

# Cardiology Update® 2013

## Update on Cardiovascular Outcome Trials in Diabetes

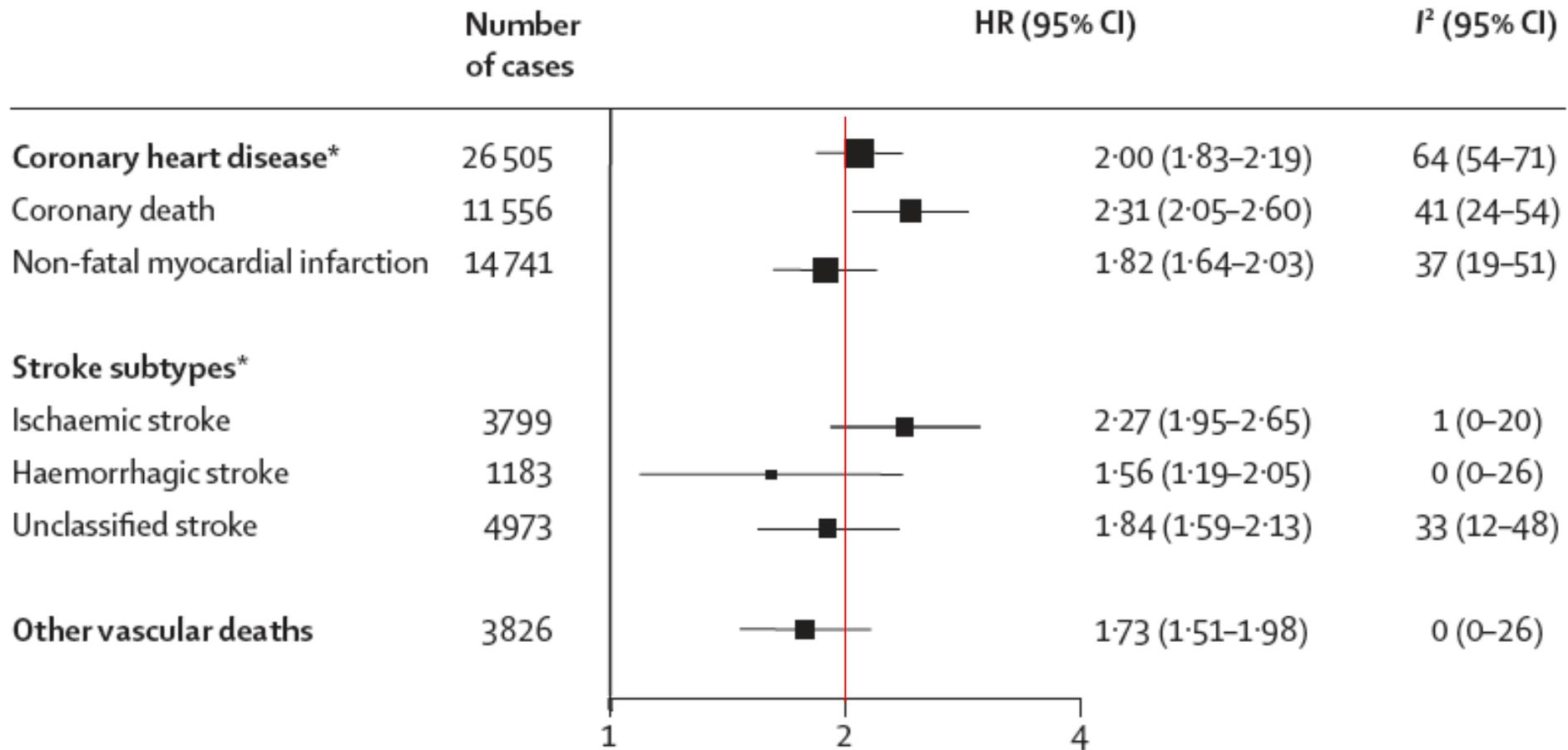
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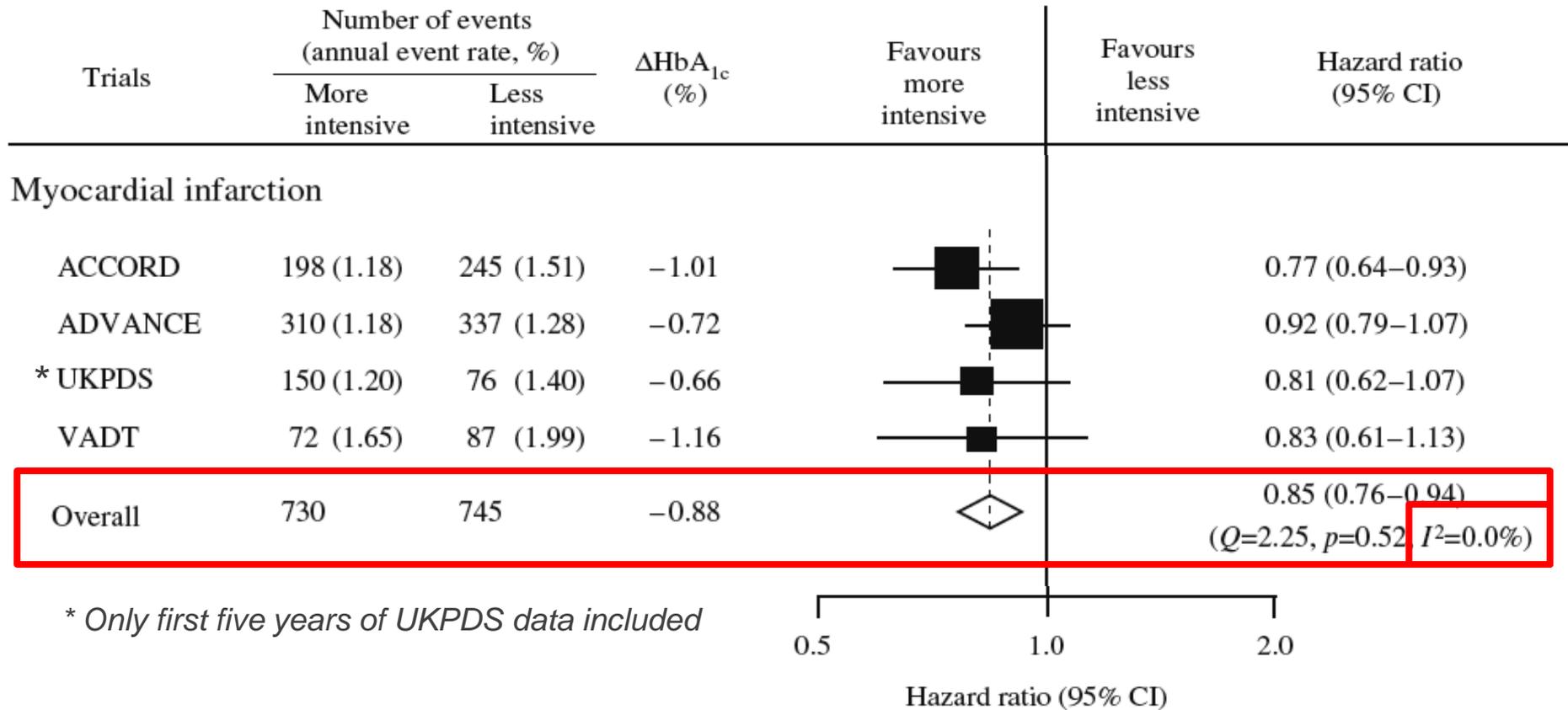
# Residual Vascular Risk in People with Diabetes



