UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF DIABETIC KIDNEY DISEASE

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DIABETES IS AN ANCIENT DISEASE



- First defined in Anatolia by a healtcare provider of the time (A.C. 100-150 Cappadocia)
- "diabetes" (separate feet)
- First description included 'all muscle and bones of people with diabetes turned into urine'
- Since ancient times diabetes has been in the interest of nephrology (ists)



Hesi Ra, 3rd Dynasty, Ancient Eygpt



Diabetes Atlas 8th edition 2019

PREVALENT HD PATIENTS WITH DKD





Hyperfiltration in diabetic kidney disease



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DIABETIC NEPHROPATHY



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Diabetes Aggravating factors: High-protein diet, obesity, hypertension, APOL1 genotype, concurrent CKDs



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Joshua J et al. Clin Kidney J 2023;sfad285

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Avosentan, aliskiren, bardoloxone etc. were not as effective as they were expected.

CLINICAL TRIALS OF DIABETES DRUGS



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Cefalu W et al, Diabetes Care 2018

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B. Diabetic nephron with SGLT inhibition



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Empagliflozin, Cardiovascular Outcomes, and Mortality in Type 2 Diabetes

Bernard Zinman, Christoph Wanner, John M. Lachin, EMPA-REG OUTCOME Investigators NEJM 2015 373.







ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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*Progression to macroalbuminuria, doubling of serum creatinine, KRT need or death due to CKD

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Outcome	Dapag (N=	gliflozin 8582)	Pla (N=	cebo 8578)	Hazard Ratio (95% G	21)	P Value
	no. (%)	rate/1000 patient-yr	no. (%)	rate/1000 patient-yr			
Cardiovascular death or hospitalization for heart failure	417 (4.9)	12.2	496 (5.8)	14.7	F	0.83 (0.73–0.95)	0.005
MACE	756 (8.8)	22.6	803 (9.4)	24.2	⊢ ● H	0.93 (0.84-1.03)	0.17
≥40% decrease in eGFR to <60 ml/min/1.73 m ² , ESRD, or death from renal or cardiovascular cause	370 (4.3)	10.8	480 (5.6)	14.1	⊢ ●–1	0.76 (0.67–0.87)	
Death from any cause	529 (6.2)	15.1	570 (6.6)	16.4	⊢∙∙⊣	0.93 (0.82-1.04)	
Hospitalization for heart failure	212 (2.5)	6.2	286 (3.3)	8.5	⊢ ●1	0.73 (0.61-0.88)	
Myocardial infarction	393 (4.6)	11.7	441 (5.1)	13.2	⊢	0.89 (0.77-1.01)	
Ischemic stroke	235 (2.7)	6.9	231 (2.7)	6.8	·-+	1.01 (0.84-1.21)	
Death from cardiovascular cause	245 (2.9)	7.0	249 (2.9)	7.1	⊢ •–-1	0.98 (0.82-1.17)	
Death from noncardiovascular cause	211 (2.5)	6.0	238 (2.8)	6.8	⊢ ●_+1	0.88 (0.73-1.06)	
≥40% decrease in eGFR to <60 ml/min/1.73 m², ESRD, or death from renal cause	127 (1.5)	3.7	238 (2.8)	7.0 0.4	0 0.50 1.0	0.53 (0.43-0.66)	
				0.1	 4.50 1.0 	>	
					Dapagliflozin Placebo Better Better)	

