

# Type 2 Diabetes & CV outcomes: More than Glucose management? - lessons from GLP1-ra trials

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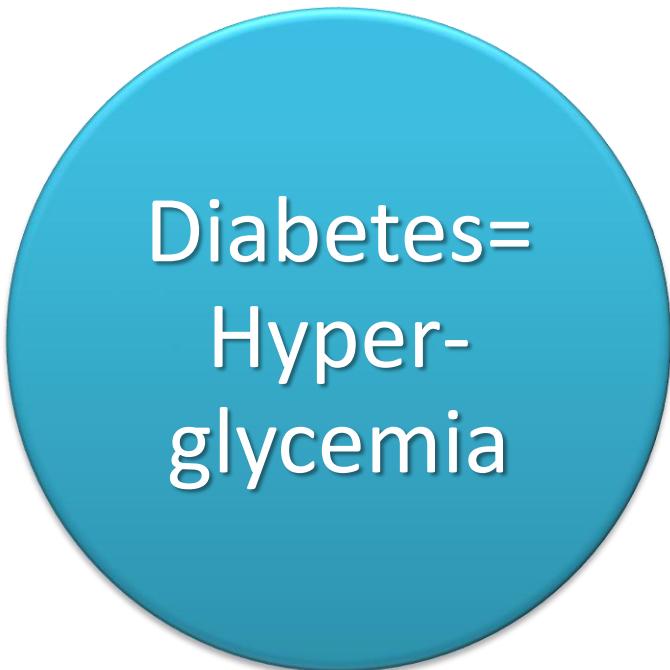
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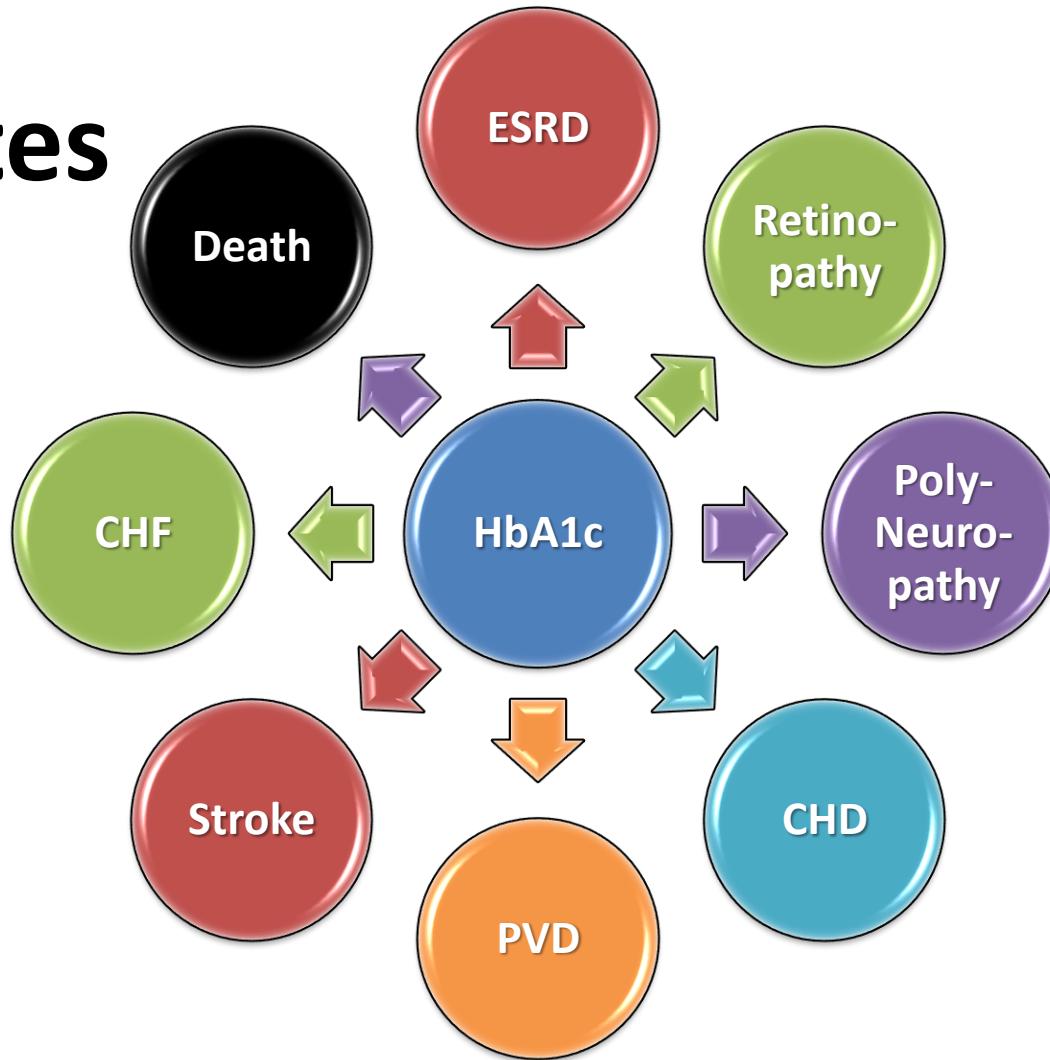
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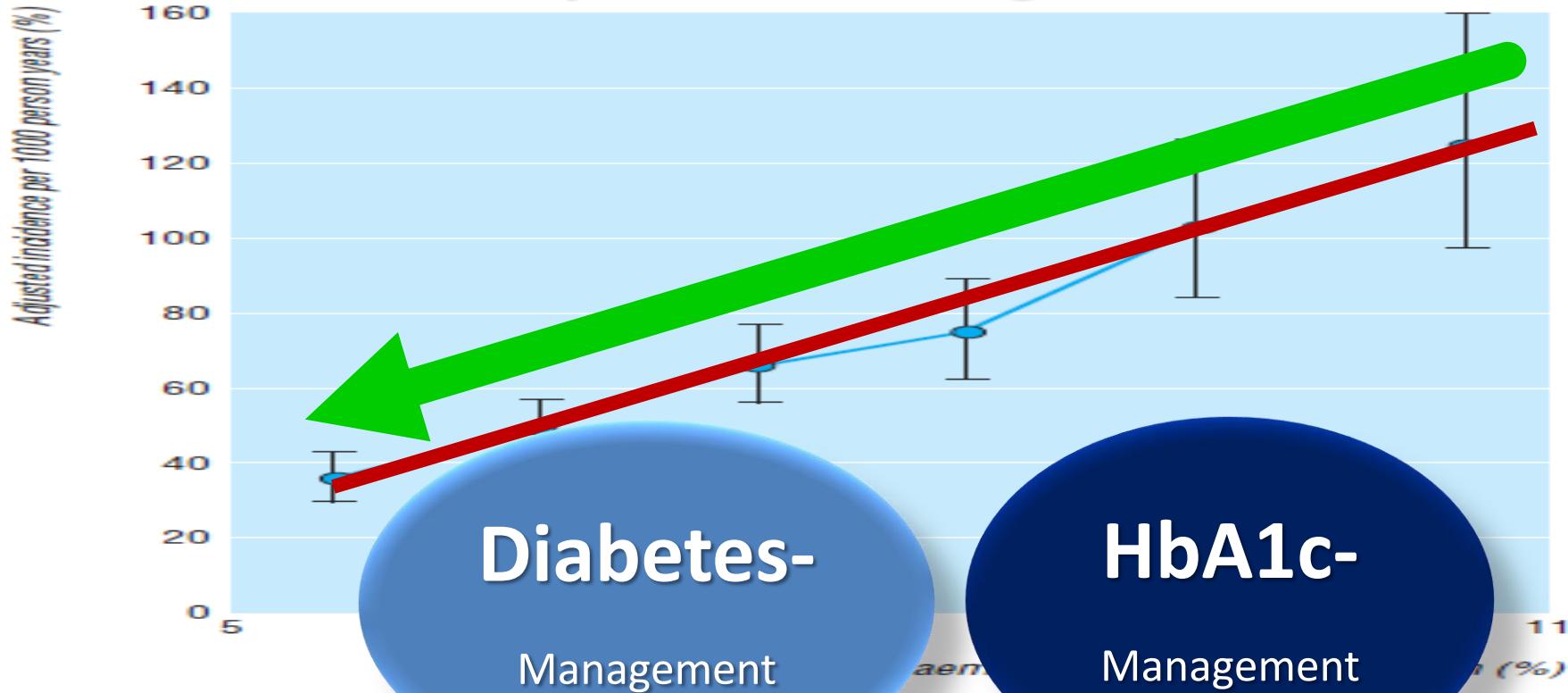
# Simplified view