Analyses based on 530,083 participants from 102 prospective studies. HRs adjusted for age, smoking status, body-mass index and systolic blood pressure, and, where appropriate, stratified by sex and trial arm.

# Impact of Glycaemic Lowering

## *ACCORD, ADVANCE, UKPDS & VADT meta-analysis of fatal and non-fatal myocardial infarction*



\* Only first five years of UKPDS data included

# T2DM Therapy Safety Issues

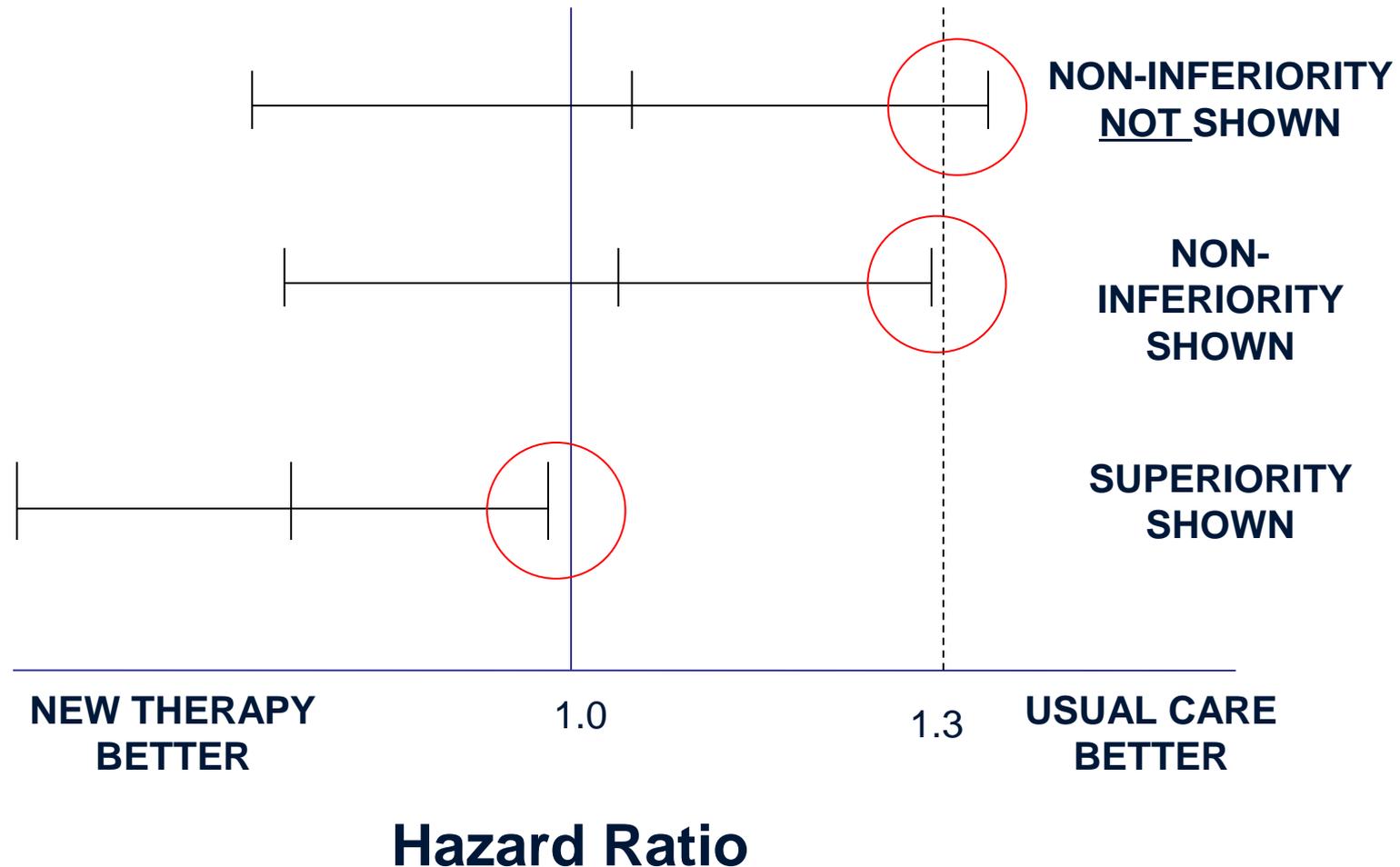
<b>TRIAL</b>		<b>DRUG</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	
UGDP	1969	Tolbutamide	MI	<0.05
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Lilly	1988	Proinsulin	MI	n.s.
VA Study	1994	Intensive insulin	MI	n.s.
DPP	2000	Troglitazone	Liver	n.s.
Meta analysis	2005	Murigliatazart <sup>†</sup>	CVD	<0.03
ADOPT	2006	Rosiglitazone	Fractures	<0.01
Meta analysis	2007	Rosiglitazone*	CVD	<0.043
ACCORD	2008	Intensive glucose control	Death	<0.04

