



DPAGEN 5 mg & 10 mg Film-Coated Tablets Dapagliflozin

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

DPAGEN 5 MG FILM-COATED TABLETS
DPAGEN 10MG FILM-COATED TABLETS

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

DPAGEN 5 MG FILM-COATED TABLETS:
Each film coated tablet contains 5 mg of dapagliflozin.
DPAGEN 10MG FILM-COATED TABLETS:
Each film coated tablet contains 10 mg of dapagliflozin.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated tablet (tablet).

DPAGEN 5 MG TABLETS: Yellow, biconvex, round shaped tablet debossed with "L644" on one side and plain on other side.
DPAGEN 10 MG TABLETS: Yellow, biconvex, diamond shaped tablet debossed with "L645" on one side and plain on other side.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Dapagliflozin Tablets is indicated in adults aged 18 years and older with type 2 diabetes mellitus as:

Monotherapy

When diet and exercise alone do not provide adequate glycaemic control in patients for whom use of metformin is considered inappropriate due to intolerance.

Add-on combination therapy

In combination with other glucose-lowering medical products including insulin, when these, together with diet and exercise, do not provide adequate glycaemic control (see sections 4.4, 4.5 and 5.1 for available data on different combinations).

Initial Combination

Dapagliflozin Tablets is indicated for use as initial combination therapy with metformin, as an adjunct to diet and exercise, to improve glycaemic control in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus when diet and exercise have failed to provide adequate glycaemic control and there are poor prospects for response to metformin monotherapy (for example, high initial HbA_{1c} levels).

To reduce the risk of hospitalization for heart failure in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus and established cardiovascular disease (CVD) or multiple cardiovascular risk factors.

For study results with respect to combination of therapies, effects on glycaemic control, cardiovascular and renal events, and the populations studied, see sections 4.4, 4.5 and 5.1.

Heart failure

Dapagliflozin Tablets is indicated in adults for the treatment of symptomatic chronic heart failure.

Chronic kidney disease

Dapagliflozin Tablets is indicated in adults for the treatment of chronic kidney disease.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Monotherapy and add-on combination therapy

The recommended dose is 10 mg dapagliflozin once daily.

When dapagliflozin is used in combination with insulin or an insulin secretagogue, such as a sulphonylurea, a lower dose of insulin or insulin secretagogue may be considered to reduce the risk of hypoglycaemia (see sections 4.5 and 4.8).

Initial Combination Therapy

The recommended starting doses of Dapagliflozin Tablets and metformin when used as initial combination therapy are 10 mg Dapagliflozin plus 500 mg metformin once daily. Patients with inadequate glycaemic control on this dose should further have their metformin dose increased according to approved local label guidelines.

Heart failure

The recommended dose is 10mg dapagliflozin once daily.

In the DAPA-HF and DELIVER studies, dapagliflozin was administered in conjunction with other heart failure therapies (see section 5.1).

Chronic kidney disease

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In the DAPA-CKD study, dapagliflozin was administered in conjunction with other chronic kidney disease therapies (see section 5.1).

Special populations

Renal impairment

No dosage adjustment is required based on renal function.

Due to limited experience, it is not recommended to initiate treatment with dapagliflozin in patients with GFR <25 mL/min. In patients with diabetes mellitus, the glucose lowering efficacy of dapagliflozin is reduced if the glomerular filtration rate is <45 mL/min, and is likely absent in patients with severe renal impairment. Therefore, if GFR falls below 45 mL/min, additional glucose lowering treatment should be considered in patients with diabetes mellitus if further glycaemic control is needed (see sections 4.4, 4.8, 5.1 and 5.2).

Hepatic impairment

No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment. In patients with severe hepatic impairment, a starting dose of 5 mg is recommended. If well tolerated, the dose may be increased to 10 mg (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

Elderly (≥ 65 years)

No dosage adjustment is recommended based on age.

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of dapagliflozin in children aged 0 to < 18 years have not yet been established. No data are available.

Method of administration

Dapagliflozin Tablets can be taken orally once daily at any time of day with or without food. Tablets are to be swallowed whole.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Dapagliflozin should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus (see "Diabetic ketoacidosis" in section 4.4).

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Due to limited experience, it is not recommended to initiate treatment with dapagliflozin in patients with GFR <25 mL/min. The glucose lowering efficacy of dapagliflozin is dependent on renal function, and is reduced in patients with GFR <45 mL/min and is likely absent in patients with severe renal impairment (see sections 4.2, 5.1 and 5.2).

