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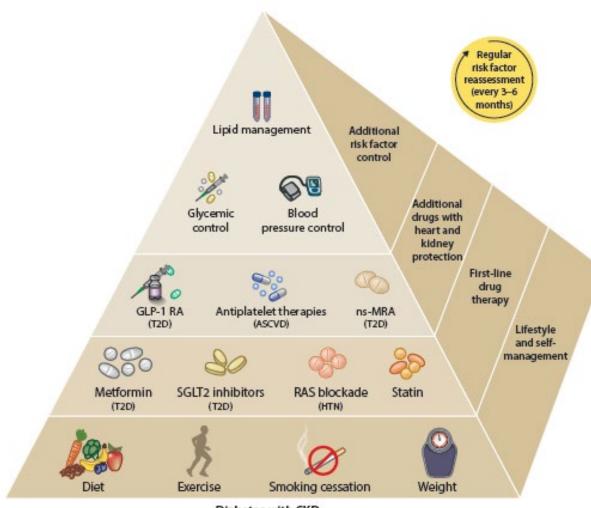


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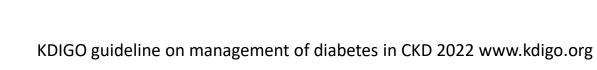
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Diabetes with CKD





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GLP-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS CARDIOVASCULAR OUTCOMES TRIALS IN TYPE 2 DIABETES

- Reduce risk of major adverse CVD events.
 - Atherosclerotic events
 - CVD death
 - Decrease macroalbuminuria.
- Reduce eGFR decline from early- to late-stage CKD.
- CVD and CKD benefits and safety have been demonstrated in patients with pre-existing CKD.

	GLP-1 Receptor agonist, n/N (%)	Placebo n/N (%)		Hazard ratio (95% Cl)	NNT (95% CI) <i>p</i> va
Three-point MACE					
ELIXA	400/3034 (13%)	392/3034 (13%)	-	1.02 (0.89-1.17)	0.7
LEADER	608 (4668 (13%)	694/4672 (15%)	-	0.87 (0.78-0.97)	0.0
SUSTAIN-6	108 (1648 (7%)	146/1649 (9%)		0.74 (0.58-0.95)	0.0
EXSCEL	839/7356 (11%)	905/7396 (12%)	-	0.91 (0.83-1.00)	0.0
Harmony Outcomes	338/4731 (7%)	428/4732 (9%)		0.78 (0.68-0.90)	0.00
REWIND	594/4949 (12%)	663/4952 (13%)		0.88 (0.79-0.99)	0.02
PIONEER 6	61/1591 (4%)	76/1592 (5%)		0.79 (0.57-1.11)	0.1
AMPLITUDE-O	189/2717 (7%)	125/1359 (9%)		0.73 (0.58-0.92)	0.00
Subtotal (🖉 = 44.5%, p=0.082)			\diamond	0.86 (0.80-0.93)	65 (45-130) <0.0
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Renal outcomes from CVOTs

GLP-1 RAs show consistent renal benefit

	GLP-1 Receptor agonist, n/N (%)	Placebo n/N (%)		Hazard ratio (95% CI)	NNT (95% CI)	<i>p</i> value
Composite kidney outcome including macro	oalbuminuria					
ELIXA	172/2647 (6%)	203/2639 (8%)	-•-	0.84 (0.68-1.02)		0.083
LEADER	268/4668 (6%)	337/4672 (7%)	-	0.78 (0.67-0.92)		0.003
SUSTAIN-6	62/1648 (4%)	100/1649 (6%)	——	0.64 (0.46-0.88)		0.005
EXSCEL	366/6256 (6%)	407/6222 (7%)	-•	0.88 (0.76-1.01)		0.065
REWIND	848/4949 (17%)	970/4952 (20%)	•	0.85 (0.77-0.93)		0.0004
AMPLITUDE-O	353/2717 (13%)	250/1359 (18%)	- -	0.68 (0.57-0.79)		<0.0001
Subtotal (<i>I</i> ² =47·5%, <i>p</i> =0·090)			\diamond	0·79 (0·73-0·87)	47 (37-77)	<0.0001
Worsening of kidney function not including	, macroalbuminuria					
ELIXA [†]	41/3031 (1%)	35/3032 (1%)		1.16 (0.74-1.83)		0.513
LEADER§	87/4668 (2%)	97/4672 (2%)		0.89 (0.67-1.19)		0.43
SUSTAIN-6 [¥]	18/1648 (1%)	14/1649 (1%)		1.28 (0.64-2.58)		0.48
EXSCEL [£]	246/6456 (4%)	273/6458 (4%)	-•-	0.88 (0.74-1.05)		0.16
REWIND [#]	169/4949 (3%)	237/4952 (5%)		0.70 (0.57-0.85)		0.0004
AMPLITUDE-O [±]	7/2717 (<1%)	7/1359 (1%)	• •	0.35 (0.10-1.27)		0.11
Subtotal (/ ² =43·0%, p=0·12)			\diamond	0.86 (0.72-1.02)	241 (120 to -1694)*	0.089

