

# Take CaRe of Me Programme:

## Gaps in Early Diagnosis of Cardiorenal Complications Among Individuals With Type 2 Diabetes

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# Introduction

- > Nearly half of people with T2D have cardio-renal-metabolic complications (CAD: 32% and CKD: 20%) — which are associated with increased risk of mortality.<sup>1,2,3</sup> However, there are gaps in early identification and prevention of cardiorenal complications in T2D.
- > Major guidelines including the ADA, ESC and KDIGO emphasise the need for early screening of cardiorenal complications, followed by timely initiation of SGLT2i or GLP-1RA in patients with high-risk factors or established ASCVD, CKD, or HF, independent of baseline HbA<sub>1c</sub>.<sup>4,5,6,7</sup>
- > ‘Take CaRe of Me’, a subset of DISCOVER CaReMe Registry, evaluated the real-world burden, screening implementation and treatment patterns of cardiorenal complications among individuals with T2D in primary care settings in emerging countries.



Executive summary. The selection and Use of Essential Medicines 2021  
Report of the 23<sup>rd</sup> WHO Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines

### Section 18.5.2 Oral hypoglycemic agents

The Expert Committee recommended inclusion of the sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitor empagliflozin (with canagliflozin and dapagliflozin as therapeutic alternatives) on the core list of the EML as add on treatment for adults with type 2 diabetes with or at high risk of cardiovascular disease and/or diabetic nephropathy. This recommendation was based on high-quality evidence of reduced risk of all-cause mortality, major cardiovascular adverse events, and adverse renal outcomes, and a reasonable safety profile.

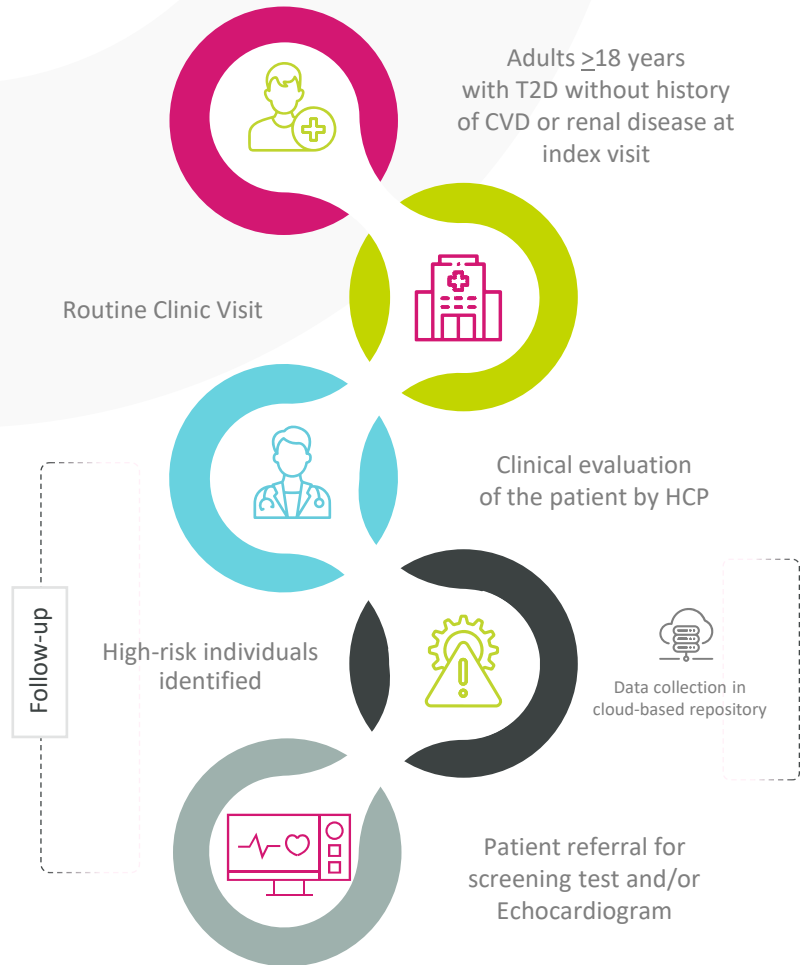
ADA, American Diabetes Association; ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CAD, coronary artery disease; CKD, chronic kidney disease; EASD, European Association for the Study of Diabetes; EML, List of Essential Medicines; ESC, European Society of Cardiology; GLP-1-RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycated haemoglobin; HF, heart failure; KDIGO, Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; T2D, Type 2 diabetes

