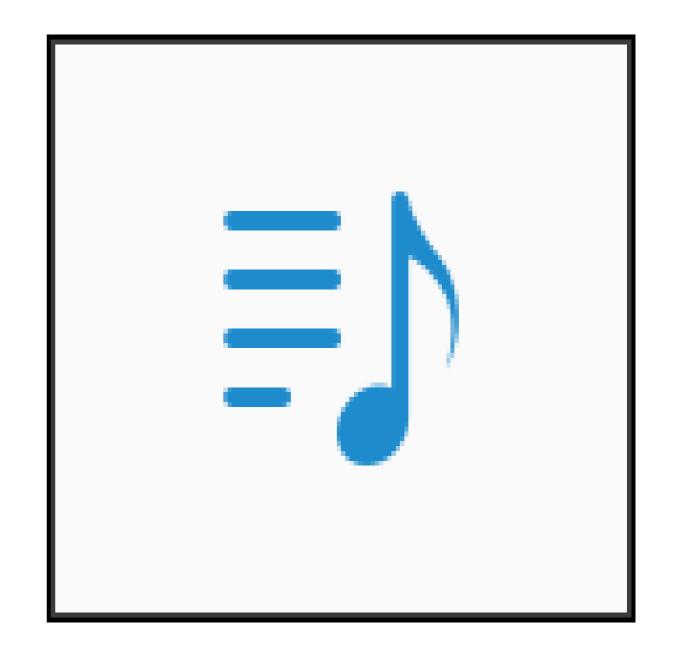
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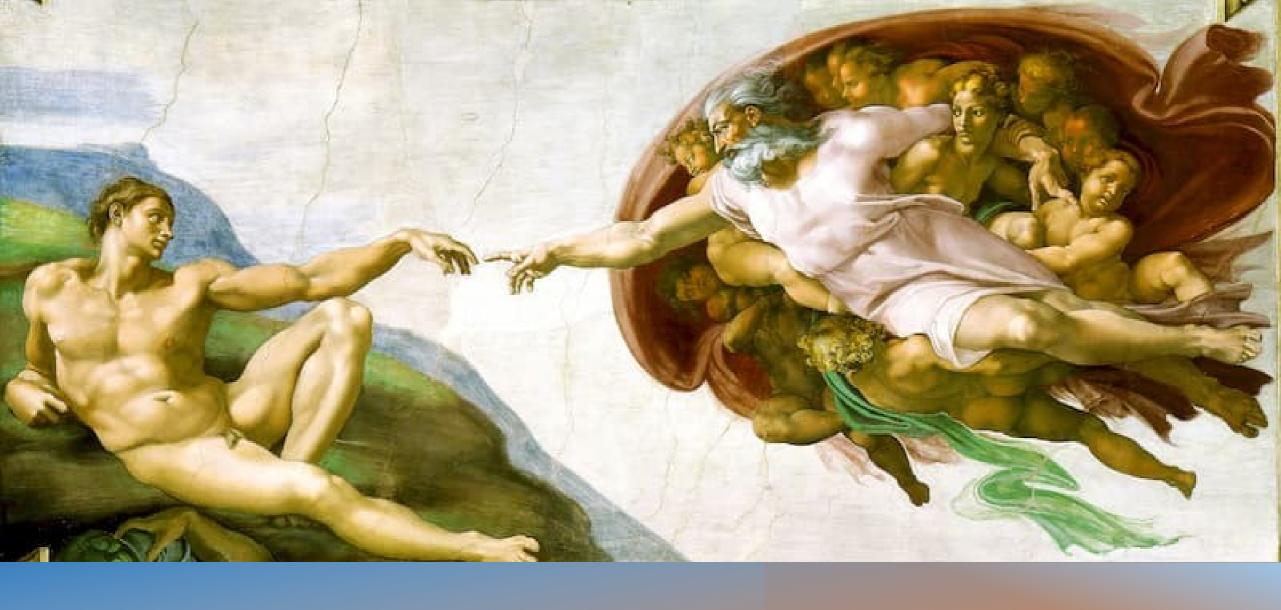
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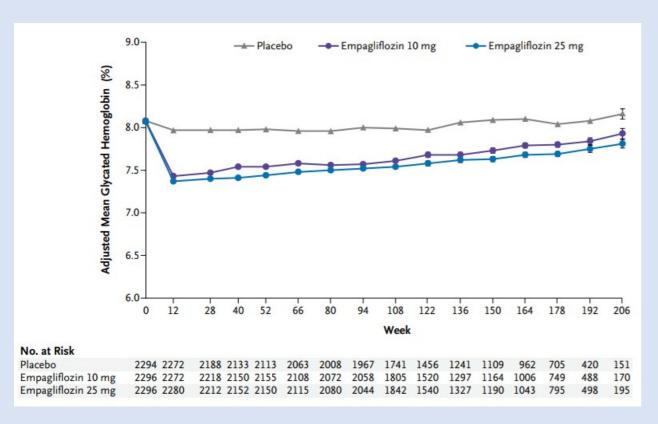