Favours GLP-1 receptor agonists Favours placebo

Weights are from random effect analysis. In addition to primary cardiovascular outcome results papers, data were extracted from additional sources. AMPLITUDE-O data were provided by the authors. Data on kidney outcomes were not available in Harmony outcomes and PIONEER 6. The composite kidney outcome consisted of development of macroalbuminuria, doubling of serum creatinine or at least 40% decline in eGFR, kidney replacement therapy, or death due to kidney disease; for ELIXA, data are for new-onset macroalbuminuria alone NNTs were calculated over a weighted average median follow-up of 3.4 years; Worsening of kidney function outcome was defined as: †doubling of serum creatinine; §doubling of serum creatinine; ¥doubling of serum creatinine and CrCl per MDRD <45 mL/min per 1.73m2; £the worsening of kidney function outcome included kidney replacement therapy, or death due to kidney disease; #≥40% worsening of eGFR; ±≥40% worsening of eGFR (≥30 days) Data on kidney outcomes were not available in Harmony outcomes and PIONEER 6.

CI, confidence interval; CVOTs. cardiovascular outcome trials; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; GLP-1 RAs, GLP-1 receptor agonists; NNT, number needed-to-treat

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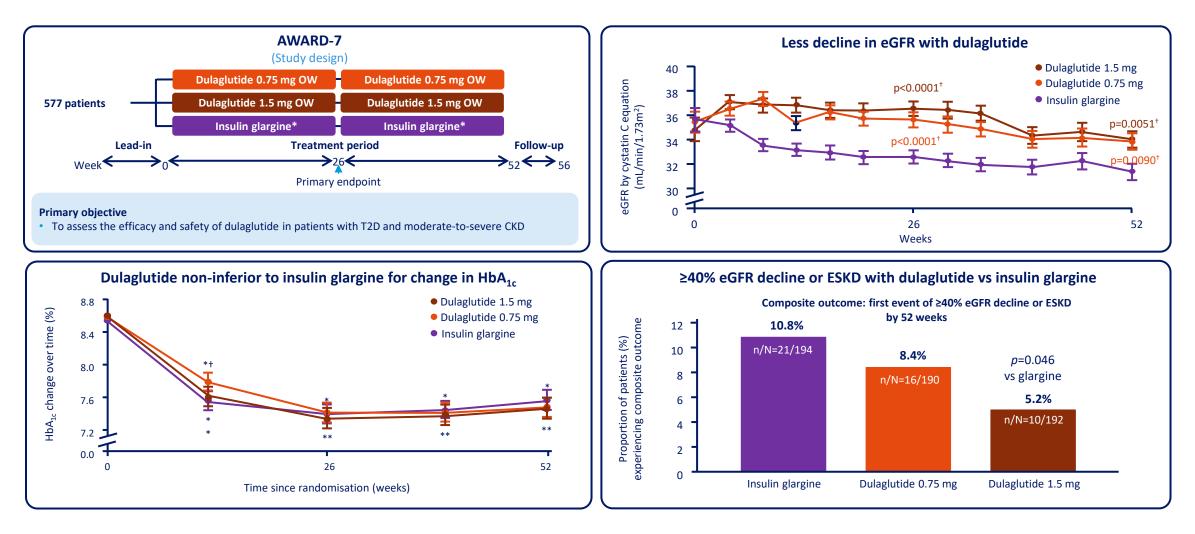
Time to categorical eGFR reduction

Post-hoc pooled analysis of LEADER AND SUSTAIN 6

	Reduction in eGFR		1	Sema/lira pooled (N)	Placebo pooled (N)	HR (95% CI)	p-value
	30%	⊢_●	4	791	848	0.92 (0.84; 1.02)	0.1005
	40%	⊢		378	432	0.86 (0.75; 0.99)	0.0386
Overall pooled population	50%	⊢−−− −		185	229	0.80 (0.66; 0.97)	0.0233
	57%	·		121	135	0.89 (0.69; 1.13)	0.3423
	30%	⊢		151	196	0.65 (0.53; 0.81)	<0.0001
eGFR \geq 30 to	40%	⊢		89	120	0.64 (0.48; 0.84)	0.0013
<60 mL/min/1.73 m ² and micro-or macroalbuminuria	50%			51	78	0.57 (0.40; 0.81)	0.0017
	57% –	• · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		34	53	0.56 (0.37; 0.87)	0.0093
	30%	⊢ −•		579	591	0.99 (0.88; 1.10)	0.7982
eGFR	40%	—		245	270	0.91 (0.76; 1.08)	0.2810
≥60 mL/min/1.73 m ² or normoalbuminuria	50%	—		101	118	0.86 (0.66; 1.12)	0.2598
	57%	⊢−−− ●−		58	61	0.95 (0.67; 1.37)	0.7961
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CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HR, hazard ratio. Shaman et al Circulation 2022

