

How do I optimise excess cardiovascular disease risk in type 1 diabetes?

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21.18 How to review a patient in the diabetes clinic

Approach to the diabetes consultation

Introduction (agenda-setting) 'How are you?'
'What matters to you?'
(Is translator required?)

Demographics Age, type of diabetes, duration of diabetes

Microvascular complications Retinopathy/ maculopathy
Renal function (eGFR)
Microalbuminuria/proteinuria
Foot examination

Macrovascular complications Cardiovascular disease
Cerebrovascular disease
Peripheral vascular disease

Metabolic BMI/weight trajectory
Diet (quality/calories)/CHO counting
Current glucose-lowering treatment
(adherence/administration)

15 mins!

*From Davidson's
Textbook of Medicine 2022*

HbA_{1c}
Step-wise approach to glucose monitoring
(frequency, timing, representativeness or reliability of data)
Hypoglycaemia (frequency, timing, symptoms, context, episodes of level 3 hypoglycaemia, consequences, driving)
Hyperglycaemia (frequency, timing, symptoms, context, episodes of DKA/HHS, consequences)
Glycaemic variability if AGP available

Cardiovascular risk



BP
Cholesterol
Smoking cessation

Pregnancy/contraception
Exercise
Sexual dysfunction
Alcohol
Driving

Main action points
Goal setting
Changes to treatment
Referrals within team
Other referrals
Accessing support prior to next appointment

Remember:

- Person-centred (lifestyle, occupation, travel, behaviour)
- Language matters
- Start with the 'Good News'
- Culturally sensitive
- Collaborative
- Empathetic
- Empowering
- Reassuring
- Non-judgemental
- STOP-BANG questionnaire for OSA
- Cognitive function assessment
- Adjunct agents in T1D?
- Driving?

AGP = Ambulatory Glucose Profile; BMI = Body Mass Index; CHO = carbohydrate; DKA = diabetic ketoacidosis; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; HHS = hyperglycaemic hyperosmolar state.

Let's get the basics out of the way . . .

To optimize and mitigate excess cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk in type 1 diabetes (T1D), a multifaceted approach is required, addressing the unique challenges posed by the condition. Below are the key strategies:

1. Achieve Optimal Glycemic Control

- Target HbA1c: Strive for individualized HbA1c goals, generally <7% (53 mmol/mol), while avoiding severe hypoglycemia.
- Time in Range (TIR): Use continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) to aim for >70% time in range (3.9 - 10 mmol/L)
- Minimize Glycemic Variability: Reduce large fluctuations, which may independently contribute to endothelial damage.

OPEN ACCESS



Insulin pump therapy, multiple daily injections, and cardiovascular mortality in 18 168 people with type 1 diabetes: observational study

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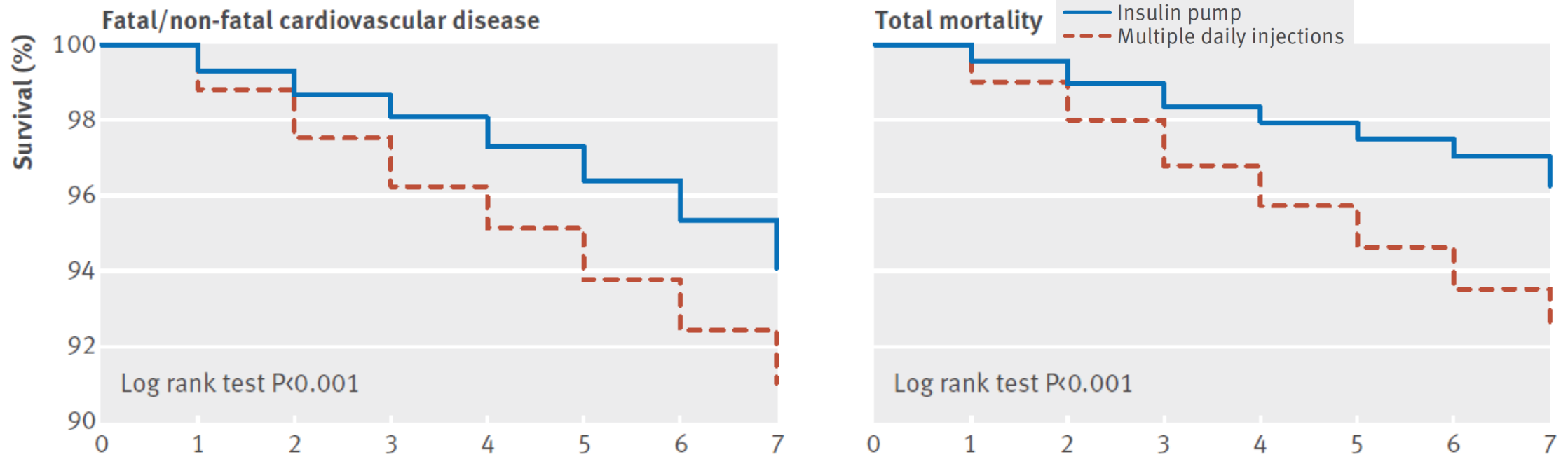


Fig 1 | Kaplan-Meier crude survival curves in 18 168 individuals with type 1 diabetes according to treatment with insulin pump therapy or multiple daily injections. No of cases and individuals at risk are given in each group

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2. Aggressively Manage Cardiovascular Risk Factors

- **Blood Pressure:**
 - Target $<130/80$ mmHg.
 - Use ACE inhibitors or ARBs, especially in those with albuminuria or nephropathy
- **Lipids:**
 - Aim for LDL cholesterol < 2.0 mmol/L in high-risk patients.
 - Statin therapy is recommended for all patients over 40 years – and younger with additional risk factors.
 - *Consider ezetimibe or PCSK9 inhibitors if LDL targets are not achieved.*

Let's get the basics out of the way . . .

2. Aggressively Manage Cardiovascular Risk Factors (cont)

- **Body Weight:**
 - Address overweight/obesity to improve insulin sensitivity and reduce CVD risk.
- **Smoking Cessation:**
 - Provide resources for smoking cessation, as smoking accelerates atherosclerosis in T1D.

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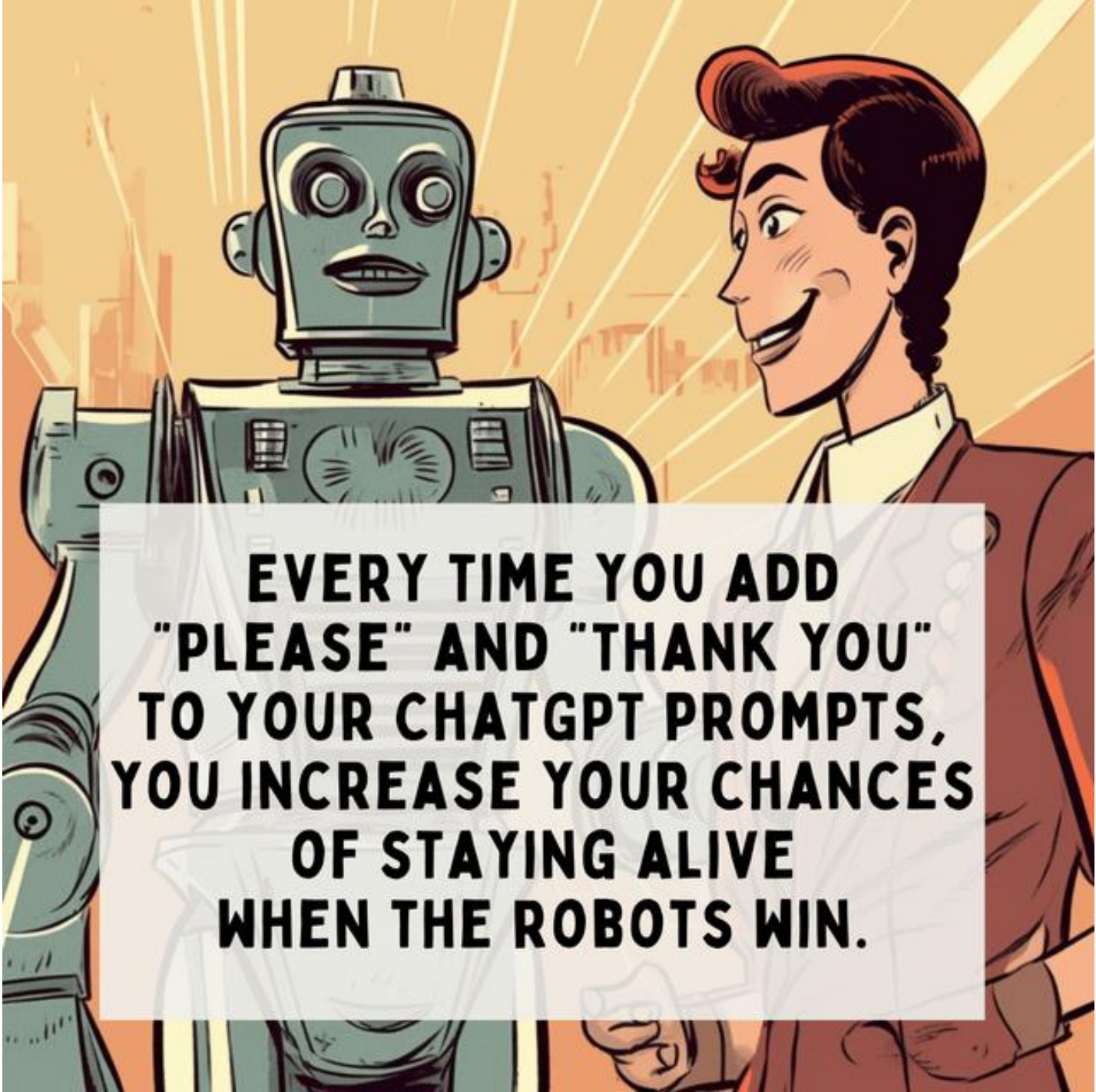
3. Address Diabetes-Specific Risk Factors

- **Chronic Inflammation and Endothelial Dysfunction:**
 - Optimize glycemic control to reduce hyperglycemia-induced inflammation.
- **Hypoglycemia:**
 - Minimize severe hypoglycemia, as it can provoke proarrhythmic and proatherogenic effects.

Let's get the basics out of the way . . .

