

# **Multinational Patterns of Second-line Anti-hyperglycemic Drug Initiation Across Cardiovascular Risk Groups**

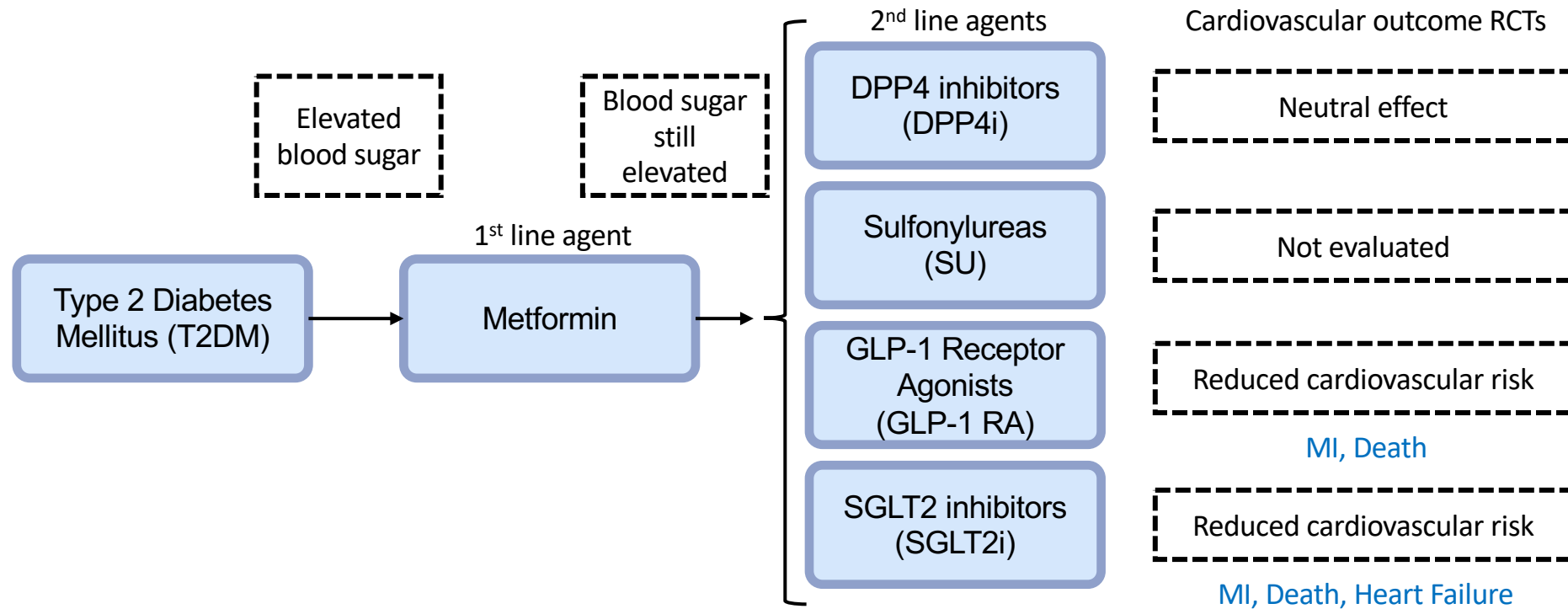
A Federated Pharmacoepidemiologic Evaluation in  
LEGEND-T2DM

