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P R O C E E D I N G S

(8:30 a.m.)

Call to Order

Introduction of Committee

1 DR. LOW WANG: Good morning, and welcome. I
2 would first like to remind everyone to please mute
3 your line when you're not speaking, and also a
4 reminder to everyone to please silence your cell
5 phones, your smartphones, and any other device if
6 you have not already done so. For the media and
7 the press, the FDA press contact is April Grant.
8 Her email is currently displayed.

9 My name is Dr. Cecilia Low Wang, and I will
10 be chairing this meeting. I will now call the
11 October 31, 2024 Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs
12 Advisory Committee meeting to order. We'll start
13 by going around the table and introducing ourselves
14 by stating our names and affiliations. We'll start
15 with the FDA to my left and go around the table.

16 DR. YANOFF: Good morning. Dr. Lisa Yanoff.

17 DR. ARCHDEACON: Good morning. Patrick
18 Archdeacon, Deputy Director, Division of Diabetes,
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1 Lipid Disorders, and Obesity.

2 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Good morning. Justin
3 Penzenstadler. I'm a clinical team leader in the
4 Division of Diabetes, Lipid Disorders, and Obesity.

5 DR. SUZUKI: Mari Suzuki. I'm a clinical
6 reviewer in the Division of Diabetes, Lipid
7 Disorders, and Obesity.

8 DR. TU: Good morning. My name is Wenda Tu.
9 I'm the statistical reviewer from the Division of
10 Biometrics II, Office of Biostatistics.

11 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Good morning. Prabir
12 Roy-Chaudhury. I'm a nephrologist at the
13 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the
14 Co-Director of the UNC Kidney Center.

15 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Good morning. I'm
16 Elizabeth Chrischilles. I'm from the University of
17 Iowa, Department of Epidemiology, and I am the
18 chair of that department.

19 DR. NEWMAN: Good morning. I'm Connie
20 Newman. I'm an adjunct professor at New York
21 University School of Medicine, and I'm in the
22 Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and

1 Metabolism.

2 DR. ONUMAH: Good morning. Barbara Onumah.
3 I'm a practicing adult endocrinologist in Largo,
4 Maryland.

5 DR. DRAKE: Matthew Drake. I'm an adult
6 endocrinologist and associate professor of medicine
7 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

8 DR. LOW WANG: Good morning. My name is
9 Dr. Cecilia Low Wang. I'm a Professor of Medicine
10 and endocrinologist at University of Colorado.

11 DR. FRIMPONG: Good morning. Joyce
12 Frimpong, Designated Federal Officer, FDA.

13 DR. WANG: Thomas Wang. I'm a cardiologist
14 and Chair of Medicine at the University of Texas
15 Southwestern.

16 DR. EVERETT: Good morning. I'm Brendan
17 Everett. I'm a cardiologist at the Brigham and
18 Women's Hospital in Boston and Associate Professor
19 at Harvard Medical School.

20 DR. KONSTAM: Marv Konstam from the
21 Cardiovascular Center at Tufts Medical Center and
22 Professor of Medicine and Radiology at Tufts

1 University School of Medicine.

2 MR. TIBBITS: Paul Tibbits, patient
3 representative.

4 DR. NASON: Good morning. I'm Martha Nason.
5 I'm a mathematical statistician at the National
6 Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, NIH.

7 DR. SHOBN: I'm Abby Shoben. I'm a
8 biostatistician at The Ohio State University.

9 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa, adult nephrologist
10 and program director at the NIH.

11 DR. SELIGER: Steve Seliger, adult
12 nephrologist and epidemiologist at University of
13 Maryland School of Medicine.

14 DR. IRONY: Ilan Irony, endocrinologist. I
15 work at Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine, and
16 I serve as an industry representative for the
17 meeting.

18 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you all, and welcome.

19 For topics such as those being discussed at
20 this meeting, there are often a variety of
21 opinions, some of which are quite strongly held.
22 Our goal is that this meeting will be a fair and

1 open forum for discussion of these issues, and that
2 individuals can express their views without
3 interruption. Thus, as a gentle reminder,
4 individuals will be allowed to speak into the
5 record only if recognized by the chairperson. We
6 look forward to a productive meeting.

7 In the spirit of the Federal Advisory
8 Committee Act and the Government in the Sunshine
9 Act, we ask that the advisory committee members
10 take care that their conversations about the topic
11 at hand take place in the open forum of the
12 meeting. We are aware that members of the media
13 are anxious to speak with the FDA about these
14 proceedings; however, FDA will refrain from
15 discussing the details of this meeting with the
16 media until its conclusion. Also, the committee is
17 reminded to please refrain from discussing the
18 meeting topic during breaks or lunch. Thank you.

19 Now, Dr. Frimpong will now read the Conflict
20 of Interest Statement for the meeting.

21 **Conflict of Interest Statement**

22 DR. FRIMPONG: The Food and Drug

1 Administration is convening today's meeting of the
2 Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory
3 Committee under the authority of the Federal
4 Advisory Committee Act of 1972. With the exception
5 of the industry representative, all members and
6 temporary voting members of the committee are
7 special government employees or regular federal
8 employees from other agencies and are subject to
9 federal conflict of interest laws and regulations.

10 The following information on the status of
11 this committee's compliance with federal ethics and
12 conflict of interest laws, covered by but not
13 limited to those found at 18 U.S.C. Section 208, is
14 being provided to participants in today's meeting
15 and to the public.

16 FDA has determined that members and
17 temporary voting members of this committee are in
18 compliance with federal ethics and conflict of
19 interest laws. Under 18 U.S.C. Section 208,
20 Congress has authorized FDA to grant waivers to
21 special government employees and regular federal
22 employees who have potential financial conflicts

1 when it is determined that the agency's need for a
2 special government employee's services outweighs
3 their potential financial conflict of interest, or
4 when the interest of a regular federal employee is
5 not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect
6 the integrity of the services which the government
7 may expect from the employee.

8 Related to the discussions of today's
9 meeting, members and temporary voting members of
10 this committee have been screened for potential
11 financial conflicts of interests of their own as
12 well as those imputed to them, including those of
13 their spouses or minor children and, for purposes
14 of 18 U.S.C. Section 208, their employers. These
15 interests may include investments; consulting;
16 expert witness testimony; contracts, grants,
17 CRADAs; teaching, speaking, writing; patents and
18 royalties; and primary employment.

19 Today's agenda involves discussion of new
20 drug application 210934 for sotagliflozin oral
21 tablet submitted by Lexicon Pharmaceuticals,
22 Incorporated, for the proposed indication as an

1 adjunct to insulin therapy to improve glycemic
2 control in adults with type 1 diabetes mellitus and
3 chronic kidney disease. This is a particular
4 matters meeting during which specific matters
5 related to Lexicon Pharmaceuticals' new drug
6 application will be discussed.

7 Based on the agenda for today's meeting and
8 all financial interests reported by the committee
9 members and temporary voting members, no conflict
10 of interest waivers have been issued in connection
11 with this meeting. To ensure transparency, we
12 encourage all standing committee members and
13 temporary voting members to disclose any public
14 statements that they have made concerning the
15 product at issue.

16 With respect to the FDA's invited industry
17 representative, we would like to disclose that
18 Dr. Ilan Irony is participating in this meeting as
19 a non-voting industry representative, acting on
20 behalf of regulated industry. Dr. Irony's role at
21 this meeting is to represent industry in general
22 and not any particular company. Dr. Irony is

1 employed by Johnson & Johnson.

2 We would like to remind members and
3 temporary voting members that if the discussions
4 involve any other products or firms not already on
5 the agenda for which an FDA participant has a
6 personal or imputed financial interest, the
7 participants need to exclude themselves from such
8 involvement, and their exclusion will be noted for
9 the record. FDA encourages all participants to
10 advise the committees of any financial
11 relationships that they may have with the firm at
12 issue. Thank you.

13 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you, Dr. Frimpong.