Event	Dapagliflozin (N = 8574)	Placebo (N = 8569)	Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value	
	no. (%)			
Serious adverse event	2925 (34.1)	3100 (36.2)	0.91 (0.87-0.96)	< 0.001	
Adverse event leading to discontinuation of trial regimen	693 (8.1)	592 (6.9)	1.15 (1.03–1.28)	0.01	
Major hypoglycemic event	58 (0.7)	83 (1.0)	0.68 (0.49-0.95)	0.02	
Diabetic ketoacidosis	27 (0.3)	12 (0.1)	2.18 (1.10-4.30)	0.02	
Amputation	123 (1.4)	113 (1.3)	1.09 (0.84-1.40)	0.53	
Fracture	457 (5.3)	440 (5.1)	1.04 (0.91-1.18)	0.59	
Symptoms of volume depletion	213 (2.5)	207 (2.4)	1.00 (0.83-1.21)	0.99	
Acute kidney injury	125 (1.5)	175 (2.0)	0.69 (0.55–0.87)	0.002	
Genital infection	76 (0.9)	9 (0.1)	8.36 (4.19–16.68)	<0.001	
Urinary tract infection	127 (1.5)	133 (1.6)	0.93 (0.73–1.18)	0.54	
Cancer	481 (5.6)	486 (5.7)	0.99 (0.87–1.12)	0.83	
Bladder cancer	26 (0.3)	45 (0.5)	0.57 (0.35-0.93)	0.02	
Breast cancer	36 (0.4)	35 (0.4)	1.02 (0.64–1.63)	0.92	
Hypersensitivity	32 (0.4)	36 (0.4)	0.87 (0.54-1.40)	0.57	
Hepatic event	82 (1.0)	87 (1.0)	0.92 (0.68-1.25)	0.60	

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ARTICLE



Canagliflozin reduces inflammation and fibrosis biomarkers: a potential mechanism of action for beneficial effects of SGLT2 inhibitors in diabetic kidney disease

Abstract



Canagliflozin (SGLT2i) for type 2 DM: cardiovascular outcomes

Canagliflozin and Cardiovascular and Renal Events in Type 2 Diabetes.

B Neal, V Perkovic, K W Mahaffey, Dick de Zeeuw CANVAS Program Collaborative Group. NEJM 2017 EPub.





CREDENCE: Canagliflozin and renal outcomes in type 2 diabetes and nephropathy

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Perspective

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Are the Protective Effects of SGLT2 Inhibitors a "Class-Effect" or Are There Differences between Agents?

Darren W. Schmidt, Christos Argyropoulos , and Namita Singh KIDNEY360 2: 881–885, 2021. doi: https://doi.org/10.34067/KID.0000622021

The cardiorenal benefits of sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors (SGLT2is) are transforming the care of CKD. An inherent challenge of practicechanging advances on this scale is how to best incorporate them into daily practice. In this vein, although there are four SGLT2is commercially available in the United States, the question remains whether these SGLT2is may be viewed as interchangeable or if specific agents offer unique benefits or harms in specific clinical settings. The more similarities between the agents within a pharmacologic class (e.g., chemical structure, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacokinetics), the greater the likelihood of shared class effects. Preclinical data, starting with largely comparable chemical structures, provide a foundation where class effects might be anticipated. Nevertheless, on- and off-target effects may be expected to modify the response to any drug-an area of particular interest when considering the potential for drug, rather than class-specific, effects (1). Although translational, toxicologic, and pharmacologic investigations carried out in model systems late 1980s, a series of studies involving rat models of diabetes used phlorizin to gain additional insights into the antiglycemic effects of SGLT2 blockade (5). Further studies found that, in blocking glucose absorption in the proximal tubule, this agent was able to mitigate hyperfiltration and tubuloglomerular feedback was felt to be the likely mechanism of this action (6). Investigations marrying the evidence of FRG and the phlorizin rodent studies demonstrated that, in SGLT2knockout mice given diabetes, hyperfiltration was attenuated (7), providing the rationale for testing these agents in (diabetic) CKD.

