

Important changes in diabetes guidelines

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- **Self-management education and support (DSMES)**

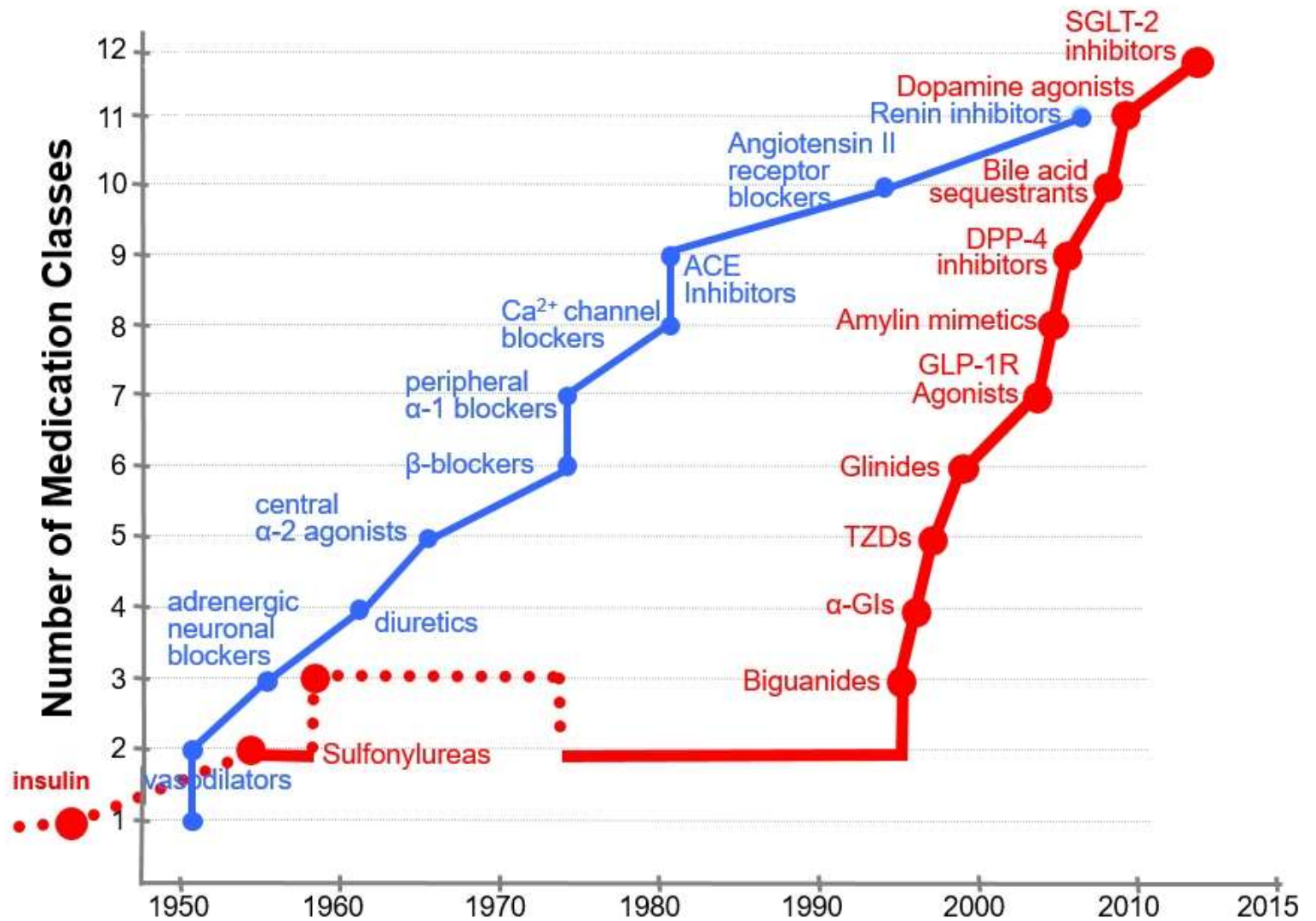
to support informed decision making, self-care behaviors, problem solving, and active collaboration with the health care team to improve clinical outcomes, health status, and well-being in a cost-effective manner

- **PERSON-CENTERED COLLABORATIVE CARE**

A close working relationship between the person with diabetes and clinicians involved in treatment planning.

- **Diabetes Technology**

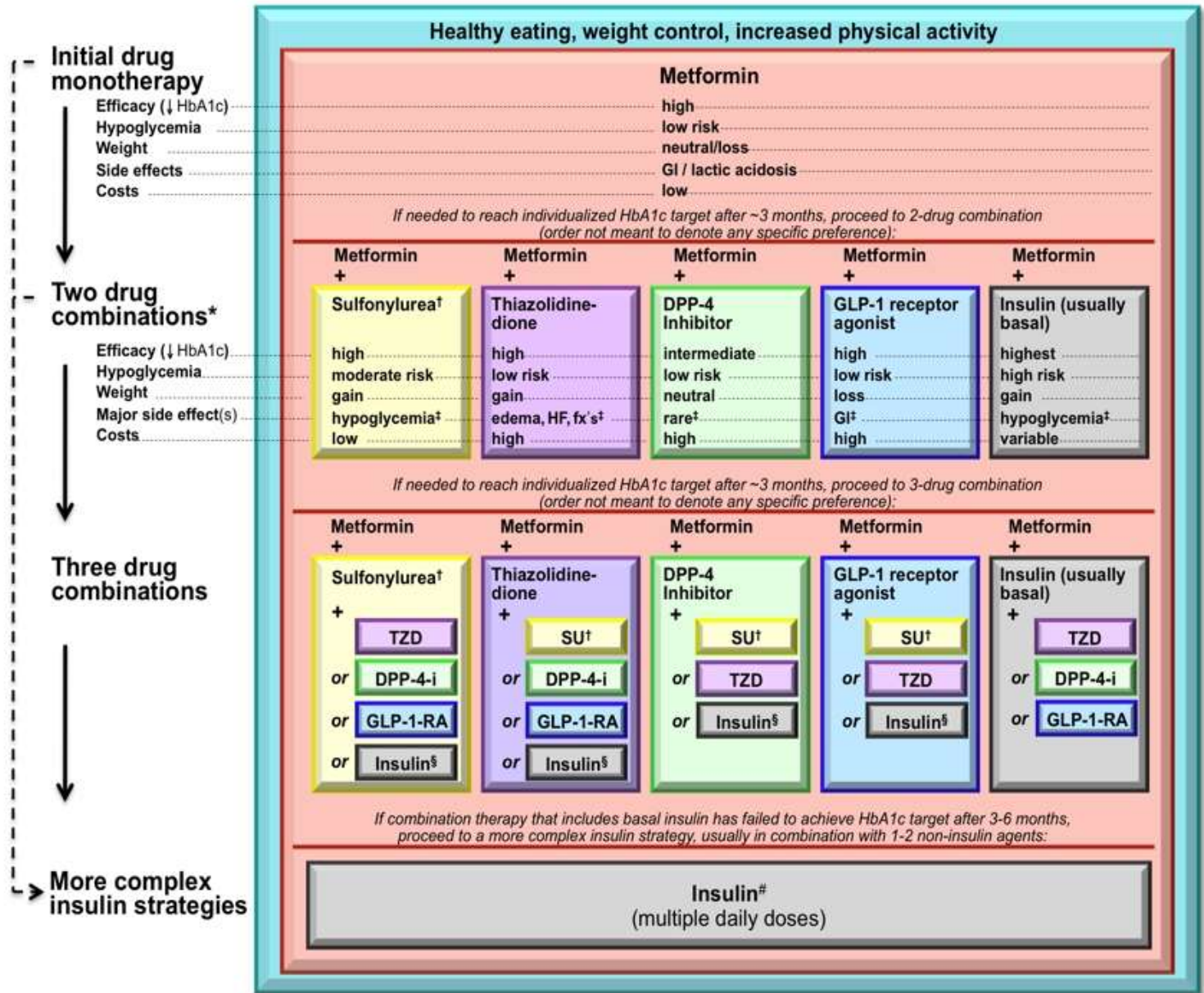
Contrasting the availability of medications to treat HTN & T2DM over one-half century in the United States



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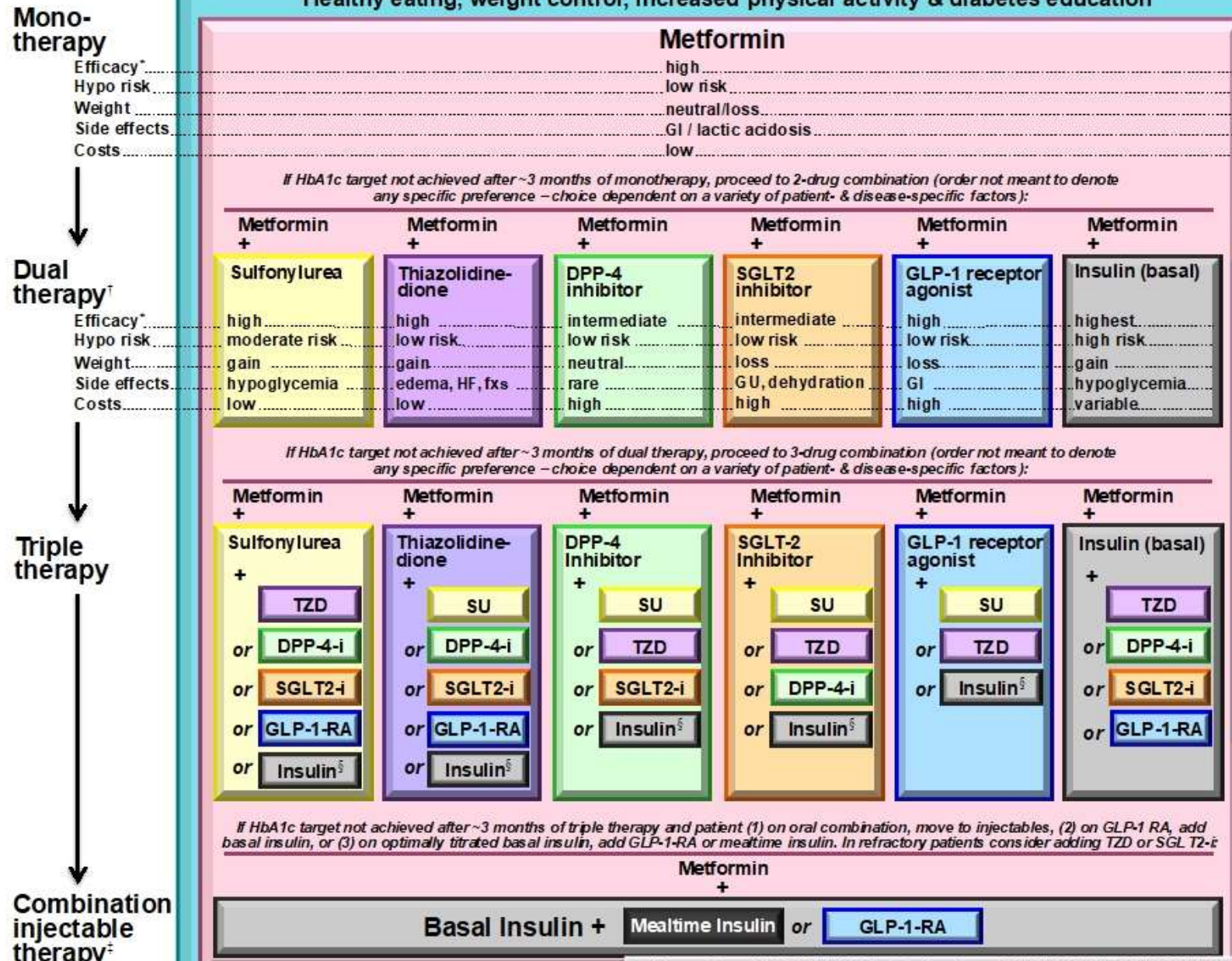
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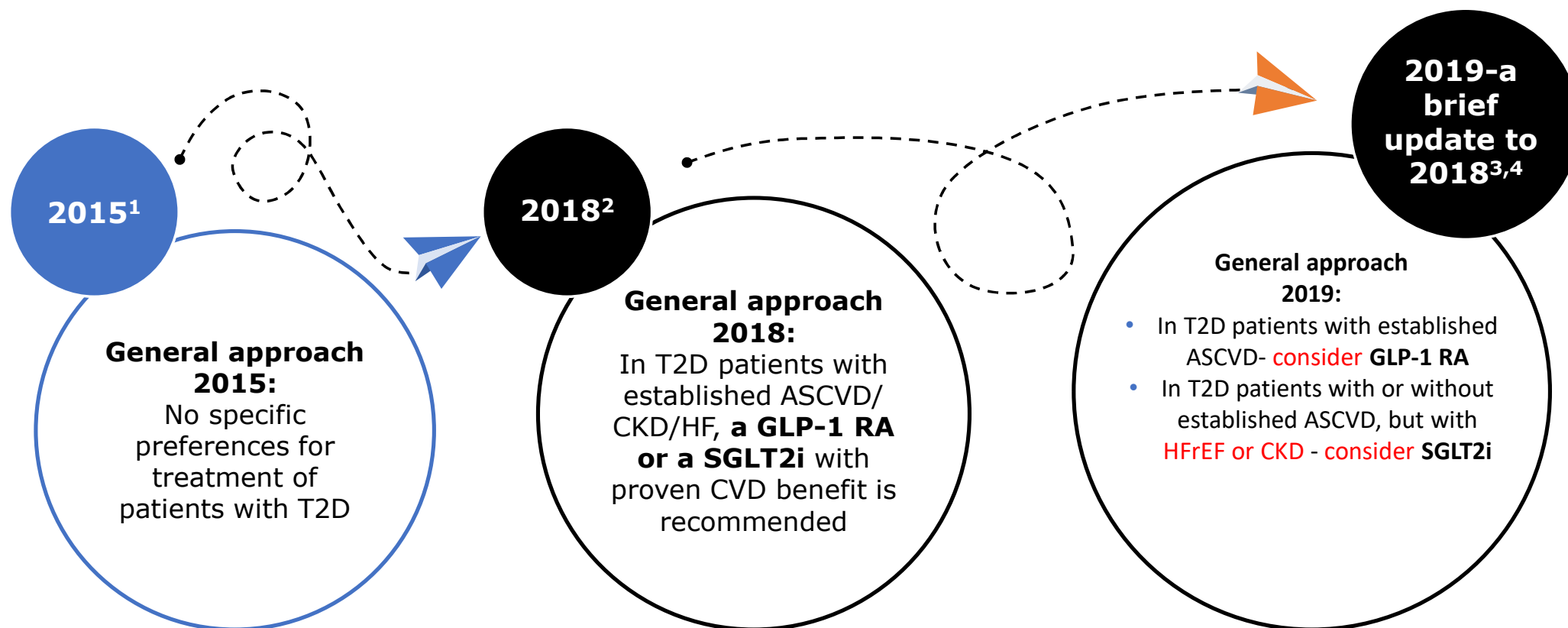
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Evolution of ADA/EASD guidelines for T2D

