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**美國食品藥物管理署(FDA)用藥安全資訊風險溝通：
SGLT-2抑制劑可能引起罕見的嚴重生殖器感染之風險**

摘要說明：

美國食品藥物管理署(FDA)提出警告，用於治療第二型糖尿病的 SGLT-2 抑制劑有可能會發生罕見的嚴重生殖器感染，亦稱為會陰部壞死性筋膜炎或福耳尼埃氏壞疽(Fournier's gangrene)。此藥物不良反應的進程很快，病患若於生殖器區域會感到紅腫、壓痛，甚至發燒，應立即就醫，給予廣效性抗生素，並視情況執行外科清創手術。

於 FAERS 資料庫裡，自 2013 年 3 月至 2018 年 5 月已經發生 12 例的案件(7 男，5 女)，多為服用數月後(平均 9.2 個月)，皆住院治療並接受外科手術，其中一名病患死亡。糖尿病本身即為發生 Fournier's gangrene 的危險因子，調查 1984-2018 年間有另外 Fournier's gangrene 的 6 位男性案例，與近年發生的情況相比，SGLT-2 抑制劑導致的藥物不良反應較為明顯，但是其統計上的意義仍為有限。

目前 SGLT-2 抑制劑的成份有 dapagliflozin、ertugliflozin、canagliflozin 及 empagliflozin，本院使用的產品為 Forxiga[®] (Dapagliflozin)，於仿單中於警示及注意事項和不良反應項目亦有說明 Forxiga[®] 有增加泌尿道感染及生殖器黴菌感染的風險，於臨床試驗中男女生殖器黴菌感染佔不良反應的百分比分別為 1.5%及 0.3%，女性主要為外陰陰道黴菌感染，男性主要為龜頭炎。此藥物不良反應與會陰部壞死性筋膜炎不同，不會發燒或感到全身不適，但是會有生殖器分泌物異常、紅癢的症狀。

SGLT-2 抑制劑以減少葡萄糖再吸收而達到降血糖甚至減輕體重的目的。但是會使尿液變成微生物喜歡的環境，這導致泌尿道和生殖器感染的風險明顯上升，故在使用本類藥品時應衛教病患適量補充水分，特別在夏季時。

醫療人員注意事項：

- 1) 醫療人員應提醒病患若發現從生殖器至肛門區域感到紅腫、壓痛，甚至發燒 $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$ 、全身無力時應立即就醫，若懷疑為嚴重生殖器感染，應給予廣效性抗生素並視情況執行外科清創手術。
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- 3) 醫療人員若懷疑病人因為使用藥品導致不良反應發生時，請立即線上通報藥物不良反應及登入於藥物過敏/不良反應記錄中。

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Drug Safety Communications

FDA warns about rare occurrences of a serious infection of the genital area with SGLT2 inhibitors for diabetes

Safety Announcement

[8-29-2018] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning that cases of a rare but serious infection of the genitals and area around the genitals have been reported with the class of type 2 diabetes medicines called sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitors. This serious rare infection, called necrotizing fasciitis of the perineum, is also referred to as Fournier's gangrene. We are requiring a new warning about this risk to be added to the prescribing information of all SGLT2 inhibitors and to the patient [Medication Guide](#).

SGLT2 inhibitors are FDA-approved for use with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes. SGLT2 inhibitors lower blood sugar by causing the kidneys to remove sugar from the body through the urine. First approved in 2013, medicines in the SGLT2 inhibitor class include canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin, and ertugliflozin (see FDA-Approved SGLT2 Inhibitors). In addition, empagliflozin is approved to lower the risk of death from heart attack and stroke in adults with type 2 diabetes and heart disease. Untreated, type 2 diabetes can lead to serious problems, including blindness, nerve and kidney damage, and heart disease.

Patients should **seek medical attention immediately** if you experience any symptoms of tenderness, redness, or swelling of the genitals or the area from the genitals back to the rectum, and have a fever above 100.4 F or a general feeling of being unwell. These symptoms can worsen quickly, so it is important to seek treatment right away.

Health care professionals should assess patients for Fournier's gangrene if they present with the symptoms described above. If suspected, start treatment immediately with broad-spectrum antibiotics and surgical debridement if necessary. Discontinue the SGLT2 inhibitor, closely monitor blood glucose levels, and provide appropriate alternative therapy for glycemic control.

Fournier's gangrene is an extremely rare but life-threatening bacterial infection of the tissue under the skin that surrounds muscles, nerves, fat, and blood vessels of the perineum. The bacteria usually get into the body through a cut or break in the skin, where they quickly spread and destroy the tissue they infect. Having diabetes is a risk factor for developing Fournier's gangrene; however, this condition is still rare among diabetic patients. Overall published literature about the occurrence of Fournier's

gangrene for men and women is very limited. Publications report that Fournier's gangrene occurs in 1.6 out of 100,000 males annually in the U.S., and most frequently occurs in males 50-79 years (3.3 out of 100,000).¹⁻³ In our case series, however, we observed events in both women and men.

In the five years from March 2013 to May 2018, we identified 12 cases of Fournier's gangrene in patients taking an SGLT2 inhibitor. This number includes only reports submitted to FDA* and found in the medical literature,⁴⁻⁶ so there may be additional cases about which we are unaware. In 2017, an estimated 1.7 million patients received a dispensed prescription for an SGLT2 inhibitor from U.S. outpatient retail pharmacies.⁷ Although most cases of Fournier's gangrene have previously been reported in men, our 12 cases included 7 men and 5 women. Fournier's gangrene developed within several months of the patients starting an SGLT2 inhibitor and the drug was stopped in most cases. All 12 patients were hospitalized and required surgery. Some patients required multiple disfiguring surgeries, some developed complications, and one patient died. In comparison, only six cases of Fournier's gangrene (all in men) were identified in review of other antidiabetic drug classes over a period of more than 30 years.

To help FDA track safety issues with medicines, we urge patients and health care professionals to report side effects involving SGLT2 inhibitors or other medicines to the FDA MedWatch program, using the information in the "Contact FDA" box at the bottom of the page.

*The cases were reported to the [FDA Adverse Event Reporting System \(FAERS\)](#).

FDA-Approved SGLT2 Inhibitors

Brand Name	Active Ingredient(s)
Invokana	canagliflozin
Invokamet	canagliflozin and metformin
Invokamet XR	canagliflozin and metformin extended-release
Farxiga	dapagliflozin
Xigduo XR	dapagliflozin and metformin extended-release
Qtern	dapagliflozin and saxagliptin
Jardiance	empagliflozin
Glyxambi	empagliflozin and linagliptin
Synjardy	empagliflozin and metformin
Synjardy XR	empagliflozin and metformin extended-release
Steglatro	ertugliflozin
Segluromet	ertugliflozin and metformin
Steglujan	ertugliflozin and sitagliptin

Facts about SGLT2 Inhibitors

- SGLT2 inhibitors are a class of prescription medicines approved for use with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.

- Medicines in the SGLT2 inhibitor class include canagliflozin, dapagliflozin, empagliflozin, and ertugliflozin. They are available as single-ingredient products and also in combination with other diabetes medicines such as metformin (see FDA-approved SGLT2 Inhibitors).
- SGLT2 inhibitors lower blood sugar by causing the kidneys to remove sugar from the body through the urine.
- Common side effects of SGLT2 inhibitors include yeast infections, urinary tract infections, and low blood sugar when combined with other prescription diabetes medicines.
- In 2017, an estimated 1.7 million patients received a dispensed prescription for an SGLT2 inhibitor from U.S. outpatient retail pharmacies.⁷

Additional Information for Patients

- Cases of a rare but serious infection of the genitals and areas around them have been reported with the class of type 2 diabetes medicines called sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitors. This serious condition, called necrotizing fasciitis of the perineum or Fournier's gangrene, can progress quickly and must be treated immediately because it can cause severe damage to the tissues around the genital area.
- Seek medical attention immediately if you experience any symptoms of tenderness, redness, or swelling of the genitals or the area from the genitals back to the rectum, and have a fever above 100.4 F or a general feeling of being unwell. These symptoms can worsen quickly.
- SGLT2 inhibitors can also cause local genital fungal infections, also known as yeast infections. Yeast infections are different from necrotizing fasciitis of the perineum (Fournier's gangrene) because they cause limited local symptoms like vaginal or penile discharge, itching, or redness, and are not associated with fever or generally feeling unwell.
- Read the patient [Medication Guide](#) every time you receive a prescription for an SGLT2 inhibitor because there may be new or important additional information about your drug. The Medication Guide explains the benefits and risks associated with the medicine.
- To help FDA track safety issues with medicines, report side effects from SGLT2 inhibitors or other medicines to the FDA MedWatch program, using the information in the "Contact FDA" box at the bottom of this page.

