

2019 ESC Guidelines on diabetes, pre-diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases

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ESC Classes of recommendations

	Definition	Wording to use
Class I	Evidence and/or general agreement that a given treatment or procedure is beneficial, useful, effective.	Is recommended or is indicated
Class II	Conflicting evidence and/or a divergence of opinion about the usefulness/efficacy of the given treatment or procedure.	
Class IIa	Weight of evidence/opinion is in favour of usefulness/efficacy.	Should be considered
Class IIb	Usefulness/efficacy is less well established by evidence/opinion.	May be considered
Class III	Evidence or general agreement that the given treatment or procedure is not useful/effective, and in some cases may be harmful.	Is not recommended

ESC Levels of evidence

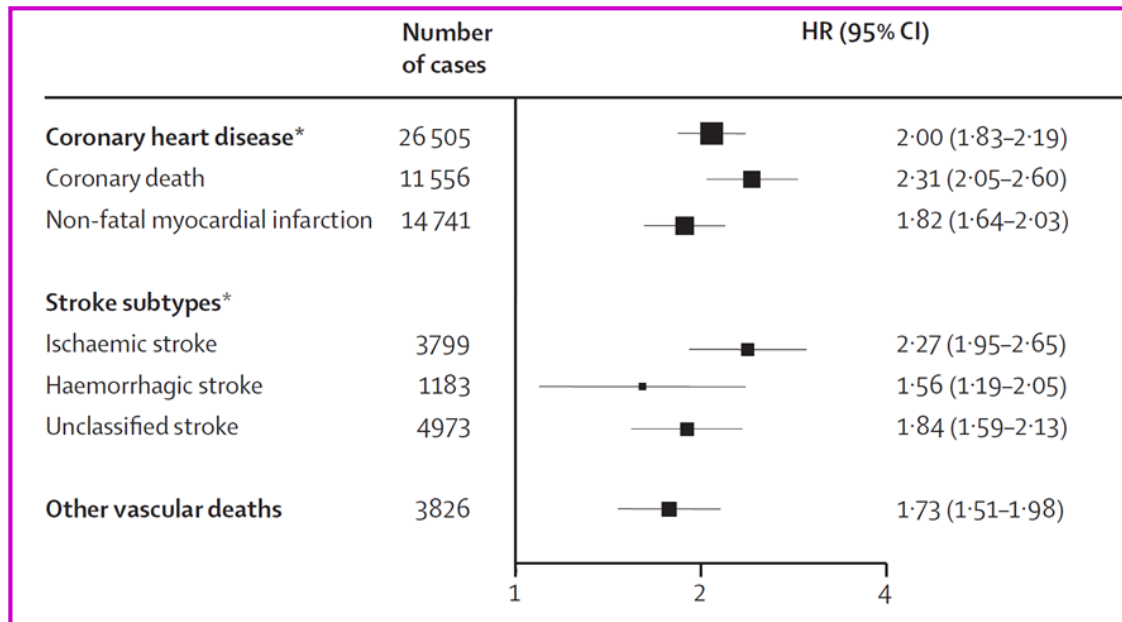
Level of evidence A	Data derived from multiple randomized clinical trials or meta-analyses.
Level of evidence B	Data derived from a single randomized clinical trial or large non-randomized studies.
Level of evidence C	Consensus of opinion of the experts and/or small studies, retrospective studies, registries.

What is new in the 2019 Guidelines?

- ✓ Reclassification of CV risk in diabetes
- ✓ New treatment algorithms with glucose-lowering agents for management/prevention of CVD
- ✓ New recommendations regarding the role of aspirin and NOACs / Duration of DAPT post-ACS in diabetes
- ✓ Choice of revascularization techniques
- ✓ New lipid targets relating to severity of CV risk / new recommendations for the use of PCSK9 inhibitors
- ✓ Individualised blood pressure targets

Diabetes and CVD - key points

DM: double CVD risk on average



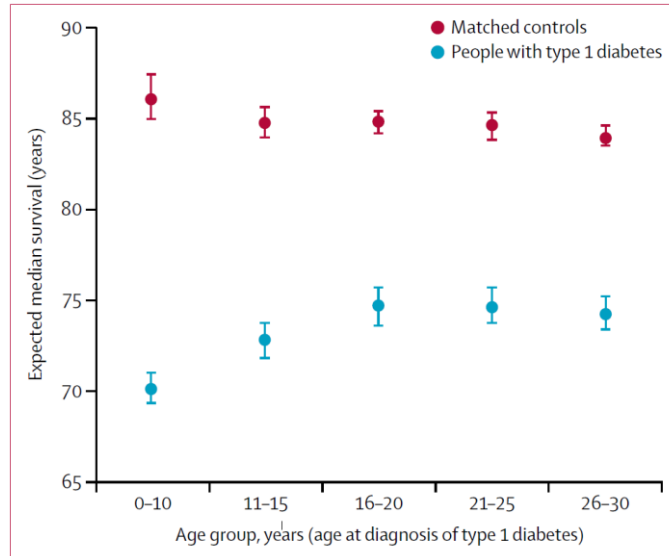
Hazard ratios for vascular outcomes DM vs. no DM

