

# What's New and Improved in Type 2 Diabetes

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“Diabetes is a remarkable affliction, **not very frequent among men**... The course is the common one, namely, the kidneys and the bladder; for the patients never stop making water, but the flow is incessant, as if from the opening of aqueducts.

“Moreover, life is disgusting and painful; thirst, unquenchable; excessive drinking, which, however, is disproportionate to the large quantity of urine, for more urine is passed; and one cannot stop them either from drinking or making water.”

# DIABETES

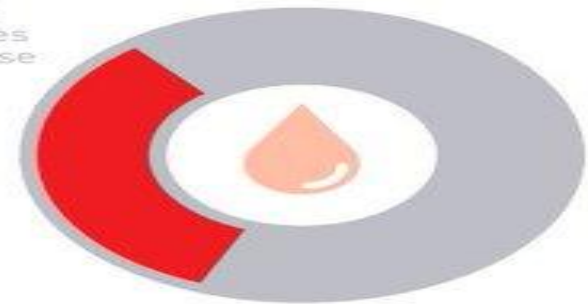
DIABETES IS ON THE RISE



**422** MILLION adults have diabetes

**3.7 MILLION** deaths due to diabetes and high blood glucose

**1.5 MILLION** deaths caused by diabetes



THAT'S 1 PERSON IN 11



## Main types of diabetes



### TYPE 1 DIABETES

Body does not produce enough insulin



### TYPE 2 DIABETES

Body produces insulin but can't use it well



### GESTATIONAL DIABETES

A temporary condition in pregnancy

## Consequences

Diabetes can lead to complications in many parts of the body and increase the risk of dying prematurely.

