

DOMTRU Diabetes Injectables Masterclass - 2019

Cardiovascular Outcome Trials and the ADA/EASD Diabetes Management Guidelines

Dr Rohit Rajagopal
Senior Staff Specialist/Conjoint Senior Lecturer
Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals
DOMTRU, Western Sydney University

Cardiovascular Outcome Trials

- Designed to demonstrate cardiovascular safety of new diabetes drugs
- FDA recommendation following a controversial meta-analysis in 2007 demonstrating possible cardiovascular harm with Rosiglitazone
- Rosiglitazone subsequently shown to be safe in RECORD study

GLP-1 Receptor Analogue CVOTs

- LEADER – Liraglutide (Victoza)
- EXSCEL – once weekly Exenatide (Bydureon)
- REWIND – Dulaglutide (Trulicity)

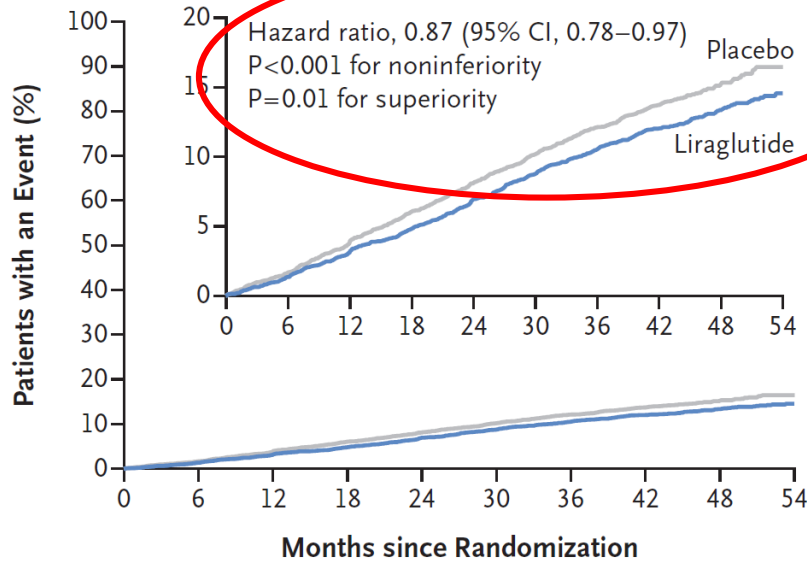
- *SUSTAIN-6 – once weekly Semaglutide*
- *ELIXA – Lixisenatide*
- *HARMONY - Albiglutide*

LEADER Trial (Liraglutide) - NEJM 2016

- 9340 patients
- 81% with established CV disease
- Diabetes duration – 12.8 years
- Mean HbA1c at enrolment – 8.7%
- 3.8 year follow-up
- Primary endpoint – 3 point MACE:
 - Death from CV causes
 - Non-fatal MI
 - Non-fatal Stroke

LEADER Trial - NEJM 2016

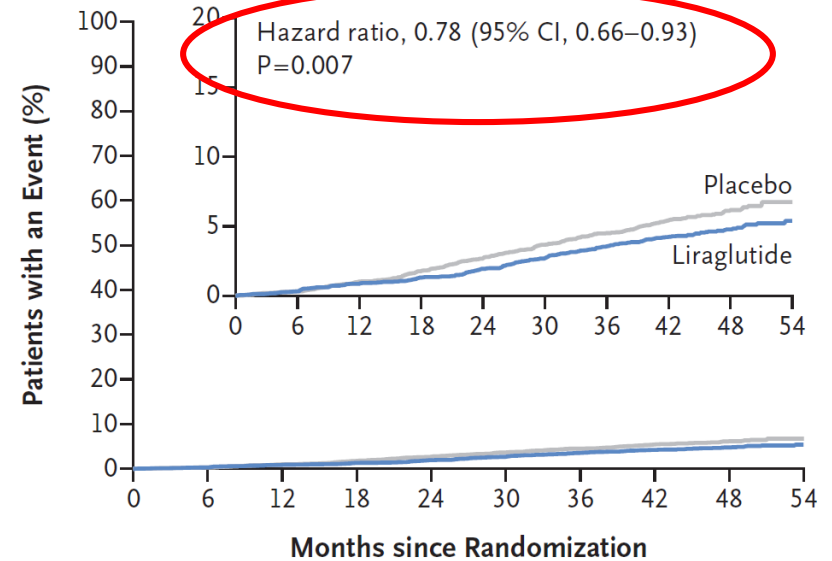
A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