ERFC, *Lancet* 2010

Diabetes and CVD - key points

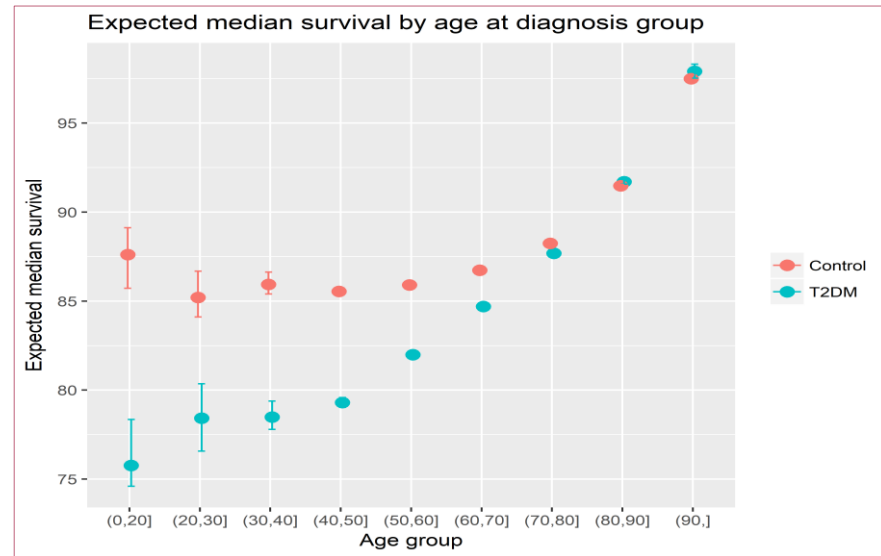
Younger age of diagnosis associated with greater loss of life years

T1DM



Rawshani et al. *Lancet* 2018

T2DM



Sattar et al. *Circulation* 2019

Diagnostic criteria for DM and pre-DM according to the 2006/2011 WHO and 2019 ADA

Table 3 Diagnostic criteria for DM and pre-DM according to the 2006/2011 WHO and 2019 ADA

Diagnosis/ measurement	WHO 2006/2011	ADA 2019
DM		
HbA1c	Can be used If measured, $\geq 6.5\%$ (48 mmol/mol)	Recommended $\geq 6.5\%$ (48 mmol/mol)
FPG	Recommended ≥ 7.0 mmol/L (126 mg/dL)	≥ 7.0 mmol/L (126 mg/dL)
2hPG	or ≥ 11.1 mmol/L (≥ 200 mg/dL)	or ≥ 11.1 mmol/L (≥ 200 mg/dL)
RPG	Symptoms plus ≥ 11.1 mmol/L (≥ 200 mg/dL)	Symptoms plus ≥ 11.1 mmol/L (≥ 200 mg/dL)
IGT		
FPG	< 7.0 mmol/L (< 126 mg/dL)	< 7.0 mmol/L (< 126 mg/dL)
2hPG	≥ 7.8 to < 11.1 mmol/L (≥ 140 to 200 mg/dL)	≥ 7.8 to < 11.0 mmol/L (≥ 140 to 199 mg/dL)
IFG		
FPG	6.1 to 6.9 mmol/L (110 to 125 mg/dL)	5.6 to 6.9 mmol/L (100 to 125 mg/dL)
2hPG	< 7.8 mmol/L (< 140 mg/dL)	< 7.8 mmol/L (< 140 mg/dL)

Cardiovascular risk categories in patients with DM

Very high-risk	<p>Patients with DM and established CVD</p> <p>or other target organ damage^a</p> <p>or three or more major risk factors^b</p> <p>or early onset T1DM of long duration (>20 years)</p>
High-risk	<p>Patients with DM duration ≥10 years without target organ damage^a plus any other additional risk factor^b</p>
Moderate-risk	<p>Young patients (T1DM <35 years; T2DM <50 years) with DM duration <10 years, without other risk factors</p>

^a proteinuria, renal impairment defined as $\text{eGFR} \leq 30 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$.

^b age, hypertension, dyslipidemia, smoking, obesity.

2019 new recommendations (1)

CV risk assessment

Resting ECG in patients with DM with hypertension or suspected CVD

Carotid or femoral ultrasound for plaque detection as CV risk modifier

Screening for CAD with coronary CT angiography and functional imaging

CAC scoring as risk modifier

ABI as risk modifier

Carotid ultrasound intima-media thickness for CV risk is not recommended

Recommendations for glycaemic control in individuals with DM

Recommendations	Class	Level
It is recommended to apply tight glucose control, targeting a near-normal HbA1c (<7.0% or <53 mmol/mol) to decrease microvascular complications in DM.	I	A
It is recommended that HbA1c targets are individualized according to duration of DM, comorbidities, and age.	I	C
Avoidance of hypoglycaemia is recommended.	I	C
The use of structured self-monitoring of blood glucose and/or continuous glucose monitoring should be considered to facilitate optimal glycaemic control.	Ila	A
An HbA1c target of <7.0% (or <53 mmol/mol) should be considered for the prevention of macrovascular complications in individuals with DM.	Ila	C