14 We will now proceed with the FDA
15 introductory remarks by Dr. Patrick Archdeacon.

16 **FDA Introductory Remarks - Patrick Archdeacon**

17 DR. ARCHDEACON: Thank you.

18 Good morning. My name is Patrick
19 Archdeacon. I'm the Deputy Director of the
20 Division of Diabetes, Lipid Disorders, and Obesity.
21 I'd like to thank everyone for participating in
22 today's advisory committee meeting, especially

1 those people who are living with type 1 diabetes.
2 I also want to thank the members of the EMDAC for
3 sharing with FDA their perspectives on the
4 resubmission of NDA 210934, sotagliflozin to
5 improve glycemic control in adults with type 1
6 diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

7 Type 1 diabetes is characterized by the
8 destruction of pancreatic beta cells, usually
9 leading to severe insulin deficiency. Around
10 2 million Americans live with type 1 diabetes. The
11 advent of insulin therapies significantly reduced
12 the acute morbidity and mortality associated with
13 type 1 diabetes, and the Diabetes Control and
14 Complications Trial demonstrated that optimizing
15 glycemic control lowers the long-term risk of
16 microvascular complications.

17 Chronic kidney disease, or CKD, is a
18 progressive condition characterized by structural
19 and functional changes to the kidney. CKD is
20 present in 20 to 40 percent of patients with
21 diabetes. It typically presents in patients with
22 type 1 diabetes only after a disease duration of

1 5 to 15 years. In late stages of CKD, kidney and
2 non-kidney complications develop, including
3 cardiovascular disease.

4 Optimizing glycemic control is a primary
5 focus in the management of type 1 diabetes.

6 Pramlintide, a synthetic analog of human amylin, is
7 approved as an adjunct to insulin therapy; however,
8 insulin and insulin analogs remain the mainstay of
9 pharmacotherapies to improve glycemic control.

10 Some devices like continuous glucose monitors and
11 hybrid closed-loop pumps have been shown to further
12 improve glycemic control; however, with current
13 treatment options, fewer than one-quarter of adult
14 patients with type 1 diabetes achieve recommended
15 glycemic targets.

16 Captopril was approved by FDA in 1993 for
17 the treatment of diabetic nephropathy in patients
18 with type 1 diabetes and proteinuria. No other
19 products were approved by FDA to slow the
20 progression of CKD in patients with type 1 diabetes
21 until the submission of the DAPA-CKD and
22 EMPA-Kidney trials. These studies evaluated

1 dapagliflozin and empagliflozin, respectively, in
2 patients with type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney
3 disease, and in patients with chronic kidney
4 disease without diabetes. They did exclude
5 patients with type 1 diabetes and CKD.

6 For both dapagliflozin and empagliflozin,
7 FDA determined that the demonstrated benefits apply
8 to patients with CKD and not just patients with
9 type 2 diabetes and CKD. This then includes
10 patients with type 1 diabetes and CKD. Although
11 FDA-approved labeling for these products do not
12 include a limitation of use recommending against
13 the treatment of CKD in patients with type 1
14 diabetes, they do include a limitation of use
15 recommending against their use to improve glycemic
16 control in patients with type 1 diabetes.

17 Notwithstanding the FDA approvals, treatment
18 guidelines published by professional societies have
19 yet to recommend either dapagliflozin or
20 empagliflozin for use in patients with type 1
21 diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

22 A commentary published last year in Lancet

1 Endocrinology called attention to the lack of new
2 therapies for patients with chronic kidney disease
3 and type 1 diabetes, despite the emergence of new
4 therapies for patients with chronic kidney disease
5 and type 2 diabetes or non-diabetic CKD.

6 A figure from the piece reproduced here
7 omits the clinical trials of dapagliflozin and
8 empagliflozin, which were the basis for the recent
9 FDA approvals. The figure also omits a trial of
10 sotagliflozin conducted in patients with CKD and
11 type 2 diabetes, SCORED, and a trial of semaglutide
12 conducted in patients with chronic kidney disease
13 and type 2 diabetes, FLOW.

14 Nonetheless, it highlights the striking
15 difference in the number of clinical trials
16 conducted in people with type 1 diabetes and CKD
17 compared to those conducted in people with type 2
18 diabetes and chronic kidney disease and in people
19 with chronic kidney disease without diabetes.

20 The study authors acknowledged challenges in
21 studying chronic kidney disease in patients with
22 type 1 diabetes, while also asserting that the

1 entire community -- clinicians, professional and
2 patient organizations, funding agencies, the
3 pharmaceutical industry, and regulators -- need to
4 do more to address the lack of proven effective
5 treatments.

6 Addressing the challenges of evaluating new
7 therapies for patients with type 1 diabetes and
8 chronic kidney disease requires that we find the
9 appropriate balance between the need for timely
10 access and the need for evidence of safety and
11 effectiveness.

12 FDA has convened this advisory committee to
13 discuss the benefits and risks of sotagliflozin,
14 another SGLT inhibitor, for a proposed indication
15 as an adjunct to insulin therapy to improve
16 glycemic control in adults with type 1 diabetes and
17 CKD. For purposes of this application, the
18 applicant has defined CKD as an estimated
19 glomerular filtration rate, or eGFR, of 45 to less
20 than 60 milliliters per minute per 1.73 meters
21 squared, or eGFR greater than or equal to 60 and a
22 urine albumin creatinine ratio, or UACR, greater

1 than or equal to 30 milligrams per gram.

2 NDA 210934 was initially submitted in 2018
3 seeking the following indication. Sotagliflozin is
4 indicated as an adjunct to insulin therapy to
5 improve glycemic control in adults with type 1
6 diabetes mellitus. The original submission was not
7 approved because FDA determined that the increased
8 risk of diabetic ketoacidosis, a life-threatening
9 medical emergency, outweighed the benefits in
10 patients with type 1 diabetes.

11 In 2022, FDA approved sotagliflozin as
12 Inpefa to reduce the risk of cardiovascular death,
13 hospitalization for heart failure, and urgent heart
14 failure visit in adults with heart failure or
15 adults with type 2 diabetes, chronic kidney
16 disease, and other cardiovascular risk factors.
17 The basis for the approval was two large
18 cardiorenal outcome trials.

19 SCORED was a trial conducted in adult
20 patients with type 2 diabetes, moderate to severe
21 chronic kidney disease, and other cardiovascular
22 risk factors. SOLOIST was a trial conducted in

1 adult patients with type 2 diabetes and heart
2 failure. The indication granted by FDA encompassed
3 all adults with heart failure irrespective of
4 diabetes status; however, the applicant did not
5 propose, and FDA did not consider, an indication
6 that would encompass all patients with diabetes
7 mellitus, chronic kidney disease, and other risk
8 factors.

9 In the current resubmission, the applicant
10 asserts that, 1) the effect of sotagliflozin on A1C
11 can be expected to be similar in patients with
12 type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease compared
13 to patients with type 1 diabetes without chronic
14 kidney disease; 2) patients with type 1 diabetes
15 and chronic kidney disease accrue greater benefit
16 for the same reduction in A1C compared to patients
17 with type 1 diabetes without chronic kidney
18 disease; 3) the increased risk of DKA associated
19 with sotagliflozin can be expected to be similar in
20 patients with type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney
21 disease compared to patients with type 1 diabetes
22 without chronic kidney disease; and 4) data from

1 patients with type 2 diabetes suggest that patients
2 with type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease may
3 experience additional non-glycemic benefits.

4 After the presentations by the applicant and
5 the FDA, and after the open public hearing, we'll
6 ask the committee to discuss the following points
7 to help FDA evaluate whether the applicant's
8 assertions are justified.

9 Discussion point number 1, discuss the
10 evidence and uncertainties based on the existing
11 clinical trial data that sotagliflozin improves A1C
12 across a range of eGFRs, including the following
13 categories: 45 to less than 60, 60 to 90, and
14 greater than 90. Consider the durability of the
15 treatment effect demonstrated.

16 Discussion point number 2, discuss the
17 evidence and uncertainties that patients with
18 type 1 diabetes and CKD accrue a greater benefit
19 with respect to microvascular disease than patients
20 with type 1 diabetes without CKD for any given
21 reduction in A1C. In your discussion, consider
22 different KDIGO categories of CKD classified by

1 both eGFR, 45 to less than 60, 60 to 90, and
2 greater than 90, and UACR, less than 30, 30 to less
3 than 300, and greater than or equal to 300.