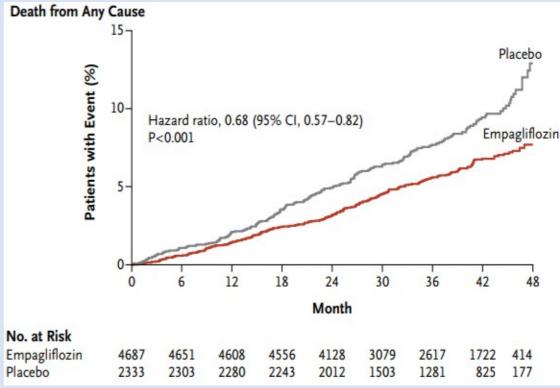
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## Empagliflozin, Metabolic Outcomes, and Mortality in Type 2 Diabetes: The EMPA-REG study

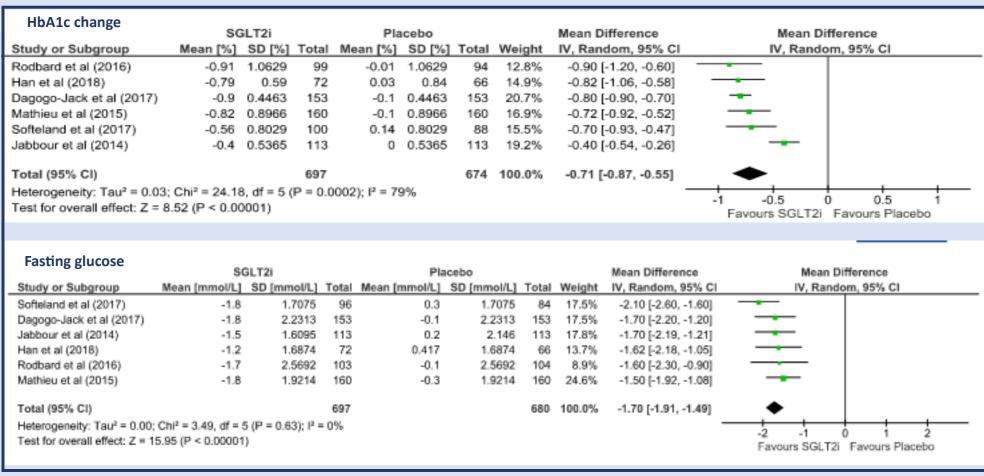




### Clinical trials on the effect of SGLT-2 inhibitors on metabolic compensation

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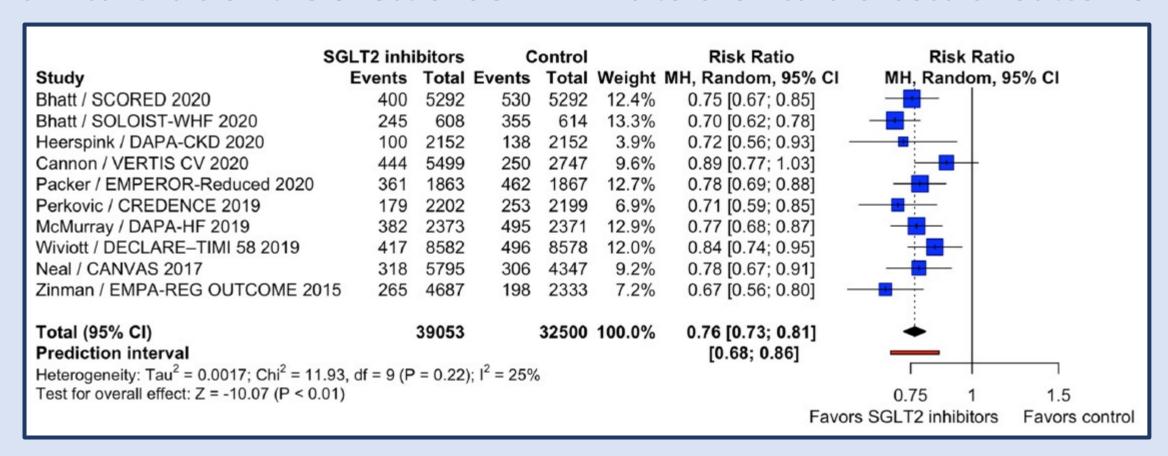
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Forest plot showing the