Additional Information for Health Care Professionals

- Cases of necrotizing fasciitis of the perineum, also known as Fournier's gangrene, have been reported in patients with type 2 diabetes receiving SGLT2 inhibitors. This adverse event is a life-threatening infection requiring urgent antibiotics and surgical intervention.
- Cases in patients receiving SGLT2 inhibitors have occurred in both females and males in almost equal frequency.
- Serious outcomes have included hospitalization, multiple surgeries, and death.

- Assess patients for Fournier's gangrene if they present with tenderness, erythema, swelling in the genital or perineal area, fever, malaise, and have pain out of proportion to the physical exam.
- If Fournier's gangrene is suspected, institute prompt treatment with antibiotics and surgical debridement, if appropriate. Discontinue the SGLT2 inhibitor, closely monitor blood glucose levels, and provide appropriate alternative therapy for glycemic control.
- Counsel patients to promptly seek medical attention if they experience any symptoms of tenderness, erythema, or swelling in the genital or perineal area, fever, or malaise.
- Encourage patients to read the [Medication Guide](#) they receive with their SGLT2 inhibitor prescriptions.
- To help FDA track safety issues with medicines, report adverse events involving SGLT2 inhibitors or other medicines to the FDA MedWatch program, using the information in the "Contact Us" box at the bottom of this page.

Data Summary

Overall published literature about the incidence of Fournier's gangrene in men and women is very limited. Publications using the U.S. State Inpatient Database (SID) from 593 civilian hospitals of 13 states in 2001 and 21 states in 2004 reported that Fournier's gangrene occurs in 1.6 out of 100,000 males annually in the U.S., with the highest incidence occurring in males 50-79 years (3.3 out of 100,000). Although the publications reported 39 female Fournier's gangrene cases, the investigators restricted analysis for females descriptively without incidence inference because the identification and ascertainment of Fournier's gangrene in females and males were different (i.e., there is no Fournier's gangrene code for females but a specific code for males) and low yield number of female Fournier's gangrene cases preclude any meaningful incidence analysis.¹⁻³

A search of the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) database from March 2013, when the first SGLT2 inhibitor was approved, to February 2018 and the medical literature through May 2018 identified 12 cases of Fournier's gangrene in patients taking an SGLT2 inhibitor.⁴⁻⁶ The patients ranged in age from 38-78 years. Seven cases were reported in men and five in women. The average time to onset was 9.2 months (range 7 days to 25 months). All drugs in the SGLT2 inhibitor class except ertugliflozin had associated Fournier's gangrene. As the most recently approved SGLT2 inhibitor, there is insufficient patient use to assess the risk of Fournier's gangrene with ertugliflozin. However, it would be expected to have the same risk for this rare and serious infection as other SGLT2 inhibitors.

Among the 12 cases, all patients were hospitalized and one patient died. All 12 required surgical debridement, five of which required more than one surgery and one required skin grafting. The clinical course for four patients was complicated by diabetic ketoacidosis, acute kidney injury, and septic shock, prolonging their hospitalizations or leading to death. Two patients were transferred to a rehabilitation hospital. The SGLT2 inhibitor

was discontinued in eight cases; one patient died; and information on drug continuation or discontinuation was not included in three cases.

Because diabetes is a known risk factor for Fournier's gangrene, we also searched FAERS for cases with several other classes of antidiabetic agents (insulins, biguanides, sulfonylureas, and dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitors) to help assess whether the cases of Fournier's gangrene with the SGLT2 inhibitors are more likely to be associated with the underlying condition of diabetes as opposed to the drug. In the 34 years between 1984 and 2018, we identified only six additional cases of Fournier's gangrene in FAERS). All six patients were males and their median age was 57 years (range 42-71). Five of these patients were hospitalized and one died. This contrasts with the findings for Fournier's gangrene with the SGLT2 inhibitors where more cases were reported over a shorter timeframe, and cases involved both males and females. FAERS data have limitations. Many factors can influence whether or not an event will be reported.

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Risks Associated with SGLT2 Inhibitors: An Overview

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Abstract: Sodium glucose co-transport 2 inhibitors (SGLT2-i) are the new class of anti-diabetic medications which are recently approved (2013) by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of diabetes. These inhibitors block the SGLT2 protein which involved glucose reabsorption from proximal renal tubule resulting in increased glucose excretion and lower blood glucose levels. These inhibitors exert favourable effects beyond glucose control such as consistent body weight, blood pressure and serum uric acid reductions. Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin and empagliflozin belong to the class of SGLT2 inhibitors. All these drugs are giving promising results in the treatment of diabetes mellitus, but emerging data from post-marketing studies indicate their adverse effects such as diabetic ketoacidosis, genital and urinary tract infection, cancer, bone fracture and foot and leg amputation. Thus, there is a need for better understanding the risk profile of SGLT2 inhibitors. In this review, we have compiled the risk profile of SGLT2 inhibitors by collecting information from various sources such as case reports, published literature and from various regulatory websites. Further, the proposed mechanism of risks has also been discussed.

Keywords: Gliflozin, SGLT2 inhibitor, adverse drug reactions, diabetes mellitus.

1. INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus is defined as the chronic disorder characterized by the elevated blood sugar level of the body which causes as a result of insulin deficiency, impaired insulin action or insulin resistance [1]. It is generally classified into 3 major types: (i) Insulin-dependent Diabetes mellitus, (ii) Non- insulin dependent Diabetes Mellitus and (iii) Gestational Diabetes mellitus [2]. It is the rapidly growing disorder in all age groups all over the world which leads to enormous social, economic and health-related consequences.

In 2010, approximately 285 million people (6.4% of adult population) were suffering from diabetes mellitus which is estimated to be increased up to 642 million by 2040 [3]. About 50% of the putative diabetics were not diagnosed until 10 years after the onset of disease. Some of the main reasons for diabetes mellitus are aging and obesity among the adult population. The prevalence of the diabetes mellitus worldwide is very high which should be controlled with proper care and treatment [4]. About 69.1 million adult cases of diabetes mellitus were reported in India till 2015, but this number will be expected to reach 109 million by 2035 [5].

There are various classes of drugs available in the market for the treatment of Diabetes mellitus. These classes are Non-sulfonylureas (Metformin), Thiazolidines (Rosiglitazone and pioglitazone), Sulfonylureas (Chlorpropamide,

Glibenclamide, Glimepiride, Glipizide, Tolazamide and Tolbutamide), Meglitinides (Nateglinide and Repaglinide)], Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors (Acarbose and miglitol), Incretins mimetic (Exenatide, Liraglutide, Albiglutide and Dulaglutide), DPP4 inhibitors (Linagliptin, Alogliptin, Sitagliptin and Saxagliptin)] and Amylin analogs (Pramlintide) [6]. These classes of drugs are presented in Fig. (1). However, various side effects are observed regarding the use of these medications for *e.g.* Thiazolidinediones lead to liver disease, fluid retention, weight gain, increased risk of fractures and bladder cancer, DPP-4 inhibitors lead to hypoglycemia, headache, nasopharyngitis, urinary tract infection and facial swelling, Biguanides lead to stomach discomfort, upset stomach and decreased appetite, Sulfonylureas lead to skin rash, liver disease, upset stomach and drop in RBC count and Alpha-Glucosidase inhibitors lead to gas, bloating, upset stomach and diarrhoea as presented in Table 1 [7].