# Typ 2 Diabetes



# Epidemiologie

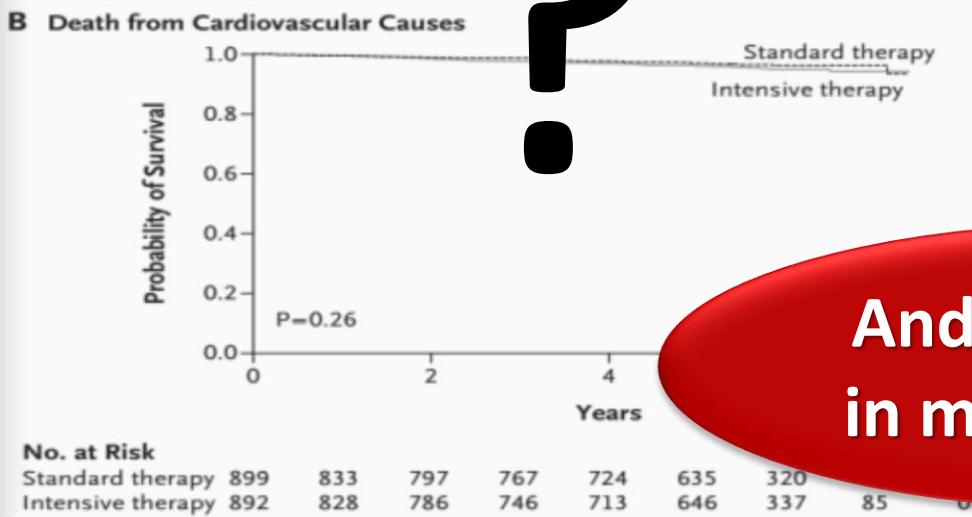
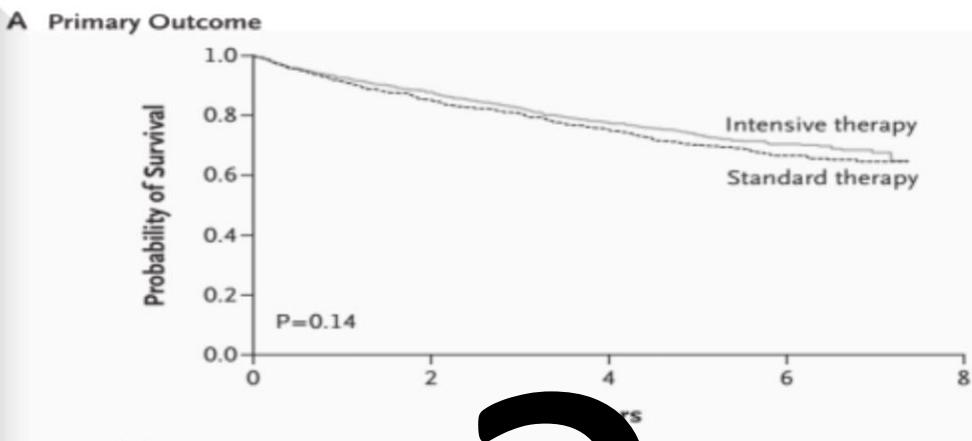


**Fig 1** Incidence rates related to diabetes by HbA<sub>1c</sub> concentration, adjusted for age, sex, ethnicity, and cardiovascular risk factors. The hazard ratio for diagnosis and with increasing duration of diabetes of 10 years

Reference category (hazard ratio 1.0) is HbA<sub>1c</sub><6% with log linear scales. CV, cardiovascular; MI, myocardial infarction; PVD, peripheral vascular disease  
Stratton IM et al. BMJ 2000;321:405–412.

Is r

- UKPDS
- ADAG
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- ACCORD



successful?

MAX diff.  
1.5%

And no reduction  
in microvascular!!

