

Type 2 Diabetes

Sodium Glucose Co-Transporter 2 Inhibitors
Empagliflozin (Jardiance)
Dapagliflozin (Forxiga)

SGLT-2i's "First Option For Second Line Therapy?"

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Conflicts

- Presenter honoraria from Lilly, BI, AZ, Novo, MSD
- Travel sponsorship from Lilly, BI and AZ
- I performed none of the research I will discuss

since 2015

Summary

- **Goals of treatment for patients with T2DM are to**
 - Prevent or delay complications
 - Maintain quality of life
- **Many therapeutic choices now available for T2DM**
 - Medications that decrease CV events & promote weight loss are desirable
- **SGLT-2i are beneficial to many patients**
 - but do not need to be the "first option for second line therapy" in all patients

Outline

- 20 slides
- Introduction
- Why glycaemic control/treatment matters
- Glucose lowering medications
- SGLT-2i pros and cons

Unfit
Sad
Fat



Fit
Happy
Lighter

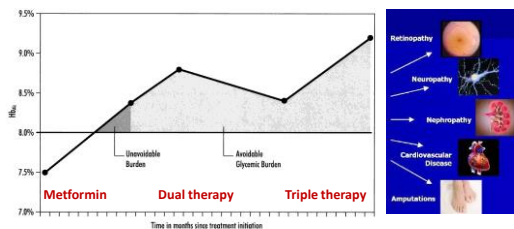
Setting the scene

- Most oral hypoglycaemic agents reduce HbA_{1c} by 0.5-1.0%
- Worldwide, guidelines recommend **metformin** as 1st medication
- **2nd line treatment needed in nearly all patients**
 - Little consensus on next agent should be/lack of good comparative data
 - Considerable variation across clinicians/countries
- **2nd line treatment often delayed***
 - Australian 1^o care study, n=76,341 on non-insulin therapies (2005–2013)
 - Mean time spent with HbA_{1c} >7% before intensification was 15 months

*Diabetes Res Clin Pract 2017

Glycaemic burden

Cumulative amount by which HbA_{1c} exceeds a specified treatment goal



Age at Dx:

Diabetes journey

Diabetes Care 2013

Summary glucose lowering T2DM RCT's pre-2008 "less intensive VS intensive glucose control"

RCT's 1998-2008	Microvascular	CV disease	Mortality
UKPDS 9% → 7.9% v 7%	↓	↔	↔
ACCORD 8.3% → 7.5% v 6.4%	↓ Albuminuria	↔	↑
ADVANCE 7.5% → 7.3% v 6.5%	↓	↔	↔
VADT 9.4% → 8.4% v 6.9%	↓	↔	↔

■ Initial trial UKPDS at Dx
■ Extended Others approx. 10yrs duration

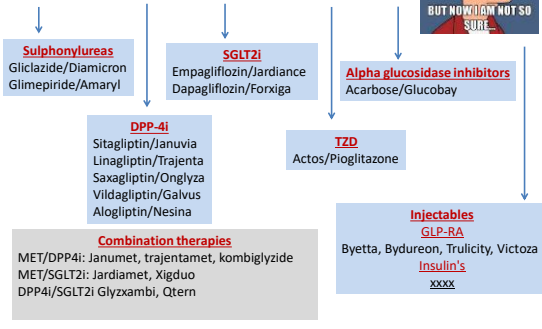
Go hard early, less hard later

Summary of T2DM CVOT's since 2008 "individual new drug vs placebo" matched for glucose lowering

RCT's >2008	Agent	CV events	CV mortality	Heart Failure
EXAMINE	DPP4i Nesina	↔	↔	↔
SAVOUR	DPP4i Onglyza	↔	↔	↑ (HR1.27)
TECOS	DPP4i Januvia	↔	↔	↔
ELIXA	GLP-RA	↔	↔	↔
EXSCEL	GLP-RA Bydureon	↔	↔	↔
LEADER	GLP-RA Victoza	↓ HR 0.87	↔	↔
SUSTAIN-6	GLP-RA	↓ HR 0.74	↓ HR 0.78	↔
HARMONY	GLP-RA	↓ HR 0.78	↔	↔
EMPA-REG	SGLT2i Jardiance	↓ HR 0.86	↓ HR 0.62	↓ HR 0.65
CANVAS	SGLT2i	↓ HR 0.86	↔	↓ HR 0.67

CARMELINA – Linagliptin
 DECLARE – Dapagliflozin
 >70,000 patients. Most with CVD, overweight, HbA1c 8.5%

Metformin, then what?