Hepatic impairment

There is limited experience in clinical trials in patients with hepatic impairment. Dapagliflozin exposure is increased in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see sections 4.2 and 5.2).

Use in patients at risk for volume depletion and/or hypotension
Due to its mechanism of action, dapagliflozin increases diuresis which may lead to the modest decrease in blood pressure observed in clinical studies (see section 5.1). It may be more pronounced in patients with very high blood glucose concentrations.

Caution should be exercised in patients for whom a dapagliflozin-induced drop in blood pressure could pose a risk, such as patients on anti-hypertensive therapy with a history of hypotension or elderly patients.

In case of intercurrent conditions that may lead to volume depletion (e.g. gastrointestinal illness), careful monitoring of volume status (e.g. physical examination, blood pressure measurements, laboratory tests including haematocrit and electrolytes) is recommended. Temporary interruption of treatment with dapagliflozin is recommended for patients who develop volume depletion until the dehydration is corrected (see section 4.8).

Diabetic ketoacidosis

Rare cases of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), including life-threatening and fatal cases, have been reported in patients treated with sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors, including dapagliflozin. In a number of cases, the presentation of the condition was atypical with only moderately increased blood glucose values, below 14 mmol/L (250 mg/dL). The risk of diabetic ketoacidosis must be considered in the event of non-specific symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, anorexia, abdominal pain, excessive thirst, difficulty breathing, confusion, unusual fatigue or sleepiness. Patients should be assessed for ketoacidosis immediately if these symptoms occur, regardless of blood glucose level.

In patients where DKA is suspected or diagnosed, treatment with dapagliflozin should be discontinued immediately. Treatment should be interrupted in patients who are hospitalised for major surgical procedures or acute serious medical illnesses. Monitoring of ketones is recommended in these patients. Measurement of blood ketone levels is preferred to urine. Treatment with dapagliflozin may be restarted when the ketone values are normal and the patient's condition has stabilised.

Before initiating dapagliflozin, factors in the patient history that may predispose to ketoacidosis should be considered. Patients who may be at higher risk of DKA include patients with a low beta-cell function reserve (e.g. type 2 diabetes patients with long C-peptide or latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA) or patients with a history of pancreatitis), patients with conditions that lead to restricted food intake or severe dehydration, patients for whom insulin doses are reduced and patients with increased insulin requirements due to acute medical illness, surgery or alcohol abuse. SGLT2 inhibitors should be used with caution in these patients.

Restarting SGLT2 inhibitor treatment in patients experiencing a DKA while on SGLT2 inhibitor treatment is not recommended, unless another clear precipitating factor is identified and resolved.

In type 1 diabetes mellitus studies with dapagliflozin, DKA was reported with common frequency. Dapagliflozin should not be used for treatment of patients with type 1 diabetes.

Necrotising fasciitis of the perineum (Fournier's gangrene)

Postmarketing cases of necrotising fasciitis of the perineum, (also known as Fournier's gangrene), have been reported in male and male patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors (see section 4.8). This is a rare but serious and potentially life-threatening event that requires urgent surgical intervention and antibiotic treatment.

Patients should be advised to seek medical attention if they experience a combination of symptoms of pain, tenderness, erythema, or swelling in the genital or perineal area, with fever or malaise. Be aware that either uro-genital infection or perineal abscess may precede necrotising fasciitis. If Fournier's gangrene is suspected, Dapagliflozin Tablets should be discontinued for prompt treatment (including antibiotics and surgical debridement) should be instituted.

Urinary tract infections

Urinary glucose excretion may be associated with an increased risk of urinary tract infection; therefore, temporary interruption of dapagliflozin should be considered when treating pyelonephritis or uresepsis.

Elderly (≥ 65 years)

Elderly patients may be at a greater risk for volume depletion and are more likely to be treated with diuretics. Elderly patients are more likely to have impaired renal function, and/or to be treated with anti-hypertensive medicinal products that may cause changes in renal function such as angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACE-I) and angiotensin II type 1 receptor blockers (ARB). The same recommendations for renal function apply to elderly patients as to all patients (see sections 4.2, 4.4, 4.8 and 5.1).

Cardiac failure

Experience with dapagliflozin in NYHA class IV is limited.