AWARD-7: Efficacy & safety of dulaglutide in DKD stage 3-4



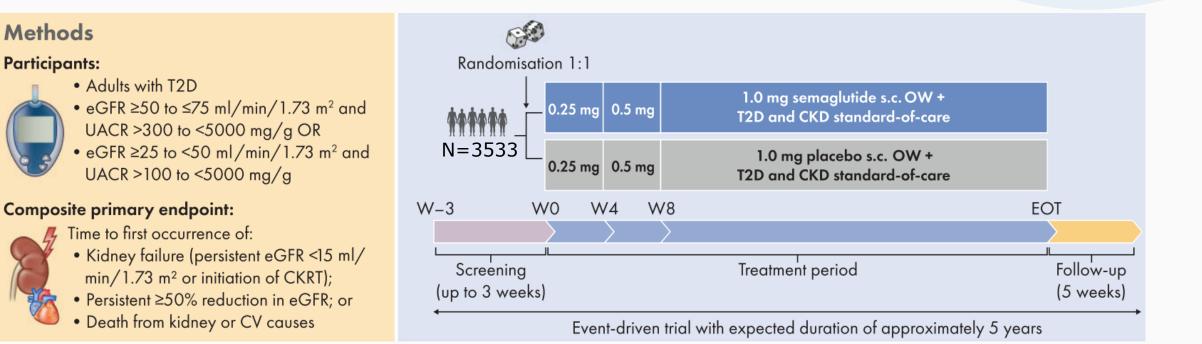
*Subcutaneous injection to be given at bedtime per sliding scale; †eGFR ≥15 to <60 mL/min/1.73m²;†Versus insulin glargine

BMI, body mass index; CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ESKD, end-stange kidney disease; HbA₁₀, glycosylated hemoglobin; OW, once weekly Tuttle KR et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2018; 6(8):605–617; Tuttle KR et al. ASN Kidney Week; October 25, 2018

FLOW trial design: Kidney outcomes trial in T2D

Methods

Participants:



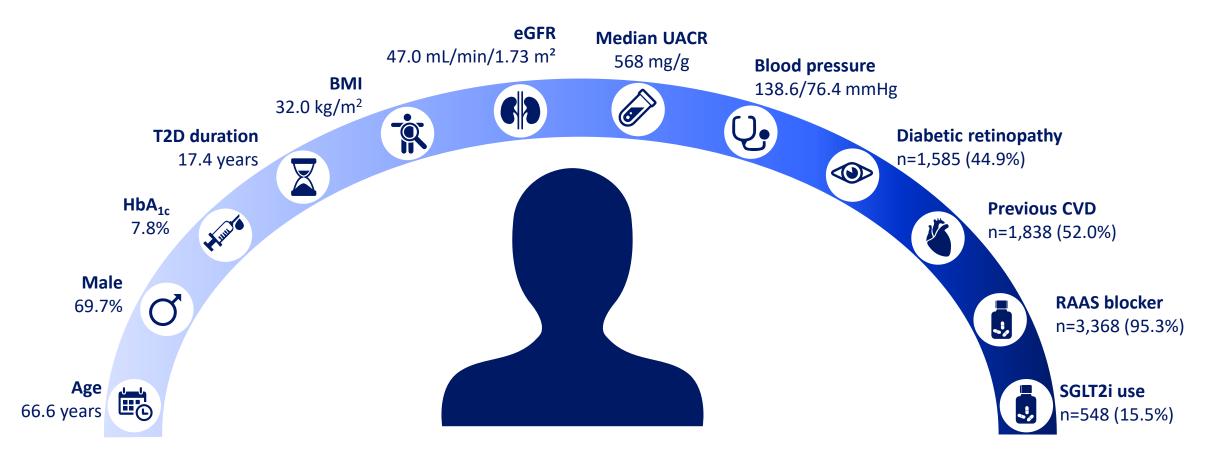
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CKD, chronic kidney disease; CKRT, chronic kidney replacement therapy; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; EOT, end of treatment; OW, once-weekly; s.c., subcutaneous; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UACR, urine albumin:creatinine ratio; W, week. Rossing P et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant 2023;38:2041-2051; Novo Nordisk. 5 March 2024. https://www.novonordisk.com/content/nncorp/global/en/news-and-media/news-and-ir-materials/news-