# Recent long term f/up studies in DM2

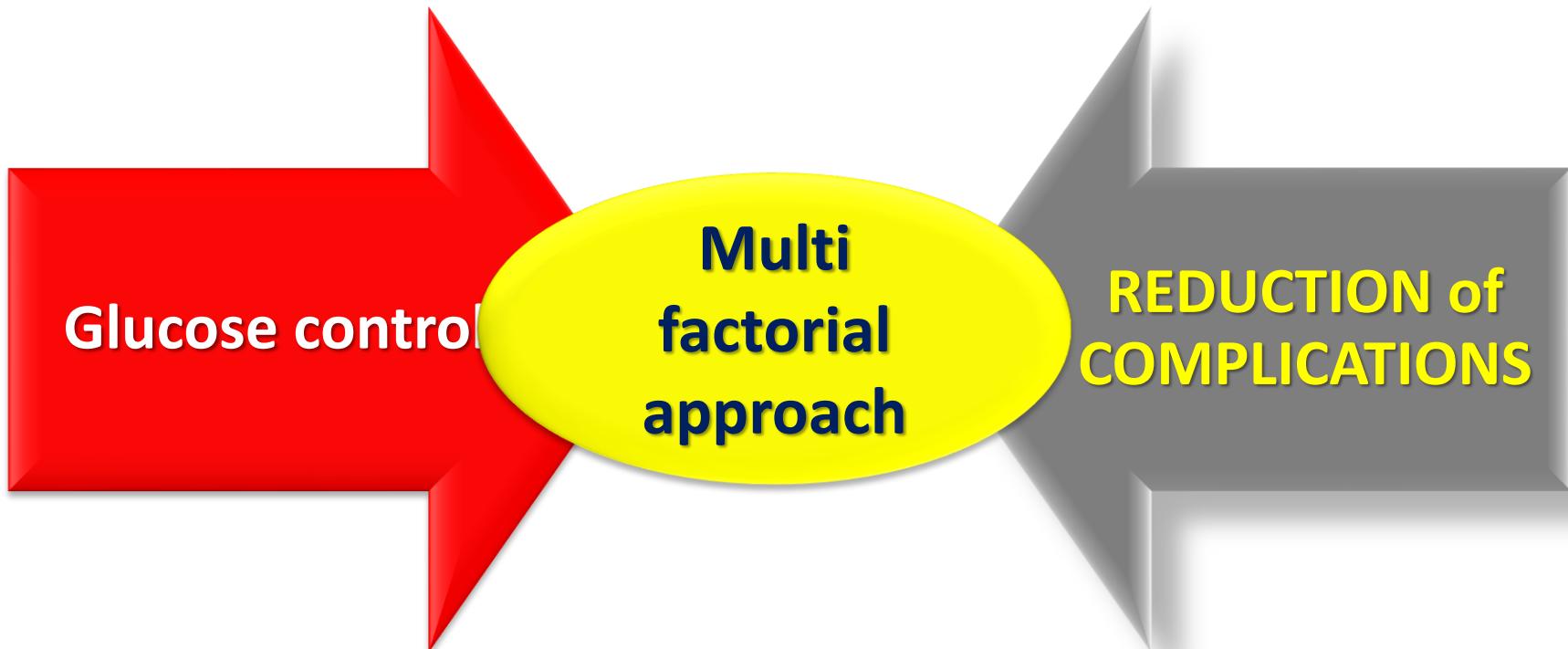
	HbA1c Diff	Yrs RX		P	LEGACY
ACCORDION	0,9%				
Composite CVD					
CV death					

Is Legacy  
only a  
legend?

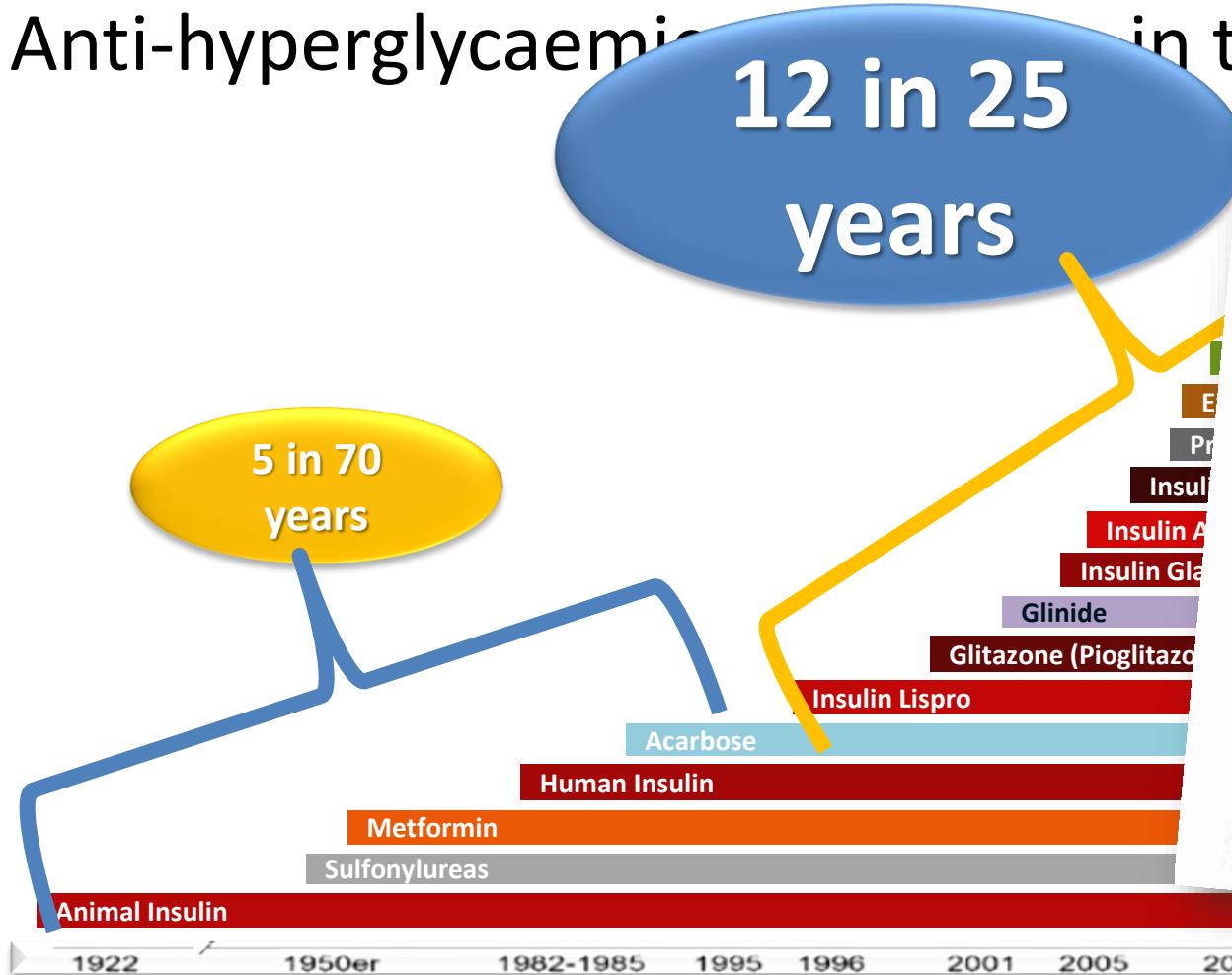
## Facts

- Type 2 diabetes is associated with a high morbidity and mortality
- Tackling glucose only was not successful in reducing MACE and mortality
- Treatment induced adverse events (weight gain and hypoglycemia) were thought to wipe off benefits of glycemic control

# Aim of Diabetes management



# Anti-hyperglycaemic drugs in the last 90 years



## Guidance for Industry

Diabetes Mellitus: Developing Drugs and Therapeutic Biologics for Treatment and Prevention

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# Cardiovascular outcome trials



After years of frustrations...