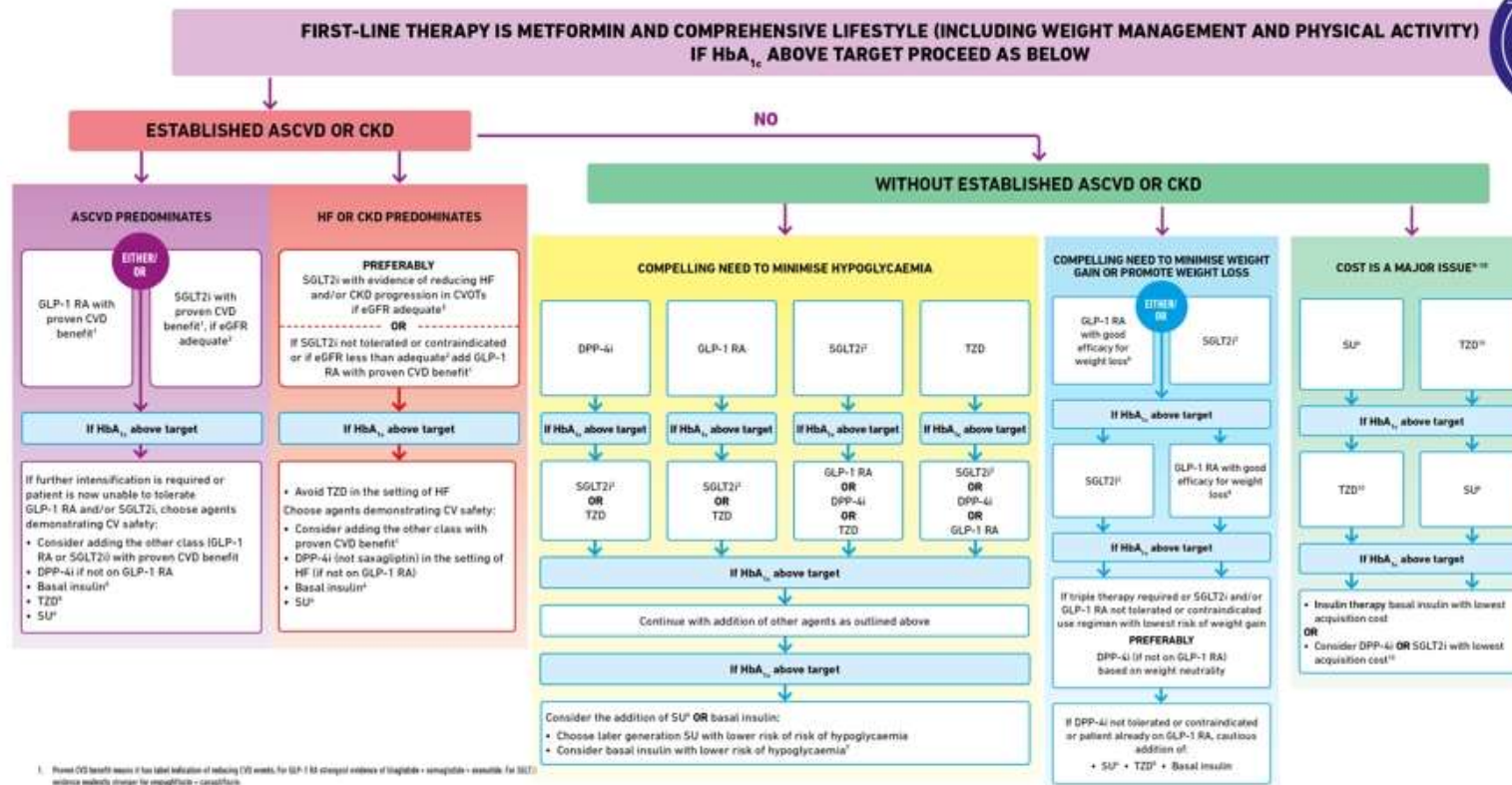
What are the changes?



ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor

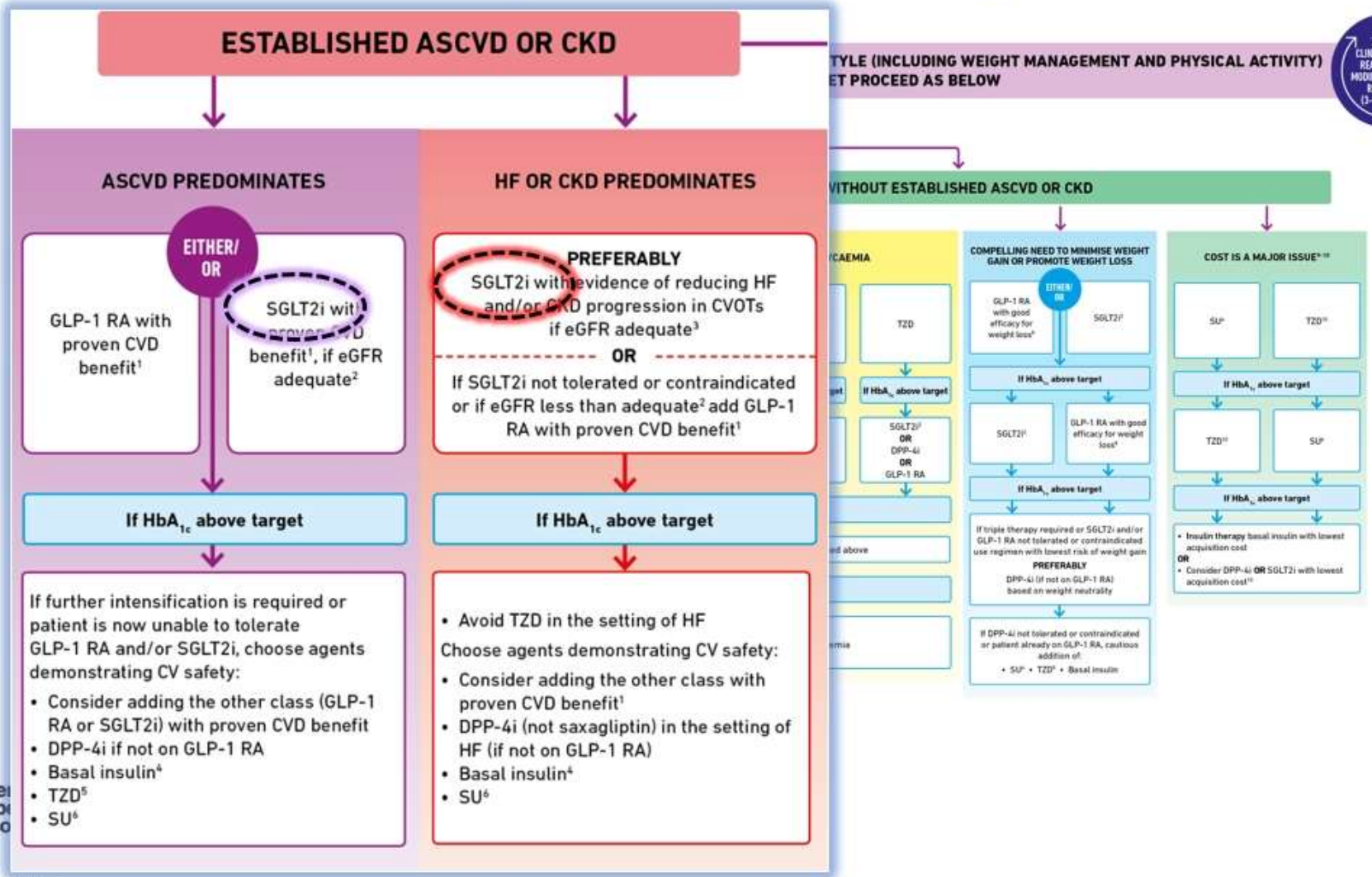
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ADA-EASD Consensus Report : Glucose-Lowering Medication in T2DM (2018)



1. Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events, for GLP-1 RA strongest evidence of liraglutide + saxagliptin + exenatide, for SGLT2i evidence includes 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 CV progression in CVOTs.
 4. Dapagliflozin or SGLT2i/gliptin have demonstrated CV safety.
 5. Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CV effects.
 6. Choose later generation TZD with lower risk of hypoglycaemia.
 7. Dapagliflozin + glimepiride + glimepiride + insulin + NPH insulin.
 8. Saxagliptin + liraglutide + dapagliflozin + exenatide + lisinsinapril.
 9. If no specific contraindications (i.e. no established CV), low risk of hypoglycaemia and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related contraindications.
 10. Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZD is relatively more expensive and DPP-4i relatively cheaper.

