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19092145	Duckworth 2009	Glucose control and vascular complications in veterans with type 2 diabetes	2009	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA	Clinical	Staff blinded	90 months	10 months study enrollment plus 5 years of follow up	The effects of intensive glucose control on cardiovascular events in patients with long-standing type 2 diabetes mellitus	1791	Military veterans	Selection criteria included an inadequate response to maximal doses of an oral agent or insulin therapy. Exclusion criteria included a glycated hemoglobin level of less than 7.5%, the occurrence of a cardiovascular event during the previous 6 months, advanced congestive heart failure, severe angina, a life expectancy of less than 7 years, a body-mass index of more than 40, a serum creatinine level of more than 1.6 mg per deciliter and an alanine aminotransferase level of more than three times the upper limit of the normal range.	mean age, 60.4 years; 92% male	892 (344)	Pharmacologic	Intensive glucose treatment	899 (329)	Standard glucose treatment	Primary outcome: the time to the first occurrence of any one of a composite of cardiovascular events. Secondary cardiovascular outcomes included new or worsening angina, new transient ischemic attacks, new intermittent claudication, new critical limb ischemia, and death from any cause. Secondary outcomes also included microvascular complications.	Median glycated hemoglobin levels were 8.4% in the standard-therapy group and 6.9% in the intensive-therapy group. The primary outcome occurred in 264 patients in the standard-therapy group and 235 patients in the intensive-therapy group (hazard ratio, 1.18; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.74 to 1.05; P=0.14). There was no significant difference between the two groups in any component of the primary outcome or in the rate of death from any cause (hazard ratio, 1.07; 95% CI, 0.81 to 1.42; P=0.62). No differences between the two groups were observed for microvascular complications.	The rates of adverse events, predominantly hypoglycemia, were 17.6% in the standard-therapy group and 24.1% in the intensive-therapy group.	Intensive glucose control in patients with poorly controlled type 2 diabetes had no significant effect on the rates of major cardiovascular events, death, or microvascular complications, with the exception of progression of albuminuria (P=0.01).	High		4			
19318384	NICE-SUGAR Study Investigators, The 2009	Intensive versus conventional glucose control in critically ill patients	2009	Randomized Controlled Trial	Australia, New Zealand, Canada	Clinical	Yes, clinical staff were aware of treatment assignments.			To determine the optimal target range for blood glucose in critically ill patients.	6104	Adult acutely ill patients in ICUs		Mean age 60.4±17.2 years in intensive control group and 59.9±17.1 years in conventional control group	3054(3016)	Pharmacologic	Intensive glucose control	3050(3014)	Conventional glucose control	Primary end point: death from any cause within 90 days after randomization.	A total of 829 patients (27.5% in the intensive-control group and 751 (24.9% in the conventional-control group) died (odds ratio for intensive control, 1.14; 95% CI 1.02-1.28; p=0.02). The treatment effect did not differ significantly between operative (surgical) patients and nonoperative (medical) patients (odds ratio for death in the intensive control group, 1.31 and 1.07, respectively; p=0.10). Severe hypoglycemia was reported in 206 of 3016 patients (6.8%) in the intensive control group and 15 of 3014 (0.5%) in the conventional control group (p<0.001). There was no significant difference between the two treatment groups in the median number of days in the ICU (p=0.84) or hospital (p=0.86) or the median number of days of mechanical ventilation (p=0.56) or renal-replacement therapy (p=0.39).		In this large, international, randomized trial, we found that intensive glucose control increased mortality among adults in the ICU: a blood glucose target of 180 mg or less per deciliter resulted in lower mortality than did a target of 81 to 108 mg per deciliter.	High		4			
19465231	Ray 2009	Effect of intensive control of glucose on cardiovascular outcomes and death in patients with diabetes mellitus: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials	2009	Meta-Analysis	United Kingdom	Clinical				To determine whether intensive control of glucose reduces cardiovascular events and all-cause mortality in individuals with type 2 diabetes mellitus compared to standard treatment.	33040								The five trials provided information on 1497 events of non-fatal myocardial infarction, 2318 of coronary heart disease, 1127 of stroke, and 2892 of all cause mortality during about 163000 person-years of follow up. The mean HbA1c concentration in the intensive group was 0.9% lower than in the standard treatment than for those given standard treatment. Intensive glycaemic control resulted in a 17% reduction in events of non-fatal myocardial infarction (odds ratio 0.83, 95% CI 0.75-0.93), and a 15% reduction in events of coronary heart disease (0.85, 95% CI 0.77-0.93). Intensive glycaemic control had no significant effect on events of stroke (0.93, 0.81-1.06) for all cause mortality (1.02, 0.87-1.19).		Overall, intensive compared with standard glycaemic control significantly reduces cardiovascular events without an increased risk of death. However, the optimum mechanism, speed and extent of HbA1c reduction might be different in differing populations.	Meta-Analysis		4					
19655124	Turnbull 2009	Intensive glucose control and macrovascular outcomes in type 2 diabetes	2009	Meta-Analysis	USA, Canada, United Kingdom, France	Clinical				To generate more precise estimates of the effects of more-intensive, compared with less-intensive, glucose control on the risk of major cardiovascular events among patients with type 2 diabetes.	27049	Adults with type 2 diabetes								A total of 27049 participants and 2370 major vascular events contributed to the meta-analysis. Allocated to more-intensive, compared with less-intensive, glucose control reduced the risk of major cardiovascular events by 9% (HR 0.91, 95% CI 0.84-0.99), primarily because of a 15% reduced risk of myocardial infarction (HR 0.85, 95% CI 0.76-0.94). Mortality was not decreased, with non-significant HRs of 1.04 for all cause mortality (95% CI 0.90-1.20) and 1.10 for cardiovascular death (95% CI 0.84-1.42). Intensively treated participants had significantly more major hypoglycemic events (HR 2.48, 95% CI 1.91-3.21). Exploratory subgroup analyses suggested the possibility of a differential effect for major cardiovascular events in participants with and without macrovascular disease (HR 1.00, 95% CI 0.89-1.13 vs HR 0.84, 95% CI 0.74-0.94, respectively; interaction p=0.04).		Targeting more intensive glucose lowering modestly reduced major macrovascular events and increased major hypoglycemia over 4.4 years in persons with type 2 diabetes. The analysis suggest that glucose-lowering regimes should be tailored to the individual.	Meta-Analysis		4				
18539917	ACCORD Study Group, The 2008	Effects of intensive glucose lowering in type 2 diabetes	2008	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA, Canada	Clinical	Yes			To determine whether intensive therapy to target normal glycated hemoglobin levels would reduce cardiovascular events in patients with type 2 diabetes who had either established cardiovascular disease or at least one other risk factor for cardiovascular disease.	10251	Type 2 diabetes patients with established cardiovascular disease or cardiovascular disease risk factors.	Type 2 diabetes patients, age of at least 40 years with established cardiovascular disease or cardiovascular disease risk factors.	Mean age 62.2 years. Median HbA1c of 8.1%. 38% were women and 35% had had a previous cardiovascular event. 64% were white.	Intensive therapy 5128	Pharmacologic	Drug classes: Metformin, Secretagogue, Thiazolidinedione, alpha-glucosidase inhibitors, incretin, any insulin, any bolus insulin	5123	Standard therapy	The primary outcome was a composite of nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, or death from cardiovascular causes.	At 1 year, stable median glycated hemoglobin levels of 6.4% and 7.5% were achieved in the intensive-therapy group and the standard-therapy group, respectively. During follow-up, the primary outcome occurred in 352 patients in the intensive-therapy group, as compared with 371 in the standard-therapy group (hazard ratio, 0.90; 95% confidence interval, 0.78 to 1.04; p=0.16). At the same time, 257 patients in the intensive-therapy group died, as compared with 203 patients in the standard-therapy group (hazard ratio, 1.22; 95% CI, 1.01 to 1.46; p=0.04). Hypoglycemia requiring assistance and weight gain of more than 10 kg were more frequent in the intensive-therapy group (P<0.001).	Yes for mortality in intensive-therapy group and hypoglycemia	Hypoglycemia and mortality in intensive-therapy group. Higher mortality in intensive therapy group led to a discontinuation of intensive therapy after a mean of 3.5 years of follow up.	As compared with standard therapy, the use of intensive therapy to target normal glycated hemoglobin levels for 3.5 years increased mortality and did not significantly reduce major cardiovascular events. The findings identify a previously unrecognized harm of intensive glucose lowering in high risk patients with type 2 diabetes.	High		4		
18539916	ADVANCE Collaborative Group, The 2008	Intensive blood glucose control and vascular outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes	2008	Randomized Controlled Trial	Australia	Clinical	Yes	5 years	5 years	To determine the effects of intensive glucose control on vascular outcomes.	11140	Type 2 diabetes patients	Diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus 10 years or age or older, an age of at least 55 years at the time of study entry, and a history of major macrovascular or microvascular disease or at least one other risk factor for vascular disease.	Mean 66 years. Mean age when diabetes first diagnosed 58 years and an average duration of diabetes 8 years.	Baseline 5571 (7 were lost to follow up)	Pharmacologic	Gliclazide (modified release) plus other drugs as required to achieve HbA1c value of 6.5% or less.	5569 (10 were lost to follow up)	Standard glucose control	The primary study outcomes were composites of major macrovascular events (death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke) and major microvascular events (new or worsening nephropathy or retinopathy), assessed both jointly and separately.	After a median of 5 years of follow up, the mean HbA1c was lower in the intensive-control group (6.5%) than in the standard control group (7.3%). Intensive control reduced the incidence of combined major macrovascular and microvascular events (18.1% vs. 20% with standard control; hazard ratio, 0.90; 95% CI 0.82 to 0.98; p=0.01), as well as that of major microvascular events (9.4% vs. 10.9%; hazard ratio, 0.86; 95% CI 0.77 to 0.97; p=0.01), primarily because of a reduction in the incidence of nephropathy (4.1% vs. 5.2%; hazard ratio, 0.79; 95% CI, 0.66 to 0.93; p=0.006), with no significant effect on retinopathy (p=0.10). There were no significant effects of the type of glucose control on major macrovascular events (hazard ratio with intensive control, 0.94; 95% CI 0.84 to 1.06; p=0.32), death from cardiovascular causes (hazard ratio with intensive control, 0.88; 95% CI 0.74 to 1.04; p=0.12), or death from any cause (hazard ratio with intensive control, 0.93; 95% CI 0.83 to 1.06; p=0.28). Severe hypoglycemia, although uncommon, was more common in the intensive control group (2.7% vs. 1.5% in the standard control group; hazard ratio, 1.86; 95% CI 1.42 to 2.40; P=0.001).	Yes in reduction of incidence of combined major macrovascular and microvascular events and severe hypoglycemia.	Incidence of hypoglycemia in intensive control group.	A strategy of intensive glucose control, involving gliclazide (modified release) and other drugs as required, that lowered the glycated hemoglobin value to 6.5% yielded a 10% relative reduction in the combined outcome of major macrovascular and microvascular events, primarily as a consequence of a 21% relative reduction in nephropathy.	High		4; 7.1		
18256393	Gaede 2008	Effect of a multifactorial intervention on mortality in type 2 diabetes	2008	Randomized Controlled Trial	Denmark	Clinical		7.8 years	13.3 years	To determine whether intervention involving tight glucose regulation and the use of renin-angiotensin system blockers, aspirin, and lipid-lowering agents would have an effect on the rates of death from any cause and from cardiovascular causes in patients with type 2 diabetes and microalbuminuria.	160	Adults with type 2 diabetes and persistent microalbuminuria	Adults with type 2 diabetes and persistent microalbuminuria		80 (55)	Pharmacologic	Intensive therapy	80 (38)	Conventional therapy	Primary: Time to death from any cause. Secondary: death from cardiovascular causes and a composite of cardiovascular disease events that included death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal stroke, nonfatal myocardial infarction, coronary-artery bypass grafting, percutaneous coronary intervention or revascularization for peripheral atherosclerotic arterial disease, and amputation because of ischemia. Tertiary: incident diabetic nephropathy or the development or progression of diabetic retinopathy or neuropathy.	24 patients in the intensive-therapy group died, as compared with 40 in the conventional therapy group (hazard ratio, 0.54; 95% CI 0.32-0.89; p=0.02). Intensive therapy was associated with a lower risk of death from cardiovascular causes (hazard ratio, 0.43; 95% CI, 0.19-0.94; p=0.04) and of cardiovascular disease events (hazard ratio, 0.41; 95% CI, 0.25-0.67; p=0.0001). One patient in the intensive-therapy group had progression to end-stage renal disease, as compared with six patients in the conventional-therapy group (p=0.04). Fewer patients in the intensive-therapy group required retinal photocoagulation (relative risk, 0.45; 95% CI, 0.23-0.86; p=0.02). Few major side effects were reported.		In at-risk patients with type 2 diabetes, intensive intervention with multiple drug combinations and behavior modification had sustained beneficial effects with respect to vascular complications and on rates of death from any cause and from cardiovascular causes.	High		4			