4 Discuss the magnitude of clinical benefit conferred
5 by the A1C reductions expected with use of
6 sotagliflozin across a range of CKD severity,
7 considering both eGFR and proteinuria.

8 Discussion point number 3, discuss whether
9 the magnitude of a DKA risk in patients with type 1
10 diabetes and chronic kidney disease has been
11 sufficiently characterized. Discuss the evidence
12 and uncertainties regarding DKA risk for patients
13 with type 1 diabetes and eGFRs in the following
14 ranges, 45 to less than 60, 60 to 90, and greater
15 than or equal to 90.

16 Discussion point number 4, discuss your view
17 of the scientific rationale justifying
18 extrapolation of the demonstrated benefit of
19 sotagliflozin to reduce the risk of cardiovascular
20 death, hospitalization for heart failure, and
21 urgent heart failure visit in patients with type 2
22 diabetes, moderate to severe CKD, and other

1 cardiovascular risk factors to patients with type 1
2 diabetes and mild to moderate CKD.

3 Discussion point number 5, discuss other
4 potential benefits of sotagliflozin suggested by
5 SCORED. Discuss your view of the scientific
6 rationale justifying extrapolation of such
7 potential benefits to patients with type 1 diabetes
8 and mild to moderate CKD.

9 Discussion point number 6, discuss the
10 overall benefit-risk assessment for sotagliflozin
11 as an adjunct to insulin to improve glycemic
12 control in patients with type 1 diabetes and eGFR
13 45 to 60, or eGFR greater than or equal to 60 and a
14 UACR greater than or equal to 30. Address how to
15 consider the increased risk of DKA relative to the
16 benefit of an A1C improvement in the population
17 proposed by the applicant. Discuss how you weigh
18 other advantages of sotagliflozin in the
19 benefit-risk assessment for the proposed
20 indication.

21 After consideration of the points for
22 discussion, we will ask the committee to vote on

1 the following question. Do the available data
2 demonstrate that the benefits outweigh the risks
3 for the indication of improved glycemic control in
4 a population of patients with type 1 diabetes and
5 an eGFR 45 to less than 60 or eGFR greater than or
6 equal to 60 and UACR greater than or equal to 30?

7 If yes, provide your rationale and suggest
8 specific risk mitigation approaches. If no, do the
9 data demonstrate that the benefits outweigh the
10 risks for the indication of improved glycemic
11 control for another population of patients with
12 type 1 diabetes and CKD defined by different eGFR
13 and/or UACR categories? Explain and clarify the
14 population in which the benefits of improved
15 glycemic control outweigh the risks, if any. Thank
16 you.

17 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you, Dr. Archdeacon.

18 Both the Food and Drug Administration and
19 the public believe in a transparent process for
20 information gathering and decision making. To
21 ensure that such transparency at the advisory
22 committee meeting is present, the FDA believes that

1 it is important to understand the context of an
2 individual's presentation.

3 For this reason, the FDA encourages all
4 participants, including industry's non-employee
5 presenters, to advise the committee of any
6 financial relationships that they may have with
7 industry, such as consulting fees, travel expenses,
8 honoraria, and interest in a sponsor, including
9 equity interests and those based upon the outcome
10 of the meeting. Likewise, FDA encourages you at
11 the beginning of your presentation to advise the
12 committee if you do not have such financial
13 relationships. If you choose not to address this
14 issue of financial relationships at the beginning
15 of your presentation, it will not preclude you from
16 speaking.

17 Let's now proceed with Lexicon
18 Pharmaceuticals' presentation.

19 **Applicant Presentation - Brian Corrigan**

20 MR. CORRIGAN: Chair, members of the
21 committee, FDA colleagues, good morning. My name
22 is Brian Corrigan, Senior Vice President of

1 Regulatory and Quality Assurance at Lexicon
2 Pharmaceuticals. Thank you for the opportunity to
3 present the data and analyses demonstrating how
4 sotagliflozin fills an important unmet medical
5 need, and does so with a positive benefit-risk
6 profile, as an adjunct therapy to insulin for
7 patients with both type 1 diabetes mellitus, T1D,
8 and chronic kidney disease, CKD.

9 For people with type 1 diabetes, insulin
10 therapy is a necessary and life-saving
11 intervention. Unfortunately, despite advances in
12 insulin formulations, delivery methods, and
13 management, only 20 percent of patients with T1D
14 achieve adequate glycemic control. Without
15 effective glycemic control in the target range that
16 limits either hypo or hyperglycemia, patients with
17 T1D experience greater morbidity and remain at risk
18 of complications, including cardiovascular disease,
19 progression to end-stage kidney disease, and
20 mortality.

21 Lexicon developed sotagliflozin as an
22 adjunct to insulin to improve glycemic control in

1 patients with type 1 diabetes. Sotagliflozin is an
2 oral anti-hyperglycemic drug that lowers blood
3 glucose through mechanisms complementary and
4 independent to insulin. Sotagliflozin works as a
5 dual inhibitor of the sodium glucose
6 co-transporter 1 and 2, referred to as SGLT1 and
7 SGLT2. By inhibiting SGLT1, sotagliflozin blunts
8 and delays intestinal glucose absorption and
9 reduces postprandial glucose excursions. By
10 inhibiting SGLT2, sotagliflozin reduces renal
11 glucose reabsorption and increases urinary glucose
12 excretion.

13 The clinical development program for
14 sotagliflozin includes three phase 3 studies that
15 enrolled nearly 3,000 adults with type 1 diabetes.
16 It remains to this day the largest phase 3 program
17 for an adjunct to insulin in type 1 diabetes. In
18 all three studies, sotagliflozin demonstrated
19 statistically significant benefits compared to
20 placebo across the primary and most predefined
21 secondary endpoints.

22 Evidence from each of the three studies

1 demonstrate that the addition of sotagliflozin to
2 insulin therapy improves glycemic control compared
3 to placebo in the overall population of patients
4 with type 1 diabetes. These benefits were
5 consistent across all prespecified subgroups,
6 including baseline demographics and disease
7 characteristics.

8 The 2019 EMDAC meeting, there is acceptance
9 that sotagliflozin is effective, as demonstrated by
10 the consistent evidence from the three phase 3
11 studies. As previously noted, each of these
12 studies showed statistically significant
13 improvements in glycemic control, as well as
14 effects on clinically relevant secondary endpoints,
15 all without an increase in severe hypoglycemic
16 events.

17 However, we also observed an increased
18 occurrence of diabetic ketoacidosis, or DKA,
19 compared to placebo, though the total number of
20 events was small. Based on this evidence, the
21 committee was split, voting 8 to 8 on the
22 benefit-risk of sotagliflozin in the overall

1 population of patients with type 1 diabetes.

2 Despite the acknowledged substantial
3 evidence of effectiveness for A1C reduction,
4 Lexicon received a complete response letter in
5 March of 2019. The agency concluded that the
6 benefit-risk assessment was not favorable based on
7 concerns about the increased risk of DKA in the
8 sotagliflozin-treated study participants.

9 During follow-up discussions with the FDA,
10 in December 2023, we proposed pursuing the
11 identification of a subpopulation of T1D patients
12 from the phase 3 program that either gained
13 additional benefits or had diminished risks. The
14 FDA indicated that it would review a resubmission
15 based on this proposed approach.

16 In another formal interaction in March of
17 this year, the FDA indicated that the rationale we
18 provided for our revised indication, that improved
19 glycemic control may confer greater benefit to
20 patients with T1D and CKD than to patients with T1D
21 without CKD, was a reasonable approach for the NDA
22 resubmission.

1 Since the CRL, we also completed the SCORED
2 study. The SCORED study provided long-term
3 evidence that sotagliflozin use results in heart
4 failure and CKD benefits, both of which reduce
5 clinically important morbidity events. SCORED is a
6 multicenter, randomized, double-blind,
7 placebo-controlled phase 3 study in more than
8 10,500 patients with type 2 diabetes, chronic
9 kidney disease, and other cardiovascular risk
10 factors. These results contributed to the approval
11 of sotagliflozin in 2023 via a different NDA under
12 the brand name Inpefa for a heart failure
13 indication.

