SGLT2i: IL PUNTO DI VISTA DEL CARDIOLOGO



Protezione cardio-renale nel Diabete di Tipo 2:

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SGLT2 inhibition: An insulin-independent approach to remove excess glucose by reducing the renal threshold^{1–3}



SGLT2i, sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitor

1. Marsenic O. Am J Kidney Dis 2009;53:875–885; 2. Dapagliflozin Summary of Product Characteristics; 3. Mudaliar S, et al. Diabetes Care 2016;39:1115–1122

Key Physiological Effects of SGLT-2 Inhibition



HbA1C=hemoglobin A1C; SGLT-2=sodium-glucose co-transporter 2; SGLT-2i=sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 inhibitor.

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1) RENAL TUBULAR EFFECTS



W.G. Herrington et al., European Journal of Heart Failure (2021) doi:10.1002/ejhf.2286; Heerspink et al., Circulation. 2016;134:752–772. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.116.021887; Kidokoro K, et al. Circulation 2019;140:303–315

SGLT2 inhibition and RAAS blockade both reduce glomerular hyperfiltration by complimentary mechanisms¹⁻³



SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2; Na, sodium; RAAS, renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system.

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2) VASCULAR & HAEMODYNAMIC EFFECTS



W.G. Herrington et al., European Journal of Heart Failure (2021) doi:10.1002/ejhf.2286; Verma S, McMurray JJV. Diabetologia. 2018;61:2108-2117; Serenelli M et al. Eur Heart J. 2020;41:3402-3418.

3) OTHER RENAL EFFECTS





- 1. \uparrow HIF-1 -> \uparrow Erythropoietin
- 2. Reduced inflammatory cytokines
- 3. Reduced ATP consumption

4) METABOLIC EFFECTS



B-OHB is a «superfuel» that is oxidized by the heart **in preference to FFA and glucose**, and not only **improves cardiac function** in the failing heart, but also **increases mechanical efficiency**.



What Is Heart Failure?

Proposed Universal Definition of HF¹

Clinical syndrome with symptoms and/or signs caused by a structural and/or functional cardiac abnormality and corroborated by elevated natriuretic peptide levels and/or objective evidence of pulmonary or systemic congestion.

HF Categories According to LVEF

ESC²

HFrEF	HFmrEF	HFpEF
HF with reduced EF	HF with mildly reduced EF	HF with preserved EF
LVEF ≤40%	LVEF 41-49%	LVEF ≥50%

AHA/ACC/HFSA³

HFrEF	HFmrEF	HFpEF	HFimpEF
HF with reduced EF	HF with mildly reduced EF	HF with preserved EF	HF with improved EF
LVEF ≤40%	LVEF 41-49%	LVEF ≥50%	Previous LVEF ≤40% and follow-up LVEF >40%

ACC = American College of Cardiology; AHA = American Heart Association; EF = ejection fraction; ESC = European Society of Cardiology; HF = heart failure; HFimpEF = heart failure with improved ejection fraction; HFmrEF = heart failure with mildly reduced ejection fraction; HFpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; HFSA = Heart Failure Society of America; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction.

1. Bozkurt B et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2021;23(3):352-380; 2. McDonagh TA et al. Eur Heart J. 2021;42(36):3599-3726; 3. Heidenreich PA et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2022;79(17):e263-e421.

Differences in HF Pathophysiology¹⁻³



CAD = coronary artery disease; HF = heart failure; HFpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; HTN = hypertension; LV = left ventricular; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction.

1. Bloom MW et al. Nat Rev Dis Primers. 2017;3:17058; 2. Borlaug BA. Nat Rev Cardiol. 2014;11:507-515; 3. Redfield MM. N Engl J Med. 2016;375:1868-1877.

HF is a growing public health problem, with high morbidity and mortality



HOSPITALIZATION



HF is the **number** one cause of hospitalization in people >65 years^{2,a}

MORTALITY



The 5-year mortality rate for patients with HF is ~50%⁴



Mortality significantly increases after each HF readmission⁵

^aIn developed countries.

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3. Groenewegen A et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2020;22(8):1342-1356; 55; 4. Jones NR et al. Eur J Heart Fail. 2019;21(11):1306-1325; 5. Setoguchi S et al. Am Heart J. 2007;154(2):260-266;

Progressione dello scompenso cardiaco



ESC 2021 Guidelines HFrEF



ESC 2021 Heart Failure Guidelines: Dapagliflozin is Recommended in Patients with HFrEF to Reduce the Risk of HF Hospitalization and Mortality

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
An ACEI is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	Α
A beta-blocker is recommended for patients with stable HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	Α
An MRA is recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	Α
Dapagliflozin or empagliflozin are recommended for patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	Α
Sacubitril/valsartan is recommended as a replacement for an ACEI in patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of HF hospitalization and death.	I	В

^aClass of recommendation; ^bLevel of evidence.