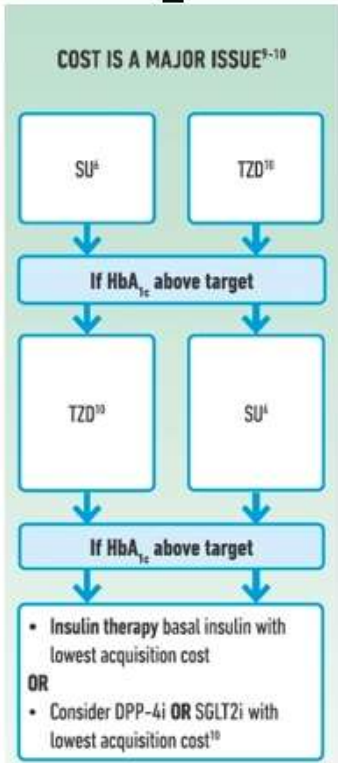
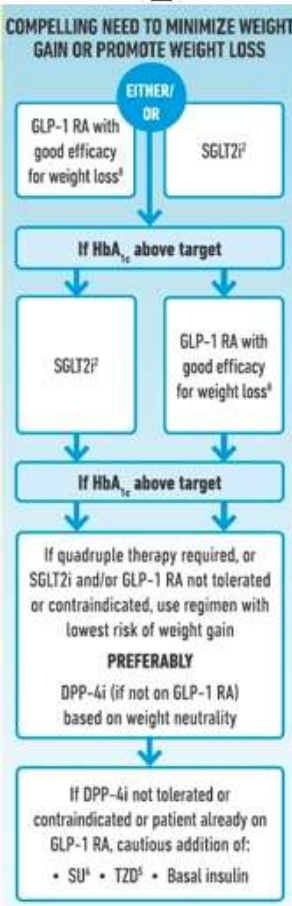
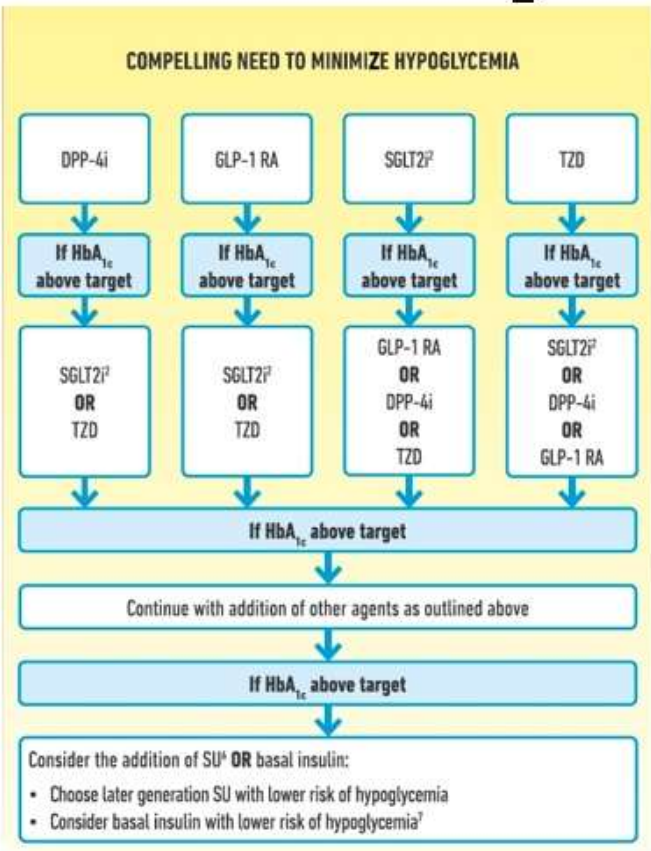
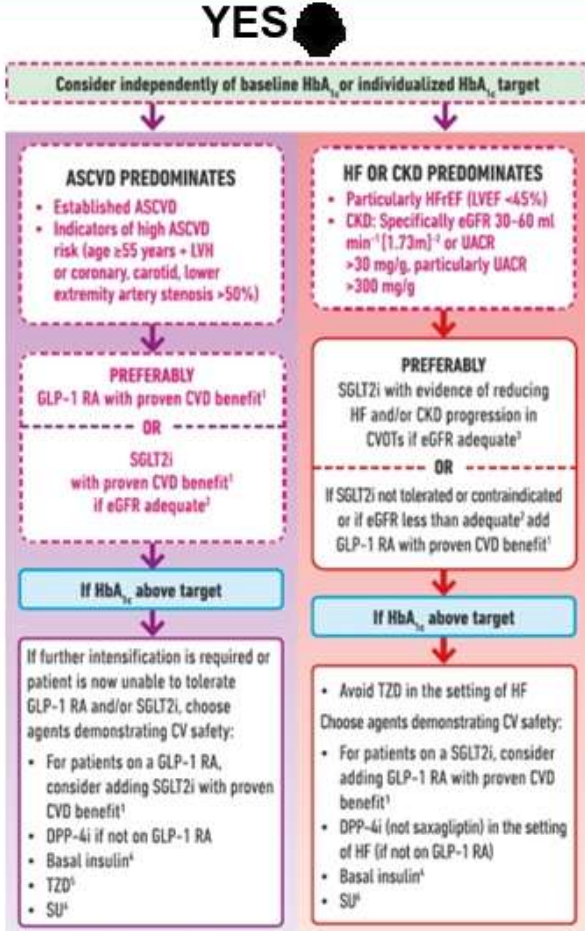
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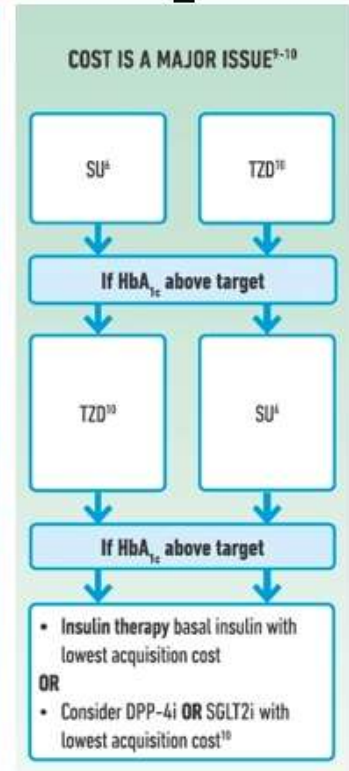
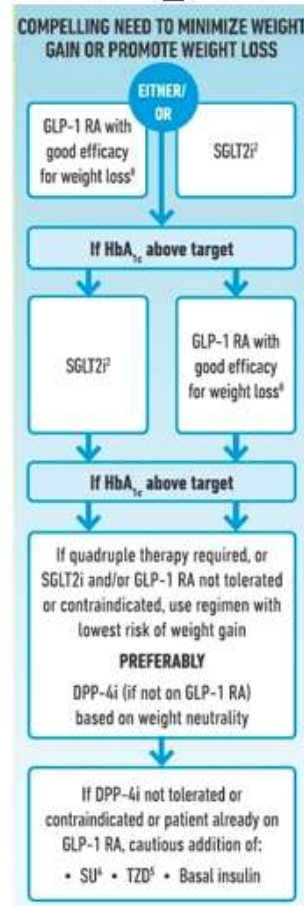
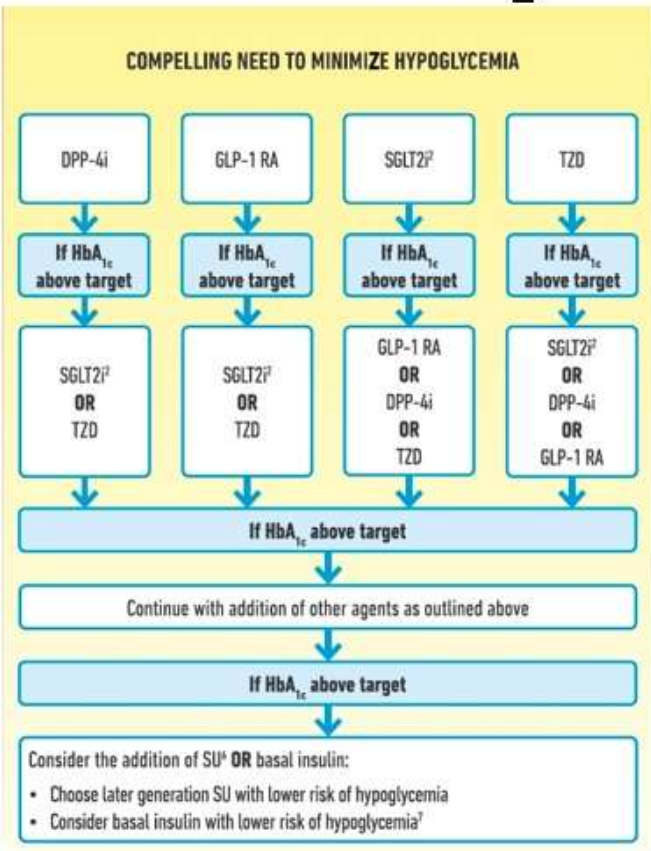
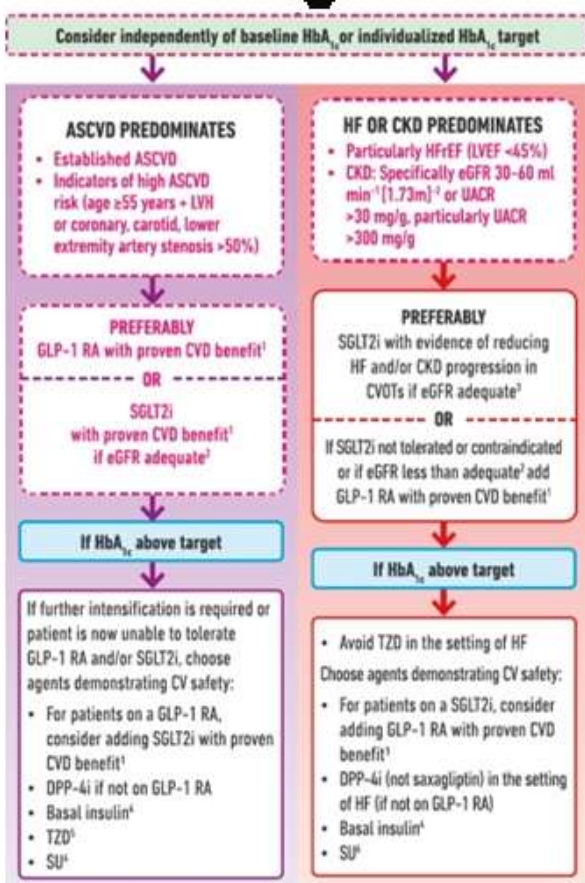
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Important updates from 2018

2018¹

- ▶ T2D with established CVD was a compelling indication for treatment with a GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i

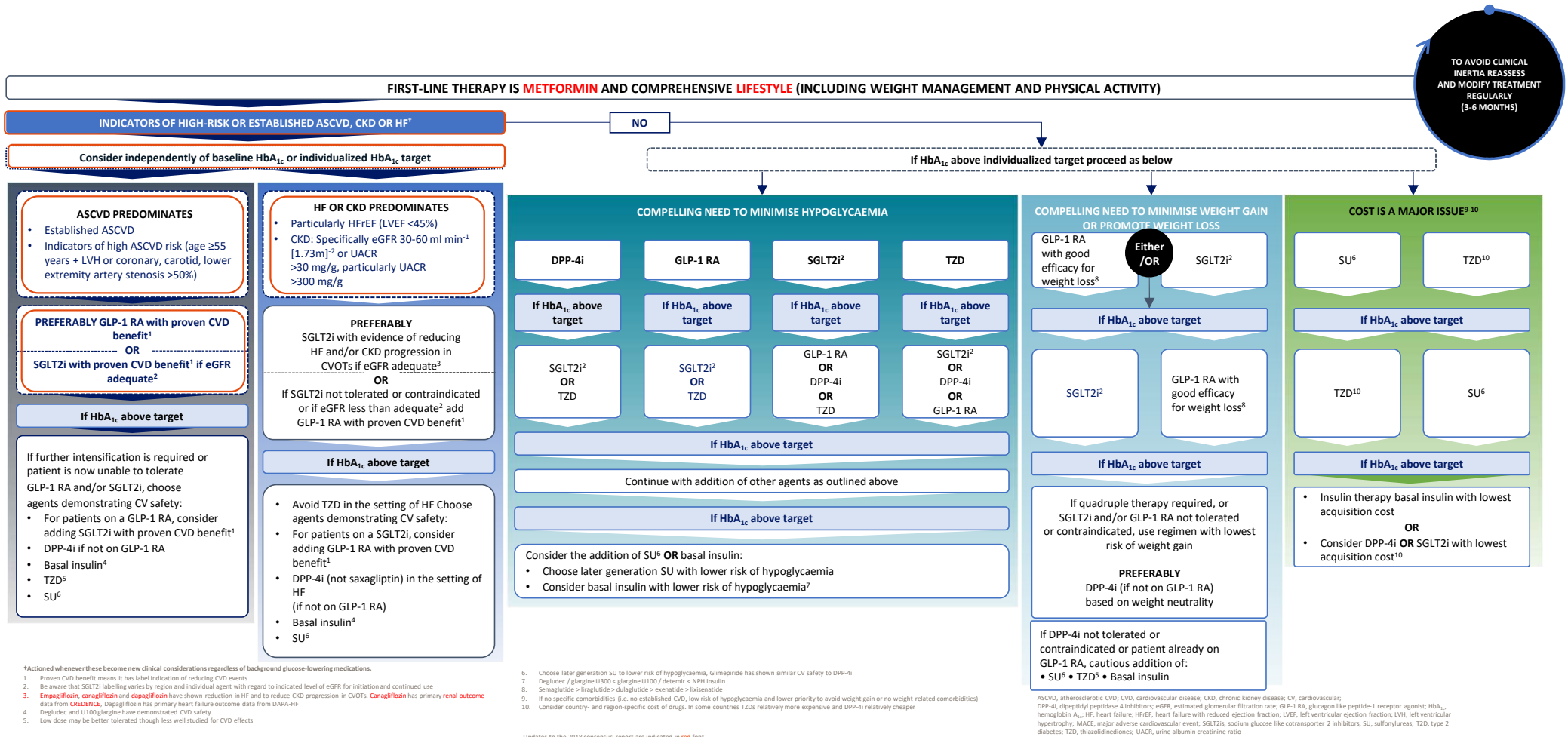
2019²

- ▶ In high-risk individuals with established T2D, the decision to treat with a GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i to reduce MACE, hHF, CV death, or CKD progression should be considered independently of baseline HbA_{1c} or individualized HbA_{1c} target
- ▶ Shared decision making for initial combination therapy in new-onset cases of T2D
- ▶ GLP-1 RA can be considered in patients with T2D without established CVD but with the presence of specific indicators of high risk
- ▶ SGLT2is are recommended in T2D patients with HF, particularly HFrEF, as well as in T2D patients with CKD* to reduce the progression of CKD, hHF, MACE and CV death
- ▶ For patients at risk of foot ulcers and amputation should be given proper care while using SGLT2i

*eGFR 30 to 60 ml/min/1.73 m² or urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio >30 mg/g, particularly >300 mg/g
ASCVD, atherosclerotic CVD; CVD, cardiovascular disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CV, cardiovascular; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1 RA, glucagon like peptide-1 receptor agonist; hHF, hospitalization for heart failure; HF, heart failure; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; SGLT2is, sodium glucose like cotransporter 2 inhibitors

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Glucose-lowering medication in T2D: overall approach



CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C OR INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET

ASCVD PREDOMINATES

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age ≥ 55 years with coronary, carotid or lower extremity artery stenosis $>50\%$, or LVH)

PREFERABLY

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

OR

SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹ if eGFR adequate²

If A1C above target

If further intensification is required or patient is now unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin⁴
- TZD⁵
- SU⁶

HF OR CKD PREDOMINATES

- Particularly HFrEF (LVEF $<45\%$)
- CKD: Specifically eGFR 30-60 mL/min/1.73 m² or UACR >30 mg/g, particularly UACR >300 mg/g