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Liraglutide Effect and Action in Diabetes:  
Evaluation of cardiovascular outcome Results



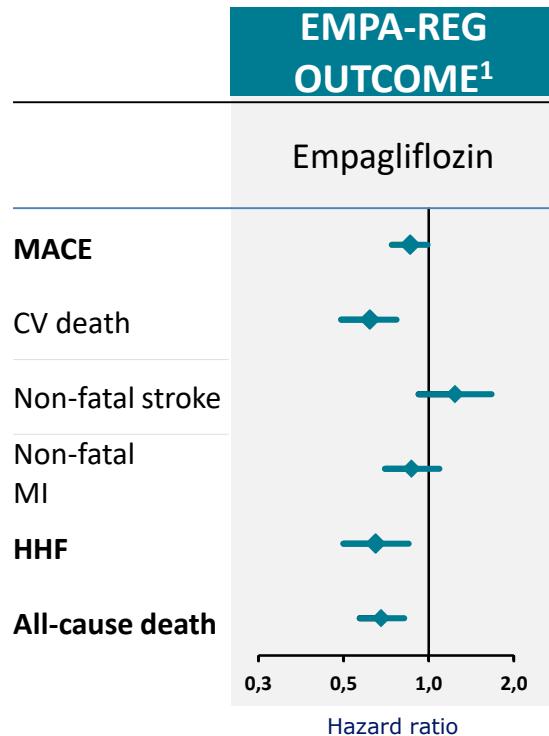
HARMONY

**SUSTAIN**

SEMAGLUTIDE UNABATED SUSTAINABILITY  
IN TREATMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

# Macrovascular risk reduction (=MACE)

SGLT-2 inhibitors

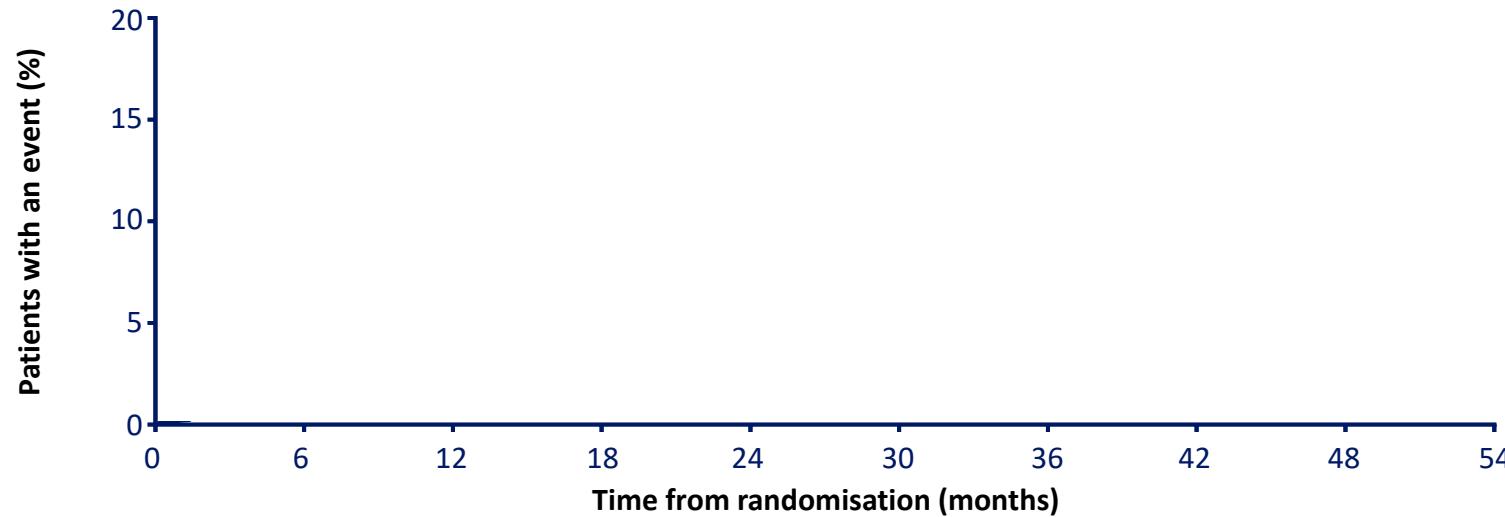


CV, cardiovascular; HHF, hospitalisation from heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction; SGLT-2, sodium–glucose co-transporter-2

1. Zinman B et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:2117–2128; 2. Neal B et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:644–657; 3. Wiviott SD et al. *N Engl J Med* 2018;doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1812389 [Epub ahead of print]

