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Rosiglitazone for the prevention of T2
diabetes – Risks and Benefits

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What we will cover today

- Topic: Rosiglitazone for the prevention of T2 diabetes – Risks and Benefits
- Our EBM lessons will be:
 - relative risk vs. absolute risk
 - number needed to treat and number needed to harm
 - Cost-benefit
 - .. and anything else you care to ask.

Our case scenario

A new patient who has been taking rosiglitazone since 2007 stumbles upon media articles showing an increased risk of death. They are asking you if they should come off the drug. You are considering the safety of rosiglitazone and whether you should start the person on pioglitazone instead.

These are the articles you find....

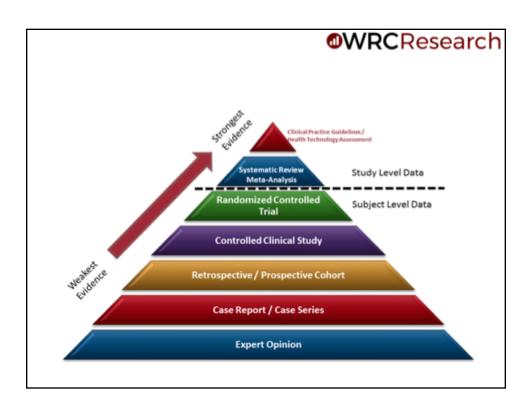


Papers

A trial that looks at the efficacy of Rosiglitazone, and a later systematic review that looked at long-term safety.

- RCT: Gerstein HC, Yusuf S, Bosch J, et al; DREAM (Diabetes REduction Assessment with ramipril androsiglitazone Medication) Trial Investigators. Effect of rosiglitazone on the frequency of diabetes in patients with impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glucose: a randomised controlled trial. Lancet. 2006;368(9541):1096-1105.
- Meta-Analysis: Nissen SE, Wolski K (2010). "Rosiglitazone revisited: an updated meta-analysis of risk for myocardial infarction and cardiovascular mortality". Arch. Intern. Med. 170 (14): 1191–1201. doi:10.1001/archinternmed.2010.207. PMID 20656674.

Study Design



Types of Studies

1. Literature Reviews

- Literature Syntheses
- Systematic Reviews
- Meta Analyses
- 2. Qualitative Studies
- 3. Quantitative Observational Studies
- 4. Intervention/Experimental Studies
- 5. Case Studies

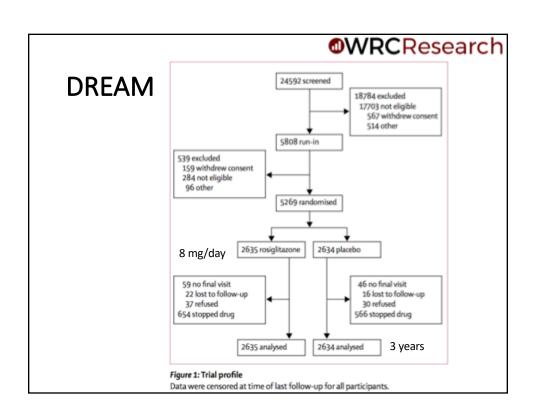
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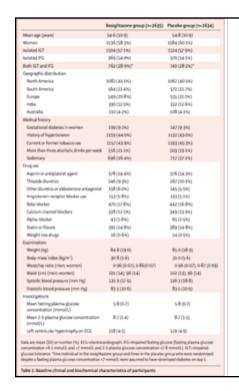
Intervention/Experimental Studies

- Aim: To gain understanding of general causation (X effect on Y). Usually informed by obs. research.
 - Scope: Entire population of interest.
- Methods:
 - Control matching, randomization, temporal.
- Sampling:
 - Usually small to medium size samples.
 - Usually comparable populations.
 - Representativeness SHOULD matter.
- **Examples:** RCT, pre-post within group, comparative research

Trial phases..

Phase	Primary goal	What you get	
Phase I	Testing of drug on healthy volunteers for dose	Determines whether drug is safe	
Phase II	Testing of drug on patients to assess efficacy and obvious side effects (DRUG APPROVAL)	Determines whether drug can have any efficacy	
Phase III	Testing of drug on patients to assess efficacy (hopefully effectiveness) and safety	Determines a drug's therapeutic effect in more real word conditions	
Phase IV	Testing of drug on patients to assess true effectiveness and safety	Determines real world short term and long-term effects	





DREAM

.... Randomization is a beautiful thing!