PREFERABLY

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOTs if eGFR adequate³

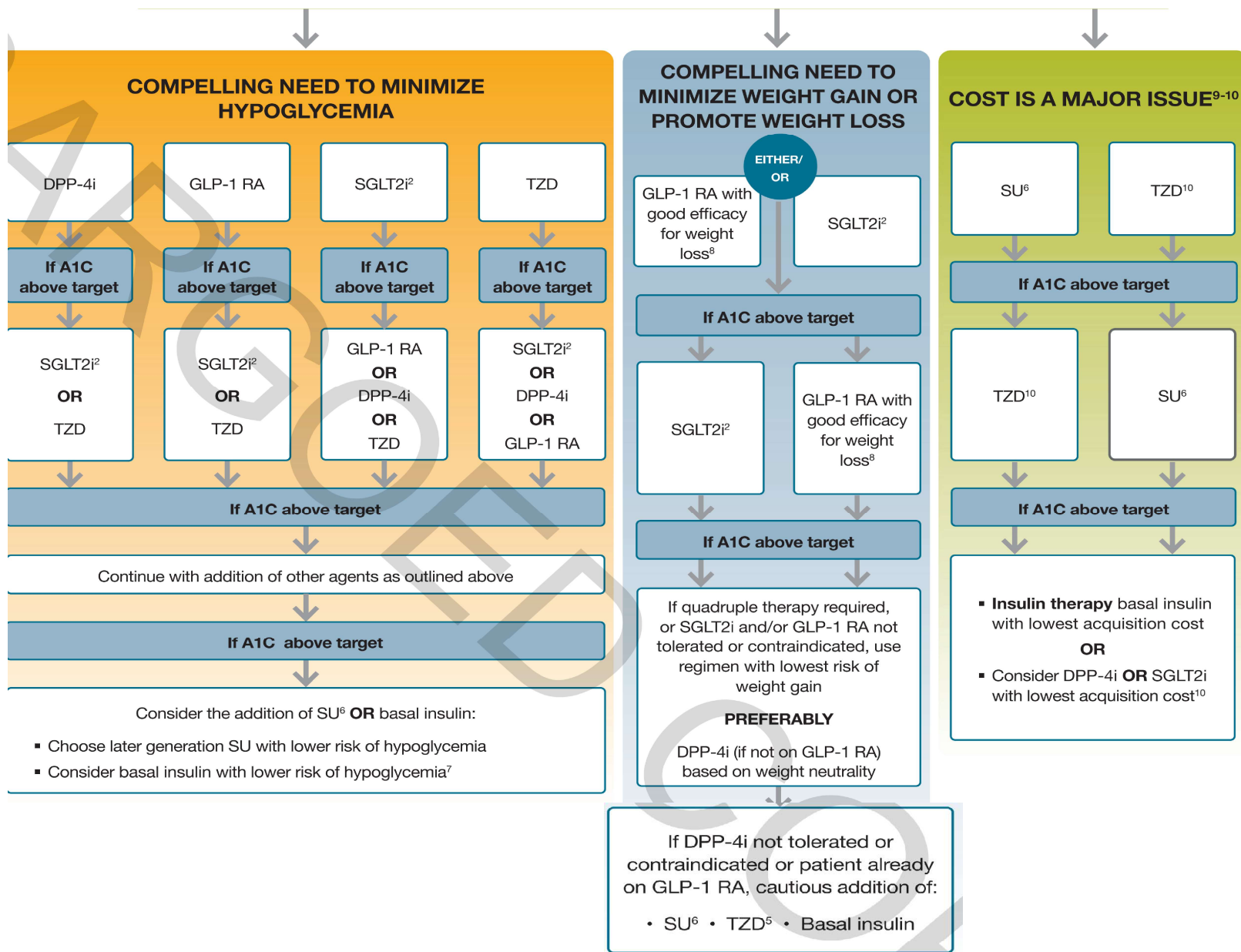
OR

If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate² add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹

If A1C above target

▪ Avoid TZD in the setting of HF
Choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a SGLT2i, consider adding GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit¹
- DPP-4i (not saxagliptin) in the setting of HF (if not on GLP-1 RA)
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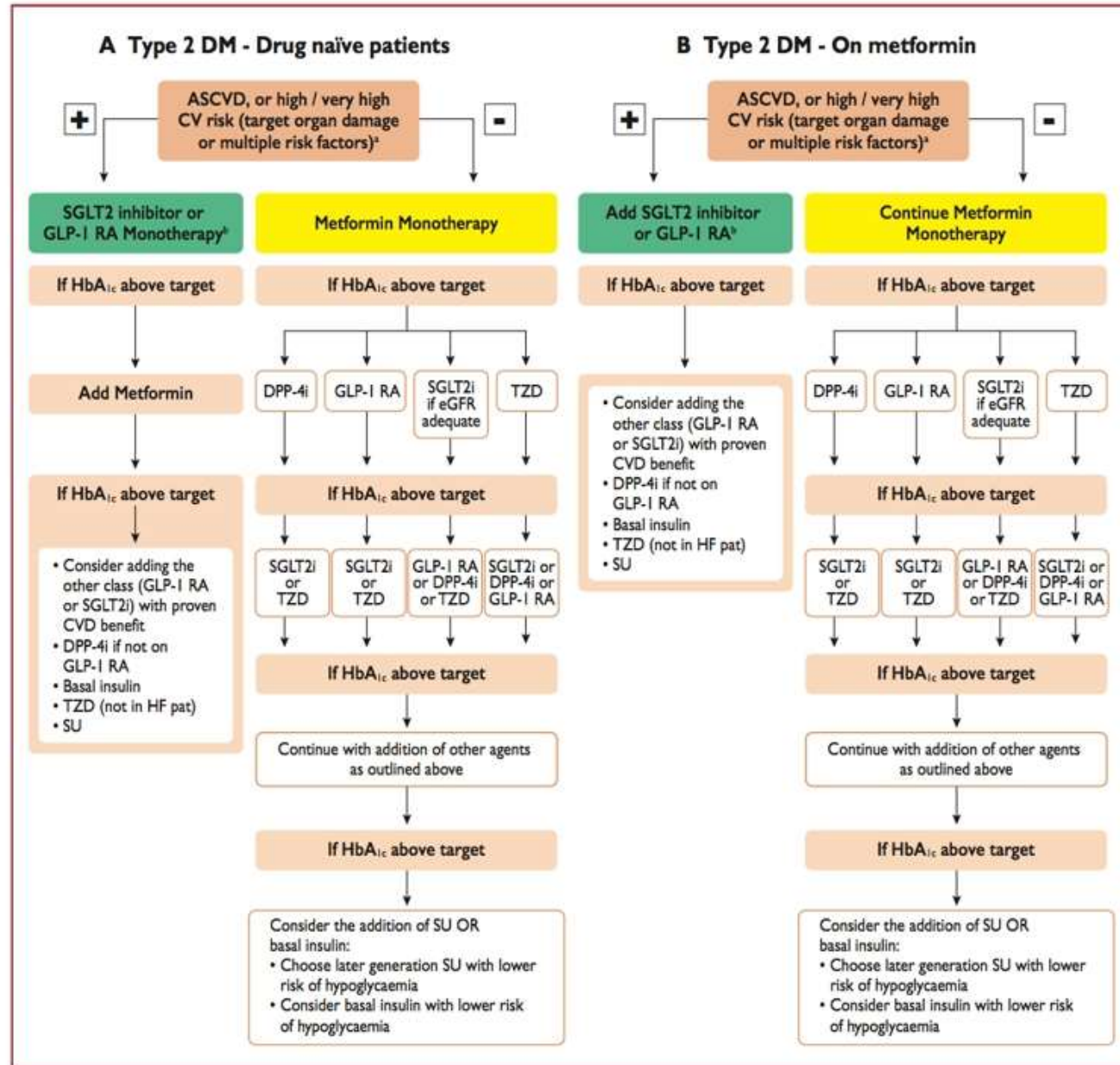




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SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA monotherapy

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ASCVD, or high/very high CV risk* (target organ damage or multiple risk factors)



A Type 2 DM - Drug naïve

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If HbA_{1c} above target

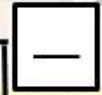
Metformin monotherapy

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Consider adding the other class (GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i) with proven CVD benefit
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin
- TZD (not in HF pat)
- SU

B. T2DM- On metformin

ASCVD, or high/very high CV risk* (target organ damage or multiple risk factors)



If HbA_{1c} above target

Add SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA

If HbA_{1c} above target

- SGLT2i or TZD
- SGLT2i or TZD
- GLP-1 RA or DPP-4i or TZD
- SGLT2i or DPP-4i or GLP-1 RA

If HbA_{1c} above target

Continue with addition of other agents as outlined above

If HbA_{1c} above target

- Consider the addition of SU OR basal insulin:
- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycaemia
- Consider basal insulin with lower risk of hypoglycaemia

Continue metformin monotherapy

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Table 7 Cardiovascular risk categories in patients with diabetes^a

Very high risk	Patients with DM and established CVD or other target organ damage ^b or three or more major risk factors ^c or early onset T1DM of long duration (>20 years)
High risk	Patients with DM duration ≥10 years without target organ damage plus any other additional risk factor
Moderate risk	Young patients (T1DM aged <35 years or T2DM aged <50 years) with DM duration <10 years, without other risk factors

^bProteinuria, renal impairment defined as eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min/1.73 m², left ventricular hypertrophy, or retinopathy.
^cAge, hypertension, dyslipidemia, smoking, obesity.

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2020 Expert Consensus Decision Pathway on Novel Therapies for Cardiovascular Risk Reduction in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes

A Report of the ACC Solution Set Oversight Committee
Sandeep R. Das, Brendan M. Everett, Kim K. Birtcher, Jenifer M. Brown, James L. Januzzi Jr., Rita R. Kalyani, Mikhail Kosiborod, Melissa Magwire, Pamela B. Morris, Joshua J. Neumiller and Laurence S. Sperling (JACC 2020;76:1117-1145)

Patient is ≥ 18 years old with T2D and has ≥ 1 of the following: ASCVD*, HF, DKD[†], at high risk for ASCVD.^{‡§}

Address concurrently.

Optimize guideline-directed medical therapy for prevention (lifestyle, blood pressure, lipids, glucose, antiplatelet).

Recommend starting SGLT2 inhibitor or GLP-1RA with proven CV benefit depending on patient-specific factors and comorbidities.[¶]

Discuss patient-clinician preferences and priorities.

No additional action taken at this time.

SGLT2 inhibitor selected.

GLP-1RA selected.

Reassess and consider the addition of the alternative class, if benefits outweigh risks.

* ASCVD is defined as a history of an acute coronary syndrome or MI, stable or unstable angina, coronary heart disease with or without revascularization, other arterial revascularization, stroke, or peripheral artery disease assumed to be atherosclerotic in origin.
[†] DKD is a clinical diagnosis marked by reduced eGFR, the presence of albuminuria, or both.
[‡] Patients at high risk for ASCVD include those with end organ damage such as left ventricular hypertrophy or retinopathy or with multiple CV risk factors (e.g., age, hypertension, smoking, dyslipidemia, obesity).
[§] Most patients enrolled in the relevant trials were on metformin at baseline as glucose-lowering therapy.
[¶] This may include the addition of a GLP-1RA in the appropriate patient (see Section 5.3.3).
ASCVD = atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CV = cardiovascular; DKD = diabetic kidney disease; eGFR = estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1RA = glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HF = heart failure; MI = myocardial infarction; SGLT2 = sodium-glucose cotransporter-2; T2D = type 2 diabetes

USE OF GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE BEHAVIORS; DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT EDUCATION AND SUPPORT (DSMES); SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH (SDOH)

