

# Management of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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### Overview

- Overview of T2DM & glycaemic targets
- Treatment after metformin newer agents on the market
  - SGLT2 inhibitors
  - DPP4 agonists
  - GLP1 antagonists
- Insulin options
  - Newer options coformulation

# Diagnosis

- ADS position statement
- Criteria:
  - HbA1c <u>></u> 6.5%
  - Fasting glucose > 7mmol/L.
  - Random glucose > 11.1mmol/L
  - GTT showing fasting  $\geq$  7 or 2hr  $\geq$  11.1mmol/L
- Patients with IGT have an increased risk of death and vascular disease (regardless of progression to diabetes) as well as microvascular complications
  - Risk of progression to T2DM is reduced by 58% with lifestyle modification and 31% with metformin

# Optimising health outcomes in diabetes

- Glucose control
- Smoking cessation
- Blood pressure control
- Lipid management with priority to statins
- Some circumstances, antiplatelet therapy

#### **ADA/EASD – 2015 position** statement

- Glycaemic targets need to be individualised
- Based on modifiable and non-modifiable factors



1. Inzucchi S.E. et al. *Diabetologia*. 2015; **58**: 429-442

# Importance of glycaemic control



# The increasing burden of T2DM

Total number of adults with diabetes (20-79 years)



<sup>1.</sup> World Health Statistics 2017. Monitoring Health for the SDGs. *World Health Organization* 2017.

<sup>2.</sup> International Diabetes Federation. IDF Diabetes Atlas, 8th ed. Brussels, Belgium: International Diabetes Federation, 2017. http://www.diabetesatlas.org.

#### **Clinical inertia**



1. Del Prato S et al. Int J Clin Pract 2005;59(11):1345–55. 2. Khunti K et al. Diabetes Care 2013;36(11):3411–7. 3. Khunti K and Millar-Jones D. Prim Care Diabetes 2017;11(1):3–12.

#### Legacy effect



#### Similar HbA1c after 1<sup>st</sup> year but in intensive arm

- 24%  $\downarrow$  microvascular Cx
- 15% ↓ MI
- 13%  $\downarrow$  all cause mortality

# **Oral agents after metformin**

- Sulphonylureas
- Thiazolidiones
- SGLT2 inhibitors
  - Dapagliflozin
  - Empagliflozin
- DPP4 antagonists
  - Sitagliptin
  - Linagliptin
  - Saxogliptin
  - Aloglipitin
  - Vildagliptin
- (Acarbose)

#### **SGLT2** inhibitors

Filtered glucose load > 180 g/day



reduces glucose reabsorption in the proximal tubule, leading to urinary glucose excretion<sup>\*1</sup> \*A loss of approximately 78 g of sugar per day on 25 mg dose

# **DPPIV** antagonists

- DPP4 inactivates a number of incretins
- Inhibition of breakdown results in higher levels of incretins
  - Results in glucose-dependent insulin secretion
- Weight neutral, no risk of hypoglycaemia (unless used with SU/insulin)
- Generally well tolerated
  - Occasional nausea
  - ? pancreatitis
- Safe in renal failure (most require dose adjustment except linagliptin)
- CV safe (trend to increased HF in some agents)

# **5 Steps in managing T2DM**

- 1<sup>st</sup> metformin and lifestyle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> if HbA1c over target: determine if the patient has established vascular disease
  - If yes empagliflozin as preferable agent
  - Consider screening for occult disease as this affects the best treatment option for patients
- 3<sup>rd</sup> if HbA1c over target: determine if the patient has HF or CKD
  - If yes empagliflozin as preferable agent
- 4<sup>th</sup> if HbA1c over target: determine if there is a need to reduce the risk of hypoglycaemia
  - If yes either SGLT-2 inhibitor or DPP4
- 5<sup>th</sup> if HbA1c over target: determine if there is a need to minimise weight gain or promote weight loss
  - If yes SGLT2 inhibitors (as oral agents) or GLP1 agonists (injectable)

Now we have agents that address more than just glycaemic control but also can assist with reducing diabetic-related complications, hypoglycaemia and can enable weight loss