Cardiovascular outcome trials with newer glucose-lowering agents

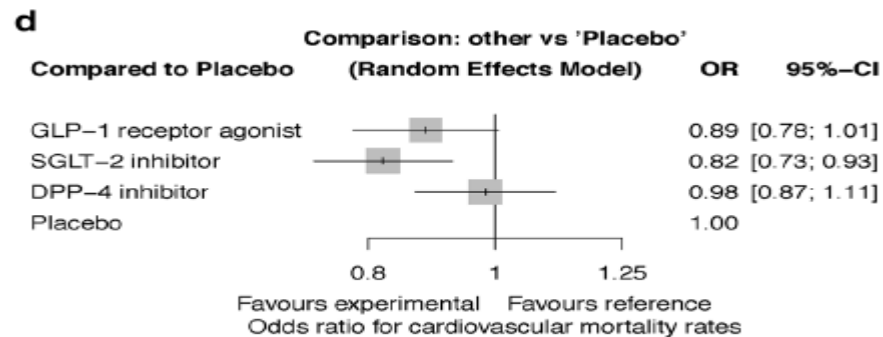
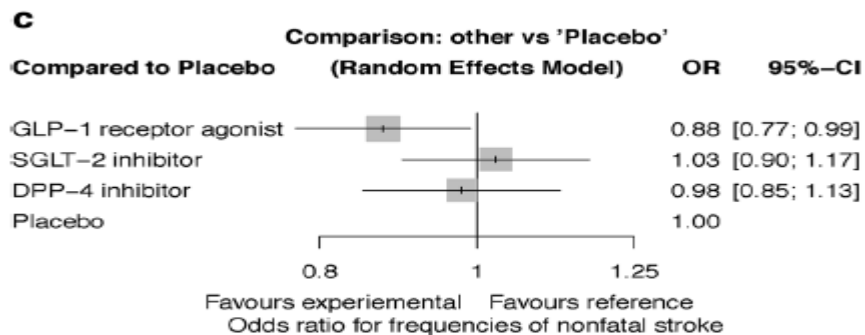
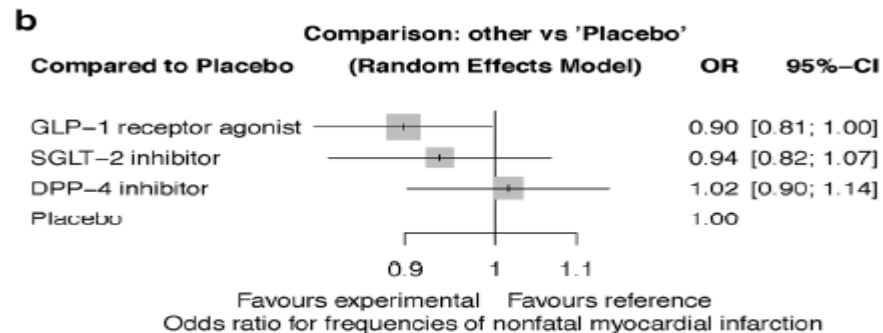
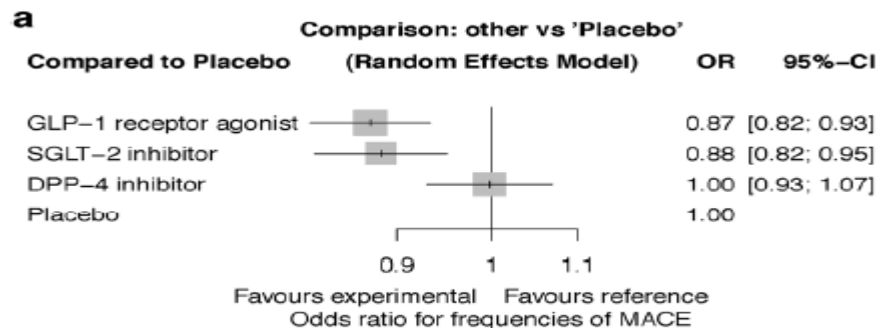
SGLT2 inhibitors

