



ERBP Guideline on management of diabetics with advanced CKD



ERBP Mission

improve the outcome of patients with kidney disease in a sustainable way, through enhancing the accessibility of knowledge on patient care, in a format that stimulates its use in clinical practice.

Outline

- Is intensive glycemic control as measured by HbA1C advantageous in diabetic patients with CKD 3b-5d?
- What oral agent should be preferred as first line agent in patients with CKD 3b-5d with impaired glucose tolerance/diabetes

Some of the factors that influence HbA1c and its measurement*. Adapted from Gallagher et al (24)

1. Erythropoiesis

Increased HbA1c: iron, vitamin B12 deficiency, decreased erythropoiesis.

Decreased HbA1c: administration of erythropoietin, iron, vitamin B12, reticulocytosis, chronic liver disease.

2. Altered Haemoglobin

Genetic or chemical alterations in haemoglobin: haemoglobinopathies, HbF, methaemoglobin, may increase or decrease HbA1c.

3. Glycation

Increased HbA1c: alcoholism, chronic renal failure, decreased intra-erythrocyte pH.

Decreased HbA1c: aspirin, vitamin C and E, certain haemoglobinopathies, increased intra-erythrocyte pH.

Variable HbA1c: genetic determinants.

4. Erythrocyte destruction

Increased HbA1c: increased erythrocyte life span: Splenectomy.

Decreased A1c: decreased erythrocyte life span: haemoglobinopathies, splenomegaly, rheumatoid arthritis or drugs such as antiretrovirals, ribavirin and dapsone.

5. Assays

Increased HbA1c: hyperbilirubinaemia, carbamylated haemoglobin, alcoholism, large doses of aspirin, chronic opiate use.

Variable HbA1c: haemoglobinopathies.

Decreased HbA1c: hypertriglyceridaemia.

Adjusted mortality rate in ESRD and DM: HbA1c

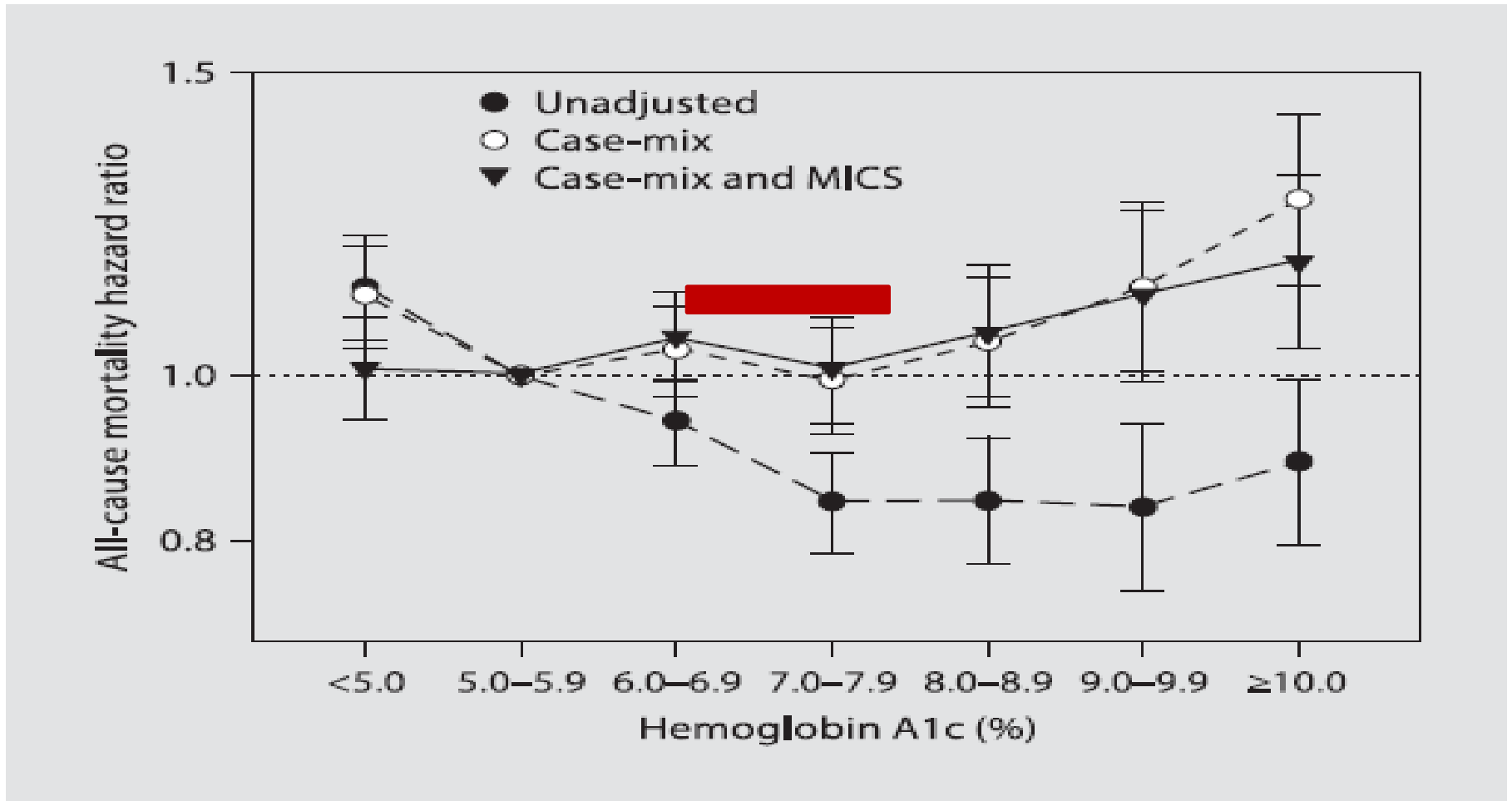


Fig. 5. Mortality rate adjusted for case mix and malnutrition-inflammation complex syndrome (MICS).