# **Glycaemic benefits of empagliflozin**



#### Empagliflozin provides significant weight loss

- Empagliflozin 25mg: -2.5kg
- Empagliflozin 10mg: -2.1kg
- Placebo -0.5kg

#### Empagliflozin reduces systolic blood pressure

- Empagliflozin 25mg: -5.2mmHg
- Empagliflozin 10mg: -4.5mmHg
- Placebo -0.4mmHg

# **Empa-reg study**

Randomised and treated 7020 patients

- Inclusion
  - Adults with T2DM
  - Established CVD
  - HbA1c 7-10%
  - eGFR >30
- Subgroups
  - Standard of care + placebo (2333)
  - Standard of care + empagliflozin 10mg (2345)
  - Standard of care + empagliflozin 25mg (2342)

### **CV death**

#### Empagliflozin reduced the risk of CV death by 38%

vs placebo on top of standard of care in patients with T2D and established CV disease<sup>1†</sup>

Early<sup>\*</sup> and sustained<sup>#</sup> response



\*Within 6 months from start. #Up to 48 months from start.

1. Zinman B et al. N Engl J Med 2015;373:2117-28.

## **All-cause mortality**

Empagliflozin reduced the risk of all-cause mortality by 32%

vs placebo on top of standard of care in patients with T2D and established CV disease<sup>1†</sup>

<sup>+</sup>CAD, PAD, MI or stroke. JARDIANCE<sup>®</sup> is not indicated to reduce all-cause mortality



Adapted from Zinman B et al. 2015.1

## **Hospitalisation for heart failure**

empagliflozin reduced the risk of hospitalisation for heart failure by 35%

vs placebo on top of standard of care in patients with T2D and established CV disease<sup>1†</sup>

<sup>+</sup>CAD, PAD, MI or stroke. JARDIANCE<sup>®</sup> is not indicated to reduce hospitalisation for heart failure



#### **Empagliflozin and renal outcomes**



1. Wanner C et al. N Engl J Med 2016; 373:323-34. 2. JARDIANCE Approved Product Information. 3. Zinman B et al. N Engl J Med 2015; 373:2117-28
 4. Wiviott SD et al. N Engl J Med 2018 Nov 10. doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1812389. 5. Forxiga Approved Product Information.

# **Safety considerations**

- No increase in the overall rate of UTI, complicated UTI or pyelonephritis with empagliflozin vs placebo in EMPA-REG OUTCOME<sup>1</sup>
  - **UTI**: 18.0% vs 18.1%, respectively
  - **Complicated UTI**:\* 1.7% vs 1.8%, respectively
  - **Pyelonephritis**: 0.3% vs 0.2%, respectively
- Increased rate of genital infections with empagliflozin vs placebo in EMPA-REG OUTCOME<sup>1</sup>
  - 6.4% with empagliflozin vs 1.8% with placebo (p<0.001)</li>

# SGLT2i and (DKA)

- In patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors, rare cases of DKA have been reported
- Discontinuation or temporary interruption should be considered until the situation is clarified
- The Australian Diabetes Society recently released an alert outlining a series of cases of

SGLT2i be ceased at least 3 days pre-operatively (2 days prior to surgery and the day of surgery) or in other physically stressful situations

# Death Outcomes from SGLT2 inhibitor

	n event/N analysed (%)								
	Study	SGLT2i	Placebo	HR (95% CI)		<i>p</i> -value			
	EMPA-REG OUTCOME®1								
mpagliflozin	eCVD	172/4687 (3.7)	137/2333 (5.9)	0.62 (0.49, 0.77)		<0.001			
	DECLARE-TIMI 58 <sup>2</sup>								
	Total population	245/8582 (2.9)	249/8578 (2.9)	0.98 (0.82, 1.17)	<b>⊢</b>				
anagliflazin	MRF	92/5108 (1.8)	86/5078 (1.7)	1.06 (0.79, 1.42)		0 52*/N			
	eCVD	153/3474 (4.4)	163/3500 (4.7)	0.94 (0.76, 1.18)		0.53*(N			
				0.5	1	2			
				-	Favours Favours SGLT2i Placebo				