GLP-1 RAs

DPP-IV inhibitors

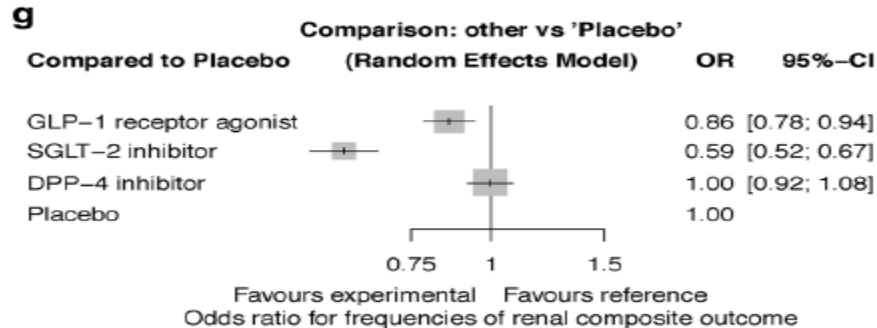
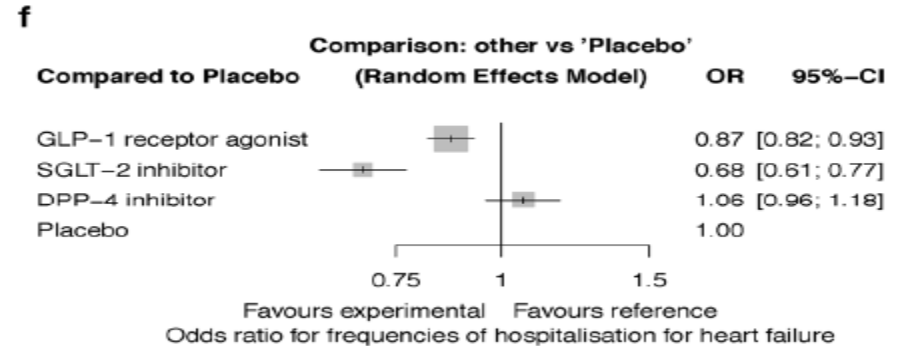
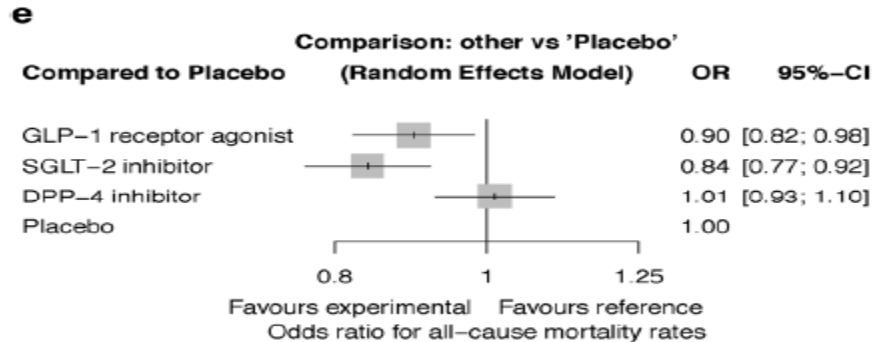
Trial	EMPA-REG OUTCOME ²⁰⁶	CANVAS ²⁰⁹	DECLARE – TIMI 58 ³¹¹	CREDENCE ³¹³	ELIXA ²⁹⁷	LEADER ¹⁷⁶	SUSTAIN-6 ²⁹⁹	EXSCEL ¹⁵⁸	Harmony Outcomes ³⁰¹	REWIND ³⁰³	PIONEER 6 ³⁰⁰	SAVOR – TIMI 53 ²⁹¹	EXAMINE ²⁹²	TECOS ²⁹³	CARMELINA ²⁹⁴	CAROLINA ²⁷⁷
Baseline	Empagliflozin vs. placebo	Canagliflozin vs. placebo	Dapagliflozin vs. placebo	Canagliflozin vs. placebo	Lixisenatide vs. placebo	Liraglutide vs. placebo	Semaglutide vs. placebo	Exenatide vs. placebo	Albiglutide vs. placebo	Dulaglutide vs. placebo	Oral Semaglutide vs. placebo	Saxagliptin vs. placebo	Alogliptin vs. placebo	Sitagliptin vs. placebo	Linagliptin vs. placebo	Linagliptin vs. glimeperide
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Age (years)	63	63	63	63	60	64	64	62	64	66	66	65	61	66	65	64
DM (years)	57% >10	13.5	11.8	15.8	9.3	12.8	13.9	12.0	14.1	10.5	14.9	10	7.2	9.4	14.7	6.2
Body mass index (kg/m ²)	30.6	32.0	32.1	31.3	30.1	32.5	32.8	31.8	32	32.3	32.3	31	29	30	31.3	30.1
Insulin (%)	48	50	~40	65	39	44	58	46	60	24	61	41	30	23	58	0
HbA1c (%)	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.3	7.7	8.7	8.7	8.0	8.7	7.2	8.2	8.0	8.0	7.3	7.9	7.2
Previous CVD (%)	99	65	40	50.4	100	~81	~83	73	100	31	35	78	100	100	57	42
CV risk inclusion criteria	MI, CHD, CVD, or PVD	MI, CHD, CVD, or PVD	CVD or at least one CVRf	CKD	ACS <180 days	Age ≥50 years and CVD, ^b or CKD, or age ≥60 years and at least one CVRF	CHD, CVD, or PVD27% no previous CV event	MI, CHD, CVD, or PVD	Age ≥50 years and CVD or CVRfs	Age ≥50 years and CVD, or CKD, or age ≥60 years and CVRFs	Age ≥40 years and CVD (CHD, CVD, or PVD), or age ≥55 years and at least one CVRF	ACS <90 days	CHD, CVD, or PVD	CVD and/or CKD	CVD or evidence of vascular- related end-organ damage, or age ≥70 years, or at least two CVRfs	
Hypertension (%)	94	89	89	96.8	76	92	92	90	86	93	94	81	83	86	95	90
Follow-up (years)	3.1	2.4	4.5	2.6	2.1	3.8	2.1	3.2	1.6	5.4	1.3	2.1	1.5	2.8	2.2	6.3

Network metaanalysis



Risk of outcomes with different antidiabetic drug classes compared to placebo. a MACE (major adverse cardiovascular events). b Nonfatal myocardial infarction. c Nonfatal stroke. d Cardiovascular mortality. e All-cause mortality. f Hospitalisation for heart failure. g Renal composite outcome