SGLT2 inhibitors are the recently approved therapy for the treatment of diabetes mellitus. At present, Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin and Empagliflozin are the three drugs approved by FDA for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus. Serum Glucose Co- transporter inhibitors result in significant lowering of blood plasma glucose level by increasing the excretion of glucose in the urine which further results in body weight loss and reducing blood pressure level of the body [8]. However, emerging reports indicated the various adverse drug reactions related to SGLT2 inhibitors. Thus, in this article, we tried to summarize the risk associated with SGLT2 inhibitors.

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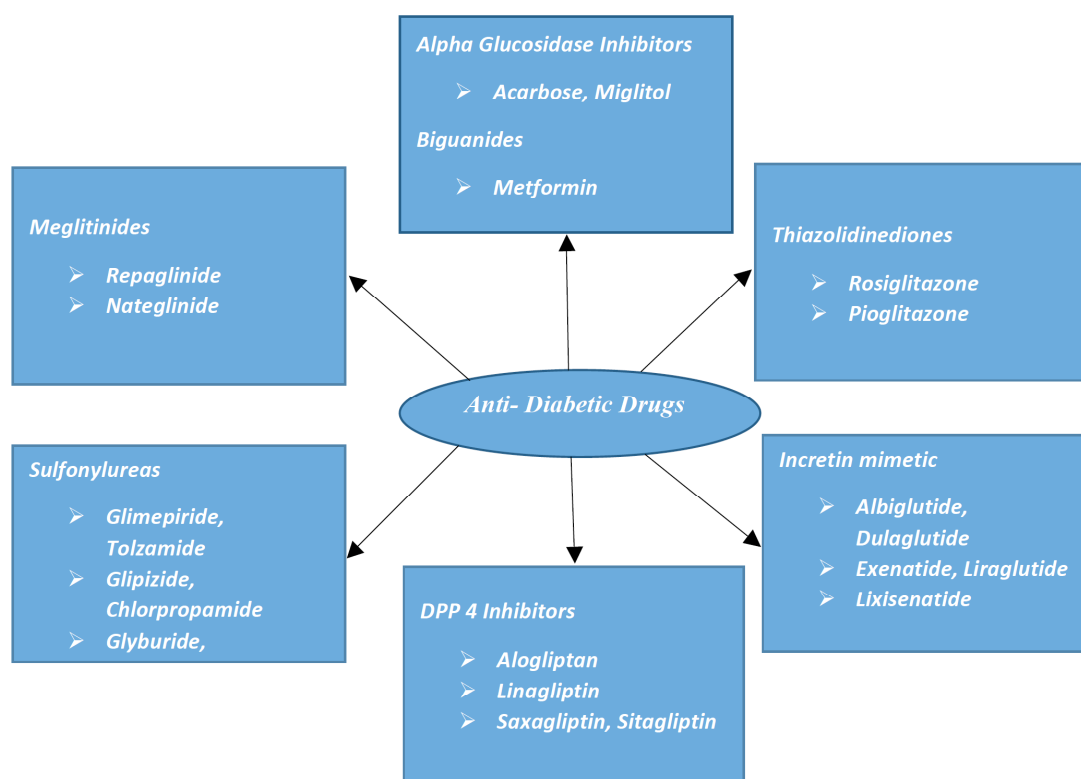


Fig. (1). Various classes of Anti-Diabetic drugs.

Table 1. Various adverse drug reactions (ADRs) of anti-diabetic medications.

Drug Class	Drug Name	Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs)
Thiazolidinediones	Pioglitazone	Upper RTIs, bronchitis, sinusitis, bladder cancer, anaemia, hypersensitivity reactions.
	Rosiglitazone	Headache, cough, back pain, heart attack and back pain.
Dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4)	Sitagliptin	Hypersensitivity reactions, headache, dizziness, hypoglycaemia, constipation, acute pancreatitis, pruritus.
	Linagliptin	Nasopharyngitis, hypoglycaemia, pancreatitis, constipation, angioedema.
Biguanides	Metformin	Taste disturbances, nausea, vomiting, liver dysfunction, pruritus, urticarial.
Sulfonyl ureases	Glimepiride	Mild hypersensitivity reactions, fall in blood pressure, pancytopenia, hypoglycaemia, visual disturbances.
	Glipizide	Hypoglycaemia, tremor, dizziness, blurred vision, eczema, jaundice cholestatic.
	Tolbutamide	Ear and labyrinth disorders.
Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors	Acarbose	Flatulence, diarrhoea, dyspepsia.
Serum Glucose Co-Transporter inhibitors	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin	Cancer, Bone fracture risk, Diabetic Ketoacidosis, Genital and Urinary tract infection and foot and toe amputation.

2. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SGLT2 INHIBITORS

Serum Glucose Co-transport inhibitors are recently approved FDA class of drugs for the treatment of diabetes mellitus. These inhibitors show enormous beneficial effects in the Type-2 diabetes mellitus patients as compared to currently approved drugs but still, there are various risks associated with the use of these inhibitors in the treatment of Diabetes mellitus. However, emerging reports indicated various risks associated with these inhibitors which are summarized below.

2.1. Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)

2.1.1. Literature

Diabetic ketoacidosis is the life-threatening medical condition where the increased amount of ketone bodies (acid) is detected as a result of the burning of fatty acids in the body to fulfil the insulin requirements. In literature, emerging reports are pointing out the risk of diabetic ketoacidosis with the use of SGLT2 inhibitors.

Recently, Fadini *et al.* (2017)⁹ analyzed the Diabetic ketoacidosis reports from the FDA ADR event reporting system regarding SGLT2 inhibitors association with diabetic ketoacidosis. Based on these reports, they have concluded that the SGLT2 inhibitors are associated with DKA, and this association is not limited to any particular demographic or comorbid subpopulation and can occur at any duration of SGLT2i use. Further, FDA adverse event monitoring has also been analyzed by Blau *et al.* (2017)¹⁰ and concluded the incidence of diabetic ketoacidosis with the use of SGLT2 inhibitors. Further, in this study, the incidence of Diabetic ketoacidosis in patients who are taking SGLT2 inhibitors and DPP4 inhibitors is compared and concluded that the risk of diabetic ketoacidosis is more in SGLT2 inhibitors as compared to DPP4 inhibitors. Monami *et al.* (2017)¹¹ conducted a meta-analysis to evaluate the risk of diabetic ketoacidosis with SGLT2 inhibitors and found that 09 patients were diagnosed with at least one event of diabetic ketoacidosis out of 72 trials and concluded that risk should be negligible if prescribed properly. Turner *et al.* (2016)¹² reported a case of sudden onset of diabetic ketoacidosis regarding the use of canagliflozin in an elder woman with positive dechallenge.

Diabetic ketoacidosis is considered as the serious adverse effect when 20 patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus were hospitalized after the administration of SGLT2 inhibitors in a period of fourteen months (Rosenstock *et al.* 2015)¹³. Hayami *et al.* (2015)¹⁴ reported an adult diabetic female patient who develops diabetic ketoacidosis on the administration of SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that SGLT2 inhibitors cause Diabetic ketoacidosis in diabetic patients when low carbohydrate diet was taken with these inhibitors. Storgaard *et al.* (2015)¹⁵ reported an obese diabetic patient with poorly controlled Type 2 diabetes mellitus which causes diabetic ketoacidosis within 5 days after the administration of SGLT2 inhibitors. Redford *et al.* (2015)¹⁶ reported an elder woman diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes mellitus treated with Dapa-

gliflozin which causes severe ketoacidosis after withdrawn of insulin therapy.