McDonagh TA et al. Online ahead of print. *Eur Heart J.* 2021.

ACEI = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; ESC = European Society of Cardiology; HF = heart failure; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; MRA = mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist.

I pilastri della terapia HFrEF 2021



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EDITORIAL

Heart failure drug treatment: the fantastic four

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Figure I Drug, interventional, and device treatment for heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF). ACE-I, angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; Afib, atrial fibrillation; ARB, angiotensin receptor blocker; ARNI, angiotensin receptor/neprilysin inhibitor; CRT, cardiac resynchronization therapy; HTX, heart transplantation; LBBB, left bundle branch block; LVAD, left ventricular assist device; MR, mitral regurgitation; MRA, mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; PVI, pulmonary vein isolation; SGLT2, sodium–glucose co-transporter 2; SR, sinus rhythm; TSAT, transferrin saturation. In clinical practice, patients without contraindications appear to **gain most benefit from combined treatment with the 'fantastic four':** an ARNI, a beta-blocker, an MRA, and an

SGLT2 inhibitor.

J.bauersachs; European Heart Journal (2021) 42,681-683

First and Largest SGLT2i HFrEF Trial DAPAHE to Successfully Improve Outcomes and Symptoms^{2,5}



DAPA-HF Safety^{5,7} DAPA was well-tolerated in patients with and without T2D Adverse events rarely led to discontinuation of treatment

No events of major hypoglycemia or DKA in patients without T2D

Significantly reduced risk of CV death or worsening HF^b as early as¹⁵

less common¹⁴



Overview of results from EMPEROR-Reduced¹



The rates of AEs were similar between empagliflozin and placebo¹

Empagliflozin and health-related quality of life outcomes in patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction: the EMPEROR Reduced trial

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SGLT2i Early Use







«When Sequence 2 was compared with the standard approach (Sequence 1), the number of patients who could have avoided an event* was almost doubled, thanks to increased titration rate and drug order modification.

* CV death or hospitalization for HF



SGLT2i Early Use



CLINICAL RESEARCH Heart failure and cardiomyopathies

Accelerated and personalized therapy for heart failure with reduced ejection fraction

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SGLT2i use in acute and chronic HF



In-Hospital Initiation of SGLT2i for HFrEF



Deferring in-hospital initiation exposes patients to excess risk of early post-discharge clinical worsening, readmission, and death.

Patients-centered benefits



Among patients eligible for therapy, discharging without medication associated with >75% chance will not be started within 1 year.

Safety and Tolerability







Hospitalized population vulnerable to in-hospital and post-discharge discontinuation of GDMT may particularly benefit from + risk of hyperkalemia and worsening renal function.





Numerically fewer serious adverse events than placebo. Rarely symptomatic side effects and well tolerated among older patients.

Changes in LVEF Occur Over Time and Are Associated With Specific Patient Characteristics



Factors associated with progression^b:

Diabetes, ischemic heart disease, lack of specialized HF follow-up, higher NT-proBNP levels

Factors associated with recovery^c:

Younger age, female, lower HF severity, shorter HF duration, fewer comorbidities

Data from patients with ≥2 EF measurements in the SwedeHF study (N=4942) between May 2000 and December 2012.

^aReference uses the term HF with midrange EF (EF 40-49%) for this group; ^bEF decrease; ^cEF increase.

EF = ejection fraction; HF = heart failure; HFmrEF = heart failure with mildly reduced ejection fraction; HFpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; LVEF = left ventricular ejection fraction; NT-proBNP = N-terminal pro-B-type natriuretic peptide.

Savarese G et al. JACC Heart Fail. 2019;7:306-317.

HFrEF and HFpEF Share Many Comorbidities and Risk Factors, While Others Differ



Screening for, and treatment of, aetiologies, and cardiovascular and noncardiovascular comorbidities is recommended in patients with HFpEF (see relevant sections of this document).

Diuretics are recommended in congested patients with HFpEF in order to alleviate symptoms and signs.

Recommendations for the treatment of patients with heart failure with

HFpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction.

