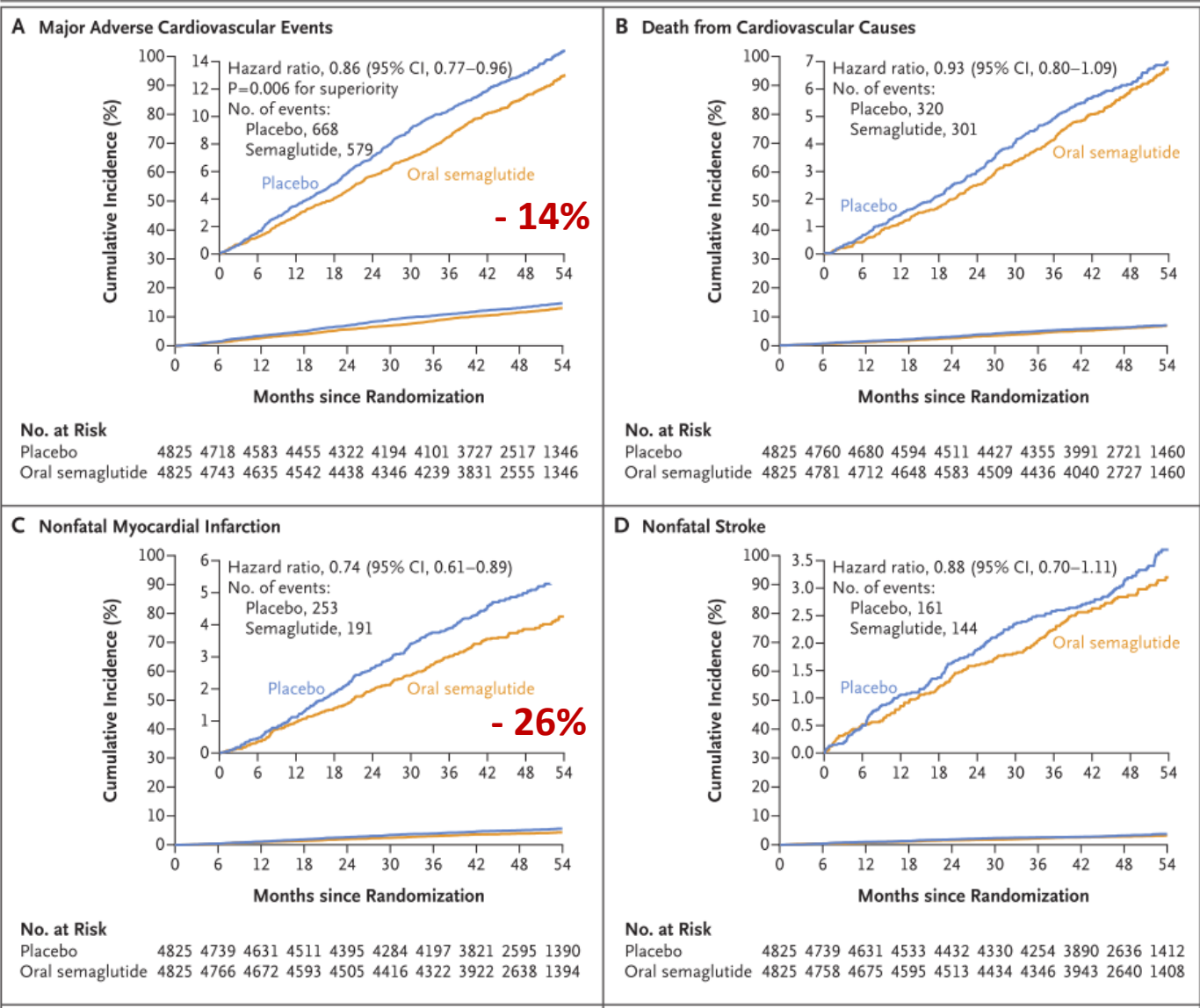
Cardiovascular risk reduction with semaglutide: a post hoc analysis of gender, age, and baseline CV risk profile in the SUSTAIN 6 trial

Event/subgroup	Events (subjects) semaglutide / placebo	HR	[95% CI]	Interaction p-value
MACE				
All subjects	108 (1648) / 146 (1649)	0.74	[0.58;0.95]	
Gender				
Male	73 (1013) / 103 (989)	0.68	[0.50;0.92]	0.45
Female	35 (635) / 43 (660)	0.84	[0.54;1.31]	
Age, years				
≤65	57 (950) / 76 (929)	0.72	[0.51;1.02]	0.92
>65	51 (698) / 70 (720)	0.74	[0.52;1.06]	
CV risk				
Prior MI/stroke	66 (673) / 88 (694)	0.76	[0.55;1.05]	0.75
No prior MI/stroke	42 (975) / 58 (955)	0.70	[0.47;1.04]	
Established CVD	97 (1262) / 124 (1271)	0.78	[0.60;1.01]	0.22
CV risk factors	11 (386) / 22 (378)	0.48	[0.23;0.99]	