Crespo *et al.* (2016)¹⁷ analyzed the various adverse event reporting system database of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and recorded 73 cases of euglycemic ketoacidosis caused by SGLT2 inhibitors in between the year 2013 and 2015. Bader *et al.* (2016)¹⁸ reported a case of a female patient with Type 1 diabetes mellitus having euglycemic diabetic ketoacidosis after the administration of canagliflozin with positive dechallenge. Taylor *et al.* (2015)¹⁹ reviewed various literature published in PubMed or Google to correlate the incidence of diabetic ketoacidosis with SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that SGLT2 inhibitors decrease the ketone excretion in urine and hence, lead to Ketoacidosis. Peters *et al.* (2015)²⁰ analyzed various cases of diabetic ketoacidosis occurring incidentally in patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that these inhibitors should be prescribed with proper counselling and close monitoring in Type 1 Diabetes mellitus. Erondur *et al.* (2015)²¹ analyzed reports from the randomized studies from canagliflozin and concluded that the events of diabetic ketoacidosis, ketosis occurred at a low frequency in type 2 diabetes mellitus in comparison to Type 1 diabetes mellitus. Tahir *et al.* (2015)²² analysed that off-label use of SGLT2 inhibitor is increased for Type 1 diabetes mellitus as it was FDA approved for Type 2 diabetes mellitus and concluded that diabetic ketoacidosis occurs more commonly in patients diagnosed with type 1 diabetes mellitus and off-label use of SGLT 2 inhibitors should be avoided. The various risks associated with these inhibitors are summarized in Table 2.

2.1.2. Clinical Trials

Regarding safety concern of SGLT2 inhibitors, a total of 04 clinical trials are conducted, out of which 2 are completed and remaining 2 are still not completed. The details regarding clinical trial are summarized in Table 3.

Table 2. Various risks associated with SGLT2 inhibitors.

Sr. No.	Drug Name	Risk	Type	References
1.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Diabetic ketoacidosis	FDA ADR event reporting system	[9]
2.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Diabetic ketoacidosis	FDA ADR event reporting system	[10]
3.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Bone fracture	Published literature	[23]
4.	Canagliflozin	Bone fracture	Clinical studies	[25]
5.	Dapagliflozin	Urinary tract infection	Case report	[38]
6.	Dapagliflozin	Genital fungal infection	Clinical studies	[39]
7.	Empagliflozin	Bladder Cancer	Randomized controlled trials	[28]
8.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Diabetic ketoacidosis	FDA ADR event reporting system	[17]
9.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Bone fracture	Published literature	[26]
10.	Canagliflozin	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Case report	[18]
11.	Canagliflozin	Foot and toe amputation	FDA Drug safety communication	[42]
12.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Bone fracture	Randomized controlled trials	[27]
13.	Canagliflozin	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Case report	[12]

(Table 2) Contd...

Sr. No.	Drug Name	Risk	Type	References
14.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Urinary tract infection and genital mycotic infection	Clinical studies	[36]
15.	Dapagliflozin	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Case report	[14]
16.	Dapagliflozin	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Case report	[16]
17.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Case report	[15]
18.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Case reports	[20]
19.	Canagliflozin	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Randomized studies	[21]
20.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Diabetic ketoacidosis	Case reports	[22]
21.	Canagliflozin	Urinary tract infection	Randomized controlled trials	[32]
22.	Dapagliflozin	Breast Cancer	Preclinical studies	[29]
23.	Canagliflozin	Leydig cell tumour	Preclinical animal studies	[30]
24.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Urinary tract infection	Clinical studies	[33]
25.	Canagliflozin, Dapagliflozin, Empagliflozin.	Urinary tract infection	Clinical studies	[34]
26.	Dapagliflozin	Urinary tract infection	Multi trial safety data	[4]

Table 3. Clinical trials investigated risks of diabetic Ketoacidosis and bone fracture with SGLT2 inhibitors.

Sr. No.	Drug Name	Phase of Clinical Trial	Study design	No. of Volunteers	Status of Trial	Duration	Observed Results
1.	Empagliflozin	Phase 3	Cohort and retrospective	15000 (approx.)	Still recruiting	26 months	Not completed yet.
2.	Dapagliflozin	Phase 3	Randomized crossover interventional clinical trial	2	Completed	9 months	Not compiled
3.	Dapagliflozin	Phase 3	Case series and retrospective	200	Still recruiting	6 months	Not completed yet
4.	SGLT2 inhibitors	Phase 3	Observational and Retrospective	200000	Completed	21 months	Not compiled yet
5.	Canagliflozin	Phase 1	Randomized interventional crossover trial	175 (approx.)	Still recruiting	4 years and 7 months	Not completed yet.

2.1.3. Proposed Mechanism of Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Serum glucose co transporter (SGLT 2) inhibitors act directly on the proximal-distal tubule of the kidney and block the tiny filters of the nephron which result in the inhibition of reabsorption of glucose in blood plasma. Thus, the excess of glucose has been excreted in urine. Further, it also decreases the reabsorption of sodium in blood plasma.

However, when SGLT2 inhibitors are used for longer period of time, the decreased amount of glucose in blood increases lipolysis which further leads to the production of free fatty acids in body to complete body's energy requirements. β -oxidation then, leads to increased amount of ketones in the body called as euglycemic diabetic ketoacidosis. In pregnancy, diabetic ketoacidosis may occur as a result of ketogenic changes in metabolism during pregnancy. The proposed mechanism of SGLT2 inhibitors induced Diabetic ketoacidosis is shown in Fig. (2).

2.2. Bone Fracture Risk

2.2.1. Literature

Emerging reports have also indicated the bone fracture risk regarding the use of SGLT2 inhibitors. Wolverton *et al.*

(2017)²³ reviewed various published literature regarding the risk of bone fracture and concluded that SGLT2 inhibitor may elevates the risk of bone fracture and decreases the total hip bone mineral density. However, the meta-analysis conducted by Ruanpeng *et al.* (2017)²⁴ evaluates the risk of bone fracture risk with SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that increased bone fracture risk in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients was not observed in comparison to the placebo patients. This might be observed due to short duration of therapy. Further, TC Blevins *et al.* (2017)²⁵ analyzed various clinical studies to predict the incidence of bone fracture risk in patients treated with Canagliflozin and reported that Canagliflozin leads to increase in serum collagen type 1 β - carboxy telopeptide (β -CTX) which results in resorption of bone and decrease bone mineral density (BMD). Egger *et al.* (2016)²⁶ reviewed various published literature to check the incidence of bone fracture risk with SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that SGLT2 inhibitors cause alteration in calcium and phosphate homeostasis and lead to decrease in bone mineral density. Tang *et al.* (2016)²⁷ analyzed various randomized controlled trials (RCT) from various sources to analyze bone fracture risk of SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that these RCT data did not support the bone fracture risk but future monitoring for the same should be done.

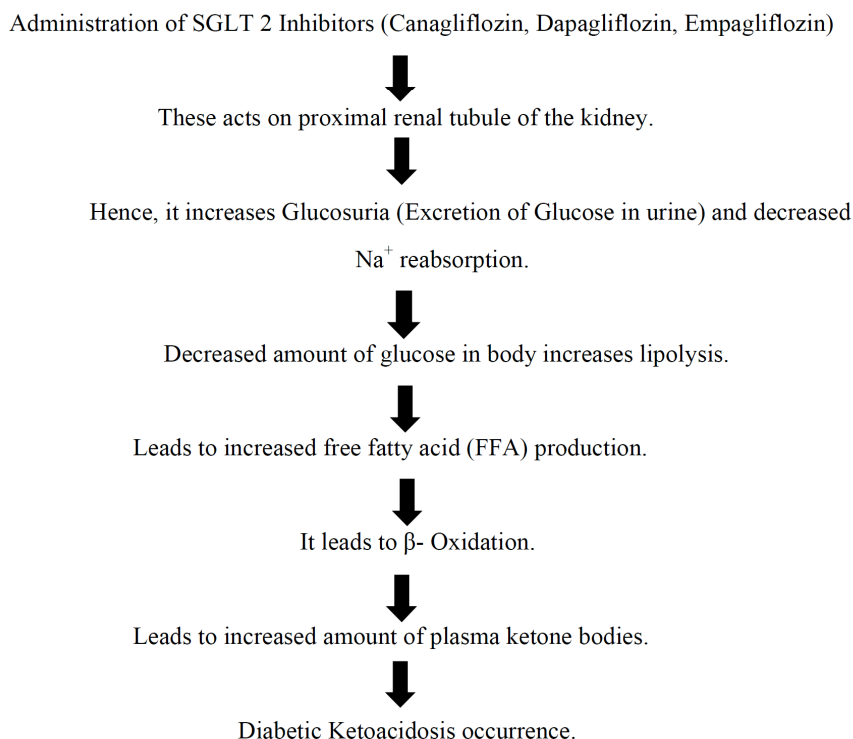


Fig. (2). Proposed Mechanism of SGLT2 inhibitors induced Diabetic Ketoacidosis.