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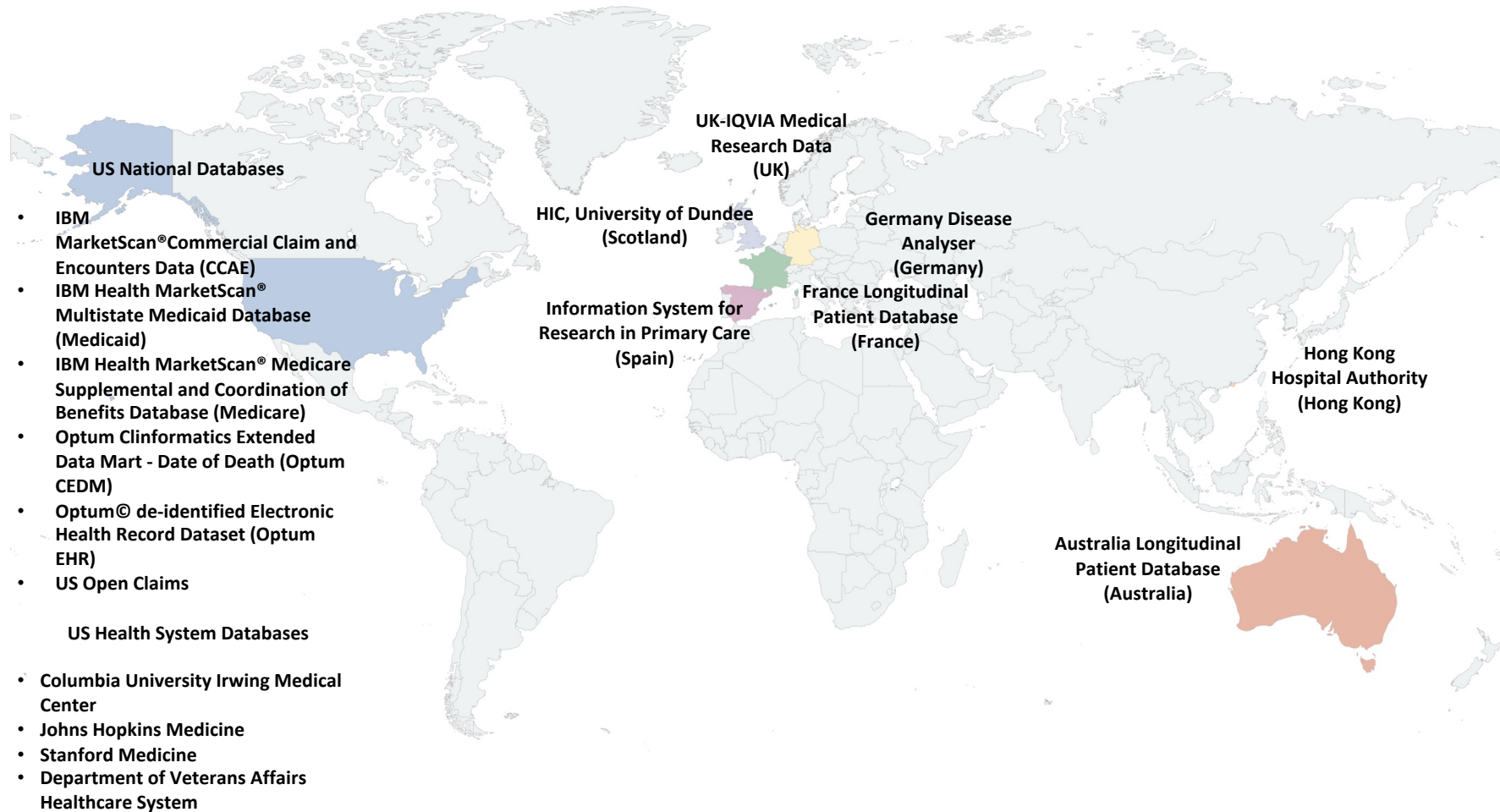


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# Background



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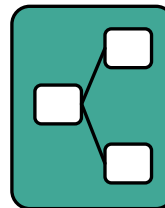
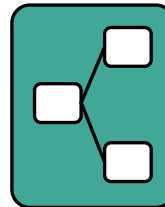
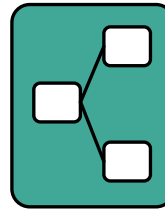
## Inclusion Criteria

- Age  $\geq 18$  years
- Presence of T2DM
- Prior metformin use
- No prior second-line anti-hyperglycemic agent use