4. Pharmacologic Interventions

- **Statins:**
 - High-intensity statins are preferred for patients with established CVD or high-risk profiles.
- **Antihypertensives:**
 - Use ACE inhibitors or ARBs first-line, especially in patients with T1D and microalbuminuria/ kidney involvement.
- **Low-Dose Aspirin:**
 - For secondary prevention (or high-risk primary prevention)

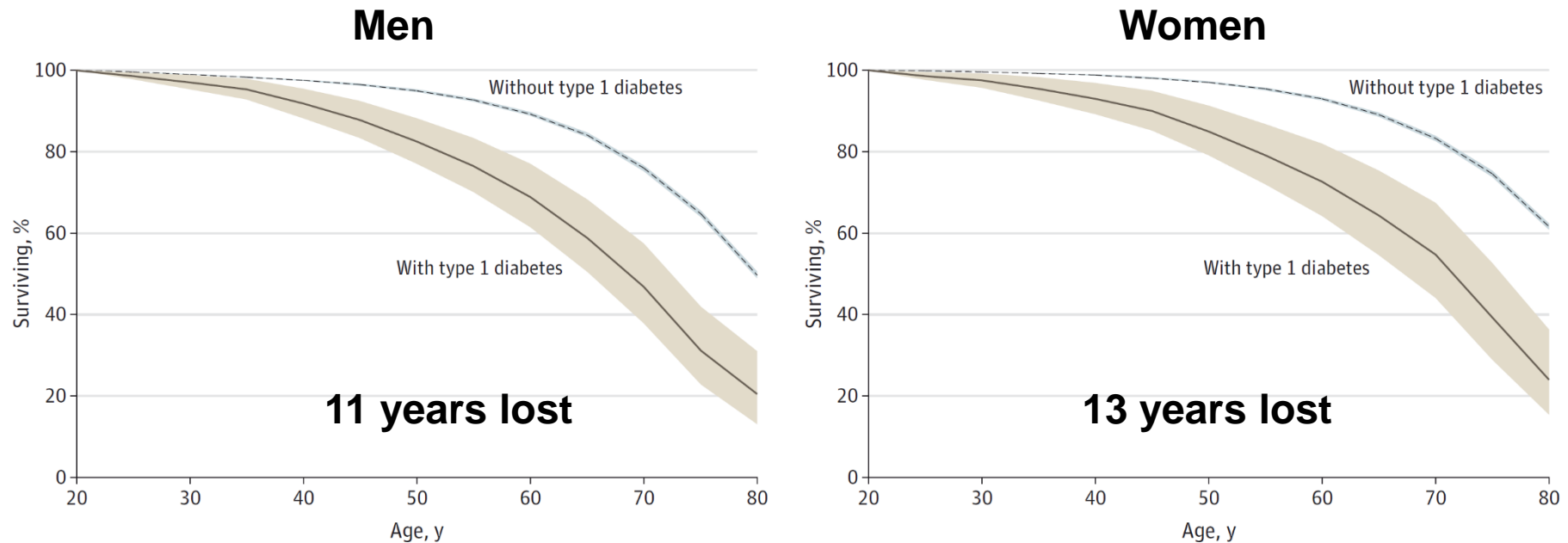


**EVERY TIME YOU ADD
"PLEASE" AND "THANK YOU"
TO YOUR CHATGPT PROMPTS,
YOU INCREASE YOUR CHANCES
OF STAYING ALIVE
WHEN THE ROBOTS WIN.**

Original Investigation

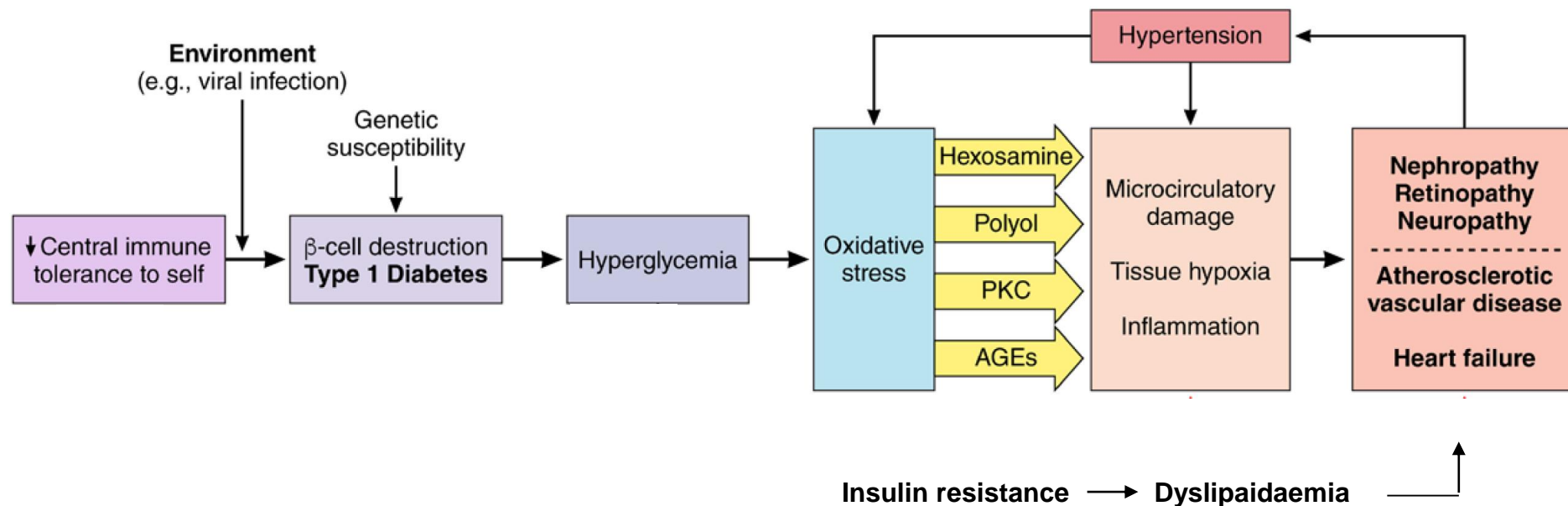
Estimated Life Expectancy in a Scottish Cohort With Type 1 Diabetes, 2008-2010

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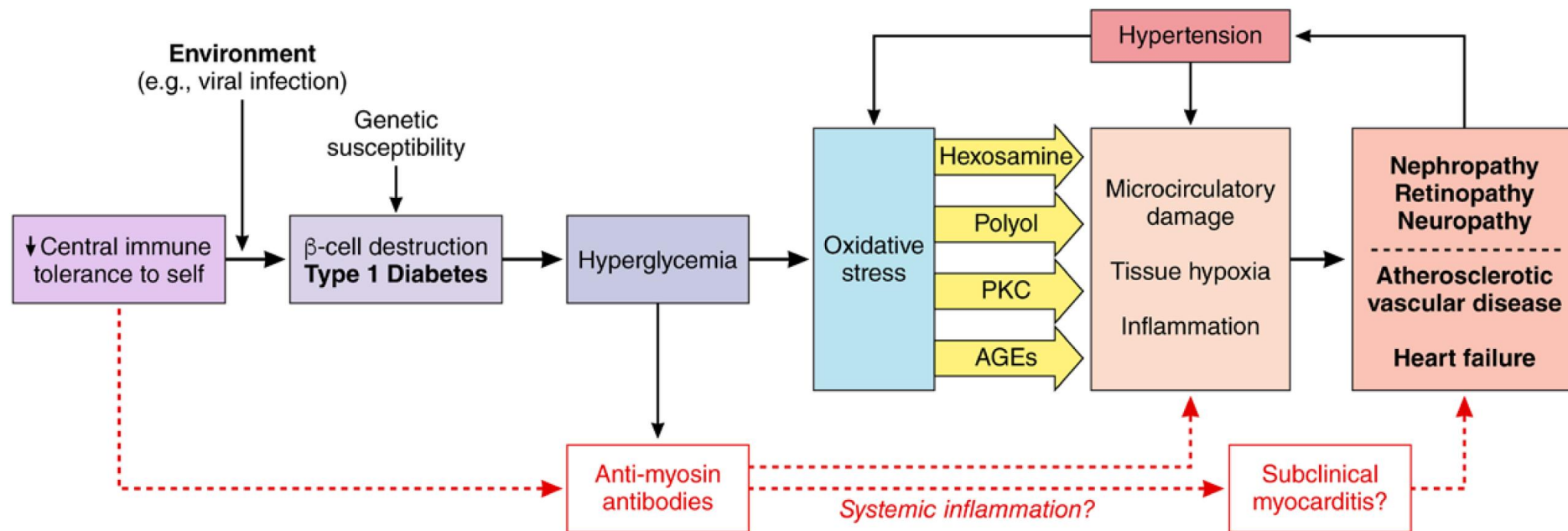
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Role for a Dysfunctional Immune Response?