Chronic kidney disease

There is no experience with dapagliflozin for the treatment of chronic kidney disease in patients without diabetes who do not have albuminuria. Patients with albuminuria may benefit more from treatment with dapagliflozin.

Lower limb amputations

An increase in cases of lower limb amputation (primarily of the foot) has been observed in long-term, clinical studies in type 2 diabetes mellitus with another SGLT2 inhibitor. It is unknown whether this constitutes a class effect. It is important to counsel patients with diabetes on routine preventative foot care.

Urine laboratory assessments

Due to its mechanism of action, patients taking Dapagliflozin Tablets will test positive for glucose in their urine.

Lactose

The tablets contain lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency, or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicinal product.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Pharmacodynamic interactions

Diuretics

Dapagliflozin may add to the diuretic effect of thiazide and loop diuretics and may increase the risk of dehydration and hypotension (see section 4.4).

Insulin and insulin secretagogues

Insulin and insulin secretagogues, such as sulphonylureas, cause hypoglycaemia. Therefore, a lower dose of insulin or an insulin secretagogue may be required to reduce the risk of hypoglycaemia when used in combination with dapagliflozin (see sections 4.2 and 4.8).

Pharmacokinetic interactions

The metabolism of dapagliflozin is primarily via glucuronide conjugation mediated by UDP glucuronosyltransferase 1A9 (UGT1A9).

In *in vitro* studies, dapagliflozin neither inhibited cytochrome P450 (CYP) 1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A4, nor induced CYP1A2, CYP2B6 or CYP3A4.

Therefore, dapagliflozin is not expected to alter the metabolic clearance of co-administered medicinal products that are metabolised by these enzymes.

Effect of other medicinal products on dapagliflozin

Interaction studies conducted in healthy subjects, using mainly a single dose design, suggest that the pharmacokinetics of dapagliflozin are not altered by metformin, pioglitazone, sitagliptin, glimepiride, voglibose, hydrochlorothiazide, bumetanide, valsartan, or simvastatin.

Following coadministration of dapagliflozin with rifampin (an inducer of various active transporters and drug-metabolising enzymes) a 22% decrease in dapagliflozin systemic exposure (AUC) was observed, but with no clinically meaningful effect on 24-hour urinary glucose excretion. No dose adjustment is recommended. A clinically relevant effect with other inducers (e.g. carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital) is not expected.

Following coadministration of dapagliflozin with pefloxacin (an inhibitor of UGT1A9), a 55% increase in dapagliflozin systemic exposure was seen, but with no clinically meaningful effect on 24-hour urinary glucose excretion. No dose adjustment is recommended.

Effect of dapagliflozin on other medicinal products

Concomitant use of dapagliflozin and lithium may lead to a reduction in serum lithium concentrations due to a possible increased urinary clearance of lithium. The dose of lithium may need to be adjusted.

In interaction studies conducted in healthy subjects, using mainly a single-dose design, dapagliflozin did not alter the pharmacokinetics of metformin, pioglitazone, sitagliptin, glimepiride, hydrochlorothiazide, bumetanide, valsartan, digoxin (a P-gp substrate) or warfarin (S-warfarin, a CYP2C9 substrate), or the anticoagulatory effects of warfarin as well as pharmacologically-mediated effects in nursing offspring (see section 5.3). A risk to the newborns/fetus cannot be excluded. Dapagliflozin should not be used while breast-feeding.

In an add-on to metformin and a sulphonylurea study, up to 24 weeks, no episodes of major hypoglycaemia were reported. Minor episodes of hypoglycaemia were reported in 2 patients who received dapagliflozin 10 mg plus metformin and a sulphonylurea and in 3.7% of subjects who received placebo plus metformin and a sulphonylurea.

In the DECLARE study, no increased risk of major hypoglycaemia was observed with dapagliflozin therapy compared with placebo. Major events of hypoglycaemia were reported in 59 patients (0.7%) treated with dapagliflozin and 83 (1.0%) patients treated with placebo.

In the DAPA-HF study, major events of hypoglycaemia were reported in 4 (0.2%) patients in both the dapagliflozin and placebo treatment groups and observed only in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

In the DAPA-CKD study, major events of hypoglycaemia were reported in 14 (0.7%) patients in the dapagliflozin group and 28 (1.3%) patients in the placebo group and observed only in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Volume depletion

In the 13-study safety pool, reactions suggestive of volume depletion (including, reports of dehydration, hypovolaemia or hypotension) were reported in 1.1% and 0.7% of subjects who received dapagliflozin 10 mg and placebo, respectively; serious reactions occurred in 0.2% of subjects balanced between dapagliflozin 10 mg and placebo (see section 4.4).