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New treatment algorithms



Type 2 DM - Drug naïve patients

ASCVD, or high / very high CV risk (target organ damage or multiple risk factors)*

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SGLT2 inhibitor or GLP-1 RA Monotherapy§

If HbA_{1c} above target

Add Metformin

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Consider adding the other class (GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i) with proven CVD benefit
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin
- TZD (not in HF pat)
- SU

Metformin Monotherapy

If HbA_{1c} above target

DPP-4i GLP-1 RA SGLT2i if eGFR adequate TZD

If HbA_{1c} above target

SGLT2i or TZD SGLT2i or TZD GLP-1 RA or DPP-4i or TZD SGLT2i or DPP-4i or GLP-1 RA

If HbA_{1c} above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Consider the addition of sulfonylurea OR basal insulin:
- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycaemia
 - Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycaemia



Type 2 DM – On metformin

ASCVD, or high / very high CV risk (target organ damage or multiple risk factors)*

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Add SGLT2 inhibitor or GLP-1 RA§

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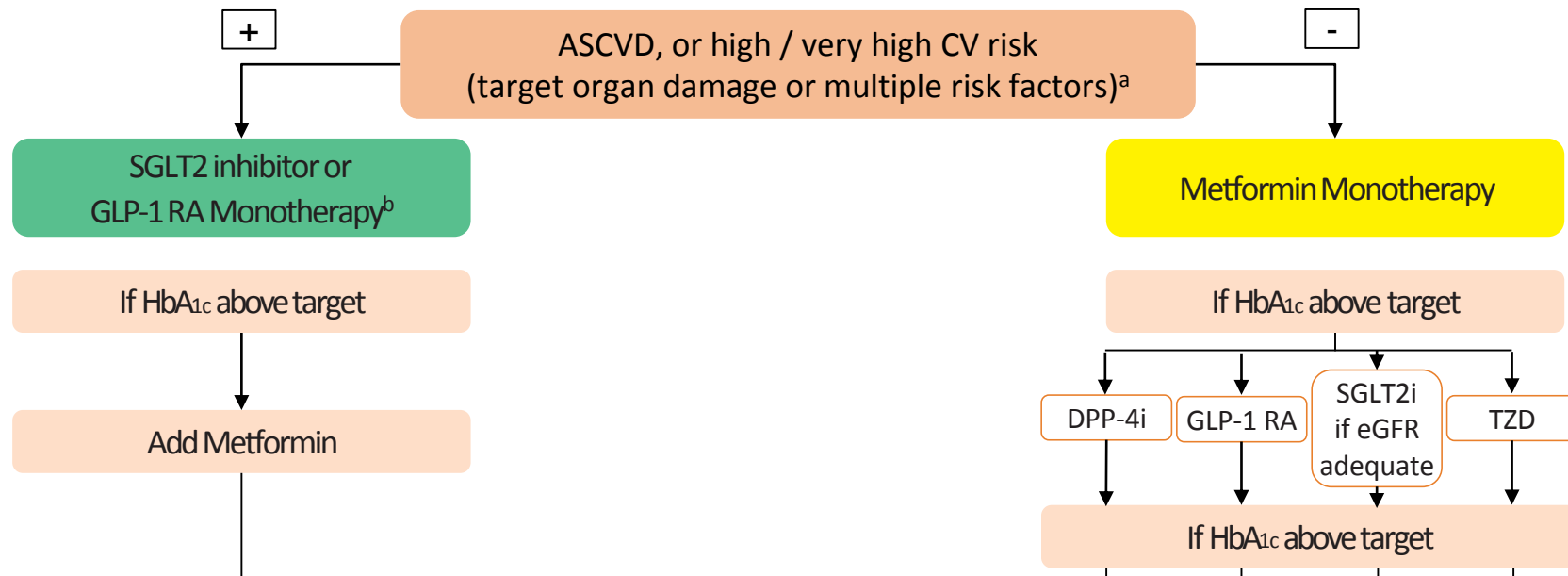
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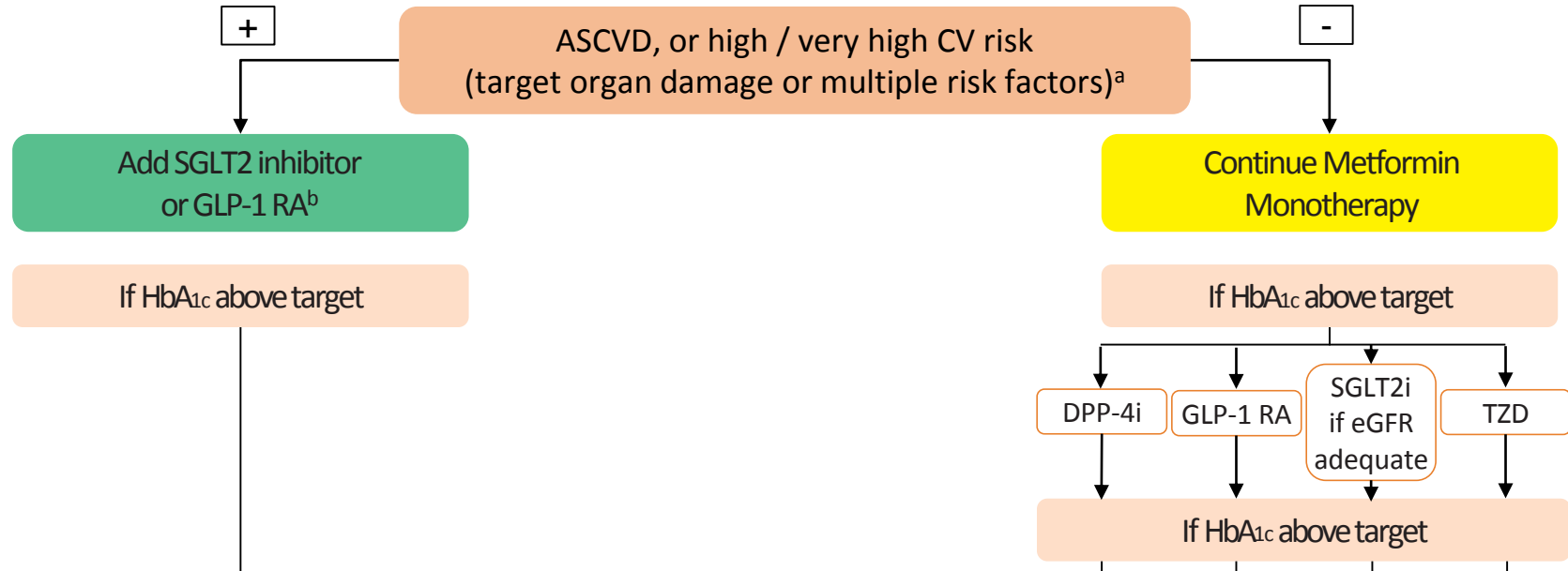
Treatment algorithm in patients with T2DM and ASCVD or high/very high CV risk - drug naïve (1)