<sup>†</sup> Nissen & Wolski, *JAMA* 2005;294:2581–6

\* Nissen & Wolski, *NEJM* 2007;356:2457-7

# FDA Guidance for Industry Dec 2008

Before approval, a randomized cardiovascular event driven trial is required to rule out an unacceptable harm



# Major CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

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## Pre 2000 (5)

- DCCT
- Kumamoto
- UGDP
- UKPDS

## 2000-2008 (8)

- ACCORD
- Advance
- Bari 2D
- Heart 2D
- NAVIGATOR
- ProACTIVE
- RECORD
- VADT

## 2009 to date (15)

- ORIGIN
- ACE
- ALECARDIO
- CANVAS
- CAROLINA
- ELIXA
- EXAMINE
- EXSCEL
- GLINT
- LEADER
- LOOK AHEAD
- REWIND
- SAVOR-TIMI53
- TECOS
- TIDE

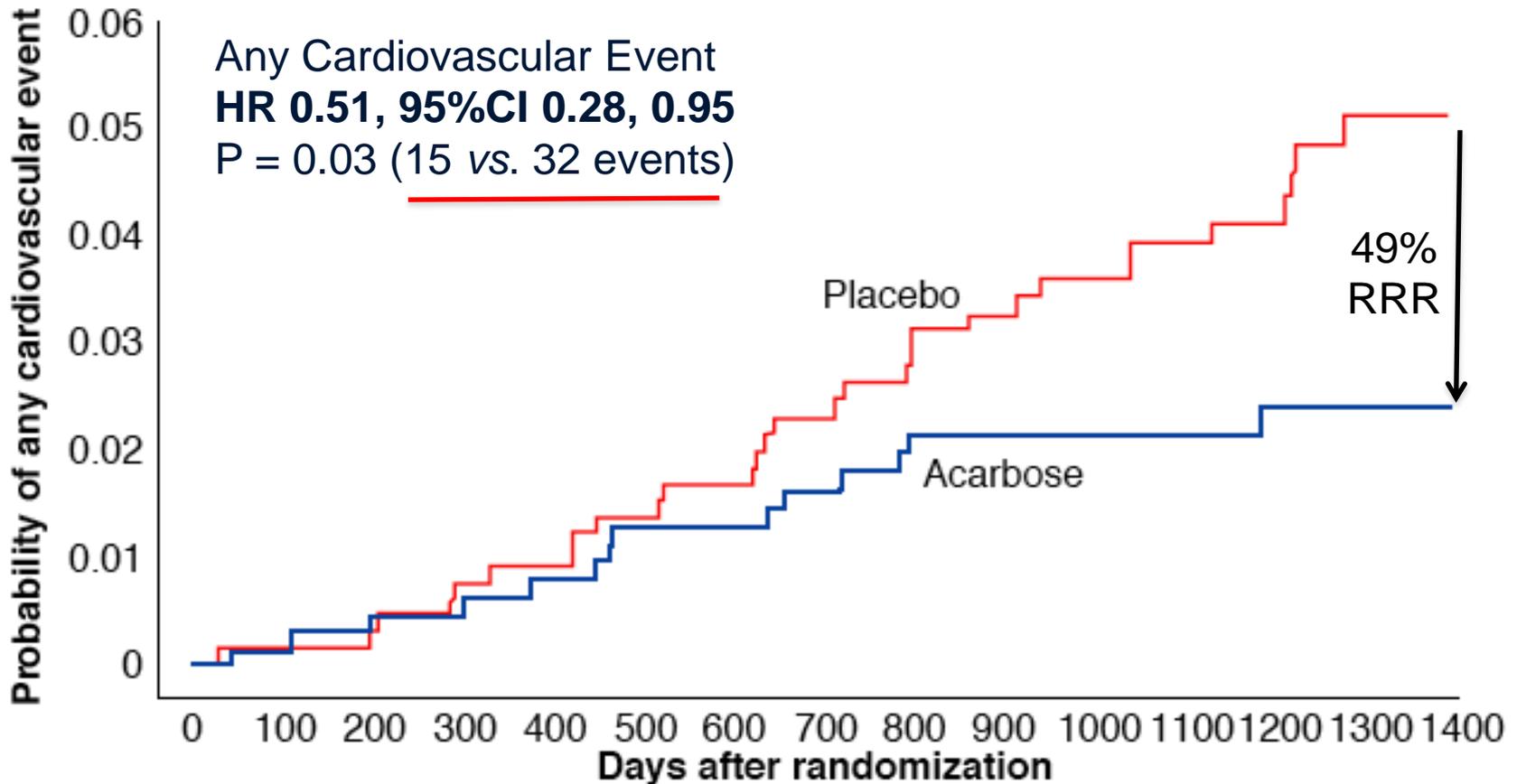
# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