## Exposures

- Presence of established cardiovascular disease
- Calendar Years

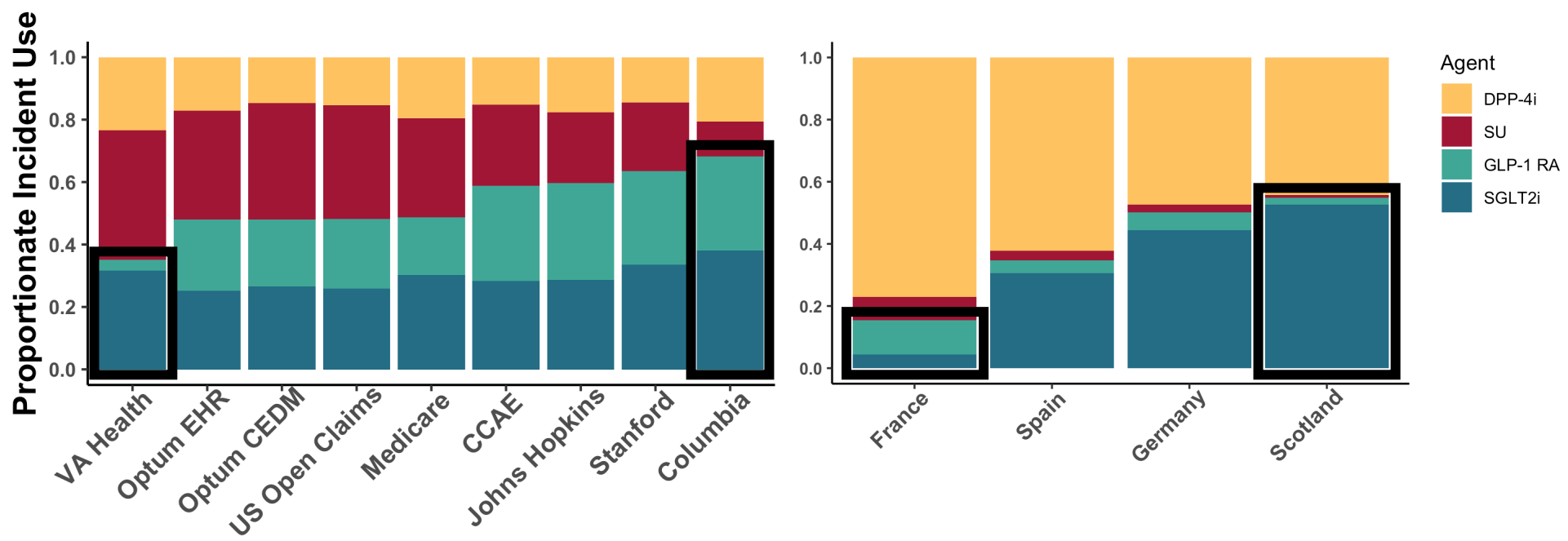
4.3 million  
patients across  
17 data sources



## Outcomes

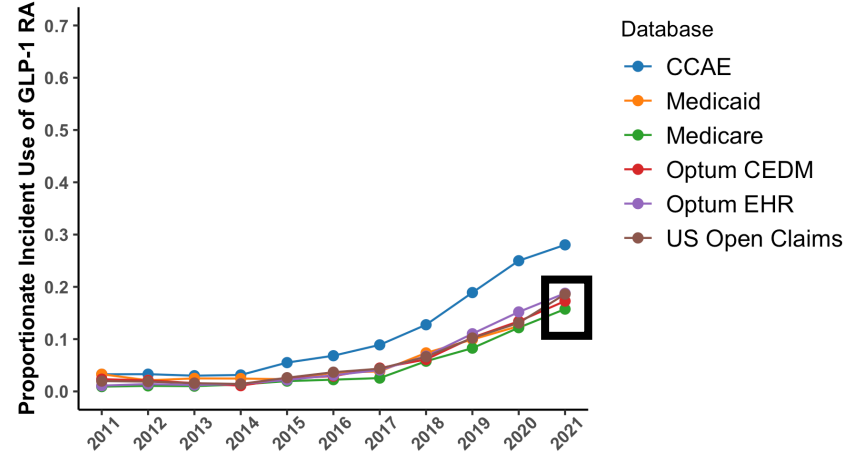
- Calendar-year trends for proportionate initiation 2<sup>nd</sup> line agents
- Comparison of annualized change in initiation of GLP-1 RA and SGLT2i in patients with and without CVD