2.2.2. Clinical Trials

Regarding safety concern of SGLT2 inhibitors, only one clinical trial is conducted which is still recruiting patients. The detail about the clinical trial is summarized in Table 2.

2.2.3. Proposed Mechanism of Bone Fracture Risk During SGLT2 Therapy

The mechanism by which SGLT2 inhibitors can lead to bone fracture risk is still unclear. However, various pathways can play a major role. SGLT2 inhibitors can increase tubular reabsorption of phosphate which results in increased level of serum phosphate concentration in the blood. The increased serum phosphate concentration can lead to sustained release in parathyroid hormone which controls the calcium level in the blood which further stimulates the bone resorption and causes risk for the bone fractures. These SGLT2 inhibitors are also related with increased fibroblast growth factor 23 concentration which leads to bone disease and it lowers the 1, 25-dihydroxyvitamin D which further causes the loss of calcium absorption from gastrointestinal tract and impair calcification of bones. The proposed mechanism by which SGLT2 inhibitors could induce bone fracture is shown in Fig. (3).

2.3. Cancer Risk

Serum glucose co transporter (SGLT2) inhibitors could also induce the risk of cancer.

2.3.1. Literature

Tang *et al.* (2017)²⁸ analyzed various randomized controlled trials of SGLT2 inhibitors associated with risk of cancer and concluded that bladder cancer risk is associated with the Empagliflozin. However, the results are not promis-

ing as these are short-term trials. Further, these trials have also concluded that Canagliflozin are helpful in preventing gastrointestinal cancer. HW Lin *et al.* (2014)²⁹ analyzed various published literature from various sources and concluded that the increased risk of female breast cancer and male bladder cancer was observed in preclinical studies with SGLT2 inhibitor Dapagliflozin.

2.3.2. Preclinical study

Jonghe *et al.* (2014)³⁰ reported the carcinogenic effect in rats after the administration of Canagliflozin at 10, 30 and 100 mg/kg, and concluded that the use of Canagliflozin leads to increase the chances of the renal tubular tumour and testicular Leydig cell tumour in rats due to glucose malabsorption in a body.

2.4. Genital and Urinary Tract Infection

2.4.1. Literature

Johnnsen *et al.* (2013)³¹ analysed the multi-trial safety data related to Dapagliflozin and concluded that once daily dose of Dapagliflozin was accompanied with the increased risk of urinary tract infection. Nicolle *et al.* (2015)³² analysed various persons in two set of pooled datasets and concluded that Canagliflozin was associated with increased risk of incidence of urinary tract infection in type 2 Diabetes mellitus patients but there was no risk of serious or upper urinary tract infection. Geerlings *et al.* (2014)³³ analysed various patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus treated with SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that glucosuria induced by SGLT2 inhibitors may lead to incidence of urinary tract infection to a lesser extent. Schneeberger *et al.* (2014)³⁴ analyzed the patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus treated with SGLT2 in-

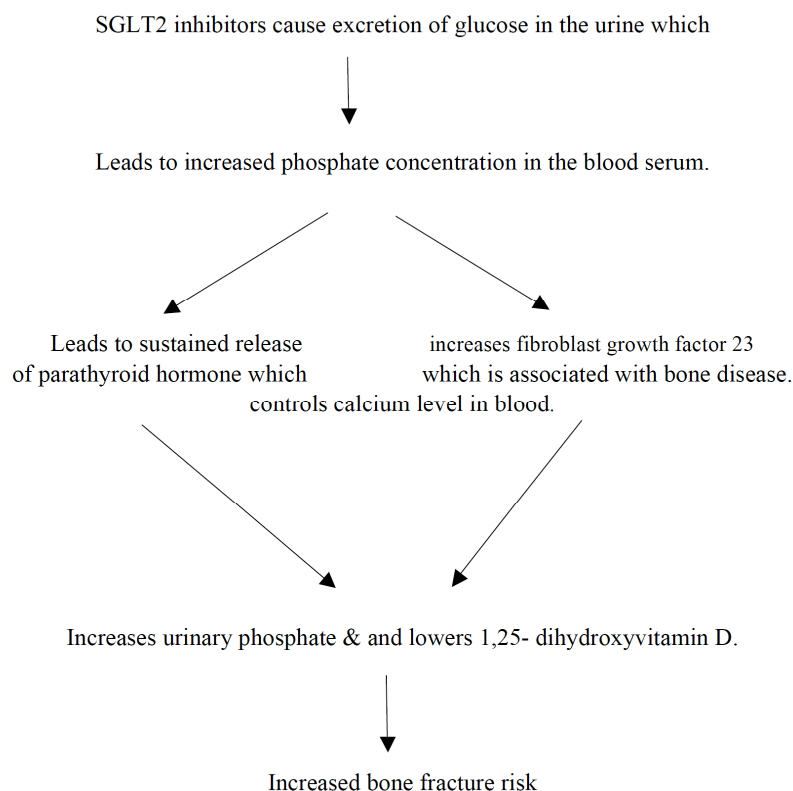


Fig. (3). Proposed Mechanism of SGLT2 inhibitors induced increased bone fracture risk.

hibitor during pregnancy and concluded that SGLT2 inhibitors are associated with the incidence of urinary tract infection to a lesser extent. Dandan Li *et al.* (2016)³⁵ conducted a meta-analysis to evaluate the risk of genital and urinary tract infection in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients treated with SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that these inhibitors showed significantly higher incidence of genital and urinary tract infection among the type 2 diabetes mellitus patients in comparison to placebo and other active treatments. Arakaki *et al.* (2016)³⁶ analysed various patients on SGLT2 inhibitor therapy for type 2 diabetes mellitus and concluded that SGLT2 inhibitors were linked with the increased incidence of urinary tract infection and genital mycotic infections. Rizzi *et al.* (2016)³⁷ analyzed the various published literature to check the prevalence and the incidence of UTI infections during SGLT2 inhibitor therapy and concluded that the patients are at non-significant high risk of producing Urinary tract infection because of the increased glucose excretion in urine. Recently, Hall *et al.* (2017)³⁸ analyzed a patient (admitted with Urinary Tract Infection) after the initiation of dapagliflozin and concluded that the episodes of Urinary tract infection were ceased after the cessation of dapagliflozin. Thong *et al.* (2017)³⁹ analysed various patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus treated with Dapagliflozin to check the incidence of various genital fungal infection and concluded that patients and women having previous occurrence of genital mycotic infection are at higher risk of developing urinary tract infection and genital mycotic infection.

2.4.2. Preclinical study

In literature, one preclinical study has been found which indicated the risk of UTI with SGLT2 inhibitors. Suzuki *et*

al. (2014)⁴⁰ analysed the relationship between glucosuria and Urinary tract infection with SGLT2 inhibitors in mice and concluded that the increased urine concentration of glucose increases the susceptibility of urinary tract infection.

2.5. Foot and Toe Amputation

In literature, Zhong *et al.* (2017)⁴¹ conducted a retrospective cohort study to evaluate the risk of incidence of amputations among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients treated with SGLT2 inhibitors and concluded that the risk of below knee leg amputations was relatively low and there was no increased risk for the new users of canagliflozin. However, recently on 18th May, 2016, FDA in its drug safety communication indicates the increased risk of leg and foot amputation with the use of canagliflozin in type 2 Diabetes Mellitus patients on the basis of two large clinical trials. These trials showed that leg and foot amputations occurred about twice as often in patients treated with canagliflozin compared to patients treated with placebo, which is an inactive treatment.

Further, on 24 February 2017, European medicine agency (EMA) has been given the same recommendation regarding the use of SGLT2 inhibitors.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the current evidence showed that SGLT2 inhibitors increase the risk of Diabetic ketoacidosis, bone fracture, cancer and genital and urinary tract infection and foot and toe amputation. However, the impact of SGLT2 inhibitors on these risks remains uncertain; the upcoming major trials may provide important insights on these issues.

When their results are available, an updated review is warranted.