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# Study Design

**Take CaRe of Me program:** An ongoing, international, prospective, study for diagnosis and management of early cardiorenal complications in T2D



## Identification of high/ very high-risk individuals



European Society of Cardiology (ESC) 2019 Cardiovascular risk categories



Urine Albumin: Creatinine Ratio  $>30\text{mg/g}$

### ESC 2019 Cardiovascular risk categories<sup>8</sup>

Very-high-risk

People with any of the following:  
 Documented ASCVD, either clinical or unequivocal on imaging.  
 Documented ASCVD includes previous ACS (MI or unstable angina), stable angina, coronary revascularization (PCI, CABG, and other arterial revascularization procedures), stroke and TIA, and peripheral arterial disease. Unequivocally documented ASCVD on imaging includes those findings that are known to be predictive of clinical events, such as significant plaque on coronary angiography or CT scan (multivessel coronary disease with two major epicardial arteries having  $>50\%$  stenosis), or on carotid ultrasound.  
 DM with target organ damage,<sup>a</sup> or at least three major risk factors, or early onset of T1DM of long duration ( $>20$  years).  
 Severe CKD (eGFR  $<30$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).  
 A calculated SCORE  $\geq 10\%$  for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.  
 FH with ASCVD or with another major risk factor.

High-risk

People with:  
 Markedly elevated single risk factors, in particular TC  $>8$  mmol/L ( $>310$  mg/dL), LDL-C  $>4.9$  mmol/L ( $>190$  mg/dL), or BP  $\geq 180/110$  mmHg. Patients with FH without other major risk factors.  
 Patients with DM without target organ damage,<sup>a</sup> with DM duration  $\geq 10$  years or another additional risk factor.  
 Moderate CKD (eGFR 30-59 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).  
 A calculated SCORE  $\geq 5\%$  and  $<10\%$  for 10-year risk of fatal CVD.

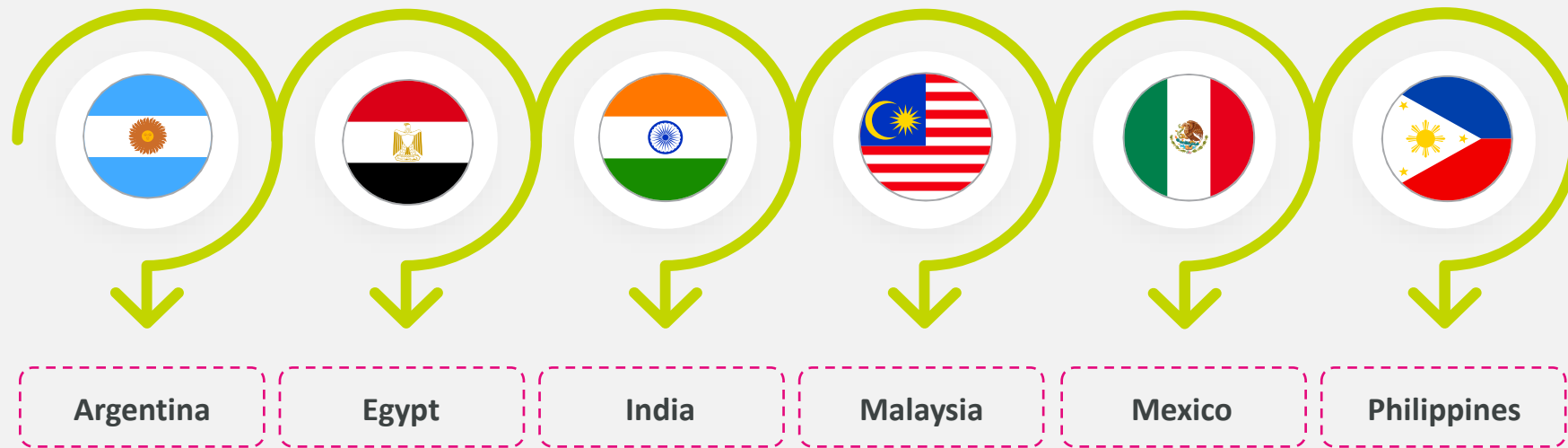
ASCVD, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease; CABG, coronary artery bypass graft; CKD, Chronic kidney disease; CT, Computed tomography; eGFR, estimated glomerular filtration rate; FH, Familial hypercholesterolaemia; HCP, Health care professional; LDL-C, low density lipoprotein-cholesterol; PCI, Percutaneous coronary intervention, T2D, Type 2 diabetes; T1DM, Type 1 diabetes; TC, Total Cholesterol, TIA, transient ischemic attack