14 The SCORED results reinforced our belief
15 that sotagliflozin could have potential long-term
16 benefits beyond A1C control alone; specifically
17 that sotagliflozin could reduce CV and CKD
18 complications and death in patients with type 1
19 diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

20 Now, to provide some additional context on
21 the greater unmet need in this patient group,
22 published evidence, including data from the

1 Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, has
2 established that CKD in the setting of diabetes is
3 associated with a greater need for glycemic control
4 in controlling for CKD risks. That is because CKD
5 itself is an independent predictor of accelerated
6 disease progression and increased morbidity and
7 mortality.

8 Poor glycemic control contributes to eGFR
9 decline and more rapid progression to end-stage
10 kidney disease. This progressive eGFR decline
11 increases the risk for heart failure. Further,
12 decreased time in range elevates the risk for
13 kidney complications. And finally, these patients
14 are at an increased risk of death compared to a
15 population without CKD.

16 Patients with type 1 diabetes and CKD
17 represent a high-risk subset with significant unmet
18 medical need who would gain additional benefits
19 from improved glycemic control. In identifying an
20 appropriate subgroup of CKD patients, Lexicon
21 proposed a CKD definition based on consensus
22 scientific standards from the Kidney Disease

1 Improving Global Outcomes, or KDIGO, group, which
2 recognizes both eGFR and albuminuria as independent
3 risk factors in predicting kidney disease
4 progression and other comorbidities.

5 Lexicon utilized these criteria in
6 identifying a population of CKD patients that both
7 captured a spectrum of disease progression and
8 aligned with the study criteria for the phase 3
9 program. Throughout today's presentation, we will
10 refer to this population as the T1D-CKD subgroup.

11 The FDA used a different CKD subgrouping
12 strategy based on eGFR levels regardless of
13 albuminuria, which is also an accepted and
14 scientifically justified approach to identifying a
15 range of CKD progression to best assess in which
16 subpopulation sotagliflozin may present the most
17 favorable benefit-risk profile.

18 As you've seen in the data presented in our
19 briefing package, the FDA's briefing package, and
20 in what we will share today, we acknowledge that
21 there is uncertainty in the group of patients with
22 an eGFR of less than 60, where the near-term

1 efficacy and safety profile of sotagliflozin is not
2 as robust when compared to the CKD population in
3 earlier stages of renal impairment; however, we
4 selected this subgroup to maintain consistency with
5 KDIGO group guidelines and in recognition of the
6 significant unmet need these patients have for
7 improved glycemic control. It is the population
8 that could achieve the most potential long-term
9 benefits in the form of CV and kidney risk
10 reduction.

11 To address these uncertainties, in our
12 presentation today, we will also share results from
13 the FDA identified subpopulation of patients with
14 an eGFR range of greater than or equal to 60 and
15 less than 90, which perhaps best balances the need
16 to identify a higher risk population that
17 demonstrates clinically important glycemic control
18 coupled with a safety profile similar to the
19 overall phase 3 T1D population. We'll refer to
20 this population throughout our presentation as the
21 eGFR 60 to 90 subgroup.

22 We acknowledge this was not the specific CKD

1 population we originally defined, as it was not
2 part of the scientific consensus standard we
3 utilized as our guide, but we credit the FDA with
4 identifying a group that represents another
5 subpopulation within our phase 3 program with high
6 unmet need, without the uncertainties attributable
7 to patients with an eGFR less than 60. As such, we
8 will be showing you data today from both our
9 T1D-CKD subgroup, as well as this eGFR 60 to
10 90 subgroup.

11 As a reminder, the original NDA for
12 sotagliflozin was for use as an adjunct to insulin
13 in the overall population of patients with type 1
14 diabetes. After a split 8-8 vote at the 2019
15 EMDAC, the FDA determined that the risk of DKA
16 outweighed the benefits. We are here today
17 targeting a high-risk subpopulation of T1D patients
18 with CKD who will gain additional benefits from a
19 similar level of glycemic control seen in the
20 overall T1D population.

21 There does remain an increased risk of DKA,
22 and that will always be present in this class of

1 drugs, but these patients also face other
2 significant health consequences from advancing
3 disease and may be willing to accept a therapeutic
4 option with an increased risk of DKA for the
5 near-term glycemic control benefits, weight loss,
6 level 2 hypoglycemia reductions, and potential
7 longer term benefits of reduced CV risk and renal
8 progression.

9 However, we acknowledge the uncertainties
10 outlined in FDA's briefing document in patients
11 with an eGFR less than 60. To that end, we are
12 highlighting a potential alternative subgroup based
13 on the FDA's analysis of the phase 3 program that
14 removes the uncertainties of the less than 60
15 population while retaining a mild to moderate risk
16 CKD population that is still in significant need of
17 therapeutic options to help manage glycemic control
18 and slow renal disease progression. Both of these
19 subpopulations reflect the real unmet medical need
20 for new adjunct therapies to insulin and represent
21 an improved benefit-risk profile compared to the
22 overall population of T1D patients.

1 When applying the T1D-CKD and eGFR 60 to 90
2 subgroups to the overall phase 3 data set, we see
3 that those represent interpretable subpopulations
4 from which to base an assessment of the efficacy
5 and safety profile of sotagliflozin. The eGFR
6 60 to 90 subgroup reflects an even larger
7 subpopulation of patients from our phase 3 program,
8 nearly 50 percent of the entire T1D study
9 population.

10 Because our phase 3 studies were all
11 statistically significant on the primary endpoint
12 and demonstrated consistent benefit across all
13 prespecified subgroups, we can reliably assess CKD
14 patients who have an even greater unmet need. The
15 primary evidence we are presenting includes
16 458 patients from the T1D subgroup of whom 274
17 received sotagliflozin, and 1,386 patients in the
18 60 to 90 subgroup of whom 841 received
19 sotagliflozin. Based on this evidence, we are
20 proposing to indicate sotagliflozin as an adjunct
21 to insulin therapy to improve glycemic control in
22 adults with type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney

1 disease. The recommended starting dose is
2 200 milligrams of sotagliflozin once daily before
3 the first meal of the day.

4 With that background in mind, here is the
5 agenda for the remainder of our presentation. We
6 welcome your consideration and discussion of both
7 the T1D-CKD and eGFR 60 to 90 subgroups as
8 potential pathways to bringing sotagliflozin to T1D
9 patients who have a significant unmet medical need.
10 We have additional experts with us today to help
11 address your questions. All outside experts have
12 been compensated for their time and travel to
13 today's meeting. Thank you. I'll now turn the
14 presentation to Dr. Edelman.

15 **Applicant Presentation - Steven Edelman**

16 DR. EDELMAN: Thank you, and good morning.
17 My name is Steve Edelman. In addition to serving
18 as Professor of Medicine in the Division of
19 Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the
20 University of California San Diego and Veteran
21 Affairs Medical Center, I'm also a person who has
22 been living with type 1 diabetes since my early

1 teens, over 50 years ago.

2 I am also the Founder and Director of a
3 not-for-profit organization called Taking Control
4 of Your Diabetes, which is dedicated to educating
5 and motivating people living with diabetes and
6 their loved ones. I have focused my career on new
7 diabetes treatment, research and education to help
8 people with diabetes live healthier and happier
9 lives. I'm happy to be here with you today to
10 discuss the need for a new oral adjunct therapy to
11 insulin for patients with type 1 diabetes and
12 chronic kidney disease that will improve their
13 glycemic control and help diminish the long-term
14 complications associated with diabetes.

15 People with type 1 diabetes face
16 significantly higher risk of morbidity and
17 mortality. In the United States, an estimated
18 1.7 million adults have type 1 diabetes with
19 approximately 21 percent, or 360,000, also affected
20 by chronic kidney disease. Without effective
21 glycemic control and other important preventative
22 measures, patients with type 1 diabetes are at a

1 10 times higher risk of cardiovascular disease; a
2 6-fold greater risk of progression to end-stage
3 kidney disease; a 4 times greater risk of heart
4 failure; and a 2 to 5 times greater risk of
5 all-cause mortality.