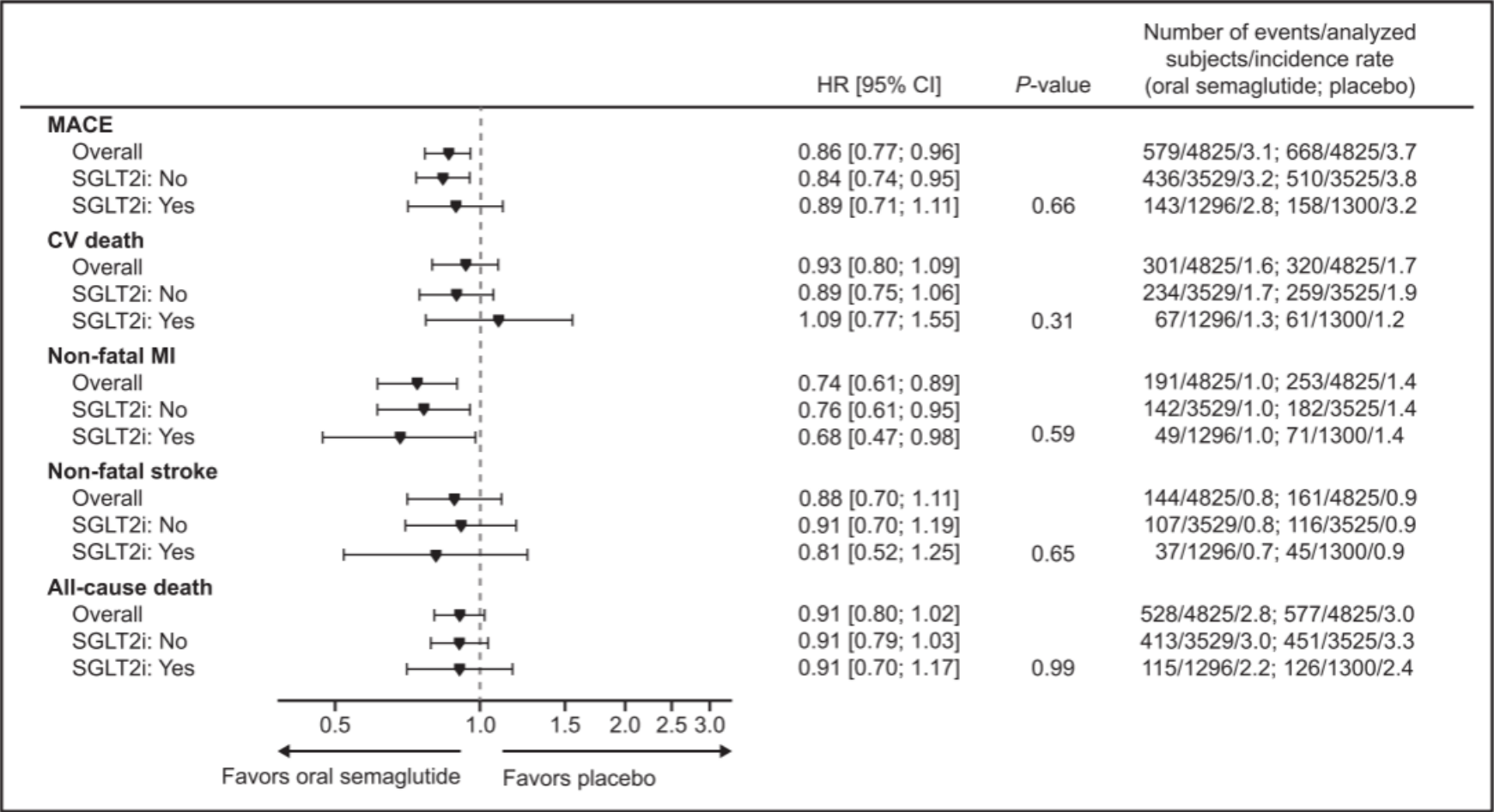
Oral Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in High-Risk Type 2 Diabetes

The SOUL trial



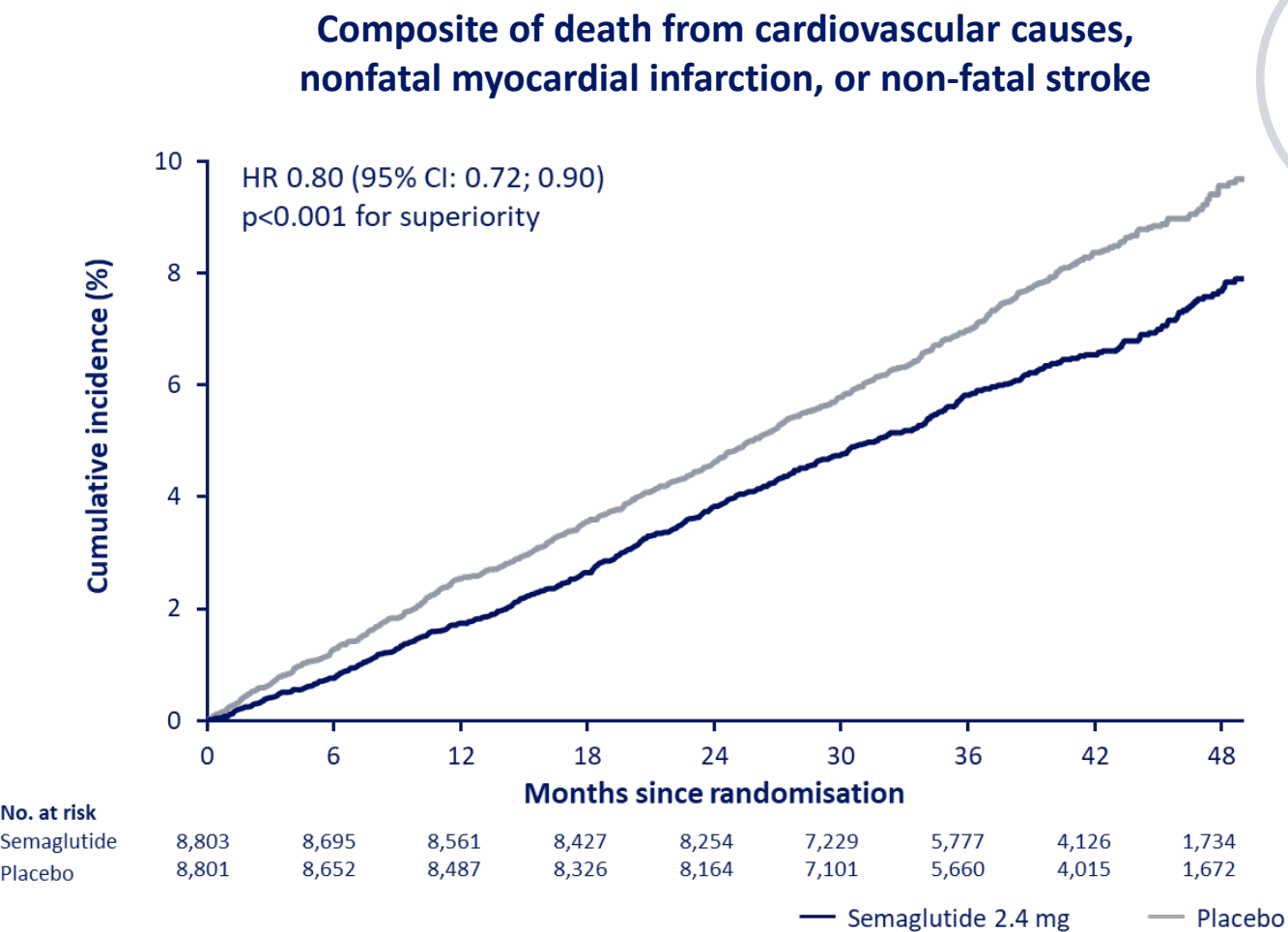
Oral Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes According to SGLT2i Use: Prespecified Analyses of the SOUL Randomized Trial

26.9% participants were receiving SGLT2i at baseline.
During the trial, SGLT2i use was **44.9%** of participants randomized to oral semaglutide
and **52.8%** of participants randomized to placebo.