a) Type 2 DM - Drug naïve patients



Treatment algorithm in patients with T2DM and ASCVD or high/very high CV risk - metformin treated (1)

b) Type 2 DM - On metformin



Recommendations for glucose-lowering treatment in DM (1)



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Recommendations	Class	Level
SGLT2 inhibitors		
Empagliflozin, canagliflozin, or dapagliflozin are recommended in patients with T2DM and CVD or at very high/high CV risk to reduce CV events.	I	A
Empagliflozin is recommended in patients with T2DM and CVD to reduce the risk of death.	I	B

Recommendations for glucose-lowering treatment in DM (2)

Recommendations	Class	Level
GLP1-RAs		
Liraglutide, semaglutide or dulaglutide are recommended in patients with T2DM and CVD or at very high/high CV risk to reduce CV events.	I	A
Liraglutide is recommended in patients with T2DM and CVD or at very high/high CV risk to reduce the risk of death.	I	B

Recommendations for glucose-lowering treatment in DM (3)



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Recommendations	Class	Level
Biguanides		
Metformin should be considered in overweight patients with T2DM without CVD and at moderate CV risk.	Ia	C
Insulin		
Insulin-based glycaemic control should be considered in patients with ACS with significant hyperglycaemia (>10 mmol/L or >180 mg/dL), with the target adapted according to comorbidities.	Ia	C

Recommendations for glucose-lowering treatment in DM (4)



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Recommendations	Class	Level
Thiazolidinediones		
Thiazolidinediones are not recommended in patients with HF.	III	A
DPP4 inhibitors		
Saxagliptin is not recommended in patients with T2DM and a high-risk of HF.	III	B

Individualized blood pressure targets

Change in recommendations

2013	2019
BP targets	
BP target <140/85 mmHg for all	SBP to 130 mmHg and, if well tolerated, <130 mmHg, but not <120 mmHg In older people (>65 years) target SBP to a range of 130–139 mmHg DBP to <80 mmHg but not <70 mmHg
	On-treatment SBP to <130 mmHg for patients at high risk of cerebrovascular events or diabetic kidney disease

2019 new recommendations (3)

BP management

Lifestyle changes encouraged in hypertension

RAAS blockers rather than beta-blockers/diuretics for BP control in pre-DM

Initiate pharmacological treatment with the combination of a RAAS blocker with a calcium-channel blocker or thiazide/thiazide-like diuretic

Home BP self-monitoring encouraged in patients with DM

24-h ABPM for BP assessment, and adjustment of antihypertensive treatment

New lipid targets

Change in recommendations

2013

2019

Lipid targets

In patients with T2DM at

- high CV risk, an LDL-C target of <2.5 mmol/L (<100 mg/dL)
- very high CV risk, an LDL-C target of <1.8 mmol/L (<70 mg/dL)