6 In addition, CKD itself is a recognized
7 independent predictor of the increased morbidity
8 and mortality, so CKD adds to the risk from type 1
9 diabetes. These data underscore the critical
10 importance for targeted interventions that treat
11 this high-risk subset of patients.

12 Despite advances in insulin therapy and
13 glucose monitoring, most patients with type 1
14 diabetes do not meet glycemic control targets with
15 insulin alone. It is estimated that only
16 20 percent achieve an A1C of less than 7 percent
17 and about 50 percent have an A1C greater than
18 8 percent. Patients who do not achieve A1C targets
19 remain at significantly greater risk of
20 complications associated with their condition.

21 While poor glycemic control is known to
22 increase the risk of diabetic kidney disease,

1 recent evidence highlights the impact of kidney
2 function decline in individuals with established
3 kidney disease. The three-year Preventing Early
4 Renal Loss, or PERL study, was a multinational,
5 placebo-controlled study designed to evaluate
6 kidney outcomes in patients with type 1 diabetes
7 and established kidney disease receiving
8 allopurinol.

9 Although allopurinol did not have an effect,
10 important information came out of this study. The
11 authors found that a higher baseline A1C, as shown
12 by the different colored shapes, was linked to a
13 higher risk of progression to end-stage kidney
14 disease and increased eGFR decline.

15 Additionally, the study showed that baseline
16 albumin excretion rate modified the relationship
17 between A1C and eGFR, resulting in more pronounced
18 kidney function decline. Thus, the PERL study
19 provided evidence demonstrating that glycemic
20 control is a major determinant of eGFR decline
21 among individuals with type 1 diabetes and
22 established kidney disease.

1 There's also compelling evidence supporting
2 the link between kidney function decline and
3 increasing albuminuria on the risk for
4 hospitalization for heart failure in patients with
5 type 1 diabetes. In this retrospective study from
6 Sweden, the authors investigated the excess risk of
7 heart failure in over 33,000 patients with type 1
8 diabetes followed for approximately 8 years.
9 Increases in albuminuria were associated with a
10 higher risk of heart failure.

11 Specifically, patients with macroalbuminuria
12 over 300 milligrams per gram had a 5-fold increase
13 in heart failure risk. We also see progressively
14 increasing risk as eGFR progresses from mild, to
15 moderate, to severe kidney impairment. These
16 findings support that both albuminuria and declines
17 in eGFR are independent risk factors for heart
18 failure in patients with type 1 diabetes.

19 Diabetes management aims to reduce the risk
20 of cardiovascular disease; kidney failure;
21 retinopathy; neuropathy; and other complications,
22 in part, by improving glycemic control while

1 minimizing the risk of hypoglycemia. Our goal is
2 to help patients achieve the guideline recommended
3 target of an A1C below 7 percent and improve their
4 time in range, which represents an established
5 metric that translates into clinically meaningful
6 benefits for patients. By achieving glycemic
7 control, we can stabilize kidney function, mitigate
8 long-term disease progression, and reduce the
9 significant morbidity and mortality that the
10 cardiorenal burden puts on patients with type 1
11 diabetes and kidney disease.

12 Current treatment approaches for type 1
13 diabetes and CKD also emphasize lifestyle
14 interventions, including lowering excessive body
15 weight and blood pressure. Challenges with current
16 treatments impact patients' ability to reach
17 glycemic goals.

18 Currently, patients with type 1 diabetes in
19 the U.S. have limited therapeutic options. These
20 include insulin and pramlintide, which was approved
21 as an adjunct to insulin in 2006 and is not often
22 used due to its complicated applicability and side

1 effect profile. In addition, there are no oral
2 agents to improve glycemia in adults with type 1
3 diabetes. During the FDA EMDAC meeting on May 24th
4 of this year, it was acknowledged that existing
5 therapies for type 1 diabetes are inadequate and
6 that more effective, convenient glucose management
7 options are needed.

8 Achieving A1C levels with insulin alone is
9 challenging due to the limitations of subcutaneous
10 insulin replacement. Many patients experience
11 excessive weight gain and peripheral insulin
12 resistance, both of which are risk factors for
13 hypertension and cardiovascular disease.

14 The burden of current treatment options has
15 also been shown to adversely affect quality of
16 life; therefore, there is a need for therapeutic
17 options that improve glycemic control and reduce
18 the risk of kidney disease progression and
19 cardiovascular comorbidities in patients with
20 type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease.

21 Next, I'd like to briefly discuss two
22 important glycemic-related adverse event risks,

1 hypoglycemia and diabetic ketoacidosis. For
2 patients with type 1 diabetes, our goal is to
3 achieve optimal glycemia control and limit
4 hypoglycemia and the incidence of diabetic
5 ketoacidosis, both of which are acute, serious, and
6 potentially life-threatening complications of
7 type 1 diabetes and its treatment. Severe
8 hypoglycemia is far more common than DKA. Both can
9 be associated with severe health consequences,
10 including hospitalization and mortality.
11 Prevention of these conditions remains a
12 cornerstone of care.

13 Effective management of type 1 diabetes
14 requires proactive monitoring and timely
15 interventions to prevent DKA. For DKA, patients
16 need to be aware of the typical early warning
17 signs, including blood glucose levels which may or
18 may not be excessively elevated, the presence of
19 ketones, and clinical situations such as a
20 dislodged insulin infusion line or being very ill
21 from any condition.

22 The standard of care put forth by the

1 American Diabetes Association, the JDRF, now called
2 Breakthrough T1D, the EASD, and other national and
3 international organizations is to treat DKA with
4 fluids, rapid-acting insulin, and ingesting
5 carbohydrates, along with glucose and ketone
6 monitoring. The STICH protocol was developed by an
7 international consensus group when SGLT inhibitors
8 entered the market. The STICH protocol is merely
9 an acronym of these standard recommendations.
10 Specifically, patients would stop the SGLT
11 inhibitor, inject short-acting insulin, consume
12 carbohydrates, and hydrate with fluids.

13 At UCSD, we tell our patients that the
14 symptoms of DKA are not just those of an elevated
15 glucose value, but they include feeling nauseated
16 with muscle aches and weakness, similar to having
17 the flu. Having access to test their ketones is
18 also stressed, but even if they do not have a
19 ketone meter and suspect early ketoacidosis, I have
20 them follow the STICH protocol until the issue has
21 been resolved.

22 In summary, patients with type 1 diabetes

1 and chronic kidney disease are at an increased risk
2 of glycemic and kidney complications. Despite
3 advances in insulin therapy and glucose monitoring,
4 most patients with type 1 diabetes and chronic
5 kidney disease do not achieve glycemic control
6 targets. We also recognize that long-term outcomes
7 are influenced by the level of patient education
8 and motivation to take control of their diabetes.
9 Most use a continuous glucose monitoring device
10 with alerts and alarms notifying the user of
11 impending excessively high and dangerously low
12 levels, many use an insulin pump, and there is
13 guidance to help them measure ketone levels when
14 indicated.

15 SGLT inhibition has proven to reduce heart
16 failure, death from CVD, slow the progression of
17 chronic kidney disease in people with and without
18 type 2 diabetes. This is important, as the main
19 risk factors and pathophysiologic findings of CKD
20 and type 2 diabetes are similar in type 1 diabetes,
21 supporting that the benefit should also apply to
22 T1D. This highlights the urgent need for a new

1 adjunct therapy that will improve glycemic control
2 and could help diminish the long-term complications
3 from poorly controlled diabetes. Thank you very
4 much, and I will now turn the presentation over to
5 Dr. Davies.

6 **Applicant Presentation - Michael Davies**

7 DR. DAVIES: Good morning. My name is Mike
8 Davies. I'm the Executive Director of Clinical
9 Development at Lexicon. I will review the results
10 demonstrating that sotagliflozin added to insulin
11 therapy improves A1C and multiple other associated
12 benefits in patients with type 1 diabetes and
13 chronic kidney disease, a population at increased
14 risk of morbidity and mortality linked to poor
15 glycemic control.