# Proportionate Incident Use of Second-line Anti-hyperglycemic Agents in 2021

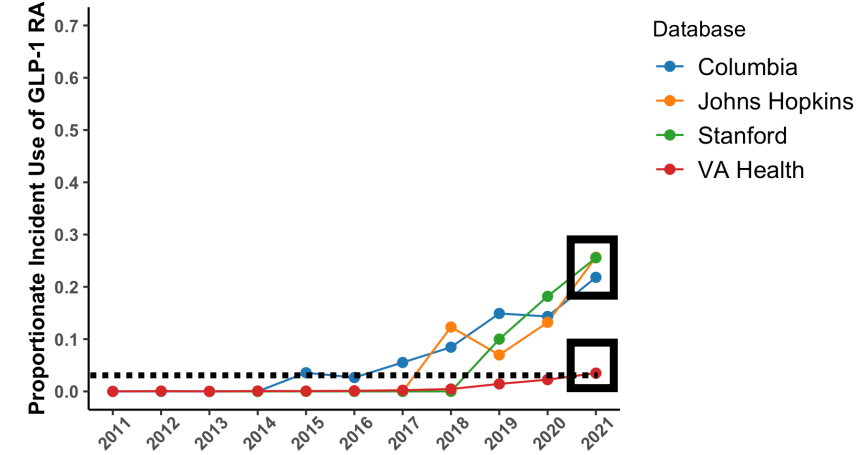


# GLP-1 RA Uptake in Patients with Established CVD

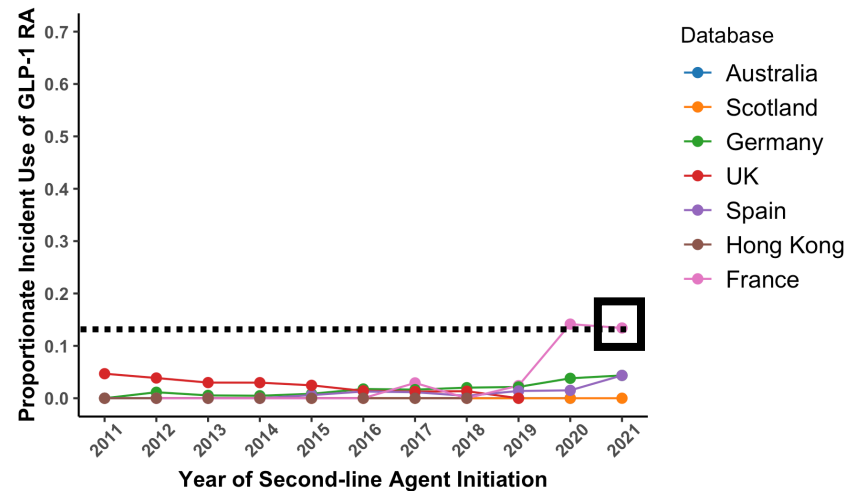
## US National Databases



## US Health System Databases



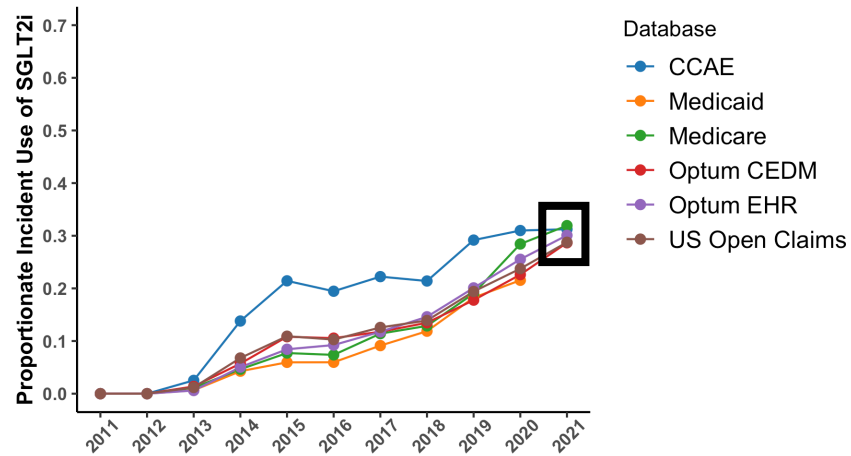
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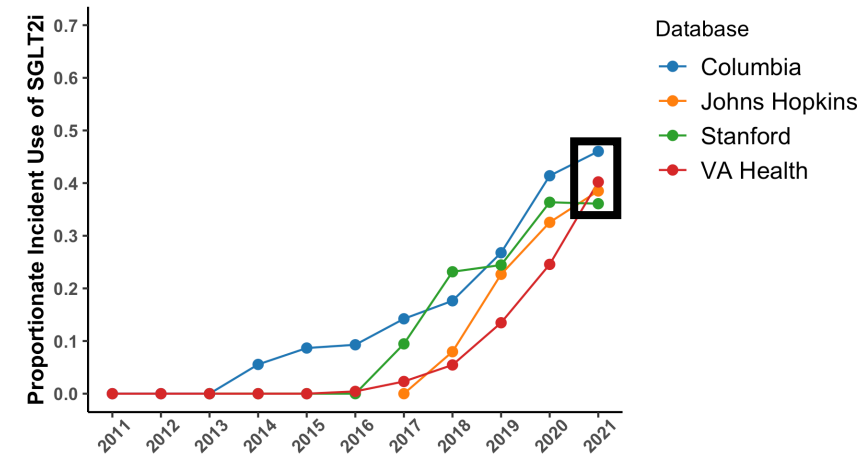
- Initiation of GLP-1 RAs increased to 20-25% across most US populations
- Initiation was <5% in the VA
- Initiation was low across non-US databases, reaching a maximum of 14% in France in 2021