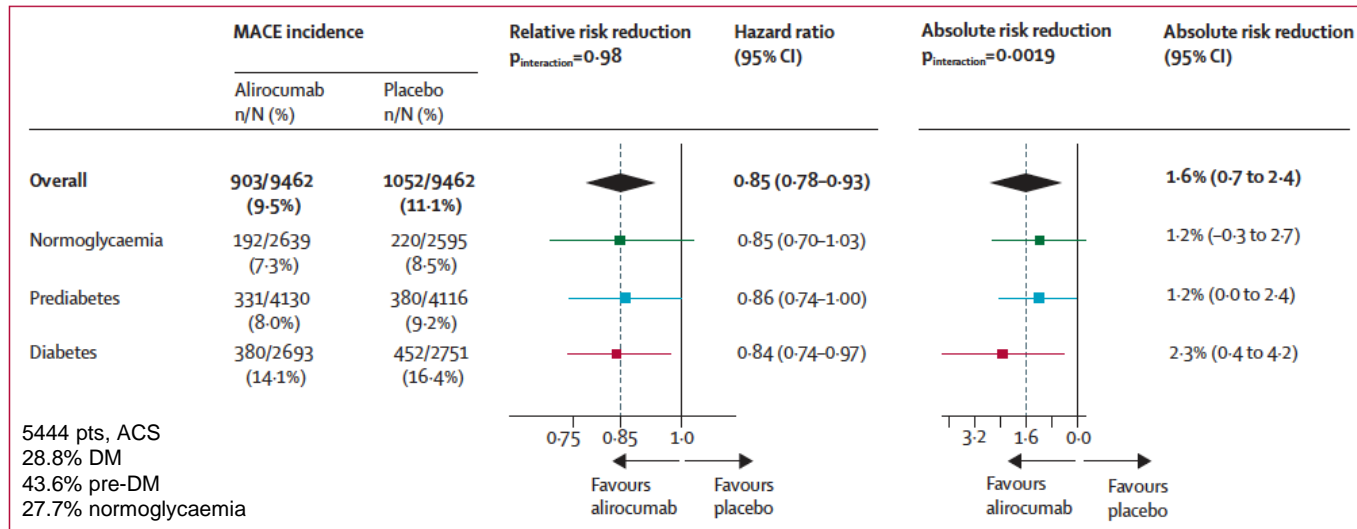
In patients with T2DM at

- moderate CV risk, an LDL-C target of <2.6 mmol/L (<100 mg/dL)
- high CV risk, an LDL-C target of <1.8 mmol/L (<70 mg/dL) and LDL-C reduction of at least 50%
- very high CV risk, an LDL-C target of <1.4 mmol/L (<55 mg/dL) and LDL-C reduction of at least 50%

ODYSSEY OUTCOMES

Alirocumab in patients with/without diabetes after ACS

prespecified analysis: *effect by glycaemic status*



Ray KK et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2019

2019 new recommendations (7)

Revascularization

Same revascularization techniques in patients with and without DM

Treatment of HF in DM

Device therapy with an ICD, CRT, or CRT-D

Sacubitril/valsartan instead of ACEIs in HFrEF and DM remaining symptomatic despite treatment with ACEIs, beta-blockers, and mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists

CABG in HFrEF and DM and two- or three-vessel CAD

Ivabradine in patients with HF and DM in sinus rhythm and with a resting heart rate ≥ 70 beats per minute if symptomatic despite full HF treatment

Aliskiren (direct renin inhibitor) in HFrEF and DM is not recommended

2019 new recommendations (9)

DM treatment to reduce HF risk

SGLT2 inhibitor (empagliflozin, canagliflozin, and dapagliflozin) to lower risk of HF hospitalization if eGFR >30 mL/min/1.73 m²

Metformin in patients with DM and HF if eGFR >30 mL/min/1.73 m²

GLP1-RAs and DPP4 inhibitors sitagliptin and linagliptin have a neutral effect on risk of HF

Insulin treatment in HF

DPP4 inhibitor saxagliptin in HF is not recommended

Thiazolidinediones (pioglitazone, rosiglitazone) in HF is not recommended

Coronary revascularization

2013


DES rather than BMS in DM

as an alternative to CABG in patients with DM and less complex CAD (SYNTAX score

CABG recommended in complex CAD (SYNTAX score >22)

2019

**Same tech
(2018 ESC**

CABG	PCI
	
1-vessel or 2-vessel CAD, no proximal LAD	
1-vessel or 2-vessel CAD, proximal LAD	
3-vessel CAD	
Low complexity	
Intermediate or high complexity	
Left main CAD	
Low complexity	
Intermediate complexity	
High complexity	