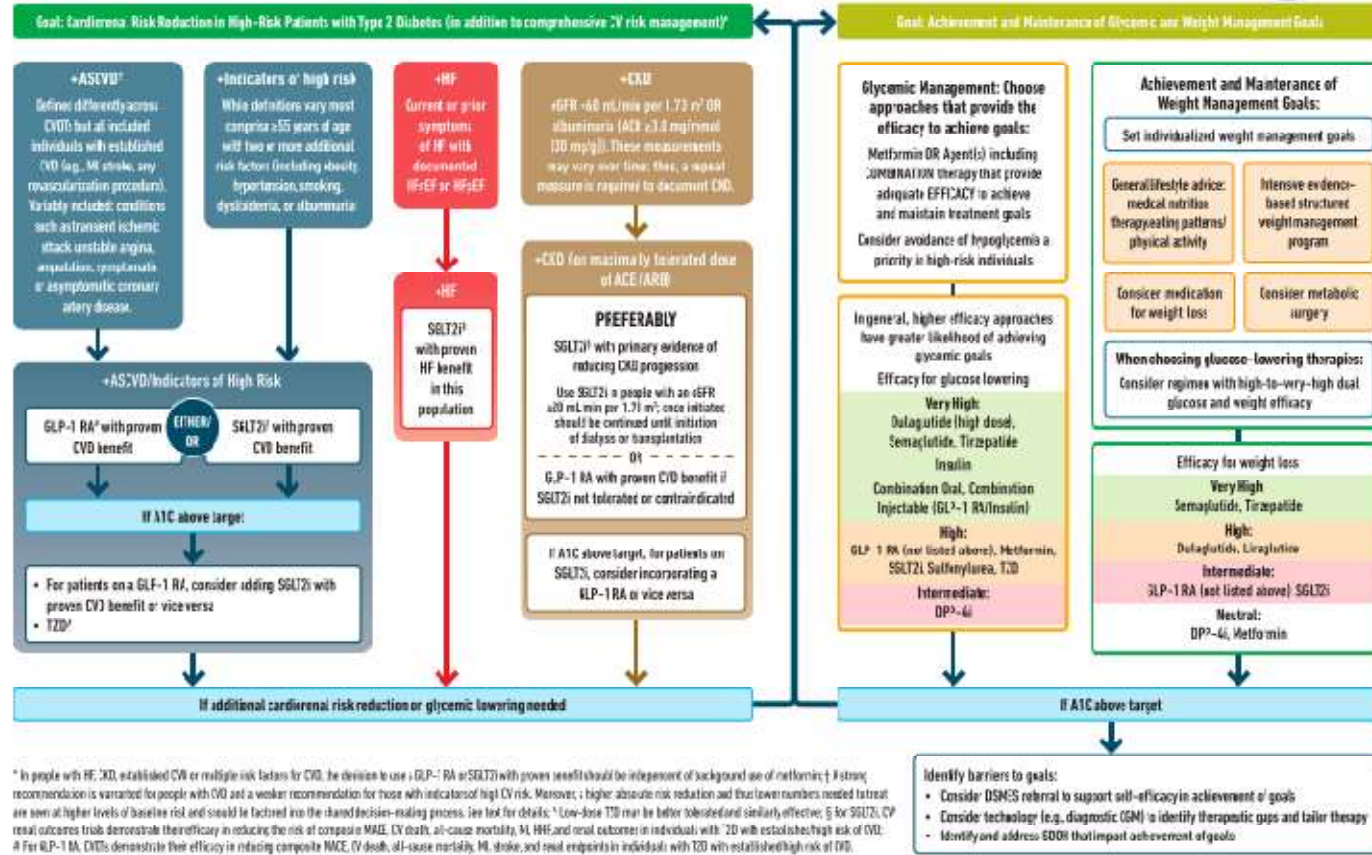
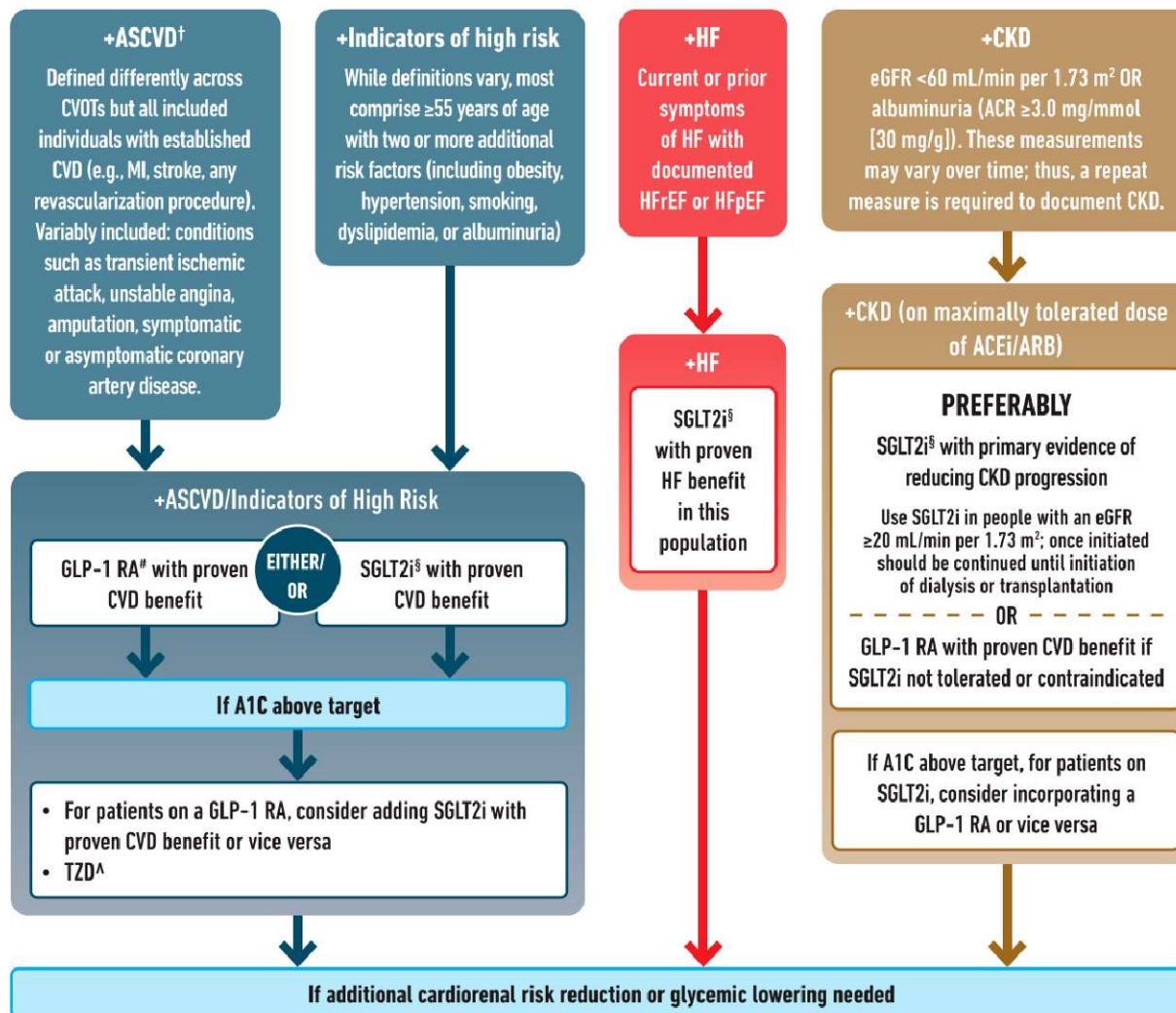


Figure 9.3—Use of glucose-lowering medications in the management of type 2 diabetes. ACEI, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ACR, albumin-to-creatinine ratio; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; AS/CVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CGM, continuous glucose monitoring; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVD, cardiovascular disease; CVOT, cardiovascular outcomes trial; DPP-4i, dipeptidyl peptidase 4 inhibitor; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; HF, heart failure; HFpEF, heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF, heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; HHA, hospitalization for heart failure; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular events; MI, myocardial infarction; SDOH, social determinants of health; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; TZD, type 2 diabetes; TZD, thiazolidinedione. Adapted from Davies et al (45).

Goal: Cardiorenal Risk Reduction in High-Risk Patients with Type 2 Diabetes (in addition to comprehensive CV risk management)*



Goal: Achievement and Maintenance of Glycemic and Weight Management Goals

Glycemic Management: Choose approaches that provide the efficacy to achieve goals:

Metformin OR Agent(s) including COMBINATION therapy that provide adequate EFFICACY to achieve and maintain treatment goals

Consider avoidance of hypoglycemia a priority in high-risk individuals

In general, higher efficacy approaches have greater likelihood of achieving glycemic goals

Efficacy for glucose lowering

Very High:

Dulaglutide (high dose), Semaglutide, Tirzepatide

Insulin

Combination Oral, Combination Injectable (GLP-1 RA/Insulin)

High:

GLP-1 RA (not listed above), Metformin, SGLT2i, Sulfonylurea, TZD

Intermediate:

DPP-4i

Achievement and Maintenance of Weight Management Goals:

Set individualized weight management goals

General lifestyle advice: medical nutrition therapy/eating patterns/physical activity

Intensive evidence-based structured weight management program

Consider medication for weight loss

Consider metabolic surgery

When choosing glucose-lowering therapies:

Consider regimen with high-to-very-high dual glucose and weight efficacy

Efficacy for weight loss

Very High:

Semaglutide, Tirzepatide

High:

Dulaglutide, Liraglutide

Intermediate:

GLP-1 RA (not listed above), SGLT2i

Neutral:

DPP-4i, Metformin

COMPLICATIONS-CENTRIC ALGORITHM FOR GLYCEMIC CONTROL

LIFESTYLE INTERVENTION

INDEPENDENT OF GLYCEMIC TARGET AND OTHER T2D THERAPIES

ASCVD or High Risk¹ for ASCVD

Heart Failure²

Stroke/TIA

CKD

NONE

GLP-1 RA³ or SGLT2i⁴

SGLT2i⁵

GLP-1 RA³ or Pioglitazone

SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA⁵

Order of medications suggests hierarchy for selection

INDIVIDUALIZE GLYCEMIC TARGET

A1C \leq 6.5% for most patients or 7%-8% if high risk for adverse consequences from hypoglycemia and/or limited life expectancy

A1C >7.5% start 2 agents, A1C >9.0% or >1.5% above goal start 2-3 agents

Continue or start metformin if appropriate

If not at glycemic target at <3 months, titrate to maximum tolerated dose or add agent not in use

If A1C >10% and/or glucose >300 mg/dL with symptomatic hyperglycemia, use basal insulin +/- GLP-1 RA

SGLT2i⁴ or GLP-1 RA

GLP-1 RA

Pioglitazone² or GLP-1 RA

GLP-1 RA or SGLT2i⁵

IF NOT AT GOAL: CONTINUE TO GLUCOSE-CENTRIC ALGORITHM FOR GLYCEMIC CONTROL OR ALGORITHM FOR ADDING/INTENSIFYING INSULIN

GO TO GLUCOSE-CENTRIC ALGORITHM FOR GLYCEMIC CONTROL

¹High risk for ASCVD: albuminuria or proteinuria, hypertension and left ventricular (LV) hypertrophy, LV systolic or diastolic dysfunction, ankle-brachial index <0.9.

²TZDs are contraindicated in NYHA Class III/IV HF. ³ASCVD: liraglutide/semaglutide/dulaglutide or Stroke: semaglutide/dulaglutide.

⁴canagliflozin/empagliflozin. ⁵Use SGLT2i or GLP-1 RA with proven benefit.

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Algorithm Figure 6-Complications-Centric Glycemic Control



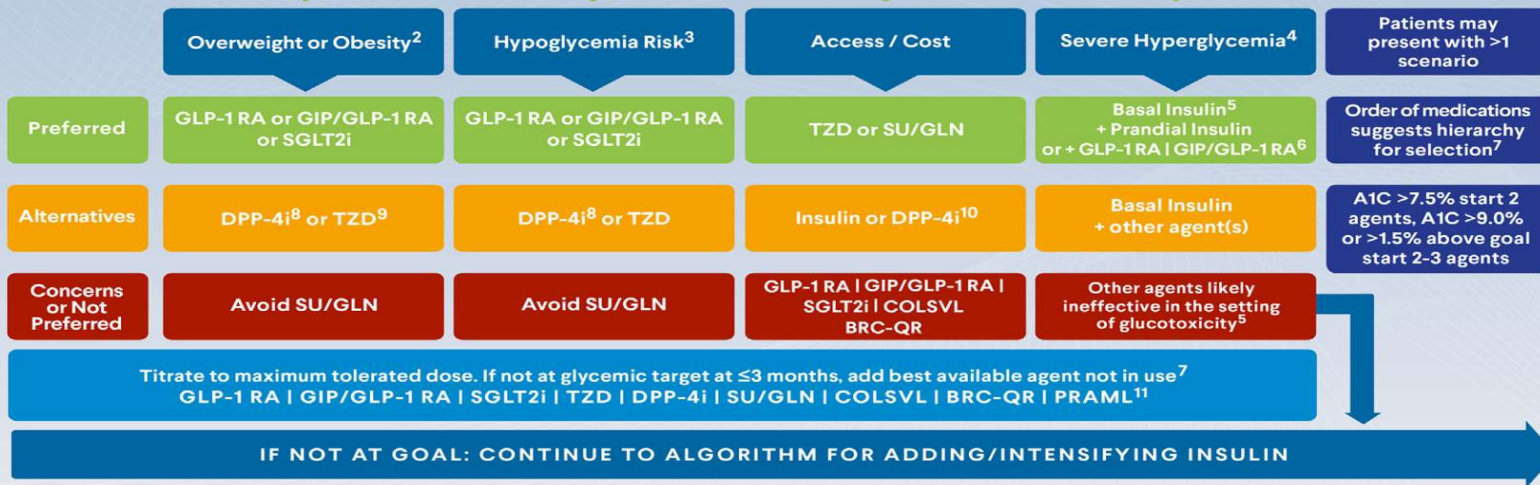
GLUCOSE-CENTRIC ALGORITHM FOR GLYCEMIC CONTROL

LIFESTYLE INTERVENTION

Start or continue metformin if appropriate¹

INDIVIDUALIZE GLYCEMIC TARGET

A1C ≤6.5% for most persons or 7%–8% if high risk for adverse consequences from hypoglycemia and/or limited life expectancy



¹Take with food with dose titration for enhanced tolerance. ²See also COMPLICATIONS-CENTRIC MODEL FOR THE CARE OF PERSONS WITH OVERWEIGHT/OBESITY and PROFILES OF WEIGHT-LOSS MEDICATIONS table. ³Evaluate for issues leading to hypoglycemia or hypoglycemia unawareness and manage with patient-centered strategies. ⁴If A1C >10% and/or BG ≥300 with symptomatic hyperglycemia, reduce glucose/A1C as promptly and safely as possible. ⁵See also ALGORITHM FOR ADDING/INTENSIFYING INSULIN. ⁶GLP-1 RA requires titration phase which can delay glycemic control. After glucose toxicity is resolved, consider adding other agents. ⁷See also PROFILES OF ANTIHYPERGLYCEMIC MEDICATIONS table. ⁸GLP-1 RA and DPP-4i should not be combined. ⁹TZD can cause fluid retention but have benefit for NAFLD, CVD prevention, dyslipidemia. ¹⁰Access/Cost are dependent on location of the market. Insulin costs vary widely with devices (e.g., pens versus vials) and formulations (e.g., analogues versus combinations such as 70/30). ¹¹PRAML is used as an adjunct with prandial insulin.