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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併用藥物 (給藥法)*	Dapagliflozin (給藥法)* 負荷劑量 20mg，之後 10mg 每天 1次共7天	對併用藥物全身暴露量的影響 (變化％[90% CI]) CmaxAUC†
Warfarin (25mg)	↔	↔
* 單劑量，除非另有說明。 † 對於給予單劑量之藥物 AUC=AUC (INF)，對於給予多劑量之藥物 AUC=AUC (TAU)。 ↔=無變化 (試驗：對照的幾何平均比值在 0.80 至 1.25 範圍內)；↓ 或 ↑= 同時給藥與單獨給予 dapagliflozin 比較，參數分別是較低或較高 (試驗：對照的幾何平均比值低於 0.80 或高於 1.25)。		

13 非臨床毒理學

13.1 致癌性、致突變性、生育能力受損

在小鼠或大鼠執行2年致癌性研究中，dapagliflozin 在任何劑量皆無誘發腫瘤。小鼠的口服劑量為雄性：5、15、和 40 mg/kg/天，雌性：2、10、和 20 mg/kg/天；大鼠的口服劑量雄性和雌性均為 0.5、2、和 10 mg/kg/天。根據 AUC 暴露，在小鼠的最高評估劑量約為臨床劑量每天 10 mg 之暴露量的 72 倍 (雄性) 和 105 倍 (雌性)。根據 AUC 暴露，在大鼠的最高劑量約為臨床劑量每天 10 mg 之暴露量的 131 倍 (雄性) 和 186 倍 (雌性)。

Dapagliflozin 在 Ames 致突變性試驗是陰性，體外染色體變異試驗在加入 S9 活化和濃度 ≥ 100 μg/mL 時是陽性。Dapagliflozin 在大鼠體內評估做核或 DNA 修復的研究中，在大鼠暴露倍數 > 2100 倍臨床劑量時，染色體變異是陰性。在動物研究中無觀察到致癌性或致突變性信號，推測 dapagliflozin 對人類無顯示基因毒性風險。

Dapagliflozin 在暴露倍數分別為男性和女性人類最大建議劑量 ≤ 1708 倍和 998 倍時，對給藥的雄性或雌性大鼠交配、生育能力、或早期胚胎發育沒有影響。

14 臨床研究

14.1 Forxiga 對第二型糖尿病的臨床研究概述

Forxiga 曾作為單一治療，與 metformin、pioglitazone、磺醯尿素類 (glimpiride)、sitagliptin (有或無 metformin)、metformin 加一種 sulfonylurea、或胰島素 (有或無其他口服降糖藥治療) 併用進行研究並與一種磺醯尿素類藥物 (glipizide) 比較。Forxiga 也曾曾在中度腎功能不全的第二型糖尿病患者中進行研究。

Forxiga 用作單一治療和與 metformin、glimpiride、pioglitazone、sitagliptin、或胰島素併用，與對照組比較，在 24 週時 HbA1c 從基線的平均變化產生統計上顯著的改善。在包括性別、年齡、種族、病程、和基線 BMI 等子群都見到 HbA1c 減低。

14.2 單一治療

總共 840 名未治療過的控制不佳第二型糖尿病患者參加 2 項安慰劑對照研究，評估 Forxiga 單一治療的安全性和療效。

在一項單一治療研究中，總共 558 名未治療過的控制不佳第二型糖尿病患者參加 24 週的研究。在 2 週飲食和運動安慰劑導入期後，485 名 HbA1c ≥ 7% 和 ≤ 10% 的患者被隨機分至 Forxiga 5mg 或 Forxiga 10mg 每天 1 次，在早晨 (QAM，主要群組) 或傍晚 (QPM) 服藥，或安慰劑。在第 24 週，與安慰劑比較，使用 Forxiga 10mg QAM 治療顯著改善 HbA1c 和 FPG (見表 8)。

(表 8) 在第 2 型糖尿病患者中 Forxiga 單一治療安慰劑對照研究在第 24 週的結果 (LOCF*) (主要群組 AM 劑量)

療效參數	Forxiga 10mg N=70 [†]	Forxiga 5mg N=64 [†]	安慰劑 N=75 [†]
HbA1c (%)			
基線 (平均值)	8.0	7.8	7.8
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−0.9	−0.8	−0.2
與安慰劑差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−1.0, −0.4)	(−0.8, −0.2)	
達到 HbA1c < 7% 的患者百分比以基線值校正	50.8% [§]	44.2% [§]	31.6%
FPG (mg/dL)			
基線 (平均值)	166.6	157.2	159.9
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−28.8	−24.1	−4.1
與安慰劑差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−35.7, −13.6)	(−31.3, −8.5)	
* LOCF：採最後觀察值 (對援救患者援救前) 前推法。			
[†] 所有隨機分配患者在短期雙盲期間至少使用 1 劑雙盲藥物。			
[‡] 對基線值校正的最小平方平均值。			
[§] 相較於安慰劑之 p 值 < 0.0001。靈度分析產生與安慰劑治療差異的較小估算值。			
[¶] 對次要終點逐次檢定過程的結果未評估統計學意義。			

14.3 與 metformin XR 初始合併治療

總共 1241 名未治療過的控制不佳第二型糖尿病患者 (HbA1c ≥ 7.5% 和 ≤ 12%) 參加 2 項為期 24 週的活性藥物對照研究，評估使用 Forxiga 5 mg 或 10 mg 與 metformin 緩釋劑型 (XR) 合併初始治療。

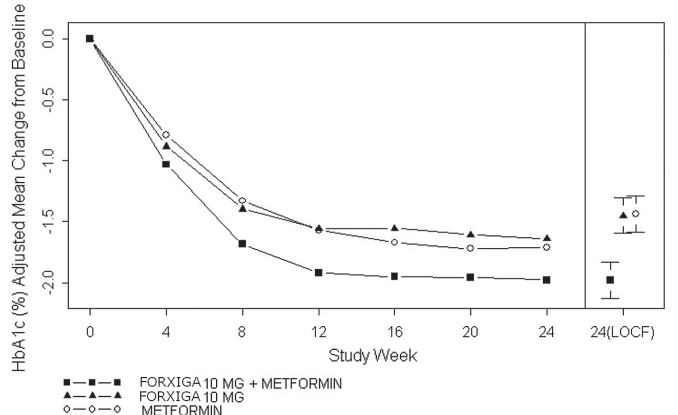
在第一項研究中，638 名患者在 1 週導入期後被隨機分至 3 個治療組：Forxiga 10 mg 加 metformin XR (高達每天 2000 mg)、Forxiga 10 mg 加安慰劑、或 metformin XR (高達每天 2000 mg) 加安慰劑。Metformin XR 劑量在耐受情況下，以 500 mg 的增量每週向上調整，中位劑量達到 2000 mg。

Forxiga 10 mg 加 metformin XR 的合併治療與任一種單一治療比較，HbA1c 和 FPG 都有統計上顯著的改善；與單獨使用 metformin XR 比較，有統計上顯著的體重減輕 (見表 9 和圖 2)。Forxiga 10 mg 單一治療與單獨使用 metformin 比較，也有統計上顯著的 FPG 改善和統計上顯著的體重減輕，在降低 HbA1c 方面不劣於 metformin XR 單一治療。

(表 9) Forxiga 與 metformin XR 初始合併治療的活性藥物對照研究在第 24 週的結果 (LOCF*)

療效參數	Forxiga 10mg + Metformin XR N=211 [†]	Forxiga 10mg N=219 [†]	Metformin XR N=208 [†]
HbA1c (%)			
基線 (平均值)	9.1	9.0	9.0
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−2.0	−1.5	−1.4
與 Forxiga 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−0.7, −0.3)		
與 metformin XR 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−0.8, −0.3)	0.0 [‡]	(−0.2, 0.2)
達到 HbA1c < 7% 的患者百分比以基線值校正	46.6% [§]	31.7%	35.2%
FPG (mg/dL)			
基線 (平均值)	189.6	197.5	189.9
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−60.4	−46.4	−34.8
與 Forxiga 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−39.9, −20.9)		
與 metformin XR 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−25.5, −7.0)	−11.6 [§]	(−18.6, −4.6)
體重 (kg)			
基線 (平均值)	88.6	88.5	87.2
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−3.3	−2.7	−1.4
與 metformin XR 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−2.6, −1.3)	(−2.0, −0.7)	
* LOCF：採最後觀察值 (對援救患者援救前) 前推法。			
[†] 所有隨機分配患者在短期雙盲期間至少使用 1 劑雙盲藥物。			
[‡] 對基線值校正的最小平方平均值。			
[§] p 值 < 0.0001。			
[¶] 不劣於 metformin XR。			
[¶] p 值 < 0.05。			