Heart failure in T1D and T2D in Scotland

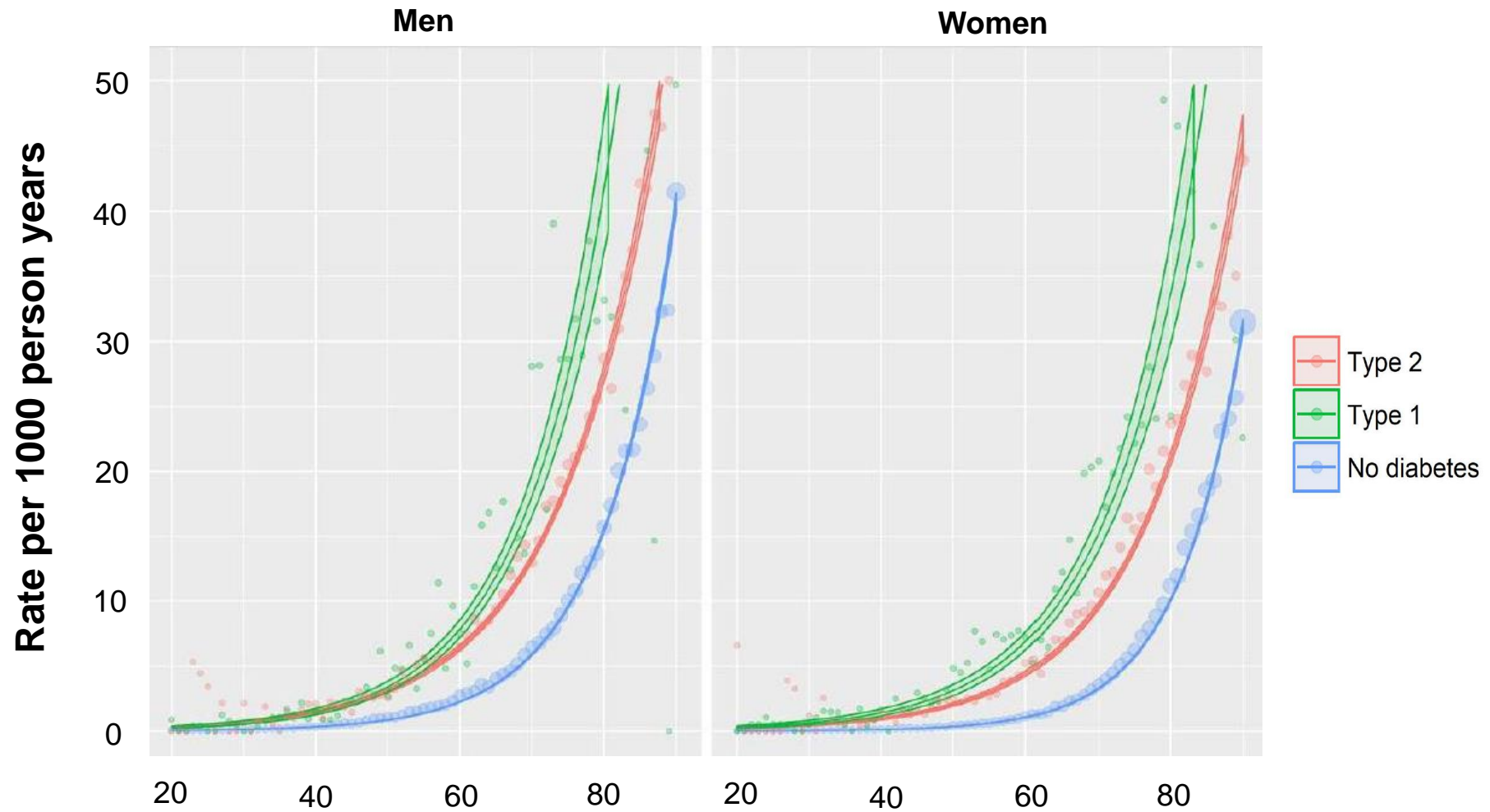
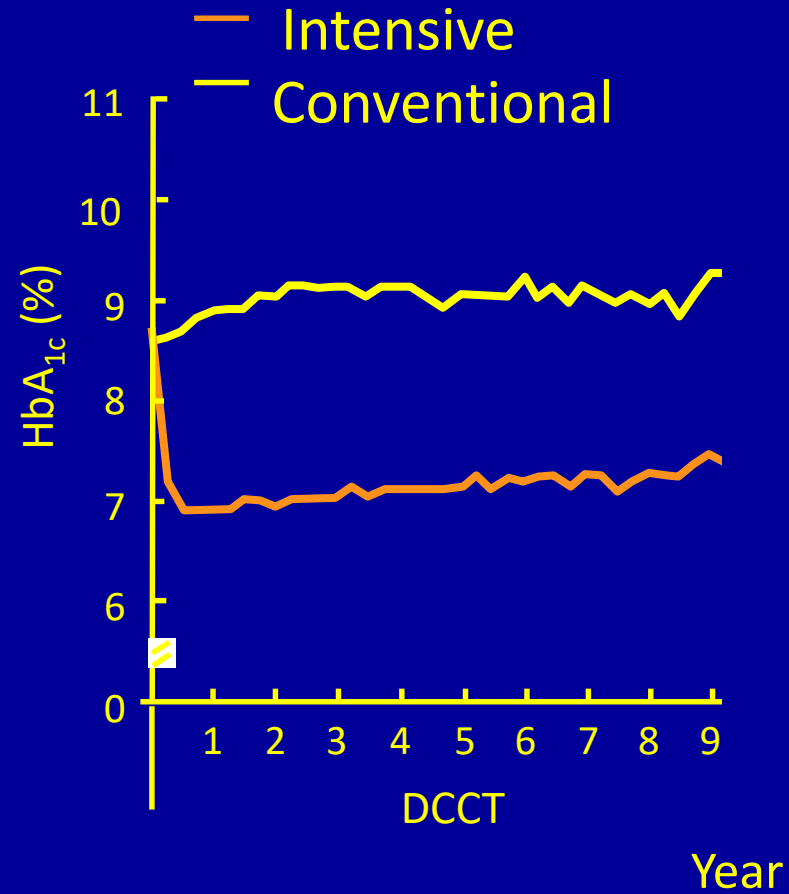
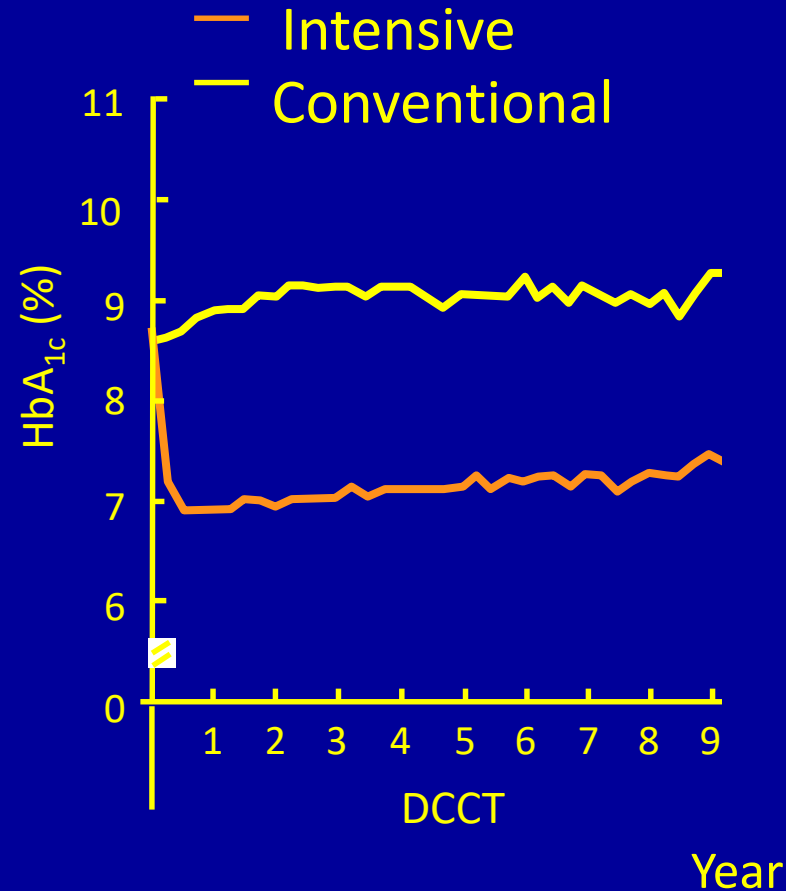


Figure 1: Age, sex and deprivation adjusted incidence of heart failure hospitalisation (95% CIs) by diabetes type, age and sex

Diabetes Control and Complications Trial



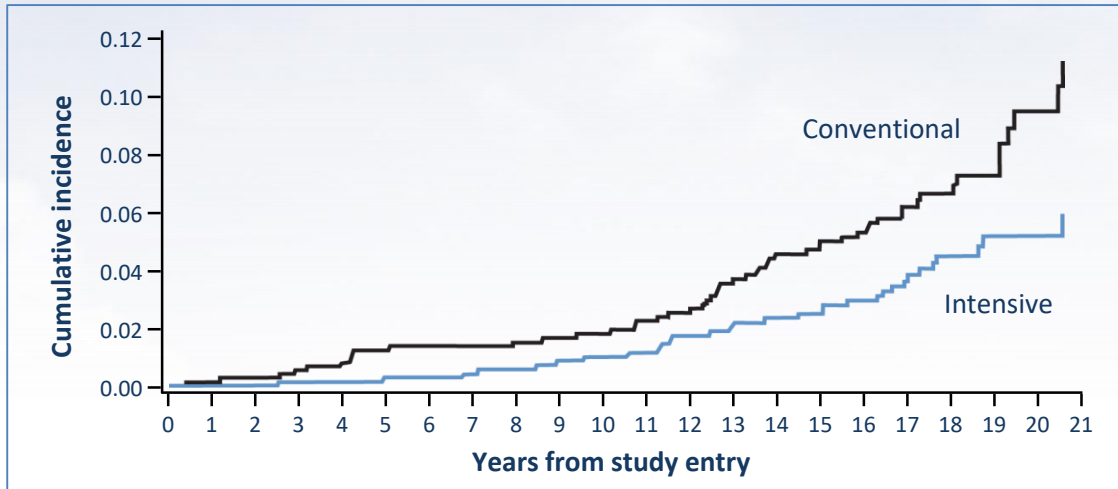
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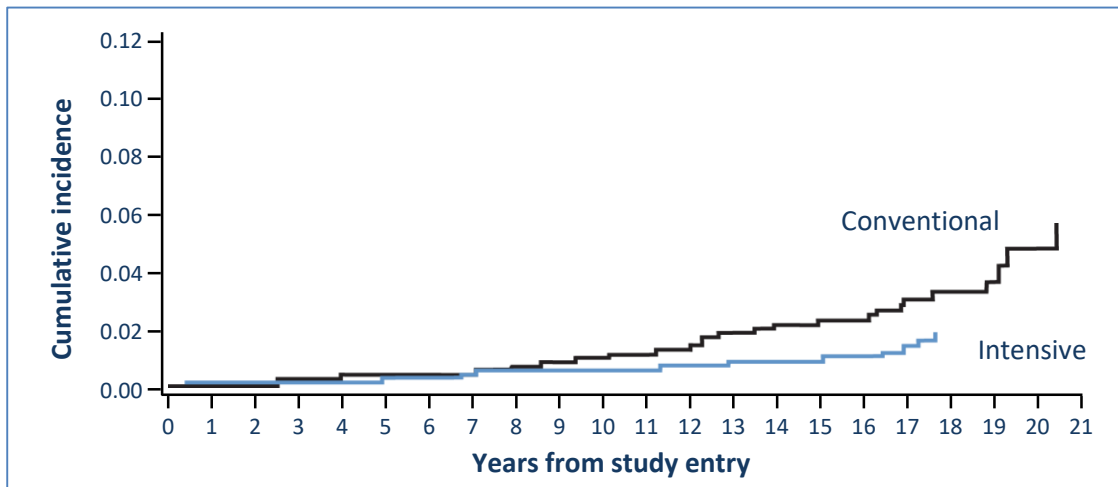
“When all major cardiovascular and peripheral vascular events were combined, intensive therapy reduced, *albeit not significantly*, the risk of macrovascular disease by 41 per cent”

(0.8 events per 100 pt years to 0.5 events; 95% CI –10 to 68 percent)

DCCT/EDIC at 30 Years¹: Cumulative Incidence of Clinical Cardiovascular Outcomes^{1,2}