Recommendations

preserved ejection fraction

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Class Level

Guidelines Consistently Recommend SGLT2i as Class 1A Therapy for HFrEF^{1,2}

	ESC European Society of Cardiology	American Heart Association. AMERICAN COLLEGE of CARDIOLOGY
Class 1A recommendation to reduce hospitalization for HF and mortality ^a		
First Line Therapy with ACEI/ARNI ^b , beta-blockers and MRA		
Initiate during hospitalization and promptly optimize		

2022 AHA/ACC/HFSA Guidelines also recommend SGLT2i for the treatment of HFmrEF and HFpEF

^aAHA/ACC/HFSA guidelines recommend SGT2i to reduce the risk of hospitalization for HF and CV mortality; ^bAHA/ACC/HFSA guidelines also recommend ARB to reduce morbidity and mortality in patients with previous or current symptoms of chronic HFrEF who are intolerant to ACEI because of cough or angioedema and when the use of ARNI is not feasible.

ACC = American College of Cardiology; ACEI = angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor; AHA = American Heart Association; ARB = angiotensin-receptor blocker; ARNI = angiotensin-receptor neprilysin inhibitor; CV = cardiovascular; ESC = European Society of Cardiology; HF = heart failure; HFmrEF = heart failure with mildly reduced ejection fraction; HFpEF = heart failure with preserved ejection fraction; HFrEF = heart failure with reduced ejection fraction; HFsA = Heart Failure Society of America; MRA = mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist; SGLT2i = sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor.

1. McDonagh TA et al. Eur Heart J. 2021;42:3599-3726; 2. Heidenreich PA et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2022;79(17):e263-e421.

EMPEROR-Preserved: Empagliflozin Outcome Trial in Patients with Chronic Heart failure with Preserved Ejection Fraction

Purpose:

Evaluate the effects of SGLT2 inhibitor (Empagliflozin) on cardiovascular death and heart failure hospitalizations in patients with heart failure with a preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF), with or without diabetes.

Trial Design: N=5998, International multicenter (622 centers in 23 countries) randomized placebo controlled, double-blind, event-driven study. Symptomatic HFpEF patients (LVEF>40%) received empagliflozin (10mg once daily) or placebo, in addition to usual therapy. Median follow up period was 26 months.

Primary Endpoint: Composite of CV death or heart failure hospitalization.

Secondary Endpoints: Heart Failure hospitalizations(including first and recurrent events), rate of decline in eGFR during treatment.



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	Empagliflozin n=2997	Placebo n=2991	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Primary Composite Outcome: Composite of CV death or HF hospitalization	415 (13.8%)	511 (17.1%)	0.79 (0.69-0.90)	< 0.001
HF hospitalization	259 (8.6%)	352 (11.8%)	0.71 (0.60-0.83)	
Cardiovascular Death	219 (7.3%)	244 (8.2%)	0.91 (0.76-1.09)	
Secondary Outcomes specified in hierarchical testing procedure				
Total number of HF hospitalizations	407	541	0.73 (0.61-0.88)	< 0.001
eGR mean slope change per year (ml/min/1.73m ²)	-1.25±0.11	-2.62±0.11	1.36 (1.06-1.66)	< 0.0001
Results: Empagliflozin reduced the	combined risk of c	ardiovascular de	eath or heart failure ho	ospitalization

Results: Empagliflozin reduced the combined risk of cardiovascular death or heart failure hospitalization in patients with HFpEF by 21% regardless of the presence or absence of diabetes. This benefit was consistent across pre-specifice EF subgroups. Empagliflozin reduced total (first and recurrent) hospitalizations for HF by 27%.

Results reflect the data available at the time of presentation.

DELIVER: The largest and broadest trial to date in patients with LVEF >40%¹



Primary endpoint²

Secondary endpoints²

recurrent) and CV death

baseline to 32 weeks

All-cause mortality

Change in KCCQ-TSS from

Total number of hHF (first and



CV death

Composite of CV death or worsening HF (hHF or an urgent HF visit):

- Full patient population
- Patients with LVEF <60%



Baseline characteristics^{1,2}

1. Solomon SD et al. JACC Heart Fail. 2022;10(3):184-197; 2. Solomon SD et al. N Engl J Med. 2022.

DELIVER: Dapagliflozin significantly reduced the risk of CV death and worsening HF^a in patients with HFmrEF and HFpEF¹





Major guidelines recommend SGLT2 inhibitors across HFrEF, HFmrEF, and HFpEF to reduce hHF and CV mortality^{1,2}

ESC ^a European Society of Cardiology	HF type	COR	LOE
	HFrEF (LVEF ≤40%)	I	Α
American Heart Association.	HF type	COR	LOE
AMERICAN COLLECE of	HFrEF (LVEF ≤40%)	1	Α
Cardiology	HFmrEF (LVEF 41-49%)	2a	B-R
MFSA	HFpEF (LVEF ≥50%)	2 a	B-R