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# Results

We present preliminary results of 4686 patients enrolled from Dec 2020 to May 2021 from six emerging countries



Demographic profile	
Mean age ( $\pm$ SD)	55.7 $\pm$ 11.3 years
Male gender	46.2%



Target for final analysis: **12000**

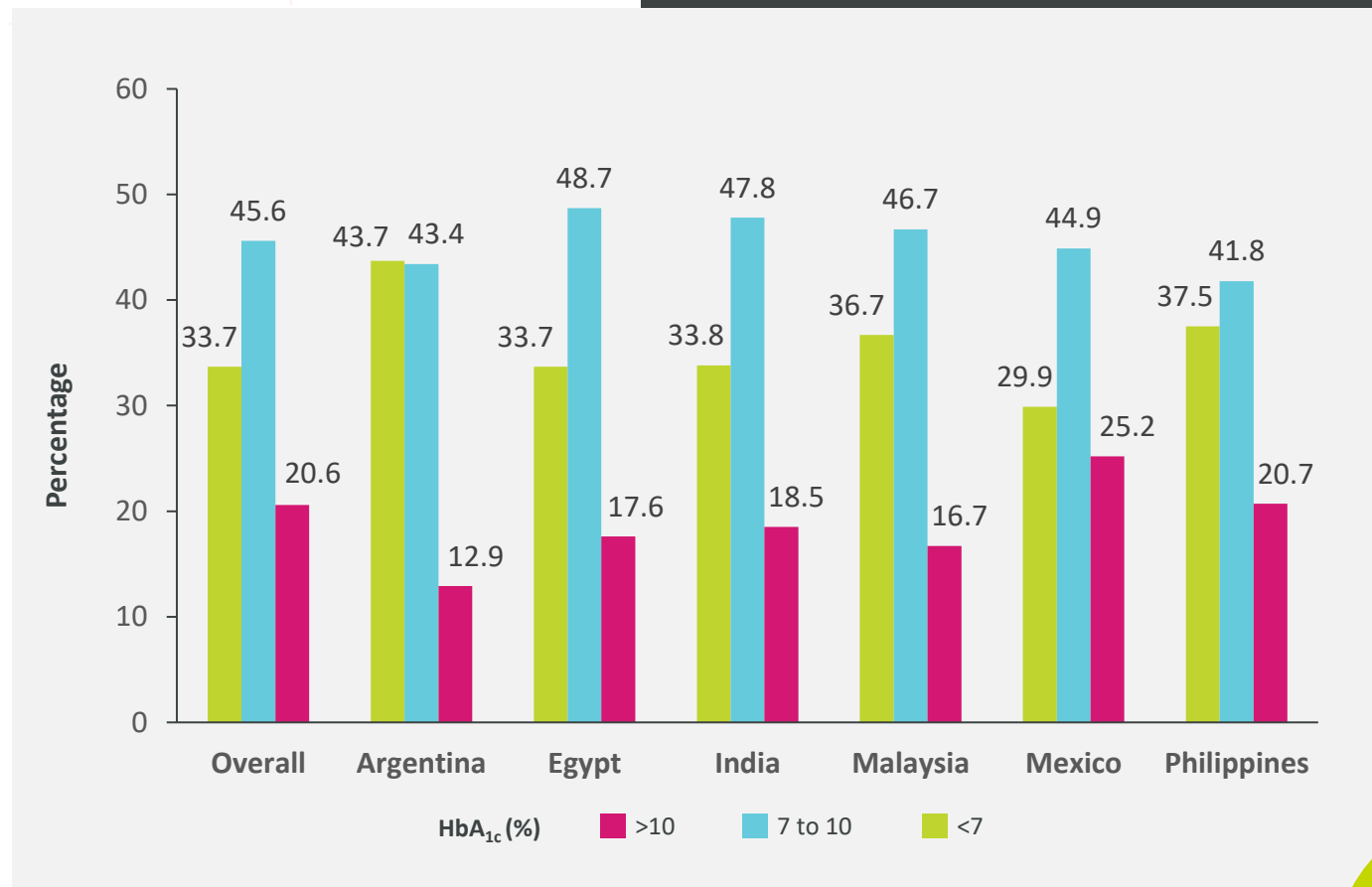


# Results: Baseline Clinical Characteristics

5% had HFpEF and none had HFrEF

Diabetes related	
Mean ( $\pm$ SD) T2D duration	8.4 $\pm$ 7.2 years
Patients with T2D duration <5 years	40.1%
Mean ( $\pm$ SD) HbA <sub>1c</sub>	8.3 $\pm$ 3.0%
Patients having HbA <sub>1c</sub> >7%	66.3%

Based on Echocardiography	
Left ventricular hypertrophy	20.6%
Left atrial enlargement	16.5%
Diastolic dysfunction	8.9%
Valvular diseases	8.6%



T2D, Type 2 diabetes; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycated haemoglobin; SD, standard deviation; HFrEF, Heart Failure With Reduced Ejection Fraction; HFpEF, Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction



# Baseline: Cardiorenal Complications

- › Mean ( $\pm$ SD) eGFR of the cohort: 94.6 $\pm$ 23.2 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> (N=479); Mean ( $\pm$ SD) UACR: 62.9 $\pm$ 181.9 mg/g (N=3869)
- › High/very high CV risk as per ESC 2019: 37.0%
- › High renal risk (UACR >30mg/g): 32.7%

	Overall	Argentina	Egypt	India	Malaysia	Mexico	Philippines
<b>UACR (mg/g)*, n (%)</b>	<b>N=3869</b>	<b>N=339</b>	<b>N=157</b>	<b>N=1509</b>	<b>N=29</b>	<b>N=1561</b>	<b>N=274</b>
<b>A1 (&lt;30)</b>	2605(67.3)	244(72)	100(63.7)	927(61.4)	17(58.6)	1171(75%)	146(53.3)
<b>A2 (30-300)</b>	1104(28.5)	89(26.3)	52(33.1)	508(33.7)	<b>11(37.9)</b>	332(21.3)	<b>112(40.9)</b>
<b>A3 (&gt;300)</b>	160(4.1)	6(1.8)	5(3.2)	74(4.9)	<b>1(3.4)</b>	58(3.7)	<b>16(5.8)</b>
<b>CV risk*, n (%)</b>	<b>N=4686</b>	<b>N=399</b>	<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=1671</b>	<b>N=30</b>	<b>N=1618</b>	<b>N=772</b>
<b>Low</b>	2592(55.3)	190(47.6)	87(44.4)	825(49.4)	15(50)	972(60.1)	503(65.2)
<b>Moderate</b>	362(7.7)	11(2.8)	14(7.1)	196(11.7)	2(6.7)	87(5.4)	52(6.7)
<b>High/Very High</b>	1732(37)	<b>198(49.6)</b>	<b>95(48.5)</b>	650(38.9)	13(43.3)	559(34.5)	217(28.1)