In the DECLARE study, the numbers of patients with events suggestive of volume depletion were balanced between treatment groups: 213 (2.25%) and 207 (2.4%) in the dapagliflozin and placebo groups, respectively. Serious adverse events were reported in 81 (0.9%) and 70 (0.8%) in the dapagliflozin and placebo group, respectively. Events were generally balanced between treatment groups across subgroups of age, duration, use, blood pressure and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor/angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) use. In patients with eGFR < 60 mL/min/1.73 m² at baseline, there were 19 events of serious adverse events suggestive of volume depletion in the dapagliflozin group and 13 events in the placebo group.

In the DAPA-HF study, the numbers of patients with events suggestive of volume depletion were 170 (7.2%) in the dapagliflozin group and 153 (6.5%) in the placebo group. There were fewer patients with serious events of symptoms suggestive of volume depletion in the dapagliflozin group (23 (1.0%)) compared with the placebo group (38 (1.6%)). Results were similar irrespective of presence of diabetes at baseline and baseline eGFR.

In the DAPA-CKD study, the numbers of patients with events suggestive of volume depletion were 120 (5.6%) in the dapagliflozin group and 84 (3.9%) in the placebo group. There were 16 (0.7%) patients with serious events of symptoms suggestive of volume depletion in the dapagliflozin group and 15 (0.7%) patients in the placebo group.

Diabetic ketoacidosis in type 2 diabetes mellitus
In the DECLARE study, with a median exposure time of 48 months, events of DKA were reported in 27 patients in the dapagliflozin 10 mg group and 12 patients in the placebo group. The events occurred evenly distributed over the study period. Of the 27 patients with DKA events in the dapagliflozin group, 22 had concomitant insulin treatment at the time of the event. Precipitating factors for DKA were as expected in a type 2 diabetes mellitus population (see section 4.4).

In the DAPA-HF study, events of DKA were reported in 3 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in the dapagliflozin group and non in the placebo group.

In the DAPA-CKD study, events of DKA were not reported in any patient in the dapagliflozin group and in 2 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus in the placebo group.

Urinary tract infection
In the 13-study safety pool, urinary tract infections were more frequently reported for dapagliflozin 10 mg compared to placebo (4.7% versus 3.5%, respectively; see section 4.4). Most infections were mild to moderate, and subjects responded to an initial course of standard treatment and rarely resulted in discontinuation from dapagliflozin treatment. These infections were more frequent in females, and subjects with a prior history were more likely to have a recurrent infection.

In the DECLARE study, serious events of urinary tract infections were reported less frequently for dapagliflozin 10 mg compared with placebo, 79 (0.9%) events versus 109 (1.3%) events, respectively.

In the DAPA-HF study, the numbers of patients with serious adverse events of urinary tract infections were 14 (0.6%) in the dapagliflozin group and 17 (0.7%) in the placebo group. There were 5 (0.2%) patients with adverse events leading to discontinuations due to urinary tract infections in each of the dapagliflozin and placebo groups.

In the DAPA-CKD study, the numbers of patients with serious adverse events of urinary tract infections were 29 (1.3%) in the dapagliflozin group and 42 patients in the placebo group. There were 3 (0.4%) patients with adverse events leading to discontinuations due to urinary tract infections in the dapagliflozin group and 3 (0.1%) in the placebo group. The numbers of patients without diabetes reporting serious adverse events of urinary tract infections or adverse events leading to discontinuation due to urinary tract infections were similar between treatment groups (0.9% versus 0.6%) for serious events and 1.0% (0.1%) versus 0.7% for adverse events leading to discontinuation, in the dapagliflozin and placebo groups, respectively).

Increased creatinine
Adverse drug reactions related to increased creatinine were grouped (e.g. decreased renal creatinine clearance, renal impairment, increased blood creatinine and decreased glomerular filtration rate). In the 13-study safety pool, this grouping of reactions was reported in 0.2% and 1.8% of patients who received dapagliflozin 10 mg and placebo, respectively. In patients with normal renal function or mild renal impairment (baseline eGFR ≥ 60 mL/min/1.73 m²) this grouping of reactions were reported in 1.3% and 0.8% of patients who received dapagliflozin 10 mg and placebo, respectively. These reactions were more common in patients with baseline eGFR ≥ 30 and < 60 mL/min/1.73 m² (18.5% dapagliflozin 10 mg vs 9.3% placebo).