Notwithstanding these encouraging observations, phlorizin (which is a dual inhibitor of SGLT1 and SGLT2) was never developed for human use because of two unappealing properties. First, it has a limited oral bioavailability, necessitating the use of rather high doses to achieve a systemic exposure, and a significant potential for gastrointestinal side effects as a result of the inhibition of the glucose absorption in the small bowel (8). To overcome the limited bioavail-

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A Study	Trial	Rate Drug	Rate PBO	All Cause Death	HR	95%-CI	Weight
CANVAS Program CREDENCE DAPA-CKD DAPA-HF DECLARE-TIMI-58 EMPA-REG OUTCOME EMPEROR-REDUCED VERTIS-CV	CVOT CKD CKD HFrEF CVOT CVOT HFrEF CVOT	11.6 29.0 22.0 79.0 15.1 19.4 101.0 24.0	12.8 35.0 31.0 95.0 16.4 28.6 107.0 26.0		0.87 0.69 0.83 0.93 0.68 0.92 0.93	[0.74; 1.02] [0.68; 1.02] [0.54; 0.89] [0.71; 0.97] [0.83; 1.05] [0.57; 0.82] [0.77; 1.10] [0.80; 1.08]	13.7% 10.1% 7.4% 13.7% 17.5% 11.5% 11.8% 14.2%
Random effects model Heterogeneity: $l^2 = 46\%$, τ	² = 0.0058	, p = 0.0	7	0.75 1 1.5	0.85	[0.78; 0.92]	100.0%



On the basis of the available clinical trial data thus far, and basic considerations from pharmacology

and physiology, it can be inferred that both the benefit and the side effects of SGLT2 is are part of their

class features and not specific to individual drug members of the class.

VERTIS-CV	CVOT	18.0	19.0		0.92	[0.77; 1.10]	14.5%	E
Random effects model	2 0 0000		, r		0.84	[0.77; 0.93]	100.0%	Study Drug
C Study	r = 0.0082 Trial	Rate Drug	0 0.5 Rate PBO	1 Composite Kidney Outcome	2 HR	95%-CI	Weight	Category = SGLT2iCREDENCESGLT2DAPA-CKDSGLT2Random effects modelHeterogeneity: $l^2 = 60\%$, $\tau^2 = 0.006$
CANVAS Program CREDENCE DAPA-CKD DAPA-HF DECLARE-TIMI-58 EMPA-REG OUTCOME EMPEROR-REDUCED VERTIS-CV	CVOT CKD HFrEF CVOT CVOT HFrEF CVOT	5.5 27.0 33.0 8.0 3.7 6.3 16.0 9.0	9.0 40.4 58.0 12.0 4.0 11.5 31.0 - 12.0		0.60 0.66 0.71 0.53 0.54 0.50 0.81	[0.47; 0.77] [0.53; 0.82] [0.46; 0.69] [0.44; 1.15] [0.43; 0.66] [0.39; 0.74] [0.32; 0.78] [0.63; 1.04]	14.1% 17.1% 17.7% 4.8% 16.9% 9.9% 5.7% 13.8%	Category = ARBIDNTARBRENAALARBRandom effects modelHeterogeneity: $l^2 = 0\%$, $\tau^2 = 0$, $p = 0$
Random effects model Heterogeneity: $l^2 = 26\%$, a	² = 0.0076	s, <i>p</i> = 0.2	2		0.61	[0.54; 0.68]	100.0%	SGLT2i reduce total and cardiovascular



GLT2i reduce total and cardiovascular mortality, kidney outcomes, and heart failure. Effects of SGLT2is on (A) all-cause death and

Effect of SGLT2 inhibitors on cardiovascular, renal and safety outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and chronic kidney disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis



Conclusion: SGLT2 inhibitors reduce the risk of cardio-renal outcomes in patients with T2DM and CKD, without clear evidence of additional safety concerns beyond those already known for the class

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NONSTEROIDAL MINERALOCORTICOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST

It has been well known that overactivation of MR is a key event for chronic inflammation by increasing the recruitment of neutrophil, macrophage and Th1 & Th17 cells and upregulating the expression of pro-inflammatory factors and fibrotic-related factors including TGF- α , endothelin 1, PAI-1, CTGF.

Martínez et al. found that finerenone regulated the activation of NF-kB signaling pathway through neutrophil gelatinase-associated lipocalin (NGAL) and inhibited the inflammation in cardiac remodeling after myocardial infarction.