Liraglutide	4668	4593	4496	4400	4280	4172	4072	3982	1562	424
Placebo	4672	4588	4473	4352	4237	4123	4010	3914	1543	407

B Death from Cardiovascular Causes



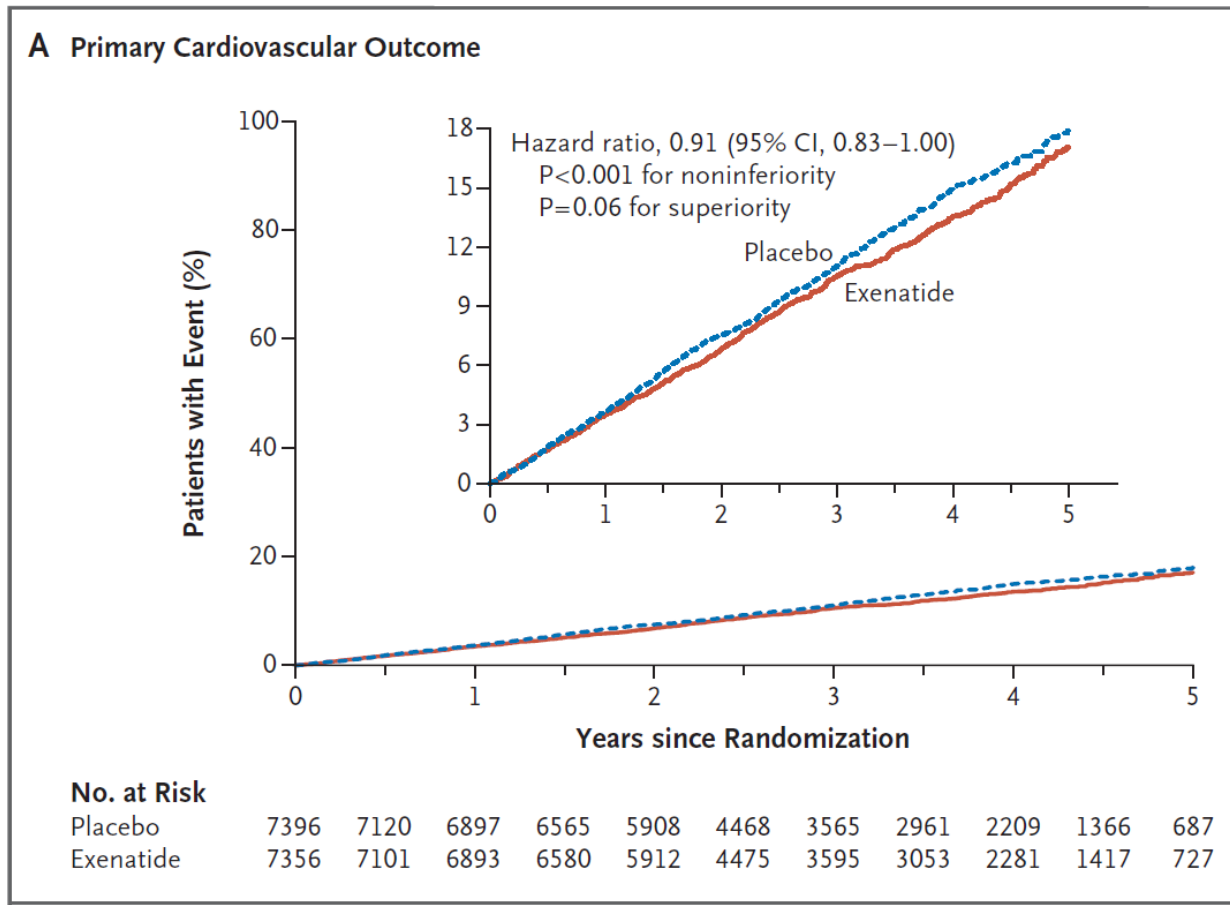
No. at Risk

Liraglutide	4668	4641	4599	4558	4505	4445	4382	4322	1723	484
Placebo	4672	4648	4601	4546	4479	4407	4338	4267	1709	465