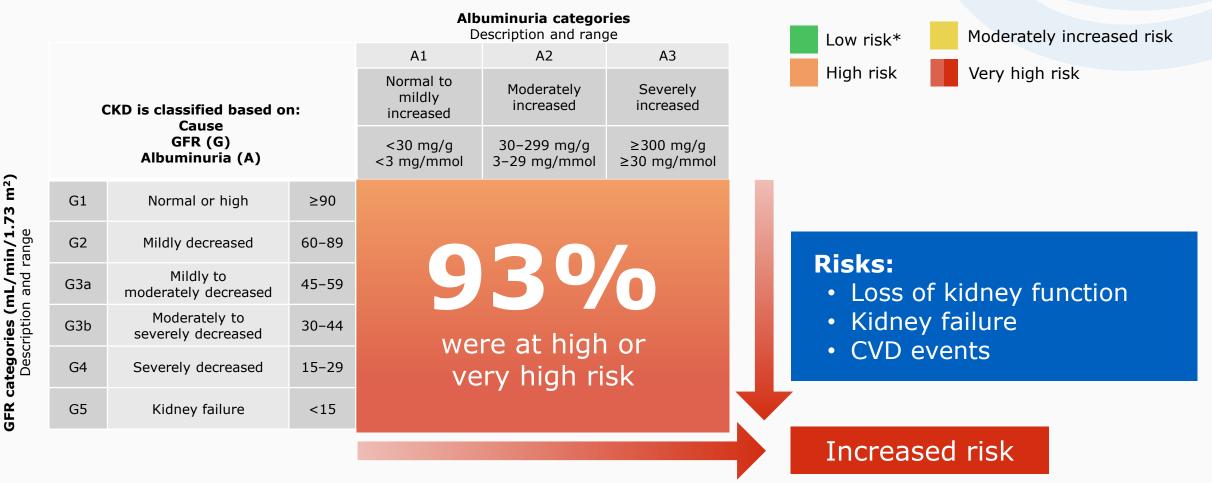
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The average FLOW patient

FLOW baseline characteristics (N=3,534)



CKD stage and corresponding risk category can guide management



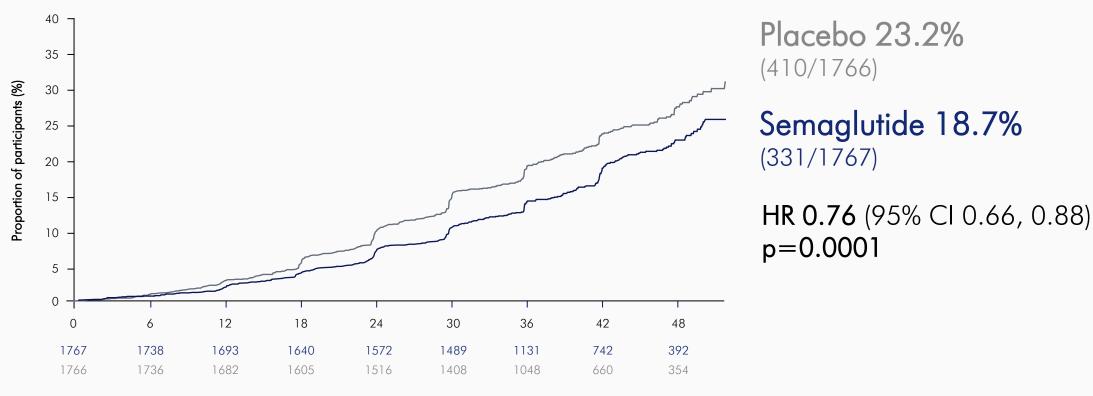
Numbers in the boxes are a guide to the frequency of screening or monitoring (number of times per year). Green reflects no evidence of CKD by estimated GFR or albuminuria, with screening indicated once per year. For monitoring of prevalent CKD, suggested monitoring varies from once per year (yellow) to four times or more per year (i.e. every 1–3 months [deep red]) according to risks of CKD progression and CKD complications. These are general parameters only, based on expert opinion, and underlying comorbid conditions and disease state must be taken into account, as well as the likelihood of impacting a change in management for any individual patient. *If no other markers of kidney disease, no CKD.

CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; GFR, glomerular filtration rate.

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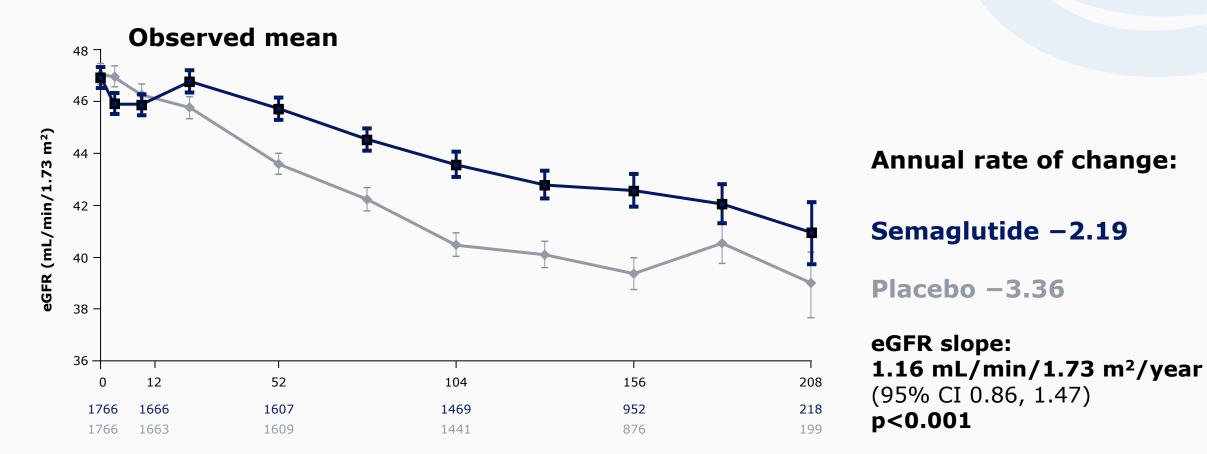
Time since randomisation (months)