Semaglutide and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Obesity without Diabetes

The SELECT trial



20%

reduction in
risk of MACE

Semaglutide 2.4 mg significantly reduced the risk of MACE by **20%** compared with placebo in people with obesity and established CVD, without T2D



All three components
(death from CV causes, non-fatal MI and non-fatal stroke) contributed to MACE risk reduction



Mean follow-up time was 39.8 months

18%

reduction in
risk of HF

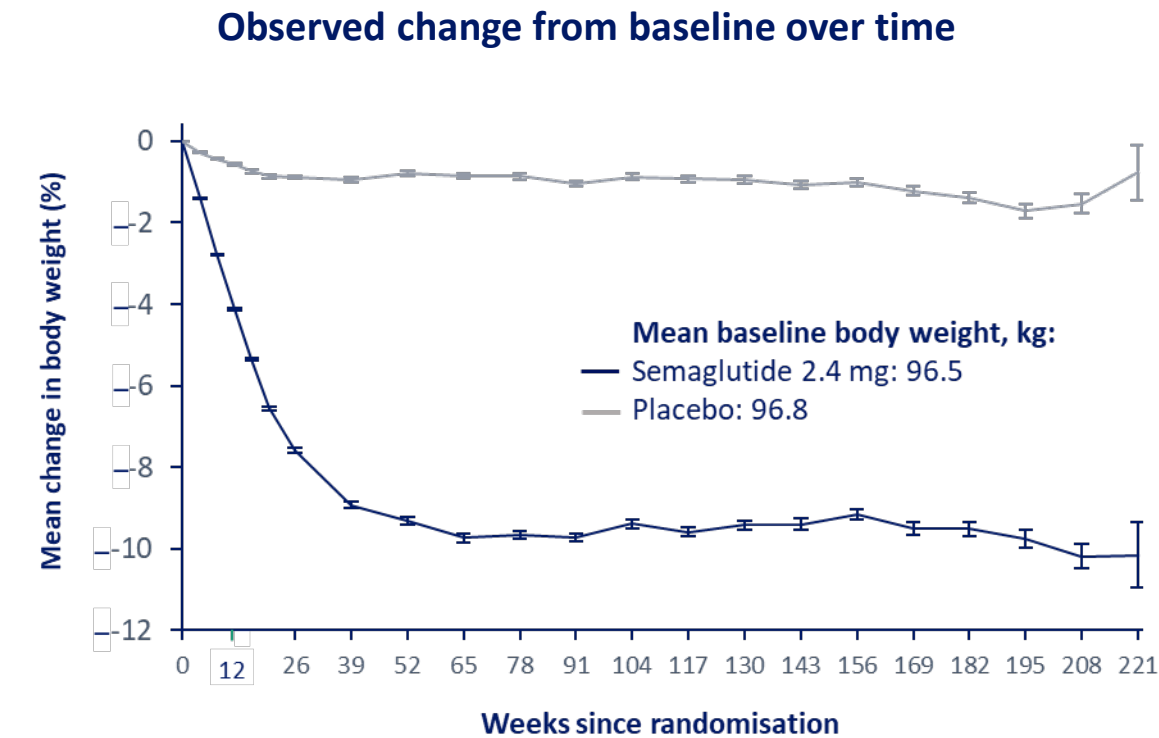
19%

reduction in
risk of death

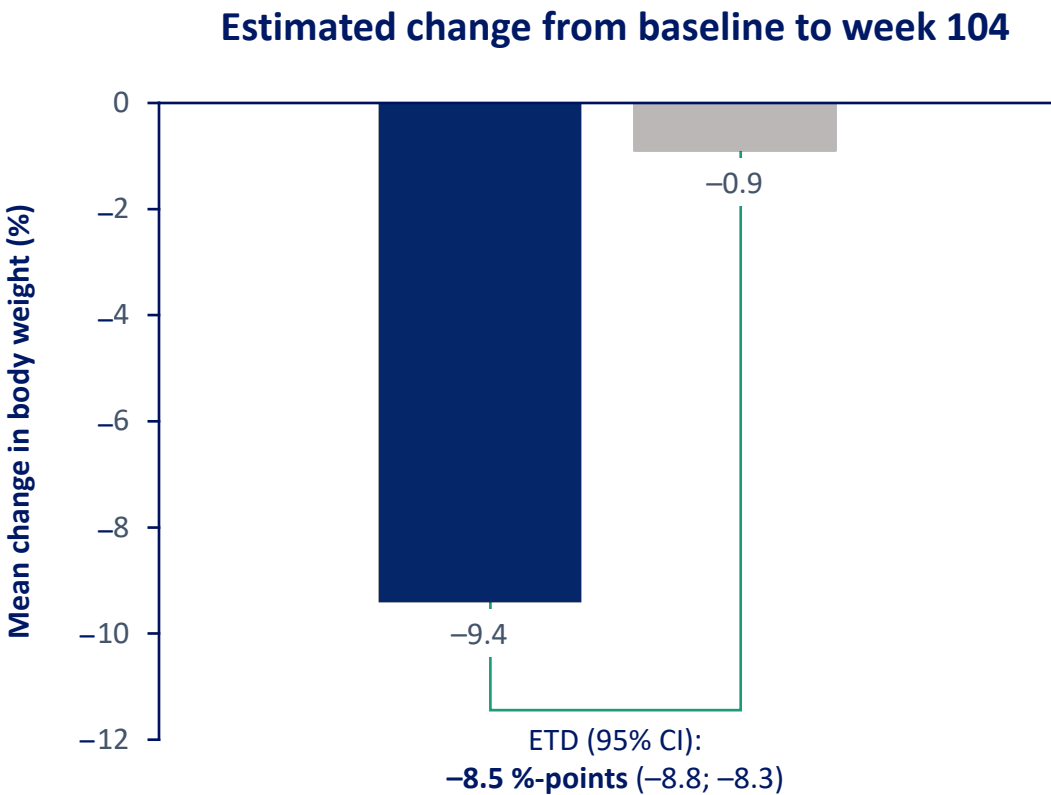
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Change in body weight