Literature Reviews

- Literature Syntheses
 - Broad-based questions used to understand the nature of the clinical issue and who and how others have approached it before.
- Systematic Reviews
 - Narrow review of a specific clinical topic with explicit apriori criteria for whether to include research in review.
- Meta Analyses
 - Very narrow perspective seeking to examine a specific clinical question, usually by collating randomized controlled trials

@WRCResearch Meta-Analysis (Nissen 2010) 202 Trials identified via the GSK Web site, FDA documents, or MEDLINE search 73 Short-term phase 1 trials 25 Trials with <24 weeks' duration 146 Trials excluded 20 Trials with no control group 22 Open-label, extension studies or non-RCTs 56 Clinical trials with ≥24 weeks' duration. a randomized comparator, and similar duration of treatment for rosiglitazone and comparator drug(s) Figure 1. Flow diagram showing the numbers of studies included and excluded from the analysis and the reasons for exclusion. FDA indicates Food and Drug Administration; GSK, GlaxoSmithKline; and RCT, randomized controlled trial. *Includes pediatric studies, terminated early, or summary analysis.

@WRCResearch Meta-Analysis (Nissen 2010) Table 2. Dosages, Baseline Demographic Characteristics, Study Periods, and Hemoglobin A₁₁ (HbA₁₄) Levels Study Period Korean patients with type 2 DM Dec 2003-Jul 2005 49653/143 Type 2 DM poorly controlled Jul 2005-Jan 2003 49653/211 Type 2 DM with CHF 49653/284 712753/008 Jun 2003-Dec 2005 AVM100264 Jul 2004-Jan 2006 BRL49653C/185 Type 2 DM or Ins resistance BRL 49653/334 Mar 2002-Nov 2004 BRL 49653/347 Type 2 DM poorly controlled Nov 2002-Apr 2004 49653/011 Sep 1996-Sep 1997 49653/015 Type 2 DM Aug 1996-Mar 1998 49653/020 Type 2 DM Oct 1996-May 1998

Meta-Analysis (Nissen 2010)

	Rosiglitazone			Comparators		
GSK Trial No.	No. of Patients	MI	CV Death	No. of Patients	MI	CV Death
	Trials Incl	uded in Origina	al Registration Pack	age		
49653/011	357	2	1	176	0	0
49653/020	391	2	0	207	1	0
49653/024	774	1	0	185	1	0
49653/093	213	0	0	109	1	0
49653/094	232	1	1	116	0	0
	Addition	nal Phase 2, 3,	and 4 Efficacy Trials	\$		
100684	43	0	0	47	1	0
19653/143	121	1	0	124	0	0
19653/211	110	5	5	114	2	4
19653/284	382	1	0	384	0	0
712753/008	284	1	0	135	0	0
N/M100264	294	0	2	302	1	1
3RL 49653C/185	563	2	0	142	0	0
BRL 49653/334	278	2	Ö	279	1	1
3RL 49653/347	418	2	0	212	0	0
9653/015	395	2	2	198	1	0
19653/079	203	1	1	106	1	1
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	Published	Large Prosper	ctive Randomized Tri	ials		
DREAM trial ¹⁸	2635	15	12	2634	9	10
ADOPT19	1456	27	2	2895	41	5
RECORD trial ⁴	2220	64	60	2227	56	71

Abbreviations: ADOPT, A Diabetes Outcome Progression Trial; APPROACH, Assessment on the Prevention of Progression by Rosiglitazone on Atherosclerosis in Type 2 Diabetes Patients With Cardiovascular History; DREAM, Diabetes Reduction Assessment With Ramipril and Rosiglitazone Medication; RECORD, Rosiglitazone Evaluated for Cardiac Outcomes and Regulation of Glycemia in Diabetes.



Point Estimates

Point Estimates

- **Definition**: A one-number summary of clinical effect or association.
- Examples:
 - Dose finding trials: MTD (maximum tolerable dose)
 - Safety and Efficacy Trials: response rate, median survival
 - Comparative Trials: Odds ratio, hazard ratio



Types of Point Estimates

- For Continuous Outcomes:
 - · Examples: change in tumor volume or tumor diameter
 - Commonly used point estimates: mean, median
- For Binary Outcomes:
 - Examples: response, events
 - Commonly used point estimate: proportion, relative risk, odds ratio
- Time-to-Event (Survival) Outcomes:
 - Examples: time to progression, time to death, time to relapse
 - Commonly used point estimates: median survival, hazard ratio

Common Point Estimates

- 1. Odds ratio
- 2. Relative Risk/Risk ratio
- 3. Hazard ratio

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The Relative Risk/Risk Ratio

- The risk of an event or disease relative to exposure
- What does it mean?
- "protective" relative risk is < 1
- "increased risk" relative risk is > 1
- Example: RR = 2.14
- "The risk of men dying before 85 years of age is 2.14 times higher than that of women." or "The risk of men dying before 85 years of age is 114% greater than that of women"