estimated HbA1c and fasting glucose change from baseline SGLT2 inhibitor vs placebo as add-on to metformin plus a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (dpp-4) inhibitor.

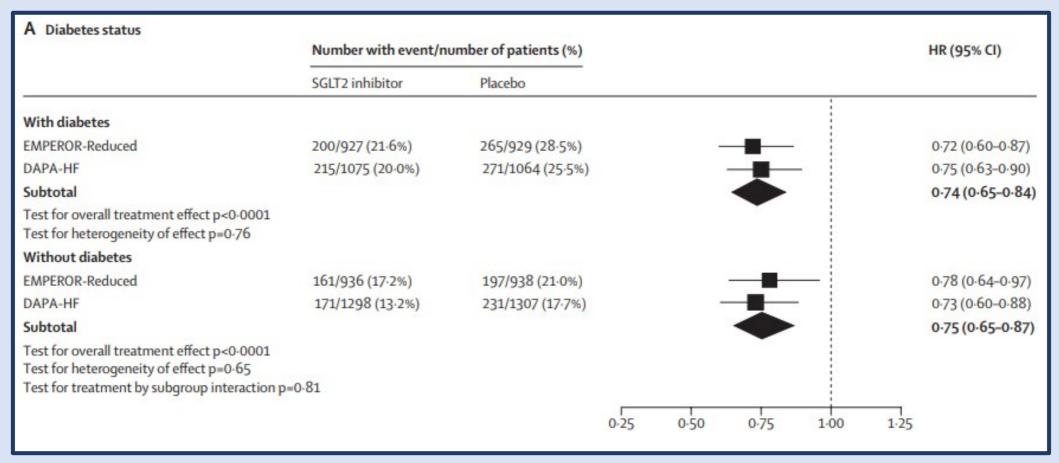
C. De Buitléir et al., Diabetic Medicine. 2021;38:e14409

#### Clinical trials on the effect of SGLT2 inhibitors on cardiovascular outcome



Forest plot illustrating the results of the composite of HF hospitalization and cardiovascular mortality outcome