Further evaluation of renal function with renal-related adverse events showed that most had serum creatinine changes of < 0.5 mg/dl from baseline. The increases in creatinine were generally transient during continuous treatment or reverses after discontinuation of treatment.

In the DECLARE study, including elderly patients and patients with renal impairment (eGFR less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m²), eGFR decreased over time in both treatment groups. At 1 year, mean eGFR was slightly lower, and at 4 years, mean eGFR was slightly higher in the dapagliflozin group compared with the placebo group.

In the DAPA-HF study, eGFR decreased over time in both the dapagliflozin group and the placebo group. The initial decrease in mean eGFR was -4.3 mL/min/1.73 m² in the dapagliflozin group and -1.1 mL/min/1.73 m² in the placebo group. At 20 months, change from baseline in eGFR was similar between the treatment groups: -5.3 mL/min/1.73 m² for dapagliflozin and -4.5 mL/min/1.73 m² for placebo.

In the DAPA-CKD study, eGFR decreased over time in both the dapagliflozin group and the placebo group. The initial (day 14) decrease in mean eGFR was -4.0 mL/min/1.73 m² in the dapagliflozin group and -0.8 mL/min/1.73 m² in the placebo group. At 28 months, change from baseline in eGFR was -7.4 mL/min/1.73 m² in the dapagliflozin group and -8.6 mL/min/1.73 m² in the placebo group.

4.8 Overdose
Dapagliflozin did not show any toxicity in healthy subjects at single oral doses up to 500 mg (50 times the maximum recommended human dose). These subjects had detectable glucose in the urine for a dose-related period of time (at least 5 days for the 500 mg dose), with no reports of dehydration, hypotension or electrolyte imbalance, and with no clinically meaningful effect on QTc interval. The incidence of hypoglycaemia was similar to placebo. In clinical studies where once-daily doses up to 240 mg (10 times the maximum recommended human dose) were administered for 4 weeks in healthy subjects and type 2 diabetes subjects, the incidence of hypoglycaemia was slightly higher than placebo and was not dose-related. Rates of adverse events including dehydration or hypotension were similar to placebo, and there were no clinically meaningful dose-related changes in laboratory parameters, including serum electrolytes and biomarkers of renal function.

In the event of an overdose, appropriate supportive treatment should be initiated as dictated by the patient's clinical status. The removal of dapagliflozin by haemodialysis has not been studied.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

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Mechanism of action

Dapagliflozin is a highly potent (Ki 0.55 nM), selective and reversible inhibitor of SGLT2.

Inhibition of SGLT2 by dapagliflozin reduces reabsorption of glucose from the glomerular filtrate in the proximal renal tubule with a concomitant reduction in sodium reabsorption leading to urinary excretion of glucose and osmotic diuresis. Dapagliflozin therefore increases the delivery of sodium to the distal tubule which increases tubuloglomerular feedback and reduces intraglomerular pressure. This combined with osmotic diuresis leads to a reduction in volume overload, reduced blood pressure, and lower preload and afterload, which may have beneficial effects on cardiac remodeling and preserve renal function. Other effects include an increase in haematocrit and reduction in body weight. The cardiac and renal benefits of dapagliflozin are not solely dependent on the blood glucose-lowering effect and not limited to patients with diabetes as demonstrated in the DAPA-HF and DAPA-CKD studies.

Dapagliflozin improves both fasting and post-prandial plasma glucose levels by reducing renal glucose reabsorption leading to urinary glucose excretion. This glucose excretion (glucosuric effect) is observed after the first dose, is continuous over up to 24 hours (10 times the maximum recommended human dose) and administered for 4 weeks in healthy subjects and type 2 diabetes subjects, the incidence of hypoglycaemia was slightly higher than placebo and was not dose-related. Rates of adverse events including dehydration or hypotension were similar to placebo, and there were no clinically meaningful dose-related changes in laboratory parameters, including serum electrolytes and biomarkers of renal function.

