## Efficacy and safety of thiazolidinediones in diabetes patients with renal impairment: a systematic review and meta-analysis

# Short running title: Thiazolidinediones for diabetes patients with renal impairment

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### Supplementary text1 Search strategy

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#### PubMed

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#### Supplementary Table 1 Risk of bias of included studies

#### Risk of bias in randomized controlled trials

Of the 19 RCTs, nine (47.4%) reported adequate random sequence generation, seven (36.8%) blinded patients and six (31.6%) blinded care givers and patients. A total of 14 (73.7%) trials followed up more than 90% patients, but only three adequately compared prognostic factors. In conclusion, these 19 RCTs were at moderate to high risk of bias, of which ten (52.6%) trials were at high risk, the remaining 9 (47.4%) trials were at moderate risk (Table 1).

Table 1 Risk of bias of randomized controlled trials

Study	Adequate randomiz ation sequence generatio n	Adequate allocation concealment	Adequate blinding of patients	Adequate blinding of care givers	Blinding of outcome assessor	Free from selective reporting	Adequate follow up	Adequate comparabil ity of prognostic factors	Qualitative of risk of bias
Abe 2007 [19]	Definitely	Probably no	Definitely no	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
[22]	yes			no	no	yes	yes		
Abe 2008 [20]	Probably	Probably no	Definitely no	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
	yes			no	no	yes	yes		
Abe 2010 [16]	Definitely	Probably no	Definitely no	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
[]	yes			no	no	yes	yes		
Agarwal 2005 [17]	Definitely	Definitely yes	Definitely no	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Moderate
	yes			no	no	yes	yes	yes	risk
Agrawal 2003 [21]	Probably	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Definitely	Probably	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	Moderate
,	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes		risk
Arashnia 2015 [22]	Probably	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Definitely	Probably	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	Moderate
. ,	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes		risk
Banerji 2010 [23]	Definitely	Definitely yes	Definitely no	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
	yes			no	no	yes	yes		
Chan 2011 [24]	Definitely	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Definitely	Probably	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	Moderate
. ,	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes		risk
Galle 2012 [25]	Probably	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Definitely	Probably	Definitely	Probably no	Definitely	Moderate
	yes			yes	yes	yes		yes	risk
Jin 2007 [26]	Definitely	Probably yes	Probably no	Probably no	Probably no	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	Moderate
,	yes					yes	yes		risk
Katavetin 2006 [27]	Definitely	Definitely yes	Definitely yes	Definitely	Probably no	Definitely	Probably	Probably no	Moderate
	yes			no		yes	yes		risk
Morikawa 2011 [28]	Probably	Probably yes	Definitely no	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Moderate
	yes			no	no	yes	yes	yes	risk
Nakamura 2000 [29]	Probably	Probably yes	Probably no	Probably no	Probably no	Definitely	Probably	Probably no	High risk
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Nakamura 2001 [30]	Probably	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Definitely	Probably no	Definitely	Probably	Probably no	Moderate
	yes			yes		yes	yes		risk
Nakamura 2004 [31]	Definitely	Definitely yes	Probably no	Probably no	Probably no	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
- •	yes					yes	yes		

Nakamura 2006 [32]	Probably	Definitely yes	Probably no	Probably no	Probably no	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
	yes					yes	yes		
Pistrosch 2012 [33]	Probably	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Definitely	Probably	Definitely	Probably	Probably no	Moderate
	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes		risk
Wong 2005 [34]	Definitely	Definitely yes	Definitely no	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
	yes			no	no	yes	yes		
Yanagawa 2004 [35]	Probably	Probably no	Probably no	Probably no	Probably no	Definitely	Definitely	Probably no	High risk
	yes					yes	yes		

#### Risk of bias in cohort studies

Of the three observational studies, all studies selected exposure and control from same source, and all studies had confident in ascertaining exposure and control. Two studies conduct well adjustment for prognostic factors between exposure and control cohort. In conclusion, one study was at low risk of bias, one were at moderate risk and another one was at high risk (Table 2).

Table 2 Risk of bias of cohort studies

Author	Selection from same populati on	Ascertain ment of exposure	Ascertain ment of control	Outcome of interest was not present at baseline	Adequate comparability of prognostic factors	Assessmen t of prognostic factors	Ascertain ment of outcomes	Adequate follow up	Similar co- interventio ns	Qualitativ e of risk of bias
Brunelli 2009 [14]	Definitel y yes	Definitely yes Drug prescription in the routine clinical practice	Definitely yes Drug prescription in the routine clinical practice	Definitel y yes	Definitely yes Cox proportional hazards models adjusted age, race, sex, body mass index, facility standardized mortality ratio	Definitely yes From electronic health record	Definitely yes From electronic health record	Probably no Retrospecti ve cohort	Probably no	Moderate risk
Chen YH 2015 [36]	Definitel y yes	Definitely yes Drug prescription in the routine clinical practice	Definitely yes Drug prescription in the routine clinical practice	Definitel y yes	Definitely no	Definitely yes From electronic health record	Definitely yes From electronic health record	Probably no Retrospecti ve cohort	Probably no	High risk
Ramirez2 009 [15]	Definitel y yes	Definitely yes From a prospective cohort	Definitely yes From a prospective cohort	Definitel y yes	Definitely yes Adjustments included the two TZD types and insulin; age, gender, race BMI, years with ESRD, comorbid conditions, hemoglobin, serum glucose, total cholesterol concentration	Probably yes	Definitely yes From a prospective cohort	Probably yes	Probably yes	Low risk