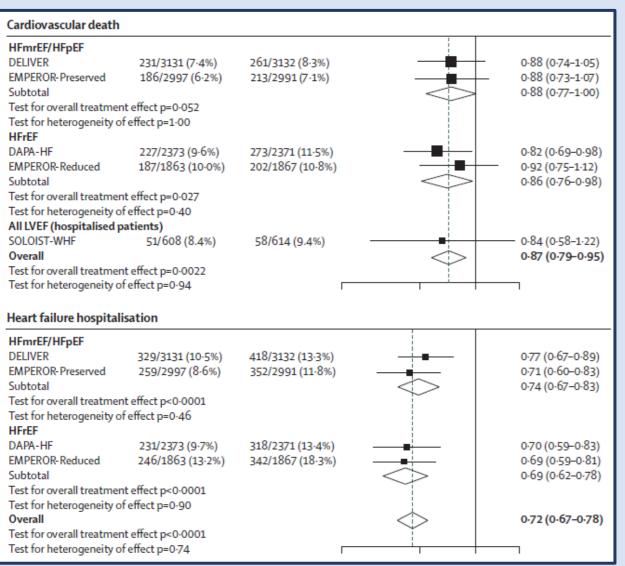
# SGLT2 inhibitors in patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction: a meta-analysis of the EMPEROR-Reduced and DAPA-HF trials



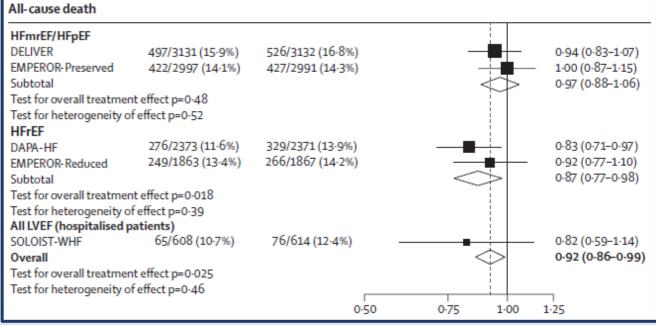
Faiez Zannad et al., Lancet. 2020 Sep 19;396(10254):819-829

### **Empaglifozin in Heart Failure with a preserved Ejection Fraction**

Subgroup	Empagliflozin no. of patients with	Placebo events/total no.	Hazard Ratio (95% C	CI)
Overall	415/2997	511/2991	H	0.79 (0.69-0.90)
Diabetes at baseline				
Yes	239/1466	291/1472	<b>├■</b> -	0.79 (0.67-0.94)
No	176/1531	220/1519	<b>├─</b> ■─┤	0.78 (0.64-0.95)
LVEF at baseline				
<50%	145/995	193/988	<del>  ■  </del>	0.71 (0.57-0.88)
≥50% to <60%	138/1028	173/1030		0.80 (0.64-0.99)
≥60%	132/974	145/973	-	0.87 (0.69–1.10)