(圖 2) 在一項 Forxiga 與 metformin XR 初始合併治療的 24 週活性藥物對照研究中，HbA1c (%) 隨時間從基線的校正平均值變化



在第二項研究中，603 名患者在 1 週導入期後被隨機分至 3 個治療組：Forxiga 5mg 加 metformin XR (高達每天 2000 mg)、Forxiga 5mg 加安慰劑、或 metformin XR (高達每天 2000 mg) 加安慰劑。Metformin XR 劑量在耐受情況下，以 500 mg 的增量每週向上調整，中位劑量達到 2000 mg。

Forxiga 5 mg 加 metformin XR 的合併治療與任一種單一治療治療比較，HbA1c 和 FPG 都有統計上顯著的改善；與單獨使用 metformin XR 比較，有統計上顯著的體重減輕 (見表 10)。

(表 10) Forxiga 與 metformin XR 初始合併治療的活性藥物對照研究在第 24 週的結果 (LOCF*)

療效參數	Forxiga 5mg + Metformin XR N=194 [†]	Forxiga 5mg N=203 [†]	Metformin XR N=201 [†]
HbA1c (%)			
基線 (平均值)	9.2	9.1	9.1
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−2.1	−1.2	−1.4
與 Forxiga 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−0.9 [§]		
與 metformin XR 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−0.9, −0.5)		
達到 HbA1c < 7% 的患者百分比以基線值校正	52.4% [§]	22.5%	34.6%
FPG (mg/dL)			
基線 (平均值)	193.4	190.8	196.7
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−61.0	−42.0	−33.6
與 Forxiga 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−26.7, −11.4)		
與 metformin XR 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−27.5, −19.8)		
體重 (kg)			
基線 (平均值)	84.2	86.2	85.8
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−2.7	−2.6	−1.3
與 metformin XR 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−1.4 [§]		
與 metformin XR 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−2.0, −0.7)		
* LOCF：採最後觀察值 (對援救患者援救前) 前推法。			
[†] 所有隨機分配患者在短期雙盲期間至少使用 1 劑雙盲藥物。			
[‡] 對基線值校正的最小平方平均值。			
[§] p 值 < 0.0001。			
[¶] p 值 < 0.05。			

14.4 附加於 metformin

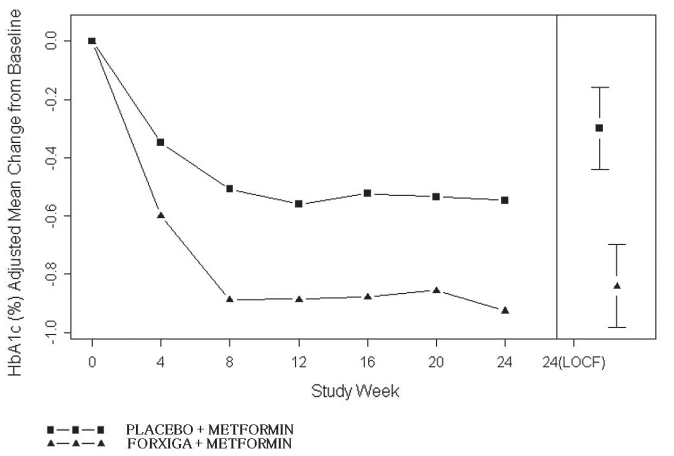
總共 546 名血糖控制不佳 (HbA1c ≥ 7% 和 ≤ 10%) 的第二型糖尿病患者參加一項 24 週安慰劑對照研究，評估 Forxiga 與 metformin 合併使用。服用 metformin 至少每天 1500 mg 劑量的患者，完成 2 週單盲安慰劑導入期後，合格的患者除了他們當時的 metformin 劑量之外，被隨機分至 Forxiga 5 mg、Forxiga 10 mg、或安慰劑。作為附加於 metformin 的治療：Forxiga 10 mg 與安慰劑比較，在 24 週時，HbA1c 和 FPG 有統計上顯著的改善和統計上顯著的體重減輕 (見表 11 和圖 3)。相對於安

慰劑加 metformin，使用 Forxiga 5 mg 和 10 mg 加 metformin 有統計上顯著的收縮壓從基線平均變化，分別為 −4.5 mmHg 和 −5.3 mmHg (兩種劑量都是 p < 0.05)。

(表 11) Forxiga 附加於 metformin 合併治療的安慰劑對照研究在第 24 週的結果 (LOCF*)

療效參數	Forxiga 10mg + Metformin N=135 [†]	Forxiga 5mg + Metformin N=137 [†]	安慰劑 + Metformin N=137 [†]
HbA1c (%)			
基線 (平均值)	7.9	8.2	8.1
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−0.8	−0.7	−0.3
與安慰劑差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−0.7, −0.3)	(−0.6, −0.2)	
達到 HbA1c < 7% 的患者百分比以基線值校正	40.6% [¶]	37.5% [¶]	25.9%
FPG (mg/dL)			
基線 (平均值)	156.0	169.2	165.6
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−23.5	−21.5	−6.0
與安慰劑差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−17.5 [§]	(−15.5 [§]	
與安慰劑差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−25.0, −10.0)	(−22.9, −8.1)	
在 1 次 1 週從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	(−16.5 [§]	(−12.0 [§]	1.2
(N=115)	(N=121)	(N=126)	
體重 (kg)			
基線 (平均值)	86.3	84.7	87.7
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−2.9	−3.0	−0.9
與安慰劑差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−2.0 [§]	(−2.2 [§]	
與安慰劑差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−2.6, −1.3)	(−2.8, −1.5)	
* LOCF：採最後觀察值 (對援救患者援救前) 前推法。			
[†] 所有隨機分配患者在短期雙盲期間至少使用 1 劑雙盲藥物。			
[‡] 對基線值校正的最小平方平均值。			
[§] 相較於安慰劑 + metformin，p 值 < 0.0001。			
[¶] 相較於安慰劑 + metformin，p 值 < 0.05。			

(圖 3) 在 Forxiga 與 metformin 併用的 24 週安慰劑對照研究中，HbA1c (%) 隨時間從基線的校正平均值變化



14.5 附加於 metformin 活性的 Glipizide 對照研究

在一項為期 52 週的 glipizide 對照非劣效性研究中，總共 816 名血糖控制不佳的第二型糖尿病患者 (HbA1c > 6.5% 和 ≤ 10%) 被隨機分組，評估 Forxiga 作為 metformin 的附加治療。服用 metformin 至少每天 1500 mg 劑量的患者完成 2 週單盲安慰劑導入期後，被隨機分至 glipizide 組或 dapagliflozin 組 (劑量分別是 5 mg 或 2.5 mg)，18 週內調高劑量以達到最佳血糖作用 (FPG < 110 mg/dL，< 6.1 mmol/L) 或至患者耐受的最高劑量 (直至 glipizide 20 mg，Forxiga 10 mg)。其後，除了調降劑量防止低血糖以外，劑量保持固定。劑量調整期結束時，87% 使用 Forxiga 治療的患者已調整至最大研究劑量 (10 mg)，與 73% 使用 glipizide 治療的患者相對 (20 mg)。第 52 週時 (LOCF)，Forxiga 與 glipizide 比較，HbA1c 從基線的平均減低相似，因此證實非劣效性 (見表 12)。第 52 週時 (LOCF)，Forxiga 治療組有統計上顯著的體重從基線平均減低，相較之下，glipizide 組體重平均增加。Forxiga 加 metformin 相對於 glipizide 加 metformin，有統計上顯著的 (p < 0.0001) 收縮壓從基線平均變化，為 −5.0 mmHg。