\*Risk defined per UACR and ESC 2019

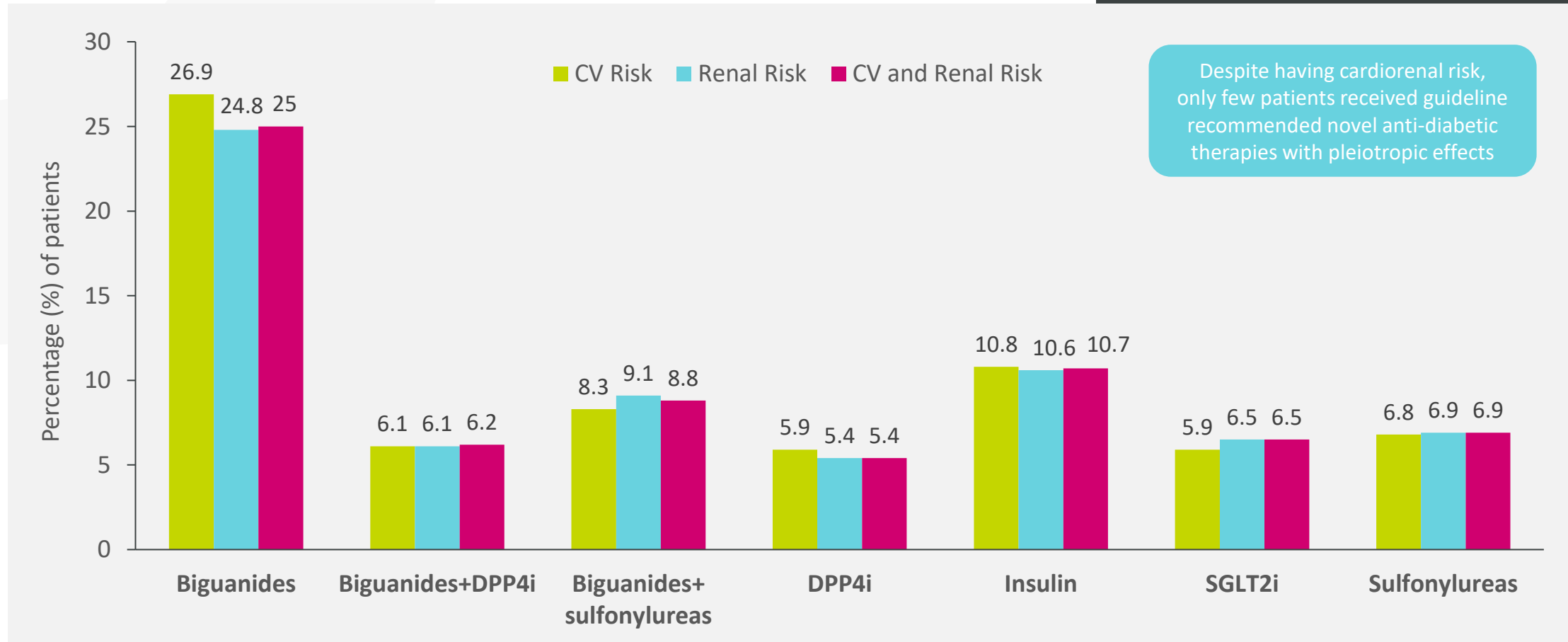
\*Highest frequencies are presented in purple

ESC, European Society of Cardiology; UACR, Urine albumin:creatinine ratio; CV, Cardiovascular; eGFR, Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate



# All Lines of Anti-diabetic Treatment Therapy in Patients with Cardiorenal Complications

Despite having cardiorenal risk, only few patients received guideline recommended novel anti-diabetic therapies with pleiotropic effects