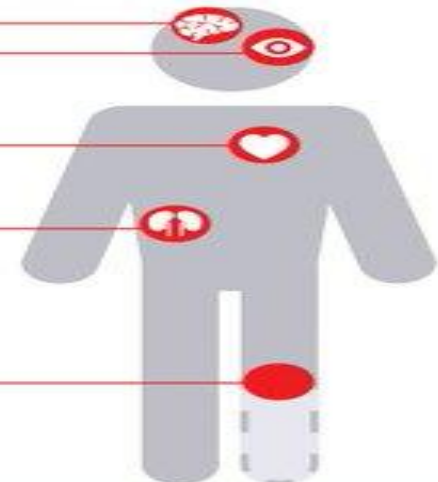
Stroke

Blindness

Heart attack

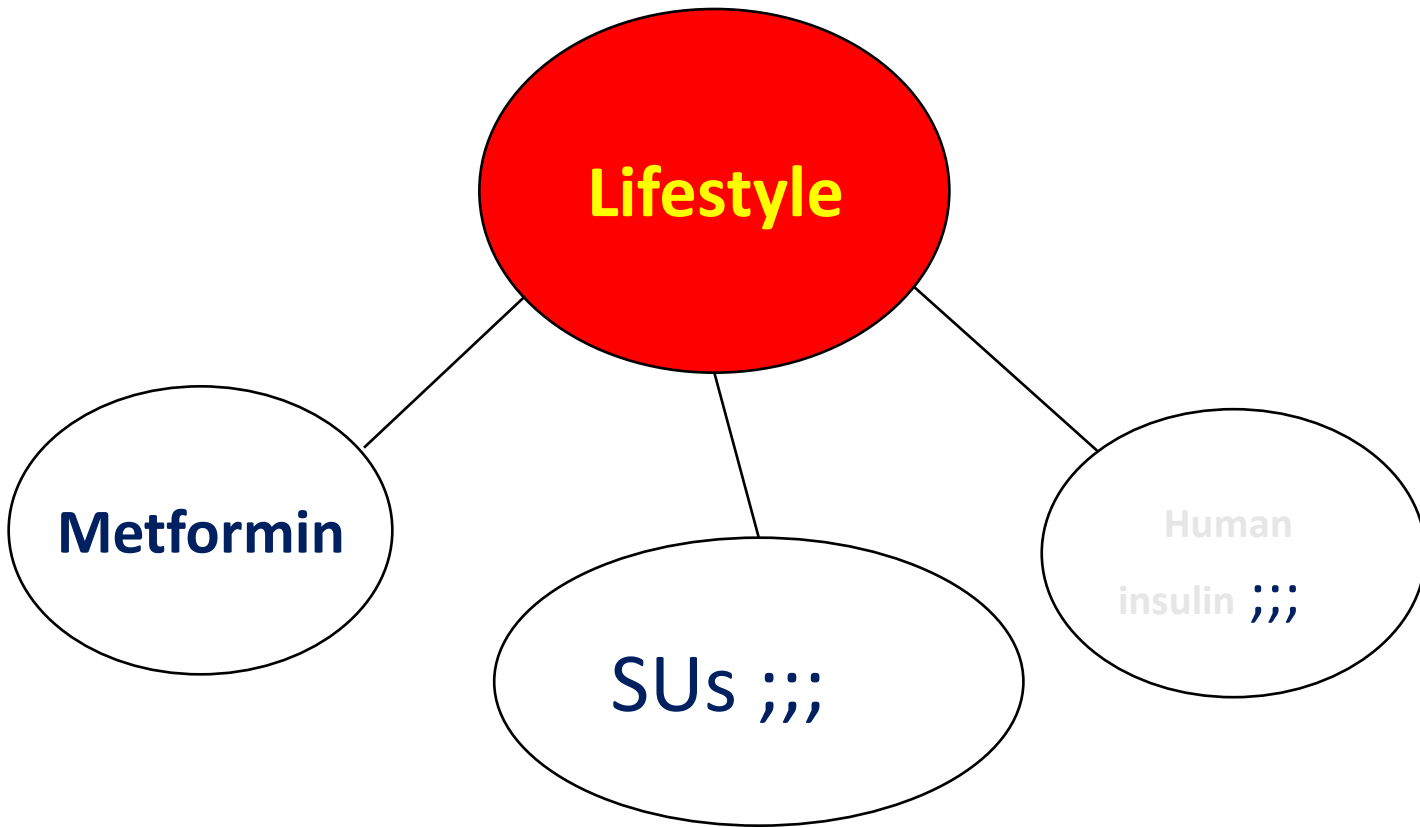
Kidney failure

Amputation



IN THE PAST

# Core Therapies



# Drug Availability for Diabetes 1950 to Present

**Before 1995:** insulin, SFUs,  
**1995:** metformin

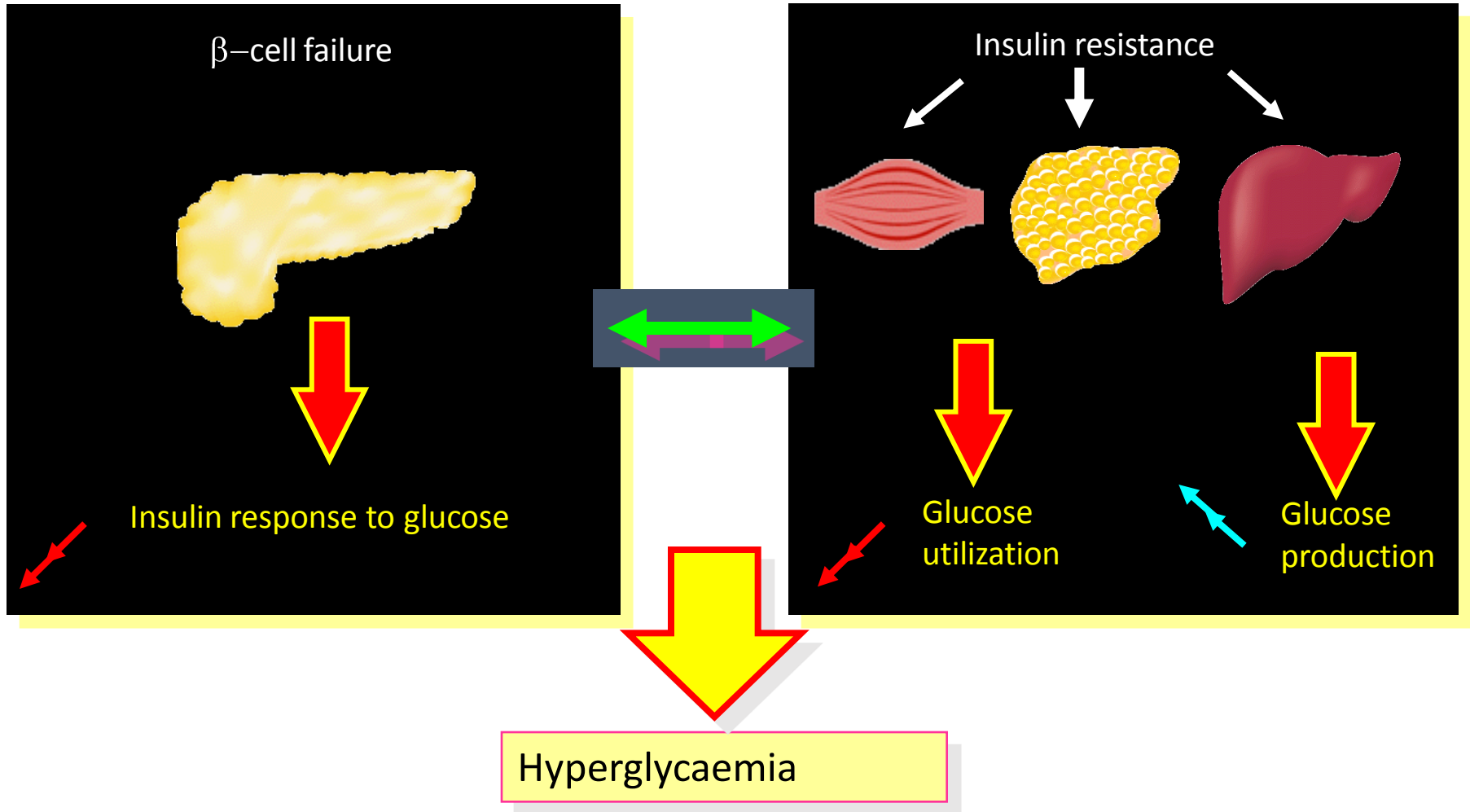
## The Diabetes Epidemic

**Now:** many formulations

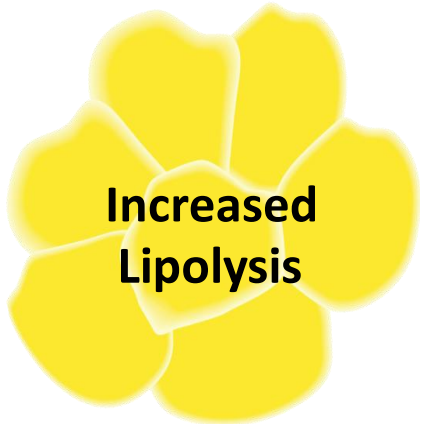
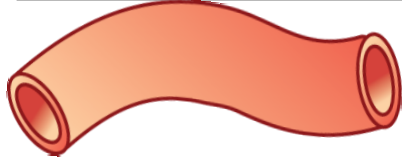


# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

## A SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION



**Decreased Incretin Effect**



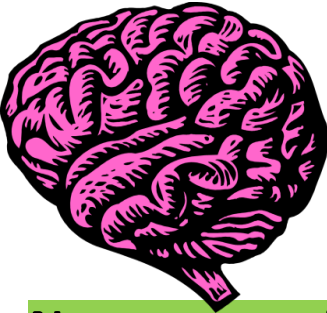
**Increased Lipolysis**



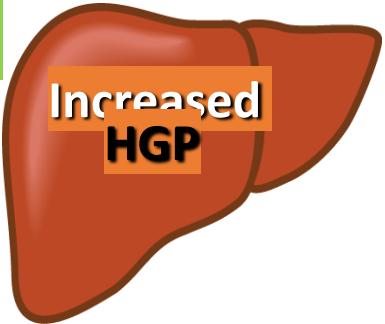
**Increased Glucose Reabsorption**



**Decreased Glucose Uptake**

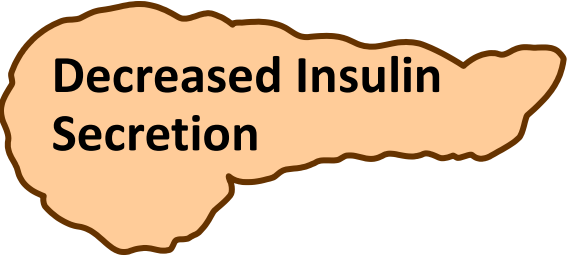


**Neurotransmitter Dysfunction**

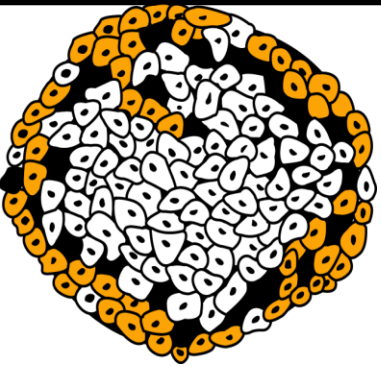


**Increased HGP**

**HYPERGLYCEMIA**



**Decreased Insulin Secretion**



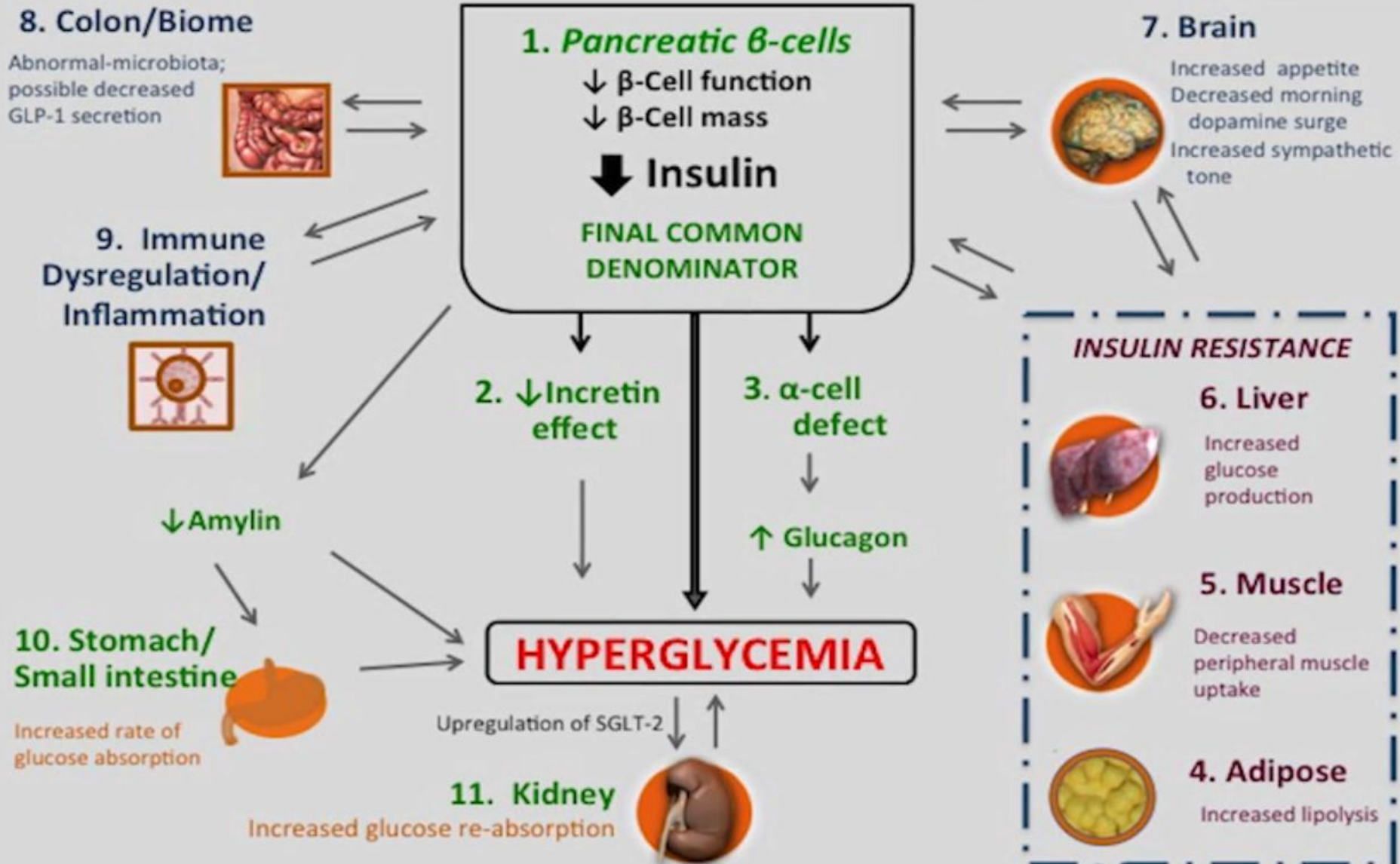
**Islet- $\alpha$  cell**

**Increased Glucagon Secretion**

# EGREGIOUS ELEVEN

## 3A. $\beta$ -Cell-Centric Construct: Egregious Eleven

The  $\beta$ -Cell is the FINAL COMMON DENOMINATOR of  $\beta$ -Cell Damage



**GLYCEMIC CONTROL AND COMPLICATION  
OUTCOME IN T2DM:  
WHERE HAVE WE BEEN;;;;**

# **Effect Of Rosiglitazone on the risk Of Myocardial Infraction and Death From Cardiovascular Causes**

**Nissens meta analysis of 42 Rosiglitazone Studies:**

**OR of 1.43 for Acute MI risk  
and 1.64 for the risk of cardiac death**

**The US FDA revised their approval process for newer Antidiabetic agents recommending that apart from lowering HbA1c, sponsors should Demonstrate that **the therapy does not increase CV risk to an unacceptable extent****

# Mortality Risk with Sulfonylurea

- **Meta-analysis in Diabetes Care (May 08)** suggests CV risk increased by 43% compared to active control
- **Most likely mediated through hypos and weight gain**

# Mortality Risk with Sulfonylurea Monotherapy

Diabetes Care Publish Ahead of Print, published online March 9, 2010

*Mortality Risk with Sulfonylurea Monotherapy*

**The Risk of Overall Mortality in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Receiving Glipizide, Glyburide, or Glimpiride Monotherapy: A Retrospective Analysis**

**Short Running Title:** Mortality Risk with Sulfonylurea Monotherapy

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Results did not identify an increased mortality risk among the individual sulfonylureas.

**Pantalone KM. et al Diabetes Care 2010 ; 33:1224-29**

# Glycemic Control and Macrovascular Disease

## ACCORD

The NEW ENGLAND  
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JUNE 12, 2008

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Effects of Intensive Glucose Lowering in Type 2 Diabetes

The Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes Study Group\*

## ADVANCE

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Intensive Blood Glucose Control and Vascular  
Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

The ADVANCE Collaborative Group\*

## VADT

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Glucose Control and Vascular Complications  
in Veterans with Type 2 Diabetes

William Duckworth, M.D., Carlos Abraira, M.D., Thomas Moritz, M.S.,  
Domenic Reda, Ph.D., Nicholas Emanuele, M.D., Peter D. Reaven, M.D.,

ACCORD Study Group. *N Engl J Med.* 2008;358:2545-2559.

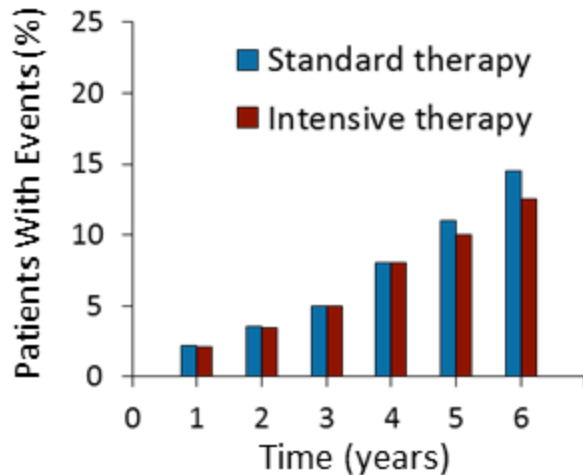
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Duckworth W, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2009;360:129-139.