# SGLT-2 inhibitors in patients with heart failure: a comprehensive meta-analysis of five randomised controlled trials

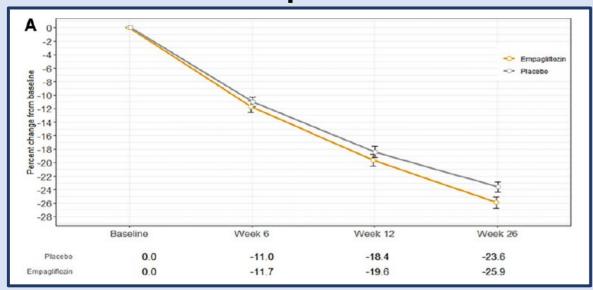


Muthiah Vaduganathan et al., Lancet 2022; 400: 757-67

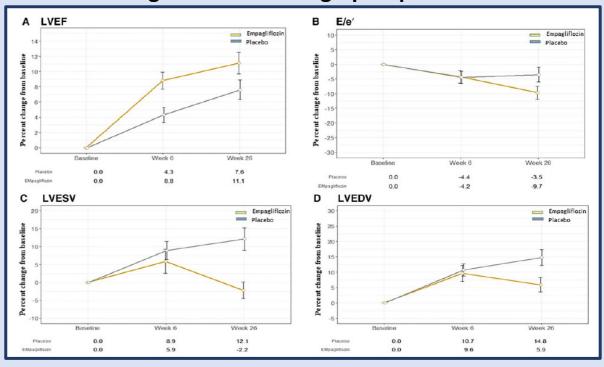


#### **Empagliflozin in acute Myocardial Infarction: the EMMY trial**

#### **Decline in NT-proBNPconcentration**



#### Changes in echocardiographic parameters



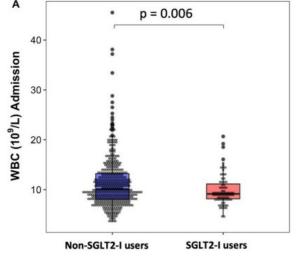
## Infarct Size, Infammatory Burden, And Admission Hyperglycemia In Diabetic Patients With Acute Myocardial Infarction Treated With SGLT2-inhibitors: Insights From A Multicenter International Registry

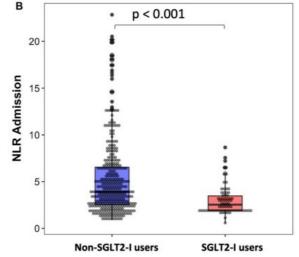
	Total (N = 583)	SGLT2-I users (N = 98)	Non-SGLT-I users (N = 485)	p value
Hospital Admission		N	1994/1994	
Q wave, n (%)	131 (25.2)	18 (23.4)	113 (25.6)	0.615
Admission LVEDV, ml	$108 \pm 33$	$106 \pm 35$	$108 \pm 33$	0.582
Admission LVEF, %	47 ± 11	$48 \pm 10$	$47 \pm 11$	0.161
RWMA, n (%)	491 (84.2)	81 (82.7)	410 (84.5)	0.641
I hs-TnI, ng/L	210 [44-1431]	131 [33-773]	240 [50-1964]	0.003
II hs-TnI, ng/L	1411 [338-10.032]	635 [165-2108]	1842 [370-13.447]	< 0.001
III hs-Tnl, ng/L	1306 [390-11.028]	441 [160-1120]	2356 [566-18.056]	< 0.001
hs-TnI max, ng/L	2438 [591-16.227]	901 [307-2543]	3445 [710-9223]	< 0.001
Hospital Discharge		10, 10000000000000000000000000000000000		
LVEDV, ml	$108 \pm 36$	103 ± 29	$110 \pm 38$	0.261
LVEF, %	49 ± 10	53 ± 19	$48 \pm 11$	0.001
RWMA, n (%)	454 (78)	64 (65.3)	390 (80.6)	0.001
ST resolution, n (%)	187 (67)	42 (87.5)	146 (63.2)	0.001

Paolisso P, et al., Cardiovasc Diabetol. 2022 May 15;21(1):77.

## SGLT2-I, Hyperglycemia, Infammation, Infarct size, Acute myocardial infarction:Data from the observational registry: SGLT2-I AMI PROTECT