Finerenone might alleviate the progression of chronic kidney disease and eliminate the kidney inflammation by reducing the expression of proinflammatory cytokines, such as MCP-1, TNF- α and Matrix metalloproteinase-12 (MMP-12).

Young and Rickard, 2015 Han et al., 2006 Huang et al., 2014 Martinez-Martinez et al., 2017

Finerenone, a nonsteroidal, highly selectively MRA blocks MR overactivation, which slows kidney and CV disease progression in patients with T2D



Kintscher U, et al. Br J Pharmacol 2021 Agarwal R, et al. Eur Heart J 2021;42:152–162 Amazit L, et al. J Biol Chem 2015;290:21876–21889 Agarwal R, et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2020;37:1014–1023 Does Finerenone Help Reduce Kidney Failure and Progression in Diabetic Kidney Disease ?





Conclusion: FIDELIO-DKD will determine whether an optimally treated cohort of T2D patients with CKD at high risk of renal and CV events will experience cardiorenal benefits with the addition of finerenone to their treatment regimen.

Bakris G, Agarwal R, Anker S, Pitt B, Ruliope L, Nowack C, Kolkhof P, Ferreira A, Schloemer P, Filippatos G: Design and Baseline Characteristics of the Finerenone in Reducing Kidney Failure and Disease Progression in Diabetic Kidney Disease Trial . Am J Nephrol DOI: 10.1159/000503916

FINERENONE

FIDELIO-DKD

Patients with advanced CKD in T2D (N=5734)



Finerenone significantly reduced the risk of CKD progression (≥40% eGFR composite outcome) by **18%** versus placebo



Finerenone significantly reduced the risk of CV events by **14%** versus placebo

FIGARO-DKD

Patients with CKD stage 1–4 and T2D (N=7437)



Finerenone significantly reduced the risk of CV morbidity and mortality by **13%** versus placebo



Finerenone reduced the incidence of the ≥40% eGFR composite outcome by **13%** versus placebo (nonsignificant)



Finerenone significantly reduced the incidence of ESKD by **36%** and the ≥57% eGFR composite outcome by **23%** versus placebo





FIDELITY is a large, prespecified pooled individual patient data analysis of FIDELIO-DKD and FIGARO-DKD





Agarwal R, et al. Eur Heart J 2022;43:474–484

TARGETS OF THERAPY



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Recommendation 1.2.1: We recommend that treatment with an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACEi) or an angiotensin II receptor blocker (ARB) be initiated in patients with diabetes, hypertension, and albuminuria, and that these medications be titrated to the highest approved dose that is tolerated (1B).





GLYCEMIC MONITORING IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

Recommendation 2.1.1: We recommend hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) to monitor glycemic control in patients with diabetes and CKD *(1C)*.

Practice Point 2.1.1: Monitoring long-term glycemic control by HbA1c twice per year is reasonable for patients with diabetes. HbA1c may be measured as often as 4 times per year if the glycemic target is not met or after a change in antihyperglycemic therapy.

Practice Point 2.1.2: Accuracy and precision of HbA1c measurement declines with advanced CKD (G4-G5), particularly among patients treated by dialysis, in whom HbA1c measurements have low reliability.





GLYCEMIC TARGETS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

Recommendation 2.2.1. We recommend an individualized HbA1c target ranging from <6.5% to <8.0% in patients with diabetes and CKD not treated with dialysis (1C).

< 6.5%	HbA1c	< 8.0%	
CKD G1	Severity of CKD	CKD G5	
Absent/minor	Macrovascular complications	Present/severe	
Few	Comorbidities	Many	
Long	Life expectancy	Short	
Present	Hypoglycemia awareness	Impaired	
Available	Resources for hypoglycemia management	Scarce	
Low	Propensity of treatment to cause hypoglycemia	High	



LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

Recommendation 3.1.1: We suggest maintaining a protein intake of 0.8 g of protein/kg (weight)/d for those with diabetes and CKD not treated with dialysis (*2C)*.