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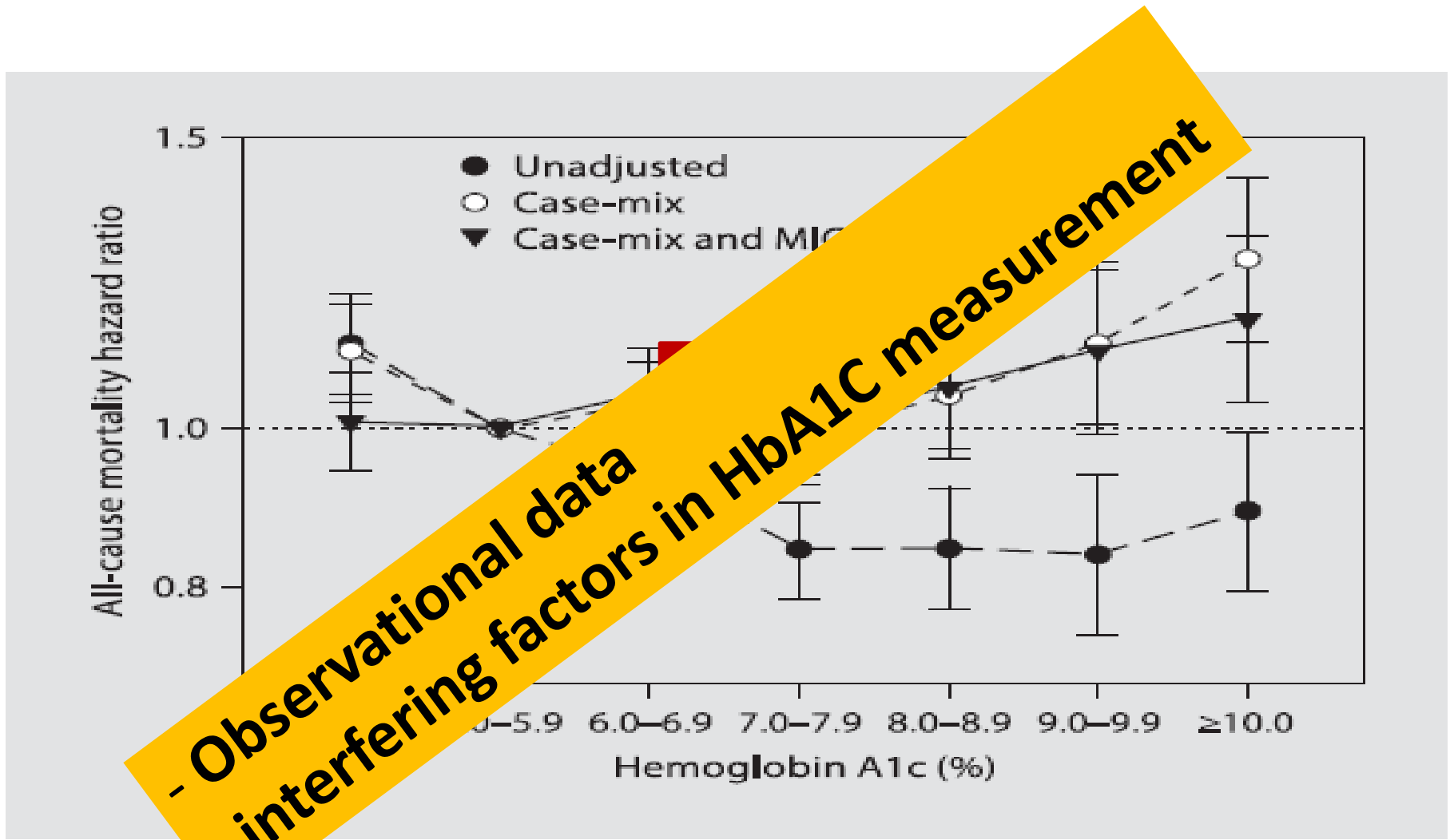


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Considerations in advanced CKD patients

Increased risk of hypoglycemia

- Decreasing renal mass leads to impaired gluconeogenesis and glycogenolysis
- Decreased renal clearance of insulin
- Decreased clearance of hypoglycemic drugs
- comorbidity and co-medication

Increasing impaired glucose tolerance

- Peripheral insulin resistance in CKD from counter-regulatory hormones, electrolyte abnormalities, uremic acidosis, and accumulation of uremic toxins