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Total eGFR Slope





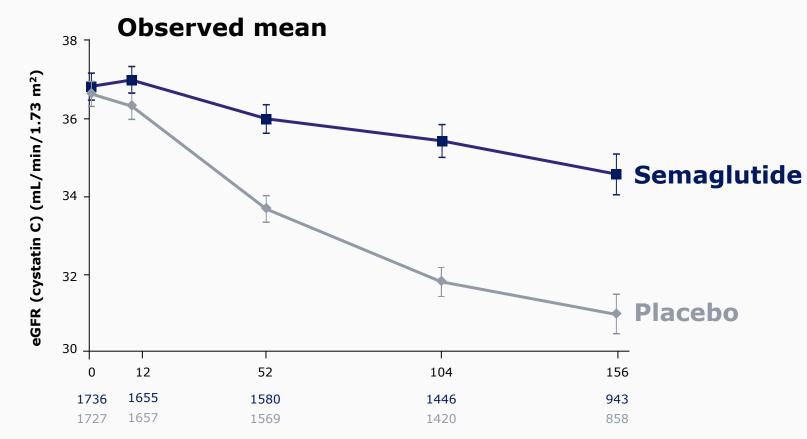
Time since randomisation (weeks)

Superiority if two-sided p value <0.0322

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Change in eGFR

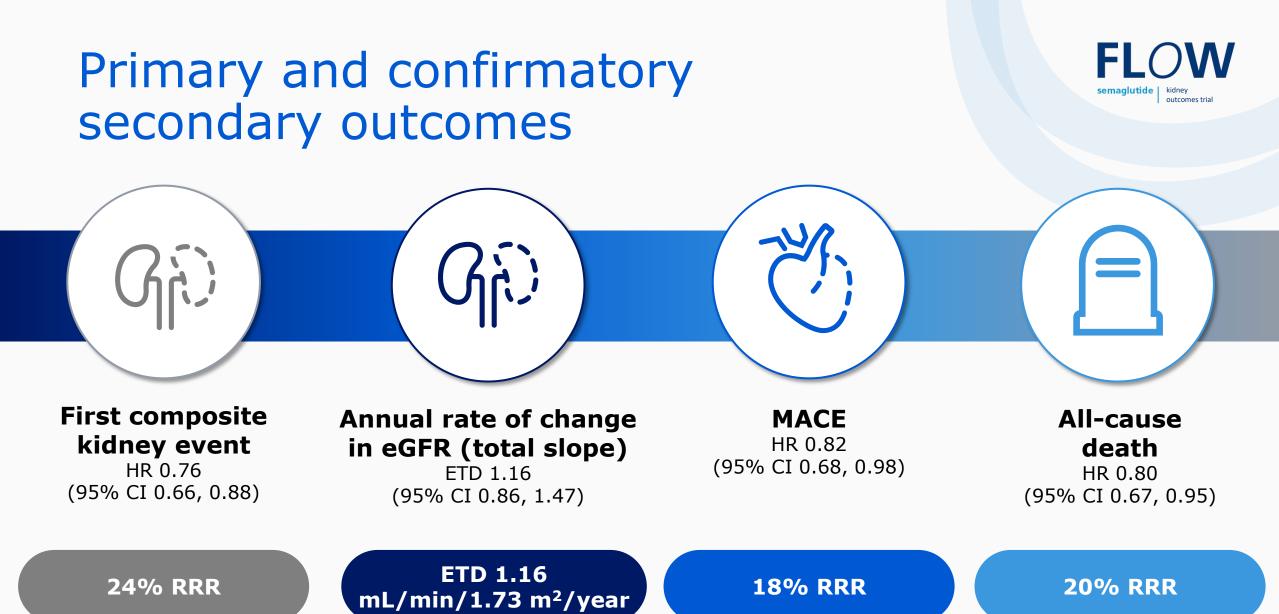




Time since randomisation (weeks)

Calculated by cystatin C ETD at week 104 3.39 mL/min/1.73 m² (95% CI 2.63, 4.15)

Calculated by serum creatinine ETD at **week 104 3.30 mL/min/1.73 m²** (95% CI 2.43, 4.17)



The p value limit was determined by the Lan-DeMets alpha spending function, approximating the O'Brien-Fleming's stopping boundaries accounting for the group sequential design (interim analysis). eGFR was calculated using the CKD-EPI formula.