# MACE in GLP1-RA

CV death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke



## Patients at risk

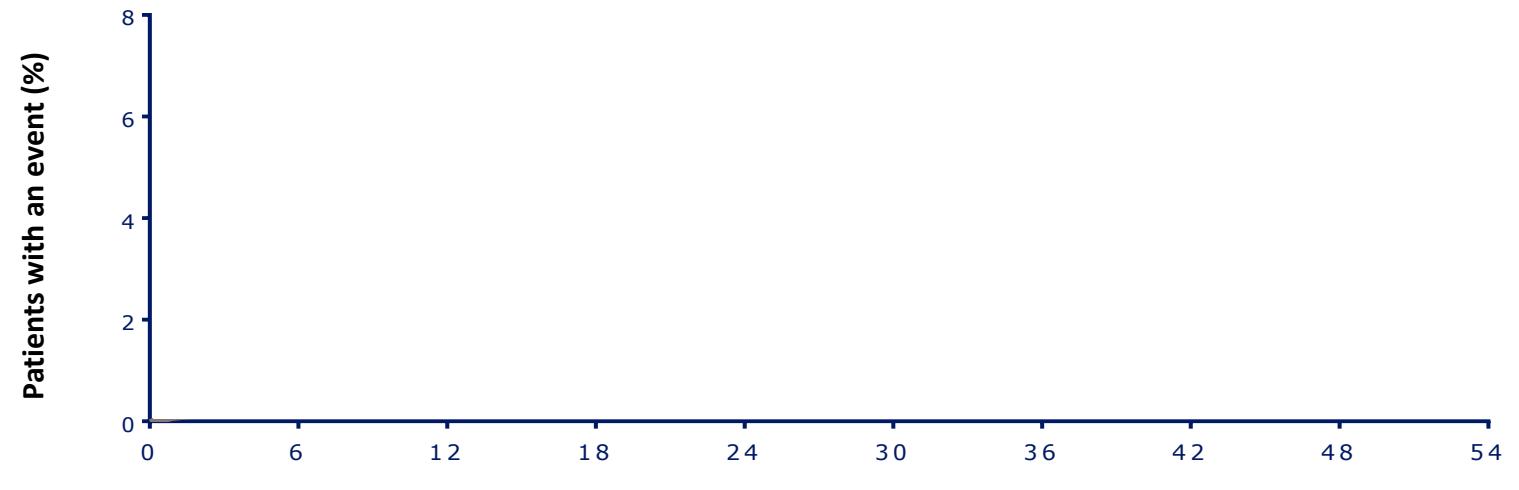
Liraglutide	4668	4593	4496	4400	4280	4172	4072	3982	1562	424
Placebo	4672	4588	4473	4352	4237	4123	4010	3914	1543	407

The primary composite outcome in the time-to-event analysis was the first occurrence of death from cardiovascular causes, non-fatal myocardial infarction, or non-fatal stroke. The cumulative incidences were estimated with the use of the Kaplan-Meier method, and the hazard ratios with the use of the Cox proportional-hazard regression model. The data analyses are truncated at 54 months, because less than 10% of the patients had an observation time beyond 54 months.

CI: confidence interval; CV: cardiovascular; HR: hazard ratio.

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## CV death



### Patients at risk

	Time from randomisation (months)									
Liraglutide	4668	4641	4599	4558	4505	4445	4382	4322	1723	484
Placebo	4672	4648	4601	4546	4479	4407	4338	4267	1709	465

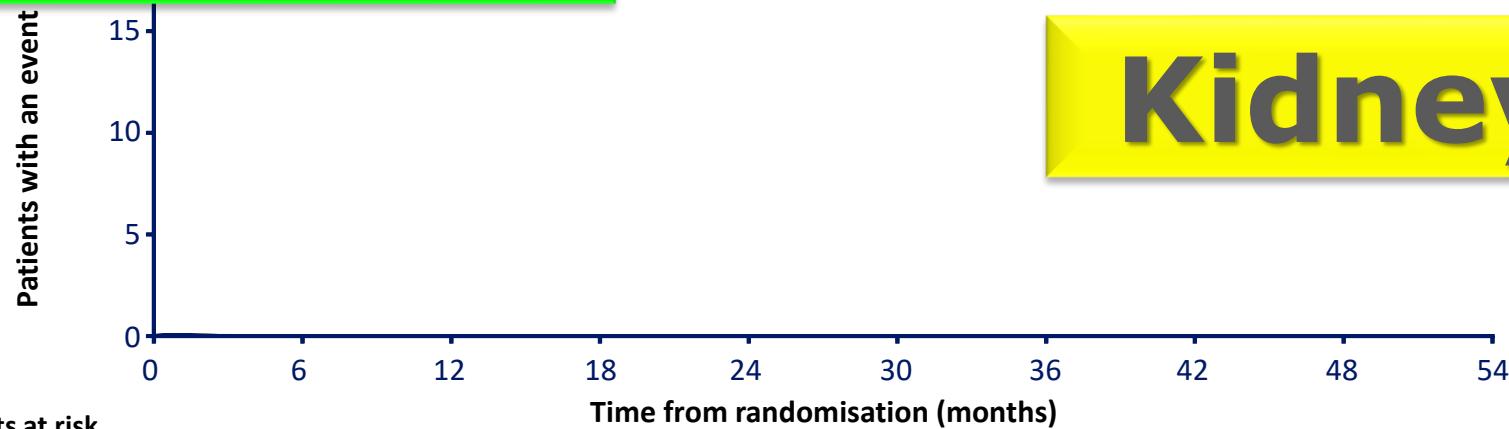
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## All-cause death

**SAFETY!**



**Kidney !**

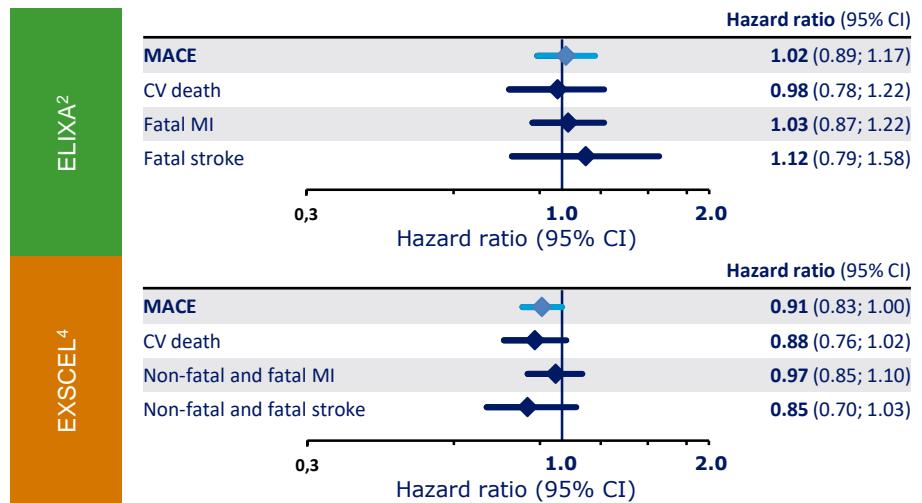
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# GLP-1 receptor agonists



CI, confidence interval; CV, cardiovascular; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MI, myocardial infarction; NS, non significant

1. Marso SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:311–322; 2. Pfeffer MA et al. *N Engl J Med* 2015;373:2247–2257; 3. Marso SP et al. *N Engl J Med* 2016;375:1834–1844; 4. Holman RR et al. *N Engl J Med* 2017;377:1228–39; 5. Hernandez AF et al. *Lancet* 2018;392:1519–1529; 6. Lilly press release (5<sup>th</sup> November 2018), available at: <https://investor.lilly.com/node/39796/pdf>; 7. Novo Nordisk press release (23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018), available from: <https://www.novonordisk.com/media/news-details.2226789.html>