EXSCEL Trial (Bydureon) - NEJM 2017

- 14752 patients
- 73.1% with pre-existing CV disease
- Diabetes duration – 12 years
- Mean HbA1c at enrolment – 8.0%
- 3.2 year follow-up
- Primary end-point – 3 point MACE

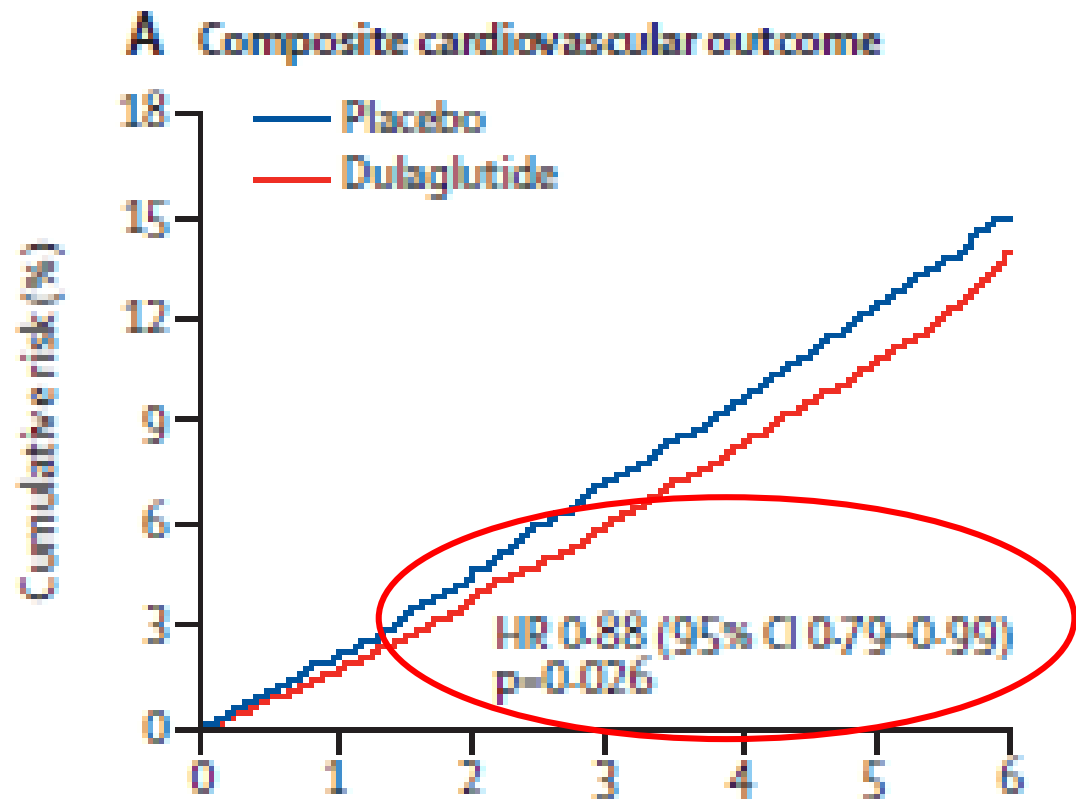
EXSCEL Trial - NEJM 2017



REWIND Trial (Dulaglutide) - Lancet 2019

- 9901 patients, mean age 66.2
- 31.5% with pre-existing CV disease
- Diabetes duration – 9.5 years
- Mean HbA1c at enrolment – 7.2%
- 5.4 year follow-up
- Primary end-point – 3 point MACE

