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# Comparison Chart: SODIUM-GLUCOSE CO-TRANSPORTER 2 (SGLT2) INHIBITORS

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# SODIUM-GLUCOSE CO-TRANSPORTER 2 (SGLT2) INHIBITORS

DRUG	<b>FORMULATIONS</b>	USUAL ADULT DOSAGE	COST <sup>1</sup>
<b>Canagliflozin</b> – <i>Invokana</i> (Janssen)	100, 300 mg tabs	100 mg PO once daily, increase up to 300 mg once daily  With UGT inducers*  eGFR ≥60 mL/min/1.73 m²: 200 mg once daily, may increase to 300 mg once daily if needed eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m²: 200 mg once daily	\$543.40
<b>Dapagliflozin</b> – <i>Farxiga</i> (AstraZeneca)	5, 10 mg tabs	Type 2 diabetes: 5 mg PO once daily, increase up to 10 mg once daily  Heart failure and CKD: 10 mg PO once daily	532.80
Empagliflozin – Jardiance (Boehringer Ingelheim/Lilly)	10, 25 mg tabs	10 mg PO once daily, increase up to 25 mg once daily	548.50
<b>Ertugliflozin</b> – <i>Steglatro</i> (Merck)	5, 15 mg tabs	5 mg PO once daily, increase up to 15 mg once daily	309.60

<sup>\*</sup>Uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferase (UGT) inducers include rifampin, phenytoin, phenobarbital, and ritonavir.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

- ► All are taken once daily
- ▶ All should be taken in the morning to avoid nocturia
- All (except canagliflozin) can be taken with or without food; canagliflozin should be taken before the first meal of the day
- ► Correct volume depletion before starting
- Consider temporarily stopping in cases of reduced oral intake (such as acute illness or fasting) or fluid loss (such as gastrointestinal illness or excessive heat exposure)

### **COMMENTS**

- SGLT2 inhibitors decrease renal glucose reabsorption and increase urinary glucose excretion, reducing fasting and postprandial blood glucose levels
- Reduce A1C 0.5-1%
- Weight loss (0.1-4 kg)
- Reduce systolic blood pressure
- No hypoglycemia when used as monotherapy
- Pregnancy: no human data; affected renal development in animal studies

# **RENAL DOSAGE ADJUSTMENTS**

### CANAGLIFLOZIN

eGFR 30 to <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>: 100 mg once/day

# eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>:

- Initiation not recommended
- Patients with albuminuria (>300 mg/day) can continue 100 mg once/day

Dialysis: Contraindicated

#### **DAPAGLIFLOZIN**

#### eGFR 25 TO <45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>:

- Not recommended to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes
- For all other indications, 10 mg once/day

### eGFR <25 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>:

- Initiation not recommended
- Can continue 10 mg once/day to reduce risk of eGFR decline, ESRD, CV death and hospitalization for heart failure

**DIALYSIS:** Contraindicated

#### **EMPAGLIFLOZIN**

### eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>:

- Initiation not recommended
- Discontinue if eGFR is persistently in this range

eGFR <30 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated

#### **ERTUGLIFLOZIN**

### eGFR 30 to <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>:

- Initiation not recommended
- Discontinue if eGFR is persistently in this range

eGFR <30 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated

CV = cardiovascular; CVD = cardiovascular disease; ESRD = end stage renal disease

#### **RENAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- ▶ Efficacy decreases with worsening renal function
- ▶ Risk of renal adverse effects is increased in elderly patients and in those with renal impairment
- ► Acute kidney injury (requiring hospitalization and dialysis in some cases) has been reported with canagliflozin and dapagliflozin



# SODIUM-GLUCOSE CO-TRANSPORTER 2 (SGLT2) INHIBITORS (continued)

Drug	FDA Approval	Indication/Efficacy	Some Clinical Trials
With Type 2 D	iabetes		
Canagliflozin	CV & Renal	FDA-approved to reduce the risk of MACE in patients with established CVD	CANVAS and CANVAS-R <sup>2</sup> CREDENCE <sup>3</sup>
		<ul> <li>FDA-approved to reduce the risk of end-stage kidney disease, doubling of serum creatinine, CV death, and hospitalization for heart failure in patients with diabetic nephropathy with albuminuria</li> </ul>	
Dapagliflozin	CV & Renal	<ul> <li>FDA-approved to reduce the risk of hospitalization for HF in patients with established CVD or multiple CV risk factors</li> </ul>	DECLARE-TIMI58 <sup>4</sup>
		<ul> <li>FDA-approved to reduce the risk of kidney function decline, renal failure, CV death and hospitalization for heart failure in patients with CKD who are at risk of disease progression</li> </ul>	
Empagliflozin	CV only	<ul> <li>FDA-approved to reduce the risk of CV death in patients with established CVD</li> </ul>	EMPA-REG OUTCOME <sup>5</sup>
		<ul> <li>Reduced the risk of incident or worsening nephropathy, doubling of serum creatinine, progression of kidney disease, progression to macroalbuminuria, initiation of renal- replacement therapy</li> </ul>	
Ertugliflozin	No	Noninferior to placebo for MACE	<u>VERTIS-CV</u> <sup>6</sup>
With or <b>With</b> o	out Type 2 Diabete	S	
Canagliflozin	No	None	None
Dapagliflozin	CV & Renal	<ul> <li>FDA-approved to reduce the risk of CV death and hospitalization for HF in patients with HFrEF</li> </ul>	<u>DAPA-HF<sup>7</sup></u> <u>DAPA-CKD</u> <sup>8</sup>
		<ul> <li>FDA-approved to reduce the risk of kidney function decline, renal failure, CV death and hospitalization for heart failure in patients with CKD who are at risk of disease progression</li> </ul>	
Empagliflozin	No	<ul><li>Lowered risk of CV death or hospitalization for HF</li><li>Slowed the progression of renal disease</li></ul>	EMPEROR-Reduced <sup>9</sup>
Ertugliflozin	No	• None	None