Shortened life expectancy

Increased cardiovascular risk +++

Cochrane review Hemmingsen et al, BMJ, 2011

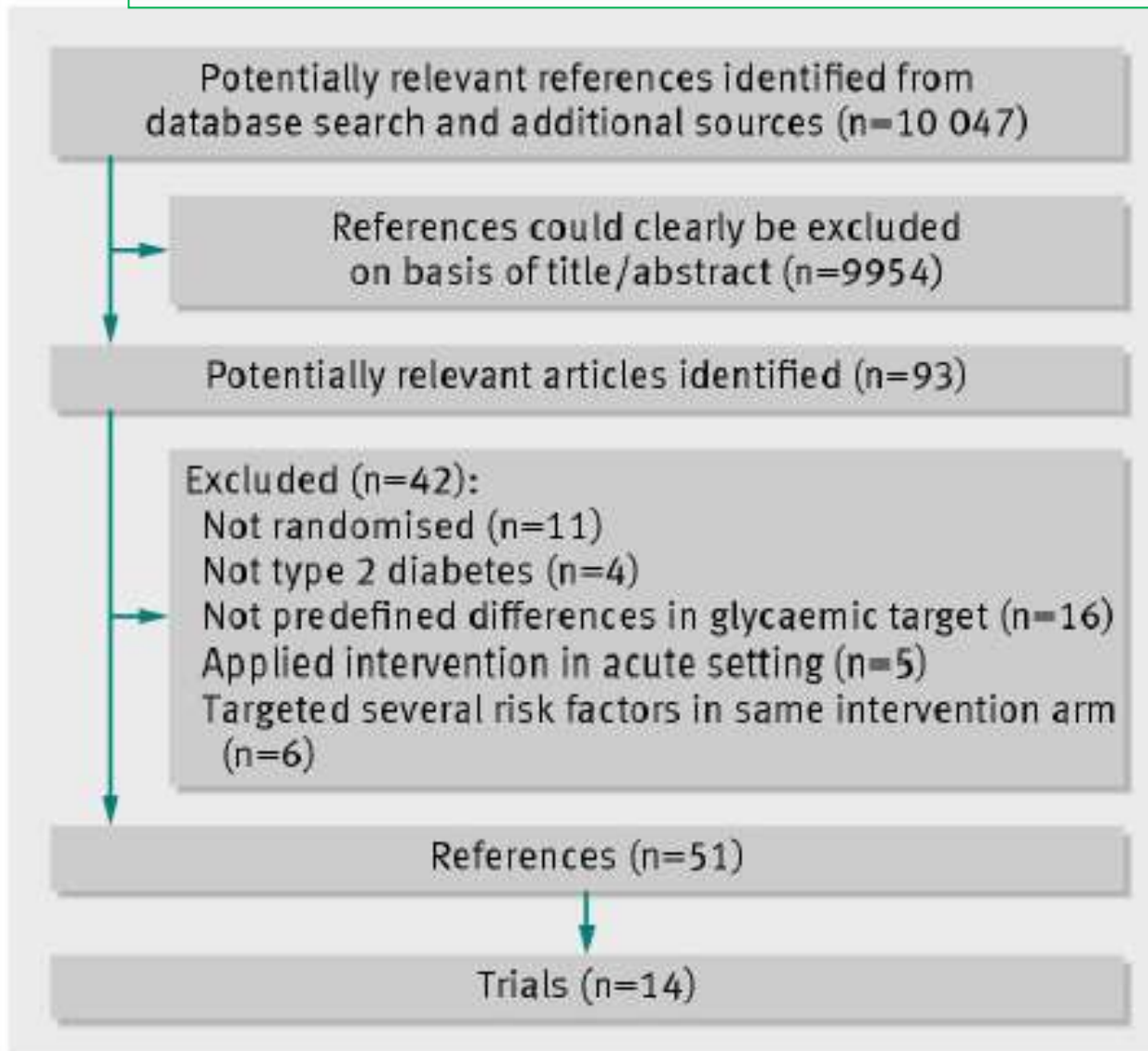


Fig 1 Flow diagram of identification of randomised trials for inclusion

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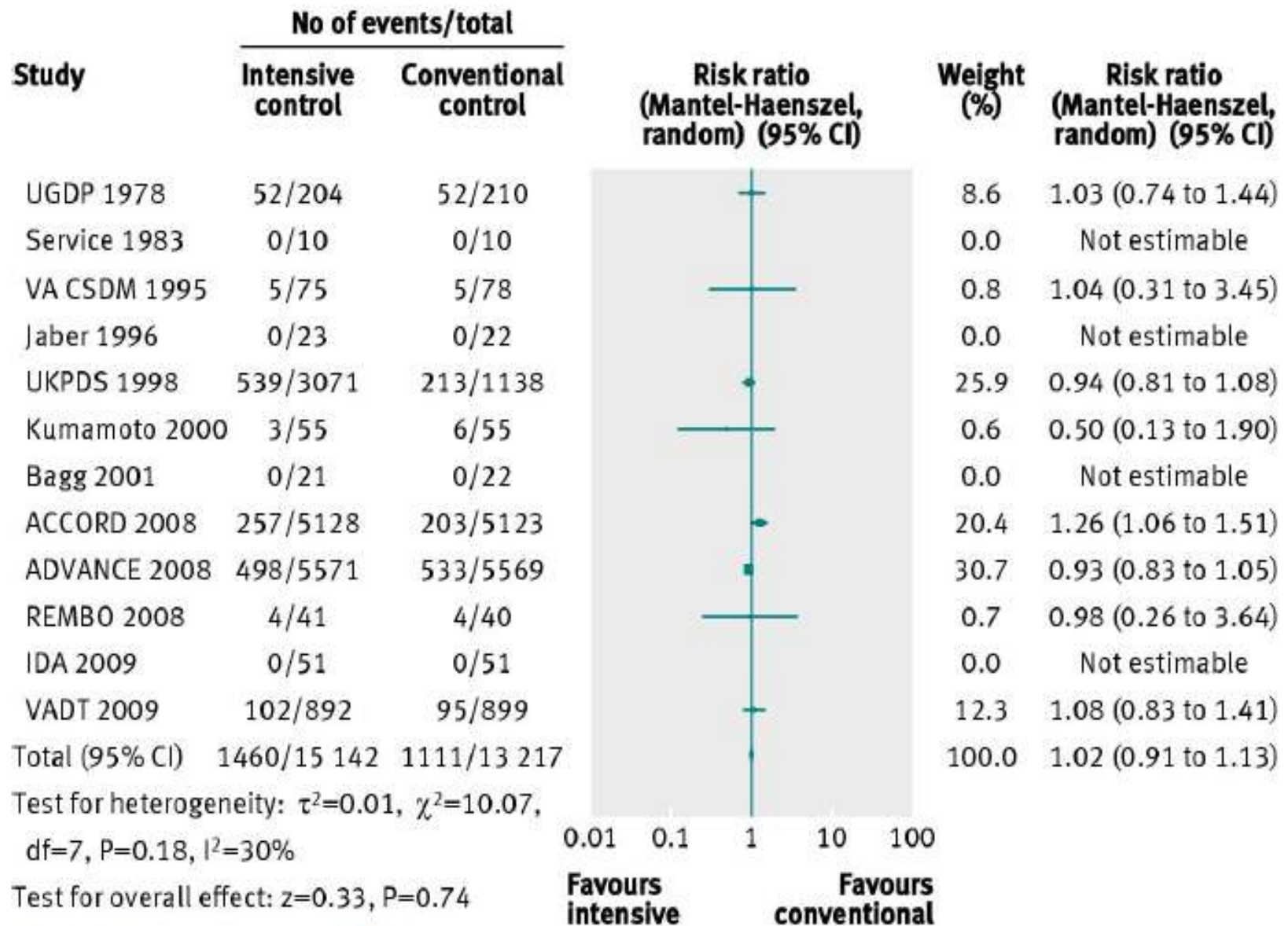


Fig 2 Forest plot for all cause mortality

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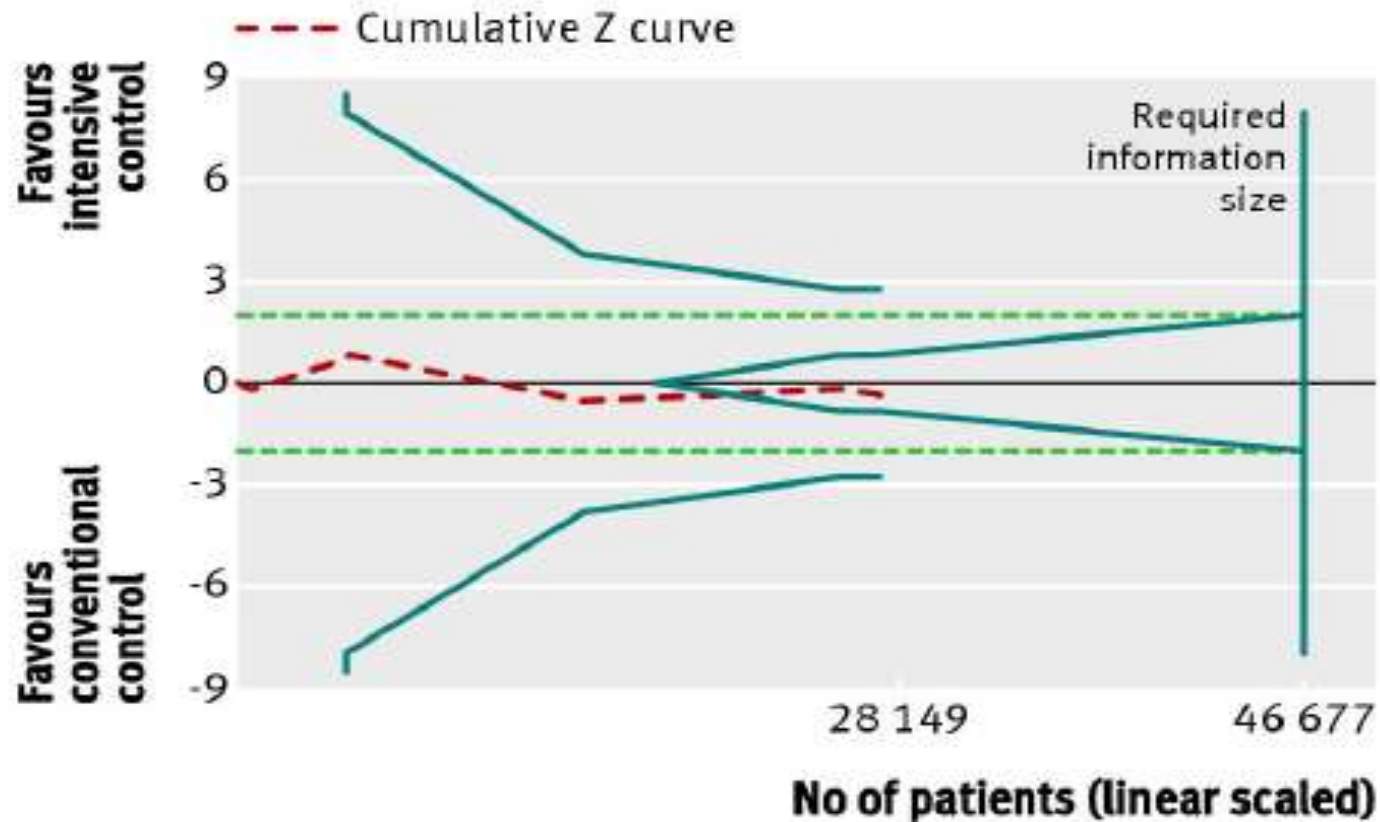