CI, confidence interval; CKD-EPI, Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; ETD, estimated treatment difference; HR, hazard ratio; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; RRR, relative risk reduction. Perkovic V et al. N Engl J Med 2024;391:109–121.

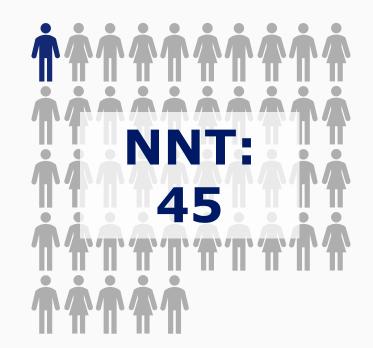


Benefits of semaglutide over 3 years

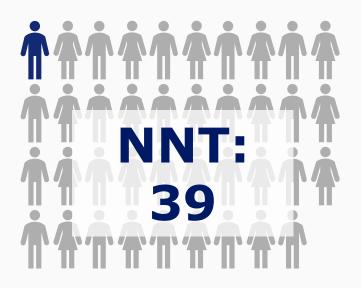
To prevent one primary outcome:⁺



To prevent one MACE:*



To prevent one death due to any cause:



[†]Onset of persistent ≥50% reduction in eGFR compared with baseline, onset of persistent eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m², initiation of chronic kidney replacement therapy dialysis, or kidney transplantation, kidney death or CV death; [†]Non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke or CV death. CV death includes undetermined cause of death. CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MI, myocardial infarction; NNT, number needed to treat. Perkovic V et al. *N Engl J Med* 2024;391:109–121.

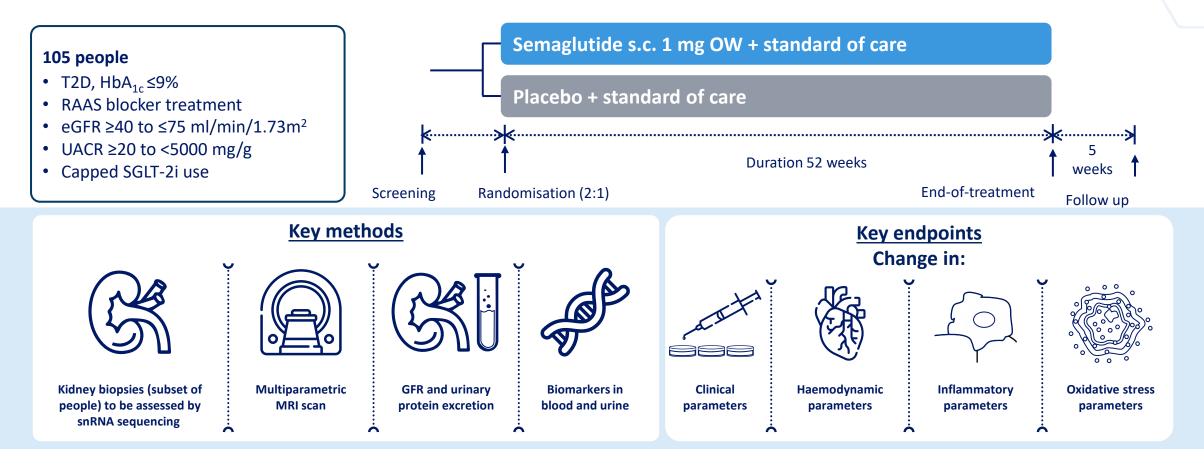
MoA by which GLP-1 RAs may provide a kidney benefit

Not well understood, but likely involves a combination of direct and indirect effects



REMODEL - Renal mode of action with semaglutide

Mechanistic renal mode of action with OW semaglutide



eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; HbA₁₀, glycated haemoglobin; OW, once weekly; MRI, Magnetic resonance imaging; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system; s.c., subcutaneous ; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitors; snRNA, small nuclear ribonucleic acid; T2D, type 2 diabetes; UACR, urine albumin:creatinine ratio. Data on file. https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04865770

Composite kidney outcome

Study	GLP-1RA, n/N (%)	Placebo, n/N (%)					HR (95% Cl)	Weight, %
EXSCEL	246/6459 (4)	273/6466 (4)					0.88 (0.74, 1.05)	25.97
FLOW	218/1767 (12)	260/1766 (15)		•	4		0.79 (0.66, 0.94)	25.69
LEADER	184/4668 (4)	212/4672 (5)		H IO	4		0.86 (0.70, 1.05)	22.13
REWIND	84/4949 (2)	136/4952 (3)					0.61 (0.46, 0.80)	14.75
SUSTAIN-6	58/1648 (4)	57/1649 (4)					1.09 (0.75, 1.58)	9.43
ELIXA	3/2702 (<1)	7/2793 (<1)	H	•			0.44 (0.11, 1.73)	0.82
AMPLITUDE-O	9/2717 (<1)	3/1359 (<1)					0.91 (0.20, 4.19)	0.66
Harmony Outcomes	4/4731 (<1)	2/4732 (<1)		I	•		2.00 (0.37, 10.87)	0.54
Overall	806/29,441 (3)	950/28,389 (3)		\diamond	•		0.82 (0.73, 0.93)	
Heterogeneity: $I^2 =$	26%	~	0.2	:	1.0	10.0	→	
Favou			urs GLP-1F	RAs		Favours	placebo	