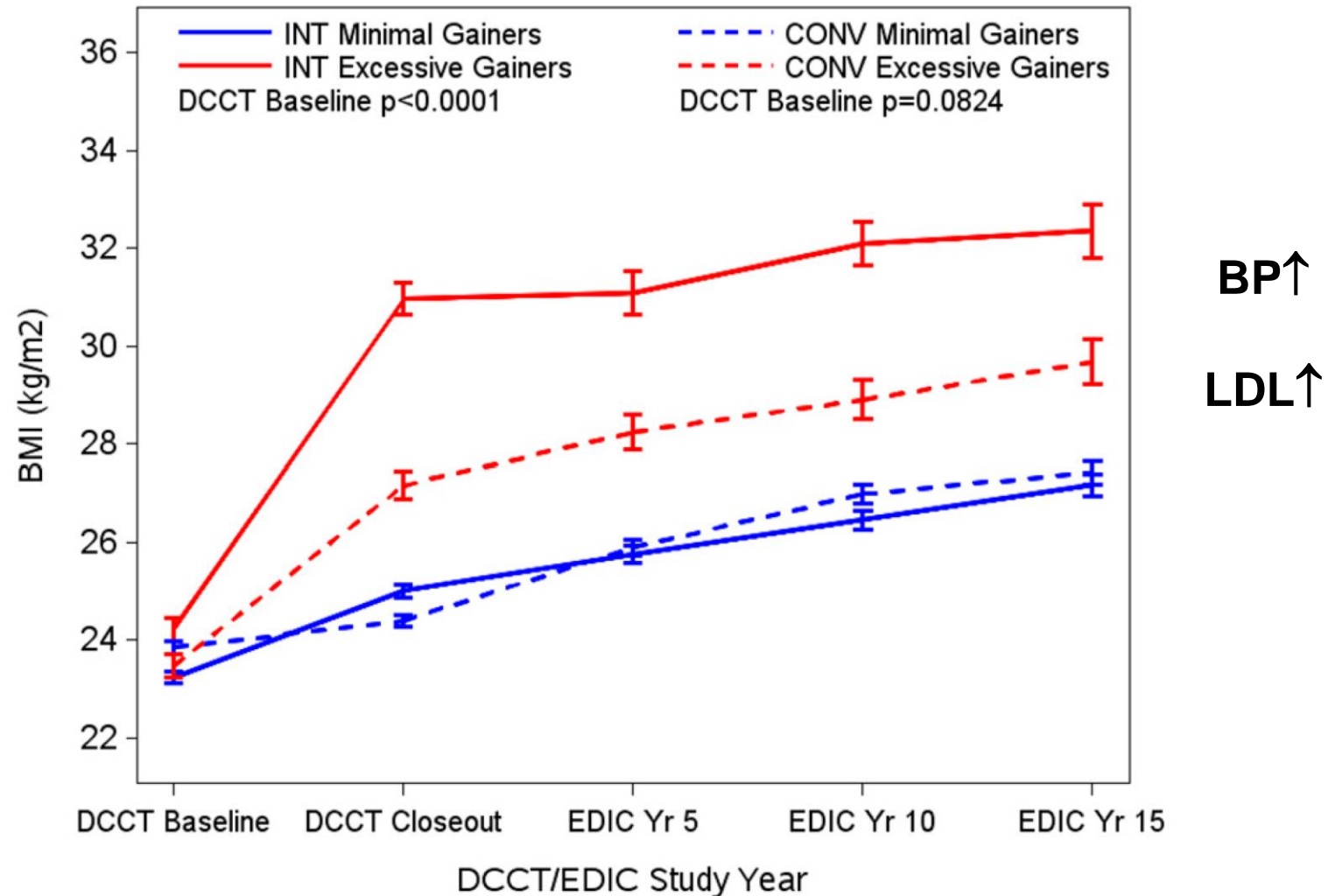
**Any primary outcome event:
42% risk reduction ($p=0.016$)**



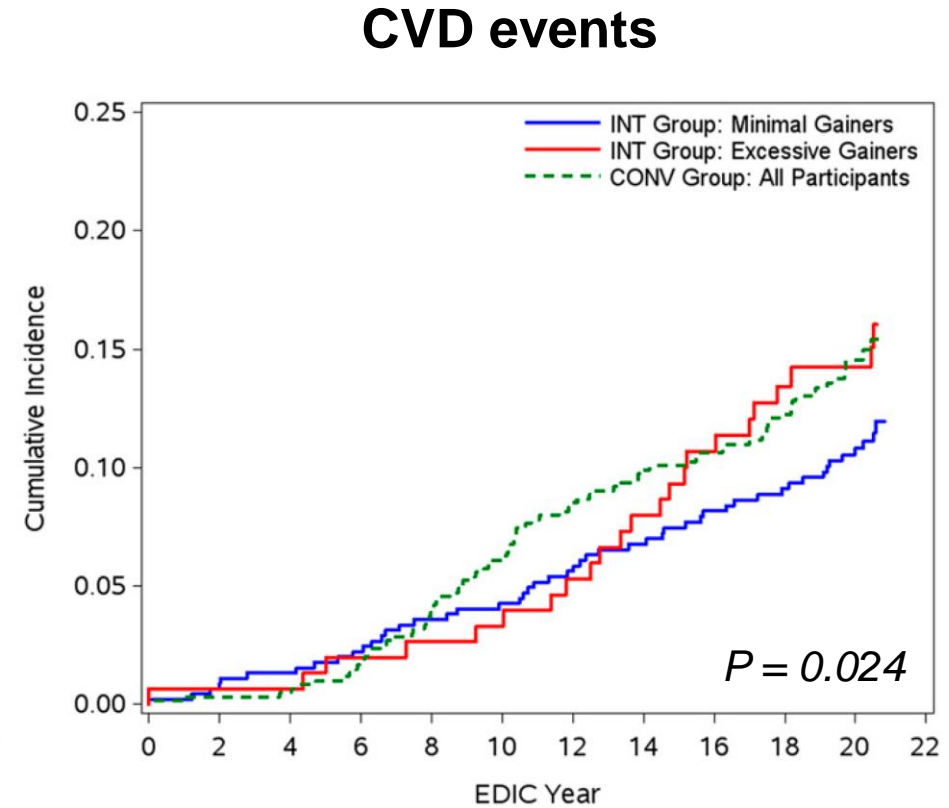
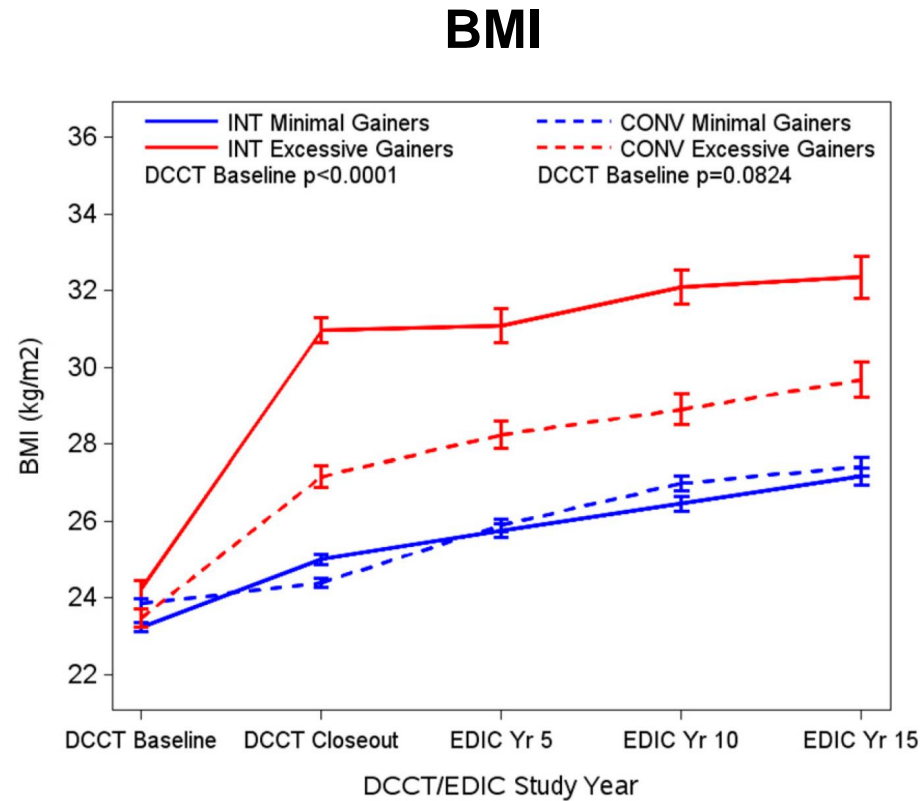
**Fatal or nonfatal MI or stroke
or CVD death:
57% risk reduction ($p=0.018$)**

1. Adapted from Lachin JM, et al., for the DCCT/EDIC Research Group. *Diabetes Care* 2014;37:39–43.
2. Reproduced from DCCT/EDIC Research Group. *N Engl J Med* 2005;353:2643–53.