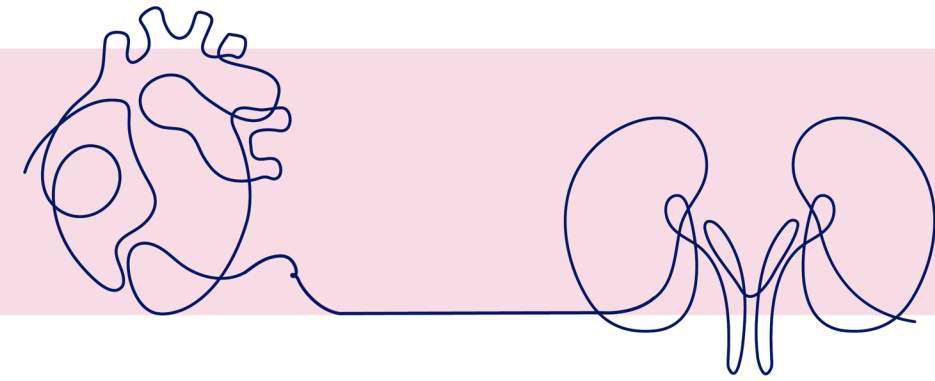


No. of participants		8,803	7,647	7,493	6,690	7,290	6,447	7,282	6,460	7,474	5,991	5,898	4,686	5,085	3,650	2,954	1,737	921	157
Semaglutide		8,801	7,715	7,516	6,704	7,269	6,340	7,272	6,392	7,378	5,871	5,879	4,583	5,014	3,560	2,890	1,698	898	152
Placebo																			



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302 subjects with T2D

- Age ≥ 18 years[†]
- HbA_{1c} 7.0–10.0%[‡]
- Stable treatment with SGLT-2 inhibitor $\pm$ MET/SU
- eGFR ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73 m²

Randomisation (1:1)

Semaglutide 1.0 mg

Placebo



Treatment duration 30 weeks

Primary Endpoint:

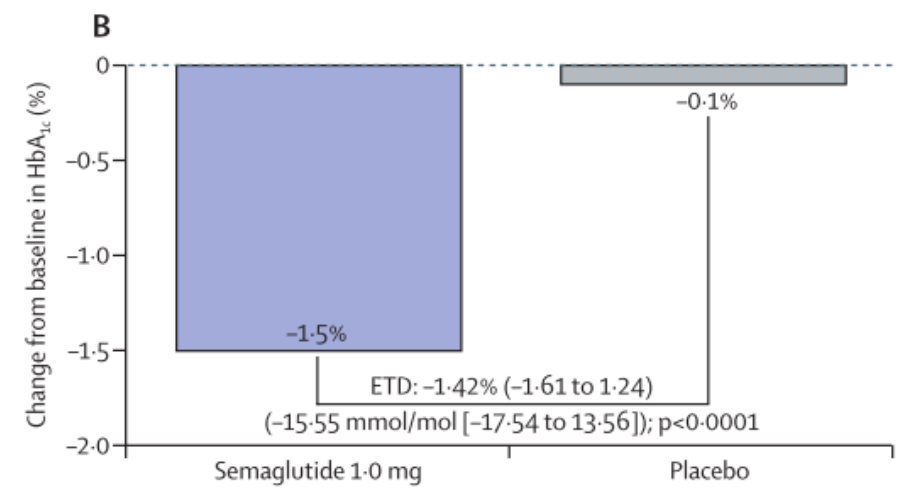
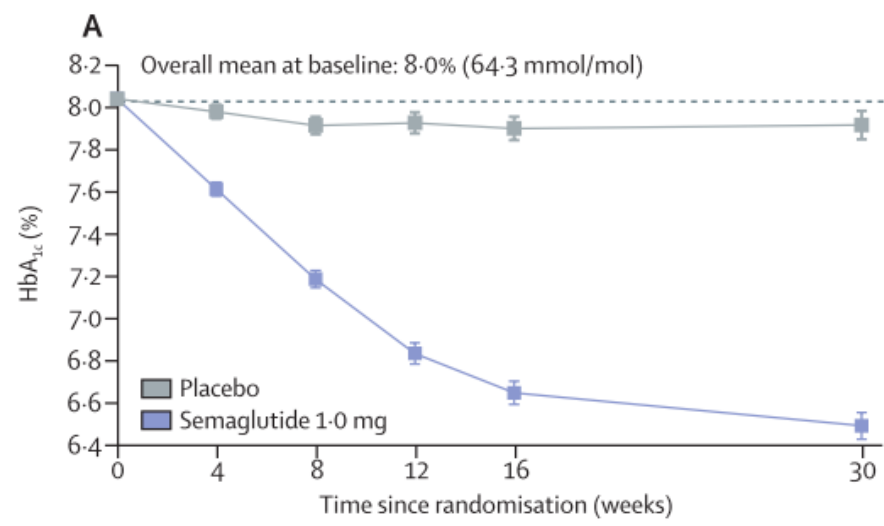
Change in HbA_{1c} from baseline to week 30

Secondary Endpoints:

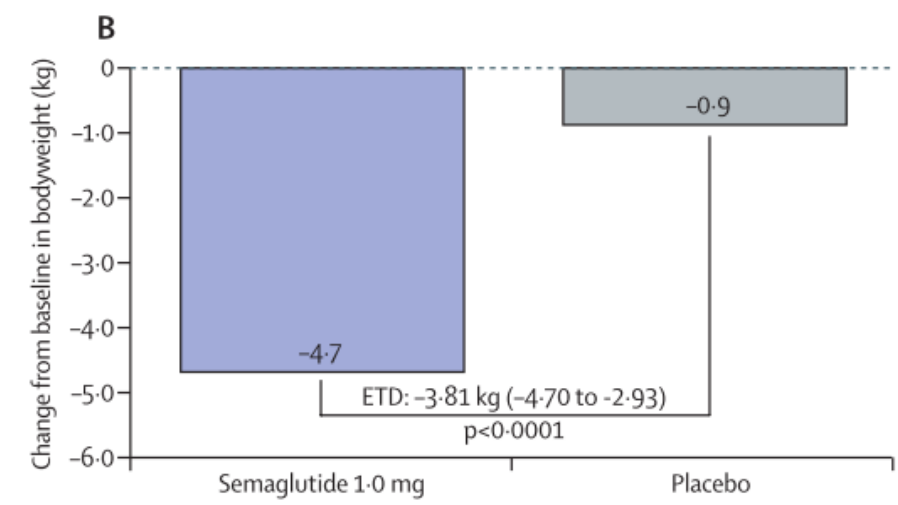
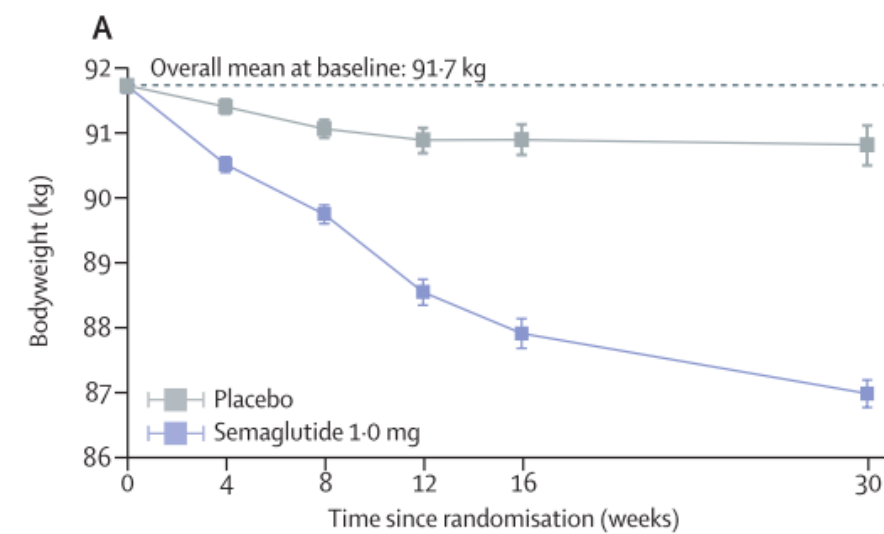
- percentage of patients achieving HbA_{1c} $< 7.0\%$
- change in bodyweight
- change in FPG
- percentage of patients achieving HbA_{1c} $\leq 6.5\%$
- change in seven-point SMBG profile

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efficacy on
glycaemic control



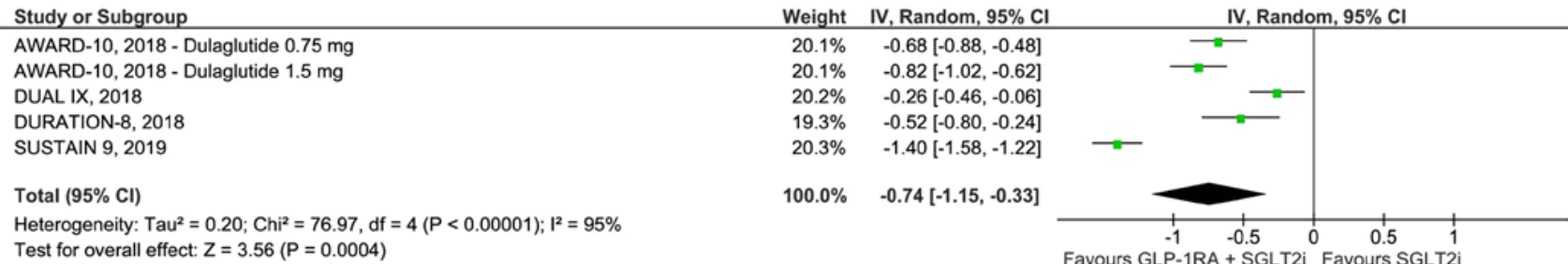
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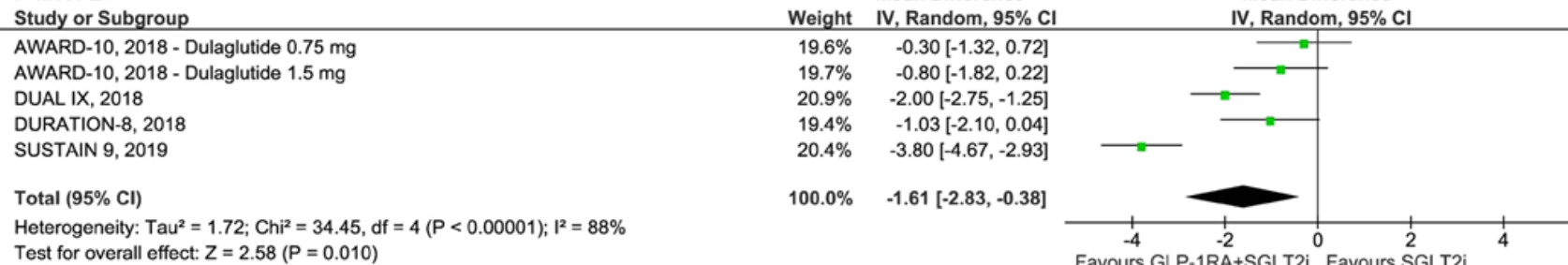
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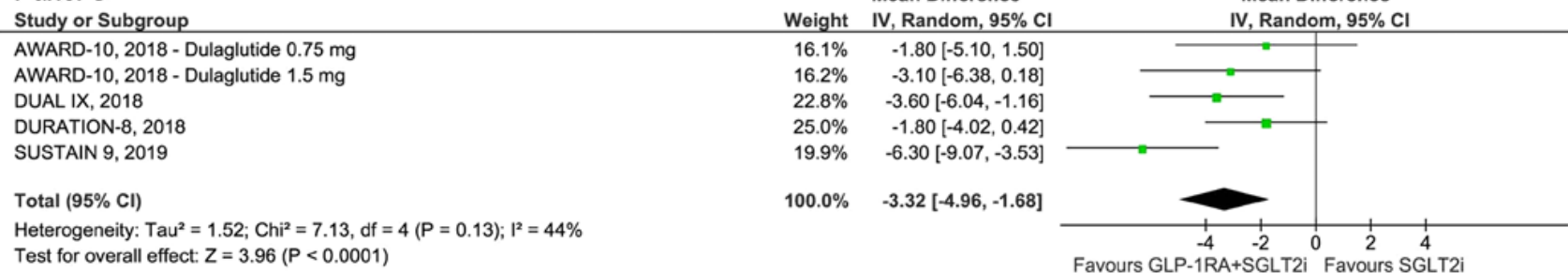
HbA1c

Panel B



Body weight

Panel C



SBP

Additive benefits of GLP-1RA and SGLT2i: real-world analysis

Real-world effectiveness of adding newer generation GLP-1RA to SGLT2i in type 2 diabetes

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OBJECTIVE

To assess CV, metabolic, and renal effects of combination therapy with newer generation GLP-1RA and SGLT2i compared with SGLT2i alone