# Intensive Glycemic Control Increased All-cause Mortality (ACCORD)<sup>[a]</sup>

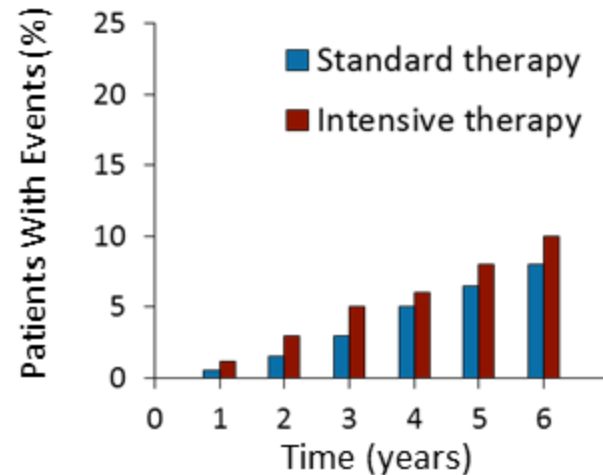
## Primary outcome\*

Nonsignificant reduction in CV events in intensive group (HR = 0.90,  $P = .16$ )



## Death from any cause

Increased mortality in intensive group (HR = 1.22,  $P = .04$ )



Mortality did not increase in other outcome trials  
(eg, VADT and ADVANCE)<sup>[b,c]</sup>

\*MACE: nonfatal MI, nonfatal stroke, or CV death

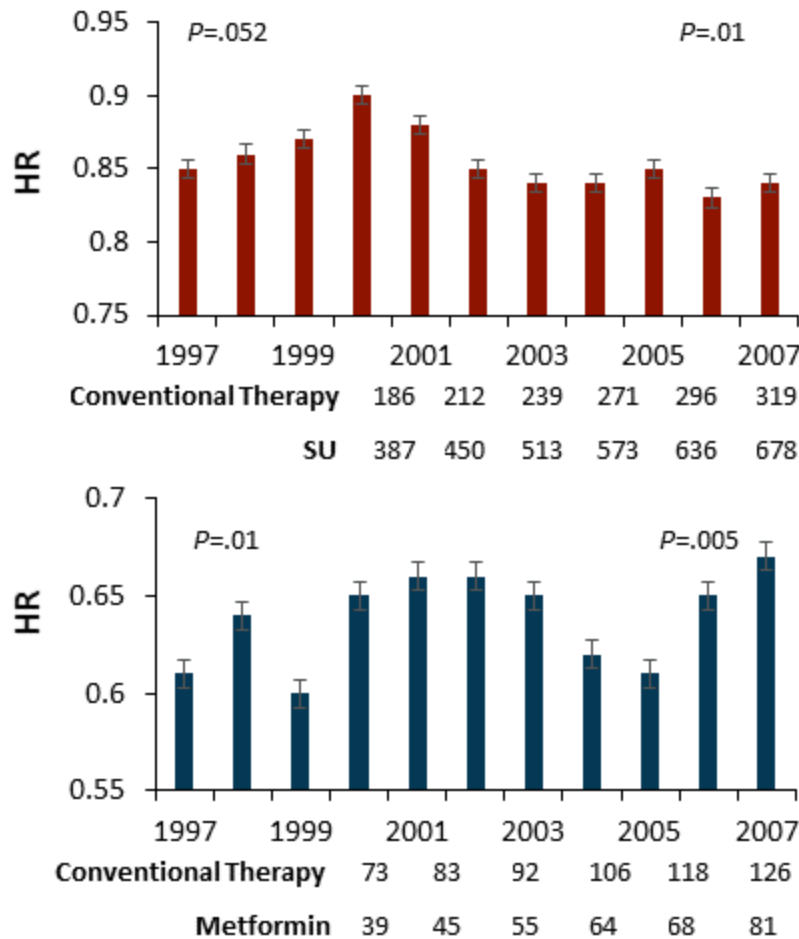
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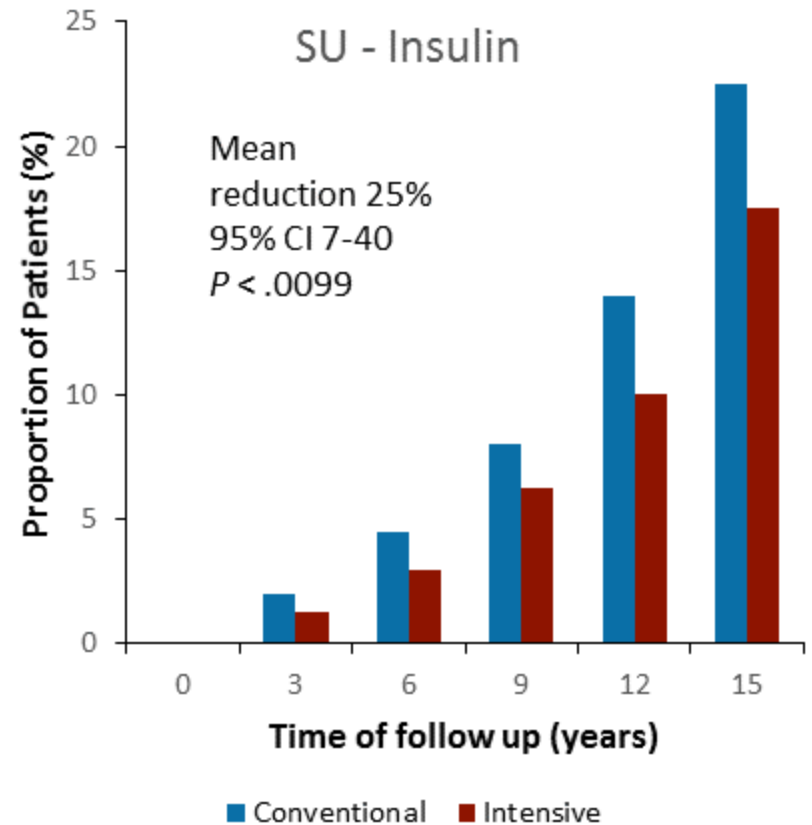
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# Glucose-lowering Drugs in T2DM: Effect on CV Endpoints (cont)

Decrease in MI by HbA1c -0.9% in T2DM<sup>[a]</sup>



Decrease in microvascular complications by HbA1c -0.9% in T2DM<sup>[b]</sup>



a. Holman RR, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2008;359:1577-1589.

b. UKPDS study group. *Lancet*. 1998;352:837-853.

# The Need for CV Outcomes Studies

- In 2008, the US FDA recommended that manufacturers developing new drugs and biologics for T2D provide evidence that the therapy will not increase the risk of CV events
- Applies to all T2D drugs currently under development

**Glucose control by itself has not been definitively shown to reduce CV events**

# December 2008 FDA Guidance on Evaluating CV Risk in New Antidiabetic Therapies for T2DM

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## Guidance for Industry

### Diabetes Mellitus — Evaluating Cardiovascular Risk in New Antidiabetic Therapies to Treat Type 2 Diabetes

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

December 2008  
Clinical Medical

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### III. RECOMMENDATIONS

To establish the safety of a new antidiabetic therapy to treat type 2 diabetes, sponsors should demonstrate that the therapy will not result in an unacceptable increase in cardiovascular risk. To ensure that a new therapy does not increase cardiovascular risk to an unacceptable extent, the development program for a new type 2 antidiabetic therapy should include the following.