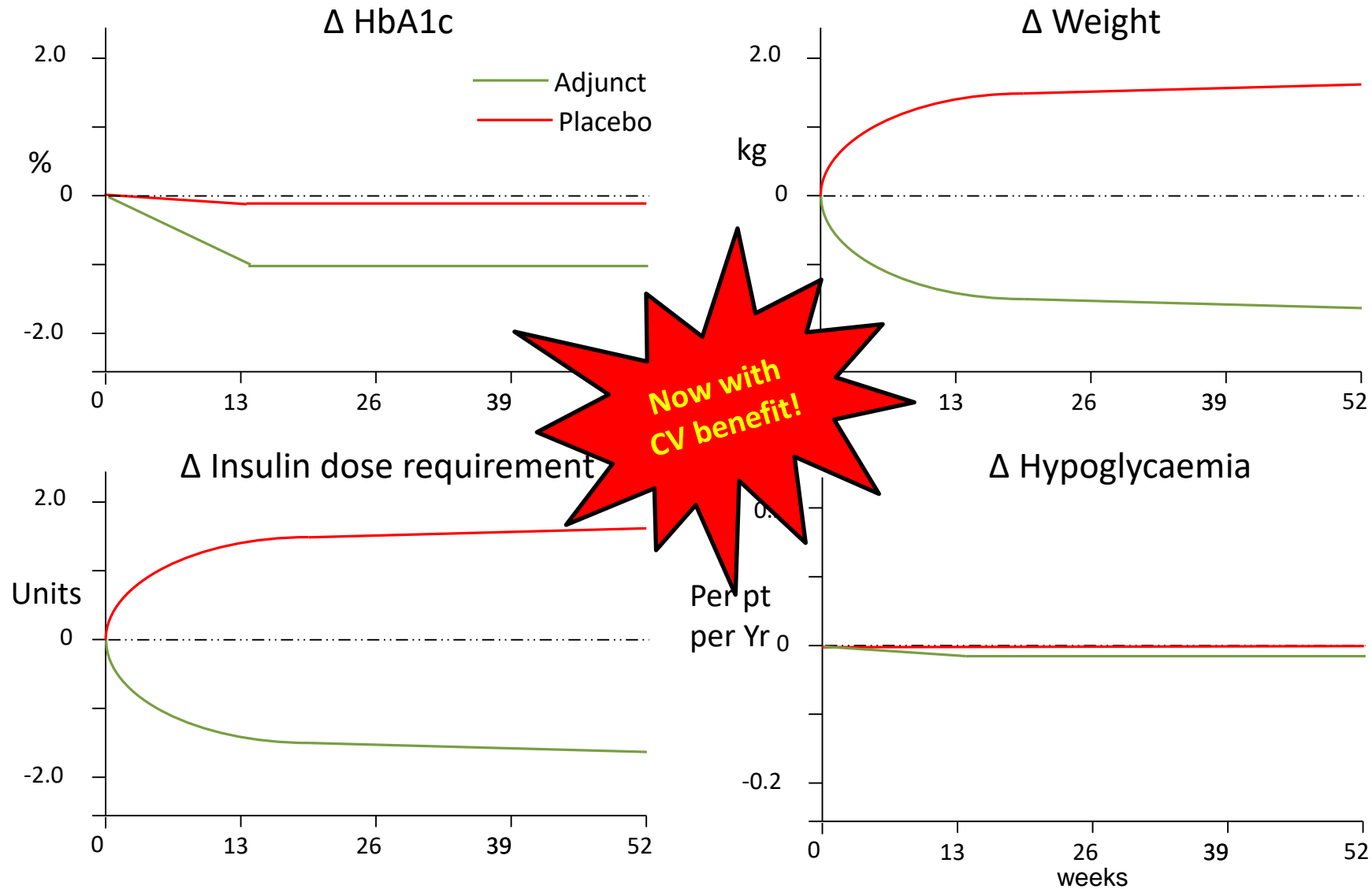
Excessive weight gain in DCCT: risk factors



Excessive weight gain in DCCT: outcomes

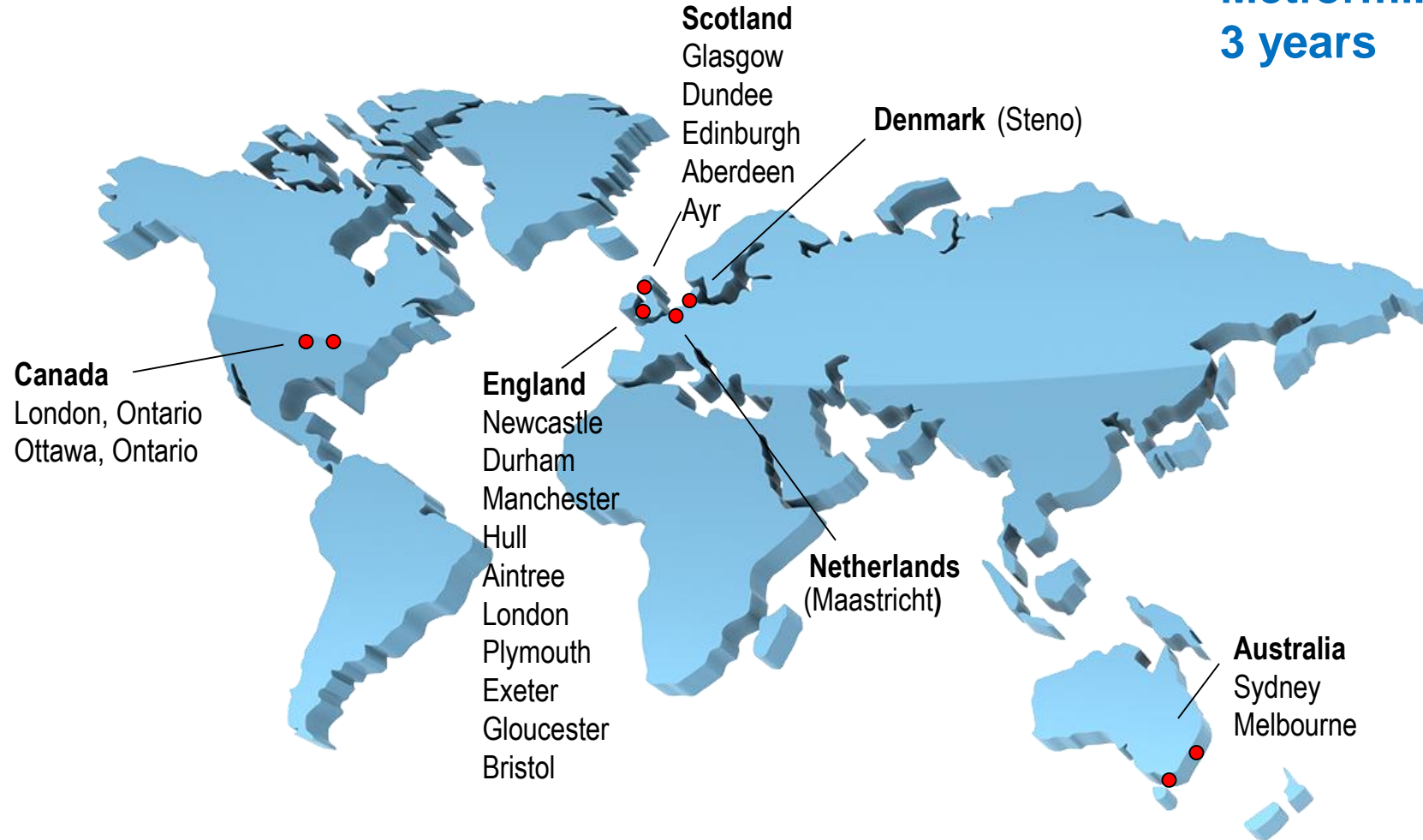


Ideal adjunct therapy in T1D



Multicentre double-blind clinical trial in type 1 diabetes
23 centres

Metformin vs placebo
3 years



Chief Investigator: John Petrie (Glasgow)
Deputy: Helen Colhoun (Edinburgh)

Study population

- 428 middle-aged adults with T1D at high CVD risk
- 55 years; diabetes duration 33 years; 59% male
- Mean HbA1c 8.0 % (64.5 mmol/mol)
- BMI 28 kg / m² (78% overweight or obese)
- 34% CSII (“pump”) users
- 12% prior CVD
- 13% current smokers
- BP 130 / 72 mmHg; LDL-C 2.2 mmol/L (85 mg/dL)
- High usage of statins (82%), antihypertensives (73%) and anti-platelet drugs (39%)

Carotid Intima-Media Thickness

Primary outcome

Mean carotid IMT

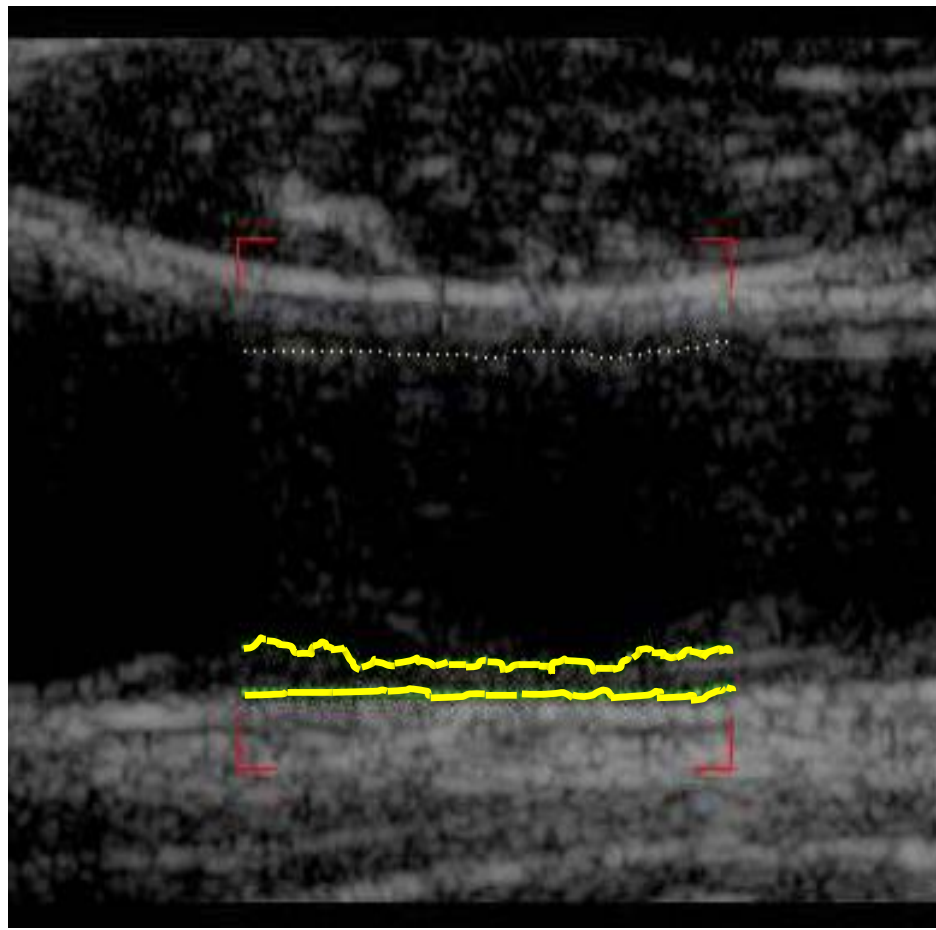
Mannheim Consensus

Average of **mean** far wall IMT

Exclude values > 1.5 mm

Average three angles on each side

Average both sides



Tertiary outcome

Maximal carotid IMT

DCCT

Average of **maximal** far wall IMT

Include all values (*focal thickening*)