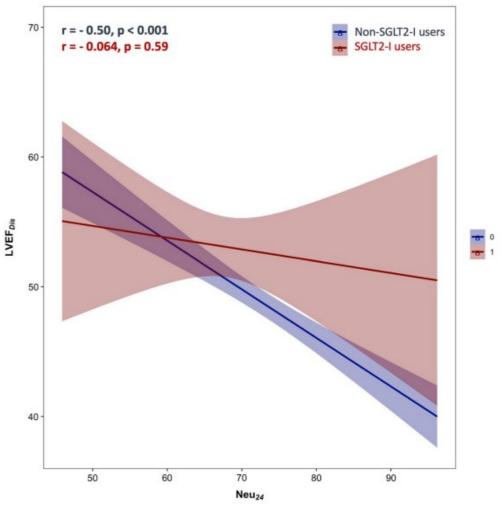




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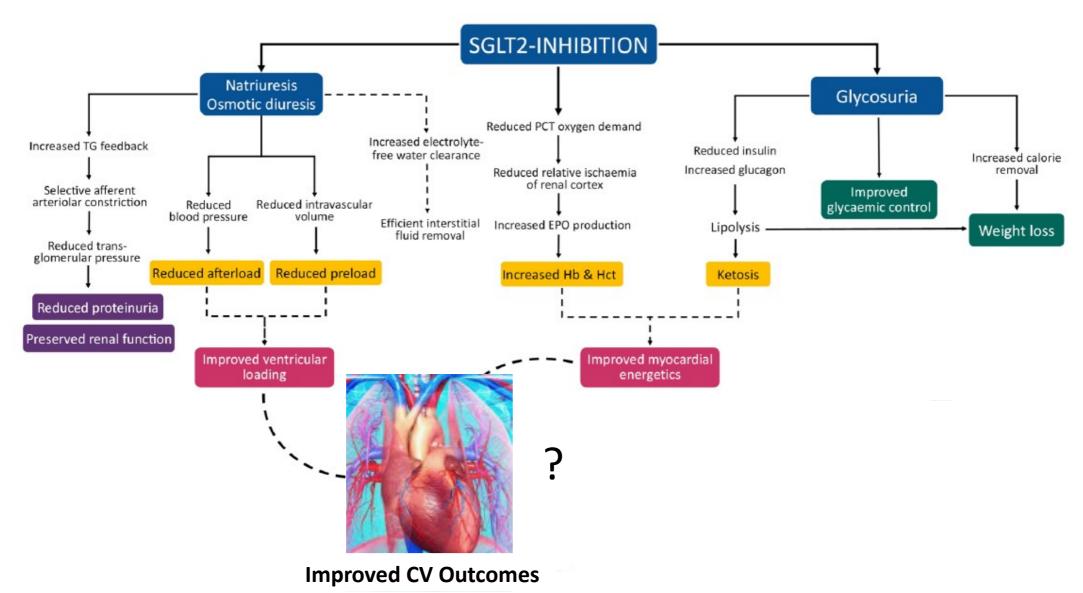
**Table 5** Multivariable analysis – Predictors of inflammatory response

Variables	Std. Err.	OR	95% CI	p-value
Age, years	0.009	1.011	0.994-1.028	0.197
Adm. Creatinine, mg/dL	0.152	1.333	0.990-1.796	0.060
Admission glycemia, mg/dL	0.001	1.002	1.000-1.004	0.100
NSTEMI	0.209	1.702	1.129-2.566	0.011
hs-Tnl max, ng/L	0.001	1.008	1.001-1.015	0.025
SGLT2-I	0.259	0.457	0.275-0.758	0.002



Paolisso P et al. Cardiovascular Diabetology (2022) 21:77

## Mechanims of cardiovascular benefits:



Amir Fathi et al., Heart Failure Reviews (2021

## SGLT2-inhibitors: more than just extracardiac effects

## Optimizing myocardial oxygen supply/demand

- Enhance myocardial energy metabolism
- Improve coronary microcirculation
- Increase hematocrit level
- Decrease inflammation and oxidative stress

#### Myocardial cellular hemostasis

- Inducing autophagy
   Activate AMPK, SIRT1, and HIF-1α, all of which are integral to autophagy
- Reducing oxidative stress
   Increase the level of antioxidant
   enzymes (e.g., SOD) and decreases
   oxidation products (e.g., lipid
   hydroperoxide, NOX4)

## Electrophysiological effects

- Decrease SNS activity and increase PSN activity
- Improve sodium and calcium homeostasis by inhibiting late-I<sub>NB</sub> and NHE1 activity



#### Improving microvascular circulation

- Increase serum
   L-arginine /asymmetric
   dimethyl arginine ratio
- Increase nitric oxide bioavailability