Fig 3 Trial sequential analysis of all cause mortality. Heterogeneity adjusted required information size of 46 677 participants calculated on basis of proportion of mortality of 8.4% in conventional glucose control group, relative risk reduction of 10%, $\alpha=5\%$, $\beta=20\%$, and $I^2=30\%$. Actually accrued No of participants was 28 149, 60% of required information size. Dashed red cumulative Z curve does not cross solid blue trial sequential monitoring boundaries for benefit or harm, but boundaries for futility (blue inner wedge boundaries) are crossed. Horizontal dotted green lines illustrate traditional level of statistical significance ($P=0.05$)

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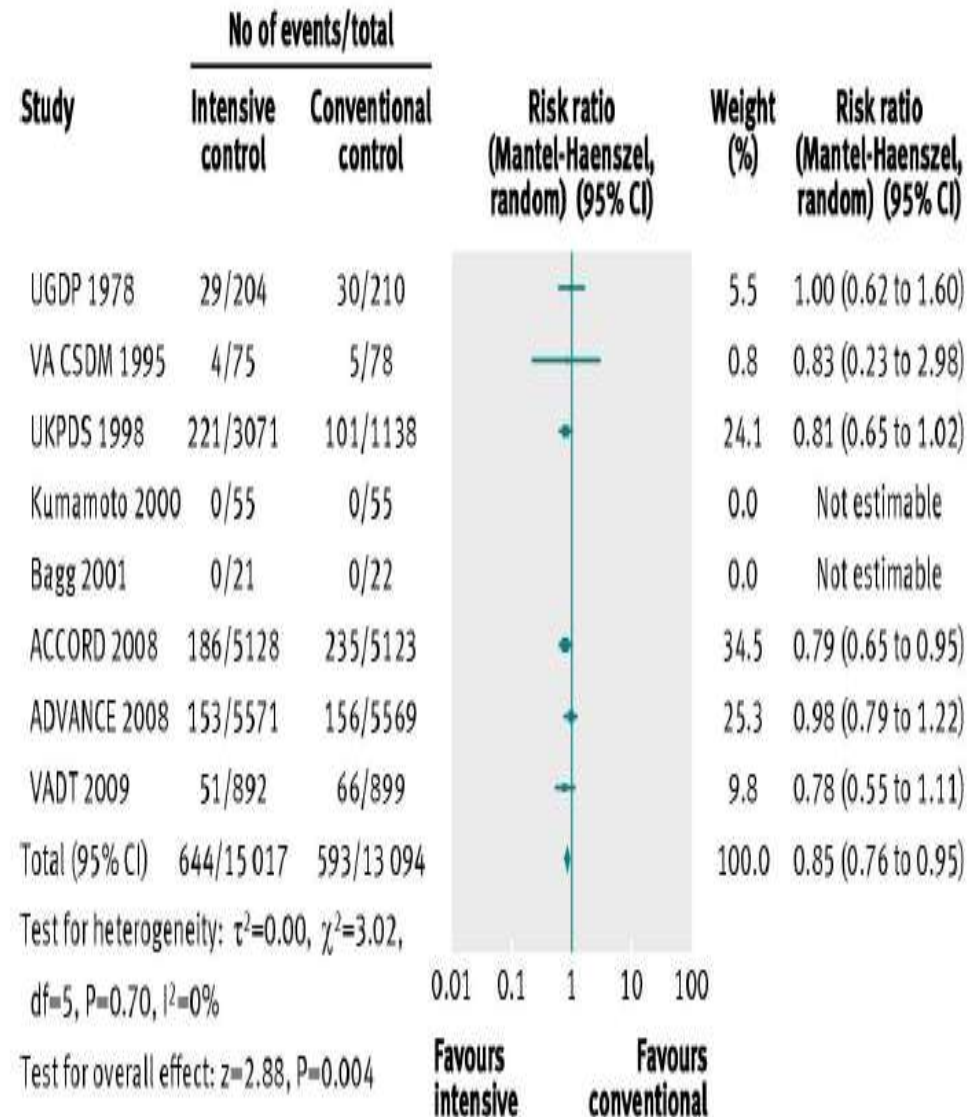
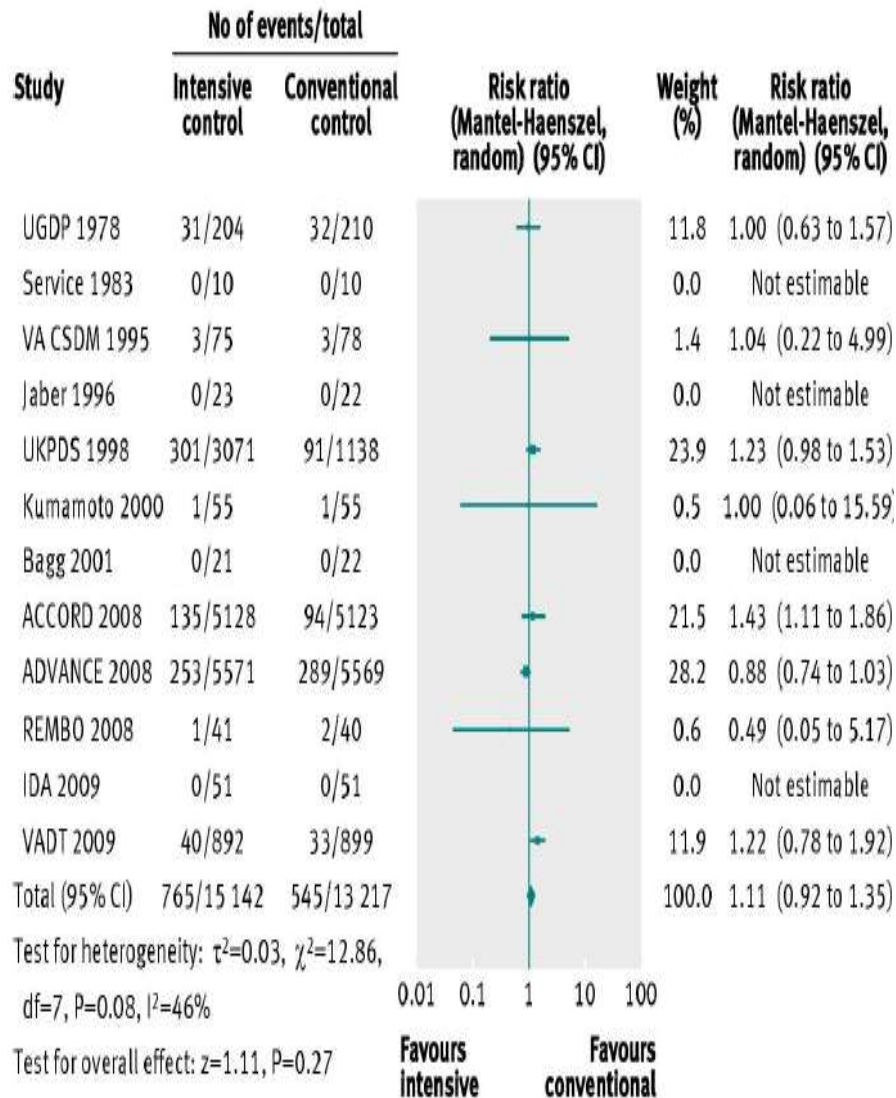