METHODS



Patients

US adults with T2D and ASCVD receiving combination therapy with a newer generation GLP-1RA and SGLT2i or SGLT2i alone



Data Source

Komodo's Healthcare Map



Study Period

January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2023

RESULTS

GLP1-RA + SGLT2i n=100 455 ^a		vs SGLT2i alone n=339 540 ^a			
	42% LOWER RISK OF	Ischemic stroke HR 0.58 (P<.001)		46% LOWER RISK OF	3-point MACE^b HR 0.54 (P<.001)
	37% LOWER RISK OF	MI HR 0.63 (P<.001)		45% LOWER RISK OF	5-point MACE^c HR 0.55 (P<.001)

CONCLUSION

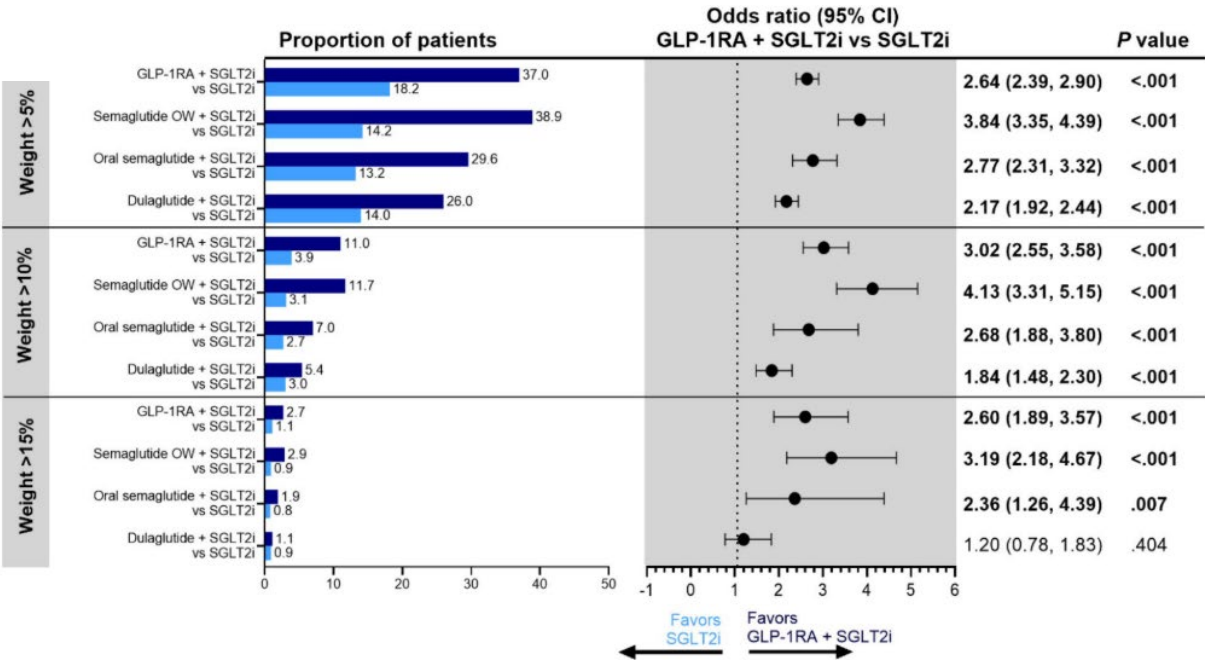
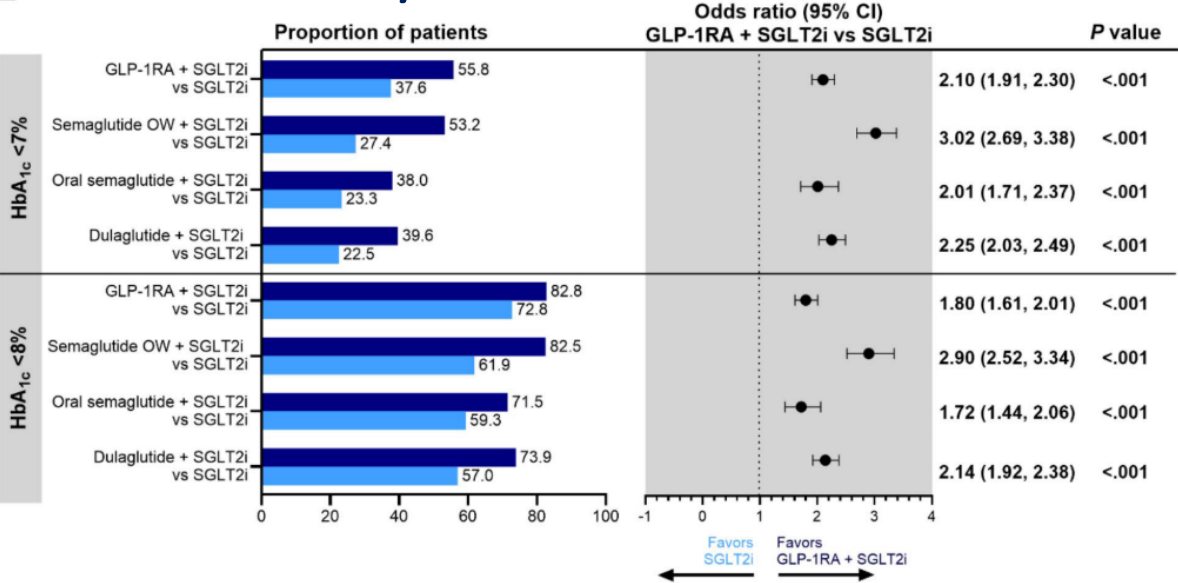
Combination of SGLT2i and GLP-1RA achieved significantly better cardiometabolic outcomes compared with SGLT2i alone; this supports the hypothesis that the cardioprotective benefits of GLP-1RA and SGLT2i may be additive