18784091	Holman 2008b	10-year follow-up of intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes.	2008	Observational	United Kingdom	Clinical			Post-trial monitoring for 5 years		3277	UKPDS patients	For patients with available data in final year of post-trial monitoring: age (62±8), male sex 58.5% and 76.1% white	1010 (baseline 2118) completed post-trial monitoring from sulfonylurea or insulin group; 379 (baseline 880) completed post-trial monitoring from primarily diet group and 136 from metformin group (279 baseline).		No attempts were made to maintain previously assigned therapies.		Diabetes-related end points (sudden death, death from hypoglycemia or hypoglycemia, fatal or nonfatal myocardial infarction, angina, heart failure, fatal or nonfatal stroke, renal failure, amputation, vitreous hemorrhage, retinal photocoagulation, blindness in one eye or cataract extraction), diabetes-related death (sudden death or death from myocardial infarction, stroke, peripheral vascular disease, renal disease, hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia), death from any cause, myocardial infarction (sudden death or fatal or nonfatal infarction), stroke (fatal or nonfatal stroke), peripheral vascular disease (amputation of at least one digit or death from peripheral vascular disease), and microvascular disease (vitreous hemorrhage, retinal photocoagulation, or renal failure).	Between-group differences in glycated hemoglobin levels were lost after the first year. In the sulfonylurea-insulin group, relative reductions in risk persisted at 10 years for any diabetes-related end point (9%, p=0.04) and microvascular disease (24%, p=0.001), and risk reductions for myocardial infarction (15%, p=0.01) and death from any cause (13%, p=0.007) emerged over time, as more events occurred. In the metformin group, significant risk reductions persisted for any diabetes-related end point (21%, p=0.01), myocardial infarction (33%, p=0.005), and death from any cause (27%, p=0.002).		Despite an early loss of glycaemic differences, a continued reduction in microvascular risk and emergent risk reductions for myocardial infarction and death from any cause were observed during 10 years of post-trial follow up. A continued benefit after metformin therapy was evident among overweight patients.	Low		4					
5.1 Nutrition Therapy																													
23364002	Ajala 2013	Systematic review and meta-analysis of different dietary approaches to the management of type 2 diabetes	2013	Systematic review	USA			6 months to 3 years		Assess most suitable dietary interventions to induce weight loss, improve glycaemic control and the weight profile.	A total of 20 RCTs with n=3703	type 2 diabetes mellitus	None of the included trials reported any significant differences in characteristics of participants in the intervention or treatment group. Four out of 20 studies included patients with and without diabetes. All participants were 18 and older, and all but one study included both sexes.		Diets	Low carbohydrate, vegetarian, vegan, low glycemic-index (GI), high fiber, Mediterranean and high protein diets	low fat, high GI, American Diabetes Association, European Association for the Study of Diabetes, and low protein diets.	HbA1c (glycaemic control), difference in weight loss, and changes in HDL, LDL, and triglycerides	The low-carbohydrate, low-GI, Mediterranean, and high-protein diets all led to a greater improvement in glycaemic control [glycated hemoglobin reductions of 20.12% (P=0.04), 20.14% (P=0.008), 20.47% (P=0.00001), and 20.28% (P=0.00001), respectively] compared with their respective control diets, with the largest effect size seen in the Mediterranean diet. Low-carbohydrate and Mediterranean diets led to greater weight loss [20.69 kg (P=0.21) and 21.84 kg (P=0.00001), respectively], with an increase in HDL seen in all diets except the high-protein diet.	Significant findings		Low-carbohydrate, low-GI, Mediterranean, and high-protein diets are effective in improving various markers of cardiovascular risk in people with diabetes.	Systematic Review	Nutrition Therapy/Carb Count	5.1				
23432189	Estruch 2013	Primary prevention of cardiovascular disease with a Mediterranean diet	2013	Randomized Controlled Trial	Spain	Clinical		4.8 years	4.8 years	Effects of adherence to the Mediterranean diet and cardiovascular risk.	7447	participants who were at high cardiovascular risk, but with no cardiovascular disease at enrollment.	Eligible participants were men (55 to 80 years of age) and women (60 to 80 years of age) with no cardiovascular disease at enrollment, who had either type 2 diabetes mellitus or at least three of the following major risk factors: smoking, hypertension, elevated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels, low high-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels, overweight or obesity, or a family history of premature coronary heart disease.	age range, 55 to 80 years; 57% were women.		Diet	Mediterranean Diet with Nuts	control diet (advice to reduce dietary fat)	The primary end point was the rate of major cardiovascular events (myocardial infarction, stroke, or death from cardiovascular causes).	A primary end-point event occurred in 288 participants. The multivariable-adjusted hazard ratios were 0.70 (95% confidence interval [CI], 0.54 to 0.92) and 0.72 (95% CI, 0.54 to 0.96) for the group assigned to a Mediterranean diet with extra-virgin olive oil (96 events) and the group assigned to a Mediterranean diet with nuts (83 events), respectively, versus the control group (109 events). No diet-related adverse effects were reported.		Among persons at high cardiovascular risk, a Mediterranean diet with extra-virgin olive oil or nuts reduced the incidence of major cardiovascular events.	High	MUFA	5.1				
21705068	Andrews 2011	Diet or diet plus physical activity versus usual care in patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes: the Early ACTID randomised controlled trial	2011	Randomized Controlled Trial	England	Clinical	Yes until patients had to see a dietitian	12 months	4 years	Effects of diet and physical activity on blood pressure and glucose concentrations.	593	Adults aged 30-80 years with type 2 diabetes diagnosis in previous 5-8 months	Eligible patients had been diagnosed within the previous 5-8 months and were older than 30 years at diagnosis.	Usual care (63% male, 97% white, mean age 59.5, married or with long-term partner 72%, smoker 8%); intensive dietary intervention (64% male, 96% white, mean age 60.1, married or with long-term partner 76%, smoker 24%); intensive dietary intervention and activity (66% male, 94% white, mean age 60.0, married or with long-term partner 78%, smoker 16%)	Intensive dietary intervention (n=248 at baseline, n=247 at follow up); intensive dietary intervention and activity (n=246 at baseline, n=243 at follow up)	Diet and physical activity	Intensive dietary intervention/dietary consultation every 3 months with monthly nurse support and activity (n=246 at baseline, n=243 at follow up)	n=97 at baseline (n=97 at follow up)	Initial dietary consultation and follow up every 6 months	Improvement in glycated hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) concentration and blood pressure at 6 months	At 6 months, glycaemic control had worsened in the control group (mean HbA1c 8.0%) compared with the intensive dietary intervention (mean HbA1c 7.2, SD 1.02) and at 6 months (mean HbA1c 7.02) but improved in the diet group (baseline-adjusted difference in percentage of HbA1c <0.28%, 95% CI -0.46 to -0.10, p=0.005) and diet plus activity group (-0.33%, -0.51 to -0.14, p=0.001).	Not significant between diet and diet and activity on glycaemic control. No significant differences in blood pressure in all 3 groups.	An intensive diet intervention can improve glycaemic control. Addition of activity does not confer an additional benefit.	High	Nutritional Therapy	5.1			

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20843978	Azadbakht 2011	Effects of the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan on cardiovascular risks among type 2 diabetic patients: a randomized crossover clinical trial	2011	Randomized Controlled Trial	Iran	Clinical	Nonblinded	8 weeks	Run-in period 3 weeks; intervention period 8 weeks; wash out period 4 weeks	To determine the effects of the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating pattern on cardiometabolic risks in type 2 diabetic patients.	44	type 2 diabetes mellitus	Type 2 diabetes mellitus with some exclusionary criteria	Of 44 participants, 31 type 2 diabetic patients (13 male and 18 female) completed the entire crossover study (one patient was diagnosed with cancer and one with anemia, and eleven patients did not follow the study protocol)	n=44 (n=31)	Diet	DASH diet	n=44 (n=31)	The control diet included a macronutrient composition of 50-60% carbohydrates, 15-20% protein, $\leq 30\%$ total fat, and $\leq 5\%$ of caloric intake from simple sugars	fasting blood glucose, A1C, weight, waist circumference, and lipid profile were the primary outcomes	After following the DASH eating pattern, body weight (P = 0.007) and waist circumference (P = 0.002) reduced significantly. Fasting blood glucose levels and A1C decreased after adoption of the DASH diet (-29.4 ± 6.3 mg/dL; P = 0.04 and -1.7 ± 0.1%; P = 0.04, respectively). After the DASH diet, the mean change for HDL cholesterol levels was higher (4.3 ± 0.9 mg/dL; P = 0.001) and LDL cholesterol was reduced (-17.2 ± 3.5 mg/dL; P = 0.02). Additionally, DASH had beneficial effects on systolic (+1.6 ± 3.5 vs. -3.1 ± 2.7 mmHg; P = 0.02) and diastolic blood pressure (+9.5 ± 2.6 vs. -0.7 ± 3.3 mmHg; P = 0.04).	Significant findings	Among diabetic patients, the DASH diet had beneficial effects on cardiometabolic risks.	High	Nutritional Therapy	5.1				
22093544	Wiebe 2011	A systematic review on the effect of sweeteners on glycemic response and clinically relevant outcomes	2011	Systematic review	Canada					Effects of sweeteners on glycemic response and clinically relevant outcomes	1126	Diabetes patients												Of 3 666 citations, we identified 53 eligible randomized controlled trials with 11 262 participants. In diabetic participants, fructose reduced 2-hour blood glucose concentrations by 4.81 mmol/L (95% CI 3.29, 6.34) compared to glucose. Two-hour blood glucose concentration data comparing hypocaloric sweeteners to sucrose or high fructose corn syrup were inconclusive. Based on two ≤ 10-week trials, we found that non-caloric sweeteners reduced energy intake compared to the sucrose group by approximately 250-500 kcal/day (95% CI 153, 806). One trial found that participants in the non-caloric sweetener group had a decrease in body mass index compared to an increase in body mass index in the sucrose group (-0.40 vs 0.50 kg/m ² , and -1.00 vs 1.60 kg/m ² , respectively). No randomized controlled trials showed that high fructose corn syrup or fructose increased levels of cholesterol relative to other sweeteners.		Considering the public health importance of obesity and its consequences, the clearly relevant role of diet in the pathogenesis and maintenance of obesity, and the billions of dollars spent on non-caloric sweeteners, little high-quality clinical research has been done. Studies are needed to determine the role of hypocaloric sweeteners in a wider population health strategy to prevent, reduce and manage obesity and its consequences.	Systematic Review		5.1	
20151996	Elihayany 2010	A low carbohydrate Mediterranean diet improves cardiovascular risk factors and diabetes control among overweight patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: a 1-year prospective randomized intervention study	2010	Randomized Controlled Trial	Israel	Clinical		1 year	1 year	The effects of a low carbohydrate Mediterranean (LCM), a traditional Mediterranean (TM), and the 2003 American Diabetes Association (ADA) diet were compared, on health parameters during a 12-month period.	259	overweight type 2 diabetes	(i) age 30-65 years; (ii) DM2 diagnosed within 1-10 years; (iii) body mass index (BMI) 27-34 kg/m ² ; (iv) last HbA1c measurement 7-10%; (v) last plasma TG level 1.8-4.5 mmol/L; (vi) last serum creatinine <math>< 123.2</math> μmol/L; and (vii) no change in diabetes medication for at least 3 months before entering the study. No (i) proliferative diabetic retinopathy, (ii) current insulin treatment, (iii) active oncologic or psychiatric disease; and (iv) uncontrolled hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism.	n=259 (ADA 85/55; TM 89/63); LCM 85/61)	Diet	Low carb Med (LCM), traditional Med, ADA diet		fasting plasma glucose, HbA1c and triglyceride (TG) levels.	194 patients out of 259 (74.9%) completed follow-up. After 12 months, the mean weight loss for all patients was 8.37 kg for ADA, 7.4 kg for TM and 10.1 kg for LCM diets. The reduction in HbA1c was significantly greater in the LCM diet than in the ADA diet (-2.0 and -1.6%, respectively, p = 0.022). HDL cholesterol increased (0.1 mmol/L ± 0.02) only on the LCM (p < 0.002). The reduction in serum TG was greater in the LCM (-1.3 mmol/L) and TM (-1.5 mmol/L) than in the ADA (-0.7 mmol/L), p = 0.001.		An intensive 12-month dietary intervention in a community-based setting was effective in improving most modifiable cardiovascular risk factors in all the dietary groups. Only the LCM improved HDL levels and was superior to both the ADA and TM in improving glycaemic control.	High	Nutritional Therapy	5.1						
18957534	Brahm 2009	One-year comparison of a high-mono-unsaturated fat diet with a high-carbohydrate diet in type 2 diabetes	2009	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA	Clinical	Nonblinded	52 weeks	study 52 weeks plus extension study 18 months after completion of 1-year intervention	Compare the effects of high-mono-unsaturated fatty acid (MUFA) and high-carbohydrate (CHO) diets on body weight and glycaemic control in men and women with type 2 diabetes.	124	Overweight-obese participants with type 2 diabetes	BMI of 27-40 kg/m ² , age 30-75 years, stable body weight for the preceding 6 months, diagnosis of type 2 diabetes for at least 6 months, A1C 6.5-9.0%, and treatment by diet or oral agents only (no insulin).	A total of 124 overweight or obese individuals (66 men and 78 women, 92 Cau-casians and 32 African-Americans) age = 56.5 ± 0.8 years, BMI = 35.9 ± 0.3 kg/m ² , and A1C = 7.3 ± 0.1%	n=52 at follow up for high-CHO diet group and n=43 at follow up for high-MUFA diet group	Diet	High CHO and High MUFA diets		body weight, lean body mass, body fat, blood pressure, total cholesterol, triglycerides, LDL, HDL, A1c, Glucose, insulin, HOMA-IR	Both groups had similar energy intake but a significant difference in MUFA intake. Both groups had similar weight loss over 1 year (-4.0 ± 0.8 vs. -3.8 ± 0.6 kg) and comparable improvements in body weight, waist circumference, diastolic blood pressure, HDL cholesterol, A1C, and fasting glucose and insulin. There were no differences in these parameters between the groups. A follow-up assessment of a subset of participants (n = 36) was conducted 18 months after completion of the 52-week diet. These participants maintained their weight loss and A1C during the follow-up period.		In individuals with type 2 diabetes, high-MUFA diets are an alternative to conventional low-fat, high-CHO diets with comparable beneficial effects on body weight, body composition, cardiovascular risk factors, and glycaemic control.	High	Nutritional Therapy	5.1					