16 First, let me walk you through the phase 3
17 clinical development program for sotagliflozin in
18 patients with type 1 diabetes. Studies 309 and 310
19 were identical, 52-week, placebo-controlled trials.
20 These studies enrolled adults with type 1 diabetes
21 with an A1C of 7 to 11 percent. In these trials,
22 insulin was to be optimized to prespecified fasting

1 and postprandial glucose targets during a 6-week
2 run-in period prior to randomization. Optimization
3 was continued throughout the 52-week period.

4 Patients were randomized to receive
5 once-daily placebo, sotagliflozin 200 or 400
6 milligrams. The primary endpoint was assessed at
7 week 24, after which patients can remain on
8 assigned therapy in the 28-week safety extension
9 period. At week 24 and beyond, investigators were
10 unmasked to A1C and fasting plasma glucose values.
11 This allowed investigators to use these
12 measurements to adjust diabetes care. Given the
13 similarities of these two studies and enrolled
14 population, the data from Studies 309 and 310 were
15 pooled for the present analyses.

16 Next, Study 312 was a 24-week,
17 placebo-controlled trial designed to evaluate the
18 efficacy and safety of sotagliflozin 400 milligrams
19 compared to placebo when added to insulin. Unlike
20 Studies 309 and 310, insulin optimization was not
21 done prior to randomization but was used after
22 randomization. Enrollment criteria was similar

1 across the three studies, including an eGFR greater
2 than or equal to 45 milliliters per minute. Change
3 in A1C at week 24 was the primary endpoint in the
4 two identically designed phase 3 studies and a key
5 secondary endpoint in Study 312.

6 In the intention-to-treat analyses,
7 sotagliflozin demonstrated statistically
8 significant benefits compared to placebo across the
9 primary and predefined secondary A1C endpoint. The
10 statistically significant efficacy demonstrated in
11 the phase 3 studies and consistent findings across
12 the prespecified subgroups allowed for evaluation
13 of a subgroup that could gain even greater benefits
14 like patients with type 1 diabetes and chronic
15 kidney disease.

16 For the present post hoc analyses, the
17 subgroup of patients with type 1 diabetes and
18 chronic kidney disease was identified using the
19 KDIGO guidelines. In our analyses, patients were
20 considered to have CKD if they had a baseline eGFR
21 of 45 to less than 60 milliliters per minute or an
22 eGFR greater than or equal to 60 with an urine

1 albumin to creatinine ratio of 30 milligrams per
2 grams or greater.

3 As a reminder, an eGFR of at least 45 was
4 the entry criteria in the studies. This definition
5 identifies patients who have a moderate to high
6 risk of kidney disease progression and for whom
7 KDIGO group recommends intervention be initiated to
8 slow kidney function decline and reduce the risk of
9 kidney failure. Across the T1D program,
10 458 patients, or approximately 15 percent, met this
11 definition. Among this subset of patients, most
12 patients met the definition with a UACR of 30 or
13 greater, while approximately 30 percent of the
14 subset had an eGFR of 45 to less than 60.

15 Within this T1D subgroup, baseline
16 demographics and characteristics were generally
17 balanced among the treatment groups and studies.
18 Mean age was 45 to 48 years, and there was an even
19 distribution of men and women. Most patients were
20 white, and approximately half were enrolled in the
21 U.S. or Canada. Most patients were considered
22 overweight or obese based on body mass index.

1 Based on the T1D-CKD definition, mean eGFR was
2 approximately 80 milliliters per minute with most
3 having mild to moderate kidney impairment, and
4 median UACR was approximately 60 milligrams per
5 gram.

6 Baseline mean A1C ranged from 7.7 to
7 7.8 percent in the pooled studies and 8.3 to 8.7 in
8 Study 312. This between-study difference and
9 baseline is due to the 6-week insulin optimization
10 period used in Studies 309 and 310. Overall, most
11 patients had an A1C of less than 8 and a half
12 percent. The average duration of diabetes was
13 approximately 25 years, and roughly 40 percent of
14 patients were receiving insulin via an insulin
15 pump.

16 Now, turning to the results, both doses of
17 sotagliflozin demonstrated significant and
18 clinically meaningful reductions in A1C from
19 baseline compared to placebo at 24 weeks. In the
20 pooled studies from a baseline A1C of approximately
21 7.8 percent, the placebo-adjusted mean change in
22 A1C at 24 weeks was 0.34 and 0.31 percent for the

1 200- and 400-milligram doses, respectively.

2 A similar benefit was achieved with
3 sotagliflozin 400 milligrams in Study 312. From a
4 baseline of approximately 8 and a half percent, the
5 placebo-adjusted mean change was 0.45 percent.
6 Importantly, these results and these two
7 independent data sets were consistent with each
8 other, and also with those observed in the ITT
9 analyses.

10 While A1C is the gold standard for
11 predicting microvascular complications, it does not
12 capture how patients experience their diabetes
13 control on a day-to-day basis. Time in range is a
14 measure of day-to-day glycemic control and is
15 defined as the percentage of time with a blood
16 glucose between 70 and 180 milligrams per
17 deciliter. Using results from a blinded continuous
18 glucose monitor, or CGM, substudy, we evaluated
19 time in range to better understand the glycemic
20 benefits beyond A1C with sotagliflozin in the
21 T1D-CKD subgroup.

22 At baseline, percent time in range, or the

1 green bars, was 50 to 59 percent across treatment
2 groups; time above range in the yellow bars
3 represents the time with blood glucose greater than
4 180 milligrams per deciliter; and the time below
5 range in red bars represents the time with the
6 blood glucose less than 70 milligrams per
7 deciliter. At week 24, no appreciable change in
8 the time in range was noted in the placebo group.
9 A small change in time in range was observed in the
10 200-milligram group.

11 A larger improvement in time in range was
12 found in the 400-milligram group. This increase
13 translated into approximately four more hours in
14 range per day. We acknowledge the limited sample
15 size in the T1D-CKD subgroup, but these results are
16 consistent with those observed in the 278 patients
17 included in the pooled CGM substudy from
18 Studies 309 and 310.

19 Next, we evaluated changes in body weight.
20 In the pooled studies, significant reductions in
21 body weight were achieved in both sotagliflozin
22 doses compared to placebo at week 24. The

1 placebo-adjusted reductions in body weight with
2 sotagliflozin ranged from 1.4 to 2.5 kilograms with
3 the 200- and 400-milligram doses, respectively.
4 Similar results were observed in Study 312 with a
5 placebo-adjusted reduction in body weight of
6 2.8 kilograms with sotagliflozin 400 milligrams.
7 This is important, as the majority of patients in
8 the T1D-CKD subgroup were overweight or obese.

9 Next, we will review the safety results in
10 the T1D-CKD subgroup. The safety profile is based
11 on 274 patients treated with sotagliflozin. This
12 includes 160 patients treated with sota in the
13 pooled studies and 114 in Study 312. Mean exposure
14 was approximately 11 months in the pooled studies
15 and 5 months in Study 312. The overall safety
16 profile of sotagliflozin in the T1D-CKD subgroup is
17 largely similar to that in the overall T1D study
18 population.

19 In all studies, the majority of patients in
20 all treatment groups experienced an adverse event.
21 In the T1D-CKD subgroup, the proportions of
22 patients in each treatment group who experienced an

1 adverse event is comparable to that seen in the
2 overall study population. Adverse events were
3 mostly mild and moderate in severity. Overall,
4 serious adverse events were similar in frequency
5 between treatment groups. Sotagliflozin did not
6 increase the adverse events leading to
7 discontinuation through week 52. Three patients
8 died during the clinical trials, one on
9 sotagliflozin in Study 312 and two on placebo in
10 the pooled studies.