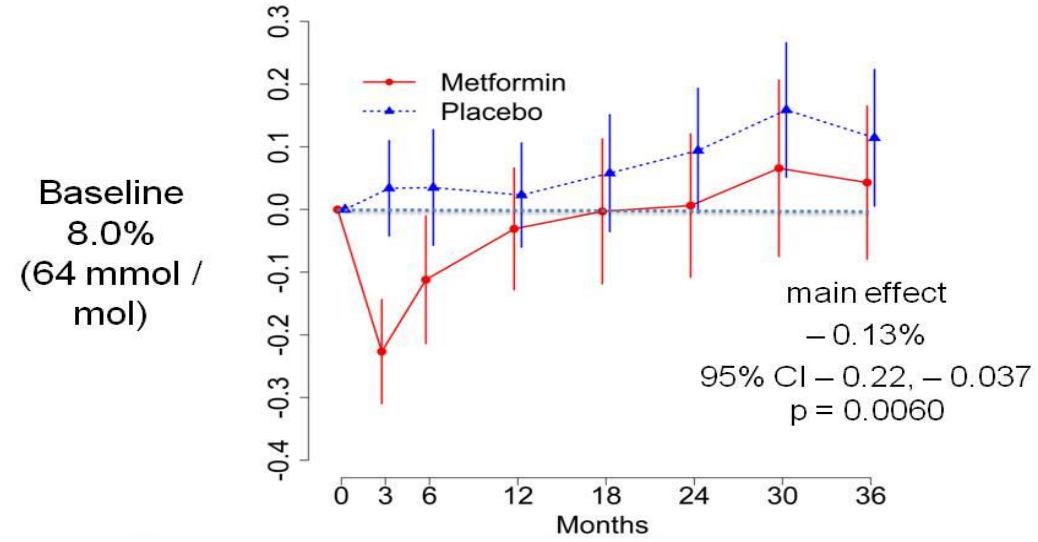
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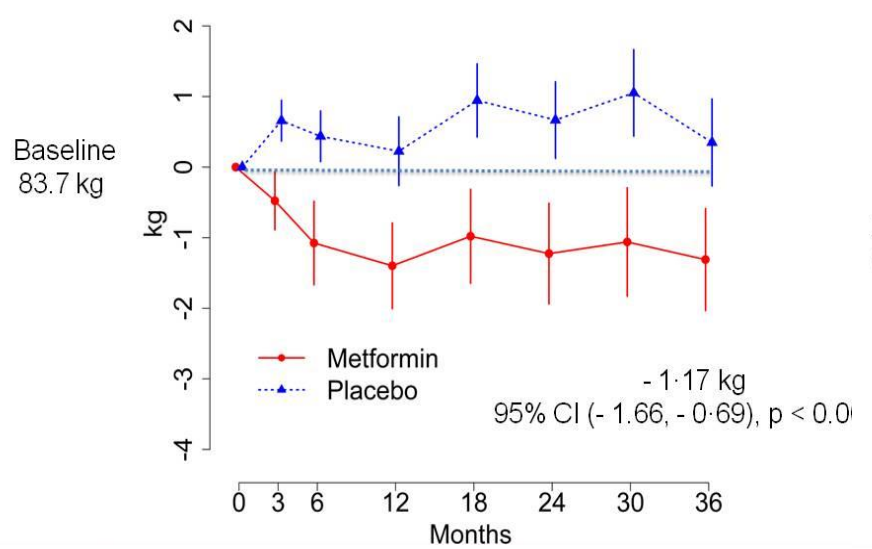


Guidelines . . .

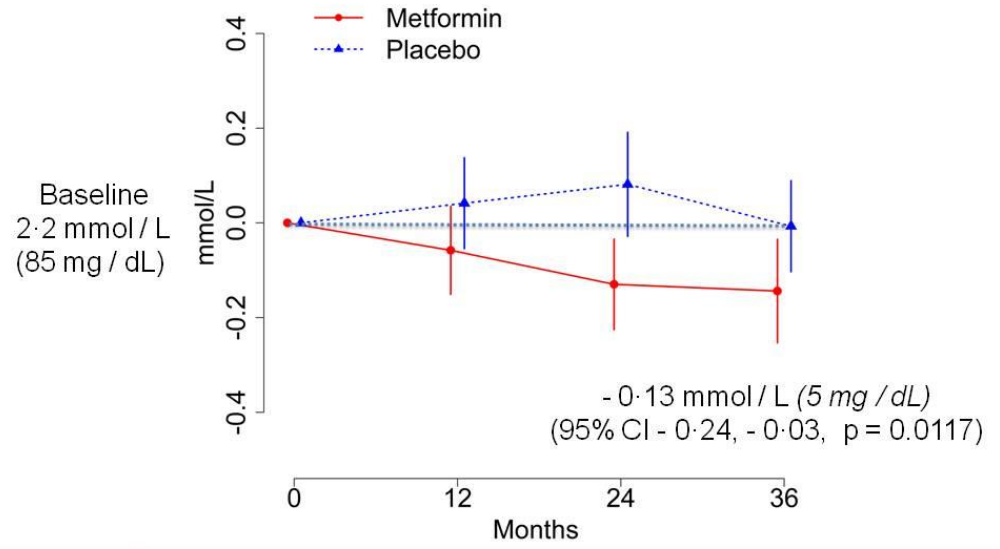
HbA1c



Weight



LDL-cholesterol



DEPICT-1: dapagliflozin in T1D

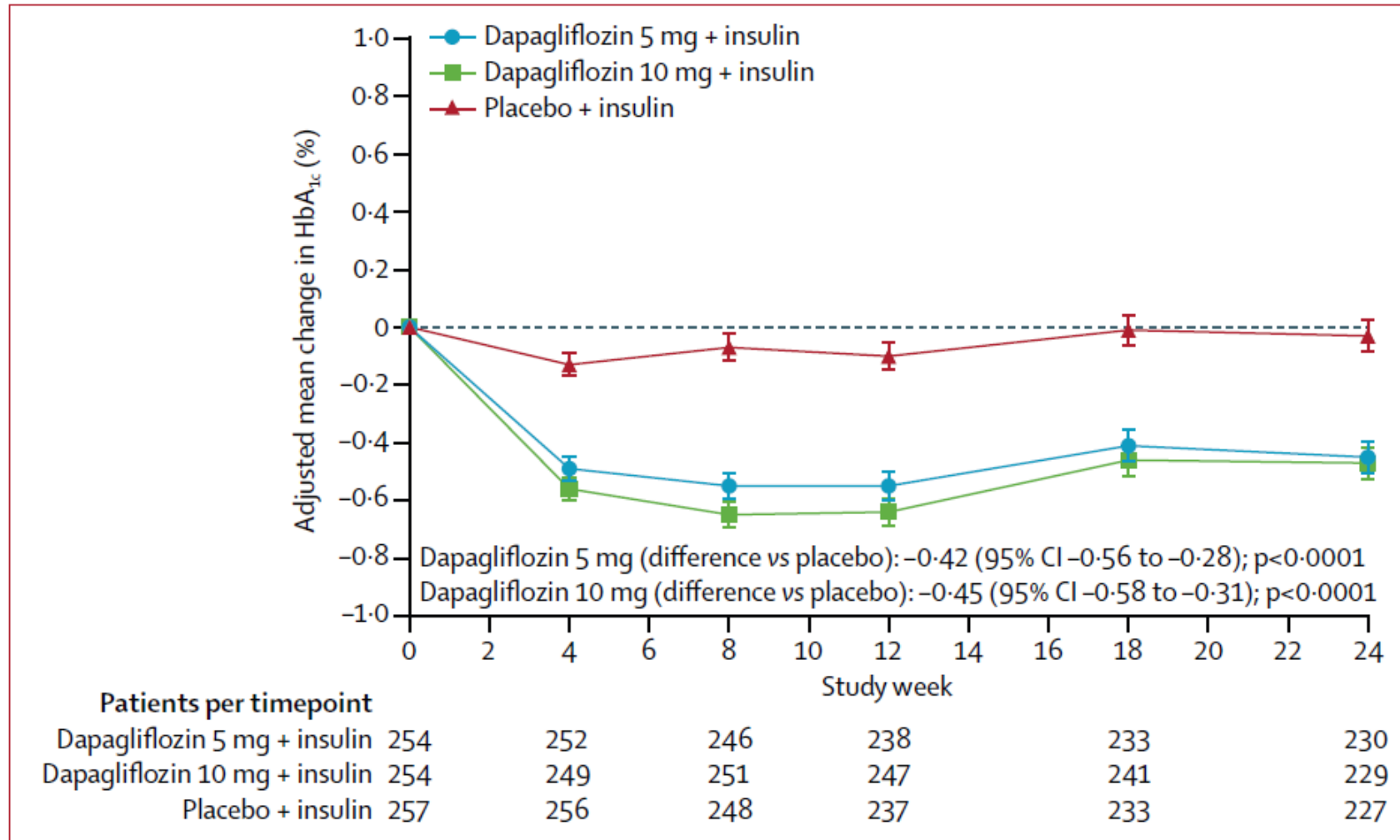
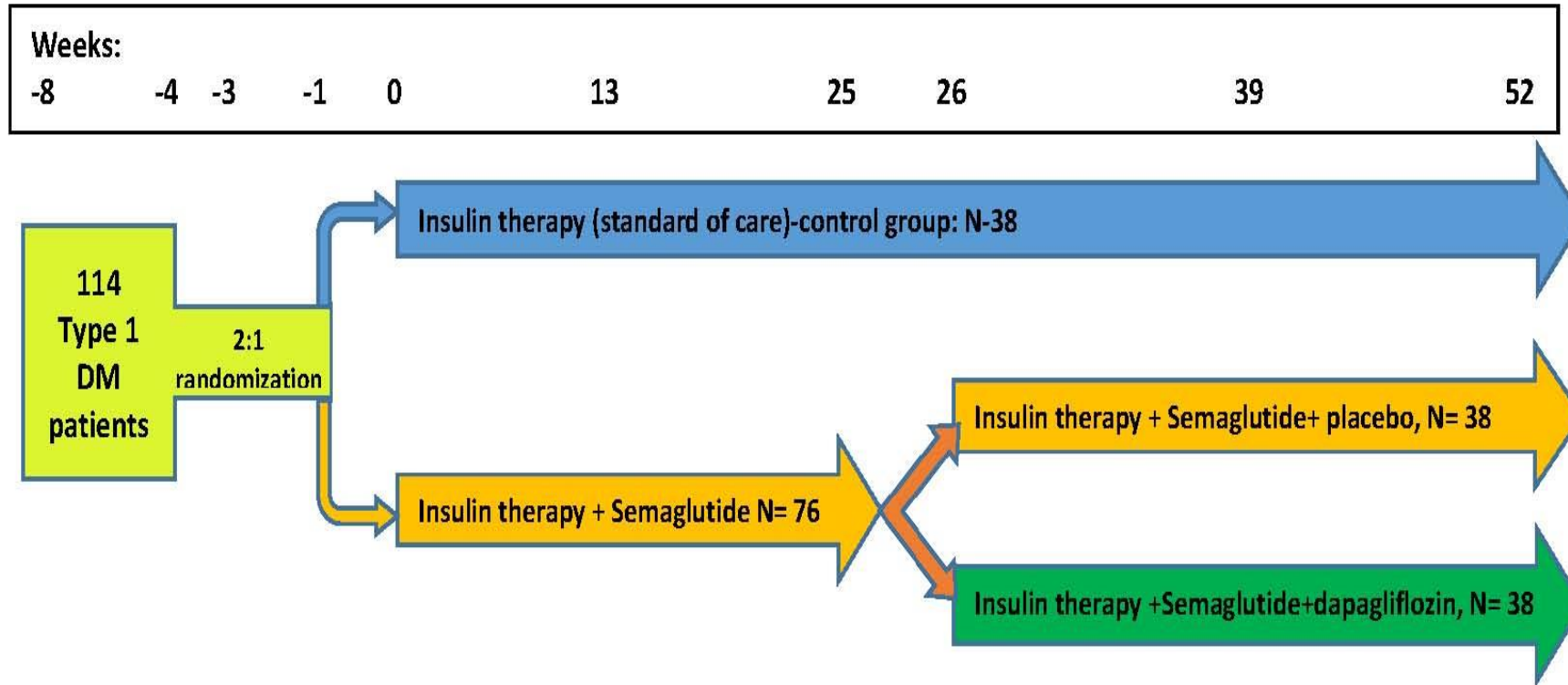