Fig 4 Forest plot for cardiovascular mortality

Non fatal myocardial infarction

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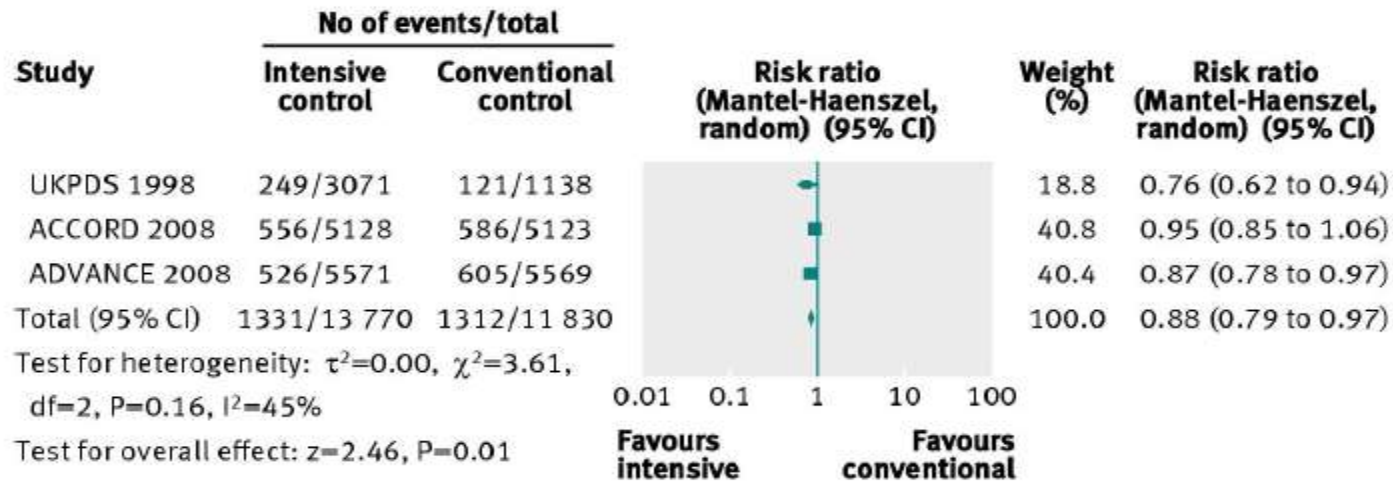
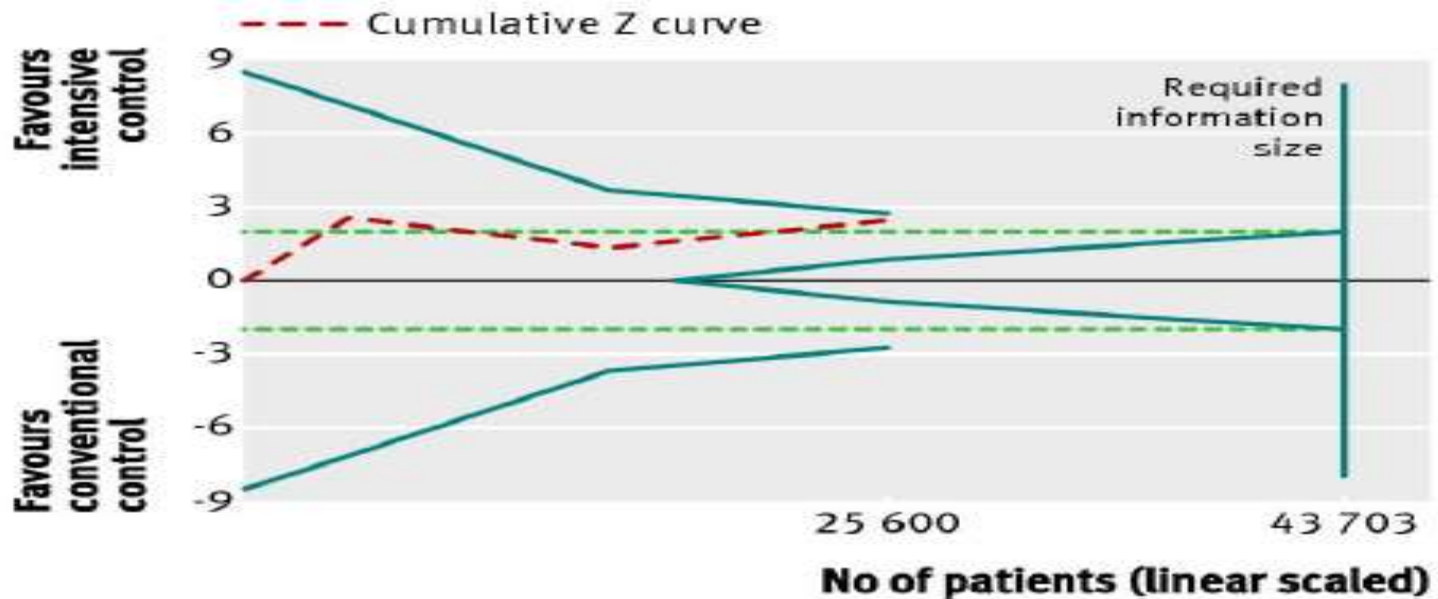