11 In this table, we summarize adverse events
12 typically associated with SGLT inhibitors that
13 occurred at an incidence of at least 5 percent in
14 any sotagliflozin arm. Across the studies, the
15 most frequently reported adverse events with
16 sotagliflozin were urinary tract infection,
17 diarrhea, and increased ketones. In the pooled
18 studies, sotagliflozin did not increase adverse
19 events leading to discontinuation. No specific
20 adverse event leading to discontinuation occurred
21 in more than one sotagliflozin patient. In
22 Study 312, we did observe a higher incidence of

1 adverse events leading to discontinuation, with DKA
2 being the only event occurring in more than one
3 patient.

4 Let's now review adverse events of
5 hypoglycemia and DKA in more detail. Patients with
6 type 1 diabetes frequently experience events of
7 blood glucose less than 54 milligrams per deciliter
8 or level 2 hypoglycemia. These types of events are
9 associated with neuroglycopenia or symptomatic
10 hypoglycemia. Across the trials, most patients
11 experienced at least one event of a blood glucose
12 less than or equal to 55 milligrams per deciliter.
13 Moreover, many patients experienced more than one
14 event, as demonstrated by the total number of
15 events.

16 Importantly, treatment with sotagliflozin
17 was associated with a lower number of events of
18 blood glucose less than or equal to 55 milligrams
19 per deciliter. When expressed as the number of
20 events per patient per year, the event rate was
21 lower with sotagliflozin relative to placebo within
22 the T1D-CKD subgroup. A similar pattern was

1 observed in the overall T1D population.

2 Next, severe hypoglycemia, also referred to
3 as level 3, was captioned as an adverse event of
4 special interest. All suspected events of severe
5 hypoglycemia were adjudicated by an independent
6 committee. In the pooled studies, positively
7 adjudicated severe hypoglycemia occurred more often
8 with placebo compared to sotagliflozin. In
9 Study 312, severe hypoglycemia was reported in
10 7 percent in the sotagliflozin group and 5 percent
11 in the placebo group within the T1D-CKD population.
12 Again, a similar pattern was observed in the
13 overall T1D population for both study data sets.

14 Now, let's review DKA events. Similar to
15 severe hypoglycemia, all investigative reported
16 events of DKA and metabolic acidosis were
17 adjudicated. This slide focuses on the positively
18 adjudicated DKA events. Overall, the incidence of
19 adjudicated DKA was increased with sotagliflozin
20 compared to placebo in the T1D-CKD subgroup. In
21 the pooled studies, 5 percent of patients receiving
22 sotagliflozin 200 milligrams and 3 percent on

1 400 milligrams experienced a DKA event compared to
2 1 percent in the placebo group.

3 A similar imbalance was seen in Study 312
4 with 3 percent on sotagliflozin and 1 percent on
5 placebo in this subgroup. All positively
6 adjudicated events were considered serious. When
7 adjusted for exposure, the incident rates of DKA
8 was similar across groups in patients in the T1D
9 subgroup and compared to the overall study
10 population.

11 To conclude, the statistically significant
12 primary and key secondary endpoints found in the
13 phase 3 studies and consistent effects across
14 multiple prespecified subgroups allowed for a
15 selection of a T1D-CKD subgroup. Patients with
16 type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease
17 receiving sotagliflozin had significant
18 improvements in A1C and body weight. These help
19 manage risk factors in this population with a
20 greater risk of disease progression.

21 The A1C and body weight results were
22 replicated in two independent study cohorts. The

1 safety profile was consistent with that of the
2 overall T1D population. There was no increased
3 risk of severe hypoglycemia and a lower rate of
4 level 2 hypoglycemia with sotagliflozin. An
5 increased risk of DKA was found with sotagliflozin.

6 Collectively, these results support an
7 improved benefit-risk profile in a subgroup of
8 patients with type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney
9 disease, a group at higher risk of disease
10 progression. Thank you. I'll turn the
11 presentation over to Dr. Granowitz.

12 **Applicant Presentation - Craig Granowitz**

13 DR. GRANOWITZ: Good morning. My name is
14 Craig Granowitz. I'm Senior Vice President and
15 Chief Medical Officer at Lexicon. I will present
16 the efficacy and safety results in the GFR 60 to 90
17 subgroup. We want to acknowledge and make clear to
18 the panel that this was not the specific CKD
19 population we originally defined, as it was not
20 part of the scientific consensus standard for CKD
21 definitions that were utilized as our guide;
22 however, this is a subgroup of patients with mild

1 to moderate CKD at elevated risk of complications
2 and in whom sotagliflozin demonstrates an improved
3 benefit-risk. Now, to the results.

4 The GFR 60 to 90 subgroup includes
5 approximately 50 percent of the overall study
6 population of more than 1300 patients across three
7 separate trials, thus providing a substantial
8 sample to evaluate the benefit-risk in this
9 population. Presented here are the A1C reductions
10 at 24 weeks in Studies 309 and 310 pooled and
11 Study 312. Mean change for each treatment group is
12 summarized in the table for each study group, and
13 the difference in A1C compared with placebo is seen
14 in the forest plot to the right.

15 Across all studies, the GFR 60 to 90
16 subgroup, highlighted in the color purple, achieved
17 meaningful A1C reductions compared to placebo at
18 24 weeks. In studies 309 and 310, the greatest A1C
19 reductions were achieved in this subgroup.
20 Overall, A1C reductions were greater in Study 312,
21 where an insulin optimization period was not
22 included prior to enrollment, and patients had

1 significantly higher baseline A1C levels. While
2 the point estimates in the pooled 309 and
3 310 studies, and the 312 study in the GFR less than
4 60 group, favored sotagliflozin treatment, the
5 effects were less than the 60 to 90 group, and the
6 confidence intervals cross unity.

7 Turning now to hypoglycemia, evidence from
8 the clinical development program support a
9 reduction in level 2 hypoglycemia with
10 sotagliflozin in the overall population compared to
11 placebo. As you can see in the table to the left,
12 level 2 hypoglycemia was a common occurrence with
13 approximately 15 to 18 events per patient per year
14 or more than one per month.

15 The sotagliflozin-treated group experienced
16 approximately a 20 percent reduction in events,
17 which on average would correspond to approximately
18 2 to 3 fewer events per patient, per year. For
19 severe hypoglycemia, the rates were similar to
20 placebo and similar across all three GFR subgroups
21 in the pooled 309 and 310 studies and the 312
22 study, with perhaps somewhat higher rates in the

1 GFR less than 60 group, although there were a very
2 small number of events in this group. The overall
3 rate of severe hypoglycemia was approximately
4 5 to 8 events per 100 patient-years.

5 Next, I'd like to focus on events of DKA.
6 Sotagliflozin is associated with an increased rate
7 of DKA, as was highlighted by Dr. Davies'
8 presentation. The table to the left presents the
9 incident rates per 100 patient-years for each
10 treatment group from the phase 3 studies. The
11 forest plot to the right shows the incident rate
12 difference compared to placebo. The DKA rate was
13 highest in the less than 60 group. The DKA rate in
14 the 60 to 90 and greater than 90 groups were
15 similar to the overall population in approximately
16 3 to 4 events per hundred patient-years compared to
17 placebo.

18 In summary, the 60 to 90 subgroup provides
19 an alternative and compelling benefit-risk option
20 with clinically meaningful reductions in A1C,
21 reduction in level 2 hypoglycemia, and a less
22 pronounced increased risk of DKA in a group of

1 patients who remain at risk of cardiovascular
2 disease progression. While this group of patients
3 do not have the same level of renal impairment as
4 the T1D-CKD subgroup, this group also excludes
5 those with a GFR less than 60, where the A1C
6 benefits may be attenuated and the DKA risk may be
7 elevated.

8 Lexicon has developed an educational plan on
9 the potential risks and appropriate use of
10 sotagliflozin. This plan will inform patients and
11 healthcare providers on the known risks associated
12 with treatment to facilitate discussions,
13 appropriate patient selection, and provide patients
14 with step-by-step measures to maximize safety if
15 they do expect or experience DKA.

16 Patient selection is the first step in
17 minimizing the potential risks associated with
18 sotagliflozin. As part of the educational program,
19 Lexicon will ensure that healthcare providers and
20 patients are aware of relevant patient
21 characteristics that will help identify those who
22 are most appropriate to receive sotagliflozin.