1. Zinman B et al. 2015<sup>1</sup> 2. Wiviott et al. 2018.<sup>2</sup>

#### **DPP4** inhibitors and CV outcomes





Risk of hospitalisation for heart failure



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# Selected oral agents after metformin

PBS listed	Evidence of cardioprotection	Key adverse events	Risk of hypoglycaemia	Effect on weight	Renal Impairment eGFR (ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>
SGLT2 inhibitors	<ul> <li>empagliflozin</li> <li>demonstrated</li> <li>cardioprotection</li> </ul>	Genital infections, UTI, postural hypotension	Low with metformin Increased risk when combined with insulin/SU	Loss	Empagliflozin Stop when < 45 <sup>8</sup> dapagliflozin Stop when < 60 <sup>9</sup>
DPP4 inhibitors	Х	Potential risk of pancreatitis	Low with metformin Increased risk when combined with insulin/SU	Neutral	Dose adjustments (except linagliptin)
SUs	Х	Hypoglycaemia, weight gain	Yes (common)	Gain	Stop when < 30

### **Injectable options**

# **GLP1 Receptor Agonists**

- Exenatide (byetta or bydureon) exendin-4-based GLP1 RA
- Dulaglutide (trulicity) large human GLP-1 RA, semaglutide (ozempic) small GLP-1 RA
  - However, only byetta (twice daily) is PBS approved for the use with insulin
- Act on both FPG and PPG levels to varying degrees
- Effects
  - Decreased insulin secretion (beta cells)
  - Increased glucagon secretion (alpha cells)
  - Increased hepatic glucose production
  - Reduced appetite
  - Decreased incretin effect
  - Decreased glucose uptake

#### **Effects**

#### Advantages

- Weight loss or weight neutral
- Lower hypoglycaemia vs rapid-acting insulin addition
- Lower daily dose of insulin
- Disadvantages
  - Number of injections and complexity of regime (extra two daily)
  - GIT side effects
  - Possibly less effective long-term or patients with initial very poor glycaemic control
  - Cost of GLP1 RA

#### Semaglutide normalises insulin



Kapitza C et al Diabetologia 2017;60:1390-9

# Semaglutide change in HbA1c

- SUSTAIN 1 vs placebo (30/52, baseline HbA1 8.1%)
  - Placebo -0.02
  - Semaglutide 0.5mg -1.5
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.6
- SUSTAIN 2 vs sitagliptin (56/52, baseline HbA1c 8.1)
  - Sitagliptin -0.5
  - Semaglutide 0.5mg -1.3
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.6
- SUSTAIN 3 vs exenatide ER (56/52, baseline HbA1c 8.3%)
  - Exenatide -0.9
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.5
- SUSTAIN 7 vs dulaglutide
  - Dulaglutide 0.75mg -1.1
  - Dulaglutide 1mg -1.4
  - Semaglutide 0.5mg -1.5
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.8

# Semaglutide change in HbA1c

- SUSTAIN 8 vs canagliflozin (52/52, baseline HbA1 8.3%)
  - Canagliflozin -1.0
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.5
- SUSTAIN 9 vs placebo (30/52, baseline HbA1c 8.0)
  - Placebo -0.1
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.5
- SUSTAIN 4 vs lantus (30/52, baseline HbA1c 8.2%)
  - Lantus -0.8
  - Semaglutide 0.5mg -1.2
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.6
- SUSTAIN 5 vs placebo
  - Placebo -0.1
  - Semaglutide 0.5mg -1.4
  - Semaglutide 1mg -1.8

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# Semaglutide change in HbA1c

- Reductions in HbA1c > with semaglutide than comparitors
  - Placebo, sitagliptin, exenatide ER, glargine, dulaglutide, canagliflozin, liraglutide
- SUSTAIN 1-5 reductions in HbA1c greater in patients with higher baseline HbA1c
  - No influence from baseline BMI, background treatment, diabetes duration or age
- Consistently reduced FPG and/or PPG across all studies

## Semaglutide reduces fat mass



- SUSTAIN 1-5 and 7-10
  - Reductions in weight more than comparators
  - Placebo, sitagliptin, exenatide ER, glargine, dulaglutide, canagliflozin, liraglutide
- SUSTAIN 1-5 and 7 reductions in weight greater with higher baseline BMI and the higher dose
- SUSTAIN 1-5 weight reduction was due to the effect of the drug and not nausea/vomiting