Figure 2: Change in HbA_{1c} over 24 weeks

Triple therapy in Type 1 diabetes trial (TTT1)

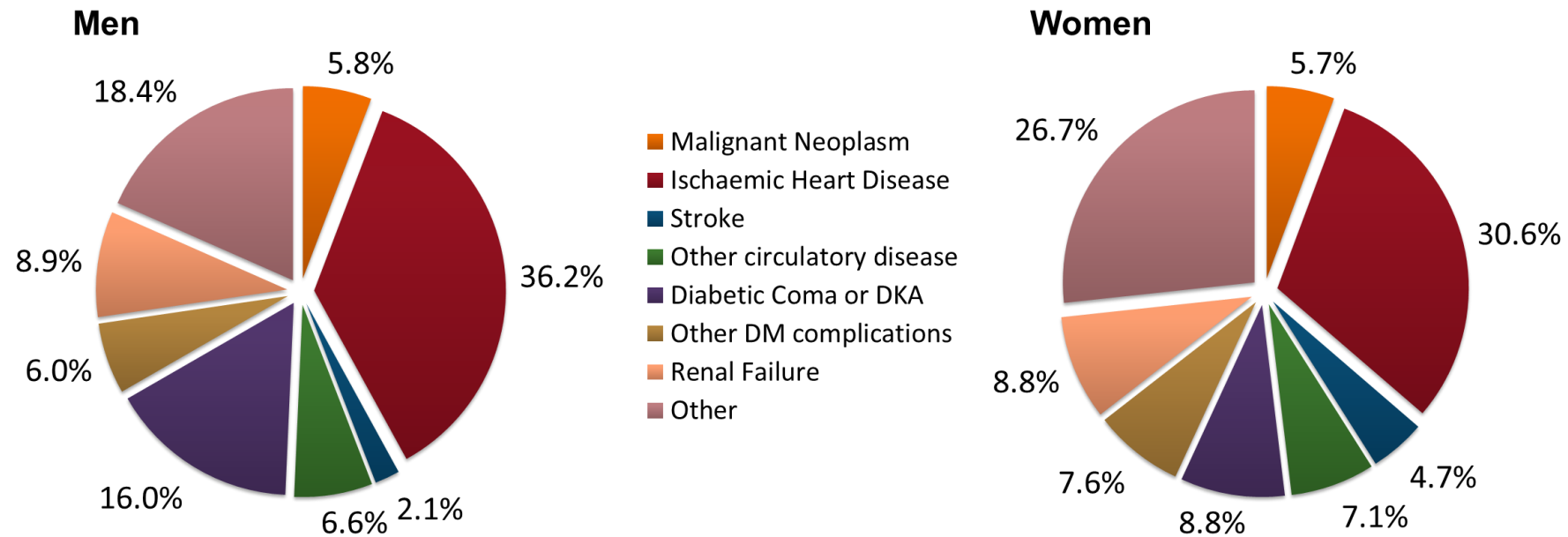
Results 2026



“Lost life years” in type 1: causes

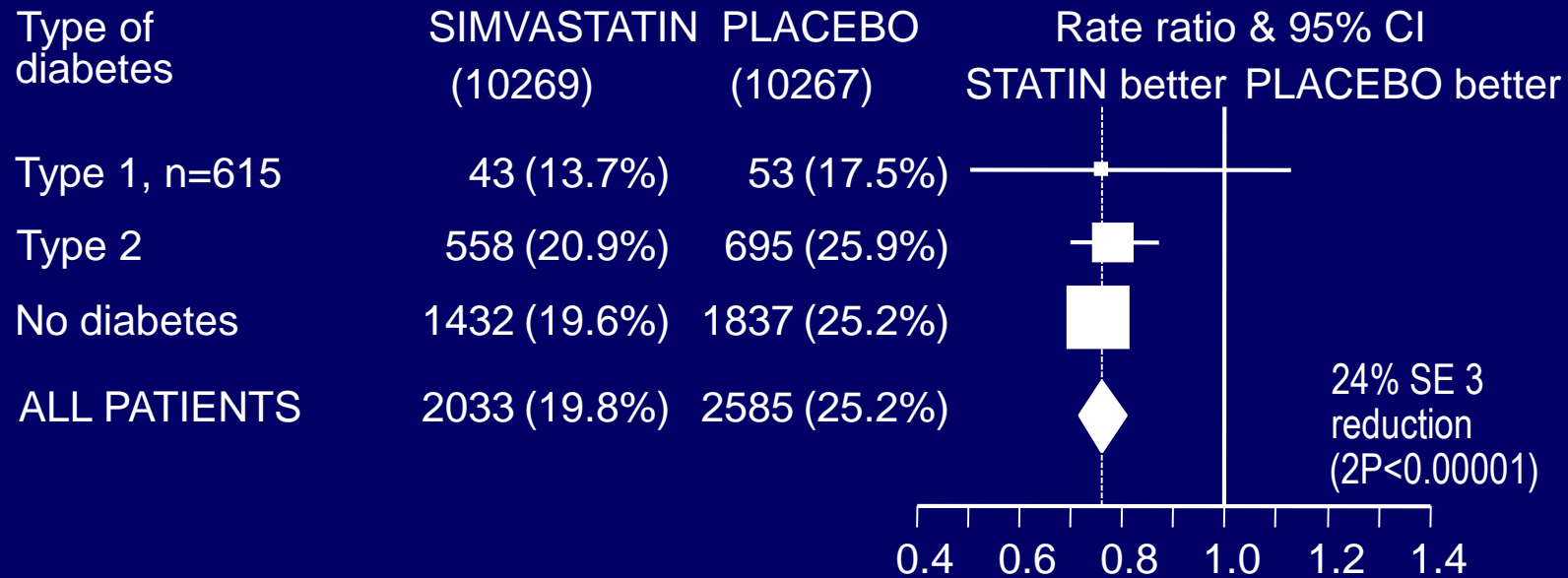
In men and women under 50 years:

- 25% of deaths are due to cardiovascular disease
- 20% are due to metabolic complications