The Odds Ratio

- The ratio of the odds of an event occurring in one group to the odds of it occurring in another group
- What does it mean?
- "protective" odds ratios < 1
- "increased risk" odds ratios > 1
- Example: OR = 1.88
 - "The odds of women living to 85 is 1.88 higher than that of men" or "The odds of women living to 85 is 88% greater than that of men"

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Risk v.s Odds .. Not the same

Risk (probability)	Odds
0.80	4.0 △△△△/△
0.67	2.0 △△/△
0.50	1.0 △/△
0.20	0.25 △/△△△
0.10	0.11 0/000000000

Conversion: Odds = Risk/(1-Risk) Risk = Odds / (1 + Odds)

OR and RR: What's the difference?

ORs and RRs can give quite different magnitude.

No one thinks in terms of odds (esp. odds ratios). Most interpret odds in terms of risk (probability). Don't make that mistake.

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The Hazard Ratio

- The <u>instantaneous</u> risk of an event or disease relative to exposure.
- What does it mean?
- "protective" hazard ratio is < 1
- "increased risk" hazard ratio is > 1
- Example:
- "The risk of men dying of MI is 2.14 times higher than that of women, over the age of 50"

The P Value

- What does it tell you?
 - How <u>probable</u> the point estimate (effect) in the study reflects a true difference/value in the population studied.
 - Doesn't tell you the size of the effect
 - e.g., P=0.05 The probability of their being a true difference is 95% (95 times out of 100)
- Influenced by:
 - Sample size.
 - Small samples gives you larger (worse) p-values intervals.
 - Weakness or inconsistency of the effect.

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Significance: Statistical v. Clinical

- Measures of association can lie!
- What's the difference?

Event Rate TREATMENT	Event Rate Control	RR (Relative Risk)	Absolute Risk Reduction
10%	20%	0.5	10%
1%	2%	0.5	1%

Number needed to treat (NNT)

- Number Needed to Treat (NNT):
 - Number of persons who would have to receive an intervention for 1 to benefit.
- Number Needed to Harm(NNH):
 - Number of persons who would have to receive an intervention for 1 to be experience a adverse event.

NNT= 1/ARR OR 100/ARR%

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The Confidence Interval

- What does it tell you?
 - How <u>reliable/precise</u> the point estimate (effect) is in the study population (measure of certainty).
 - The true point estimate (effect) can be any value within in the confidence interval.
 - Doesn't tell you if the effect is valid
- Influenced by:
 - Sample size used.
 - Small samples give you larger confidence intervals.
 - Reliability of the effect.

@WRCResearch How to evaluate the evidence ... (this is a generalization) • Do the results directly relate to my question/patients/practice? YES • Is the study quality good enough? • Are the effects statistically significant? 2 (i.e., based on p-value, relative risk/benefit) YES Are the results clinically significant? 3 (i.e., based on change in absolute risk/NNT, precision) YES • Are the harms small enough to justify? **CONSIDER IT** *Consider the cost-benefit compared to all other options.

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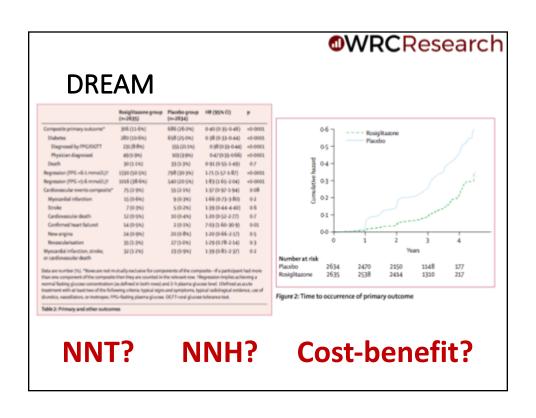
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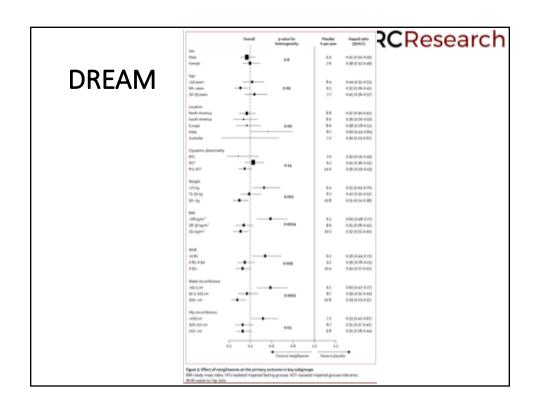
Background Rosiglitazone is a thiazolidinedione that reduces insulin resistance and might preserve insulin secretion. The aim of this study was to assess prospectively the drug's ability to prevent type 2 diabetes in individuals at high risk of developing the condition.