19721018	Esposito 2009	Effects of a Mediterranean-style diet on the need for antihyperglycemic drug therapy in patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes: a randomized trial	2009	Randomized Controlled Trial	Italy	Clinical	Partial			To compare the effects of a low-carbohydrate Mediterranean-style or a low-fat diet on the need for antihyperglycemic drug therapy in patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes.	215	Newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes	Inclusion criteria were age 30 to 75 years, body mass index (BMI) greater than 25 kg/m ² , and hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level less than 11%. Exclusion criteria included being sedentary (<math>< 1</math> hour of physical activity per week) with no evidence of participation in weight-reduction programs and with a stable weight (± 2 kg) in the past 6 months.	Med diet age = 52.4 (11.2) and 50% male, low-fat diet age 51.9 (10.7) and 48.5% male	Med diet (108/98), low fat diet (107/97)		Start of antihyperglycemic drug therapy, defined by protocol as indicated for follow-up HbA1c level greater than 7% (primary outcome), and changes in weight, glycaemic control, and coronary risk factors (secondary outcomes).	After 4 years, 44% of patients in the Mediterranean-style diet group and 70% in the low-fat diet group required treatment (absolute difference, -26.9 percentage points [95% CI, -31.1 to -20.1 percentage points], hazard ratio, 0.63 [CI, 0.51 to 0.86], hazard ratio adjusted for weight change, 0.70 [CI, 0.59 to 0.90]; P < 0.001). Participants assigned to the Mediterranean-style diet lost more weight and experienced greater improvements in some glycaemic control and coronary risk measures than did those assigned to the low-fat diet.		Compared with a low-fat diet, a low-carbohydrate, Mediterranean-style diet led to more favorable changes in glycaemic control and coronary risk factors and delayed the need for antihyperglycemic drug therapy in overweight patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes.	Moderate	MUFA	5.1							
19166276	Thomas 2009	Low glycaemic index, or low glycaemic load, diets for diabetes mellitus	2009	Systematic review	Australia					To assess the effects of low glycaemic index, or low glycaemic load, diets on glycaemic control in people with diabetes.	402	people with either type 1 or 2 diabetes mellitus, whose diabetes was not already optimally controlled.												Eleven relevant randomized controlled trials involving 402 participants were identified. There was a significant decrease in the glycosylated haemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) parallel group of trials, the weighted mean difference (WMD) was -0.5% with 95% confidence interval (CI) of -0.9 to -0.1, P = 0.02; and in the cross-over group of trials the WMD was -0.2% with a 95% CI of -1.0 to 0.1, P = 0.03. Episodes of hypoglycaemia were significantly fewer with low compared to high GI diet in one trial (difference of -0.8 episodes per patient per month, P = 0.01), and proportion of participants reporting more than 15 hyperglycaemic episodes per month was lower for low-GI diet compared to measured carbohydrate exchange diet in another study (15% versus 6%, P = 0.06). No study reported on mortality, morbidity or costs.		A low-GI diet can improve glycaemic control in diabetes without compromising hypoglycaemic events.	Systematic review	Nutritional Therapy	5.1	
17381504	Branerova 2007	A comparison of the influence of a high-fat diet enriched in monounsaturated fatty acids and conventional diet on weight loss and metabolic parameters in obese non-diabetic and Type 2 diabetic patients	2007	Randomized Controlled Trial	Czech Republic		Nonblinded	3 months	3 months	Compare the influence of a hypocaloric, high-fat diet enriched with MUFA (M) and conventional diet (C) on weight loss and metabolic parameters in obese non-diabetic and obese Type 2 diabetic subjects over a 3-month period.	27 type 2 diabetes patients and 31 obese non-diabetic participants	Either obese non-diabetic (OB) subjects or Type 2 diabetic patients	Either obese non-diabetic (OB) subjects or Type 2 diabetic patients	Type 2 diabetes patients age 54.5 ± 3.5 years; obese non-diabetic subjects 53.6 ± 3.5 years	n=14 type 2 diabetes MUFA intervention and n=15 obese non-diabetic MUFA	Diet	MUFA diet	n baseline conventional diet in type 2 diabetes=13 and n=16 obese non-diabetic conventional diet	body weight, waist-hip ratio, total body fat, levels of C-peptide, triglycerides and homeostasis model assessment (HOMA), fasting blood glucose, HbA1c, and HDL.	After 3 months, body weight, waist-hip ratio, total body fat, levels of C-peptide, triglycerides and homeostasis model assessment (HOMA) decreased in all four groups (P = 0.01). However, fasting blood glucose and HbA1c decreased (P < 0.01) and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol increased significantly only in the type diabetes MUFA group (P < 0.05).	None reported	Individualized MUFA and Conventional diets were successful in improving metabolic and anthropometric parameters in both the obese non-diabetic and the Type 2 diabetic subjects. Although the superiority of the higher fat diet did not reach statistical significance, the decline in blood glucose and HbA1c in the Type 2 diabetic group on MUFA was encouraging.	Moderate	Nutritional Therapy	5.1					
22449317	Nield 2007	Dietary advice for treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus in adults	2007	Systematic review	United Kingdom					To assess the effects of type and frequency of different types of dietary advice for adults with type 2 diabetes.	1467	Adults with type 2 diabetes												There are no high quality data on the efficacy of the dietary treatment of type 2 diabetes, however the data available indicate that the adoption of exercise appears to improve glycosylated haemoglobin at six and twelve months in people with type 2 diabetes. There is an urgent need for well-designed studies which examine a range of interventions, at various points during follow up, although there is a promising study currently underway.	Systematic Review	Nutritional Therapy	5.1			
5.2 Physical Activity																														
23012688	Gibbs 2014	Effect of improved fitness beyond weight loss on cardiovascular risk factors in individuals with type 2 diabetes in the Look AHEAD study.	2014	Randomized Controlled Trial				1 year	2 year	Investigate the extent to which increases in fitness explain cardiovascular risk factor improvements independent of weight loss in a lifestyle intervention.	4408	Adults with type 2 diabetes	41% male, 36% non-white, mean age 58.7 ± 6.8 years			Educational, behavioral	Intensive lifestyle intervention		Diabetes support and education	Glucose, HbA1c, HDL, triglycerides, diastolic blood pressure	Analyses included participants with fitness data and 1-year. Weight change alone improved R(2) for explaining changes in risk factors up to 9.2% in intensive lifestyle intervention group and 1.7% in control group. Fitness change alone improved R(2) up to 3.9% in ILI and 0.8% in DSE. After adjusting for weight change, fitness was independently associated (p<0.05) with improvements in R(2) for glucose (+0.7%), HbA1c (+1.1%), HDL cholesterol (+0.4%), and triglycerides (+0.1%) in DSE. Taken together, weight and fitness changes explained from 0.1-9.3% of the variability in cardiovascular risk factor changes.		Increased fitness explained statistically significant but small improvements in several cardiovascular risk factors beyond weight loss. Further research identifying other factors that explain cardiovascular risk factor change is needed.	High		5.2				
23796131	Look AHEAD Research Group, The 2013	Cardiovascular Effects of Intensive Lifestyle Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes	2013	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA					Examine whether an intensive lifestyle intervention for weight loss would decrease cardiovascular morbidity and mortality among type 2 diabetes patients.	5145	overweight or obese patients with type 2 diabetes	Participants were required to be 45 to 75 years of age and to meet all the following criteria: self-report of type 2 diabetes, as verified by the use of glucose-lowering medication, a physician's report, or glucose levels; a body-mass index (the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters) of 25.0 or more (27.0 or greater in participants taking insulin); a glycosylated hemoglobin level of 11% or less; a systolic blood pressure of less than 160 mm Hg; a diastolic blood pressure of less than 100 mm Hg; a triglyceride level of less than 600 mg per deciliter (6.77 mmol per liter); the ability to complete a valid maximal exercise test, suggesting it was safe to exercise; and an established relationship with a primary care provider. Patients could be using any type of glucose-lowering medication, but the percentage of those receiving insulin allowed in the trial was limited to less than 30%.	Control group mean age (sd) 58.9 ± 6.9, 59.7% female; intervention group mean age (sd) 58.6 ± 6.8, 59.4% female			Intensive lifestyle intervention that promoted weight loss through decreased caloric intake and increased physical activity	diabetes support and education	The primary outcome was a composite of death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, or hospitalization for angina during a maximum follow-up of 13.5 years.	The trial was stopped early on the basis of a futility analysis when the median follow-up was 9.6 years. Weight loss was greater in the intervention group than in the control group throughout the study (8.6% vs. 0.7% at 1 year; 16.9% vs. 3.5% at study end). The intensive lifestyle intervention also produced greater reductions in glycosylated hemoglobin and greater initial improvements in fitness and all cardiovascular risk factors, except for low-density lipoprotein cholesterol levels. The primary outcome occurred in 403 patients in the intervention group and in 418 in the control group (1.83 and 1.92 events per 100 person-years, respectively; hazard ratio in the intervention group, 0.95; 95% confidence interval, 0.83 to 1.09; P=0.51).		An intensive lifestyle intervention focusing on weight loss did not reduce the rate of cardiovascular events in overweight or obese adults with type 2 diabetes.	High		5.2, 5.3					
21098771	Church 2010	Effects of aerobic and resistance training on hemoglobin A1c levels in patients with type 2 diabetes: a randomized controlled trial	2010	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA	Research	Staff were blinded to participant randomization assignment	9 months	28 months	To examine the benefits of aerobic training alone, resistance training alone, and a combination of both on hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) in individuals with type 2 diabetes.	262	Sedentary men and women with type 2 diabetes and HbA1c levels of 6.5% or higher	63.0% women and 47.3% nonwhite, participants who were a mean (SD) age of 55.8 (8.7) years, had a body mass index of 34.9 (5.9), had HbA1c level of 7.7% (1.0%), and duration of diabetes of 7.1 (5.5) years. There were 97.3% taking diabetes medications with 18.3% taking insulin. Many participants had a history of comorbidities. Baseline systolic blood pressure and LDL cholesterol were well controlled.	73 resistance training, 72 to aerobic exercise and 76 to combined aerobic and resistance training	Exercise	Resistance, aerobic and combination of two	41 at baseline (non-exercise group)	Change in HbA1c level. Secondary outcomes included measures of anthropometry and fitness.	Compared with the control group, the absolute mean change in HbA1c in the combination training exercise group was -0.34% (95% confidence interval "CI", -0.64% to -0.03%, P = 0.03). The mean changes in HbA1c were not statistically significant in either the resistance training (-0.16%, 95% CI, -0.46% to 0.15%, P = 0.2) or the aerobic (-0.24%, 95% CI, -0.55% to 0.07%, P = 14) groups compared with the control group. Only the combination exercise group improved maximum oxygen consumption (mean, 1.0 mL/kg per min; 95% CI, 0.5-1.5, P = 0.05) compared with the control group. All exercise groups reduced waist circumference from -1.9 to -2.8 cm compared with the control group. The resistance training group lost a mean of -1.4 kg fat mass (95% CI, -2.0 to -0.7 kg, P = 0.05) and combination training group lost a mean of -1.7 (-2.3 to -1.1 kg, P = 0.05) compared with the control group.		Among patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus, a combination of aerobic and resistance training compared with the nonexercise control group improved HbA1c levels. This was not achieved by aerobic or resistance training alone.	High	Exercise	5.2						

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12854339	Gary 2003	Meta-Analysis of Randomized Educational and Behavioral Interventions in Type 2 Diabetes	2003	Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials	USA			1-19 months		Effect of educational and behavioral interventions on body weight and glycemic control in type 2 diabetes.	2720	Type 2 diabetes patients				Educational, behavioral			body weight, glycemic control	Glycohemoglobin was reduced by a mean of 0.43%. When stratified by quality score, glycohemoglobin was -0.50% and -0.38% for studies with high and low quality scores, respectively. When weighting studies by sample size, fasting blood glucose was reduced by 24 mg/dL and weight by 3 lbs.				Previous educational and behavioral interventions in type 2 diabetes have produced modest improvements in glycemic control.	Meta-analysis		5.5			
6. Metformin																														
22870408	Al-Shareef 2012	Clinical effect of metformin in children and adolescents with type 2 diabetes mellitus: a systematic review and meta-analysis	2012	Systematic review and meta-analysis	Saudi Arabia					To assess the clinical value of metformin as mono-therapy vs other treatments for type 2 diabetes mellitus in children and adolescents.	1825 studies									In the metformin group there were significant reductions of mean change of HbA1c from baseline. It reduced by -0.71% (P=0.0002) and in the other trial the result was reduced by -1.10 (95% CI -1.19 to -1.01). In addition, more patients (48.1%) in the metformin group achieved good glycemic control (<7%) at week 24. The mean changes in FPG from baseline were significantly (P<0.05) different in the metformin group (-16.6% for week 18 and week 24 -20.6%). In the second trial there was a significant (P<0.001) reduction in the adjusted mean of FPG from baseline in the metformin group, while there was an increase in the placebo group (-4.9 mg/dl vs +21.4 mg/dl) with mean difference of -64.80 in favor of the metformin group. For BMI, significant (P<0.001) differences were seen at week 12 and week 24 (0.07 and 0.55 kg2) for metformin and glimepiride respectively. There was no significant difference between the placebo and metformin in the other trials. For lipid value there was a significant decrease in LDL levels in the metformin group. No significant changes were found in the other lipid parameters after adjusting.		Adverse events in the metformin group, but not statistically significant.	Limited but not convincing evidence to suggest that metformin can improve the glycemic control in children and adolescents with type 2 diabetes compared with other interventions.	Systematic Review/Meta Analysis		6				
21617112	Lipska 2011	Use of Metformin in the Setting of Mild-to-Moderate Renal Insufficiency	2011	Reference	USA																									6