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Table 6. Results at week 24 (LOCF) in a placebo-controlled study of dapagliflozin in combination with insulin (alone or with oral glucose-lowering medicinal products)

Parameter	Dapagliflozin 10 mg + insulin	Placebo + insulin
	± oral glucose-lowering medicinal products ^a	± oral glucose-lowering medicinal products ^a
N	194	193
HbA_{1c} (%)	8.58	8.46
Baseline (mean)	-0.90	-0.30
Change from baseline ^b	-0.60*	-0.30
Difference from placebo ^c (95% CI)	(-0.74, -0.45)	
Body weight (kg)	94.63	94.21
Baseline (mean)	-1.87	0.02
Change from baseline ^b	-1.68*	
Difference from placebo ^c (95% CI)	(-2.19, -1.18)	
Mean daily insulin dose (IU)	77.96	73.96
Baseline (mean)	-1.16	5.08
Change from baseline ^b	-6.23*	
Difference from placebo ^c (95% CI)	(-8.84, -3.63)	
Subjects with mean daily insulin dose reduction	19.7**	11.0

a. LOCF: Last observation (prior to or on the date of the first insulin up-titration, if needed) carried forward
b. All randomised subjects who took at least one dose of double-blind study medicinal product during the short-term double-blind period
c. Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value and presence of oral glucose-lowering medicinal product
* p-value < 0.0001 versus placebo + insulin ± oral glucose-lowering medicinal product
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† Up-titration of insulin regimens (including short-acting, intermediate, and basal insulin) was only allowed if subjects met pre-defined FPG criteria.
‡ Fifty percent of subjects were on insulin monotherapy at baseline; 50% were on 1 or 2 oral glucose-lowering medicinal products in addition to insulin.
§ Of this latter group, 80% were on metformin alone, 12% were on metformin plus sulphonylurea therapy, and the rest were on other oral glucose-lowering medicinal products.
|| In combination with metformin in drug-naïve patients
¶ A total of 1,236 drug-naïve patients with inadequately controlled type 2 diabetes (HbA_{1c} ≥ 7.5% and ≤ 12%) participated in two active-controlled studies of 24-week duration to evaluate the efficacy and safety of dapagliflozin (5 mg or 10 mg) in combination with metformin in drug-naïve patients versus therapy with the monocomponents.
‡‡ Treatment with dapagliflozin 10 mg in combination with metformin (up to 2000 mg per day) provided significant improvements in HbA_{1c} compared to the individual components (Table 7), and led to greater reductions in fasting plasma glucose (FPG) (compared to the individual components) and body weight (compared to metformin).

Table 7. Results at week 24 (LOCF) in an active-controlled study of dapagliflozin and metformin combination therapy in drug-naïve patients

Parameter	Dapagliflozin 10 mg + metformin	Dapagliflozin 10 mg	Metformin
	N	211 ^a	219 ^b
HbA_{1c} (%)	9.10	9.03	9.03
Baseline (mean)	-1.98	-1.45	-1.44
Change from baseline ^b	-0.53*		
Difference from dapagliflozin ^c (95% CI)	(-0.74, -0.32)		
Difference from metformin ^c (95% CI)	(-0.54, -0.01)		
Difference from placebo ^c (95% CI)	(-0.75, -0.33)	(-0.22, 0.20)	

a. LOCF: last observation (prior to rescue for rescheduled patients) carried forward
b. All randomised patients who took at least one dose of double-blind study medicinal product during the short-term double-blind period
c. Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value
* p-value < 0.0001
† Combination therapy with prolonged-release exenatide
‡ 28-week, double-blind, active-comparator-controlled study, the combination of dapagliflozin and prolonged-release exenatide (a GLP-1 receptor agonist) was compared to dapagliflozin alone and prolonged-release exenatide alone in subjects with inadequate glycaemic control on metformin alone (HbA_{1c} ≥ 8% and ≤ 12%). All treatment groups had a reduction in HbA_{1c} compared to baseline. The combination treatment with dapagliflozin 10 mg and prolonged-release exenatide group showed superior reductions in HbA_{1c} from baseline compared to dapagliflozin alone and prolonged-release exenatide alone (Table 8).