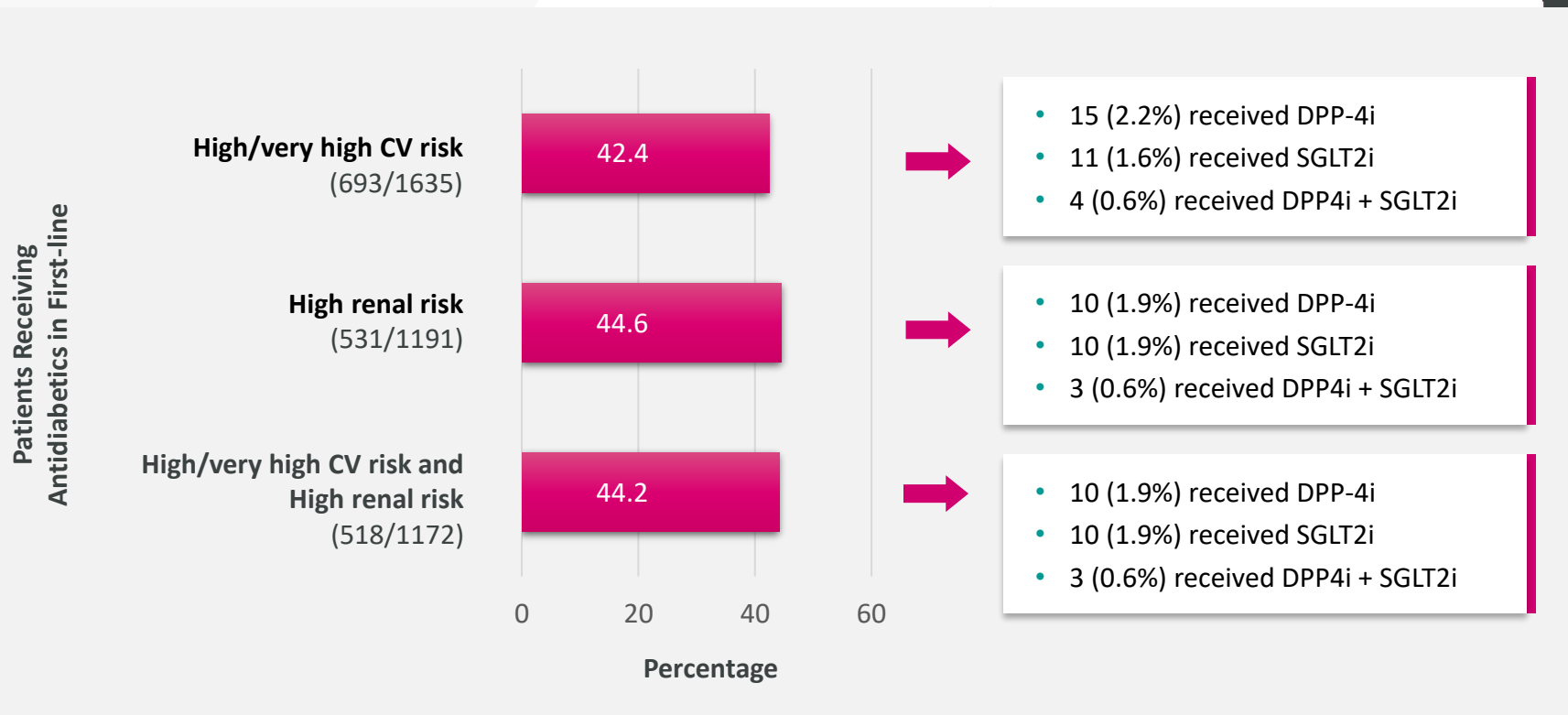


Data cutoff for >5% of patients receiving either therapy  
 CV, cardiovascular; DPP-4i, dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor; SGLT2i, sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 inhibitor