#### Optimizing mitochondrial energy metabolism

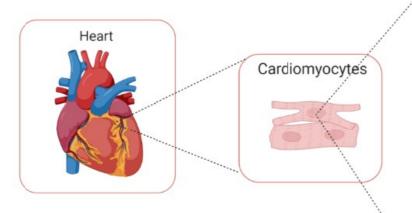
- Increase ketone body levels upregulate fatty acid β-oxidation
- Inhibit the switch from fatty acid oxidation to glycolysis
- Decrease myocardial glucose uptake
- Counteract age-related disruption in mitochondrial/sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca2+ homeostasis

#### **Attenuating inflammation**

- Decrease the plasma levels of TNFR1, MMP7, IL-6, and FN1
- Decrease the activity of NLRP3 inflammasome
- Decrease the upregulation of Tnfrsf12a

HM. Salah, J. Card. Translat. Res., March 2022

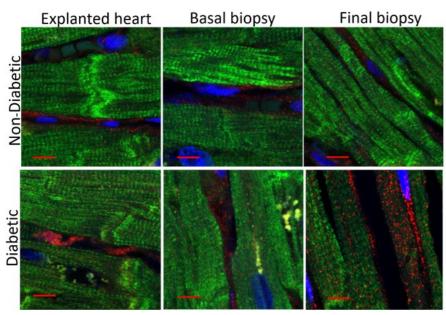
# Controversial results on SGLT2 expression in cardiomyocytes

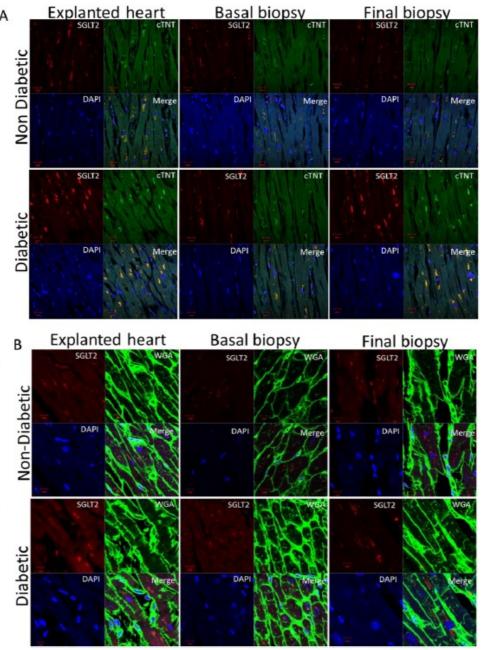


SGLT-2 IS
NOT EXPRESSED OR
UNDETECTED



# SGLT2 protein localization in human cardiomyocyte





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SGLT2 mRNA Fluorescence Intensity

(AFU)