Too Many Choices A Problem That Can Paralyse



Questions to consider

- Is there clinical CVD?
- Is there clinical HF?
- Is there mild/mod DKD?
- Is there a compelling need to avoid hypoglycaemia?
- Is there a compelling need to avoid weight gain or promote weight loss?
- Patient preferences?
- Is cost a major issue?
- What diabetes medications am I familiar with?

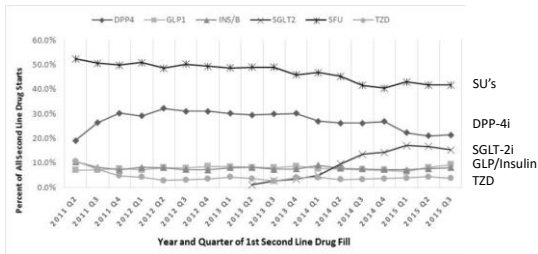
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Sulfonylureas

- Increase insulin secretion
- Cheap, extensive experience, decrease microvascular risk
- Older SU's Glibenclamide: more hypoglycaemia/? CV risk
- Modern SU's Gliclazide/Diamicon MR: less harm
- Large meta-analysis of drug classes
 - SU's had higher risk of MI compared with DPP-4 inhibitors
- Adverse
 - Hypoglycaemia and few kg weight gain
 - No proven CV benefit and possible CV harm
 - Caution in certain groups i.e. elderly and certain occupations

UKPDS Lancet 1998 ADVANCE NEJM 2008 JAMA 2018

2nd line diabetes medication in USA



Prescriptions. 77,744 adults enrolled in commercial or Medicare Advantage health plans from 2011 to 2015.

BMJ Open Diab Res Care 2017

Thiazolidinediones: TZD's "Glitazones"

- Increase insulin sensitivity of fat, muscle, liver
- Not often used anymore
 - low dose **Pioglitazone/Actos** may have a niche role
 - In very insulin resistant. Possible CV/NAFLD/CVA benefits
- *Patients should be made aware of:*
 - **increased risk of oedema, heart failure, weight gain, bladder cancer and fractures**

Proactive study Lancet 2005, IRIS NEJM 2016

Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors DPP-4i "Gliptins"

- Inhibits DPP-4 activity, increasing gut incretins: GLP-1, GIP
- Stimulate (glucose-dependent) insulin release from the pancreas and decrease glucagon secretion
- Very well tolerated with large safe evidence-base
 - **Sitagliptin/Januvia, Linagliptin/Trajenta**
- **Hypoglycaemia rare, weight neutral, CVD neutral.**
- Can be used with low GFR
- Adverse
 - Rare: angioedema/urticaria
 - Very rare: acute pancreatitis/IBD
 - ? heart failure hospitalisation HR 1.27 (saxagliptin/onglyza)
 - Don't use with GLP-RA's

Sirica NEJM 2013, Green NEJM 2015, EASD 2018

Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonists: GLP-1RA "Incretins"

- Bind to the GLP-1 receptor:
 - Stimulates (glucose-dependent) insulin release and decreases glucagon secretion
 - Slows gastric emptying and increases satiety
- **Injected** subcutaneously OD, BD, OW - A1c reduction 0.7-1.7%
 - **Byetta** (+insulin), **Bydureon, Trulicity**
 - Victoza/Saxenda
- **Hypoglycaemia rare, weight loss 2-5kg**
- **CVD and mortality benefit in CVD patients** (Liraglutide/Semaglutide)
- Adverse
 - GI side effect: nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea.
 - Acute pancreatitis: ABDO PAIN/VOMITING =ED
 - Increases Heart rate
 - C-cell hyperplasia medullary thyroid tumours (animals)
 - Don't use with DPP-4i

Lancet Diab Endo 2018

Sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors: SGLT-2i (blockers)"Flozins"