Definitions of composite kidney outcome:

FLOW, LEADER, REWIND, SUSTAIN-6, AMPLITUDE-O: Persistent ≥50% reduction in eGFR, persistent eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m², initiation of kidney replacement therapy or kidney death. EXSCEL: Persistent ≥40% reduction in eGFR, persistent eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m², initiation of kidney replacement therapy or kidney death. ELIXA, Harmony Outcomes: Kidney replacement therapy.

ELIXA, Harmony Outcomes: Kidney replacement therapy. CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio. Badve S et al. Lancet DE 2024

Kidney failure

Study	GLP-1RA, n/N (%)	Placebo, n/N (%)		·		HR (95% Cl)	Weight, %
FLOW	142/1767 (8)	165/1766 (9)		H O H		0.83 (0.66, 1.04)	49.70
LEADER	56/4668 (1)	64/4672 (1)		⊢		0.87 (0.61, 1.24)	19.56
EXSCEL	55/6259 (1)	65/6230 (1)		⊢−−∎		0.85 (0.59, 1.22)	18.65
REWIND	16/4949 (<1)	21/4952 (<1)	F			0.75 (0.39, 1.44)	5.77
SUSTAIN-6	11/1648 (1)	12/1649 (1)	F			0.91 (0.40, 2.07)	3.64
ELIXA	3/2702 (<1)	7/2793 (<1)	•			0.44 (0.11, 1.73)	1.31
Harmony Outcomes	4/4731 (<1)	2/4732 (<1)	⊢ −−	•		2.00 (0.37, 10.87)	0.86
AMPLITUDE-O	4/2717 (<1)	1/1359 (<1)	H	•		→ 2.00 (0.22, 18.06)	0.51
Overall	291/29,441 (1%)	337/28,389 (1)		\diamond		0.84 (0.72, 0.99)	
Heterogeneity: $I^2 =$	0%	-	0.2	1.0	10.0	\rightarrow	
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Definitions of kidney failure: FLOW, LEADER, REWIND, SUSTAIN-6, AMPLITUDE-O: Persistent eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m², or initiation of kidney replacement therapy. EXSCEL, ELIXA, Harmony Outcomes: Kidney replacement therapy. CI, confidence interval; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio. Badve S et al. Lancet DE 2024

Consistent benefit of SGLT2i on CKD progression by baseline GLP-1RA use (40% decline in eGFR, kidney failure or death due to kidney failure)

	Events/patients (%)	Event rate per 100 pat	tient years			
	SGLT2 inhibitor	Placebo	SGLT2 inhibitor	Placebo		HR (95% CI)
Baseline use of GLP-1 RA 2,984						
High atherosclerotic cardiovascular risk trials	14/936 (1·5)	17/693 (2.5)	0.4	1.0	<u>_</u>	0·60 (0·27 to 1·31)
Stable heart failure trials	3/47(6·4)	3/33 (9·1)	2.2	4.7		0·64 (0·13 to 3·12)
Chronic kidney disease trials	40/635(6·3)	53/640 (8·3)	3.2	4.5		0·67 (0·44 to 1·02)
Subtotal (I-squared = 0.0%, p = 0.64)	57/1618 (3·5)	73/1366 (5·3)	1.6	2.9	\sim	0.65 (0.46 to 0.94)
No baseline use of GLP-1 RA 70,122					1	
High atherosclerotic cardiovascular risk trials	469/23585(2·0)	526/17302(3.0)	0.6	1.3	-	0·59 (0·52 to 0·67)
Stable heart failure trials	235/4781(4.9)	231/4798 (4.8)	2.9	3.1	- e -	1·02 (0·85 to 1·22)
Chronic kidney disease trials	688/9839 (7·0)	1015/9817(10·3)	3.7	5.6		0.64 (0.58 to 0.71)
Subtotal (I-squared = 70·4%, p<0.001)	1392/38205(3.6)	1772/31917(5.6)	1.7	2.9	♦	0.67 (0.62 to 0.72)
Total 73,106	1449/39823(3.6)	1845/33283(5.5)	1.7	2.9	♦	0.67 (0.62 to 0.72)
Heterogeneity by use of GLP-1 RA: p = 0.81				C	D.25 0.5 1.0 2.0 4.0	
					HR (95% CI) Favours Favours	
					SGLT2 inhibitor placebo	

CI, confidence intervals; CKD, chronic kidney disease; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HR, hazard ratio; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor.