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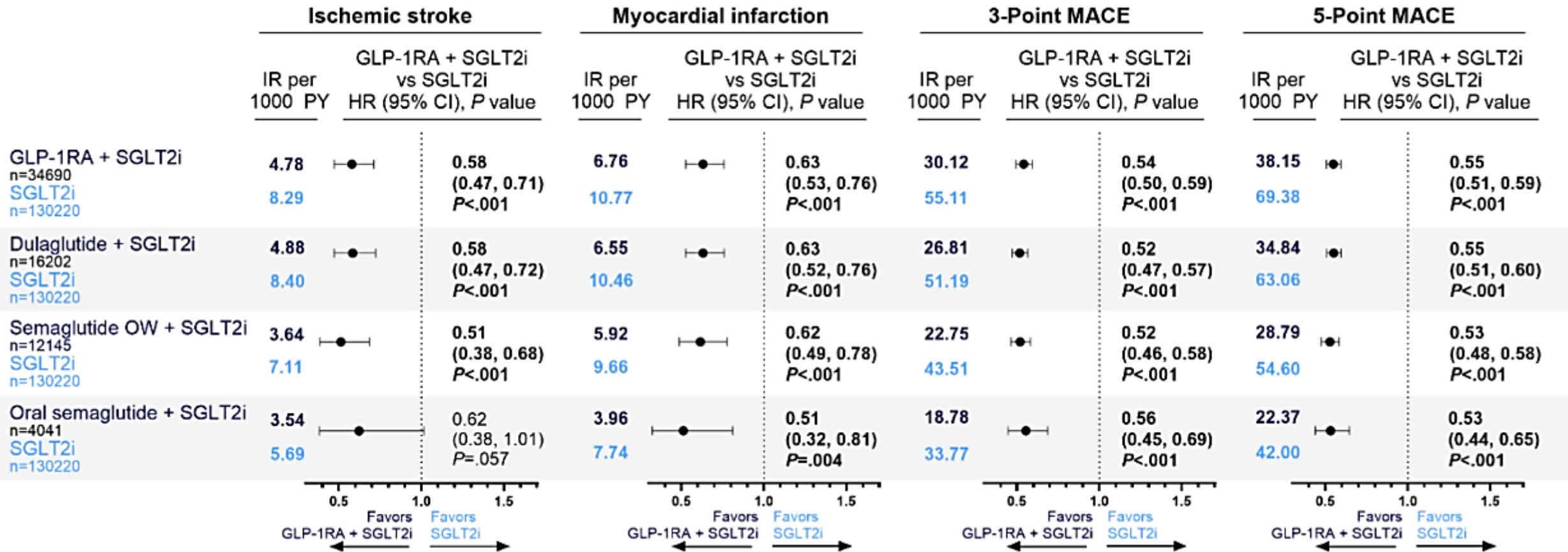
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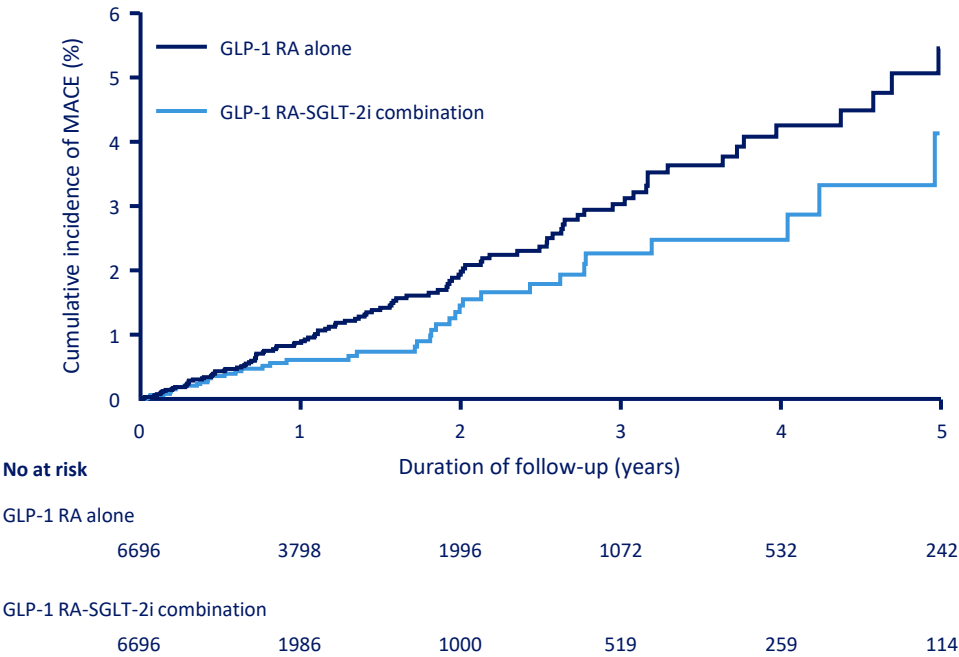
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Hazard ratios for primary and secondary outcomes comparing GLP-1RAs-SGLT-2i combination with GLP-1RA use alone

Exposure	No of patients	Events	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)*	Hazard ratio (95% CI)†
Primary outcomes					
MACE:					
GLP-1 RAs	6696	113	10971	10.3 (8.5 to 12.4)	1.00 (reference)
GLP-1 RA-SGLT-2i combination	6696	45	6417	7.0 (5.1 to 9.4)	0.70 (0.49 to 0.99)
Serious renal events:					
GLP-1 RAs	6696	51	10992	4.6 (3.5 to 6.1)	1.00 (reference)
GLP-1 RA-SGLT-2i combination	6696	13	6453	2.0 (1.1 to 3.4)	0.43 (0.23 to 0.80)
Secondary outcomes					
Myocardial infarction:					
GLP-1 RAs	6696	60	10971	5.5 (4.2 to 7.0)	1.00 (reference)
GLP-1 RA-SGLT-2i combination	6696	24	6417	3.7 (2.4 to 5.6)	0.73 (0.45 to 1.17)
Ischaemic stroke:					
GLP-1 RAs	6696	30	10971	2.7 (1.8 to 3.9)	1.00 (reference)
GLP-1 RA-SGLT-2i combination	6696	15	6417	2.3 (1.3 to 3.9)	0.90 (0.48 to 1.67)
Cardiovascular mortality:					
GLP-1 RAs	6696	32	10971	2.9 (2.0 to 4.1)	1.00 (reference)
GLP-1 RA-SGLT-2i combination	6696	7	6417	1.1 (0.4 to 2.3)	0.35 (0.15 to 0.80)
Heart failure:					
GLP-1 RAs	6696	67	10979	6.1 (4.7 to 7.8)	1.00 (reference)
GLP-1 RA-SGLT-2i combination	6696	23	6446	3.6 (2.3 to 5.4)	0.57 (0.35 to 0.91)
All cause mortality:					
GLP-1 RAs	6696	102	11056	9.2 (7.5 to 11.2)	1.00 (reference)
GLP-1 RA-SGLT-2i combination	6696	41	6459	6.4 (4.6 to 8.6)	0.71 (0.49 to 1.02)