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mRNA expression (2

SGLT2 relative

Explanted

heart

Explanted

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■ Non-diabetic

Final biopsy

Diabetic

biopsy

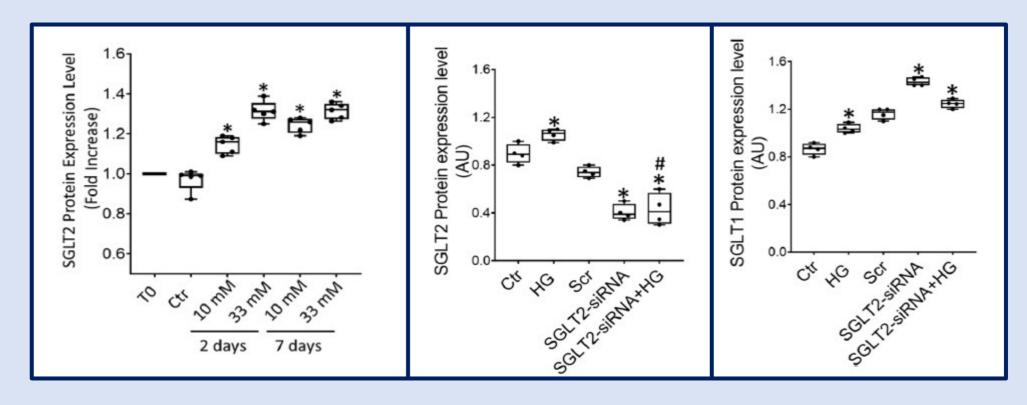
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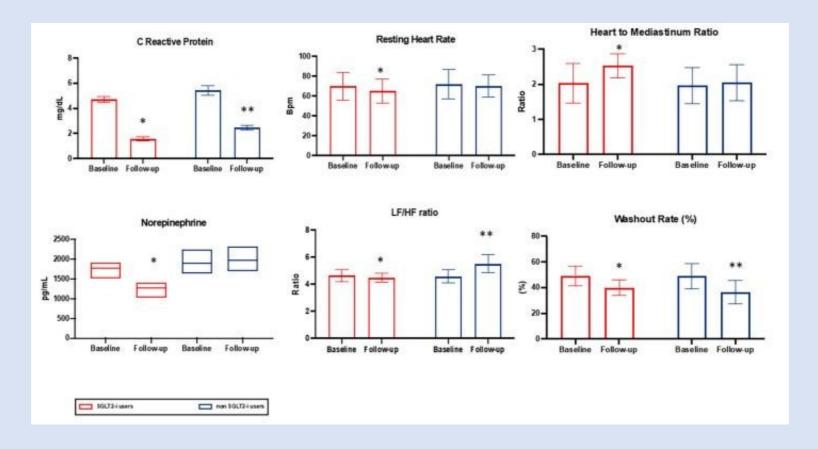
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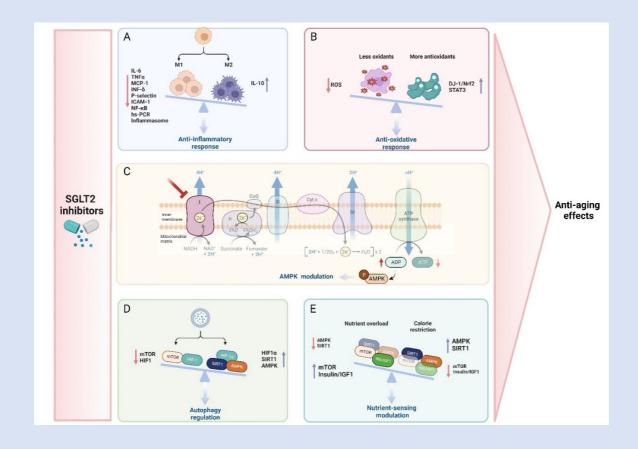
# SGLT2 protein expression in human cardiomyocyte cell line exposed to high glucose concentration



## SGLT2-inhibitors reduce the cardiac autonomic neuropathy dysfunction and vaso-vagal syncope recurrence in patients with tipe 2 diabetes mellitus: the SCAN study



SGLT2-I users at 1 year follow-up showed a significant reduction of CRP, serum norepinephrine, HR, LF/HFratio, WHR and a significant increase of Heart to Mediastinum Ratio; the Non-SGLT2-I users exhibited a significant reduction of CRP and WHR, with a significant increase of LF/ HF ratio.



## Take Home Messages

- 1. SGLT-2 inhibitors were born as drugs for diabetes but we can now consider them «ALSO drugs for diabetes»
- 2. Their protective effects at the cardiovascular level are well proven.
- 3. Extracardiac molecular mechanisms seem to be very well defined (mainly the anti-inflammatory action)
- 4. Cardiomyocyte SGLT2 expression is mainly detectable in presence of myocardial structural and functional impairment.
- 5. There are several evidences for a more HUGE effect of SGLT2 inhibitors than ones reported at cardiovascular level