Practice Point 3.1.2: Patients treated with hemodialysis, and particularly peritoneal dialysis should consume between 1.0 and 1.2 g protein/kg (weight)/d.



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LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

Recommendation 3.1.2: We suggest that sodium intake be <2 g of sodium per day (or <90 mmol of sodium per day, or <5 g of sodium chloride per day) in patients with diabetes and CKD *(2C)*.



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LIFESTYLE INTERVENTIONS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES AND CKD

Recommendation 3.2.1. We recommend that patients with diabetes and CKD be advised to **undertake moderate-intensity physical activity** for a cumulative duration **of at least 150 minutes per week**, or to a level compatible with their cardiovascular and physical tolerance *(1D)*.

Intensity of physical activity	METs	Examples
Sedentary	<1.5	Sitting, watching television, reclining
Light	1.6–2.9	Slow walking, household work such as cooking, cleaning
Moderate	3.0-5.9	Brisk walking, biking, yoga, swimming
Vigorous	>6	Running, biking, swimming, lifting heavy weights



TREATMENT ALGORITHM



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Recommendation 4.2.1: We recommend treating patients with T2D, CKD, and eGFR ≥30 ml/min per 1.73 m² with an SGLT2i *(1A)*.

Practice Point 4.2.1: An SGLT2i can be added to other antihyperglycemic medications for patients whose glycemic targets are not currently met or who are meeting glycemic targets but can safely attain a lower target.



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Practice Point 4.2.2: For patients in whom additional glucose-lowering may increase risk for hypoglycemia (e.g., those treated with insulin or sulfonylureas and currently meeting glycemic targets), it may be necessary to stop or reduce the dose of an antihyperglycemic drug other than metformin to facilitate addition of an SGLT2i.

Practice Point 4.2.3: The choice of an SGLT2i should prioritize agents with documented kidney or cardiovascular benefits and take eGFR into account.

Practice Point 4.2.4: It is reasonable to withhold SGLT2i during times of prolonged fasting, surgery, or critical medical illness (when patients may be at greater risk for ketosis).

Practice Point 4.2.5: If a patient is at risk for hypovolemia, consider decreasing thiazide or loop diuretic dosages before commencement of SGLT2i treatment, advise patients about symptoms of volume depletion and low blood pressure, and follow up on volume status after drug initiation.

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Practice Point 4.2.6: A reversible decrease in the eGFR with commencement of SGLT2i treatment may occur and is generally not an indication to discontinue therapy.

Practice Point 4.2.7: Once an SGLT2i is initiated, it is reasonable to continue an SGLT2i even if eGFR falls below 30 ml/min per 1.73 m², unless it is not tolerated or kidney replacement therapy is initiated.

Practice Point 4.2.8: SGLT2i have not been adequately studied in kidney transplant recipients, who may benefit from SGLT2i treatment, but are immunosuppressed and potentially at increased risk for infections; therefore, the recommendation to use SGLT2i treatment does not apply to kidney transplant recipients.

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Recommendation 4.3.1: In patients with T2D and CKD who have not achieved individualized glycemic targets despite use of metformin and SGLT2i treatment, or who are unable to use those medications, we recommend a long-acting GLP-1 RA *(1B)*.



3-point Major Cardiovascular Events

GLP-1 RA	Dose	CKD adjustment
Dulaglutide	0.75 mg and 1.5 mg once weekly	No dosage adjustment Use with eGFR >15 ml/min per 1.73 m²
Exenatide	10 µg twice daily	Use with CrCl >30 ml/min
Exenatide extended-release	2 mg once weekly	Use with CrCl >30 ml/min
Liraglutide	0.6 mg, 1.2 mg, and 1.8 mg once daily	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD
Lixisenatide	10 μg and 20 μg once daily	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD
Semaglutide (injection)	0.5 mg and 1 mg once weekly	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD
Semaglutide (oral)	3 mg, 7 mg, or 14 mg daily	No dosage adjustment Limited data for severe CKD

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