20395934	Salpeter 2010	Risk of fatal and nonfatal lactic acidosis with metformin use in type 2 diabetes mellitus	2010	Systematic review	USA	Clinical		at least one month		To assess the incidence of fatal and nonfatal lactic acidosis, and to evaluate blood lactate levels, for those on metformin treatment compared to placebo or non-metformin therapies.	347 comparative trials and cohort studies.	Type 2 diabetes				Metformin (alone or in combination with other treatments)		Placebo or any other glucose-lowering therapy	Incidence of fatal and non fatal lactic acidosis per patient-years and blood lactate levels	No cases of fatal or nonfatal lactic acidosis in 70490 patient-years of metformin use or in 55451 patient-years in the non-metformin group. Using Poisson statistics the upper limit for the true incidence of lactic acidosis per 100000 patient-years was 4.3 cases in the metformin group and 5.4 cases in the non-metformin group. There was no difference in lactate levels, either as mean treatment levels or as a net change from baseline, for metformin compared to non-metformin therapies.			There is no evidence from prospective comparative trials or from observational cohort studies that metformin is associated with an increased risk of lactic acidosis.	Systematic Review	Metformin	6				
18955635	Selvin 2008	Cardiovascular outcomes in trials of oral diabetes medications: a systematic review	2008	Systematic review	USA					To systematically examine the peer-reviewed literature on the cardiovascular risk associated with oral agents (second-generation sulphonylureas, biguanides, thiazolidinediones, and meglitinides) for treating adults with type 2 diabetes.										Treatment with metformin hydrochloride was associated with a decreased risk of cardiovascular mortality (pooled OR, 0.76; 95% CI 0.62-0.99) compared with any other oral diabetes agent or placebo; the results for cardiovascular morbidity and all cause mortality were similar but not statistically significant. No other significant associations of oral diabetes agents with fatal or nonfatal cardiovascular disease or all cause mortality were observed. When compared with any other agent or placebo, rosiglitazone was the only diabetes agent associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular morbidity or mortality, but this result was not statistically significant (OR, 1.68; 95% CI 0.92-3.06).			Meta-analysis suggested that, compared with other oral diabetes agents and placebo, metformin was moderately protective and rosiglitazone possibly harmful, but lack of power prohibited firmer conclusions. Larger, long-term studies taken to hard end points and better reporting of cardiovascular events in short term studies will be required to draw firm conclusions about major clinical benefits and risks related to oral diabetes agents.	Systematic Review		6				
16034881	Saez 2005	Metformin monotherapy for type 2 diabetes mellitus	2005	Systematic review	Spain, Canada	Clinical				To assess the effects of metformin monotherapy on mortality, morbidity, quality of life, glycemic control, body weight, lipid levels, blood pressure, insulinemia, and albuminuria in patients with 2 diabetes mellitus.	5259	Adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus							Obese patients allocated to intensive blood glucose control with metformin showed a greater benefit than chlopropamide, glibenclamide, or insulin for any diabetes-related outcomes (p=0.009), and for all-cause mortality (p=0.03). Obese participants assigned to intensive blood glucose control with metformin showed a greater benefit than treatment for any diabetes-related outcomes (p=0.004), diabetes-related death (p=0.03), all cause mortality (p=0.01), and myocardial infarction (p=0.02). Patients assigned to metformin monotherapy showed a significant benefit for glycemia control, weight, dyslipidemia, and diastolic blood pressure. Metformin presents a strong benefit for HbA1c when compared with placebo and diet, and a moderate benefit for glycemia control, LDL cholesterol, and BMI or weight when compared with sulphonylureas.			Hemoglobin in the intensive group was reduced by 11% compared to the conventional group. Compared with the conventional group, the risk in the intensive group was 12% lower (95% CI 1-21, p=0.029) for any diabetes-related endpoint, 10% lower (11 to 27, p=0.34) for any diabetes-related death, and 6% lower (-10 to 20, p=0.44) for all cause mortality. Most of the risk reduction in the any diabetes-related aggregate endpoint was due to a 25% risk reduction (7-40, p<0.0099) in microvascular endpoints, including the need for retinal photocoagulation. Patients in the intensive group had more hypoglycemic episodes than those in the conventional group on both sides (p<0.0001). Weight gain was significantly higher in the intensive group (mean 2.9 kg) than in the conventional group (p<0.001).			Metformin may be the first therapeutic option in the diabetes mellitus type 2 with overweight or obesity, as it may prevent some vascular complications, and mortality. Metformin produces beneficial changes in glycemia control, and moderated in weight, lipids, insulinemia and diastolic blood pressure. Sulphonylureas, alpha-glucoosidase inhibitors, thiazolidinediones, meglitinides, insulin and diet fail to show more benefit for glycemia control, body weight, or lipids, than metformin.	Systematic Review		6		
9742976	UK Prospective Diabetes Study Group 1998a	Intensive blood-glucose control with sulphonylureas or insulin compared with conventional treatment and risk of complications in patients with type 2 diabetes (UKPDS 33)	1998	Randomized Controlled Trial	United Kingdom	Clinical		10 years		To compare the effects of intensive blood glucose control with either sulphonylurea or insulin and conventional treatment on the risk of microvascular and macrovascular complications in patients with type 2 diabetes.	3867	Adult patients newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes	Newly diagnosed diabetes aged 25-65 years.	Median age 54 years (IQR 48-60 years)	2729	Pharmacologic	Sulphonylureas, insulin	1138	Conventional treatment (diet)	Diabetes-related mortality, morbidity, all cause mortality	Hemoglobin in the intensive group was reduced by 11% compared to the conventional group. Compared with the conventional group, the risk in the intensive group was 12% lower (95% CI 1-21, p=0.029) for any diabetes-related endpoint, 10% lower (11 to 27, p=0.34) for any diabetes-related death, and 6% lower (-10 to 20, p=0.44) for all cause mortality. Most of the risk reduction in the any diabetes-related aggregate endpoint was due to a 25% risk reduction (7-40, p<0.0099) in microvascular endpoints, including the need for retinal photocoagulation. Patients in the intensive group had more hypoglycemic episodes than those in the conventional group on both sides (p<0.0001). Weight gain was significantly higher in the intensive group (mean 2.9 kg) than in the conventional group (p<0.001).			Intensive blood glucose control by either sulphonylureas or insulin substantially decreases the risk of microvascular complications, but not macrovascular disease, in patients with type 2 diabetes. None of the individual drugs had an adverse effect on cardiovascular outcomes. All intensive treatment increased the risk of hypoglycemia.	High		6			
7.1 Antihypertensive Therapy																														
24170669	Arguedas 2013	Blood pressure targets for hypertension in people with diabetes mellitus	2013	Systematic review (5 RCTs included)	Costa Rica, Canada					To determine if 'lower' BP targets (any target less than 130/85 mmHg) are associated with reduction in mortality and morbidity compared with 'standard' BP targets (less than 140 / 160/90 - 100 mmHg) in people with diabetes type 2.									'lower' BP targets (any target less than 130/85 mmHg)	'standard' BP targets (less than 140 / 160/90 - 100 mmHg)	Mortality, morbidity			In ACCORD trial, trying to achieve the 'lower' SBP target was associated with a significant increase in the number of other serious adverse events: RR 2.58, 95% CI 1.70 to 3.91, P < 0.00001, absolute risk increase 2.0%.	Evidence from randomized trials does not support blood pressure targets lower than the standard targets in people with elevated blood pressure and diabetes.	Systematic Review	Hypertension	7.1		
21652497	Bangalore 2011	Blood pressure targets in subjects with type 2 diabetes mellitus: impaired fasting glucose: observations from traditional and Bayesian random-effects meta-analyses of randomized trials	2011	Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials	USA	Clinical			Analyzed trials 1965-October 2010	Determine optimal Blood Pressure targets in patients with Type 2 Diabetes/Impaired fasting glucose/impaired glucose tolerance	N=37736 in 13 included trials	type 2 diabetes mellitus or impaired fasting glucose/impaired glucose tolerance	Eligible trials had to fulfill the following criteria to be included in this analysis: (1) randomized clinical trials of participants with type 2 diabetes mellitus (FG/IGT) (2) reporting >=11-year outcomes (3) and enrolling at least 100 patients (4) who achieved systolic BP <=140 mm Hg in both arms. Additionally, because the objective of the present study was to test outcomes based on BP targets, the following criteria were required: (1) achieved systolic BP in the intensive BP group <=135 mm Hg, (2) achieved systolic BP in the standard BP group of <=140 mm Hg, and (3) had a systolic BP difference between the intensive and standard BP group of at least 3 mm Hg.						Intensive BP control was associated with a 10% reduction in all-cause mortality (odds ratio, 0.90; 95% confidence interval, 0.83 to 0.98), a 17% reduction in stroke, and a 20% increase in serious adverse effects, but with similar outcomes for other macrovascular and microvascular (cardiac, renal, and retinal) events compared with standard BP control. Meta-regression analysis showed continued risk reduction for stroke to a systolic BP of <120 mm Hg. However, at levels <130 mm Hg, there was a 40% increase in serious adverse events with no benefits for other outcomes.			The present body of evidence suggests that in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus/impaired fasting glucose/impaired glucose tolerance, a systolic BP treatment goal of 130 to 135 mm Hg is acceptable. With more aggressive goals (<130 mm Hg), the risk of stroke continued to fall, but there was no benefit regarding the risk of other macrovascular or microvascular (cardiac, renal and retinal) events, and the risk of serious adverse events even increased.	Meta-analysis	Hypertension	7.1					
1766747	Nilsson 2011	Target blood pressure in diabetes patients with hypertension - What is the accumulated evidence in 2011?	2011	Systematic review	Sweden																									7.1
20228401	ACCORD Study Group, The 2010b	Effects of intensive blood-pressure control in type 2 diabetes mellitus	2010	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA, Canada	Clinical	Nonblinded			Determine whether therapy targeting normal systolic pressure (i.e., <120).	4733	High risk type 2 diabetes mellitus	Type 2 diabetes mellitus and a glycated hemoglobin level of 7.5% or more and 40 years of age or older with cardiovascular disease or 55 years of age or older with anatomical evidence of a substantial amount of atherosclerosis, albuminuria, left ventricular hypertrophy, or at least two additional risk factors for cardiovascular disease (dyslipidemia, hypertension, smoking, or obesity). Participants with a systolic blood pressure between 130 and 180 mm Hg who were taking three or fewer antihypertensive medications and who had the equivalent of a 24-hour protein excretion rates of less than 1.0g were also eligible for the blood pressure trial.	Mean age (SD): 62.2 (6.9); Female: 47.7%; Race/Ethnicity: 60.5% were non-Hispanic white, 24.1% were Black and 7.0% were Hispanic; Education: 32.4% with some college and 24.5% had college degree or higher.		Standard treatment strategies for lowering blood pressure including pharmacologic	Intensive therapy targeting a systolic pressure of less than 120 mm Hg	Standard therapy targeting a systolic pressure of less than 140 mmHg	Primary: the first occurrence of a major cardiovascular event, which was defined as the composite of nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke or cardiovascular death. Secondary: Combination of primary outcome plus revascularization or hospitalization for congestive heart failure; the combination of a fatal coronary event, nonfatal myocardial infarction, fatal or nonfatal stroke; nonfatal stroke; death from any cause; death from cardiovascular causes; and hospitalization or death due to heart failure.	PI: Primary composite outcome: Int rate of death per at 1.87% vs. 2.09% per year in the control group (Hazard ratio with intensive therapy, 0.88, 95% CI 0.73-1.06). S1: rate of death from any cause 1.28% per year in Int vs. 1.19% in the control group (Hazard ratio with Int 1.07, 95% CI 0.83 to 1.35). S2: rate of death from cardiovascular causes at 0.52% per year in Int vs. 0.49% in the control group (hazard ratio 1.06, 95% CI 0.74 to 1.52). S3: rate of total stroke 0.22% per year in Int vs. 0.53% per year in Cont (hazard ratio 0.63, 95% CI 0.41 to 0.96)	P1: not significant, S1 significant, S2 not significant. No secondary outcomes were significantly different between Int and Cont except stroke outcomes. S3: Significantly different.	Significantly higher rates of adverse events attributed to antihypertensive treatment in Int group vs. cont group and higher rates in Int group of hypokalemia and elevations in serum creatinine level.	In patients with type 2 diabetes at high risk for cardiovascular events, targeting a systolic blood pressure of less than 120 mm Hg, as compared with less than 140 mm Hg, did not reduce the rate of a composite outcome of fatal and nonfatal major cardiovascular events.	High	Cardiovascular risk management- antihypertensive treatment	7.1				

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18539916	ADVANCE Collaborative Group, The 2008	Intensive blood glucose control and vascular outcomes in patients with type 2 diabetes	2008	Randomized Controlled Trial	Australia	Clinical	Yes	5 years	5 years	To determine the effects of intensive glucose control on vascular outcomes.	11140	Type 2 diabetes patients	Diagnosis of type 2 diabetes mellitus at 30 years of age or older, an age of at least 55 years at the time of study entry, and a history of major macrovascular or microvascular disease or at least one other risk factor for vascular disease.	Mean 66 years. Mean age when diabetes first diagnosed 58 years and an average duration of diabetes 8 years.	Baseline 5571 (7 were lost to follow up)	Pharmacologic	Gliclazide (modified release) plus other drugs as required to achieve HbA1c value of 6.5% or less.	5567 (10 were lost to follow up)	Standard glucose control	The primary study outcomes were composites of major macrovascular events (death from cardiovascular causes, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke) and major microvascular events (new or worsening nephropathy or retinopathy), assessed both jointly and separately.	After a median of 5 years of follow up, the mean HbA1c was lower in the intensive-control group (6.5%) than in the standard control group (7.3%). Intensive control reduced the incidence of combined major macrovascular and microvascular events (18.1% vs. 20% with standard control; hazard ratio, 0.90; 95% CI 0.82 to 0.98, p=0.01), as well as that of major macrovascular events (9.4% vs. 10.9%; hazard ratio, 0.86; 95% CI 0.77 to 0.97, p=0.01), primarily because of a reduction in the incidence of nephropathy (4.1% vs. 5.2%; hazard ratio, 0.79; 95% CI 0.66 to 0.93, p=0.006), with no significant effect on retinopathy (p=0.50). There were no significant effects of the type of glucose control on major microvascular events (hazard ratio with intensive control, 0.94; 95% CI 0.84 to 1.06, p=0.23), death from cardiovascular causes (hazard ratio with intensive control, 0.88; 95% CI 0.74 to 1.04, p=0.12), or death from any cause (hazard ratio with intensive control 0.93; 95% CI 0.83 to 1.06, p=0.28). Severe hypoglycemia, although uncommon, was more common in the intensive control group (2.7% vs. 1.5% in the standard control group; hazard ratio, 1.86; 95% CI 1.42 to 2.40, P<0.001).	Yes in reduction of incidence of combined major macrovascular and microvascular events and severe hypoglycemia.	Incidence of hypoglycemia in intensive control group.	A strategy of intensive glucose control involving gliclazide (modified release) and other drugs as required, that lowered the glycated hemoglobin value to 6.5% yielded a 10% relative reduction in the combined outcome of major macrovascular and microvascular events, primarily as a consequence of a 21% relative reduction in nephropathy.	High		4, 7, 1		