CV = cardiovascular; CVD = cardiovascular disease; CKD = chronic kidney disease; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; MACE = major adverse cardiovascular events (cardiovascular death, nonfatal MI, or nonfatal stroke)

#### **SOME ADVERSE EFFECTS**

- Genital mycotic infections
- Fournier's gangrene
- Volume depletion
- Acute kidney injury
- Hypotension
- Increased LDL-cholesterol
- Increased hemoglobin and/or hematocrit
- Ketoacidosis
- Increased risk of lower limb amputations with canagliflozin and ertugliflozin; SGLT2 inhibitors should generally not be used in patients at risk for foot amputation
- Possible increased fracture risk
- Dapagliflozin is contraindicated for use in patients with active bladder cancer

#### **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

#### Class:

 Hypoglycemia has occurred when used in combination with insulin and sulfonylureas

#### Canagliflozin:

- UGT inducers (e.g., rifampin, phenytoin, phenobarbital, ritonavir) decrease the AUC of canagliflozin and possibly its efficacy; canagliflozin dosage adjustments are recommended
- Canagliflozin could increase digoxin serum concentrations

#### **Combinations with DPP-4 Inhibitors:**

- Avoid concurrent use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors with dapagliflozin/saxagliptin
- Avoid concurrent use of strong CYP3A4 or P-glycoprotein (P-gp) inducers with empagliflozin/linagliptin



# **SODIUM-GLUCOSE CO-TRANSPORTER 2 (SGLT2) INHIBITORS (continued)**

	SGLT2 INHIBITOR COMBINATION PR	ODUCTS	
DRUG/FORMULATIONS	USUAL ADULT DOSAGE	DOSAGE ADJUSTMENTS	COST <sup>1</sup>
SGLT2 Inhibitor/Metformin Combinations			
Canagliflozin/metformin – <i>Invokamet</i>	50/500 mg-300/2000 mg PO twice daily	eGFR 45 to <60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> :	\$543.4
50/500, 50/1000, 150/500, 150/1000 mg tabs	with meals	Canagliflozin 100 mg daily eGFR 30 to <45 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> :	
extended-release – <i>Invokamet XR</i> ■ 50/500, 50/1000, 150/500, 150/1000 mg ER tabs	100/1000 mg -300/2000 mg PO once daily in the morning with a meal	Initiation not recommended Assess benefit/risk of continuation Limit dose of canagliflozin to 100 mg daily eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m², ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated UGT Inducers: See canagliflozin above	543.4
Dapagliflozin/metformin – Xigduo XR ■ 2.5/1000, 5/500, 5/1000, 10/500, 10/1000 mg ER tabs	5/500-10/2000 mg PO once daily in the morning with the first meal of the day	eGFR 30 to <45 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> :  Not recommended eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated	532.80
Empagliflozin/metformin – <i>Synjardy</i> 5/500, 5/1000, 12.5/500, 12.5/1000 mg tabs	5/500-12.5/1000 mg PO bid with meals	eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m², ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated	548.50
extended-release – <i>Synjardy XR</i> 5/1000, 10/1000, 12.5/1000, 25/1000 mg ER tabs	5/1000-25/2000 mg PO once daily in the morning with a meal		548.50
Ertuglflozin/metformin – <i>Segluromet</i> ■ 2.5/500, 2.5/1000, 7.5/500, 7.5/1000 mg tabs	2.5/500-7.5/1000 mg PO bid with meals	eGFR 30 to <60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> : Initiation not recommended Discontinue if eGFR is persistently in this range eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated	309.60
SGLT2 Inhibitor/DPP-4 Inhibitor Combinations			
Dapagliflozin/saxagliptin – Qtern  5/5, 10/5 mg tabs	5/5-10/5 mg PO once daily in the morning, with or without food	eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m², ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated	532.80
Empagliflozin/linagliptin – Glyxambi  10/5, 25/5 mg tabs	10/5-25/5 mg PO once daily in the morning, with or without food	eGFR <45 mL/min/1.73 m², ESRD, or Dialysis: Initiation not recommended Discontinue if eGFR is persistently in this range eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m², ESRD, or Dialysis: Contraindicated	548.50
Ertugliflozin/sitagliptin – Steglujan ■ 5/100, 15/100 mg tabs	5/100-15/100 mg PO once daily in the morning, with or without food	eGFR 30 to <60 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> : Initiation not recommended Discontinue if eGFR is persistently in this range eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m <sup>2</sup> , ESRD, or dialysis: Contraindicated	549.90

# **METFORMIN ADVERSE EFFECTS**

- GI effects (metallic taste, nausea, diarrhea, abdominal pain); take with food to reduce the severity of GI adverse effects
- Vitamin B12 deficiency
- Rarely lactic acidosis
- ► Metformin should be not be administered for 48 hours after an iodinated contrast imaging procedure in patients with an eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m² or a history of liver disease, alcoholism, or heart failure, or in those receiving intra-arterial contrast, and eGFR should be re-evaluated before treatment is

# **DPP-4 INHIBITOR ADVERSE EFFECTS**

- Possible risk of acute pancreatitis
- Fatal hepatic failure
- Possible worsening heart failure
- Possible severe and disabling joint pain



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