Fig 8 Forest plot for composite microvascular outcome



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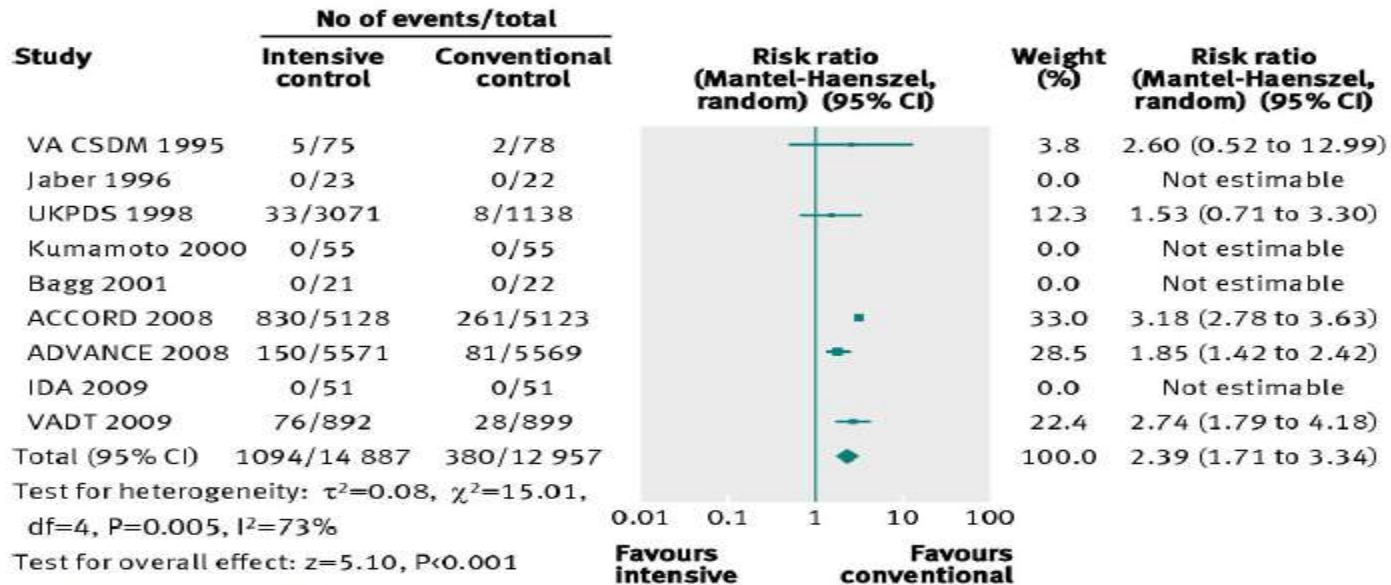
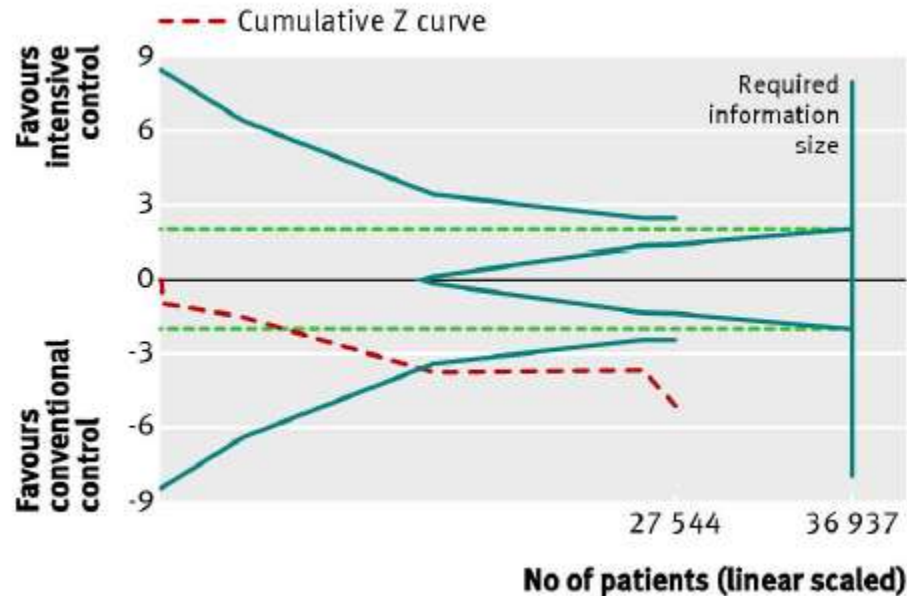


Fig 13 Forest plot for severe hypoglycaemia



Conclusions

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STRONG evidence for increased risk of severe hypoglycaemia

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At least in studies with an overwhelming majority of non advanced CKD patients!!!!!!

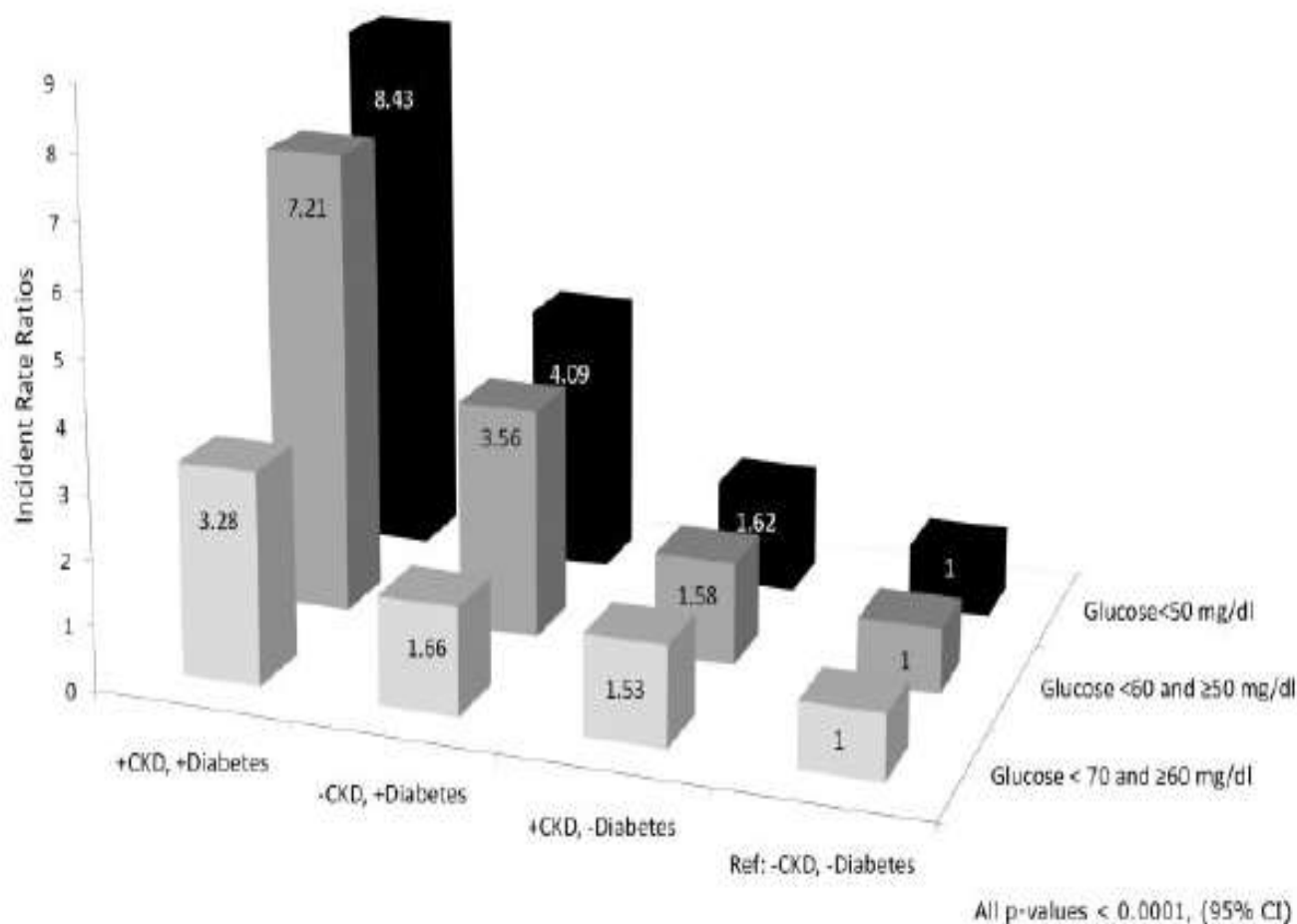


Figure 1. Risk for hypoglycemia of varying severity and expressed as an adjusted incidence rate ratio in veterans classified by presence or absence of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and diabetes. Reference group are veterans without CKD or diabetes. Rates adjusted for race, gender, age, Charlson comorbidity index, cancer, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease (all rate ratios $P < 0.0001$).