18398080	Howard 2008	Effect of lower targets for blood pressure and LDL cholesterol on atherosclerosis in diabetes: the SANDS randomized trial	2008	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA	Clinical	open-label, blinded-to-endpoint	3-year	3-year	To compare progression of subclinical atherosclerosis in adults with type 2 diabetes treated to reach aggressive targets of low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) of 70 mg/dL or lower and systolic blood pressure (SBP) of 115 mm Hg or lower vs standard targets of LDL-C of 100 mg/dL or lower and SBP of 130 mm Hg or lower.	499	40 year and older type 2 diabetes patients	Eligibility criteria included documented type 2 diabetes, 31.32 plus LDL-C of at least 100 mg/dL, and SBP greater than 130 mm Hg within the previous 12 months.	Participants were 499 American Indian men and women aged 40 years or older with type 2 diabetes and no prior CVD events.		Aggressive blood pressure and LDL targets		Standard blood pressure and LDL targets	MeantargetLDL-CandSBPlevelsforbothgroups werereached andmain-tained. Mean (95% confidence interval) levels for LDL-C in the last 12 months were 72 (69-75) and 104 (101-106) mg/dL, and SBP levels were 117 (115-118) and 129 (128-130) mm Hg in the aggressive vs standard groups, respectively. Compared with base-line, IMT regressed in the aggressive group and progressed in the standard group (-0.012 mm vs 0.038 mm, P< .001), carotid arterial cross-sectional area also regressed (-0.02 mm ² vs 1.65 mm ² , P< .001), and there was greater decrease in left ventricular mass in -dex (-2.4 g/m ^{2.7} vs -1.2 g/m ^{2.7} , P = .03) in the aggressive group. Rates of adverse events (38.5% and 26.7%; P = .005) and serious adverse events (n = 4 vs 1, P = .18) related to blood pressure medications were higher in the aggressive group. Clinical CVD events (1.6/100 and 1.5/100 person-years, P = .87) did not differ significantly between groups.		The real outcomes, creatinine clearance, serum creatinine, and UAE were measured every 6 months.	Reducing LDL-C and SBP to lower targets resulted in regression of carotid IMT and greater decrease in left ventricular mass in individuals with type 2 diabetes. Clinical events were lower than expected and did not differ significantly between groups. Further follow-up is needed to determine whether these improvements will result in lower long-term CVD event rates and costs and favorable risk-benefit outcomes.	High		7, 1				
17161769	Estacio 2006	Effect of intensive blood pressure control with valsartan on urinary albumin excretion in normotensive patients with type 2 diabetes	2006	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA	Clinical	Partial	5 years	Terminated after 5 years	Assess effects of intensive blood pressure control with Valsartan on Urinary Albumin Excretion in Normotensive Patients With Type 2 Diabetes	429	type 2 diabetic patients with a BP of <140/80 to 90 mm Hg without overt albuminuria	Type 2 diabetic patients, 40 to 81 years of age, with a systolic BP <140 mm Hg, a diastolic BP between 80 and 90 mm Hg, and without evidence of overt albuminuria (C<200)	Intensive BP group age 56.7±7.7 (66.7 male); Moderate BP group 55.5±7.7 (68.3% male)	66 (61) intensive BP control	Pharmacologic	intensive BP control (diastolic BP goal 75 mm Hg using an angiotensin II receptor blocker, valsartan	65(58)	moderate BP control (diastolic BP 80 to 90 mm Hg with placebo initially)	The mean entrance BP was 126 ± 8.8/84 ± 2.1 mm Hg. The mean follow-up period was 1.9 ± 1.0 years. The mean BP was 118 ± 10.9/75 ± 5.7 for the intensive v 124/10.9/80 6.5 mm Hg for the moderate BP groups (P< .001). No difference was observed in change in creatinine clearance or serum creatinine from baseline between the two groups. An analysis of covariance model for change in log (UAE + 1), adjusting for age, HbA1c, duration of diabetes, baseline log (UAE + 1), sex, and ethnicity resulted in a significant treatment difference at 2 years (P = .007) with intensive BP control reducing log (UAE+1) compared with moderate BP control.		Intensive BP control with valsartan to <120/80 mm Hg in normotensive patients with type 2 diabetes and normo- or microalbuminuria significantly decreased the progression of UAE, and in some cases caused regression of UAE.	High		7, 1				
12584366	Wang 2003	A comparison of outcomes with angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitors and diuretics for hypertension in the elderly	2003	Randomized Controlled Trial	Australia	Clinical	Yes-an end point committee whose members were unaware of the treatment group assignments adjudicated all potential end points.	4.1 years		To compare the outcomes in older subjects with hypertension who were treated with angiotensin-converting-enzyme (ACE) inhibitors with the outcomes in those treated with diuretic agents.	6083	Patients, 65-84 years of age with hypertension	49% male; 51% female; Mean age 71.9 years	3044 (2978)	Pharmacologic	ACE inhibitor	3039 (2938)	Diuretic agents	The primary end point was all cardiovascular events or death from any cause.	By the end of the study, blood pressure had decreased in both groups. There were 695 cardiovascular events or deaths from any cause in the ACE-inhibitor group (56.1 per 1000 patient-years) and 736 cardiovascular events or deaths from any cause in the diuretic group (59.8 per 1000 patient-years); the hazard ratio for a cardiovascular event or death with ACE-inhibitor treatment was 0.89 (95% CI 0.79 to 1.00, p=0.05). Among male subjects, the hazard ratio was 0.83 (95% CI 0.71 to 0.97, p=0.02), among females, the hazard ratio was 1.00 (95% CI, 0.83 to 1.21, p=0.98); the p-value for the interaction between sex and treatment group assignment was 0.15. The rates of nonfatal cardiovascular events and myocardial infarctions decreased with ACE-inhibitor treatment, whereas a similar number of strokes occurred in each group (although there were more fatal strokes in the ACE-inhibitor group).		Initiation of antihypertensive treatment involving ACE inhibitors in older subjects, particularly men, appears to lead to better outcomes than treatment with diuretic agents, despite similar reductions of blood pressure.	Moderate		7, 1				
12479763	ALLHAT Officers and Coordinators for the ALLHAT Collaborative Research Group, The 2002	Major outcomes in high-risk hypertensive patients randomized to angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor or calcium channel blocker vs diuretic: The Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial (ALLHAT)	2002	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA	Clinical	Double blind	5 years	8 years	To determine whether treatment with a calcium channel blocker or an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor lowers the incidence of coronary heart disease (CHD) or other cardiovascular (CVD) events vs. treatment with a diuretic.	33357	Participants aged 55 years and older with hypertension and at least 1 other CHD risk factor from 623 North American centers.	The mean age was 67 years; 47% were women; 35% were black; 19% were Hispanic, and 36% were diabetic. There were nearly identical distributions of baseline factors in the 3 treatment groups.	Chlorothalidone Baseline 15255 (5 year follow up 5301), Amlodipine Baseline 9048 (5 year follow up 3195), Lisinopril Baseline 1054 (5 year follow up 2963)	Pharmacologic	Chlorothalidone (12.5 to 25 mg/d); amlodipine (2.5 to 10 mg/d); lisinopril (10 to 40 mg/d)		The primary outcome was combined fatal CHD or non-fatal myocardial infarction, analyzed by intent to treat. Secondary outcomes were all cause mortality, stroke, combined CHD (primary outcome), coronary revascularization, or angina with hospitalization, and combined CVD (secondary outcome).	Mean follow up was 4.9 years. The primary outcome occurred in 2956 participants, with a difference between treatments. Compared with chlorothalidone (6-year rate, 11.5%), the relative risks were 0.98 (95% CI, 0.90-1.07) for amlodipine (6-year rate, 11.3%) and 0.99 (95% CI 0.91 to 1.00) for lisinopril (6-year rate 11.4%). Likewise, all cause mortality did not differ between groups. Five year systolic blood pressures were significantly higher in the amlodipine (0.8 mmHg, P=0.03) and lisinopril (0.001) groups compared with chlorothalidone, and 5-year diastolic blood pressure was significantly lower with amlodipine (0.8 mmHg, P=0.001). For amlodipine vs. chlorothalidone, secondary outcomes were similar except for a higher 6-year rate of HF with amlodipine (10.2% vs 7.7%; RR 1.38; 95% CI 1.25-1.52). For lisinopril vs. chlorothalidone, lisinopril had higher 6-year rates of combined CVD (13.3% vs 30.9%; RR 1.10; 95% CI 1.05-1.16), stroke (6.3% vs 5.6%; RR 1.15; 95% CI 1.02-1.30), and HF (8.7% vs 7.7%; RR 1.19; 95% CI 1.07-1.31).		Thiazide-type diuretics are superior in preventing 1 or more major forms of CVD and are less expensive. They should be preferred for first-step antihypertensive therapy.	High		7, 1					
9635947	Hansson 1998	Effects of intensive blood-pressure lowering and low-dose aspirin in patients with hypertension: principal results of the Hypertension Optimal Treatment (HOT) randomized trial	1998	Randomized Controlled Trial	Sweden	Clinical	Yes	2 years	4 years	To assess the optimum target diastolic blood pressure and the potential benefit of a low dose of acetylsalicylic acid in the treatment of hypertension.	18790	Patients with hypertension and diastolic blood pressure between 100mmHg and 115mmHg	Patients with hypertension and diastolic blood pressure between 100mmHg and 115mmHg and randomly assigned to one of three target pressure groups.	Mean age 61.5 years. Mean diastolic blood pressure 105mmHg.		Pharmacologic	Felodipine as baseline therapy with the addition of other agents. 9399 patients were randomly assigned acetylsalicylic acid	9391 were assigned placebo.	Major cardiovascular events	Diastolic blood pressure was reduced by 20.3 mmHg, 22.3 mmHg and 24.3 mmHg in the <=80 mmHg, <=85 mmHg, and <=80 mmHg target groups, respectively. The lowest incidence of major cardiovascular events occurred at a mean achieved diastolic blood pressure of 82.6 mmHg; the lowest risk of cardiovascular mortality occurred at 86.5 mmHg. Further reduction below these blood pressures was safe. In patients with diabetes mellitus there was a 51% reduction in major cardiovascular events in target group <=80 mmHg compared with target group <=90 mmHg (p=0.005). Acetylsalicylic acid significantly reduced major cardiovascular events by 15% (p=0.03) and all myocardial infarction by 36% (p=0.002), with no effect on stroke. There were seven fatal bleeds in the acetylsalicylic acid group and eight in the placebo group, and 129 versus 70 non-fatal major bleeds in the two groups, respectively (p=0.001).		Intensive lowering of blood pressure in patients with hypertension was associated with a low rate of cardiovascular events. The HOT study shows the benefits of lowering diastolic blood pressure down to 82.6 mmHg. Acetylsalicylic acid significantly reduced major cardiovascular events with the greatest benefit seen in all myocardial infarction. There was no effect on the incidence of stroke or fatal bleeds, but non-fatal major bleeds were twice as common.	Moderate		7, 1				
	UK Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) Group 1998b	Tight blood pressure control and risk of macrovascular and microvascular complications in type 2 diabetes: UKPDS 38.	1998	Randomized Controlled Trial	United Kingdom	Clinical	Yes	8.4 years		To determine whether tight control of blood pressure prevents macrovascular and microvascular complications in patients with type 2 diabetes.	1148	Hypertensive patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes aged 25-65 years	Hypertensive patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes aged 25-65 years	Mean age 56, mean blood pressure at entry 160/94mmHg; Male in tight control 54%, less tight control 58%; Race 87% white	758	Pharmacologic	Tight control of blood pressure (aim<150/85 mmHg)	390	Less tight control of blood pressure (aim<180/105 mmHg)	Predefined clinical end points, fatal and non-fatal, related to diabetes, deaths related to diabetes, and all cause mortality. Surrogate measures of microvascular disease included urinary albumin excretion and retinal photography.	Mean blood pressure during follow up was significantly reduced in the group assigned tight blood pressure control (144/82 mmHg) compared with the group assigned to less tight control (154/87 mmHg) (P<0.0001). Reductions in risk in the group assigned to tight control compared with less tight control were 24% in diabetes related end points (95% CI 8% to 38%) (P=0.0046), 32% in deaths related to diabetes (6% to 51%) (P=0.019), 44% in strokes (11% to 65%) (P=0.013), and 37% in microvascular end points (11% to 56%) (P=0.0092), predominantly owing to a reduced risk of retinal photocoagulation. There was a non-significant reduction in all cause mortality. After nine years of follow up the group assigned to tight blood pressure control also had a 34% reduction in risk in the proportion of patients with deterioration of retinopathy by two steps (99% CI 11% to 50%) (P=0.0004) and a 47% reduced risk (7% to 70%) (P=0.004) of deterioration in visual acuity by three lines of the early treatment of diabetic retinopathy study (ETDRS) chart. After nine years of follow up 29% of patients in the group assigned to tight control required three or more treatments to lower blood pressure to achieve target blood pressure.		Tight blood pressure control in patients with hypertension and type 2 diabetes achieves a clinically important reduction in the risk of deaths related to diabetes, complications related to diabetes, progression of diabetic retinopathy, and deterioration in visual acuity.	High		7, 1			
2.2 Statin Therapy (High Risk)																													