For new clinical studies in the planning stage:

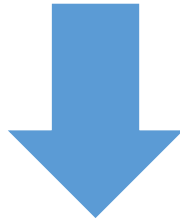
- Sponsors should establish an independent cardiovascular endpoints committee to prospectively adjudicate, in a blinded fashion, cardiovascular events during all phase 2 and phase 3 trials. These events should include cardiovascular mortality, myocardial infarction, and stroke, and can include hospitalization for acute coronary syndrome, urgent revascularization procedures, and possibly other endpoints.
- Sponsors should ensure that phase 2 and phase 3 clinical trials are appropriately designed and conducted so that a meta-analysis can be performed at the time of completion of these studies that appropriately accounts for important study design features and patient or study level covariates. To obtain sufficient endpoints to allow a meaningful estimate of risk, the phase 2 and phase 3 programs should include patients at higher risk of cardiovascular events, such as patients with relatively advanced disease, elderly patients, and patients with some degree of renal impairment. Because these types of patients are likely to be treated with the antidiabetic agent, if approved, this population is more appropriate than a younger and healthier population for assessment of other aspects of the test drug's safety.
- Sponsors also should provide a protocol describing the statistical methods for the proposed meta-analysis, including the endpoints that will be assessed. At this time, we believe it would be reasonable to include in a meta-analysis all placebo-controlled trials, add-on trials (i.e., drug versus placebo, each added to standard therapy), and active-

# Traditional vs. diabetes cardiovascular outcomes trials

## Traditional CVOTs

Aim: Demonstrate CV benefit

Initiation of treatment vs. active comparator



No treatment adjustment

Difference (e.g. HbA<sub>1c</sub>) observed between treatment arms



Significant reduction in CV outcomes vs. active comparator

**Lower CV risk vs. comparator**

## Diabetes CVOTs

Aim: Demonstrate CV safety

Initiation of blinded treatment/placebo

Maintain similar HbA<sub>1c</sub> levels in treatment arms



Treatment adjustment

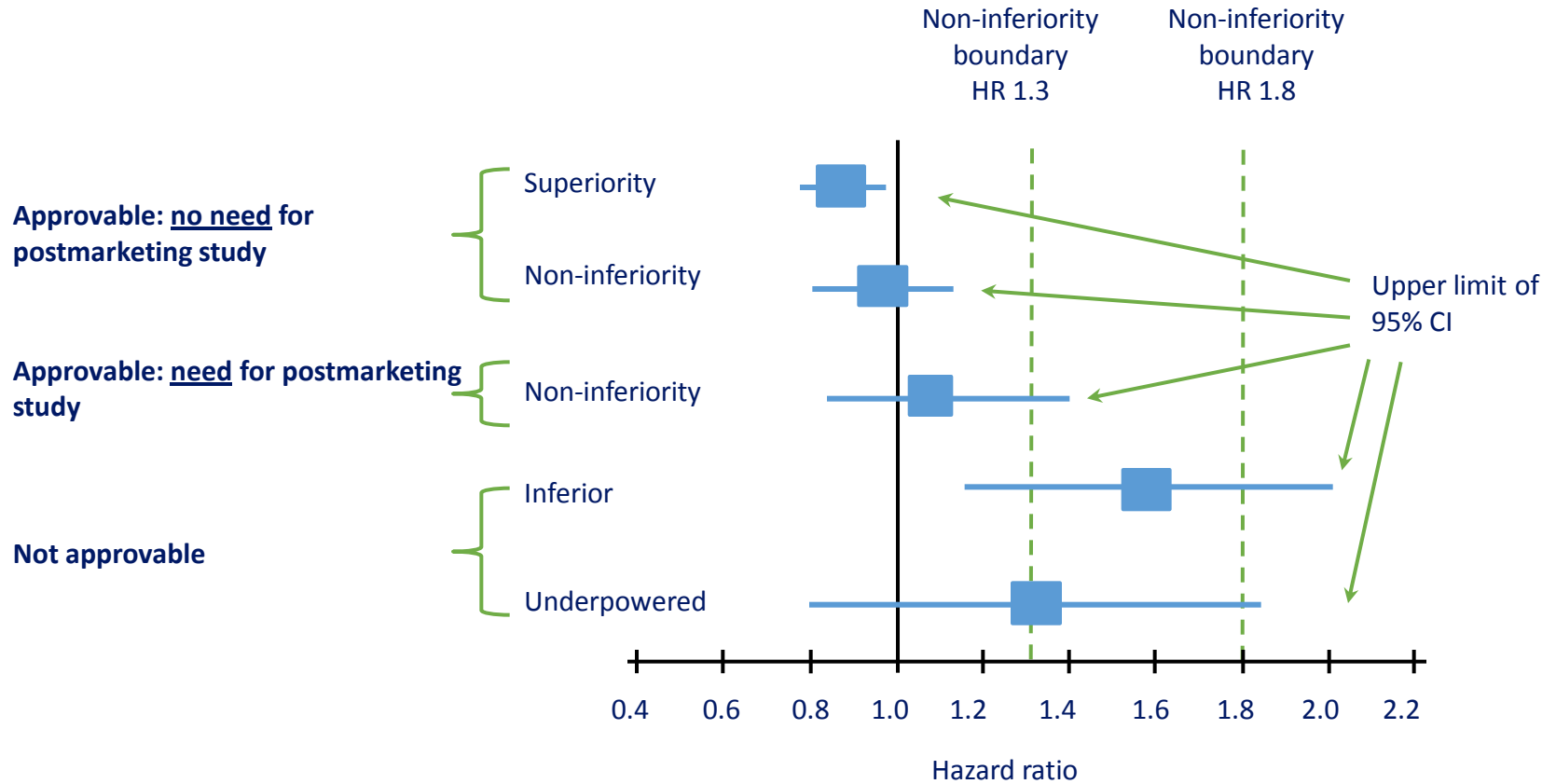
Small/no difference (e.g. HbA<sub>1c</sub>) observed between treatment arms