# THESE ARE THE NEW FACTS

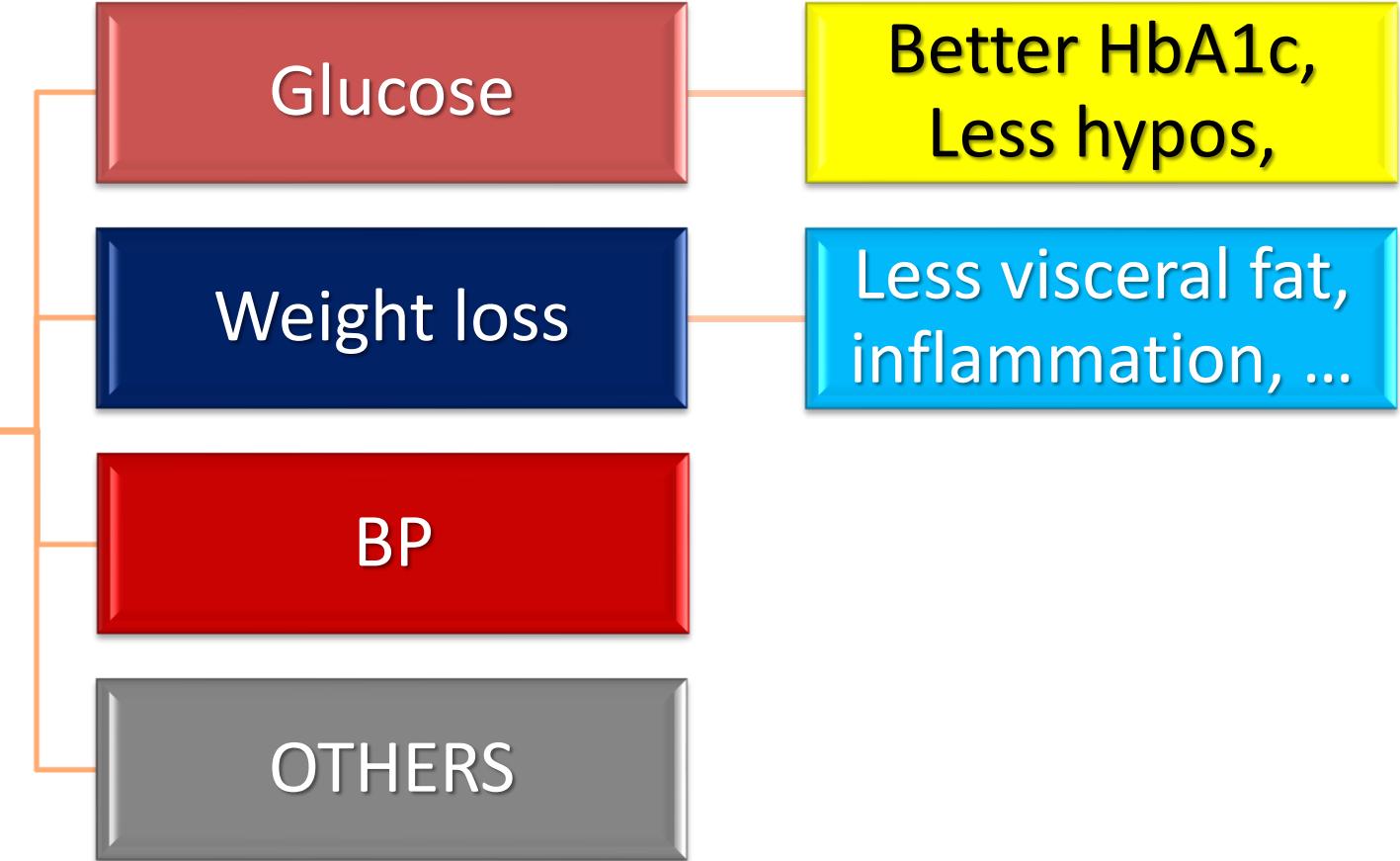
„Yes we can“ ....IMPROVE!

- ✓ ----- MACE
- ✓ ----- CV and total mortality
- ✓ ----- Renal Outcome

- In a short period of time
- In very sick people
- With best CV risk management
- And still elevated HbA1c.....

# Improved outcome

## But HOW DO GLP1 RA improve outcome?

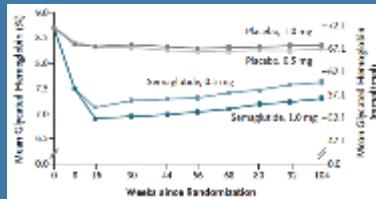


# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

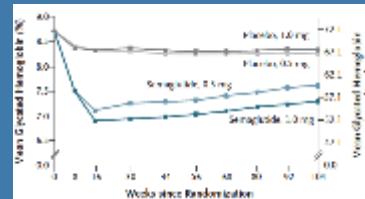
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### HbA1c

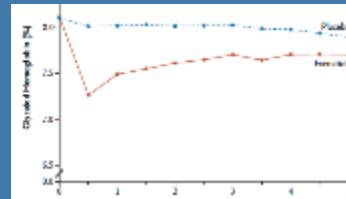
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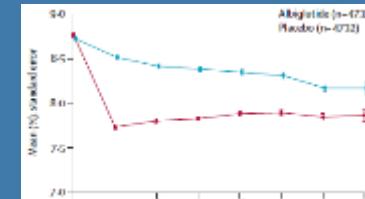
Semaglutide



Exenatide



Albiglutide



Treatment diff

**- 0.4%**

(95% CI – 0.45; – 0.34)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff

**- 0.7%**

(95% CI – 0.80 ; – 0.52)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff

**- 0.5%**

(95% CI – 0.57; – 0.50)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff

**- 0.5%**

(95% CI – 0.58; – 0.45)

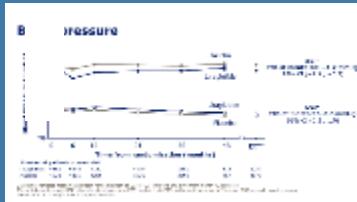
**TECOS-0,29%**  
**EXAMINE-0,36%**

# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

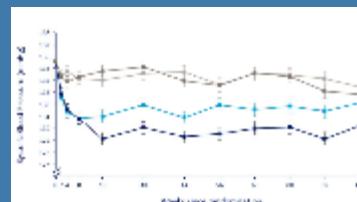
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### Systolic blood pressure