23440795	Taylor 2013	Statin for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease.	2013	Systematic review						To assess the effects, both harms and benefits, of statins in people with no history of CVD.		Randomized controlled trials of statins versus placebo or usual care control with minimum treatment duration of one year and follow-up of six months, in adults with no restrictions on total, low density lipoprotein (LDL) or high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels, and where 10% or less had a history of CVD.							The latest search found four new trials and updated follow-up data on three trials included in the original review. Fifteen randomised-control trials (19 trial arms; 56,934 participants) were included. Fourteen trials recruited patients with specific conditions (raised lipids, diabetes, hypertension, microalbuminuria). All-cause mortality was reduced by statins (OR 0.86, 95% CI 0.79 to 0.94), as was combined fatal and non-fatal CVD (RR 0.75 (95% CI 0.70 to 0.81), combined fatal and non-fatal CHD events RR 0.73 (95% CI 0.67 to 0.80) and combined fatal and non-fatal stroke (RR 0.78, 95% CI 0.68 to 0.89). Reduction of revascularisation rates (RR 0.62, 95% CI 0.54 to 0.72) was also seen. Total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol were reduced in all trials but there was evidence of heterogeneity of effects. There was no evidence of any serious harm caused by statin prescription. Evidence available to date showed that primary prevention with statins is likely to be cost-effective and may improve patient quality of life. Recent findings from the Cholesterol Treatment Trialists study using individual patient data meta-analysis indicate that these benefits are similar in people at lower (< 1% per year) risk of a major cardiovascular event.		Reductions in all-cause mortality, major vascular events and revascularisations were found with no excess of adverse events among people without evidence of CVD treated with statins.	Systematic review	Cardiovascular risk management-statin therapy	7, 2, 7, 3					
23440795	Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' (CTT) Collaboration 2010	Efficacy and safety of more intensive lowering of LDL cholesterol: a meta-analysis of data from 170,000 participants in 26 randomised trials	2010	Meta-Analysis	United Kingdom					Assess the safety and efficacy of more intensive lowering of LDL cholesterol with statin therapy	170000	Type 2 diabetes								Exclusive vascular events				Further reduction in LDL cholesterol safely produce definite further reductions in the incidence of heart attack, of revascularization, and of ischemic stroke, with each 1.0 mmol/L reduction reducing the annual rate of these major vascular events by just over a fifth. There was no evidence of any threshold within the cholesterol range studied, suggesting that reduction of LDL cholesterol by 2-3 mmol/L would reduce risk by about 40-50%.	Meta-analysis		7, 2, 7, 3		
15007110	Cannon 2004	Intensive versus Moderate Lipid Lowering with Statins after Acute Coronary Syndromes	2004	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA, Canada, United Kingdom	Clinical	Double blind			Examine the clinical benefit of lowering low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol levels below the target of <100.	4162	Adult patients who had been hospitalized for an acute coronary syndrome	men and women who were at least 18 years old were eligible for inclusion if they had been hospitalized for an acute coronary syndrome — either acute myocardial infarction (with or without electrocardiographic evidence of ST-segment elevation) or high-risk unstable angina — in the preceding 10 days.	2099	Pharmacologic	80 mg of atorvastatin daily	2063	40 mg of pravastatin daily	a composite of death from any cause, myocardial infarction, documented unstable angina, revascularization, hospitalization, revascularization (performed at least 30 days after randomization), and stroke.	The median LDL cholesterol level achieved during treatment was 95 mg per deciliter (2.46 mmol per liter) in the standard-dose pravastatin group and 62 mg per deciliter (1.60 mmol per liter) in the high-dose atorvastatin group (P<0.001). Kaplan-Meier estimates of the rates of the primary end point at two years were 26.3 percent in the pravastatin group and 22.4 percent in the atorvastatin group, reflecting a 16 percent reduction in the hazard ratio in favor of atorvastatin (P=0.005; 95 percent confidence interval, 5 to 26 percent). The study did not meet the prespecified criterion for equivalence but did identify the superiority of the more intensive regimen.		Among patients who have recently had an acute coronary syndrome, an intensive lipid-lowering statin regimen provides greater protection against death or major cardiovascular events than does a standard regimen. These findings indicate that such patients benefit from early and continued lowering of LDL cholesterol to levels substantially below current target levels.	High	Cardiovascular risk management-statin therapy	7, 2, 7, 3				

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12814710	Heart Protection Study Collaborative Group 2003	MRC/BHF Heart Protection Study of cholesterol-lowering with simvastatin in 5,963 people with diabetes: a randomised placebo-controlled trial	2003	Randomized Controlled Trial	United Kingdom	Clinical	Yes	5 years	5 years	To determine the effects of cholesterol-LDL lowering on vascular events.	5963 adults with diabetes and 14573 with occlusive arterial disease (but no diagnosed diabetes)	Men and women aged about 40-80 years with non-fasting blood total cholesterol concentrations of at least 3.5 mmol/L were eligible if they had a medical history of diabetes mellitus, coronary disease, or treated hypertension (if also male and aged at least 65 years)	Men and women aged about 40-80 years with non-fasting blood total cholesterol concentrations of at least 3.5 mmol/L were eligible if they had a medical history of diabetes mellitus, coronary disease, occlusive disease of non-coronary arteries, or treated hypertension (if also male and aged at least 65 years)	Diabetes group mean age 62.1 years +/-8.9 70% men and 33% non-smoker. No diabetes group mean age 64.7 years +/-8.1, 78% men and 22% non smoker	10269 (10232)	Pharmacologic	40 mg simvastatin daily	10267 (10237)	Matching placebo	Vascular events	Both among the participants who presented with diabetes and among those who did not, there were highly significant reductions of about a quarter in the first event rate for major coronary events, for strokes, and for revascularizations. For the first occurrence of any of these major vascular events among participants with diabetes, there was a definite 22% (95%CI 13-30) reduction in the event rate (601 (20.2%) simvastatin-allocated vs 748 (25.1%) placebo-allocated, p<0.0001), which was similar to that among the other high-risk individuals studied. There were also highly significant reductions of 33% (95% CI 17-46, p=0.0003) among the 2912 diabetic participants who did not have any diagnosed occlusive arterial disease at entry, and of 27% (95% CI 13-40, p=0.0007) among the 2426 diabetic participants whose pretreatment LDL cholesterol concentration was below 3.0 mmol/L. The proportional reduction in risk was also about a quarter among various other sub-categories of diabetic patient studied, including those with different duration, type, or control of diabetes, those aged over 65 years at entry or with hypertension; and those with total cholesterol below 5.0 mmol/L. In addition, among participants who had a first major vascular event following randomization, allocation to simvastatin reduced the rate of subsequent events during the scheduled treatment period.					High		7.2, 7.3	
12114036	Heart Protection Study Collaborative Group 2002	MRC/BHF Heart Protection Study of cholesterol lowering with simvastatin in 20,536 high-risk individuals: a randomised placebo-controlled trial	2002	Randomized Controlled Trial	United Kingdom	Clinical	Yes	5 years	5 years	To determine the effects of reducing LDL cholesterol on the development of vascular disease, irrespective of initial cholesterol concentrations.	20536	Adults aged 40-80 years with coronary disease, other occlusive arterial disease, or diabetes	Men and women aged about 40-80 years with non-fasting blood total cholesterol concentrations of at least 3.5 mmol/L were eligible if they were considered to be at substantial 5-year risk of death from coronary heart disease because of a past medical history of: 1) coronary disease, 2) occlusive disease of non-coronary arteries, 3) type 1 or type 2 diabetes mellitus or 4) treated hypertension (if also male and aged at least 65 years, in order to be at similar risk to the other disease categories)	10269 (10232)	Pharmacologic	40 mg simvastatin daily	10267 (10237)	Matching placebo	Mortality and fatal and non-fatal vascular events with subsidiary assessments of cancer and of other major morbidity.	All-cause mortality was significantly reduced (1328 (12.9%) deaths among 10269 allocated simvastatin vs 1507 (14.7%) among 10267 allocated placebo; p=0.0003), due to a highly significant 17% (CI 5) proportional reduction in the coronary death rate (587 (5.7%) vs 707 (6.9%); p=0.0003), a marginally significant reduction in other vascular deaths (194 (1.9%) vs 230 (2.2%); p=0.07), and a non-significant reduction in non-vascular deaths (547 (5.3%) vs 570 (5.6%); p=0.4). There were highly significant reductions of about one-quarter in the first event rate for non-fatal myocardial infarction or coronary death (898 (8.7%) vs 1212 (11.8%); p<0.0001), for non-fatal or fatal stroke (4444 (3%) vs 5855 (5.7%); p<0.0001), and for coronary or non-coronary revascularization (9399 (9.1%) vs 1205 (11.7%); p<0.0001). For the first occurrence of any of these major vascular events, there was a definite 24% (SE 3, 95% CI 19-28) reduction in the event rate (2033 (19.8%) vs 2585 (25.2%) affected individuals; p<0.0001). During the first year the reduction in major vascular events was not significant, but subsequently it was highly significant during each separate year. The proportional reduction in the event rate was similar (and significant) in each subcategory of participants studied, including those without diagnosed coronary disease who had cerebrovascular disease, or had peripheral artery disease, or had diabetes; men and separately, women; those aged either under or over 70 years at entry; and even those who presented with cholesterol below 3.0 mmol/L, or total cholesterol below 5.0 mmol/L. The benefits of simvastatin were additional to those of other cardioprotective treatments. The annual excess risk of myopathy with this regimen was about 0.01%. There were no si				High		7.2			
7.3 Statin Therapy (Moderate Risk)																													
23440795	Taylor 2013	Statin for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease.	2013	Systematic review						To assess the effects, both harms and benefits, of statins in people with no history of CVD.		Randomised controlled trials of statins versus placebo or usual care control with minimum treatment duration of one year and follow-up of six months, in adults with no restrictions on total, low density lipoprotein (LDL) or high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels, and where 10% or less had a history of CVD.								The latest search found four new trials and updated follow-up data on three trials included in the original review. Eighteen randomised control trials (19 trial arms; 56,934 participants) were included. Fourteen trials recruited patients with specific conditions (raised lipids, diabetes, hypertension, microalbuminuria). All-cause mortality was reduced by statins (OR 0.86, 95% CI 0.79 to 0.94), as was combined fatal and non-fatal CVD (RR 0.75 (95% CI 0.70 to 0.81), combined fatal and non-fatal CHD events RR 0.71 (95% CI 0.67 to 0.80) and combined fatal and non-fatal stroke (RR 0.78, 95% CI 0.68 to 0.89). Reduction of revascularisation rates (RR 0.62, 95% CI 0.54 to 0.72) was also seen. Total cholesterol and LDL cholesterol were reduced in all trials but there was evidence of heterogeneity of effects. There was no evidence of any serious harm caused by statin prescription. Evidence available to date showed that primary prevention with statins is likely to be cost-effective and may improve patient quality of life. Recent findings from the Cholesterol Treatment Trialists study using individual patient data meta-analysis indicate that these benefits are similar in people at lower (< 1% per year) risk of a major cardiovascular event.					Reductions in all-cause mortality, major vascular events and revascularisations were found with no excess of adverse events among people with evidence of CVD treated with statins.	Systematic review	Cardiovascular risk management-statin therapy	7.2, 7.3	
23796131	Macchia 2012	Statins but Not Aspirin Reduce Thrombotic Risk. Assessed by Thrombin Generation in Diabetic Patients without Cardiovascular Events: The RATIONAL Trial	2012	Randomized Controlled Trial	Argentina	Hospital	blinded to events evaluation	8 to 10 weeks	8 to 10 weeks	Assess the effects of aspirin and statins on the thrombotic risk assessed by thrombin generation (TG) among patients with type II diabetes mellitus and no previous cardiovascular events.	30	Patients were males or females aged 55 years diagnosed with type 2 diabetes	Patients were males or females aged 50 years diagnosed with type 2 diabetes based on standard criteria at least 1 year prior to study entry. Inclusion criteria included treatment for diabetes with either oral agents or insulin therapy for at least the past one year, no previous cardiovascular events, and no treatment with aspirin or statins during the year prior to recruitment. The main exclusion criteria were current treatment with aspirin or any antiplatelet agent including sporadic use of NSAID and the presence of previous vascular events or any known hemorrhagic conditions.	Aspirin mean age 56.5, and 42.9% female; control mean age 63.0 and 53.3% female	Between august 26th 2009 and september 1st 2010, thirty patients were randomized. Of these, 14 were randomly assigned to receive aspirin and 16 to no aspirin. By 262 factorial design, 15 patients were randomized to receive atorvastatin and 15 were assigned to no atorvastatin group. There were no lost during the follow up, but in four patients (one assigned to aspirin, two to atorvastatin and one to no experimental treatment) measurements of TG was not available due to blood samples were not adequate for assays.	Pharmacologic	aspirin, atorvastatin	Placebo	Primary end point was the level of TG at the end of follow up, as measured by the peak of TG with saline as agonist. Other outcomes were peak TG with arachidonic acid, tissue factor, ADP and lag time with arachidonic acid.	At baseline all groups had similar clinical and biochemical profiles, including TG levels. There was no interaction between aspirin and atorvastatin. Atorvastatin significantly reduced TG measured as peak TG with saline (85.09 +/-55.34 nmol vs 153.26 +/-75.55 nmol for atorvastatin and control groups, respectively; p = 0.018). On the other hand, aspirin had no effect on TG (121.51 +/-81.80 nmol vs 116.85 +/-67.66 nmol, for aspirin and control groups, respectively; p = 0.716). The effects of treatments on measurements of TG using other agonists were consistent.	None	The trial was stopped after a mean follow up period of 3 years due to lack of efficacy. Adverse effects were rare and included liver-function abnormalities, muscle symptoms or myopathy and rhabdomyolysis	High	Aspirin	7.3, 7.4				