### Supplementary Table 3 Subgroup analyses of HbA1c, FPG, serum lipids and edema

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Outcomes	No. of Studies	Effect estimate	P value of test for	$I^2$	P value of
	(patients)	(95% CI)	overall effect		interaction
HbA1c					
Different degree of RI					
Non-ESRD	10 (623)	-0.57 (-1.05, -0.08)	0.02	73%	0.69
ESRD	5 (222)	-0.69 (-1.04, -0.35)	< 0.0001	55%	0.68
Different TZDs					
Pioglitazone	12 (476)	-0.64 (-0.97, -0.31)	0.0001	62%	0.97
Rosiglitazone	3 (369)	-0.62 (-1.51, 0.27)	0.17	83%	0.97
Different control					
Placebo/no additional drugs	9 (607)	-0.90 (-1.24, -0.56)	< 0.00001	73%	0.002
Active drugs	6 (238)	-0.16 (-0.50, 0.18)	0.36	0%	0.003
FPG					
Different degree of RI					
Non-ESRD	5 (467)	-25.17 (-54.66, 4.31)	0.09	95%	0.07
ESRD	5 (228)	-20.66 (-36.77, -4.56)	0.01	32%	0.97
Different TZDs					
Pioglitazone	8 (336)	-27.17 (-50.18, -4.16)	0.02	84%	0.01
Rosiglitazone	2 (359)	-24.23 (-68.33, 19.87)	0.28	97%	0.91
Different control					
Placebo/no additional drugs	8 (615)	-32.26 (-53.13, -11.39)	0.002	90%	0.000
Active drugs	2 (80)	3.94 (-12.96, 20.84)	0.65	0%	0.008
TG					
Different degree of RI					
Non-ESRD	5 (213)	-21.41 (-55.71, 12.88)	0.13	29%	0.02
ESRD	6 (264)	-16.84 (-38.89, 5.21)	0.22	75%	0.83
Different TZDs					
Pioglitazone	8 (327)	-26.38 (-40.56, -12.19)	0.0003	25%	0.05
Rosiglitazone	3 (150)	31.81 (-24.73, 88.35)	0.08	61%	0.05
Different control					
Placebo/no additional drugs	9 (402)	-15.57 (-38.83, 7.70)	0.19	73%	0.04
Active drugs	2 (75)	0.35 (-152.80, 153.50)	1.00	0%	0.84
TC					
Different degree of RI					
Non-ESRD	7 (311)	-3.07 (-12.89, 6.76)	0.54	29%	0.00
ESRD	5 (206)	8.09 (-8.61, 24.79)	0.34	44%	0.26
Different TZDs					
Pioglitazone	9 (367)	-7.00 (-13.77, -0.23)	0.04	0%	
Rosiglitazone	3 (150)	13.51 (0.48, 26.54)	0.04	0%	0.006
Different control					
Placebo/no additional drugs	9 (402)	3.75 (-6.75, 14.26)	0.48	46%	0.17

Active drugs	3 (115)	-8.32 (-21.76, 5.11)	0.22	0%	
LDL					
Different degree of RI					
Non-ESRD	2 (110)	9.48 (-1.35, 20.31)	0.09	0%	0.40
ESRD	3 (130)	1.95 (-15.86, 19.76)	0.83	53%	0.48
Different TZDs					
Pioglitazone	3 (118)	8.30 (-12.82, 29.41)	0.44	73%	0.77
Rosiglitazone	2 (122)	4.66 (-6.61, 15.94)	0.42	0%	0.77
Different control					
Placebo/no additional drugs	4 (200)	2.76 (-9.96, 15.47)	0.67	55%	0.39
Active drugs	1 (40)	12.00 (-4.93, 28.93)	0.16	-	0.39
HDL					
Different degree of RI					
Non-ESRD	4 (185)	3.12 (-0.52, 6.77)	0.09	6%	0.74
ESRD	6 (264)	4.02 (0.18, 7.87)	0.04	59%	0.74
Different TZDs					
Pioglitazone	8 (327)	4.84 (2.50, 7.18)	< 0.0001	22%	0.01
Rosiglitazone	2 (122)	-1.92 (-6.66, 2.82)	0.43	0%	0.01
Different control					
Placebo/no additional drugs	8 (374)	3.54 (0.47, 6.60)	0.02	47%	0.83
Active drugs	2 (75)	4.34 (-2.51, 11.20)	0.21	56%	0.83
Edema					
Different degree of RI					
Non-ESRD	5 (1169)	2.94 (1.11, 7.76)	0.03	0%	0.98
ESRD	2 (103)	3.05 (0.33, 28.32)	0.33	0%	0.98
Different TZDs					
Pioglitazone	4 (208)	1.67 (0.36, 7.75)	0.51	0%	0.67
Rosiglitazone	2 (371)	3.83 (0.64, 23.08)	0.14	0%	0.67
TZDs	1 (693)	4.03 (1.02, 15.95)	0.05	-	
Different control					
Placebo/no additional drugs	4 (474)	3.50 (0.86, 14.18)	0.08	0%	0.64
Active drugs	3 (798)	2.03 (0.34, 12.15)	0.44	43%	0.04

## Supplement Figure 1 Risk of hypoglycemia in diabetes patients with renal impairment for the TZDs versus control groups from RCTs

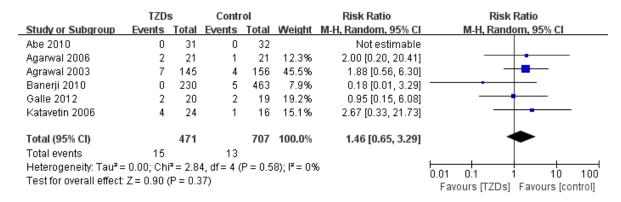


Fig 1 Risk of hypoglycemia in patients with diabetes mellitus and renal impairment for the TZDs versus control groups from RCTs