Statins in type 1 diabetes

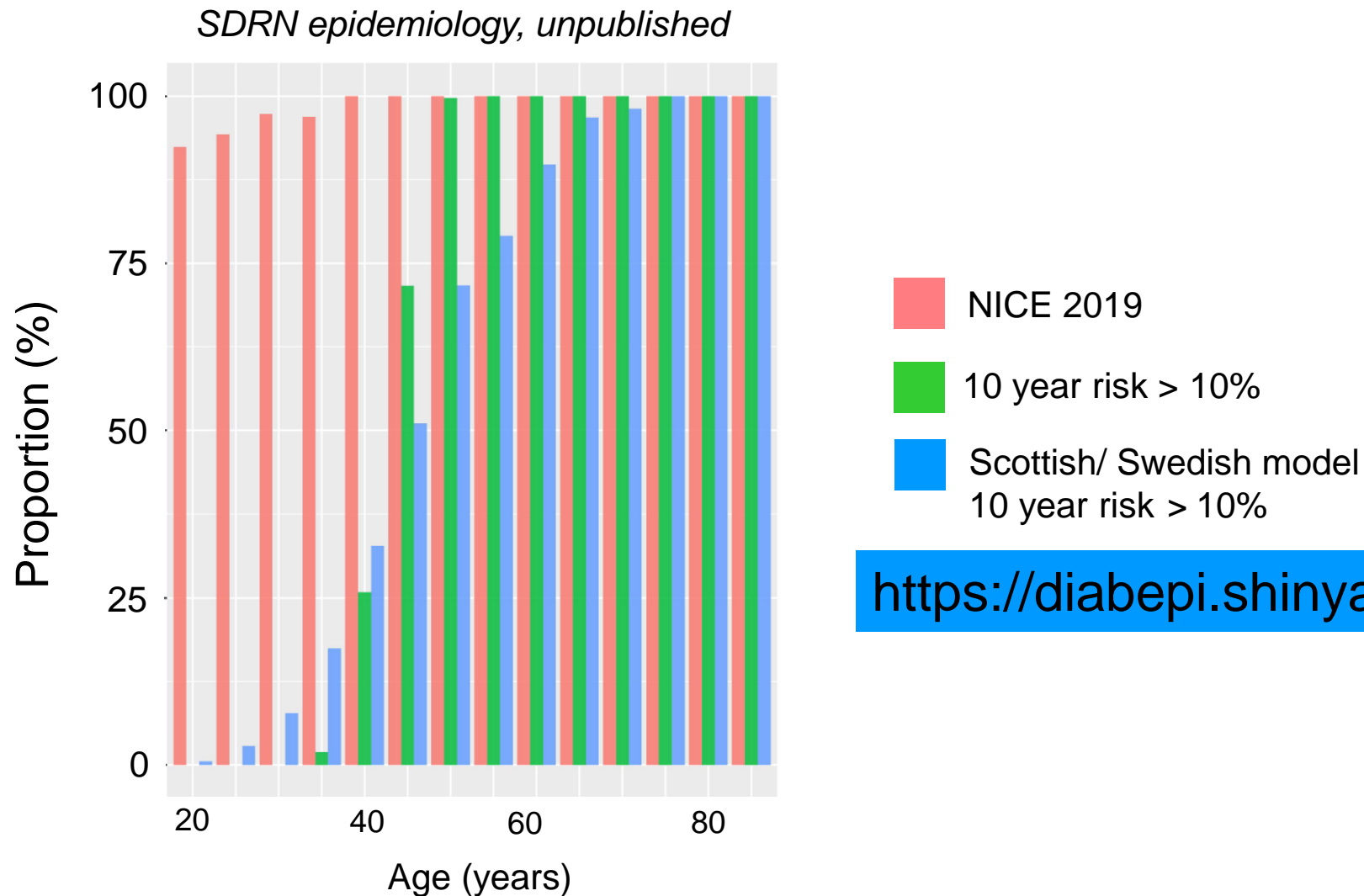
SIMVASTATIN: MAJOR VASCULAR EVENTS by TYPE OF DIABETES



Guidelines on statins in adults with T1D

NICE 2019	Type 1 diabetes	Age \geq 40 years; or \geq 20 years with established nephropathy; or $>$ 10 years duration; or at least one CV risk factor (ever smoking, BP $>$ 130/80 mmHg, retinopathy) or QRISK2 \geq 10% ten-year risk of CVD
ESC 2016	Type 1 diabetes	age \geq 40 years; or with nephropathy or multiple risk factors
ESC/ EASD 2019	Type 1 diabetes	age \geq 35 years or diabetes duration 10 years.

Who with T1D should be prescribed a statin?



<https://diabepi.shinyapps.io/cvdrisk/>

Current NICE guidelines

The committee agreed to retain the following recommendations for research because there is still a lack of direct evidence in these areas:

- [statin treatment for older people](#)
- [lipid-lowering treatment for people with type 1 diabetes.](#)

Statins and QRISK score

Evidence showed that statins are cost effective for people with 10-year CVD risk scores less than 10%.

The committee agreed that if more people took statins there would be a greater reduction in CVD events. However, they also recognised that practical considerations needed to be taken into account.

They agreed that risk scores are an important aid to shared decision making on statins. National audit data ([CVDPREVENT](#)) suggests that 60% of people without CVD and a QRISK score of 20% or more are prescribed lipid-lowering treatment, compared with 50% for people with scores of 10% or more. Therefore, the committee consensus was that an even smaller proportion of people with scores less than 10% may choose to take statins.

Cardiovascular disease: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification

NICE guideline
Published: 14 December 2023
www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng238

Risk factor management in men with T1D

Age, y	Men		
	20–39	40–59	60+
	<i>n</i> = 5,217	<i>n</i> = 5,260	<i>n</i> = 1,537
Diabetes duration, y	12.9 (6.4–20.4)	22.4 (13.4–31.4)	31.0 (18.4–41.4)
Systolic BP, mmHg	128 (119–137)	132 (122–142)	137 (126–147)
Diastolic BP, mmHg	76 (70–81)	77 (70–82)	71 (64–79)
Total cholesterol, mmol/l	4.6 (4.0–5.3)	4.4 (3.8–5.1)	4.0 (3.5–4.6)
Triglyceride, mmol/l	1.3 (0.9–2.0)	1.2 (0.9–1.8)	1.2 (0.8–1.7)
HDL cholesterol, mmol/l	1.3 (1.1–1.6)	1.4 (1.1–1.7)	1.4 (1.1–1.7)
BMI, kg/m ²	25.7 (23.1–29.0)	27.3 (24.6–30.2)	27.1 (24.3–30.1)
HbA _{1c} , %	8.6 (7.5–9.7)	8.4 (7.5–9.4)	8.1 (7.3–9.0)
Current smoker	33.2 (0.68)	29.9 (0.65)	19.1 (1.02)
On regular aspirin	6.4 (0.35)	36.2 (0.68)	59.9 (1.28)
On a statin	17.3 (0.55)	58.8 (0.70)	72.8 (1.16)
On anti-hypertensive medication	18.5 (0.56)	49.7 (0.71)	79.5 (1.06)
Of treated, those on an ACE inhibitor	80.2 (1.34)	76.1 (0.86)	70.8 (1.33)

Livingstone SJ et al.
PLoS Med.
 2012;9(10):e1001321.
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Risk factor management in women with T1D

Age, y	Women		
	20–39	40–59	60+
	<i>n</i> = 4,060	<i>n</i> = 3,789	<i>n</i> = 1,427
Diabetes duration, y	14.4 (7.6–21.4)	24.4 (15.3–33.0)	30.4 (16.6–42.4)
Systolic BP, mmHg	121 (111–131)	130 (120–140)	138 (127–148)
Diastolic BP, mmHg	75 (68–80)	74 (68–80)	70 (63–78)
Total cholesterol, mmol/l	4.8 (4.2–5.4)	4.6 (4.0–5.2)	4.4 (3.9–5.0)
Triglyceride, mmol/l	1.1 (0.8–1.7)	1.0 (0.7–1.5)	1.1 (0.8–1.6)
HDL cholesterol, mmol/l	1.5 (1.3–1.8)	1.7 (1.3–2.0)	1.7 (1.4–2.1)
BMI, kg/m ²	26.2 (23.4–30.1)	27.0 (23.9–31.3)	26.8 (23.6–30.7)
HbA _{1c} , %	8.5 (7.5–9.8)	8.6 (7.7–9.6)	8.3 (7.4–9.3)
Current smoker	25.9 (0.70)	26.8 (0.73)	15.4 (0.98)
On regular aspirin	4.9 (0.35)	29.8 (0.76)	54.2 (1.36)
On a statin	13.4 (0.56)	54.7 (0.83)	73.6 (1.20)
On anti-hypertensive medication	15.1 (0.59)	43.5 (0.83)	79.4 (1.10)
Of treated, those on an ACE inhibitor	66.7 (1.99)	65.3 (1.20)	60.9 (1.50)

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10 year risk . . . or lifetime risk?

- Lifetime risks are higher in people with T1D who are set to lose more life years from their disease than T2D
- Young and middle-aged adults with low 10-year risk ultimately account for most incident atherosclerotic vascular disease
- But may not be treated according to guidelines based on 10 year risk
- Could earlier/ more intensive use of statins alter future trajectories of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (?)
- N.B. Challenges in women of childbearing potential

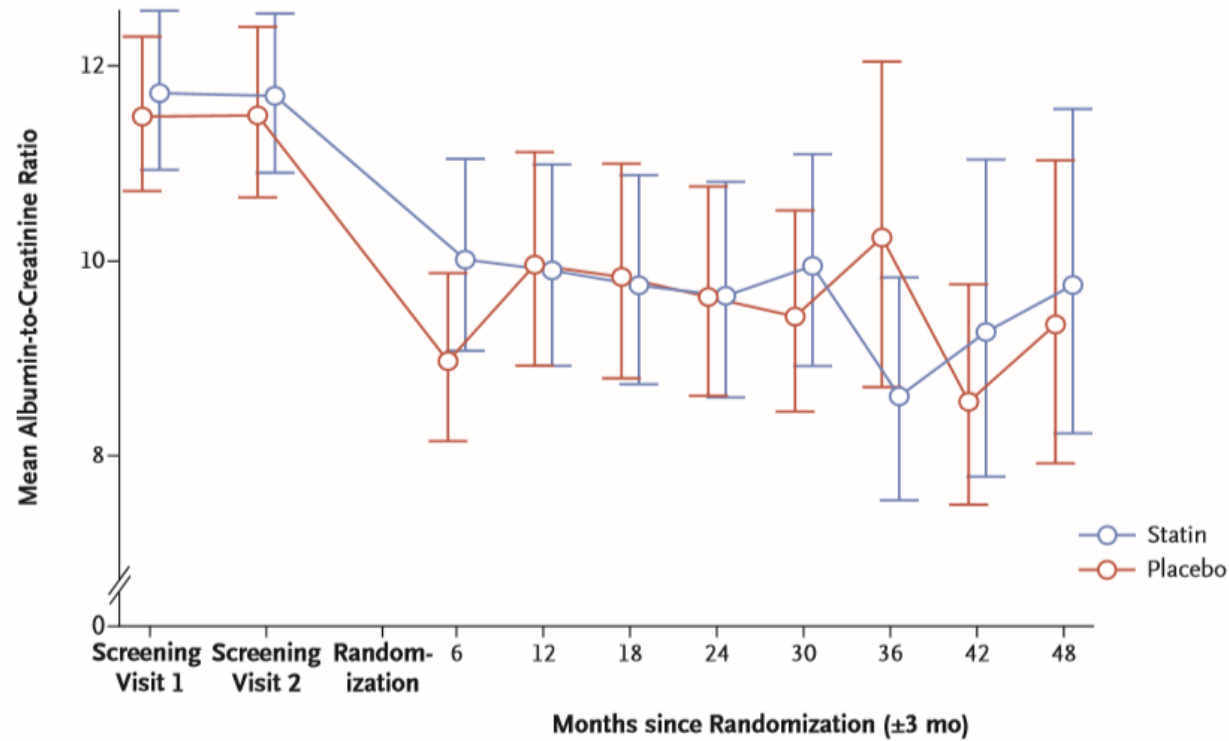
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But . . .

ACE Inhibitors and Statins in Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes

AdDit trial

Statin vs. Placebo



No. of Patients

Statin	222	221	185	179	165	154	130	83	68	59
Placebo	220	217	175	179	154	142	122	97	71	62

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Key messages

- CVD (including heart failure) is a major cause of decreased life expectancy in people with T1D
- Lifelong glucose control is key to prevention of CVD – but hard to achieve
- Estimations of the efficacy of other therapies to reduce rates of CVD in T1D is largely based on extrapolation from other populations
- More widespread use of insulin pumps/ closed loop systems is helping . . .
- But intensive insulin therapy can be associated with significant weight gain with worsening of CVD risk factors and outcomes

Some key CVD in T1D questions

- Can we make the case for larger and longer more pragmatic, decentralised clinical trials?
- When to start statins:
 - at 15 years from diagnosis?/ When 10 year risk > 10%? At 40 years of age?
 - are we too cautious about pregnancy?
- Would long-term benefits of metformin be worthwhile?
- Can safety and efficacy of GLP-1 agonists and/or SGLT2 inhibitors be demonstrated in context with technology?
- Value of imaging of the CVD system to detect subclinical disease?
- Do other intermediate mechanisms present novel targets?

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