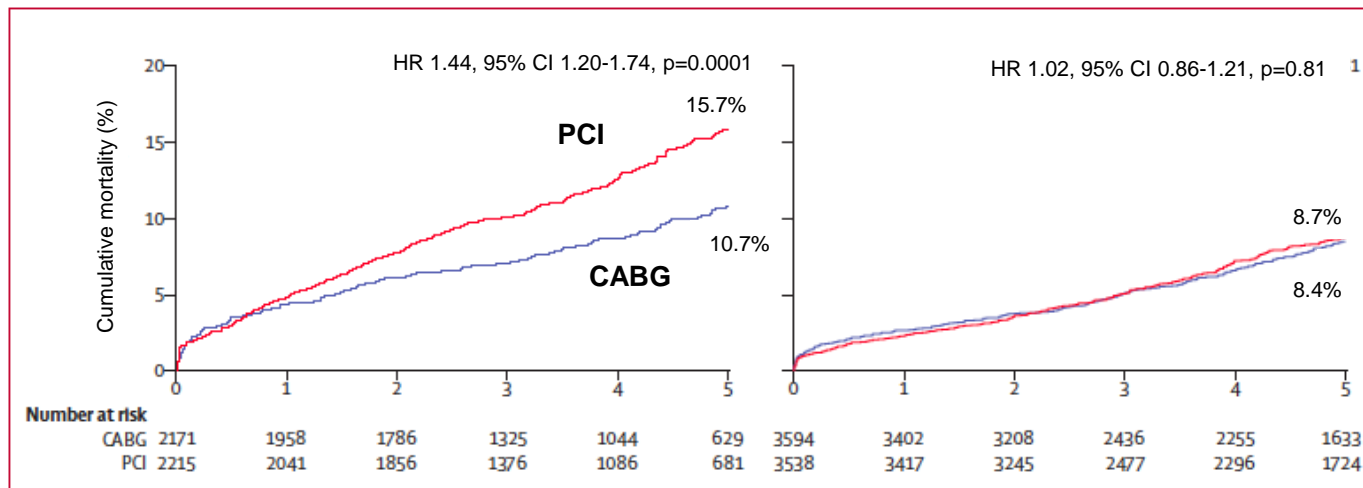


Impact of diabetes on mortality after CABG vs PCI

Pooled analysis of individual patient data from 11 trials

Diabetes

No Diabetes



Head SJ et al. Lancet 2018

Antiplatelet therapy in primary prevention in DM

Change in recommendations

2013	2019
Antiplatelet therapy	
Aspirin for primary prevention is not recommended in DM at low CVD risk	Aspirin (75–100 mg/day) for primary prevention may be considered in patients with DM at very high/high risk in the absence of clear contraindications
	Aspirin for primary prevention is not recommended in patients with DM at moderate CV risk

2019 new recommendations (5)

Antiplatelet and antithrombotic drugs

Concomitant use of a proton pump inhibitor is recommended in patients receiving aspirin monotherapy, DAPT, or oral anticoagulant monotherapy who are at high risk of gastrointestinal bleeding

Prolongation of DAPT beyond 12 months should be considered for up to 3 years in patients with DM at very high risk who have tolerated DAPT without major bleeding complications

Change in recommendations (7)

Management of arrhythmias

Oral anticoagulation in AF (paroxysmal or persistent)

VKAs or NOACs (e.g. dabigatran, rivaroxaban, or apixaban)

Prefer NOACs (e.g. dabigatran, rivaroxaban, apixaban, or edoxaban)

2019 new recommendations (10)

Management of arrhythmias

Attempts to diagnose structural heart disease in patients with DM with frequent premature ventricular contractions

Hypoglycaemia should be avoided as it can trigger arrhythmias

Diagnosis and management of PAD

Low-dose rivaroxaban 2.5 mg twice daily plus aspirin 100 mg once daily in patients with DM and symptomatic LEAD

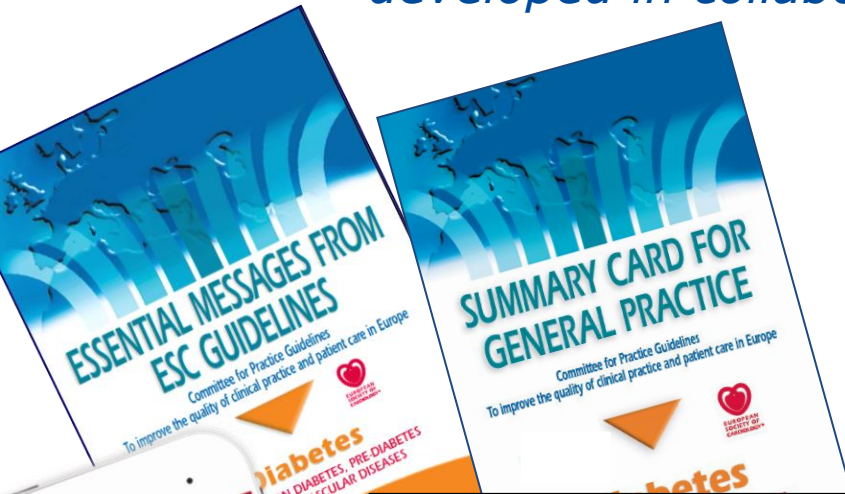
Management of CKD

SGLT2 inhibitors to reduce progression of diabetic kidney disease

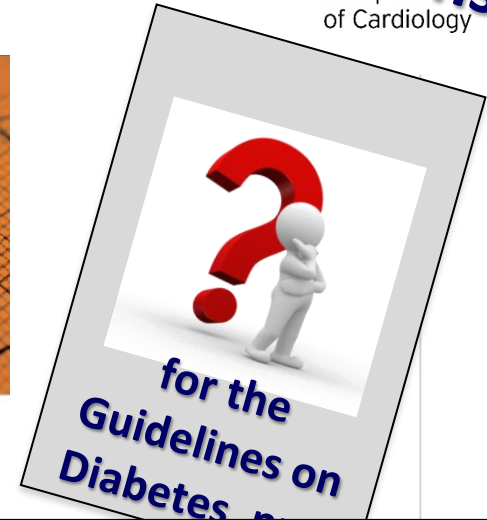
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