## *Alphaglucoosidase Inhibitors*

- Accumulating evidence suggests there is a close association between “prediabetes” and cardiovascular disease
- Post prandial hyperglycaemia may explain the excess risk seen in diabetes and “prediabetes”
- Alphaglucoosidase inhibitors delay breakdown of polysaccharides to monosaccharides, delaying their absorption to lower in the bowel and enhancing GLP-1 secretion

# STOP-NIDDM – 2° CV Outcome

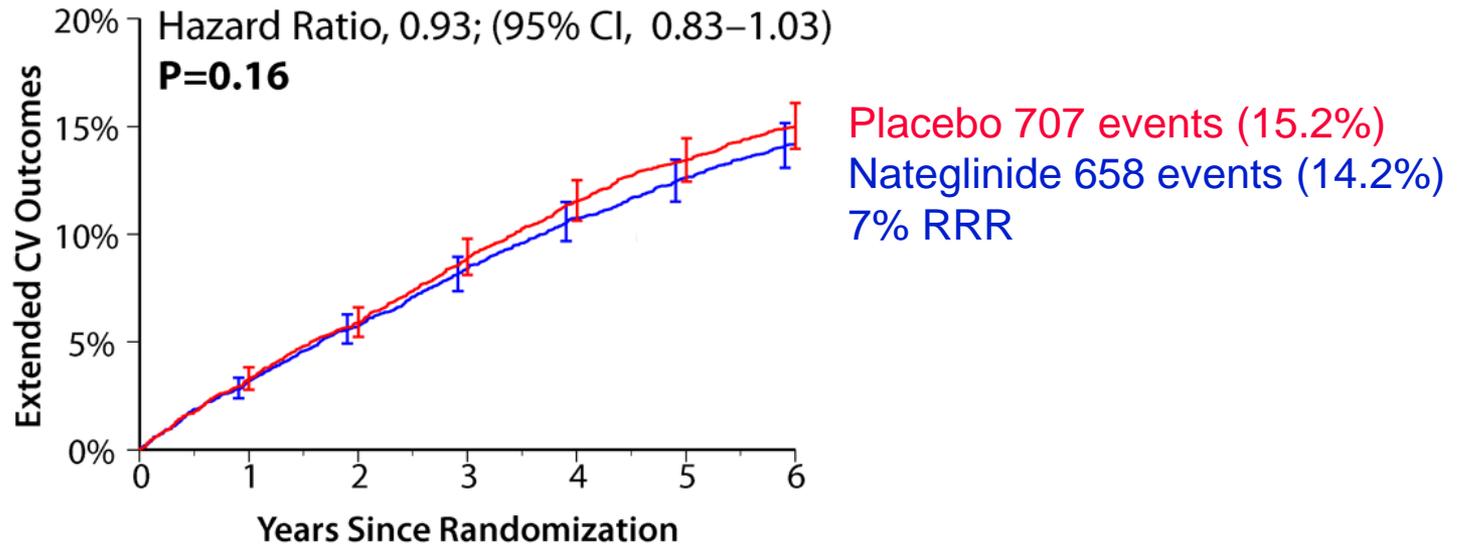
*Acarbose 100 mg TID*



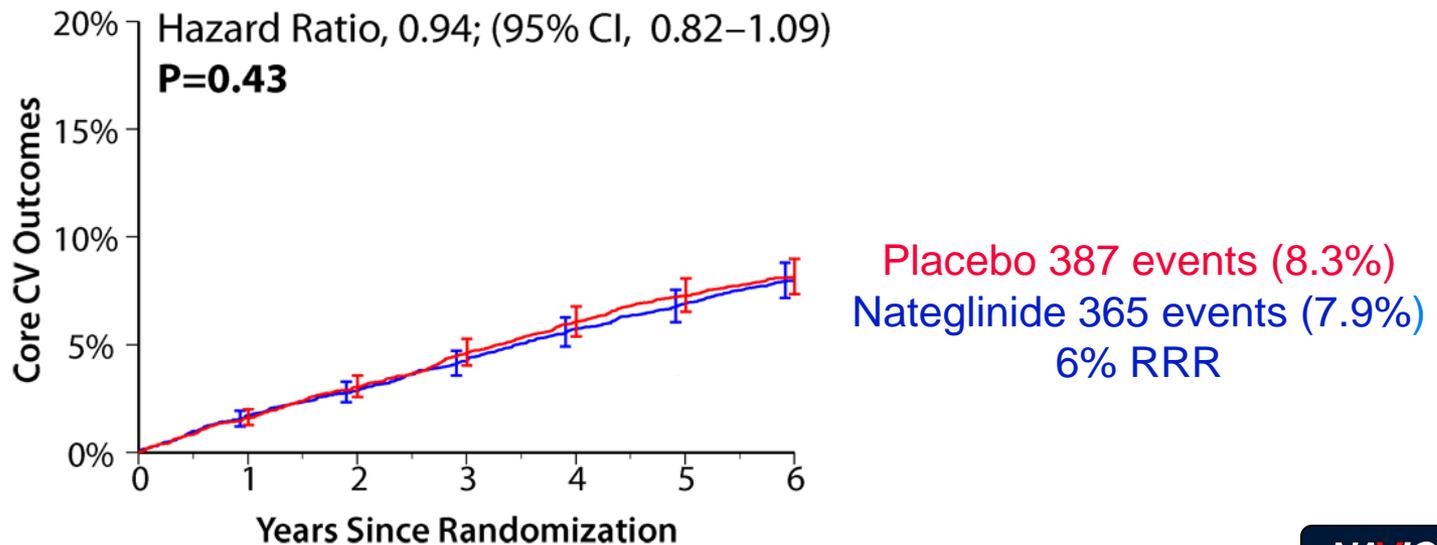
No. at risk

Placebo	686	675	667	658	643	638	633	627	615	611	604	519	424	332	232
Acarbose	682	659	635	622	608	601	596	590	577	567	558	473	376	286	203

# NAVIGATOR Cardiovascular Outcomes



## *Nateglinide 60 mg TID*





- Secondary CVD prevention trial <sup>10</sup> in 7,500 patients with CVD & IGT
- 150 hospitals in PRC and HK
- ISRCTN number: 91899513
- [www.ace-study.org](http://www.ace-study.org)

Chair: Rury Holman, University of Oxford, UK

Co-Chairs: Hu Dayi, University of Peking People's Hospital, Beijing, China

Pan Changyu, Chinese PLA General Hospital, Beijing, China

Sponsor: University of Oxford

Funding: Bayer HealthCare



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# ACE Trial Design

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- Secondary prevention trial in 7,500 Chinese patients with cardiovascular disease and impaired glucose tolerance
- Conducted in 150 Hospitals in the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong
- Evaluating the double-blind **addition** of acarbose (50 mg) or matching placebo three times a day to fully optimised usual cardiovascular disease care
- Primary endpoint is the time to the first occurrence of:
  - Cardiovascular death
  - Non-fatal myocardial infarction
  - Non-fatal stroke