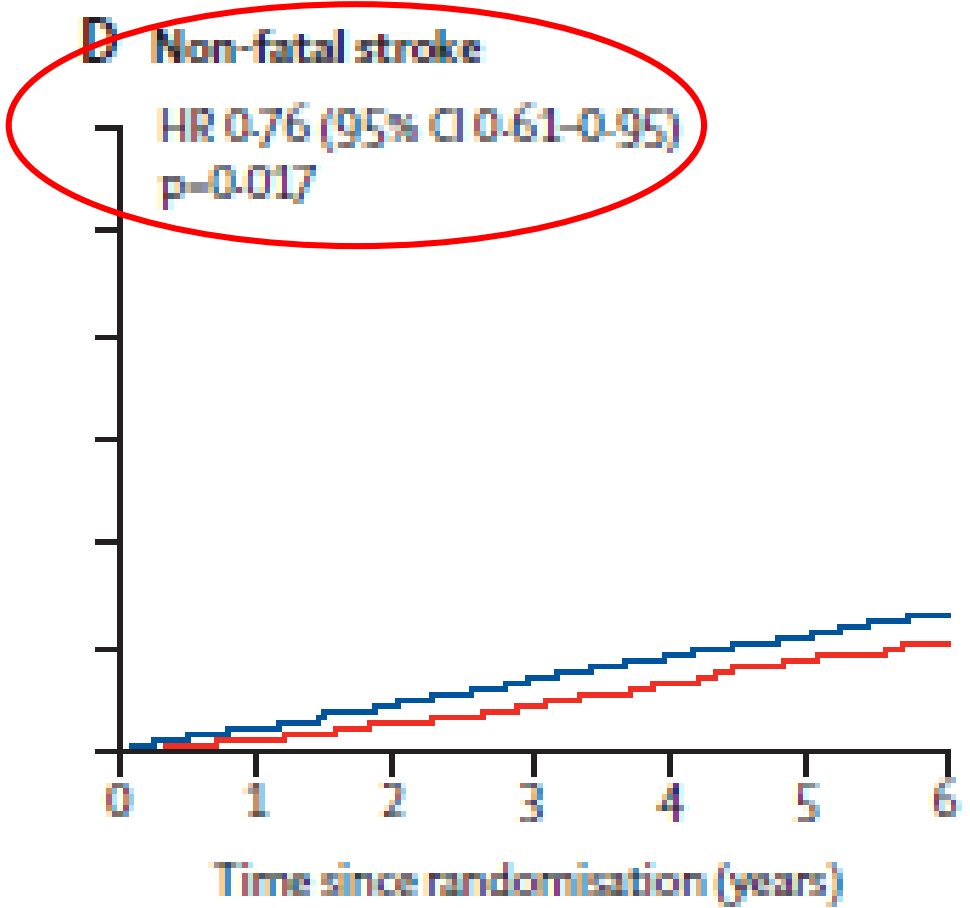
REWIND Trial (Dulaglutide) - Lancet 2019



Number at risk:

Placebo	4952	4791	4625	4437	4275	3575	742
Dulaglutide	4949	4815	4670	4521	4369	3686	741

REWIND Trial (Dulaglutide) - Lancet 2019



4952	4826	4692	4534	4396	3710	777
4949	4847	4736	4606	4476	3796	776

Summary - GLP-1RA CVOTs

Drug:	Liraglutide	Semaglutide	Dulaglutide	Bydureon	Lixisenatide	Albiglutide
Trial:	LEADER	SUSTAIN-6	REWIND	EXSCEL	ELIXA	HARMONY
3-point MACE:	13% Benefit	26% Benefit	12% Benefit	Neutral	Neutral	22% Benefit
CV Death:	22% Benefit	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
AMI:	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	25% Benefit
Stroke:	Neutral	39% Benefit	24% Benefit	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Heart Failure:	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Renal:	Benefit	Benefit	Benefit	Benefit	Benefit	Neutral
Retinopathy:	Neutral	Harm	Neutral	-	-	Neutral