Noninferiority vs. placebo

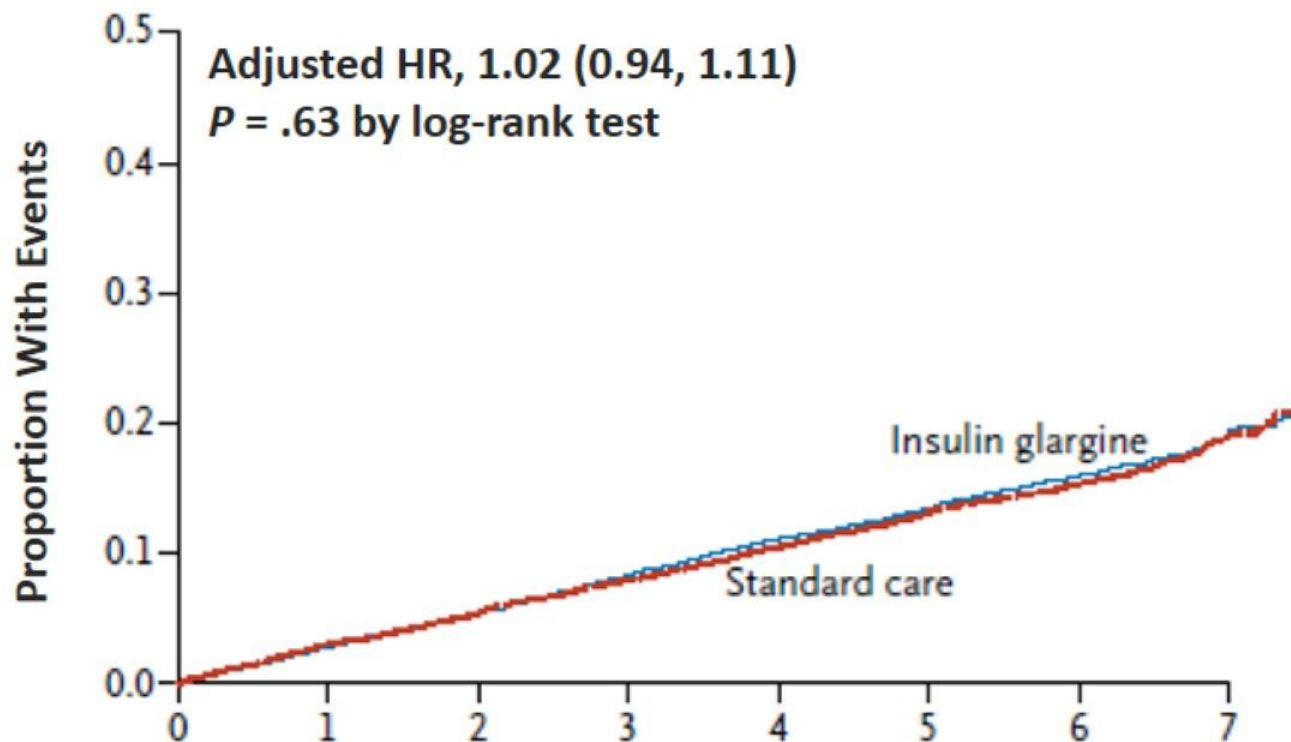
**No unacceptable increase in CV risk vs. placebo as part of standard care**

# FDA criteria for requirement of a postmarketing CV outcomes trial



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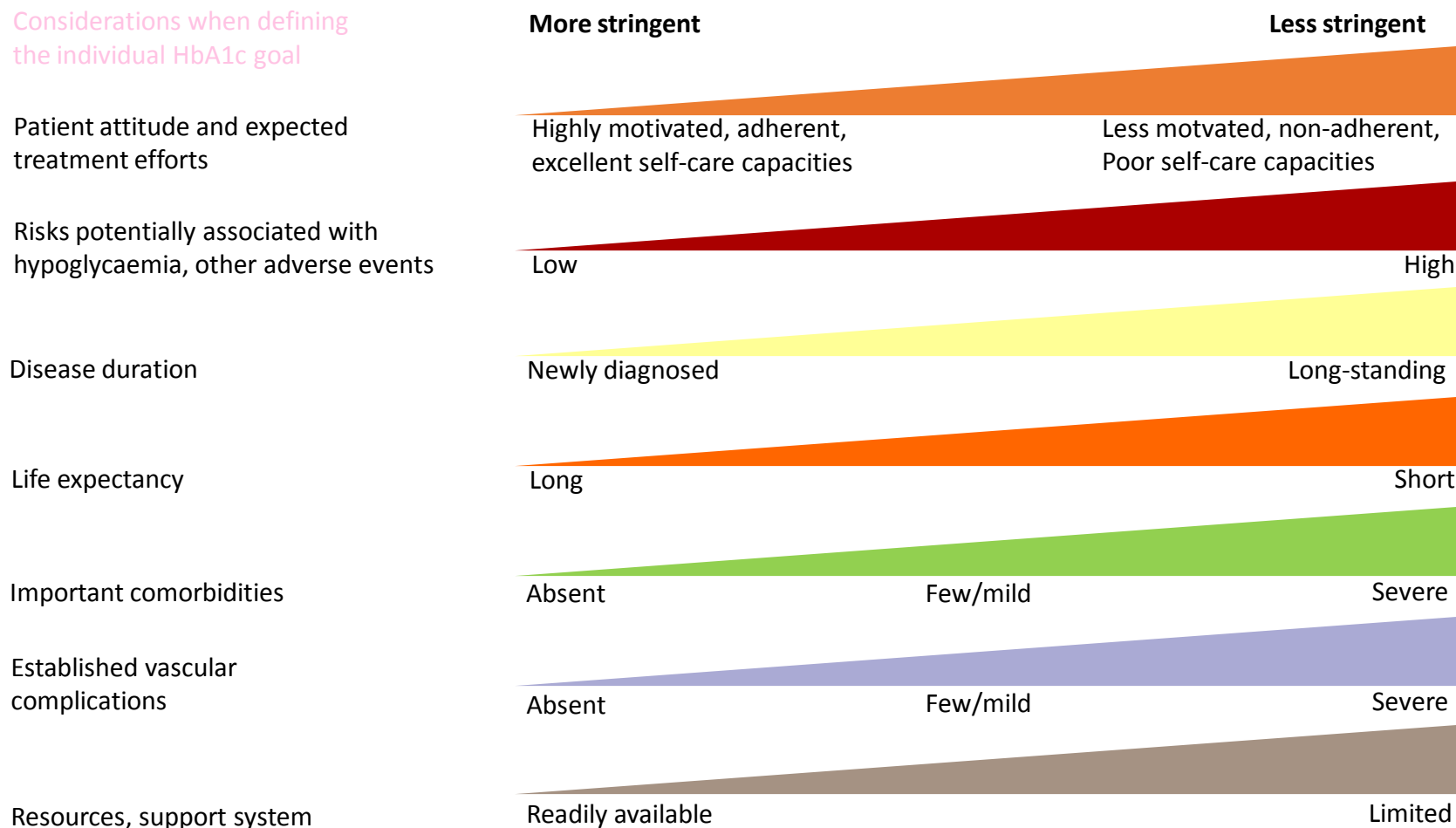
## MI, Stroke, or Death From CV Causes



No. at Risk		Follow-Up, y						
Insulin glargine	6264	6057	5850	5619	5379	5151	3611	766
Standard care	6273	6043	5847	5632	5415	5156	3639	800

# ADA/EASD position statement: A patient-centered approach but a potential inducer of clinical inertia?

Considerations when defining the individual HbA1c goal



## PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME



- "Not every drug is for every patient, not every patient is for every drug"

# Hippocrates

**It's far more important to know what person the disease has than what disease the person has.**

# Modern Antihyperglycemic Agents

Drug Class	Clinical Actions	Effect on Weight	Risk of Hypoglycemia
GLP-1 receptor agonists	↓ Glucagon ↑ Insulin release	Loss	Low
DPP-4 inhibitors	↓ Glucagon ↑ Insulin release	Neutral	Low
SGLT2 inhibitors	↑ Urinary glucose excretion	Loss	Low

**Complementary mechanisms of action;  
agents may be combined together**

# DPP4 INHIBITORS

Drugs belonging to this class are:

[Gemigliptin](#) (approved in Korea in 2012, marketed by [LG Life Sciences](#)) Marketed as Zemiglo

[Anagliptin](#) (approved in Japan in 2012, marketed by Sanwa Kagaku Kenkyusho Co., Ltd. and Kowa Company, Ltd.)