- Academically led, analysed and reported with an independent Data Safety Monitoring Board
- Results expected 2018

# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

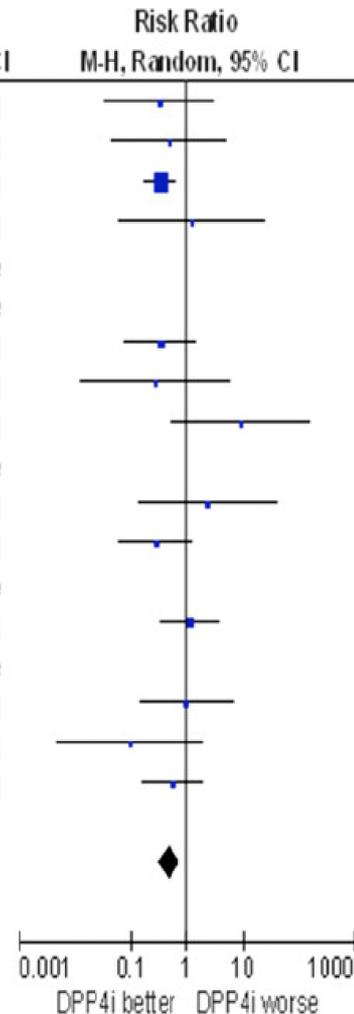
## *DPP-4 Inhibitors*

- Improve glycaemic control by inhibiting the metabolism and inactivation of the incretin hormones GLP-1 and GIP

# DPP-4 inhibitors – A CVD Meta-analysis

18RCTs. 4,998 randomized to DPP-4 inhibitors and 3,546 to a comparator.  
Median duration of therapy 46.4 weeks

First Author	DPP4i		Comparator		Weight	Risk Ratio	
	Events	Total	Events	Total		M-H, Random, 95% CI	M-H, Random, 95% CI
Aschner	1	528	3	522	3.7%	0.33 [0.03, 3.16]	
Bosi E	1	300	2	294	3.3%	0.49 [0.04, 5.37]	
Chan	10	65	12	26	37.7%	0.33 [0.16, 0.67]	
Defronzo	2	264	0	64	2.1%	1.23 [0.06, 25.24]	
Foley	0	546	0	546		Not estimable	
Foley Je	0	29	0	30		Not estimable	
NCT00316082	4	291	3	74	8.6%	0.34 [0.08, 1.48]	
NCT00374907	0	20	1	16	1.9%	0.27 [0.01, 6.21]	
NCT00698932	4	284	0	284	2.2%	9.00 [0.49, 166.39]	
NCT00918879	0	107	0	106		Not estimable	
NCT01263496	5	391	0	83	2.3%	2.36 [0.13, 42.22]	
Pfutzner	2	335	7	328	7.7%	0.28 [0.06, 1.34]	
Pi-Sunyer	0	262	0	92		Not estimable	
Rosenstock	11	306	3	95	11.9%	1.14 [0.32, 4.00]	
Rosenstock J	0	396	0	202		Not estimable	
Schweizer	2	169	2	166	4.9%	0.98 [0.14, 6.89]	
Schweizer A	0	526	2	254	2.0%	0.10 [0.00, 2.01]	
Williams-Herman	3	179	11	364	11.7%	0.55 [0.16, 1.96]	
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>		<b>4998</b>		<b>3546</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.48 [0.31, 0.75]</b>	
Total events	45		46				
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.00; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 11.22, df = 12 (P = 0.51); I <sup>2</sup> = 0%							
Test for overall effect: Z = 3.28 (P = 0.001)							