Insulin CVOTs

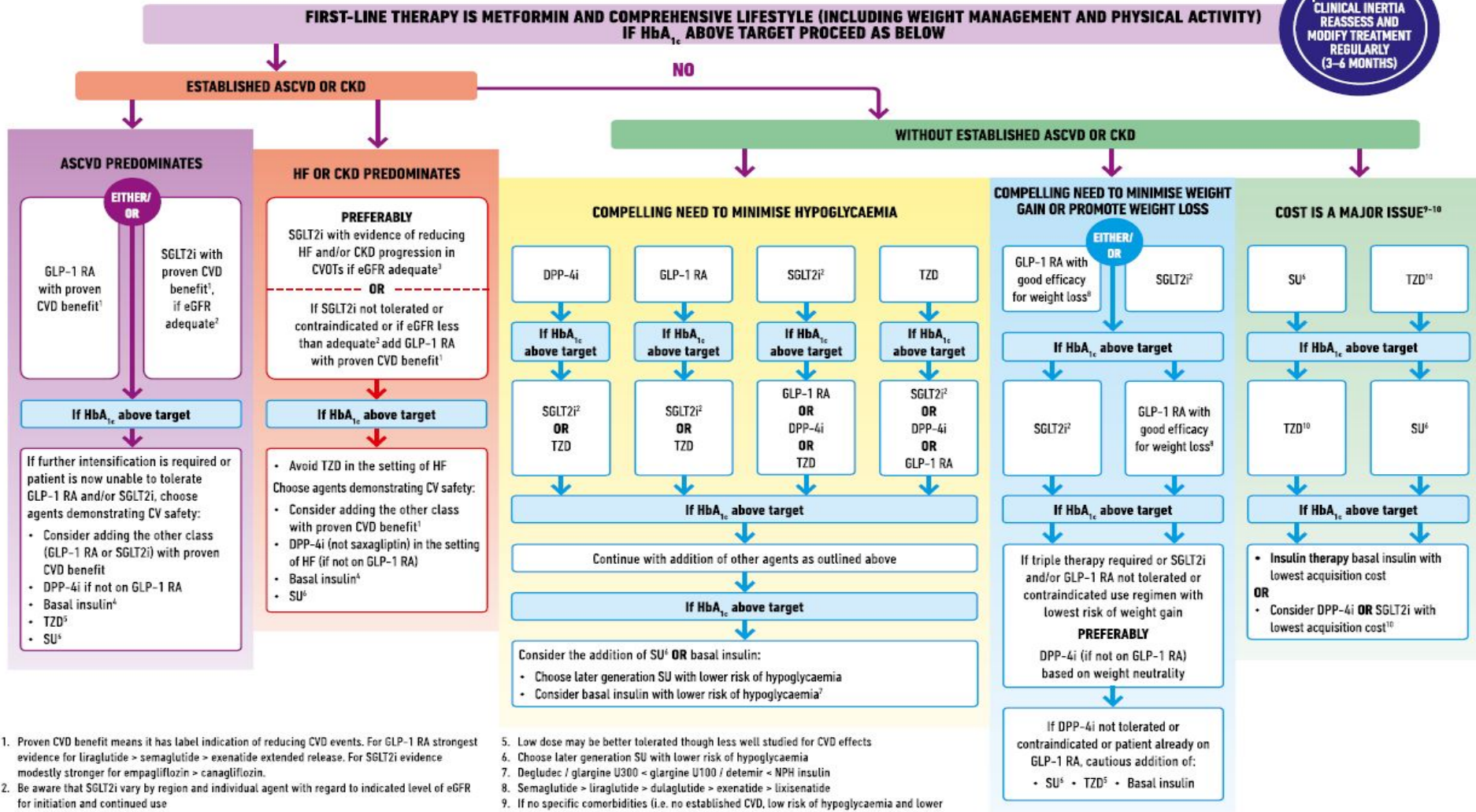
- ORIGIN – Glargine (Lantus)
- DEVOTE – Degludec (Tresiba/Ryzodeg 70/30)