[Teneligliptin](#) (approved in Japan in 2012)

[Alogliptin](#) (FDA approved 2013, marketed [Takeda Pharmaceutical Company](#))

[Trelagliptin](#) (approved for use in Japan in 2015)

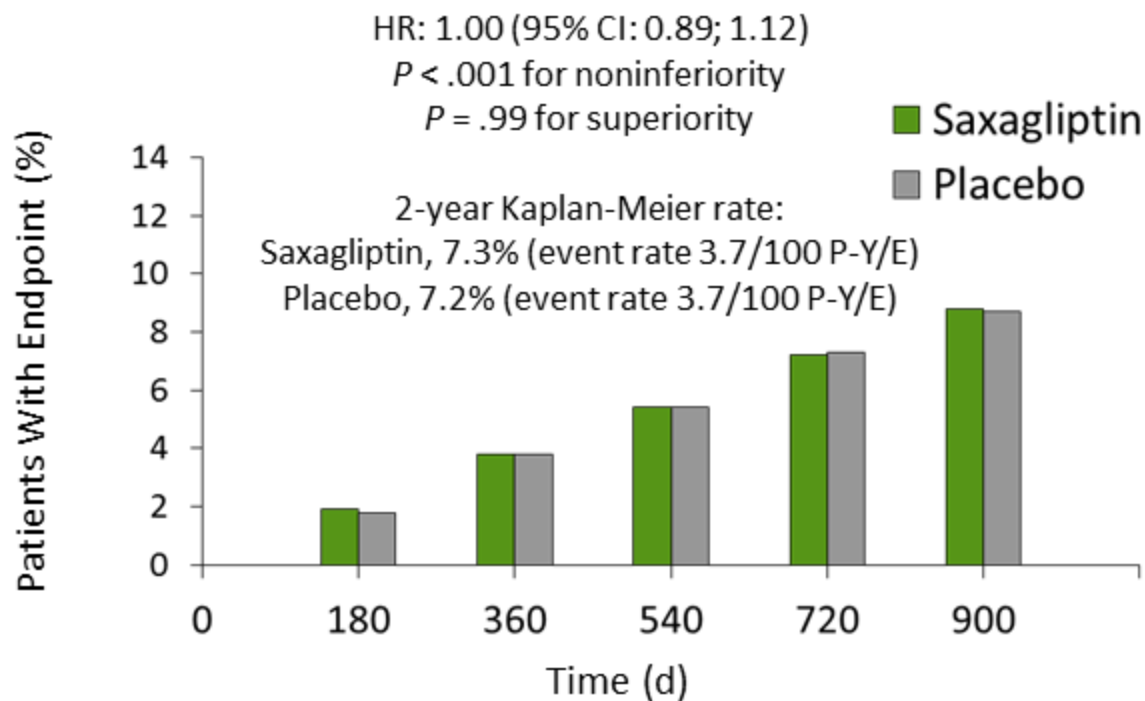
[Omarigliptin](#) (MK-3102) (approved in Japan in 2015, developed by [Merck & Co.](#); research showed that omarigliptin can be used as once-weekly treatment and generally well-tolerated throughout the base and extension studies)

[Evogliptin](#) (approved for use in South Korea)

[Dutogliptin](#) (being developed by [Phenomix Corporation](#))

- **retagliptin**

# SAVOR-TIMI 53: Primary Endpoint: CV Death, Nonfatal MI or Nonfatal Ischemic Stroke



**No. at risk**

Placebo	8212	7983	7761	7267	4855	851
Saxagliptin	8280	8071	7836	7313	4920	847

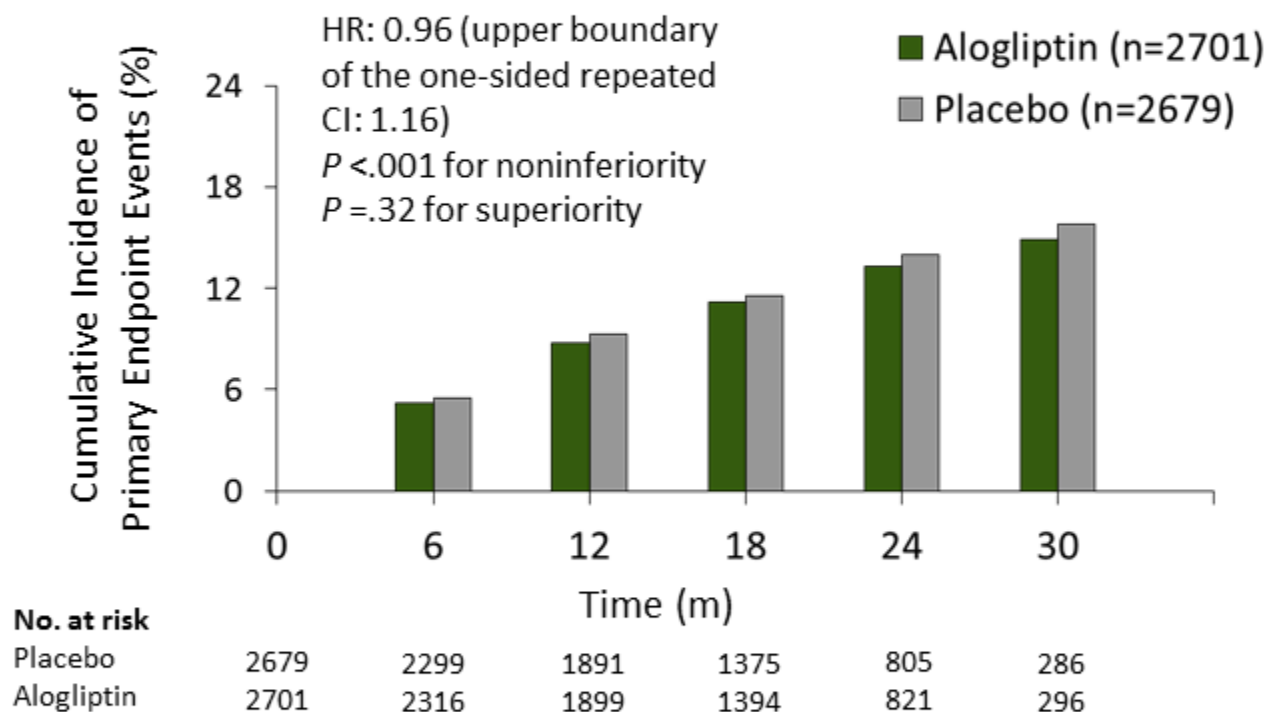
# Individual Endpoints

## ITT Population

### 2-year KM rate (%)

	Placebo (N=8,212)	Saxagliptin (N=8,280)	HR	<i>p value for superiority</i>
CV Death	2.9	3.2	1.03 (0.87-1.22)	0.72
MI	3.4	3.2	0.95 (0.80-1.12)	0.52
Ischemic Stroke	1.7	1.9	1.11 (0.88-1.39)	0.38
Hosp for Cor. Revasc	5.6	5.2	0.91 (0.80-1.04)	0.18
Hosp for UA	1.0	1.2	1.19 (0.89-1.60)	0.24
Hosp for Heart Failure	2.8	3.5	1.27 (1.07-1.51)	0.007
All-Cause Mortality	4.2	4.9	1.11 (0.96-1.27)	0.15

# EXAMINE: Time to First Occurrence of Primary Endpoint



After a median exposure of 18 months, the rates of primary composite endpoints were similar in the alogliptin and placebo groups (11.3% and 11.8%, respectively)

Primary endpoint: composite of death from CV causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke.