RR of any CV event  
0.48 (0.31 to 0.75, p=0.001)

RR for nonfatal myocardial  
infarction or acute coronary  
syndrome  
0.40 (0.18 to 0.88, p=0.02)



# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

## *DPP-4 Inhibitors*

Trial	Treatment	Inclusion criteria	Primary endpoint	Number of patients
EXAMINE	Placebo Alogliptin	T2DM HbA1c 6.5 – 11.0% ≥ 18 years ACS	CV death, MI, stroke	5400
<b>TECOS</b>	Placebo Sitagliptin	T2DM HbA1c 6.5 – 8.0% ≥ 50 years CVD	CV death, MI, stroke or UA	14500
SAVOR (TIMI-53)	Placebo Saxagliptin	T2DM HbA1c ≥ 6.5% ≥ 40 years CVD/CV risk factors	CV death, MI, stroke	16500
CAROLINA	Glimepiride Linagliptin	T2DM HbA1c 6.5-8.5% 40-85 years CVD/CV risk factors/ diabetes end organ damage	CV death, MI, stroke or UA	6000



- CVD outcome trial in 14,500 patients with CVD and T2DM
- >600 sites in 40 countries
- ClinTrials.gov: NCT00790205
- [www.tecos-study.org](http://www.tecos-study.org)

Joint-Chairs: Rury Holman, University of Oxford, UK  
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Sponsor: Merck  
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# TECOS Trial

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- Multinational, randomised, placebo-controlled, double-blind, pragmatic, secondary cardiovascular prevention trial in patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes under conditions of **glycaemic equipoise**
- Sitagliptin (100 mg) or matching placebo once daily, given in **addition to usual care**
- Academic led, analysed and reported
- Event driven (1300 adjudicated primary events)
- Primary Endpoint is the time to the first occurrence of:
  - Cardiovascular death
  - Nonfatal myocardial infarction or nonfatal stroke
  - Hospitalization for unstable angina
- Results expected 2015

# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

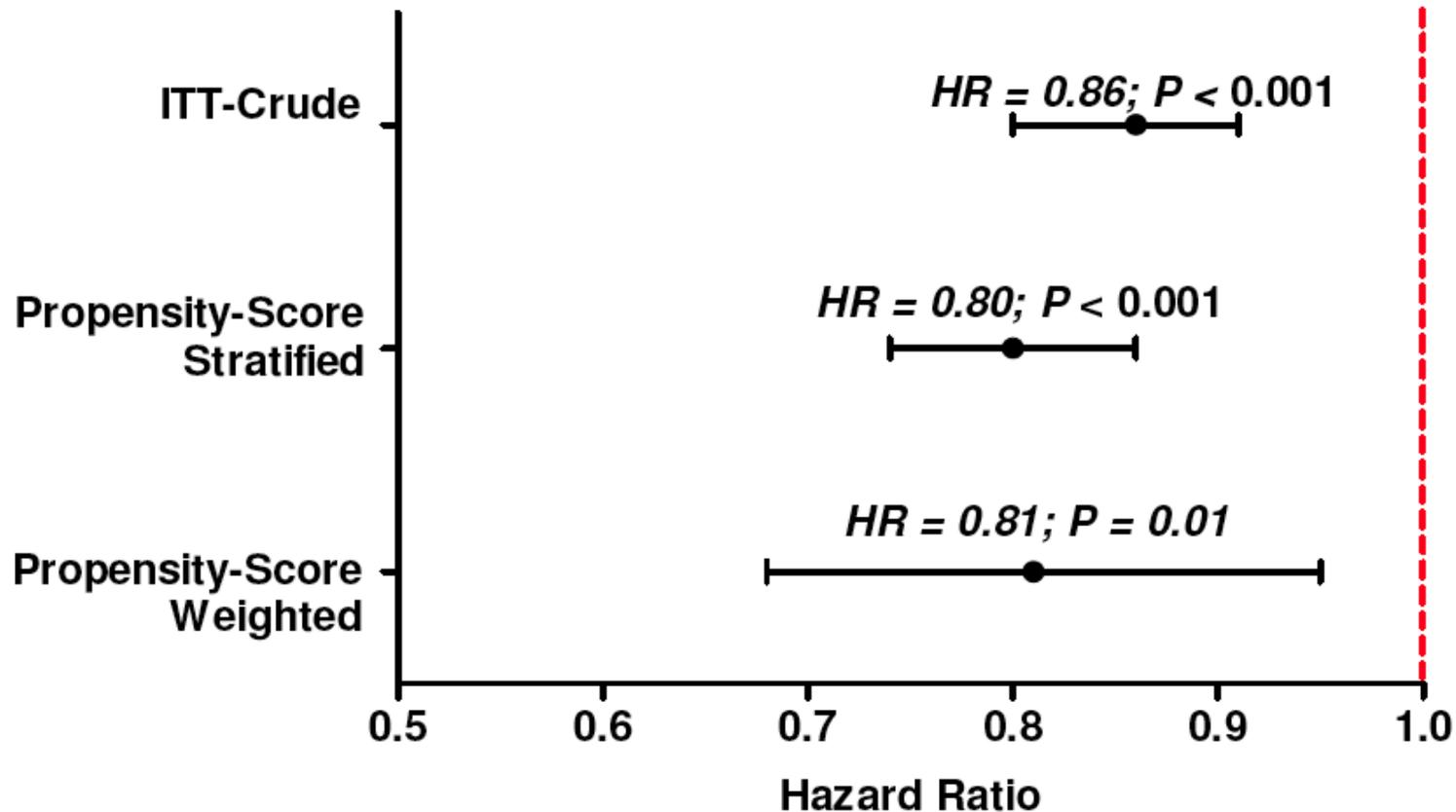
## *GLP-1 Receptor Agonists*

### Shown in randomized clinical trials to:

- Augment endogenous insulin secretion and reduce glucagon secretion in a glucose dependent manner
- Slow gastric emptying
- Improve glycaemic control
- Reduce blood pressure
- Promote weight loss

# Exenatide CVD Meta-analysis

39,275 T2DM patients treated with exenatide twice daily versus 381,218 patients were treated with other glucose-lowering therapies.



Error bars represent 95% CIs. Propensity Score-Stratified = propensity score, stratified by decile

# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

## *GLP-1 Receptor Agonists*

Trial	Treatment	Inclusion criteria	Primary endpoint	Number of patients
ELIXA	Placebo Lixisenatide	T2DM HbA1c 6.0% - 10.0% ACS	CV death, MI, stroke or UA	6000
<b>EXSCEL</b>	Placebo Exenatide	T2DM HbA1c 7.0% - 10.0% CVD in 60%	CV death, MI or stroke	9500
LEADER	Placebo Liraglutide	T2DM HbA1c $\geq 7.0\%$ $\geq 50$ years + CVD $\geq 60$ years + CV risk factors	CV death, MI or stroke	8754
REWIND	Placebo Dulaglutide	T2DM, HbA1c $< 9.5\%$ $\geq 50$ yrs + CVD $\geq 55$ yrs + subclinical CV $\geq 60$ yrs + $\geq 2$ CV risk factors	CV death, MI or stroke	9600

# EXSCEL



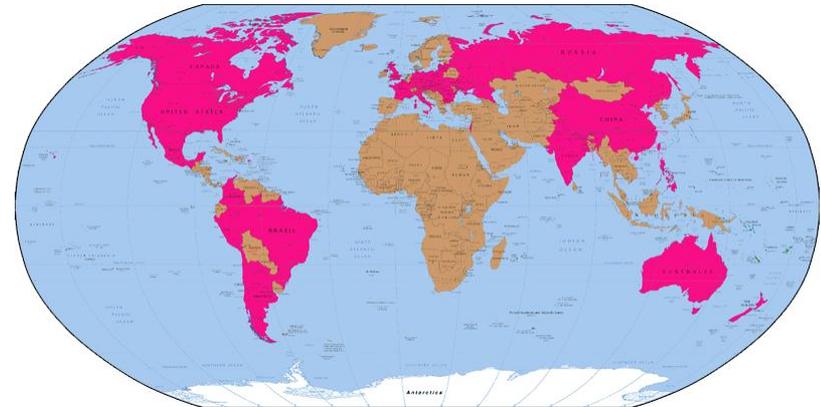
Exenatide Study of Cardiovascular Event Lowering

- CVD outcome trial in 9,500 pts<sup>20</sup> with/without CVD and T2DM
- >500 sites in 36 countries
- ClinTrials.gov: NCT01144338
- [www.exscele-study.org](http://www.exscele-study.org)

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Sponsor: Amylin

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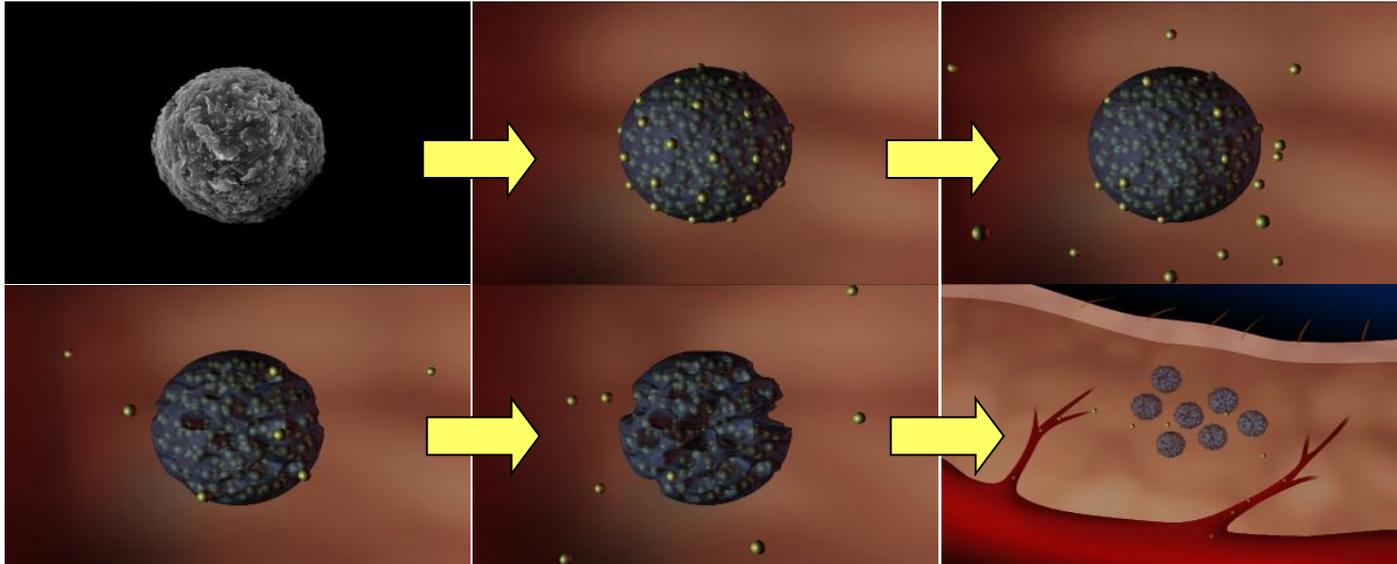
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# Exenatide Once Weekly (Bydureon)