Both trials neutral

ADA/EASD Guidelines - 2018

GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES: OVERALL APPROACH

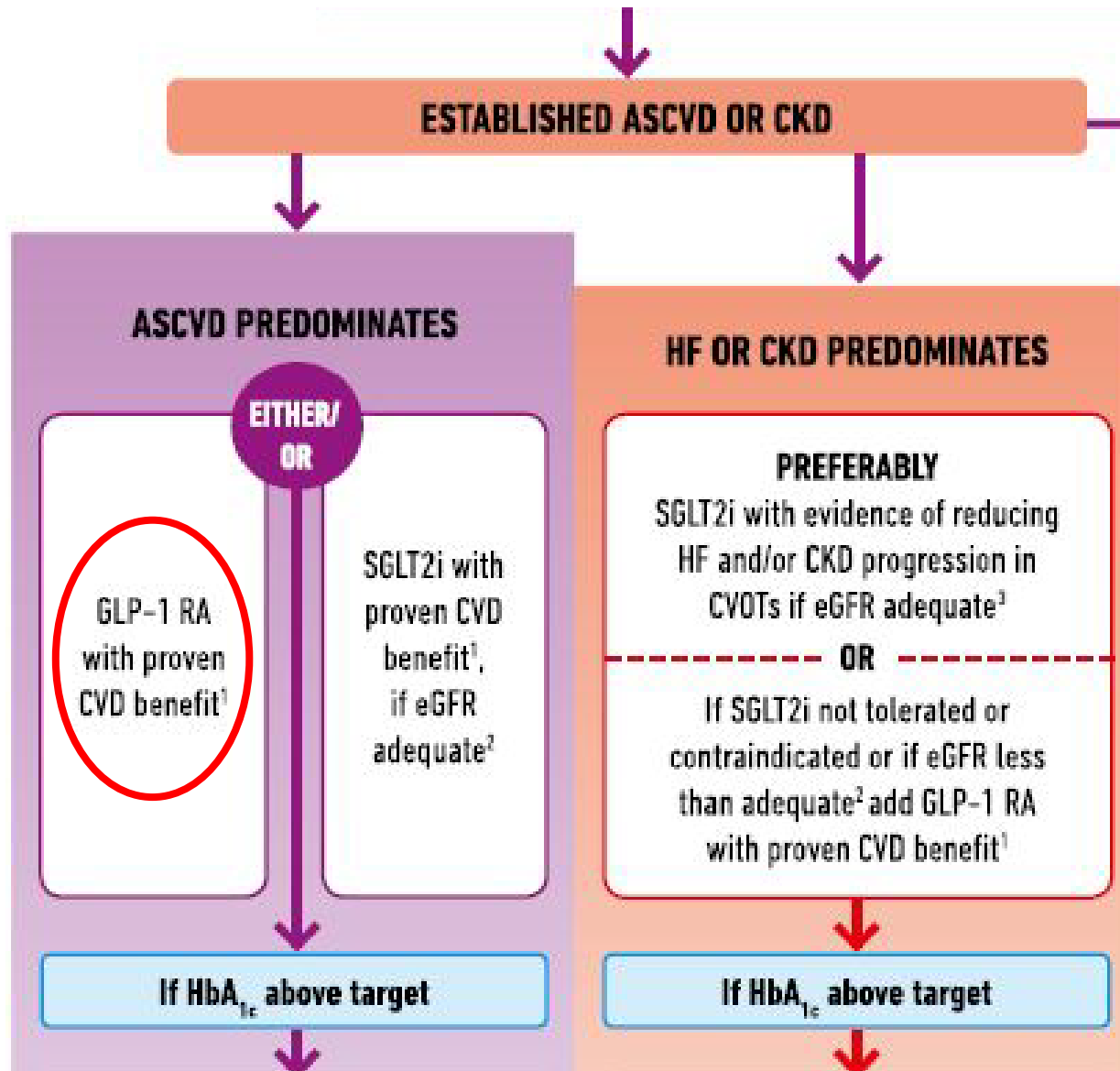
TO AVOID CLINICAL INERTIA REASSESS AND MODIFY TREATMENT REGULARLY (3-6 MONTHS)