Table 8. Results of one 28-week trial of dapagliflozin and prolonged-release exenatide versus dapagliflozin alone and prolonged-release exenatide alone, in combination with metformin (intent to treat patients)

Parameter	Dapagliflozin 10 mg QD + prolonged-release exenatide 2 mg QW	Dapagliflozin 10 mg QD + placebo QW	Prolonged-release exenatide 2 mg QW + placebo QD
	N	228	230
HbA_{1c} (%)	9.29	9.25	9.26
Baseline (mean)	-1.98	-1.39	-1.60
Change from baseline ^b	-0.59*		
Mean difference in change from baseline between combination and single active agent ^c (95% CI)	(-0.84, -0.34)		(-0.63, -0.13)
Subjects (%) achieving HbA_{1c} < 7%	44.7	19.1	26.9
Body weight (kg)	92.13	90.87	89.12
Baseline (mean)	-3.55	-2.22	-1.56
Change from baseline ^b	-1.33*		
Mean difference in change from baseline between combination and single active agent ^c (95% CI)	(-2.12, -0.55)		(-2.79, -1.20)

QD=once daily, QW=once weekly, N=number of patients, CI=confidence interval.
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* p < 0.001, ** p < 0.01
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‡ Analyses exclude measurements post rescue therapy and post premature discontinuation of study medicinal product.
§ Fasting plasma glucose
¶ Treatment with dapagliflozin 10 mg as a monotherapy or as an add-on to either metformin, glimepiride, metformin and a sulphonylurea, sitagliptin (with or without metformin) or insulin resulted in statistically significant reductions in FPG (-1.90 to -1.20 mmol/L [-1.34 to -2.17 mg/dL]) compared to placebo (-0.33 to 0.21 mmol/L [-0.6 to 3.8 mg/dL]). This effect was observed at week 1 of treatment and maintained in studies extended through week 104.
|| Combination therapy of dapagliflozin 10 mg and prolonged-release exenatide resulted in significantly greater reductions in FPG at week 28 (-3.66 mmol/L [-6.58 mg/dL]) compared to -2.73 mmol/L [-4.92 mg/dL] for dapagliflozin alone (p < 0.001) and -2.54 mmol/L [-4.58 mg/dL] for exenatide alone (p < 0.001).
‡‡ In a dedicated study in diabetic patients with an eGFR ≥ 45 to < 60 mL/min/1.73 m², treatment with dapagliflozin demonstrated reductions in FPG at week 24 (-1.19 mmol/L [-2.14 mg/dL]) compared to -0.27 mmol/L [-0.47 mg/dL] for placebo (p=0.001).
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§§§§ The combination of dapagliflozin 10 mg and prolonged-release exenatide demonstrated significantly greater weight reductions compared to either medicinal product alone (Table 8).
¶¶¶¶ A 24-week study in 182 diabetic subjects using dual energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) to evaluate body composition demonstrated reductions with dapagliflozin 10 mg plus metformin compared with placebo plus metformin, respectively, in body weight and body fat mass as measured by DXA rather than lean tissue or fluid loss. Treatment with Dapagliflozin Tablets plus metformin showed a numerical decrease in visceral adipose tissue compared with placebo plus metformin treatment in a magnetic resonance imaging substudy.
§§§§§ Blood pressure
¶¶¶¶¶ In a pre-specified pooled analysis of 13 placebo-controlled studies, treatment with dapagliflozin 10 mg resulted in a systolic blood pressure change from baseline of -3.7 mmHg and diastolic blood pressure of -1.8 mmHg versus -0.5 mmHg systolic and -0.5 mmHg diastolic blood pressure for placebo group at week 24. Similar reductions were observed up to 104 weeks.
§§§§§§ Combination therapy of dapagliflozin 10 mg and prolonged-release exenatide resulted in a significantly greater reduction in systolic blood pressure at week 28 (4.3 mmHg) compared to dapagliflozin alone (-1.8 mmHg, p < 0.05) and prolonged-release exenatide alone (-1.2 mmHg, p < 0.01).
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Table 9. Results at week 24 of a placebo-controlled study of dapagliflozin in diabetic patients with an eGFR ≥ 45 to < 60 mL/min/1.73 m²