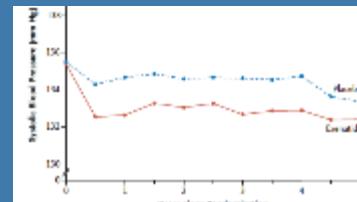
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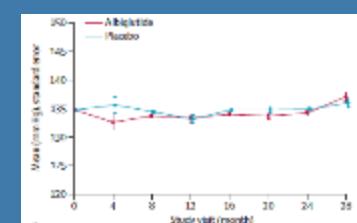
Semaglutide



Exenatide



Albiglutide



Treatment diff  
– 1.2 mmHg  
(95% CI – 1.9; – 0.5)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff  
– 2.6 mmHg  
(95% CI – 4.09 ; – 1.08)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff  
– 1.6 mmHg  
(95% CI – 1.9; – 1.2)  
 $p < 0.001$

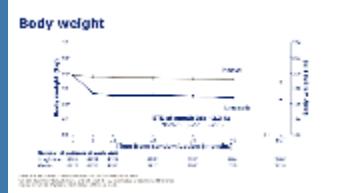
Treatment diff  
– 0.7 mmHg  
(95% CI – 1.40; – 0.06)

# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

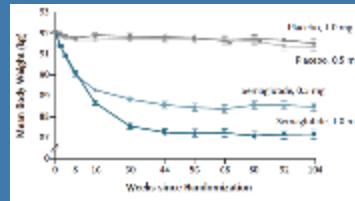
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### Impact on body weight

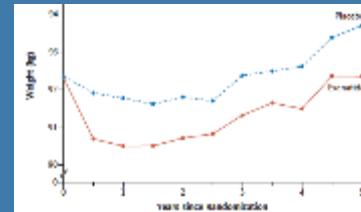
Liraglutide



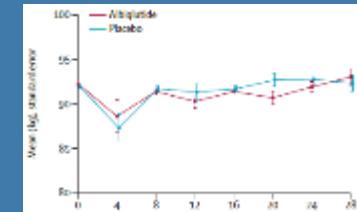
Semaglutide



Exenatide



Albiglutide



Treatment diff

**- 2.3 kg**

(95% CI - 2.54; - 1.99)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff

**- 4.3 kg**

(95% CI - 4.94 ; -3.75)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff

**- 1.3 kg**

(95% CI -1.4; -1.1)  
 $p < 0.001$

Treatment diff

**- 0.8 kg**

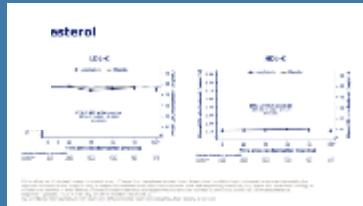
(95% CI - 1,06; - 0.60)

# GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

## Impact on dyslipidaemia

### IMPROVED blood lipids

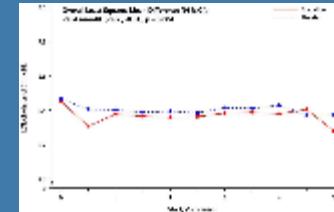
Liraglutide



**Small decrease**  
TC, LDL-C and TGs

**Small increase**  
HDL-C

Semaglutide



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TC, LDL-C and TGs

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HDL-C

Exenatide

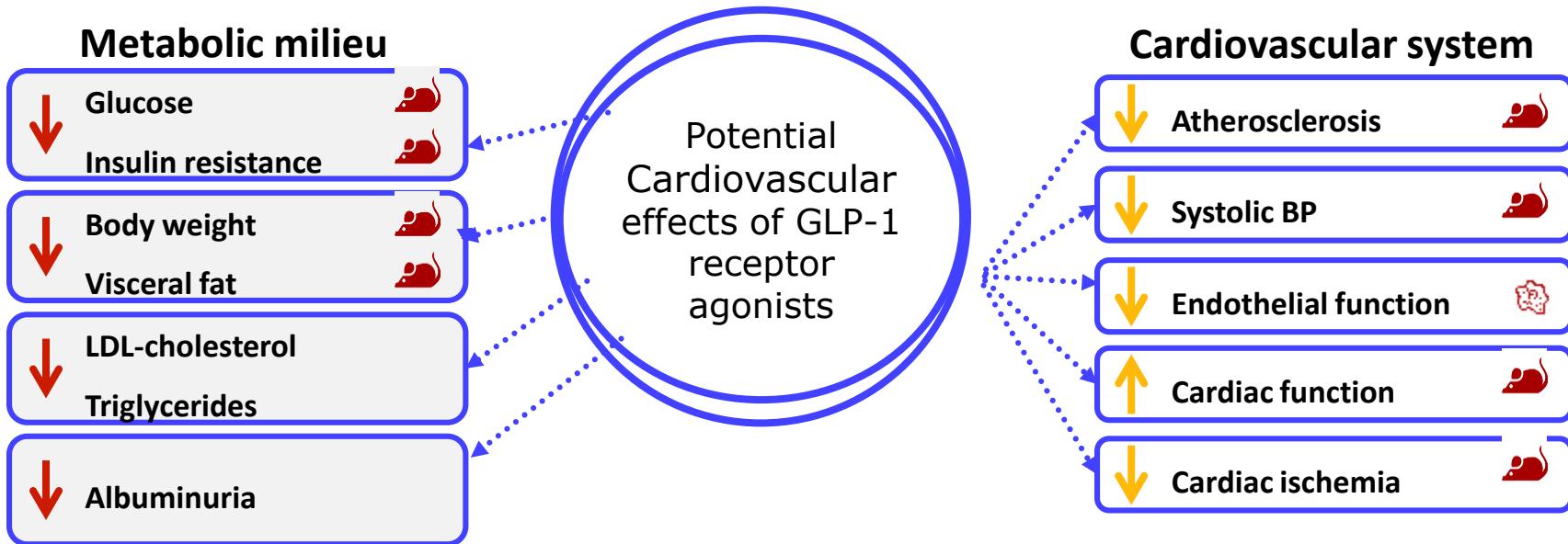
**Small decrease**  
LDL-C and TGs  
  
HDL-C  
**No information**

Albiglutide

**Not measured**

**So ....what are the mechanisms?**

# Potential mechanisms of cardiovascular benefits of glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists



BP, blood pressure; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; LDL, low-density lipoprotein