# SGLT2i Uptake in Patients with Established CVD

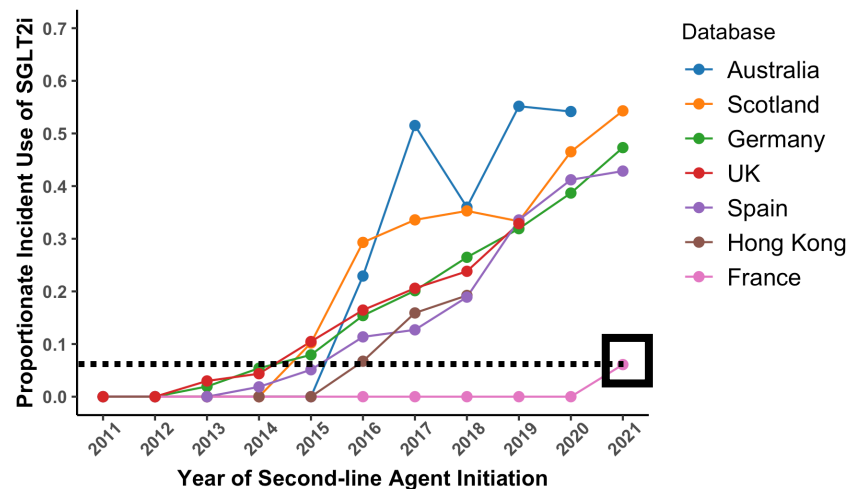
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- Initiation of SGLT2i is increased to ~35% across US populations
- In the non-US databases, the initiation of SGLT2i was higher in most databases, reaching up to 54% in Scotland in 2021
- In France, the initiation was lower, reaching only to 6% in 2021

# Slope Interaction for Annualized Change in Cardioprotective Agent Initiation in Patients with and without CVD (2016-2021)

Representative Examples for GLP-1 RA Initiation

Data Source	With-CVD Slope	Without-CVD Slope	P-Value
CCAE	0.019 (0.011 to 0.026)	0.068 (0.037 to 0.099)	0.003
Columbia	0.017 (0.011 to 0.023)	0.031 (0.016 to 0.047)	0.040
Medicare	0.051 (0.009 to 0.092)	0.051 (0 to 0.102)	0.986
France	0.003 (0.001 to 0.006)	0.014 (0.004 to 0.023)	0.024
Spain	0.003 (-0.001 to 0.006)	0.010 (0.001 to 0.019)	0.062

Representative Examples for SGLT2i Initiation

Data Source	With-CVD Slope	Without-CVD Slope	P-Value
CCAE	0.014 (0.006 to 0.023)	0.035 (0.011 to 0.059)	0.053
Columbia	0.037 (0.022 to 0.052)	0.024 (0.013 to 0.034)	0.074
Medicare	0.092 (0.011 to 0.172)	0.056 (0.008 to 0.104)	0.325
France	0.001 (-0.001 to 0.003)	0.005 (-0.001 to 0.011)	0.132
Spain	0.033 (0.016 to 0.049)	0.065 (0.017 to 0.112)	0.115



## Conclusion

- LEGEND-T2DM is the largest multinational pharmacoepidemiology study of anti-hyperglycemic therapy.
- Despite increased uptake, there is vast variation in use of cardioprotective therapies across populations with CVD.
- The uptake of these has been lower in the US, relative to other countries, particularly in patients with established CVD.
- Lack of selective use in CVD patients despite specific benefit in the population.

# Thank you for your attention!

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