22083343	AIM-HIGH Investigators 2011	Niacin in patients with low HDL cholesterol levels receiving intensive statin therapy	2011	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA, Canada	Clinical	Yes, double blinded	36 months	36 months	To determine whether extended-release niacin added to simvastatin to raise low levels of HDL cholesterol is superior to simvastatin alone in reducing residual cardiovascular risk.	3414	Patients 45 years of age or older and established cardiovascular disease, which was defined as documented stable coronary heart disease, cerebrovascular or carotid disease, or peripheral arterial disease	Established 45 years of age or older and established cardiovascular disease, which was defined as documented stable coronary heart disease, cerebrovascular or carotid disease, or peripheral arterial disease	Mean age 64 years (+/- 9 years); 85.2% were men, 92.2% were white, 33.9% had either type 1 or type 2 diabetes, 71.4% had hypertension, and 81.0% had the metabolic syndrome	1718	Pharmacologic	Extended-release niacin plus statin	1696	Placebo plus statin	The primary end point was the first event of the composite of death from coronary heart disease, nonfatal myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke, hospitalization for an acute coronary syndrome, or symptom-driven coronary or cerebral revascularization.	At 2 years, niacin therapy had significantly increased the median HDL cholesterol level from 35 mg per deciliter to 42 mg per deciliter, lowered the triglyceride level from 163 mg per deciliter to 122 mg per deciliter, and lowered the LDL cholesterol level from 74 mg per deciliter to 62 mg per deciliter. The primary end point occurred in 282 patients in the niacin group (16.4%) and in 274 patients in the placebo group (16.2%) (hazard ratio, 1.02; 95% CI 0.87 to 1.21; p=0.79)	No significant results in primary end points	The trial was stopped after a mean follow up period of 3 years due to lack of efficacy. Adverse effects were rare and included liver-function abnormalities, muscle symptoms or myopathy and rhabdomyolysis	Moderate		7.3			
20228404	ACCORD Study Group, The 2010a	Effects of combination lipid therapy in type 2 diabetes mellitus	2010	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA	Clinical	Yes, double blinded				3518	Type 2 diabetes who were being treated with open-label simvastatin	Type 2 dia-betes and a glycated hemoglobin level of 7.5% or more. If patients had evidence of clinical cardiovascular disease, the age range was limited to 40 to 79 years; if they had evidence of subclinical cardiovascular disease or at least three additional cardiovascular risk factors, the age range was compressed to 55 to 79 years. Patients were specifically eligible to participate in the lipid trial if they also had the following: an LDL cholesterol level of 60 to 180 mg per deciliter (1.55 to 4.65 mmol per liter), an HDL cholesterol level below 55 mg per deciliter (1.42 mmol per liter) for women and blacks or below 50 mg per deciliter (1.29 mmol per liter) for all other groups, and a triglyceride level below 750 mg per deciliter (8.5 mmol per liter) if they were not receiving lipid therapy or below 400 mg per deciliter (4.5 mmol per liter) if they were receiving lipid therapy.	The mean age was 62 years, and 31% of the patients were female. Thirty-seven percent had a history of a cardiovascular event, and about 50% were taking a statin before enrollment.	2765	Pharmacologic	fenofibrate plus simvastatin	2753	placebo plus simvastatin	The prespecified primary outcome was the first occurrence of a major cardiovascular event, including nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, or death from cardiovascular causes. Secondary outcomes included the combination of the primary outcome plus revascularization or hospitalization for congestive heart failure (termed the "expanded macrovascular outcome"), a combination of a fatal coronary event, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or unstable angina (termed "major coronary disease events"), nonfatal myocardial infarction, fatal or nonfatal stroke, nonfatal stroke; death from any cause; death from cardiovascular causes; and hospitalization or death due to heart failure.	The annual rate of the primary outcome was 2.3% in the fenofibrate group and 2.4% in the placebo group (hazard ratio in the fenofibrate group, 0.92; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.79 to 1.08; P=0.22). There were also no significant differences between the two study groups with respect to any secondary outcome. Annual rates of death were 1.3% in the fenofibrate group and 1.6% in the placebo group (hazard ratio, 0.91; 95% CI, 0.75 to 1.10; P=0.33). Prespecified subgroup analyses suggested heterogeneity in treatment effect according to sex, with a benefit for men and possible harm for women (P=0.01 for interaction), and a possible interaction according to lipid subgroup, with a possible benefit for patients with both a high baseline triglyceride level and a low baseline level of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (P=0.057 for interaction).			High	Statin therapy	7.3			
23440795	Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' (CTT) Collaboration 2010	Efficacy and safety of more intensive lowering of LDL cholesterol: a meta-analysis of data from 170,000 participants in 26 randomised trials	2010	Meta-Analysis	United Kingdom					Assess the safety and efficacy of more intensive lowering of LDL cholesterol with statin therapy.	170000	Type 2 diabetes												Further reduction in LDL cholesterol safety produce definite further reductions in the incidence of heart attack, of revascularization, and of ischemic stroke, with each 1.0 mmol/L reduction reducing the annual rate of these major vascular events by just over a fifth. There was no evidence of any threshold within the cholesterol range studied, suggesting that reduction of LDL cholesterol by 2-3 mmol/L would reduce risk by about 40-50%.	Meta-analysis		7.2, 7.3		

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18191683	Cholesterol Treatment Trialists' (CTT) Collaborators 2008	Efficacy of cholesterol-lowering therapy in 18,686 people with diabetes in 14 randomised trials of statins: a meta-analysis	2008	Meta-Analysis	United Kingdom					Effects of statin therapy on occlusive vascular events and whether such effects depend on the type of diabetes, lipid profile, or other factors.	18686	Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes								Vascular events	During a mean follow up of 4.3 years, there were 3247 major vascular events in people with diabetes. There was a 9% proportional reduction in all-cause mortality per mmol/L reduction in LDL cholesterol in participants with diabetes (RR 0.91, 95% CI 0.82-1.01, p=0.02), which was similar to the 12% reduction in those without diabetes (0.87, 0.82-0.92, p<0.0001). This finding reflected a significant reduction in vascular mortality (0.87, 0.76-1.00, p=0.008) and no effect on non-vascular mortality (0.97, 0.82-1.16, p=0.7) in participants with diabetes. There was a significant 21% proportional reduction in major vascular events per mmol/L reduction in LDL cholesterol in people with diabetes (0.79, 0.72-0.86, p<0.0001), which was similar to the effect observed in those without diabetes (0.79, 0.70-0.82, p<0.0001). In diabetic participants there were reductions in myocardial infarction or coronary death (0.78, 0.69-0.87, p<0.0001), coronary revascularization (0.75, 0.64-0.88, p<0.0001), and stroke (0.79, 0.67-0.93, p=0.0002). Among people with diabetes the proportional effects of statin therapy were similar irrespective of whether there was a prior history of vascular disease and irrespective of other baseline characteristics. After 5 years, 42 (95% CI 38-55) fewer people with diabetes had major vascular events per 1000 allocated statin therapy.				Statin therapy should be considered for all diabetic individuals who are at sufficiently high risk of vascular events.	Meta-analysis		7.3								
15007110	Cannon 2004	Intensive versus Moderate Lipid Lowering with Statins after Acute Coronary Syndromes	2004	Randomized Controlled Trial	USA, Canada, United Kingdom	Clinical	Double blind			Examine the clinical benefit of lowering low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol levels below the target of <100.	4162	Adult patients who had been hospitalized for an acute coronary syndrome	men and women who were at least 18 years old were eligible for inclusion if they had been hospitalized for an acute coronary syndrome – either acute myocardial infarction (with or without electrocardiographic evidence of ST-segment elevation) or high-risk unstable angina – in the preceding 10 days.	2099	Pharmacologic	80 mg of atorvastatin daily	2063	40 mg of pravastatin daily	A composite of death from any cause, myocardial infarction, documented unstable angina requiring rehospitalization, revascularization (performed at least 30 days after randomization), and stroke.	The median LDL cholesterol level achieved during treatment was 95 mg per deciliter (2.46 mmol per liter) in the standard-dose pravastatin group and 62 mg per deciliter (1.60 mmol per liter) in the high-dose atorvastatin group (P<0.001). Kaplan-Meier estimates of the rates of the primary end point at two years were 26.3 percent in the pravastatin group and 22.4 percent in the atorvastatin group, reflecting a 16 percent reduction in the hazard ratio in favor of atorvastatin (P=0.005; 95 percent confidence interval, 5 to 26 percent). The study did not meet the prespecified criterion for equivalence but did identify the superiority of the more intensive regimen.				Among patients who have recently had an acute coronary syndrome, an intensive lipid-lowering statin regimen provides greater protection against death or major cardiovascular events than does a standard regimen. These findings indicate that such patients benefit from early and continued lowering of LDL cholesterol to levels substantially below current target levels.	High	Cardiovascular risk management-statin therapy	7.2; 7.3									
12814710	Heart Protection Study Collaborative Group 2003	MRC/BHF Heart Protection Study of cholesterol-lowering with simvastatin in 5963 people with diabetes: a randomised placebo-controlled trial	2003	Randomized Controlled Trial	United Kingdom	Clinical	Yes	5 years	5 years	To determine the effects of cholesterol/LDL lowering on vascular events.	5963 adults with diabetes and 14573 with occlusive arterial disease (but no diagnosed diabetes)	Men and women aged about 40-80 years with non-fasting blood total cholesterol concentrations of at least 3.5 mmol/L were eligible if they had a medical history of diabetes mellitus, coronary disease, occlusive disease of non-coronary arteries, or treated hypertension (if also male and aged at least 65 years)	Diabetes group mean age 62.1 years +/-8.9 70% men and 33% non-smoker. No diabetes group mean age 64.7 years +/-8.1, 78% men and 22% non smoker		Pharmacologic	40 mg simvastatin daily	Matching placebo	Vascular events	Both among the participants who presented with diabetes and among those who did not, there were highly significant reductions of about a quarter in the first event rate for major coronary events, net strokes, and for revascularizations. For the first occurrence of any of these major vascular events among participants with diabetes, there was a definite 22% (95%CI 13-30) reduction in the event rate (601/20,276) simvastatin-allocated vs 748/25,174 placebo-allocated, p<0.0001), which was similar to that among the other high-risk individuals studied. There were also highly significant reductions of 33% (95% CI 17-46, p<0.0001) among the 2912 diabetic participants who did not have any diagnosed occlusive arterial disease at entry, and of 27% (95% CI 13-40, p<0.0007) among the 2426 diabetic participants whose pretreatment LDL cholesterol concentration was below 3.0 mmol/L. The proportional reduction in risk was also about a quarter among various other subcategories of diabetic patient studied, including: those with different duration, type, or control of diabetes; those aged over 65 years at entry or with hypertension; and those with total cholesterol below 5.0 mmol/L. In addition, among participants who had a first major vascular event following randomization, allocation to simvastatin reduced the rate of subsequent events during the scheduled treatment period.				The study provides direct evidence that cholesterol-lowering therapy is beneficial for people with diabetes even if they do not already have manifest coronary disease or high cholesterol concentrations. Allocation to 40 mg simvastatin daily reduced the rate of first major vascular events by about a quarter in a wide range of diabetic patients studied. After making allowance for non-compliance, actual use of this statin regimen would probably reduce these rates by about a third. For example, among the type of diabetic patient studied without occlusive arterial disease, 5 years of treatment would be expected to prevent about 45 people per 1000 from having at least one major vascular event (and, among these 45 people, to prevent about 70 first or subsequent events during this treatment period). Statin therapy should now be considered routinely for all diabetic patients at sufficiently high risk of major vascular events, irrespective of their initial cholesterol concentrations.	High		7.2; 7.3										
5.4 Aspirin Therapy																																				
18184894	Rosjak 2013	The effect of doubling the dose of acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) on platelet function parameters in patients with type 2 diabetes and platelet hyperreactivity during treatment with 75 mg of ASA: a subanalysis of the AVOCADO study	2013	Randomized Controlled Trial	Poland			2 years 8 months		To determine the effect of doubling the dose of ASA on platelet reactivity in patients with type 2 diabetes and HPR, despite treatment with 75 mg of ASA.	304	type 2 diabetes patients treated with 75 mg of ASA	stable patients aged 30-80 years with at least a 6-month history of type 2 diabetes treated with oral hypoglycaemic drug and/or insulin, taking 75 mg of ASA daily for at least 3 months, were included into the study	65.8% male, mean age 66.1 +/-9.7						Complete clinical data and blood samples were ultimately available for 260 of 304 patients initially enrolled to the study. Subsequently, six patients were excluded from the analysis based on suspected ASA non-compliance (STXB2 level > 7200 pg/ml). Among 254 patients finally included into analysis, HPR was found in 90 (35.4%) patients of whom 38 patients were randomized to Group 1 and 52 patients to Group 2. Doubling the dose of ASA resulted in a significant CEPI-CT prolongation (D 111 s, p < 0.001) and reduction of STXB2 level (D -101.3 pg/ml, p = 0.001) but did not significantly affect results of other platelet function tests.				Doubling the dose of ASA improved platelet reactivity in patients with type 2 diabetes and HPR.	Moderate	Aspirin	7.4									