Treatment of T2DM over the Past 25+ Years

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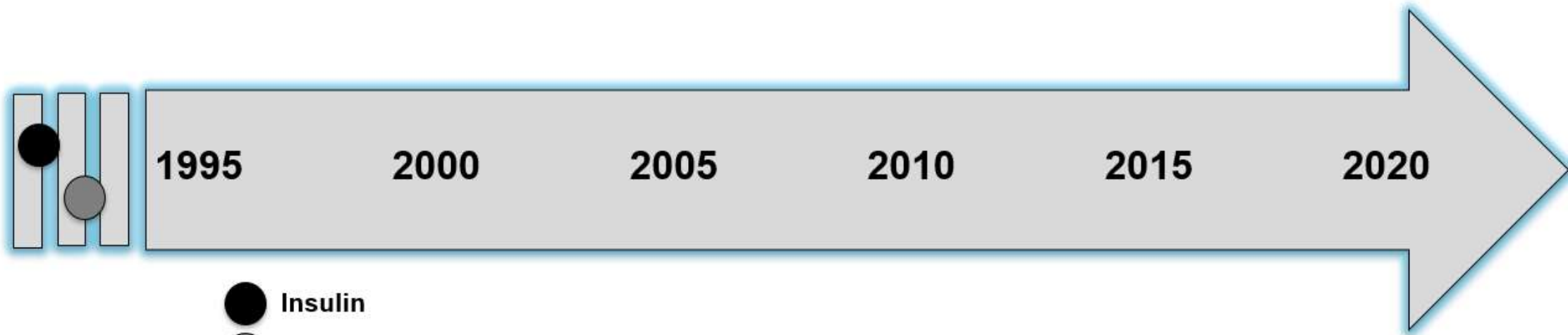
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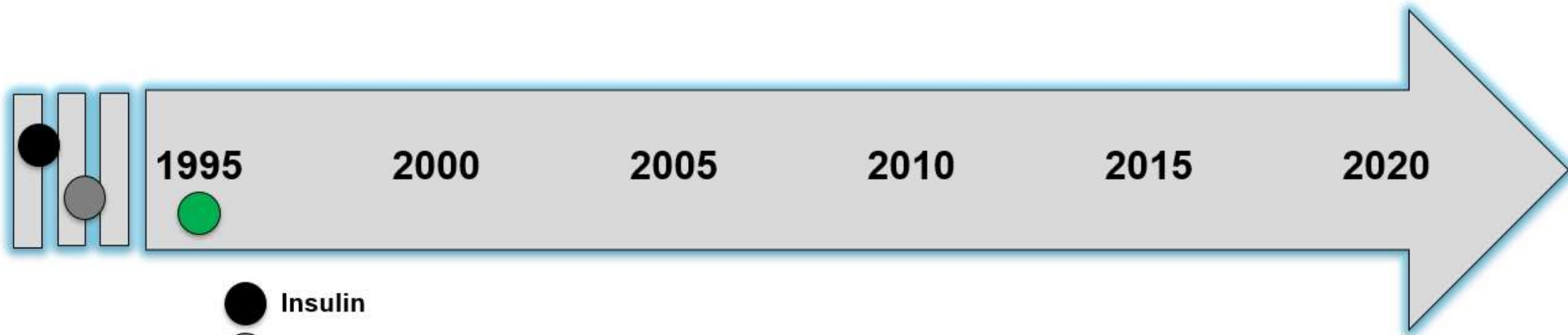
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- Metformin
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- GLP-1 RAs
- DPP-4 i's
- SGLT2 i's

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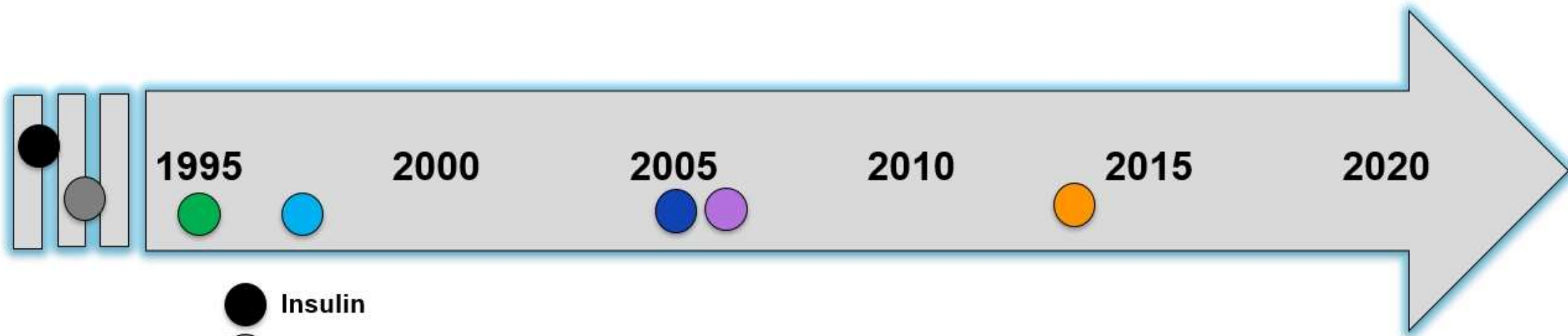
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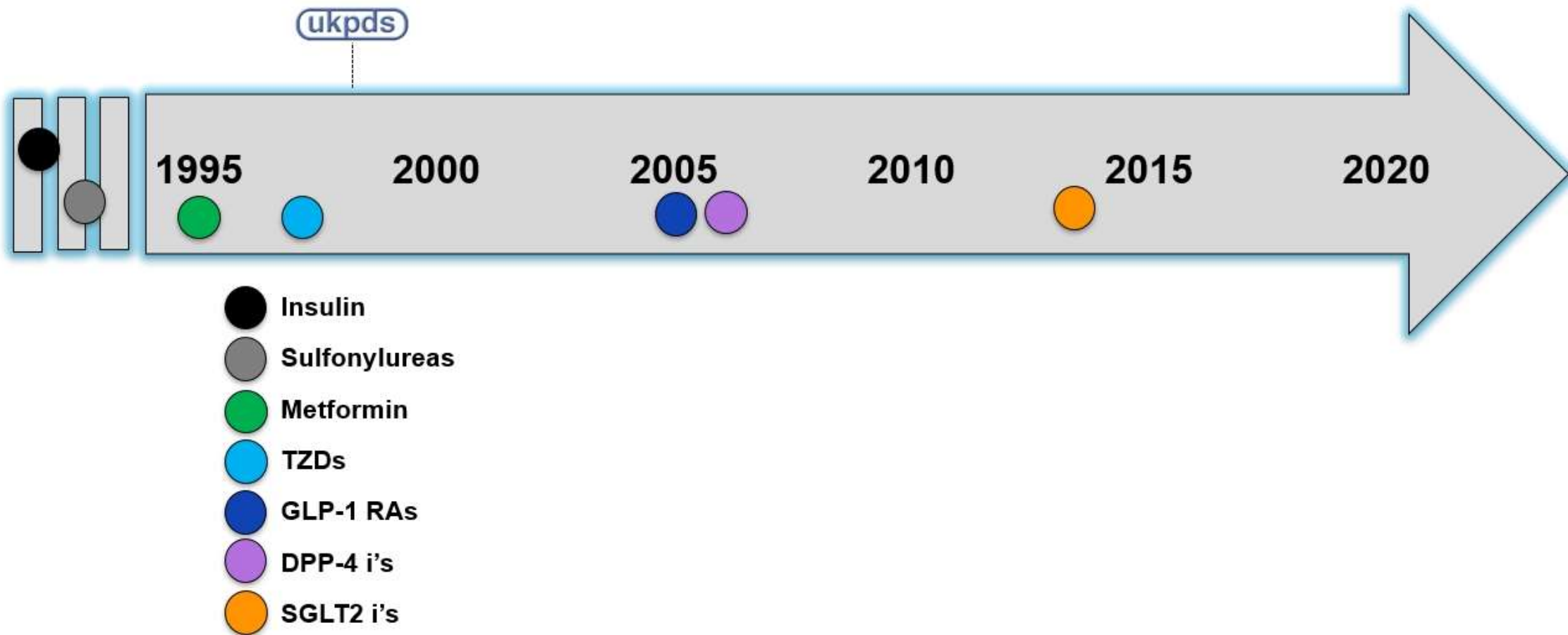
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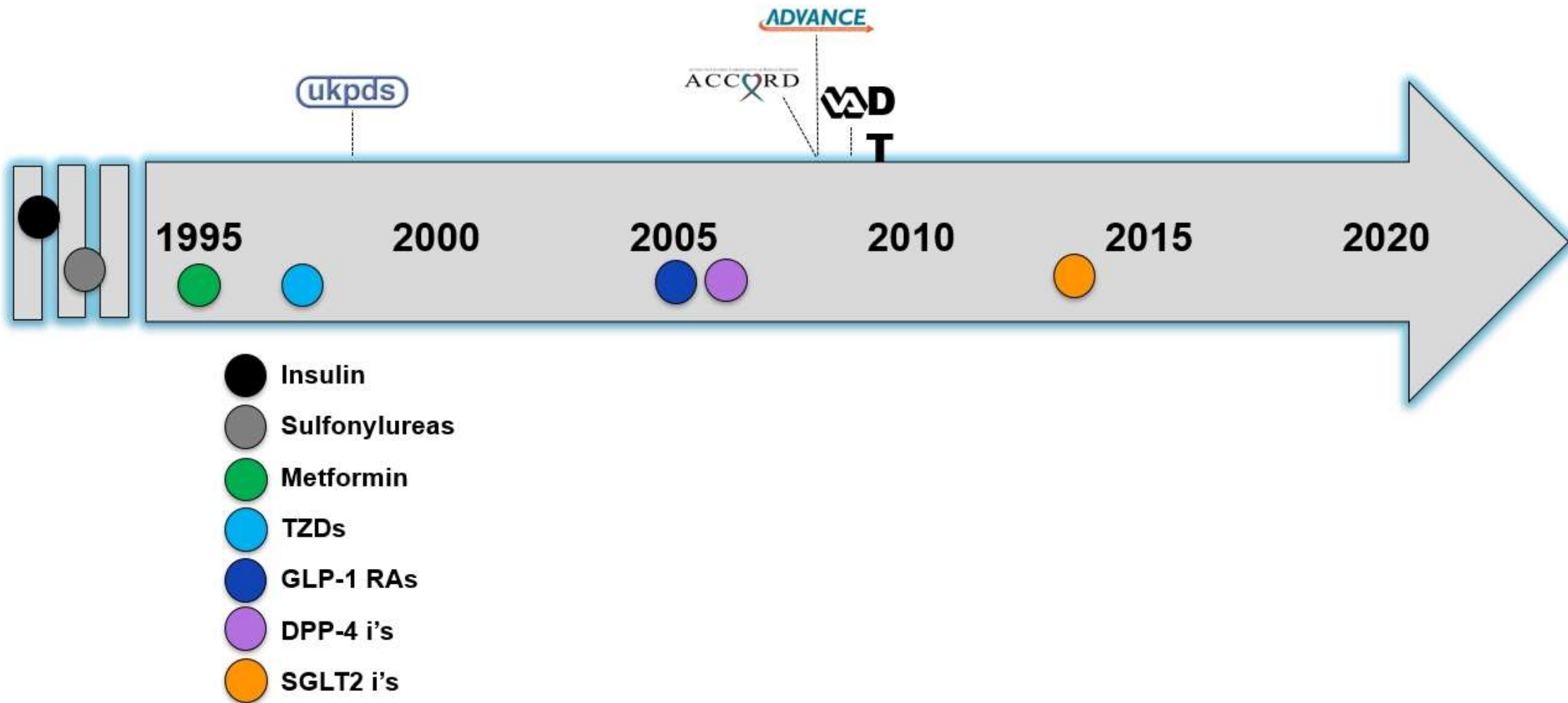