Adapted from: Lim et al. *Trends Endocrinol Metab* 2018;29:238–47

# Cardiovascular Actions and Clinical Outcomes With Glucagon-Like Peptide-1 Receptor Agonists and Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors

**ABSTRACT:** Potentiation of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) action through selective GLP-1 receptor (GLP-1R) agonism or by prevention of enzymatic degradation by inhibition of dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) promotes glycemic reduction for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus by glucose-dependent control of insulin and glucagon secretion. GLP-1R agonists also decelerate gastric emptying, reduce body weight by reduction of food intake and lower circulating lipoproteins, inflammation,

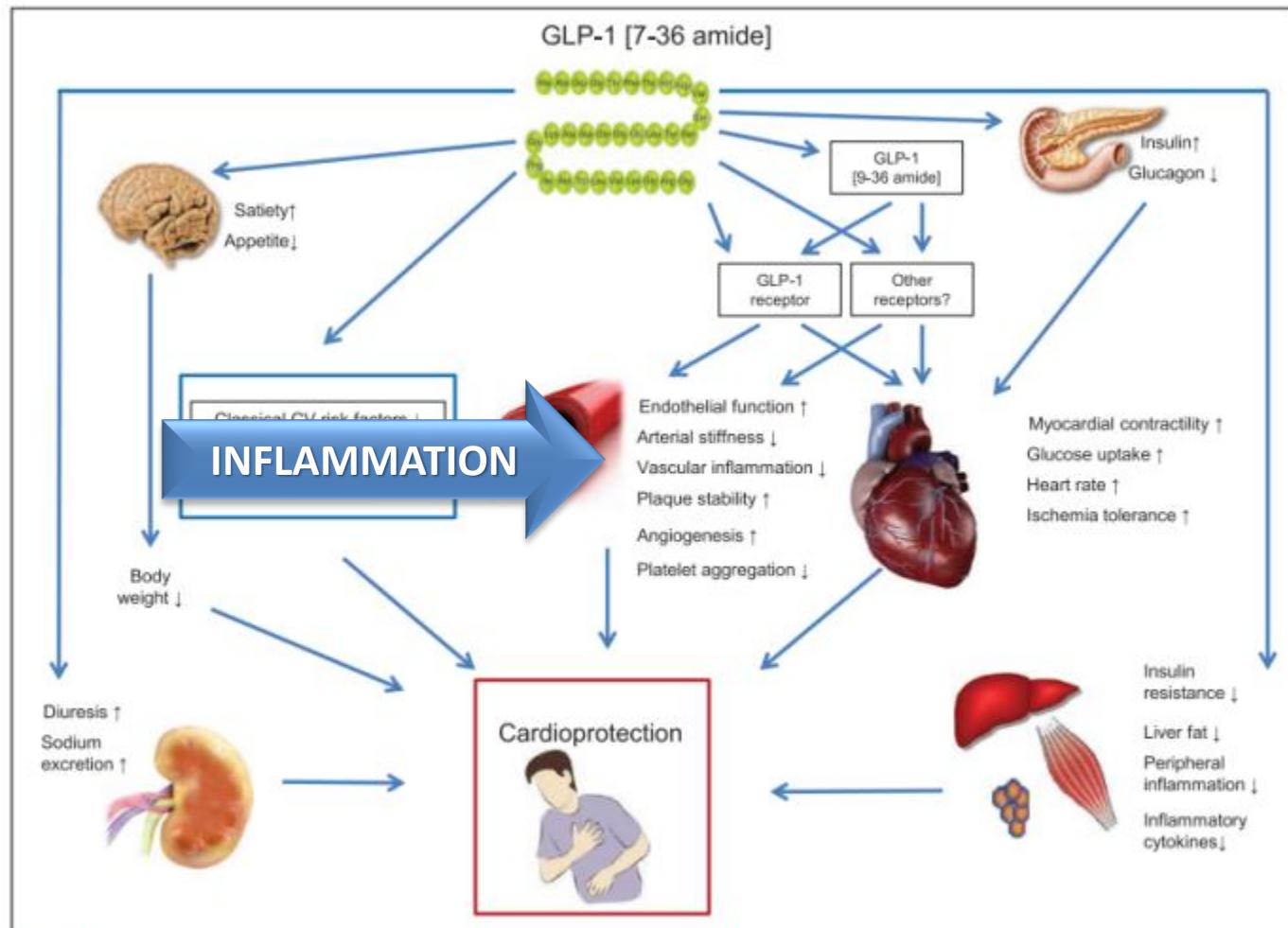
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**Figure 3.** Potential mechanisms mediating a beneficial effect of glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists on reducing cardiovascular events.



## Management of hyperglycaemia in type 2 diabetes, 2018. A consensus report by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)

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# Established CVD

Hypos

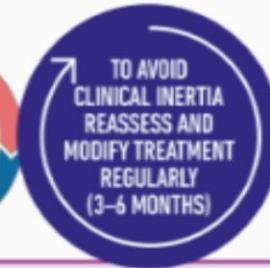
Weight management



# CHOOSING GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATION IN THOSE WITH ESTABLISHED ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE (ASCVD) OR CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD)

**NIAD  
before  
Insulin**

Use principles in Figure 1



**Use metformin unless contraindicated or not tolerated**

**If not at HbA<sub>1c</sub> target:**

- Continue metformin unless contraindicated (remember to adjust dose/stop metformin with declining eGFR)
- Add SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA with proven cardiovascular benefit<sup>1</sup> (See below)

**If at HbA<sub>1c</sub> target:**

- If already on dual therapy, or multiple glucose-lowering therapies and not on an SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA, consider switching to one of these agents with proven cardiovascular benefit<sup>1</sup> (See below)

**OR** reconsider/lower individualised target and introduce SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA

**OR** reassess HbA<sub>1c</sub> at 3 month intervals and add SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA if HbA<sub>1c</sub> goes above target

# Take home message

## OLD view

### MAIN AIM

Early and strict control of HbA1c (...does not matter HOW, the lower the better)

### BUT

No EVIDENCE for a better OUTCOME

„***GLUCO-CENTRIC***“

## NEW

Improvement of CV, renal outcome, reduced mortality!... Better life expectancy

So far only a few substrates could show that

***„Outcome-oriented“***

**It does not matter  
HOW LOW WE GO**

**But it matters  
HOW WE GO LOW**

# **Change of paradigm needed**

**TREAT THE PATIENT  
NOT HIS SUGAR  
REDUCE THE CV RISK  
NOT ONLY THE HBA1C**

Ralph de Fronzo