# Sustain 6

Subjects with an event (%) CV death Placebo, 2.8% HR 0.98 [95% CI: 0.65;1.48] Semaglutide, 2.7% Events: 44 semaglutide; 46 placebo p=0.92 3 2 40 48 56 64 72 0 16 24 32 80 88 96 104 109 Time since randomisation (weeks) No. at risk Semaglutide 1,579 1,572 1,648 1,634 1,627 1,617 1,607 1,589 Placebo 1,649 1,637 1,623 1,617 1,600 1,584 1,566 1,558 Subjects with an event (%) Non-fatal stroke HR 0.61 [95% CI: 0.38;0.99] Placebo, 2.7% Events: 27 semaglutide; 44 placebo Semaglutide, 1.6% p=0.04 2 24 32 40 48 56 64 72 80 88 96 104109 8 16 0 No. at risk Time since randomisation (weeks) Semaglutide 1,648 1,630 1,619 1,606 1,593 1,572 1,558 1,558 Placebo 1,649 1,629 1,611 1,597 1,571 1,548 1,528 1,521



1. Marso SP et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:1834-44

# **SUSTAIN 6: adverse effects**

- GI disorders
  - Diarrhoea: 17.9% (semaglutide 0.5mg) vs 18.4% (semaglutide 1mg) vs 11.9% (placebo)
  - Nausea: 17.3% (semaglutide 0.5mg) vs 21.9% (semaglutide 1mg) vs 7.5% (placebo)
  - Vomiting: 10.5% (semaglutide 0.5mg) vs 14.8% (semaglutide 1mg) vs 5.2% (placebo)
- Gallbladder disorders:
  - Cholelithiasis: 2.5% (semaglutide 0.5mg) vs 2.1% (semaglutide 1mg) vs 2.3% (placebo)
  - Cholecystitis acute: 0.5% (semaglutide 0.5mg) vs 0% (semaglutide 1mg) vs 0.7% (placebo)
- Acute pancreatitis: 0.7% (semaglutide 0.5mg) vs 0.4% (semaglutide 1mg) vs 0.4% (placebo)
  - Shown in other studies to not increase the risk

### **Insulin options**

# **Types of insulin**

- Basal insulin: long-acting or ultra-long acting
- Co-formulated: two separate insulins rapid acting and ultra-long acting basal insulins
- Pre-mixed: suspension of rapid-acting insulin with crystalline version of the same insulin (protaminated to form an intermediate-acting insulin)
- Rapid-acting insulin
- Short-or intermediate acting insulins
- Initiating insulin options:
  - Basal insulin (eg glargine)
  - Co-formulation (ryzodeg)
  - Premixed (novomix, Humalog mix)

# **Co-formulation insulin**

- Ryzodeg 30/70
- Only currently available co-formulation
- Soluble co-formulation of 70% insulin degludec and 30% insulin aspart
- Peak action due to aspart, stable basal effect from degludec >24hrs

# **Co-formulation insulin**

#### Advantages

- Simplicity of regime (one pen)
- Fewer daily injections than basal add on
- Lower hypoglycaemia than premixed or basal add on
- Lower daily dose of insulin compared to other insulin regimes
- No resuspension required (cf premixed insulin)
- Better 24hr coverage compared to premixed insulin and lantus (not toujeo)
- Lower glycaemic variability compared to premixed insulin
- Disadvantages
  - Less flexibility (can't adjust the dose of novorapid)
  - Indicated only once or twice daily

#### SR hypoglycaemia (degludec vs lantus)

Maintenance period Full treatment period

Estimated rate ratio [95% CI]



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# Patients on basal insulin

- Situations
  - Basal insulin titrated to target FBGL and HbA1 above target OR
  - Basal insulin dose limited by hypoglycaemia (and weight gain) (over-basalisation)
    - Particularly if >0.5U/kg may not improve glycaemic control but increases hypoglycaemia and weight gain
- Options
  - Combination injectable therapy to cover postprandial glucose excursions
    - Adding a rapid-acting insulin with 1-3 meals
    - Changing to pre-mixed insulin
    - Adding GLP1 RA
    - Changing to co-formulation
- Usually sulfonylureas, possible DPP4I and GLP1RA are ceased
- Metformin and SGLT2 inhibitors should be continued particularly if large doses of insulin required (eg obese, highly-insulin resistant)