Cumulative incidence curves of MACE for GLP-1RA-SGLT-2i combination versus GLP-1 RAs



Additive *cardioprotective* benefits of GLP-1RA and SGLT2i: real-world analysis

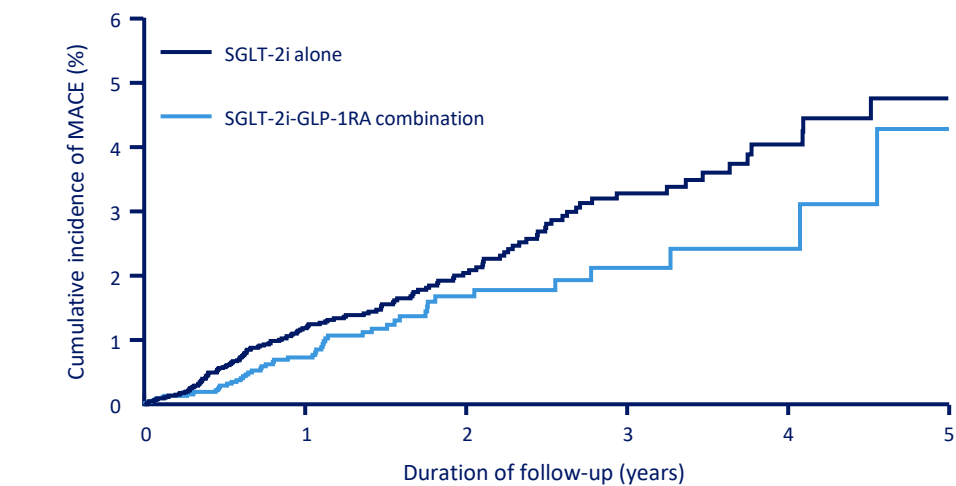
Effect of combination treatment with glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists and sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors on incidence of cardiovascular and serious renal events: population based cohort study

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Hazard ratios for primary and secondary outcomes comparing GLP-1RAs-SGLT-2i combination with SGLT-2i use alone

Exposure	No of patients	Events	Person years	Incidence rate (95% CI)*	Hazard ratio (95% CI)†
Primary outcomes					
MACE:					
SGLT-2i	8942	141	13160	10.7 (9.0 to 12.6)	1.00 (reference)
SGLT-2i-GLP-1 RA combination	8942	55	7250	7.6 (5.7 to 9.9)	0.71 (0.52 to 0.98)
Serious renal events:					
SGLT-2i	8942	26	13243	2.0 (1.3 to 2.9)	1.00 (reference)
SGLT-2i-GLP-1 RA combination	8942	10	7278	1.4 (0.7 to 2.5)	0.67 (0.32 to 1.41)
Secondary outcomes					
Myocardial infarction:					
SGLT-2i	8942	75	13160	5.7 (4.5 to 7.1)	1.00 (reference)
SGLT-2i-GLP-1 RA combination	8942	30	7250	4.1 (2.8 to 5.9)	0.73 (0.48 to 1.12)
Ischaemic stroke:					
SGLT-2i	8942	33	13160	2.5 (1.7 to 3.5)	1.00 (reference)
SGLT-2i-GLP-1 RA combination	8942	15	7250	2.1 (1.2 to 3.4)	0.86 (0.46 to 1.59)
Cardiovascular mortality:					
SGLT-2i	8942	44	13160	3.3 (2.4 to 4.5)	1.00 (reference)
SGLT-2i-GLP-1 RA combination	8942	13	7250	1.8 (1.0 to 3.1)	0.54 (0.29 to 1.01)
Heart failure:					
SGLT-2i	8942	43	13235	3.3 (2.4 to 4.4)	1.00 (reference)
SGLT-2i-GLP-1 RA combination	8942	17	7274	2.3 (1.4 to 3.7)	0.70 (0.40 to 1.23)
All cause mortality:					
SGLT-2i	8942	130	13259	9.8 (8.2 to 11.6)	1.00 (reference)
SGLT-2i-GLP-1 RA combination	8942	50	7284	6.9 (5.1 to 9.1)	0.73 (0.52 to 1.01)

Cumulative incidence curves of MACE for GLP-1RA-SGLT-2i combination versus SGLT-2i



No at risk

SGLT-2 inhibitor alone

8942 4732 2347 1146 514 176

SGLT-2 inhibitor-GLP-1 RA combination

8942 2556 1035 428 157 48

Effectiveness and safety of combining SGLT2 inhibitors and GLP-1 receptor agonists in individuals with type 2 diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis of cohort studies

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Table 2 Summary of findings: Combining a SGLT2 inhibitor and GLP-1 receptor agonist in individuals with type 2 diabetes

Outcome	No. of participants (studies)	Relative effect (95% CI)	Anticipated absolute effects (95% CI)		Certainty (GRADE)
			Monotherapy	Combination therapy	
MACE	364,369 (9)	0.56 (0.43, 0.71)	54 / 1000	30 / 1000 (23, 38)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ ^{a,b}
All-cause mortality	542,989 (10)	0.50 (0.40, 0.63)	38 / 1000	19 / 1000 (1, 24)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ ^{a,b}
Cardiovascular mortality	31,692 (2)	0.26 (0.16, 0.43)	5 / 1000	1 / 1000 (1, 2)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ ^{a,c}
Kidney composite endpoint	299,583 (6)	0.48 (0.32, 0.73)	77 / 1000	35 / 1000 (22, 56)	⊕⊖⊖⊖ ^{a,b,d}
Hospitalisation for heart failure	43,246 (5)	0.67 (0.64, 0.71)	101 / 1000	68 / 1000 (65, 72)	⊕⊕⊕⊕ ^a
Myocardial infarction	508,018 (6)	0.62 (0.48, 0.80)	22 / 1000	14 / 1000 (11, 18)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ ^{a,b}
Stroke	509,116 (6)	0.65 (0.49, 0.86)	23 / 1000	15 / 1000 (11, 20)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ ^{a,b}

Conclusions/interpretation Observational studies suggest that combining an SGLT2 inhibitor and a GLP-1 RA in type 2 diabetes may lower the risk of MACE, all-cause and cardiovascular mortality, hospitalisation for heart failure and kidney composite endpoints compared with monotherapy with either drug. Of course, residual confounding cannot be overcome but results support the need for future randomised trials of combined vs monotherapy.

Conclusions

Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic (CKM) syndrome