# High-risk Patients Receiving Novel Cardioprotective Drugs as First-line Antidiabetic Therapy

## Novel cardioprotective drugs in first-line therapy



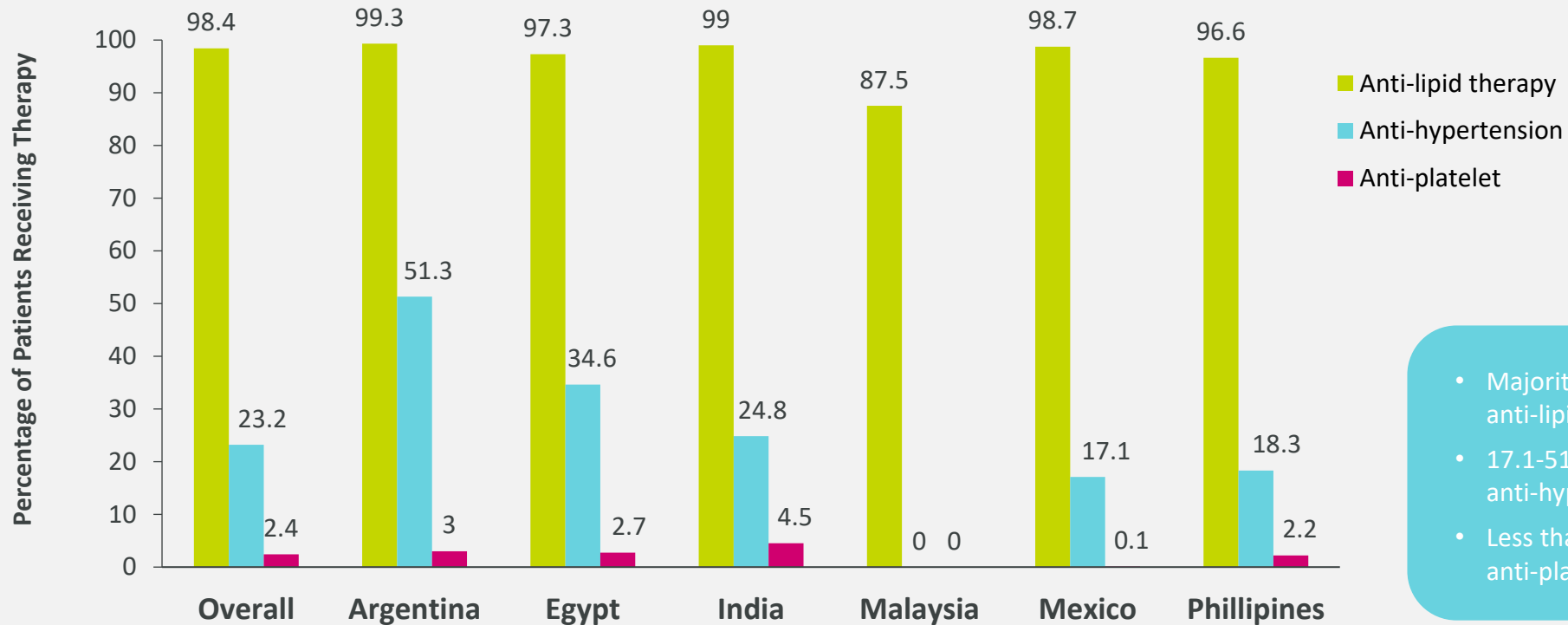
**Stark difference in  
real-world practice  
patterns and guideline  
recommendations  
warrant call for action  
for early initiation of  
SGLT2i and GLP1-RA**





# Concomitant Therapies in Overall Patient Cohort

1407 (32.3%) patients had high cholesterol (>180mg/dL) and 2048 (51.4%) patients had high LDL (>70mg/dL) levels



- Majority patients received anti-lipid therapy
- 17.1-51.3% received anti-hypertensive therapy
- Less than 5% received anti-platelet therapy

LDL, low density lipoproteins



# Discussion and Conclusion



In about one-third of patients with T2D, silent cardiorenal complications can be diagnosed when screened per the guideline recommendations



Although 37% of patients had very high or high CV risk, just 1.8% of T2D patients were receiving an oral antidiabetic drug that can reduce CV risk



Although 32.7% patients had high renal risk, just 1.9% of T2D patients were receiving an oral antidiabetic drug that can reduce renal risk



Gaps in real-world treatment necessitate strategic approaches to enhance utilization of cardiorenal protective antidiabetic therapies in concordance with recent guidelines



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