Parameter	Dapagliflozin 10 mg	Placebo
	N	159
HbA_{1c} (%)	8.35	8.03
Baseline (mean)	-0.37	-0.03
Change from baseline ^b	-0.34*	
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Body weight (kg)	92.51	88.30
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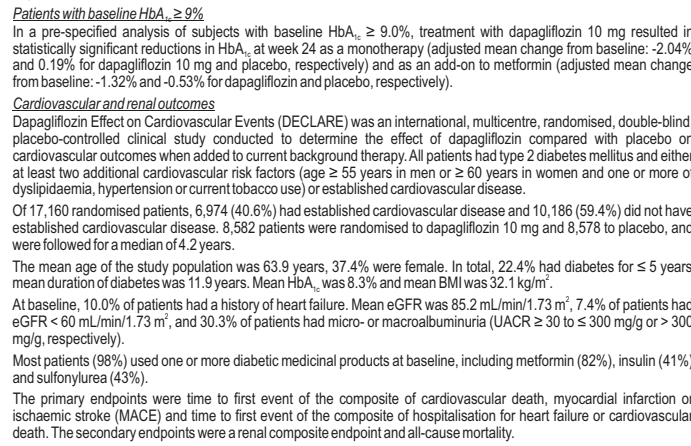


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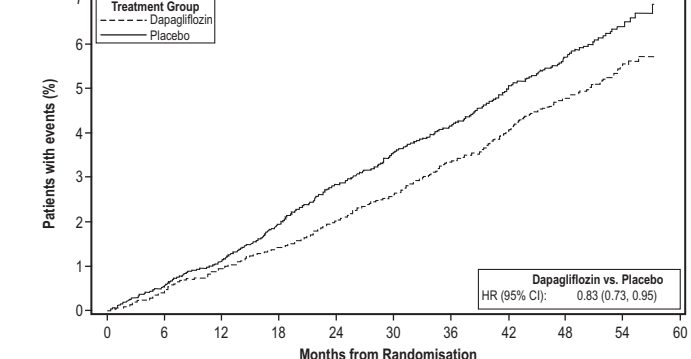


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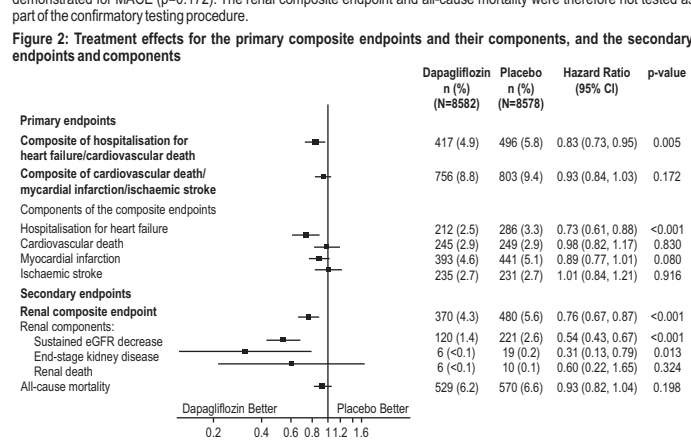


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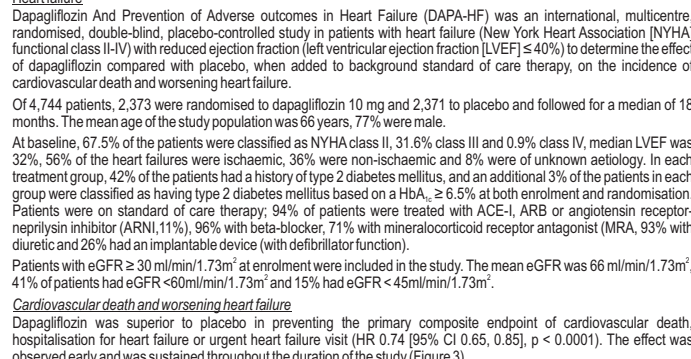


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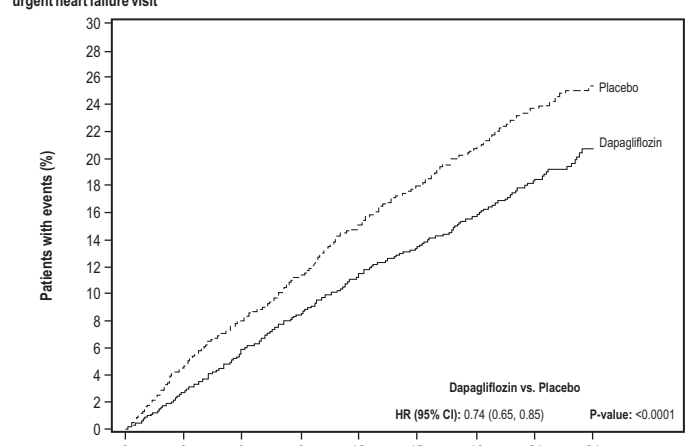


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