Biodegradable polymeric microspheres for extended release



Exenatide once weekly received EMA and FDA approval in June 2011 and January 2012, respectively

# EXSCEL Trial

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- Exenatide QW (2 mg) or matching placebo once weekly, given **in addition to usual care**
- Primary Endpoint
  - time to the first occurrence of:
    - Cardiovascular death
    - Nonfatal myocardial infarction
    - Nonfatal stroke
- Event driven
  - requires 1591 confirmed primary endpoint events
  - 90% power to detect a 15% relative risk decrease
- Results expected 2018

# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

## *SGLT2 Inhibitors*

Trial	Treatment	Inclusion criteria	Primary endpoint	Number of patients
CANVAS	Placebo Canagliflozin	T2DM, HbA <sub>1c</sub> 7.0-10.0% High CV risk, ≥30 years	CV death, MI or stroke	6-7000

# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

## *Dual PPAR Agonists*

<b>Trial</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	<b>Primary endpoint</b>	<b>Number of patients</b>
<b>ALECARDIO</b>	<b>Placebo Aleglitazar</b>	<b>T2DM and hospitalization for acute coronary syndrome within the previous 2–6 weeks</b>	<b>CV death, MI or stroke</b>	<b>6-7000</b>

# Look AHEAD: Study Design

## Action for HEAlth in D iabetes

- Investigation of long-term health effects of intentional weight loss with lifestyle modification
- > 5000 overweight or obese adults with type 2 diabetes; up to 11.5 years of followup
- Standard medical care vs standard medical care with intensive lifestyle intervention for 4 years
  - Goal of lifestyle intervention
    - Weight reduction of  $\geq 7\%$  in the first year
    - Maintain  $\geq 175$  minutes per week of moderate intensity physical activity at the end of 6 months
- Outcome measures: time to first occurrence of
  - Primary – CV death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke
  - Secondary – all-cause mortality, coronary artery bypass grafting and/or percutaneous coronary angioplasty, hospitalization for CHF, carotid endarterectomy, or peripheral vascular procedures

# Look AHEAD Stopped for Futility

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**Weight loss does not lower heart disease risk from type 2 diabetes**

*Intervention stopped early in NIH-funded study of weight loss in overweight and obese adults with type 2 diabetes after finding no harm, but no cardiovascular benefits*

# CV Outcome Trials in T2DM

## *Metformin*

### Shown in UKPDS to:

- Reduce risk of MI by 39%,  $p=0.010$
- Reduce risk of death by 36%,  $p=0.011$

### With a legacy effect 10 years later of:

- Reduced risk of MI by 33%,  $p=0.005$
- Reduced risk of death by 27%,  $p=0.002$

# GLINT

**Glucose Lowering In  
Non-diabetic  
hyperglycaemia Trial**

- Primary CVD prevention
- 11,834 patients with non-diabetic hyperglycaemia & without CVD
- UK Multicentre Trial

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Nick Wareham (Joint-Chair)

Angie Bethel (Joint Clinical Lead)  
Simon Griffin (Joint Clinical Lead)

Sponsor: University of Cambridge  
Funding: NIHR Health Technology Assessment Programme

# GLINT Trial

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- Men and women aged  $\geq 40$  years with a 10-year CVD risk  $\geq 20\%$ , with an HbA1c  $\geq 5.5\%$  and  $< 6.5\%$ , and no prior history of diabetes / CVD in general practices in England
- Metformin SR (500 mg) or matching placebo TID
- Primary Endpoint
  - Cardiovascular death
  - Nonfatal myocardial infarction
  - Nonfatal stroke
- Secondary endpoints include cancer
- Pilot phase 2013-2015
- Main trial 2015-17 with follow-up to 2022
- Results expected 2023

# But we need 'Smart' Trials

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- Trials are moving into a new era
- We should be testing multiple interventions in factorial or head to head designs to be more efficient and more informative
- When testing drugs within the same class, data from similar trials should be utilised to inform design and sample size requirements
- Trials will likely still be powered on the time to the first primary endpoint but subsequent events also need to be evaluated to capture the full impact of treatments, for both benefits and risks

# Thank you



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