# **Basal add on rapid-acting insulin**

- Eg lantus/toujeo with novorapid, humalog, apidra or fiasp
- Controls PPG excursions
- Aims to mimic the physiological meal-simulated insulin release
- Start with one/two meals and upgrade to three if needed
- Advantages
  - Greater flexibility (dosing/timing) than premixed
  - Graduated introduction of prandial insulin
- Disadvantages
  - Risk of hypoglycaemia potentially greater than premixed
  - Weight gain often greater than premixed
  - Injection burden (potentially more daily injections)
  - Complexity of regime (two types of insulins/pens)

# Ryzodeg vs basal add on

- 38/52, randomised, open-label, treat-to-target (HbA1c <7%)
- Basal insulin +/- OHAs, HbA1c 7-10%
- Ryzodeg vs insulin glargine U100 + aspart (lantus/novorapid)
- Results:
  - Number of injections:
    - W26 one ryzodeg, two lantus/novorapid
    - W38 1.62 ryzodeg, 2.85 lantus/novorapid
  - Dose of insulin
    - Ryzodeg 83.4U vs lantus/NR 89.3 (6.6% reduction)
  - Similar estimated treatment difference of -1.1% HbA1c (confirmed non-inferiority)
  - At W26 and W38 target HbA1c, fasting and postprandial BGLs were similar
  - At W38 target HbA1c without hypoglycaemia
    - Ryzodeg: 22.5% vs lantus/novorapid 21.1%
  - At W38 nocturnal hypoglycaemia
    - Estimated rate ratio 0.61 in favour of ryzodeg

# **Co-formulation vs BBT in Step-by-Step Trial: Results**



## **Premixed insulins**

- Eg novomix, humalog mix
- Used 1-3 times daily with meals
- If twice daily roughly 50/50 with breakfast and dinner (preferably) to allow better basal coverage
- Premixed
  - Advantages
    - Simplicity one pen
    - Potentially fewer injections than basal add on
  - Disadvantages
    - Less flexibility
    - Risk of inadequate 24hr coverage ie poorer glycaemic control and more variability
    - Need for resuspension

# **Ryzodeg vs premixed insulin**

- Two RCT, open-label, treat-to-target in patients with T2DM
- Two doses of ryzodeg or novomix
- 26/52
- Results ryzodeg group
  - Lower insulin 16% (0.9 vs 1.1U/kg)
  - Less weight gain -0.5kg
  - Greater reduction in FBG
  - Overall hypoglycaemia lower 19% (estimated rate ratio 0.81)
  - Nocturnal hypoglycaemia lower 57% (0.43)
  - Severe hypoglycaemia lower 39% (0.61)
  - Overall HbA1c comparable





#### **Patient examples**

- T2DM naïve to treatment
  - If HbA1c <9% -> metformin and lifestyle alone
  - If HbA1c >9% -> consider dual therapy from onset
- T2DM on metformin
  - If vascular disease, renal disease or heart failure -> empagliflozin
  - If concerns regarding weight -> semaglutide for 6-12 months -> SGLT2-I
- T2DM on maximal non-insulin therapy
  - If sugars are generally all elevated -> basal insulin
  - If postprandial elevations -> ryzodeg

# Summary

- We need to set individualised targets for patients and be aggressive in our attempts to achieve these targets
- All vascular risk factors need to be treated to minimise the long-term risks of T2DM
- Today a plethora of drugs exist for the management of T2DM
  - We need to be proactive when screening for occult vascular disease
  - We need to consider the non-glycaemic benefits of drugs
    - Empagliflozin has a clear benefit in patients with vascular disease, heart failure and renal impairment
    - Semaglutide has a clear benefit in terms of weight reduction and glycaemic control
- We need to address the clinical inertia that exists regarding the initiation of insulin
  - Ryzodeg should be considered as an option for insulin initiation or intensification given its pharmokinetic profile





# Thank you