GDMT use, including SGLT2 inhibitors, is suboptimal³

^a2021 ESC HF guidelines recommend dapagliflozin or empagliflozin in patients with HFrEF to reduce the risk of hHF and death. These guidelines were released before full results of SGLT2 inhibitor trials in patients with HFmrEF or HFpEF, with or without T2D, were available.^{1,4-6}

1. McDonagh TA et al. *Eur Heart J.* 2021;42(36):3599-3726; 2. Heidenreich PA et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2022;79(17):e263-e421; 3. Ghazi L et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2022;79(22):2203-2213; 4. Anker SD et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2021;385:1451-1461; 5. Nassif ME et al. *Nat Med.* 2021;27:1954-1960; 6. Solomon SD et al. Online ahead of print. *N Engl J Med.* 2022.

Guida pratica ANMCO all'impiego degli inibitori del cotrasportatore sodio-glucosio di tipo 2 nei pazienti con scompenso cardiaco

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Tabella 3. Considerazioni pratiche per l'impiego degli inibitori del cotrasportatore sodio-glucosio di tipo 2 nei pazienti con scompenso cardiaco e frazione di elezione ridotta.

	Indicazioni	Pazienti con HFrEF indipendentemente dalla presenza di DM2		
In chi e quando?	Controindicazioni Gravidanza o allattamento GFR <20 o 25 ml/min/103m² per empagliflozin e dapagliflozin rispettivame Inovolemia o PAS <95 mmHg DM1 per mancanza di dati su efficacia e sicurezza Storia di chetoacidosi			
Quale dosaggio?	Dapagliflozin Empagliflozin	Dose iniziale/di mantenimento 10 mg/die Dose iniziale/di mantenimento 10 mg/die		
Come usarli?	Definire la funzione renale all'inizio della terapia e monitorarla regolarmente Monitorare la glicemia (soprattutto nel pazienti diabetici) Identificare eventuali fattori di rischio per chetoacidosi ed eliminarli Monitorare regolarmente il bilancio di liquidi, particolarmente se il paziente assume diuretici, se è anziano o fragile			
Effetti collaterali	Glicosuria: predisposizione ad infezioni fungine genito-urinarie Ipoglicernia: usare con cautela in associazione a insulina, sulfoniluree e altri insulino-secretagoghi Ipotensione: valutare lo stato di idratazione e ridurre o sospendere eventuale terapia diuretica in atto Chetoacidosi: da sospettare in caso di nausea, vomito, anoressia, dolore addominale, sete eccessiva, difficoltà a respirare, confusione, insolita fatica Essote percetizzante dei perineo o gaggrepa di Egurpier			

DM1, diabete mellito di tipo 1; DM2, diabete mellito di tipo 2; eGFR, filtrato glomerulare stimato; HFrEF, scompenso cardiaco con frazione di elezione ridotta; PAS, pressione arteriosa sistolica.

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Figura 2, Algoritmo per l'impiego degli inibitori del cotrasportatore sodio-glucosio di tipo 2 (SGLT2-) nei pazienti con scomperso cardiaco. HFrEF, scompenso cardiaco con frazione di elezione ridotta (<40%). Modificata da Di Fusco et al.²²

Cardio-Renal Mechanisms of benefit of SGLT2 inhibitors



Gli effetti degli inibitori SGLT2 sul sistema cardio-renale-metabolici possono essere mediati da molteplici meccanismi



SGLT2: sodium-glucose cotransporter 2, LV: left ventricular; HHF: hospitalisation for heart failure; TGF: tubuloglomerular feedback

1. Giugliano et al. Cardiovasc Diabetol (2021) 20:17; 2. Barutta et al., Diabetes Metab Res Rev. 2019;e3171; 3. Margonato D et al., Heart Failure Reviews (2021) 26:337–345; 4. Sano M et al., J Clin Med Res. 2016;8(12):844-847,

5. Zinman B et al. N Engl J Med 2015:373:2117; 6. Wanner C et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:323



Braunwald's Corner

SGLT2 inhibitors: the statins of the 21st century

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A relatively small number of drugs have been responsible for major advances in medical practice. The discovery, develop ment, and elucidation of the mechanisms of action of aspirin, penicillin, and statins are remarkable success stories, each with some surprises and each crowned by a Nobel Prize. The sodium glucose co-transporter inhibitors have been proven effective in the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus, various forms of heart failure, and kidney failure and represent the, or one of the major pharmacological advances in cardiovascular medicine in the 21st century.