# TECOS: Sitagliptin CV Outcomes

## MACE analysis<sup>[a]</sup>

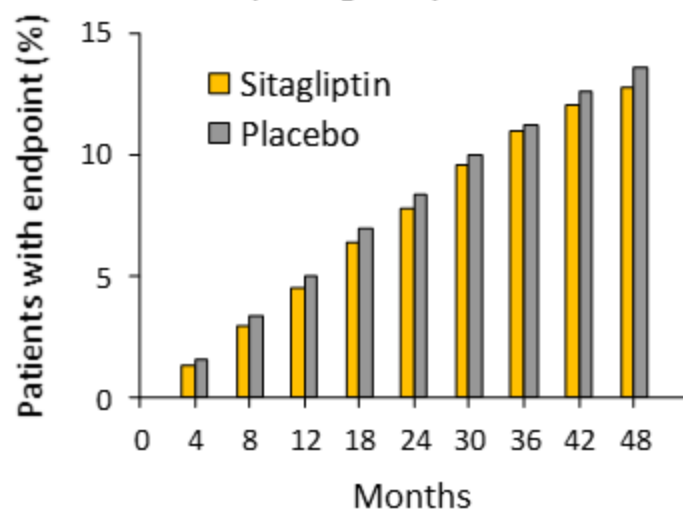
	Sitagliptin-exposed N=5429	Non-exposed (placebo or active comparator; N=4817)
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MACE incidence rate/100 P-Y	0.65	0.74
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Exposure-adjusted rate ratio (95% CI)	0.83 (0.53; 1.30)	
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## TECOS<sup>[b]</sup>

CV-related death, nonfatal MI,  
nonfatal stroke, or unstable angina  
requiring hospitalization

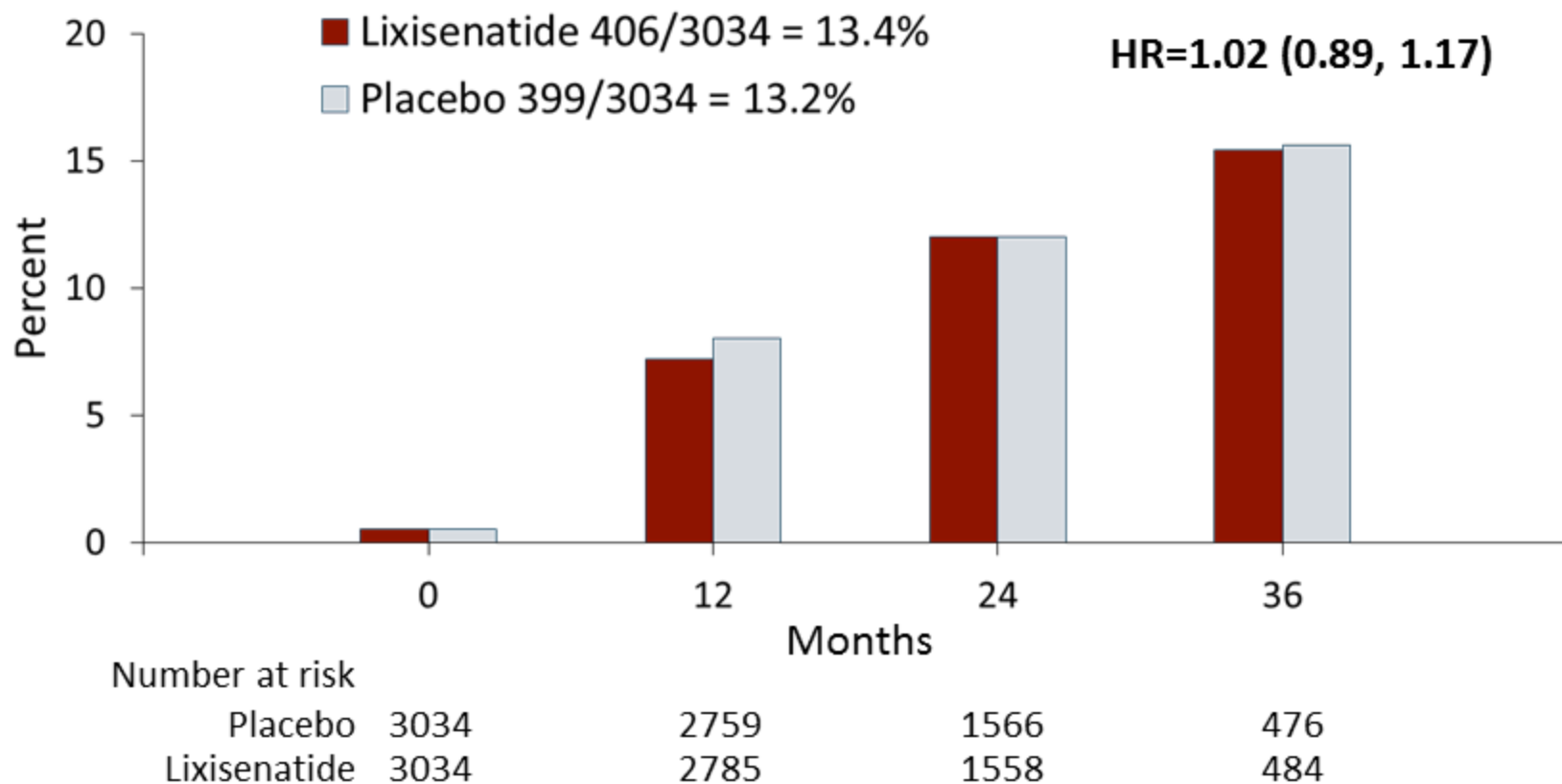


Hazard ratio (95% CI) 0.98; (0.88, 1.09)  
 $P < .001$  for noninferiority

a. Engel SS, et al. *Cardiovasc Diabetol*. 2013;12:1-11.

b. Green JB et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2015; 373: 232-242.





# ELIXA: Primary Outcome: CV Death, Nonfatal MI, Nonfatal Stroke, or Hospitalization for Unstable Angina



- Subgroup interactions were analysed, but none were significant

# Trials of glucose lowering drugs in T2DM

Neutral outcome

Trial	Drug	Patients	FU (yrs)	Endpoint	Results
	Saxagliptin	T2DM + CVD ACS or High risk for CVD	2.1	Cardvasc death	<b>No diffe- rence</b>
	Alogliptin		1.5	or Non-fatal myocardial infarction	
	Sitagliptin		3.0	or stroke	
	Lixisenatide		2.1		

# Impact of Intensive vs Conventional Glycemic-Lowering Strategies on Risk of CV Outcomes Is Unclear

- Lowering of HbA<sub>1c</sub> has been shown to reduce microvascular disease<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Reduction of macrovascular risk has not been consistently observed<sup>3-5</sup>

## Chronic complications of diabetes