Apperloo EM et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2024;12:545-557 https://www.smart-c.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/SMART-C_GLP-1RA_ERA_presentation.pdf.



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Semaglutide saves kidneys, hearts, and lives





CKD in people with T2D remains common and deadly Highly effective therapies are now available to reduce risks of kidney failure, CV events, and death FLOW has established that semaglutide prevents major kidney outcomes, MACE, HF events, and death in people with T2D and CKD

The four pillars of therapy are now a RAS inhibitor, an SGLT2 inhibitor, a non-steroidal MRA, and semaglutide Low CKD awareness, detection and access to care are major barriers to receiving kidney, heart, and life-saving therapies Effective strategies for therapeutic implementation are urgently needed to improve clinical outcomes in T2D and CKD

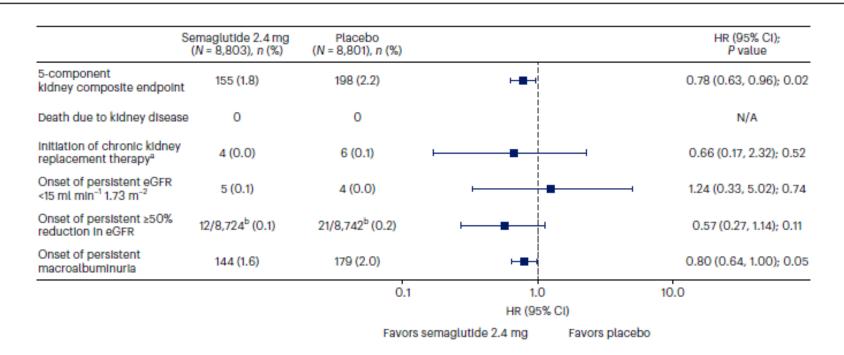
CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; RAS, renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system; SGLT2, sodium–glucose cotransporter-2; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

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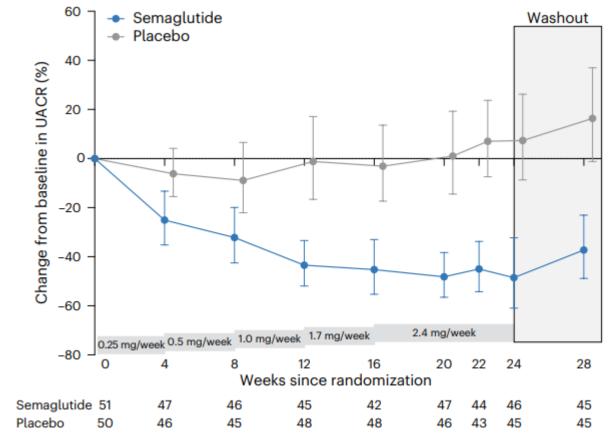


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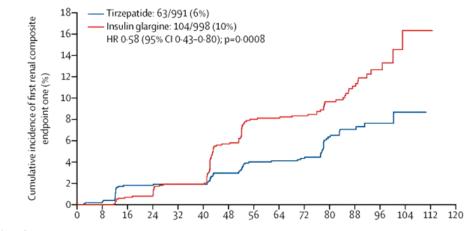
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SURPASS-4 TRIAL

Tirzepatide Reduces Risk of Composite Kidney Disease Endpoint SURPASS-4

Incidence of Composite Kidney Disease Endpoint



Number of events

(number at risk)																
Tirzepatide	0	3	18	18	19	19	29	39	40	42	56	60	62	63	63	63
	(991)	(985)	(962)	(952)	(947)	(944)	(930)	(912)	(902)	(815)	(609)	(391)	(180)	(41)	(0)	(0)
Insulin glargine	0	0	7	9	19	19	55	77	78	80	89	96	101	104	104	104
													(164)			

Consistent effects in SGLT2 inhibitor and ACE inhibitor/ARB subgroups

Component	Treatment	N (%)	HR (95%Cl)
eGFR decline ≥40% from	TZP	38 (3.8%)	0.87
baseline	iGLAR	45 (4.5%)	(0.56,1.33)
Renal death	TZP	0	
Renardeath	iGLAR	0	-
Progression to	TZP	0	
ESKD	iGLAR	5 (0.5%)	-
New onset	TZP	25 (2.5%)	0.41
macroalbuminuriaª	iGLAR	61 (6.1%)	(0.26,0.66)*

Heerspink HJL et al. Lancet Diab Endocrinol 2022;10:774-78



Conclusions

- •CKD in people with T2D remains common and deadly
- •CVOTs demonstrated GLP1 RAs reduce MACE, and maybe slow progression of CKD in T2D with CKD
- •The first kidney study with a GLP1 RA: FLOW demonstrated that semaglutide prevents major kidney outcomes, MACE, HF events, and death in people with T2D and CKD
- •The four pillars of therapy are now a RAS inhibitor, an SGLT2 inhibitor, a non-steroidal MRA, and GLP1 RA