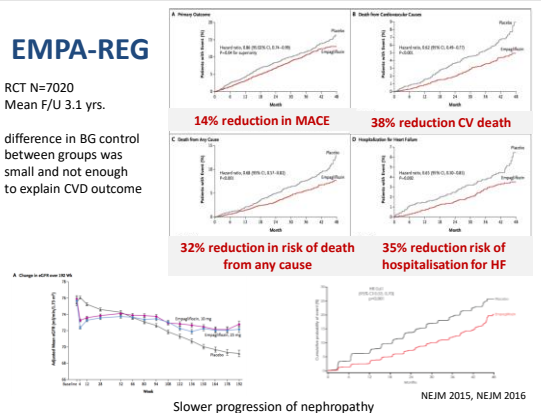
- Blocks glucose reabsorption in the proximal tubule of kidney = glycosuria/natriuresis
- Independent of insulin, SGLT2i do not need beta cell function to work
- Drug-induced glucose excretion requires some renal function hence SGLT-2i are CI with low GFR (<30)
- Strong evidence-base: **Empagliflozin/Jardiance, Dapagliflozin/Forxiga**
- **Hypoglycaemia rare, Weight loss: 1.5 to 3 kg, BP down 3–5 SBP, reduce progression of albuminuria/nephropathy**
- **CVD, mortality and CHF benefits in CVD patients**

NEJM 2015, NEJM 2017

EMPA-REG

RCT N=7020
Mean F/U 3.1 yrs.

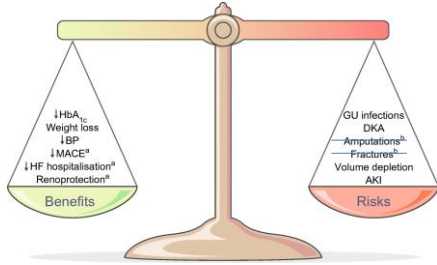
difference in BG control between groups was small and not enough to explain CVD outcome



Slower progression of nephropathy

NEJM 2015, NEJM 2016

Major risks and benefits of SGLT2i



FDA Oct. '18 alert: necrotizing fasciitis of perineum, known as Fournier gangrene

*b Agent specific data

Diabetologia 2018

SGLT-2i and DKA

- Rare between 1:1,000 and 1:10,000
 - March 2018: TGA received 219 reports of Empagliflozin/Dapagliflozin related DKA
- Consider DKA in patients taking SGLT2i who
 - Develop abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, fatigue or unexplained ketonaemia/acidosis
 - NB: a normal glucose level does not exclude the diagnosis
- Risk groups
 - restricted dietary intake (e.g. fasted), surgery, dehydration, active infection, excess alcohol
- SGLT2i should be part of 'sick-day guidance' and be stopped temporarily with other drugs such as metformin or ACE-i during acute dehydrating illness or major surgery
- SGLT2i surgery advice**
 - Cease 3 days pre-operatively
 - Restart post-operatively when the patient is eating and drinking (usually 3-5 days post-surgery)
 - Check blood glucose and blood ketone levels if patient is unwell in the week following surgery

3 SLIDES TO GO

Who should you prescribe SGLT-2i to?

Most suitable

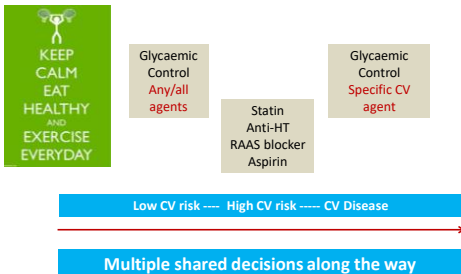
- Established CVD
- Clinical HF
- Hypertension
- Microalbuminuria
- eGR>45
- Overweight/obese
- Vulnerable to hypos
- No leg amputations/DFU

Least suitable

- Insulin within 1 year of Dx
- Previous DKA
- Eating disorders/ XS alcohol
- Recent/upcoming major surgery
- Diabetic foot/amputations
- Poor self care behaviours

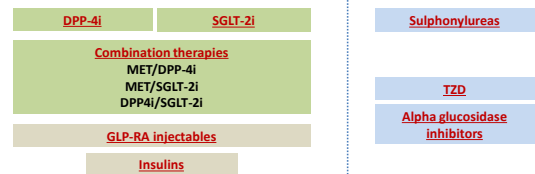
Education on risks of genital thrush/UTI and DKA. Check renal function esp if on diuretics

The treatment journey



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- Is there a need to avoid hypo's and weight gain
- Is cost is a major issue



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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

EMPA-REG OUTCOME

Treating 1000 T2DM patients at high CV risk with empagliflozin for 3 years

Benefits



Risks



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N Engl J Med 2015