23796131	Macchia 2012	Statins but Not Aspirin Reduce Thrombotic Risk Assessed by Thrombin Generation in Diabetic Patients without Cardiovascular Events: The RATIONAL Trial	2012	Randomized Controlled Trial	Argentina	Hospital	blinded to events evaluation	8 to 10 weeks	8 to 10 weeks	Assess the effects of aspirin and statins on the thrombotic risk assessed by thrombin generation (TG) among patients with type II diabetes mellitus and no previous cardiovascular events.	30	Patients were males or females aged 550 years diagnosed with type 2 diabetes	Patients were males or females aged 50 years diagnosed with type 2 diabetes based on standard criteria at least 1 year prior to study entry. Inclusion criteria included treatment for diabetes with either oral agents or insulin therapy for at least the past one year, no previous cardiovascular events, and no treatment with aspirin or statins during the year prior to recruitment. The main exclusion criteria were current treatment with aspirin or any antiplatelet agent including sporadic use of NSAID and the presence of previous vascular events or any known hemorrhagic condition.	Aspirin mean age 56.5, and 42.9% female; control mean age 63.0 and 53.3% female	Between August 26th 2009 and September 1st 2010, thirty patients were randomized. Of these, 14 were randomly assigned to receive aspirin and 16 to no aspirin. By 262 factorial design, 15 patients were randomized to receive atorvastatin and 15 were assigned to no atorvastatin group. There were no lost during the follow up, but in four patients (one assigned to aspirin, two to atorvastatin and one to no experimental treatment) measurements of TG was not available due to blood samples were not adequate for assays.	Pharmacologic	aspirin, atorvastatin	Placebo	Primary end point was the level of TG at the end of follow up, as measured by the peak of TG with saline as agonist. Other outcomes were peak TG with arachidonic acid, tissue factor, ADP and lag time with arachidonic acid.	At baseline all groups had similar clinical and biochemical profiles, including TG levels. There was no interaction between aspirin and atorvastatin. Atorvastatin significantly reduced TG measured as peak TG with saline (85.09 +/-55.34 nmol vs 153.26 +/-75.55 nmol for atorvastatin and control groups, respectively; p = 0.018). On the other hand, aspirin had no effect on TG (121.5 +/-83.83 nmol vs 115.68 +/-76.66 nmol for aspirin and control groups, respectively; p = 0.716). The effects of treatments on measurements of TG using other agonists were consistent.	None			While waiting for data from ongoing large clinical randomized trials to definitively define the role of aspirin in primary prevention, our study shows that among diabetic patients without previous vascular events, statins but not aspirin reduce thrombotic risk assessed by TG.	High	Aspirin	7.3; 7.4									
23040422	Soejima 2012	Aspirin Reduces Cerebrovascular Events in Type 2 Diabetic Patients With Poorly Controlled Blood Pressure	2012	Randomized Controlled Trial	Japan	Clinical				To clarify the effect of the primary prevention of aspirin therapy in diabetic patients, the relationship between blood pressure (BP) and the incidence of atherosclerotic events was investigated in participants in the Japanese primary prevention of atherosclerosis with aspirin for diabetes (JPAD) trial.	2539	type 2 diabetic patients from JPAD study without a history of atherosclerotic disease								The incidence of the primary atherosclerotic events, especially cerebrovascular events, was higher in the unattained group than in the attained group. The incidence of cerebrovascular events was higher in the unattained group than in the attained group in patients without aspirin therapy; however, the incidence of cerebrovascular events in the unattained group was as low as the incidence in the attained group in patients undergoing aspirin therapy. Cox proportional hazards analysis revealed that BP level was an independent predictor for cerebrovascular events in diabetic patients.				In the unattained and attained groups, there were 7 patients and 9 patients, respectively, with gastrointestinal bleeding. In the unattained group, 2 patients had hemorrhagic strokes; 6 patients in the attained group had hemorrhagic strokes. Over all, there was no significant difference in the rate of hemorrhagic events between the unattained group and the attained group.	Low	Aspirin	7.4									
2315231	Valentine 2012	Adenosine-diphosphate (ADP) receptor antagonists for the prevention of cardiovascular disease in type 2 diabetes mellitus	2012	Systematic review	Australia					To assess the effects of adenosine-diphosphate (ADP) receptor antagonists for the prevention of cardiovascular disease in type 2 diabetes mellitus.	21379	Type 2 diabetes																					The available evidence for ADP receptor antagonists in patients with diabetes mellitus is limited and most trials do not report outcomes for patients with diabetes separately. Therefore, recommendations for the use of ADP receptor antagonists for the prevention of CVD in patients with diabetes are based on available evidence from trials including patients with and without diabetes. Trials with diabetes patients and subgroup analyses of patients with diabetes in trials with combined populations are needed to provide a more robust evidence base to guide clinical management in patients with diabetes.	Systematic Review	Aspirin	7.4
19482214	Antithrombotic Trialists' (ATT) Collaborators 2009	Aspirin in the primary and secondary prevention of vascular disease: collaborative meta-analysis of individual participant data from randomised trials	2009	Meta-analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials	United Kingdom					Assess risks and benefits of aspirin use in primary and secondary prevention of vascular disease	N=95000 in 6 primary prevention trials, N=17000 in 16 secondary prevention trials	Primary prevention trials: at least 1000 non-diabetic participants with at least 2 years of scheduled treatment and no history of occlusive disease at entry. Secondary prevention trials: individuals with previous myocardial infarction (six trials) or stroke or transient cerebral ischaemia (ten trials), and had contributed individual participant data to the 2002 Antithrombotic Trialists' (ATT) report								Serious vascular events	In the primary prevention trials, aspirin allocation yielded a 12% proportional reduction in serious vascular events (0.31% aspirin vs 0.57% control per year, p<0.001), due mainly to a reduction of about a fifth in non-fatal myocardial infarction (0.18% vs 0.23% per year, p<0.0001). The net effect on stroke was not significant (0.20% vs 0.21% per year, p=0.4; haemorrhagic stroke 0.04% vs 0.05%, p=0.05; other stroke 0.18% vs 0.18% per year, p=0.08). Vascular mortality did not differ significantly (0.19% vs 0.19% per year, p=0.7). Aspirin allocation increased major gastrointestinal and extracranial bleeds (0.10% vs 0.07% per year, p<0.0001), and the main risk factors for coronary disease were also risk factors for bleeding. In the secondary prevention trials, aspirin allocation yielded a greater absolute reduction in serious vascular events (6.7% vs 8.2% per year, p<0.0001), with a non-significant increase in haemorrhagic stroke but reductions of about a fifth in total stroke (2.08% vs 2.54% per year, p=0.002) and in coronary events (4.3% vs 5.3% per year, p<0.0001). In both primary and secondary prevention trials, the proportional reductions in the aggregate of all serious vascular events seemed similar for men and women.				In primary prevention without previous disease, aspirin is of uncertain net value as the reduction in occlusive events needs to be weighed against any increase in major bleeds.	Meta-analysis	Aspirin	7.4								

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1892173	Belch 2008	The prevention of progression of arterial disease and diabetes (POPADAD) trial: factorial randomised placebo controlled trial of aspirin and antioxidants in patients with diabetes and asymptomatic peripheral arterial disease	2008	Randomized Controlled Trial	United Kingdom	Clinical	Double blinded		8 years	To determine whether aspirin and antioxidant therapy, combined or alone, are more effective than placebo in reducing the development of cardiovascular events in patients with diabetes mellitus and asymptomatic peripheral arterial disease.	1276	Adults aged 40 or more with type 1 or type 2 diabetes and an ankle brachial pressure index of 0.99 or less but no symptomatic cardiovascular disease.	Adults of either sex, aged 40 or more, with type 1 or type 2 diabetes who were determined as having asymptomatic peripheral arterial disease as detected by a lower than normal ankle brachial pressure index (≤ 0.99)	Aspirin plus antioxidant group (n=320) mean (SD) age (years) 61.0 (10.0) and 53% women; Aspirin plus placebo group (n=318) mean (SD) age (years) 60.0 (10.1) and 58% women; placebo plus antioxidant (n=320) mean (SD) age (years) 60.0 (10.3) 57% women; placebo plus placebo (n=318) mean (SD) age (years) 60.1 (9.7) 57% women.	Aspirin plus antioxidant (n=260); Aspirin plus placebo n=318 (n=279); placebo plus antioxidant n=320 (n=260); placebo plus placebo n=318(n=275)	Pharmacologic	Aspirin and antioxidant alone or combined	n=318(n=275)	Placebo alone or combined with placebo	Two hierarchical composite primary end points of death from coronary heart disease or stroke, non-fatal myocardial infarction or stroke, or amputation above the ankle for critical limb ischaemia, and death from coronary heart disease or stroke.	Overall, 116 of 638 primary events occurred in the aspirin groups compared with 117 of 638 in the no aspirin groups (18.2% v 18.3%; hazard ratio 0.98 [95% confidence interval 0.76 to 1.26]. Forty three deaths from coronary heart disease or stroke occurred in the aspirin groups compared with 35 in the no aspirin groups (6.7% v 5.5%); 1.23 (0.79 to 1.93). Among the antioxidant groups 117 of 640 (18.3%) primary events occurred compared with 116 of 636 (18.2%) in the no antioxidant groups (1.03, 0.79 to 1.33). Forty two (6.6%) deaths from coronary heart disease or stroke occurred in the antioxidant groups compared with 36 (5.7%) in the no antioxidant groups (1.21, 0.78 to 1.89).	Not significant			No evidence to support the use of aspirin or antioxidants in primary prevention of cardiovascular events and mortality in the population with diabetes studied.	High	Aspirin	7.4
18519931	Ogawa 2008	Low-Dose Aspirin for Primary Prevention of Atherosclerotic Events in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes: A Randomized Controlled Trial	2008	Randomized Controlled Trial	Japan	Clinical	Blinded	5 years and 9 months	5 years 9 months	To examine the efficacy of low-dose aspirin for the primary prevention of atherosclerotic events in patients with type 2 diabetes.	2539	type 2 diabetes without a history of atherosclerotic disease		1262(1165)	Pharmacologic	low-dose aspirin group (81 or 10 mg per day)	1277(1181)	Nonaspirin	Primary end points were atherosclerotic events, including fatal or nonfatal ischemic heart disease, fatal or nonfatal stroke, and peripheral arterial disease. Secondary end points included each primary end point and combinations of primary end points as well as death from any cause.	A total of 154 atherosclerotic events occurred: 68 in the aspirin group (13.6 per 1000 person-years) and 86 in the nonaspirin group (17.0 per 1000 person-years) (hazard ratio [HR], 0.80; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.58-1.10; log-rank test, P = .16). The combined end point of fatal coronary events and fatal cerebrovascular events occurred in 1 patient (stroke) in the aspirin group and 10 patients (5 fatal myocardial infarctions and 5 fatal strokes) in the nonaspirin group (HR, 0.10; 95% CI, 0.01-0.78; P = .0037). A total of 34 patients in the aspirin group and 58 patients in the nonaspirin group died from any cause (HR, 0.90; 95% CI, 0.57-1.14; log-rank test, P = .67). The composite of hemorrhagic stroke and significant gastrointestinal bleeding was not significantly different between the aspirin and nonaspirin groups.			In this study of patients with type 2 diabetes, low-dose aspirin primary prevention did not reduce the risk of cardiovascular events.	High	Aspirin	7.4		
17488967	Campbell 2007	Aspirin dose for the prevention of cardiovascular disease: a systematic review	2007	Systematic review	USA					To review the mechanism of action of aspirin and the clinical literature for relationships among aspirin dosage, efficacy, and safety.	11 Studies Included in Review (8 RCTs and 3 observational studies)				Pharmacologic	Aspirin dosing			Relationship of aspirin dosage to efficacy and safety.	The available evidence, predominantly from secondary-prevention observational studies, supports that dosages greater than 75 to 81 mg/d do not enhance efficacy, whereas larger dosages are associated with an increased incidence of bleeding events, primarily related to gastrointestinal tract toxicity.		Increased risk of gastrointestinal bleeding at higher dosages of aspirin		Currently available clinical data do not support the routine, long-term use of aspirin dosages greater than 75 to 81 mg/d in the setting of cardiovascular disease prevention. Higher dosages, which may be commonly prescribed, do not better prevent events but are associated with increased risks of gastrointestinal bleeding.	Systematic Review	Aspirin	7.4	
23543567	Pignone 2006	Aspirin, Statins, or Both Drugs for the Primary Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease Events in Men: A Cost-Utility Analysis	2006	Cost-utility	USA					To perform a cost-utility analysis of the effects of aspirin therapy, statin therapy, combination therapy with both drugs, and no pharmacotherapy for the primary prevention of CHD events in men.		Middle-aged men without a history of cardiovascular disease at 6 levels of 10-year risk for CHD (2.5%, 5%, 7.5%, 10%, 15% and 25%)			Pharmacologic	Low-dose aspirin, a statin, both drugs as combination therapy, or no therapy			Effects of aspirin therapy, statin therapy, combination therapy with both drugs, and no pharmacotherapy for the primary prevention of CHD events in men.	Base-case analysis: For 45-year-old men who do not smoke, are not hypertensive, and have a 10-year risk for CHD of 7.5%, aspirin was more effective and less costly than no treatment. The addition of a statin to aspirin therapy produced an incremental cost-utility ratio of \$56200 per quality-adjusted life-year gained compared with aspirin alone. Sensitivity analysis: Excess risk for hemorrhagic stroke and gastrointestinal bleeding with aspirin, risk for CHD, the cost of statins, and the disability of taking medication had important effects on the cost-utility ratios.			Compared with no treatment, aspirin is less costly and more effective for preventing CHD events in middle-aged men whose 10-year risk for CHD is 7.5% or higher. The addition of a statin to aspirin therapy became more cost-effective when the patient's 10-year risk before treatment is higher than 10%.	Low	Aspirin	7.4		