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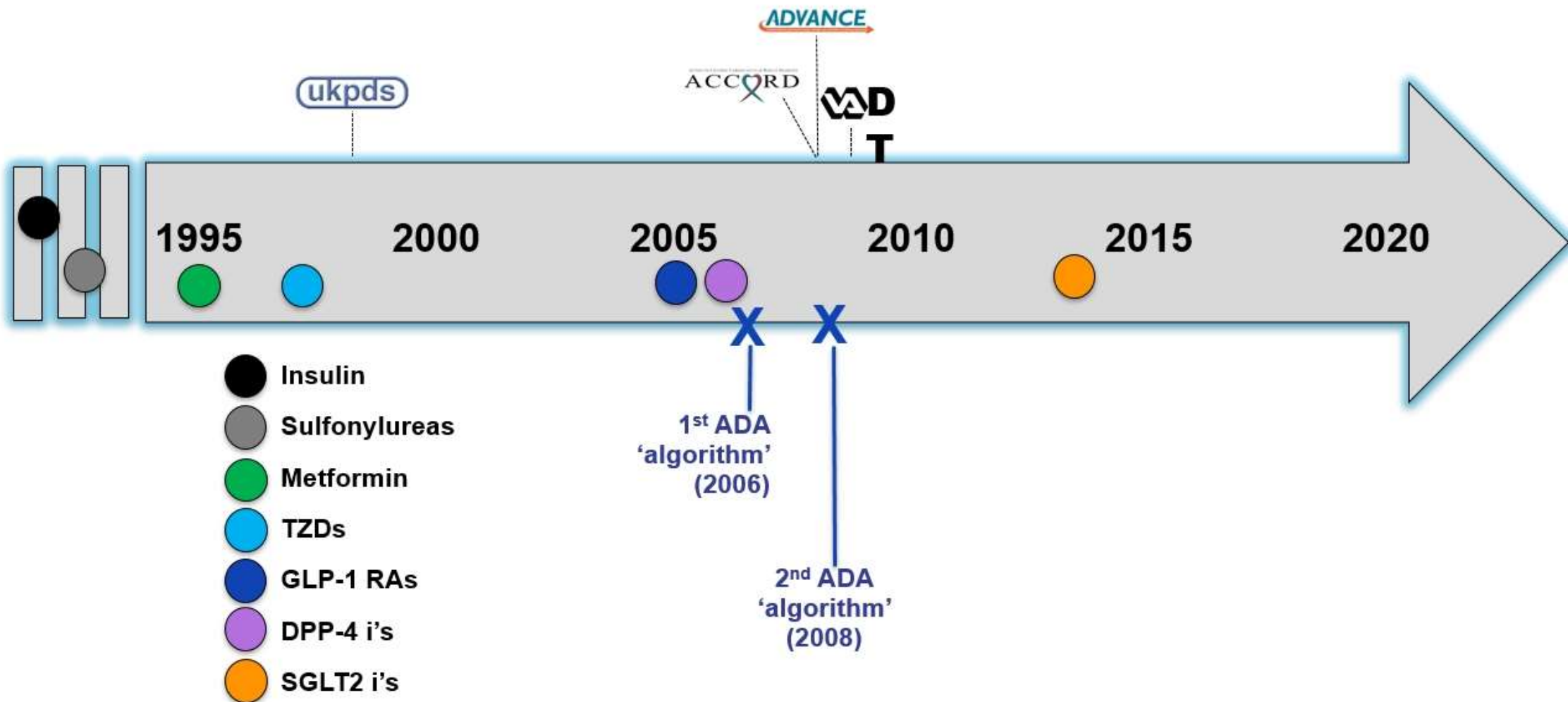
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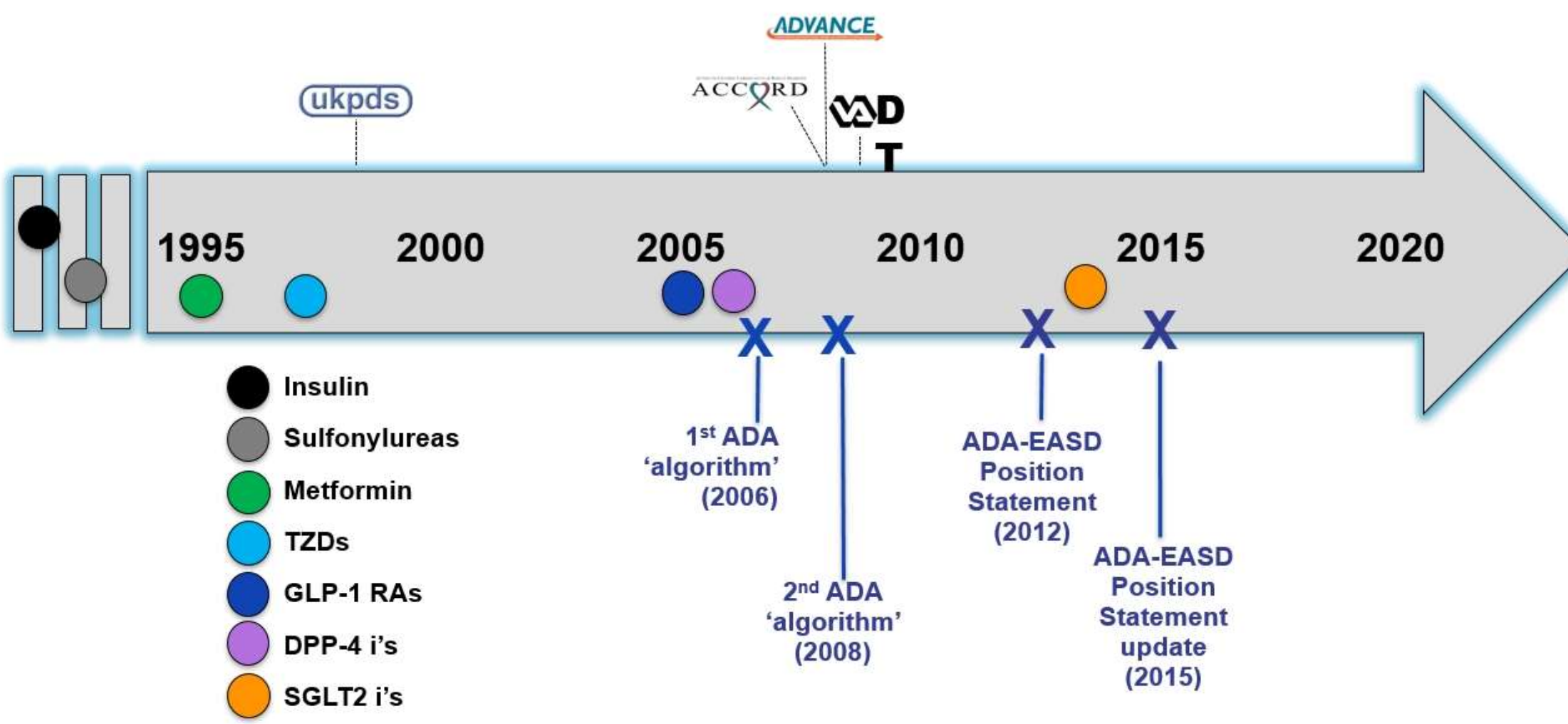
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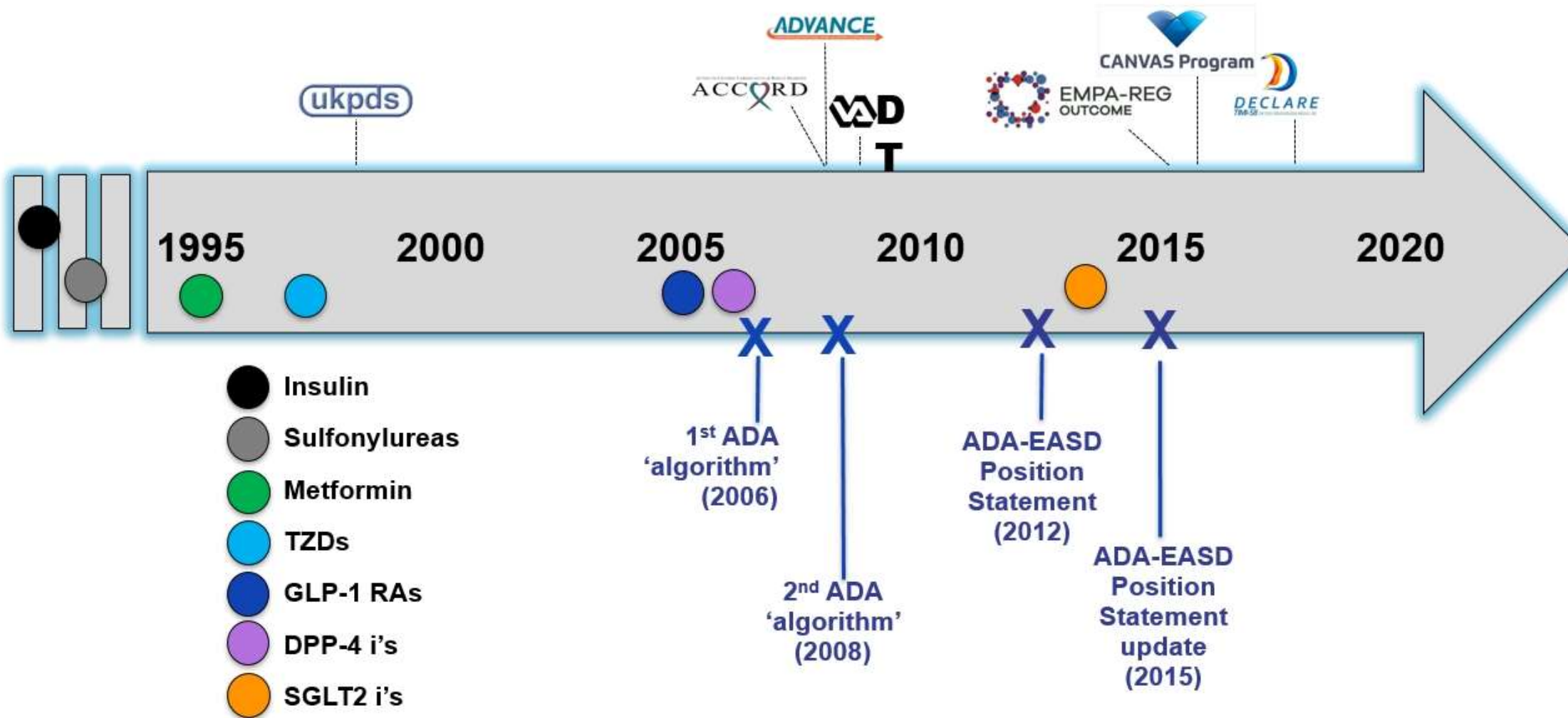
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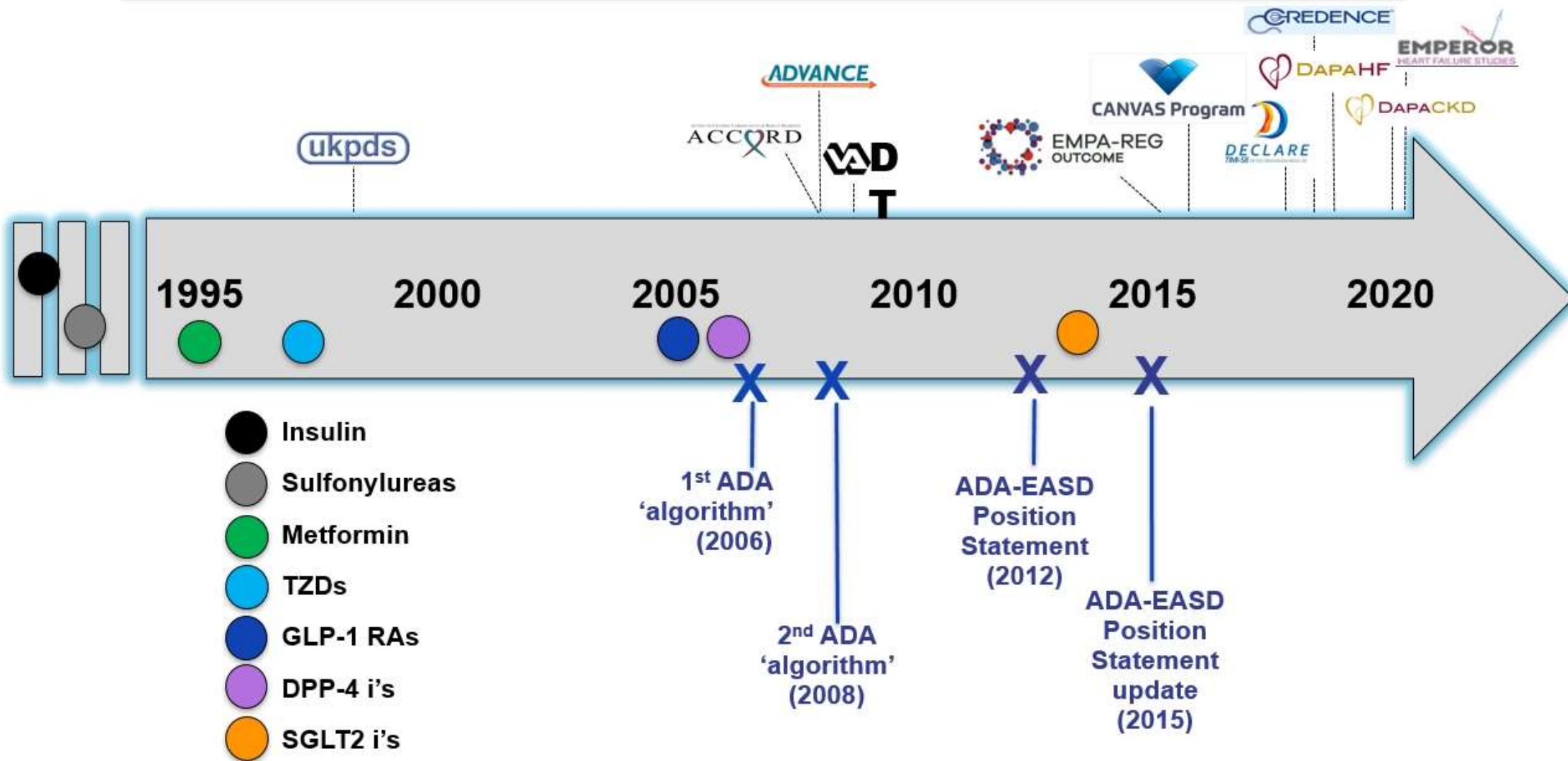