Conclusions

- **First concern: avoid hypoglycemia**
- **If no hypoglycemia's and HbA1C > 7%: try to intensify hypoglycemic treatment**
- **Take into consideration comorbidity and age of patients**

Comprehensive risk analysis:

FRAILITY or ONE of the following:

- Risk for hypoglycaemia (see figure)
- Poor motivation and attitude of patient
- Decreased general life expectancy
- Cardiovascular disease
- Micro-vascular complications

yes

≤ 69 mmol/mol

no

Patient on therapy with
Lifestyle only
or
therapy with low or absent hypoglycaemia risk *

yes

≤ 53 mmol/mol

no

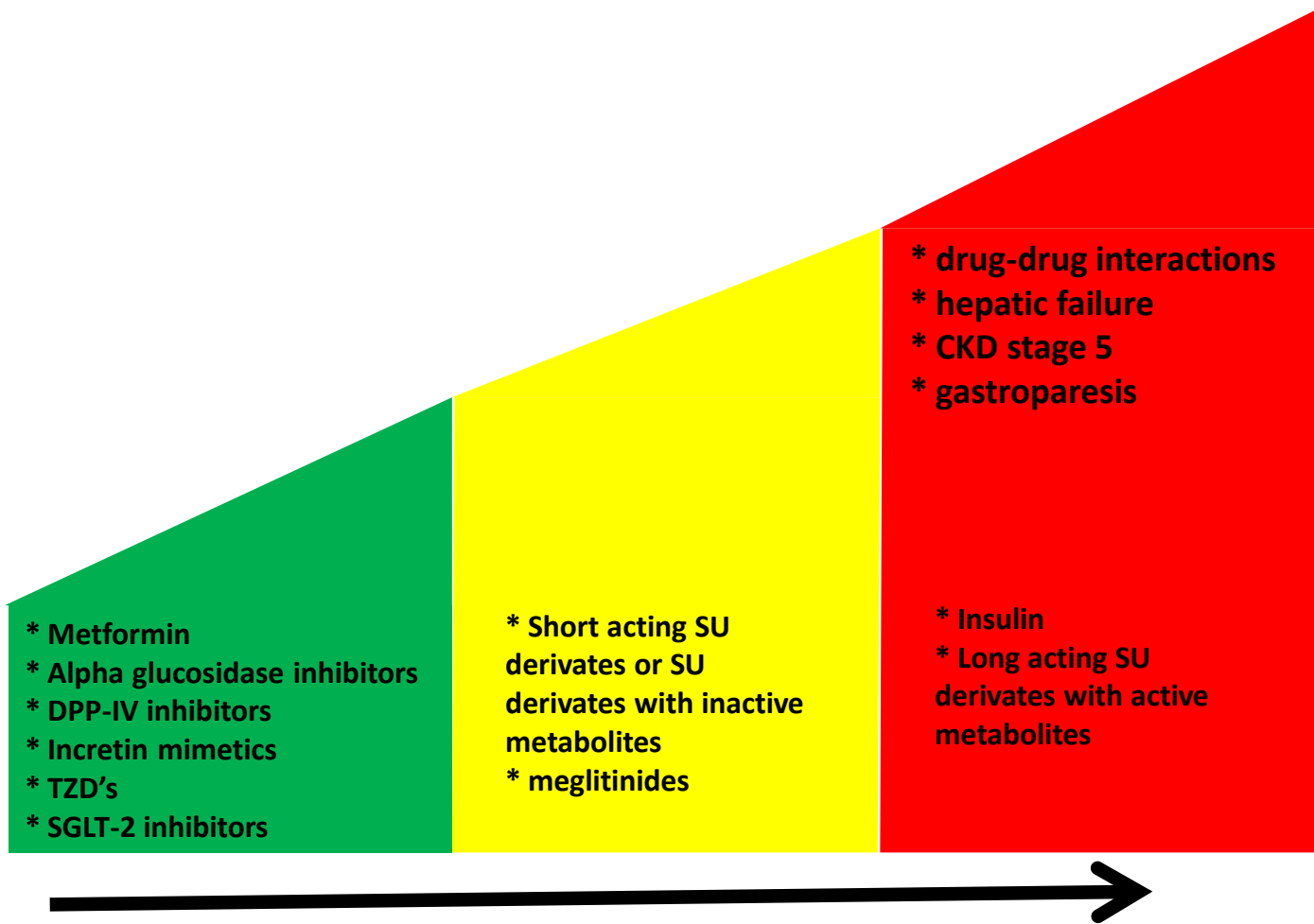
Diabetes duration < 10
years

yes

≤ 64 mmol/mol

no

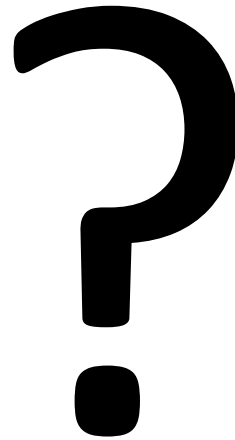
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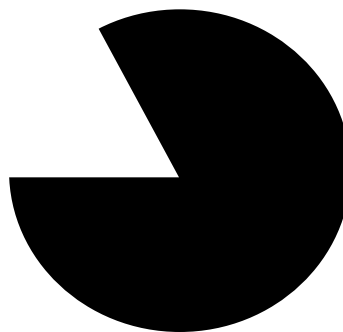
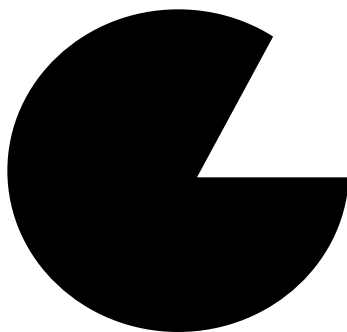
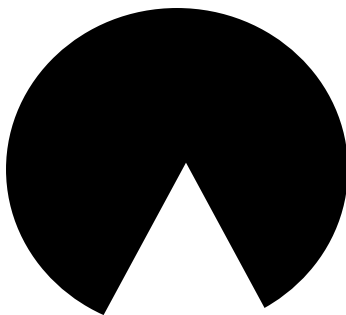


Hypoglycaemia risk

METFORMIN

in advanced CKD:

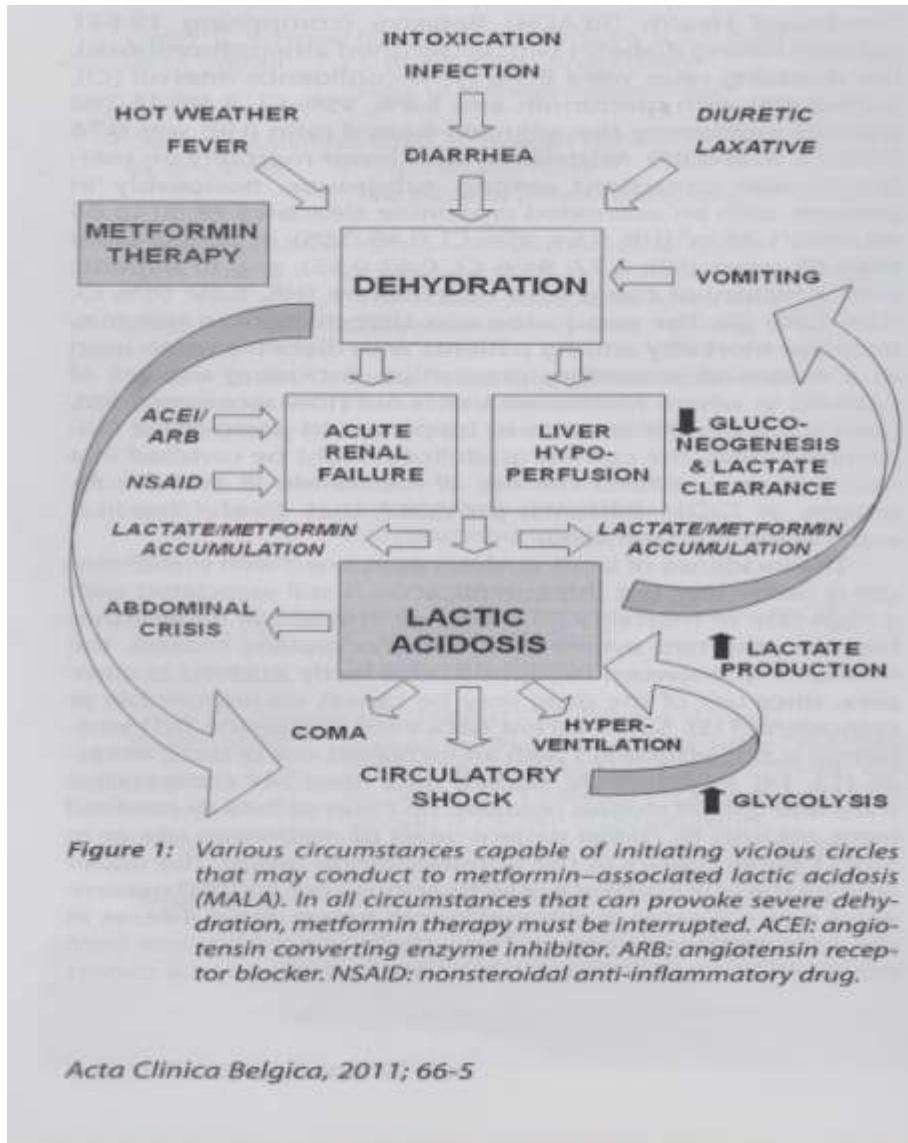




METFORMIN

- First drug of choice in all current guidelines
- Cheap
- No hypoglycemic risk
- Weight-neutral or reducing effect
- Lipid- lowering effect
- Well characterized efficacy and safety profile
- Impressive preventive effects with prevention of:
 - Diabetes
 - Micro- and macrovascular complications
 - Major events in patients with heart failure
 - Apoptotic neuron death
 - Cancer
 - Osteopenie
 - Mortality in lactic acidosis not related to to metformin

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Predicted absolute no. of deaths (number per 100,000 pt years)	3	43	77.4

METFORMIN: LACTIC ACIDOSIS

- No firm data that lactic acidosis is more frequent in patients on metformin (Salpeter, Cochrane review)**
- Evidence that outcome of lactic acidosis is BETTER in patients on vs not on metformin**
- We have to distinguish**
 - Lactic acidosis type A: caused by tissue hypoxia/liver damage
 - Lactic acidosis type B: caused by intoxication, eg metformin
- We have to to distinguish:**
 - Metformin as CAUSE of the lactic acidosis
 - Metformin as a drug in a patient who develops lactic acidosis because of other reasons
 - Mixed forms

Recommendations

- We recommend metformin in a dose adapted to renal function as a first line agent when lifestyle measures alone are insufficient to get HbA1C in the desired range **(1B)**
- We recommend to add on to metformin a drug with a low risk for hypoglycaemia as a second agent when improvement of glycaemic control is deemed appropriate according to guideline (1D)
- There is insufficient evidence to support insulin over an additional oral agent as add on second line treatment
- We recommend instructing patients to withhold metformin in conditions of pending dehydration, when undergoing contrast media investigations, or when there is a risk for AKI

advice for clinical practice

- Consider to provide patients with credit-card type flyers with instructions on when to temporarily withdraw metformin
- drugs with low risk for hypoglycaemia: (figure)
 - Metformin
 - Alpha glucosidase inhibitors
 - DPP-IV inhibitors
 - Incretin mimetics
 - SGLT-2 inhibitors
- drugs with moderate risk for hypoglycaemia:
 - Short acting SU derivatives or SU derivatives with inactive metabolites
 - meglitinides
- drugs with high risk for hypoglycaemia:
 - Insulin
 - Long acting SU derivatives or derivatives with active metabolites
- in patients with diabetes and eGFR <45 who are on metformin, the decision to withhold the drug 48 hours before and after administration of contrast media should be taken by the treating physician, balancing the probability for emergence of contrast induced nephropathy (type and amount of contrast, intravenous vs intra-arterial), and presence of other co-existing factors that might cause sudden deterioration of kidney function (dehydration, use of NSAID, use of inhibitors of the RAAS system) against the potential harms by stopping the drug (which should be considered low in view of the short period that it should be withheld).

	CKD-1	CKD-2	CKD-3	CKD-4	CKD-5ND	CKD-5D	
Sulfonylureas	Metformin	No adjustments	1,5g-850 mg/day*	500 mg/day**	Consider carefully/Awaiting further data		
	Chlorpropamide	No adjustments	100-125 mg/day	To be avoided			
	Acetohexamide	To be avoided					
	Tolazamide	To be avoided					
	Tolbutamide	250mg, 1-3 times/day			To be avoided		
	Glipizide	No adjustments					
	Glicazide	Start at low doses and dose titration every 1-4 weeks					
	Glyburide	To be avoided					
	Glimepiride	Reduce dosage to 1 mg/day			To be avoided		
	Gliquidone	No adjustments					
Meglitinides	Repaglinide	No adjustments			Limited experience available		
	Nateglinide	No adjustments			Start at 60 mg/day	To be avoided	
α-glucosidase inhibitors	Acarbose	No adjustments		Avoid if GFR<25mL/min	To be avoided		
	Miglitol	Limited experience available					
DPP-IV inhibitors	Pioglitazone	No adjustments					
	Sitagliptin	No adjustments		Reduce to 50 mg/day	Reduce to 25 mg/day		
	Vildagliptin	No adjustments		Reduce to 50 mg/once daily			
	Saxagliptin	No adjustments		Reduce to 2,5 mg/once daily			
	Linagliptin	No adjustments					
	Alogliptin	No adjustments		Reduce to 12,5 mg/daily			
Incretin Mimetics	Exenatide	No adjustments	Reduce dose to 5 mcg/once to twice daily		To be avoided		
	Liraglutide	Limited experience available					
	Lixisenatide	No adjustments	Careful use if GFR 30-50 mL/min			No experience available	
	Pramlintide	Limited experience available					
SGLT-2 inhibitors	Dapagliflozin	Limited experience available					
	Canagliflozin	Reduced efficacy		Careful monitoring		To be avoided	
	Empagliflozin	Limited experience available					

FIGURE 2: Suggested use and dose adaptation of glucose-lowering drugs according to the CKD stages (see also Table 1 for details). *1.5 g with eGFR > 45 mL/min and 850 mg with eGFR 30–45 mL/min; **to be temporarily withheld in periods of unstable eGFR.