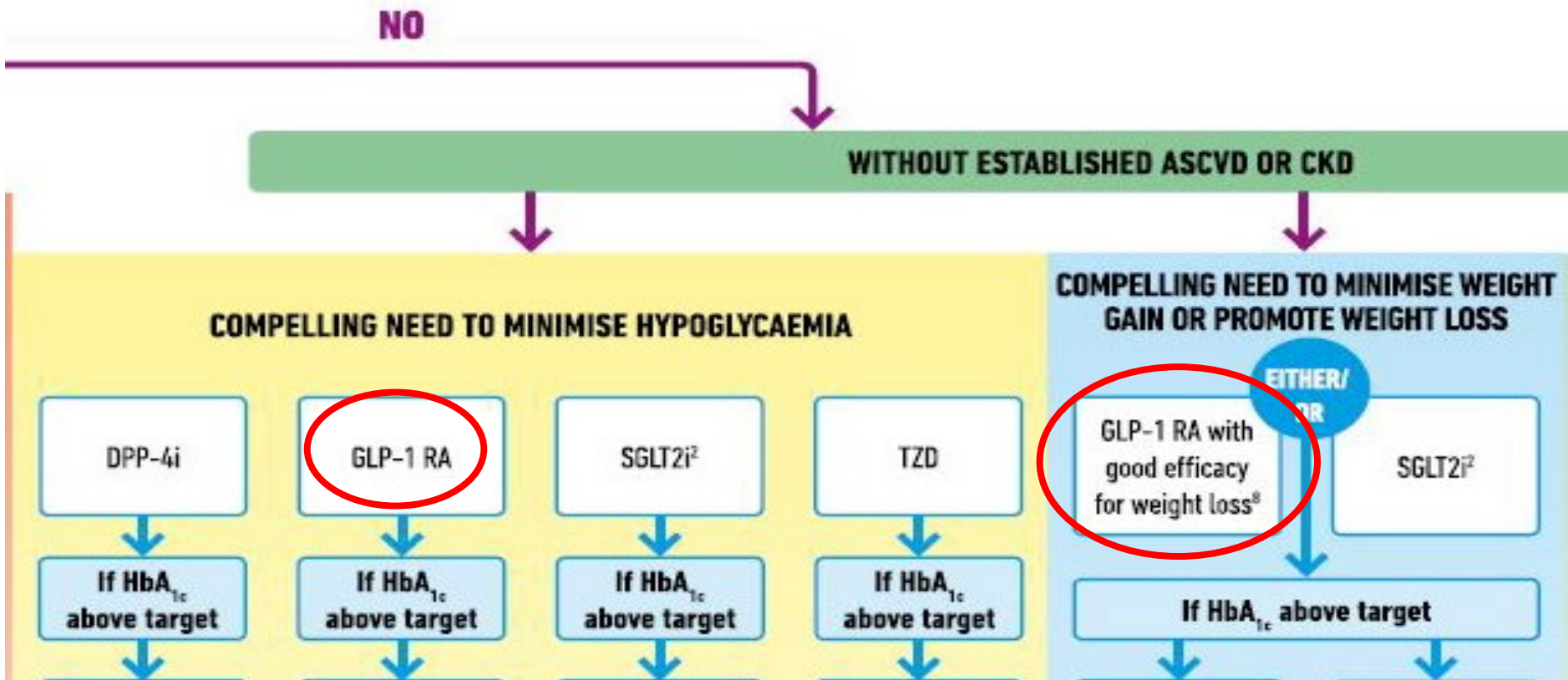
1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events. For GLP-1 RA strongest evidence for liraglutide > semaglutide > exenatide extended release. For SGLT2i evidence modestly stronger for empagliflozin > canagliflozin.
 2. Be aware that SGLT2i vary by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
 3. Both empagliflozin and canagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and reduction in CKD progression in CVOTs
 4. Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety

5. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
 6. Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycaemia
 7. Degludec / glargine U300 < glargine U100 / detemir < NPH insulin
 8. Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide
 9. If no specific comorbidities (i.e. no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycaemia and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)
 10. Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs relatively more expensive and DPP-4i relatively cheaper