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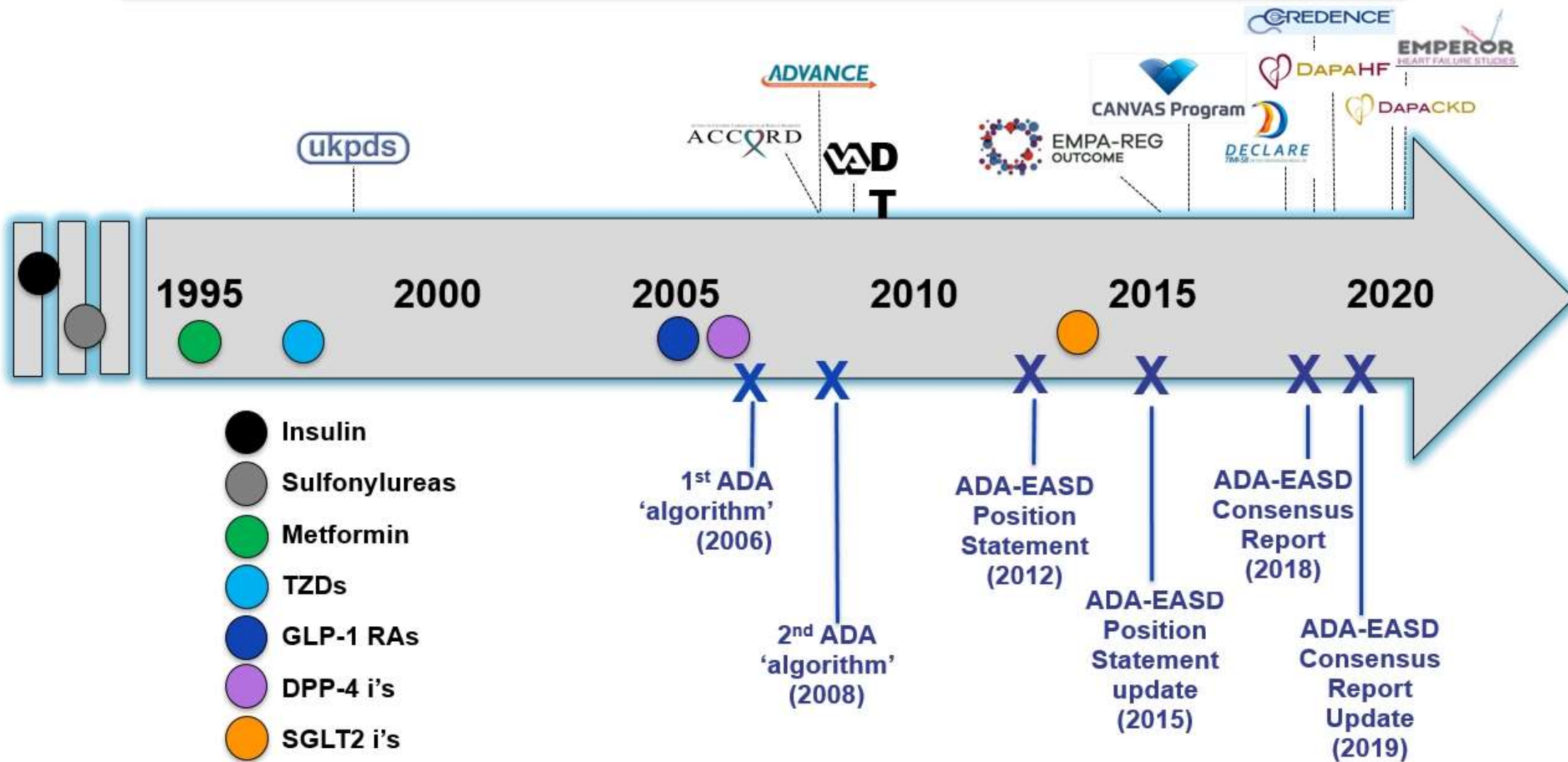


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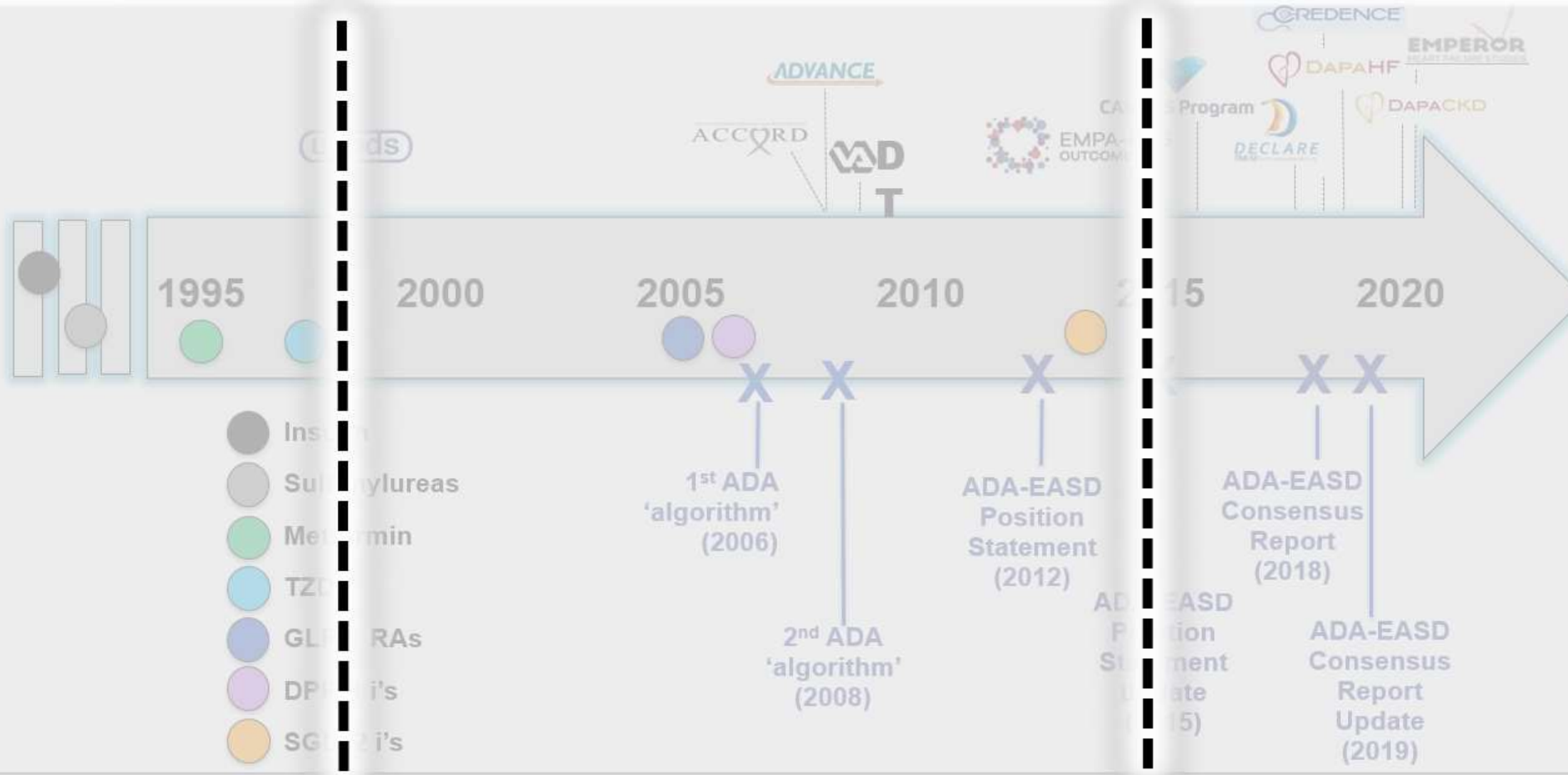
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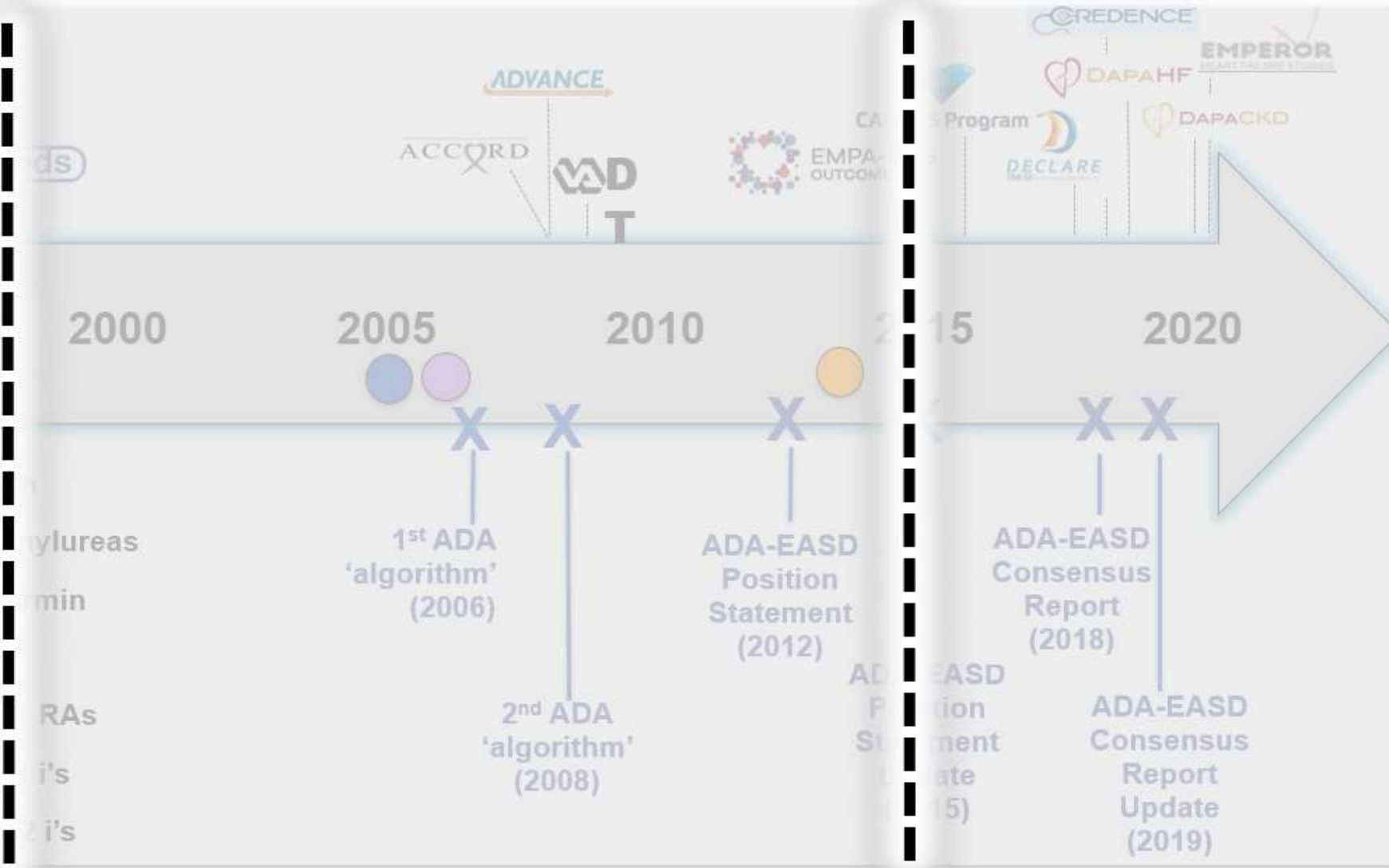
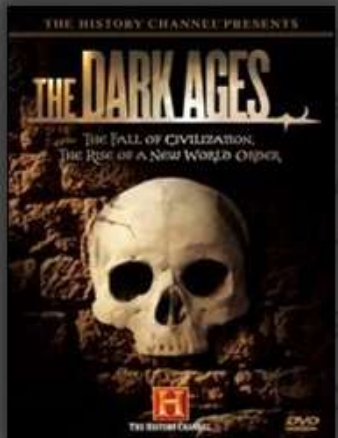
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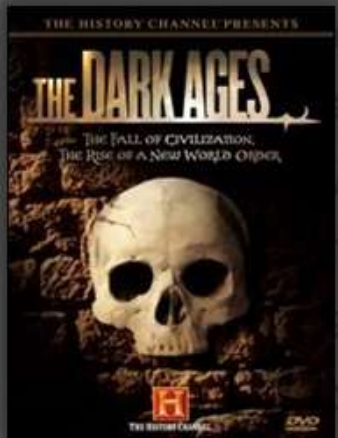
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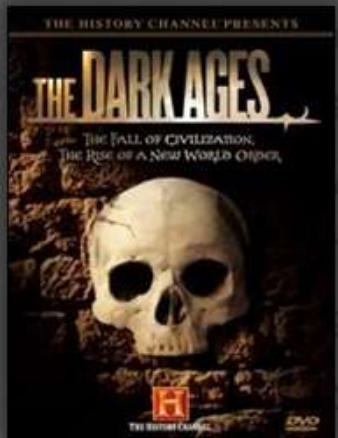
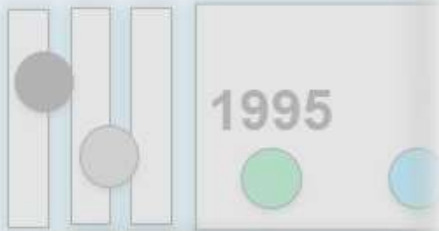



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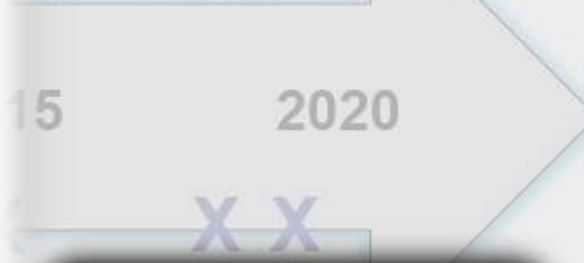
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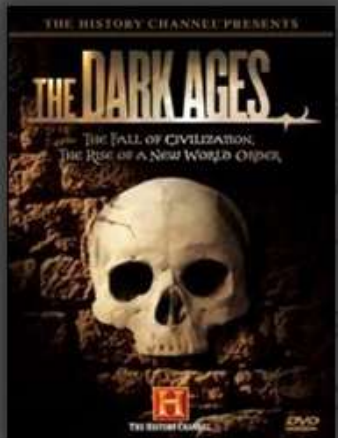
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Future directions

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Trials have demonstrated the **HbA_{1c}-lowering and weight loss** efficacy of the combination^{1,2,3} but none addresses its effect on cardiorenal endpoints

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Research in this area will help in

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