(表 12) 一項活性藥品對照研究比較 Forxiga 和 Glipizide 附加於 metformin 在第 52 週 (LOCF*) 的結果

療效參數	Forxiga + Metformin N=400 [†]	Glipizide + Metformin N=401 [†]
HbA1c (%)		
基線 (平均值)	7.7	7.7
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−0.5	−0.5
與 glipizide + metformin 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	0.0 [§]	(−0.1, 0.1)
體重 (kg)		
基線 (平均值)	88.4	87.6
從基線變化 (校正平均值 [‡])	−3.2	1.4
與 glipizide + metformin 差異 (校正平均值 [‡]) (95% CI)	(−4.7 [§]	(−5.1, −4.2)
* LOCF：採最後觀察值 (對援救患者援救前) 前推法。		
[†] 所有隨機分配患者在短期雙盲期間至少使用 1 劑雙盲藥物。		
[‡] 對基線值校正的最小平方平均值。		
[§] 不劣於 glipizide + metformin。		
[¶] p 值 < 0.0001。		

14.6 與其他抗糖尿病藥物附加合併治療

與磺醯尿素類藥物附加合併治療

在這項 24 週安慰劑對照研究中，總共 597 名血糖控制不佳的第二型糖尿病患者 (HbA1c ≥ 7% 和 ≤ 10%) 被隨機分組，評估 Forxiga 與 glimepiride (一種磺醯尿素類藥物) 合併使用。

使用 glimepiride 的最大建議劑量至少一半作為單一治療 (4 mg) 至少 8 週導入的患者，除了 glimepiride 每天 4 mg 之外，被隨機分至 Forxiga 5 mg、Forxiga 10 mg、或安慰劑組。治療期間允許因低血糖調降 glimepiride 劑量至 2 mg 或 0 mg；不許調高 glimepiride 劑量。

與安慰劑加 glimepiride 比較，Forxiga 10 mg 與 glimepiride 併用時，在第 24 週，HbA1c、FPG 和餐後 2 小時血糖 [PPG] 有統計上顯著的改善，和統計上顯著的體重減輕 (見表 13)。Forxiga 5 mg 和 10 mg 加 glimepiride 相對於安慰劑加 glimepiride，有統計上顯著的收縮壓從基線平均變化 (兩種劑量都是 p < 0.05)，分別是 −2.8 mmHg 和 −3.8 mmHg。

與 Metformin 和一種磺醯尿素類藥物附加合併治療

總共 218 名血糖控制不佳 (HbA1c ≥ 7% 和 ≤ 10.5%) 的第二型糖尿病患者參加一項 24 週安慰劑對照研究，評估 Forxiga 與 metformin 和一種磺醯尿素類藥物合併使用。收藥前服用 metformin (立即釋放或緩釋劑型) ≥ 每天 1500 mg 穩定劑量加磺醯尿素類藥物最大耐受劑量 (必須至少是最大劑量的一半) 至少 8 週的患者，在 8 週安慰劑導入期後被隨機分至 Forxiga 10 mg 組或安慰劑組。在 24 週治療期間不許調整 Forxiga 或 metformin 的劑量；允許調降磺醯尿素類藥物的劑量以預防低血糖，但不許調高。作為 metformin 和一種磺醯尿素類藥物的附加治療，Forxiga 10 mg 治療與安慰劑比較，在第 24 週時 HbA1c 和 FPG 有統計上顯著的改善，以及統計上顯著的體重減輕 (表 13)。Forxiga 10 mg 與 metformin 和一種磺醯尿素類藥物併用相對於安慰劑 metformin 和一種磺醯尿素類藥物併用，在第 8 週時有統計上顯著的 (p < 0.05) 收縮壓從基線平均變化 −3.8 mmHg。

與一種 Thiazolidinedione 類藥物附加合併治療

總共 420 名血糖控制不佳 (HbA1c ≥ 7% 和 ≤ 10.5%) 的第二型糖尿病患者參加一項 24 週安慰劑對照研究，評估 Forxiga 與單劑 pioglitazone (一種 Thiazolidinedione 類藥物 [TZD]) 併用。服用 pioglitazone 每天 45 mg (或每天 30 mg，如果不能忍受每天 45 mg) 穩定劑量共 12 週的患者，在 2 週導入期後被隨機分組，除了他們當時的 pioglitazone 劑量外，添加 Forxiga 5、10 mg 或安慰劑。研究期間不許調整 Forxiga 或 pioglitazone 的劑量。

Forxiga 10 mg 與 pioglitazone 併用治療時，與安慰劑加 pioglitazone 治療組比較，在第 24 週時 HbA1c、2 小時 PPG、FPG、達到 HbA1c < 7% 的患者比例有統計上顯著的改善，和統計上顯著的體重減輕 (見表 13)。Forxiga 10 mg 與 pioglitazone 併用相對於安慰劑與 pioglitazone 併用，有統計上顯著的 (p < 0.05) 收縮壓從基線平均變化 −4.5 mmHg。

與 DPP4 抑制劑附加合併治療

總共 452 名未曾用藥治療，或在納入時單獨用或併用 metformin 或 DPP4 抑制劑治療的血糖控制不佳的第二型糖尿病患者 (在隨機分組時 HbA1c ≥ 7.0% 和 ≤ 10.0%) 參加一項 24 週安慰劑對照研究，評估 Forxiga 與 sitagliptin (一種 DPP4 抑制劑) 有或無 metformin 合併使用。

合格的患者根據有無背景 metformin (≥ 每天 1500 mg) 分層，在各層內被隨機分至 Forxiga 10 mg 加 sitagliptin 100 mg 每天 1 次，或安慰劑加 sitagliptin 100 mg 每天 1 次。對總體研究組 (sitagliptin 不論有無 metformin) 和各分層 (單獨使用 sitagliptin 或併用 sitagliptin 與 metformin) 測試 Forxiga 10 mg 相較於安慰劑的療效指標。37% 患者未曾用藥治療，32% 單獨使用 metformin，13% 單獨使用 DPP4 抑制劑，18% 使用 DPP4 抑制劑加 metformin。研究期間不許調整 Forxiga、sitagliptin、或 metformin 的劑量。

與安慰劑加 sitagliptin (有或無 metformin) 相比較，Forxiga 10 mg 與 sitagliptin (有或無 metformin) 併用時，在第 24 週時 HbA1c 和 FPG 有統計上顯著的改善，和統計上顯著的體重減輕 (見表 13)。這些改善也在接受 Forxiga 10 mg 加 sitagliptin 的患者層見到 (HbA1c 安慰劑校正平均變化 −0.56%；n=110)，與安慰劑加 sitagliptin 比較 (n=111)；並在接受 Forxiga 10 mg 加 sitagliptin 和 metformin 患者層見到 (HbA1c 安慰劑校正平均變化 −0.40；n=113)，與安慰劑加 sitagliptin 與 metformin (n=113) 比較。

與胰島素附加合併治療

在一項 24 週安慰劑對照研究中，總共 808 名血糖控制不佳的第二型糖尿病患者 (HbA1c ≥ 7.5% 和 ≤ 10.5%) 被隨機分組，評估 Forxiga 作為胰島素的附加治療。患者在納入前接受穩定胰島素療法至少 8 週，平均劑量至每天 30 IU 注射用胰島素，以及服用最多 2 種口服降血糖藥 (OADs)，包括 metformin，完成 2 週納入期後，除了他們當時的胰島素劑量和其他 OADs (如適用) 以外，隨機接受 Forxiga 5 mg、Forxiga 10 mg、或安慰劑。患者根據有無背景 OADs 分層。未達成特定血糖目標的患者，在治療期間只容許調高或調降胰島素劑量。除了在停止胰島素治療後因顯著低血糖減低 OAD (s) 劑量以外，治療期內不許調整盲性研究藥物或 OAD (s) 劑量。

在這項研究中，50% 患者在基線時使用胰島素單一治療，另外 50% 除了胰島素還使用 1 或 2 種 OADs。在第 24 週，與安慰劑與胰島素併用，有或無最多 2 種 OADs 比較，Forxiga 10 mg 劑量組有統計上顯著的 HbA1c