ADA/EASD Guidelines - 2018

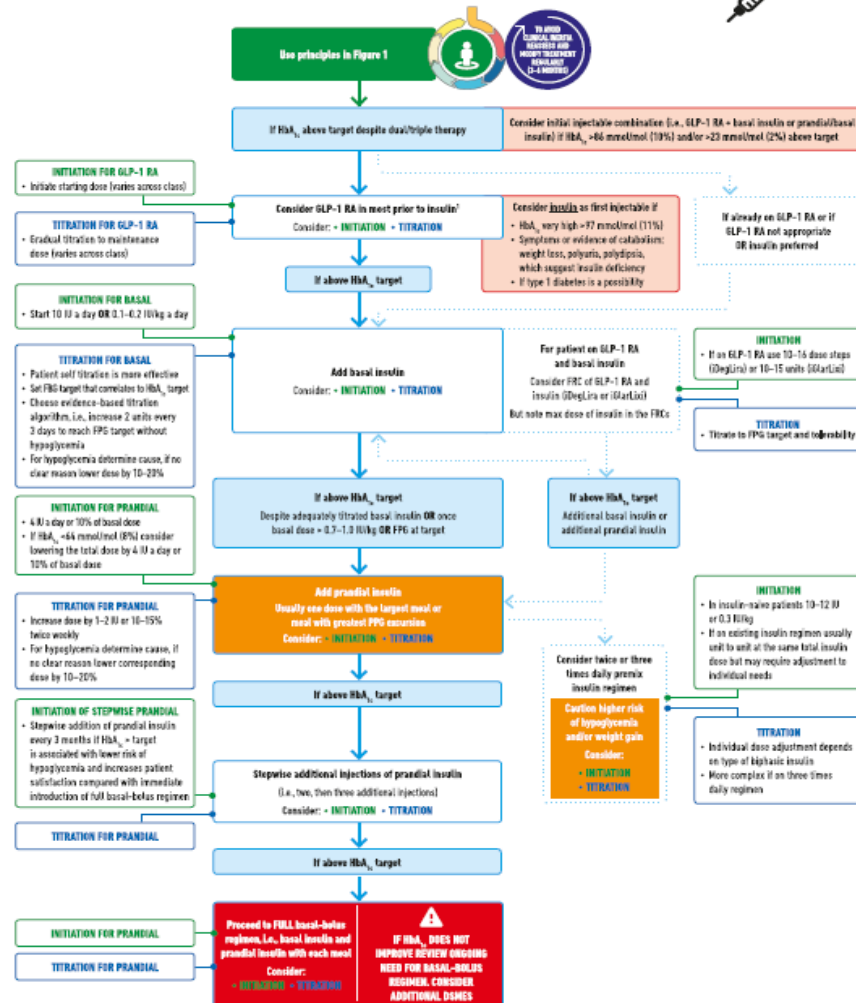


ADA/EASD Guidelines - 2018



ADA/EASD Guidelines - 2018

INTENSIFYING TO INJECTABLE THERAPIES



1. Consider choice of GLP-1 RA considering: patient preference, HbA_{1c} lowering, weight-lowering effect, or frequency of injection. If CVD, consider GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit

Figure 7—Intensifying to injectable therapies. FRC, fixed-ratio combination; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; FPG, fasting blood

ADA/EASD Guidelines - 2018

Consider initial injectable combination (i.e. GLP-1 RA + basal insulin or prandial/basal insulin) if $HbA_{1c} > 86$ mmol/mol (10%) and/or > 23 mmol/mol (2%) above target

Consider insulin as first injectable if

- HbA_{1c} very high > 97 mmol/mol (11%)
- Symptoms or evidence of catabolism: weight loss, polyuria, polydipsia which suggest insulin deficiency
- If type 1 diabetes is a possibility

If already on GLP-1 RA or if GLP-1 RA not appropriate
OR insulin preferred

ADA/EASD Guidelines - 2018

Addition of injectable medications

Consensus recommendation

In patients who need the greater glucose-lowering effect of an injectable medication, GLP-1 receptor agonists are the preferred choice to insulin. For patients with extreme and symptomatic hyperglycaemia, insulin is recommended (Fig. 7).



Questions?