Methods 5269 adults aged 30 years or more with impaired fasting glucose or impaired glucose tolerance, or both, and no previous cardiovascular disease were recruited from 191 sites in 21 countries and randomly assigned to receive rosiglitazone (8 mg daily; n=2365) or placebo (2634) and followed for a median of 3 years. The primary outcome was a composite of incident diabetes or death. Analyses were done by intention to treat. This trial is registered at ClinicalTrials.gov, number NCT00095654.

Findings At the end of study, 59 individuals had dropped out from the rosiglitazone group and 46 from the placebo group. 306 (11-6%) individuals given rosiglitazone and 686 (26-0%) given placebo developed the composite primary outcome (hazard ratio 0-40, 95% CI 0-35-0-46; p-0-0001); 1330 (50-5%) individuals in the rosiglitazone group and 798 (30-3%) in the placebo group became normoglycaemic (1-71, 1-57-1-87; p-0-0001). Cardiovascular event rates were much the same in both groups, although 14 (0-5%) participants in the rosiglitazone group and two (0-1%) in the placebo group developed heart failure (p-0-01).

Interpretation Rosiglitazone at 8 mg daily for 3 years substantially reduces incident type 2 diabetes and increases the likelihood of regression to normoglycaemia in adults with impaired fasting glucose or impaired glucose tolerance, or both.





Meta-Analysis (Nissen 2010)

Context: Controversy regarding the effects of rosiglitazone therapy on myocardial infarction (MI) and cardiovascular (CV) mortality persists 3 years after a metaanalysis initially raised concerns about the use of this drug.

Objective: To systematically review the effects of rosiglitazone therapy on MI and mortality (CV and all-cause).

Data Sources: We searched MEDLINE, the Web site of the Food and Drug Administration, and the GlaxoSmithKline clinical trials registry for trials published through February 2010.

Study Selection: The study included all randomized controlled trials of rosiglitazone at least 24 weeks in duration that reported CV adverse events.

Data Extraction: Odds ratios (ORs) for MI and mortality were estimated using a fixed-effects meta-analysis of 56 trials, which included 35 531 patients: 19 509 who received rosiglitazone and 16 022 who received control therapy.

Results: Rosiglitazone therapy significantly increased the risk of MI (OR, 1.28; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.02-1.63; P=.04) but not CV mortality (OR, 1.03; 95% CI, 0.78-1.36; P=.86). Exclusion of the RECORD (Rosiglitazone Evaluated for Cardiac Outcomes and Regulation of Glycemia in Diabetes) trial yielded similar results but with more elevated estimates of the OR for MI (OR, 1.39; 95% CI, 1.02-1.89; P=.04) and CV mortality (OR, 1.46; 95% CI, 0.92-2.33; P=.11). An alternative analysis pooling trials according to allocation ratios allowed inclusion of studies with no events, yielding similar results for MI (OR, 1.28; 95% CI, 1.01-1.62; P=.04) and CV mortality (OR 0.99; 95% CI, 0.75-1.32; P=.96).

Conclusions: Eleven years after the introduction of rosiglitazone, the totality of randomized clinical trials continue to demonstrate increased risk for MI although not for CV or all-cause mortality. The current findings suggest an unfavorable benefit to risk ratio for rosiglitazone.

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Meta-Analysis (Nissen 2010)

Table 4. Primary Analysis of Risk for Myocardial Infarction and Cardiovascular Mortality

Method	No. of Studies	Rosiglitazone Group	Control Group	Peto OR (95% CI)	P Value
	Ris	k for Myocardial	Infarction ^a		
Including RECORD trial4	41	159/17 258	136/14 449	1.28 (1.02-1.63)	.04
Excluding RECORD trial	40	95/15 038	80/12 222	1.39 (1.02-1.89)	.04
	Risk	for Cardiovascul	ar Mortality b		
Including RECORD trial	26	105/13 672	100/12 175	1.03 (0.78-1.36)	.86
Excluding RECORD trial	25	45/11 452	29/9949	1.46 (0.92-2.33)	.11

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; RECORD, Rosiglitazone Evaluated for Cardiac Outcomes and Regulation of Glycemia in Diabetes.

^aIncluding RECORD trial: Q statistic, 30.3; P=.87; I²=0%, Excluding RECORD trial: Q statistic, 29.7; P=.86; I²=0%.

^bIncluding RECORD trial: Q statistic, 16.2; P=.91; I²=0%. Excluding RECORD trial: Q statistic, 12.8; P=.97; I²=0%.

NNH?