1 These include patients who are able and committed
2 to maintain their prescribed insulin management
3 program and are willing to self-monitor and follow
4 sick day rules. We will also recommend against use
5 of sotagliflozin in patients with a history of
6 recurrent DKA in the past 12 months.

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8 use of sotagliflozin; therefore, the educational
9 plan will include specific materials for patients,
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12 communication channels. We look forward to working
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14 to collaboratively refine and implement these
15 educational efforts.

16 While we are seeking a glycemic control
17 indication for the T1D-CKD group for sotagliflozin,
18 it was the results generated in a population of
19 type 2 CKD patients that confirmed our strategy to
20 target a T1D-CKD population. As such, I will
21 present the result from SCORED, demonstrating
22 long-term benefits of sotagliflozin in a population

1 of CKD patients with type 2 diabetes.

2 SCORED was a large, multinational,
3 randomized, placebo-controlled study in a more
4 advanced group of patients with CKD to evaluate the
5 cardiorenal benefits of sotagliflozin. This study
6 enrolled 10,584 adults with type 2 diabetes,
7 chronic kidney disease, and additional
8 cardiovascular risk factors. Screening A1C levels
9 were greater or equal to 7 percent. The
10 kidney-related criteria were a screening GFR of
11 25 to less than 60.

12 DR. FRIMPONG: Hello. I'm sorry. Joyce
13 Frimpong, DFO. If you could just please give us a
14 minute or two; we're having a little bit of
15 audio-visual technical difficulties, and they're
16 going to try and fix the issue. So we'll pause,
17 everyone.

18 (Pause.)

19 DR. GRANOWITZ: Chair, where should I
20 re-begin? I don't know when we lost contact. I'm
21 happy to start right where I left off or at an
22 earlier point.

1 DR. LOW WANG: If you can give us a second,
2 we'll notify you which slide to go back.

3 DR. GRANOWITZ: Thank you.

4 (Pause.)

5 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. It looks like we're
6 back online. If you could start with slide CO-55,
7 that would be great.

8 DR. GRANOWITZ: Fifty-five. Thank you.

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11 sotagliflozin. This plan will inform patients and
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8 chronic kidney disease, and additional
9 cardiovascular risk factors. Screening A1C levels
10 were greater or equal to 7 percent. The
11 kidney-related criteria were a screening GFR of 25
12 to less than 60, regardless of screening UACR.

13 Patients were randomized to once-daily
14 sotagliflozin 200 milligrams or matching placebo.
15 Starting at week 4, study dose was to be uptitrated
16 to sotagliflozin 400 milligram at the discretion of
17 the investigator. The primary endpoint was a
18 composite of total occurrence of cardiovascular
19 death, hospitalization for heart failure, and
20 urgent visit for heart failure.

21 During a median follow-up of 16 months,
22 treatment with sotagliflozin reduced the risk of a

1 composite primary endpoint by 25 percent. As shown
2 here, the curve separated early, with a sustained
3 significant benefit observed at 3 months, and
4 continued to diverge over the study period
5 following randomization. The results demonstrated
6 the benefits of sotagliflozin on long-term
7 cardiovascular outcomes and supported the approval
8 of sotagliflozin for reducing the risk of
9 cardiovascular death and heart failure events in
10 patients with type 2 diabetes at high
11 cardiovascular risk.

12 A consistent benefit of sotagliflozin was
13 seen across heart failure, atherosclerotic, and
14 kidney-related outcomes. Of note, after the
15 CV death endpoint, all remaining endpoints, except
16 all-cause mortality, were nominally significant.
17 The results in SCORED demonstrate the proven
18 benefit of sotagliflozin in a group of patients
19 with T2D enriched with more advanced kidney
20 disease.

21 While we acknowledge that these results are
22 achieved in a group of patients with type 2

1 diabetes and more advanced CKD and CV disease than
2 the T1D-CKD cohort, the risk factors and
3 pathophysiology of CV and kidney disease
4 progression are similar in patients regardless of
5 diabetes type.

6 The goal is to delay the progression of
7 renal dysfunction for the identified T1D-CKD
8 population to resemble the more advanced kidney and
9 cardiovascular disease patients who were studied in
10 SCORED. Thank you. I will now turn the
11 presentation over to Dr. Pratley.

12 **Applicant Presentation - Richard Pratley**

13 DR. PRATLEY: Thank you, and good morning,
14 everyone. My name is Rich Pratley. I serve as the
15 Medical Director at the AdventHealth Diabetes
16 Institute, and I'm a senior investigator and the
17 diabetes program lead at the AdventHealth
18 Translational Research Institute in Orlando,
19 Florida.

20 My entire professional career has been
21 dedicated to improving the management of patients
22 with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, both in clinic and

1 through research. I've led numerous clinical
2 trials, including those involving patients with
3 type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease, and I
4 was also an investigator on Studies 309 and 312
5 with sotagliflozin.

6 We now view cardiovascular disease and
7 chronic kidney disease as a continuum that's
8 underpinned by metabolic dysfunction, as
9 illustrated by the progressive stages on this
10 graphic. Although this perspective from the
11 American Heart Association is focused on obesity
12 and type 2 diabetes, patients with type 1 diabetes
13 share a similar pathophysiology and risk for CKD,
14 cardiovascular disease, and heart failure, and are
15 equally well described by this continuum.

16 Indeed, 60 percent of adults with type 1
17 diabetes are overweight or obese, and by virtue of
18 having diabetes, they can be classified as having
19 stage 2. Without intervention, many of these
20 patients will progress to stage 4, leaving them at
21 high risk for cardiovascular events and death.
22 Regardless of whether we're talking about type 1 or

1 type 2 diabetes, the underlying pathobiology is
2 comparable. That's why the data from the SCORED
3 study is so relevant to what we are discussing
4 today. That means we already have evidence
5 suggesting that sotagliflozin should have similar
6 long-term benefits in patients with T1D and CKD.

7 Studies like SCORED have allowed us to
8 provide evidence-based guidelines for managing CKM
9 risk in T2D. The ADA and KDIGO groups have created
10 detailed guidelines for the management of patients
11 with diabetes. There are many treatment options to
12 manage glucose, cardiovascular disease risk, and
13 kidney disease for patients with T2D and CKD,
14 including the SGLT2 class, which has been used
15 extensively for the past 11 years. These agents
16 are now approved for both cardiovascular and kidney
17 indications for type 2 diabetes. These guidelines
18 offer a multipronged approach that can be
19 intensified based upon individual patient needs.

20 Unfortunately, at this point in time, there
21 are few evidence-based recommendations for patients
22 with T1D and CKD. Today's guidelines recommend

1 insulin to manage glucose in patients with type 1
2 diabetes and RAS inhibition for patients with CKD.
3 As you can see, other than RAS blockade, the
4 guidelines do not provide any specific
5 recommendations to prevent cardiorenal-related
6 events or heart failure in type 1 diabetes.

7 In the absence of specific therapies proven
8 to decrease risk, it's even more important that we
9 avoid the risks associated with poor glycemic
10 control. Keeping patients in the target range
11 becomes critical since these patients already have
12 a heightened risk for cardiovascular mortality.
13 That's why access to sotagliflozin is so important.
14 It offers patients with T1D and CKD the ability to
15 gain clinically meaningful reductions in A1C and
16 improvements in time in range while not increasing
17 the risk for severe hypoglycemia.

18 But also important are the benefits this
19 therapy could provide in addition to glycemic
20 control. Sotagliflozin was shown to decrease body
21 weight by a clinically meaningful amount, and most
22 importantly is the potential benefit of

1 sotagliflozin on long-term kidney and
2 cardiovascular outcomes. While we do not yet have
3 direct evidence of these benefits in patients with
4 type 1 diabetes, the comparable pathophysiology in
5 type 1 and type 2 diabetes supports the expectation
6 that long-term benefits will be similar for
7 patients with type 1 diabetes and CKD.

8 In my experience, treating patients with
9 diabetes, I've realized that the careful selection
10 of patients for treatment intensification is
11 critically important regardless of the
12 intervention. This is particularly true for
13 mitigating glucose-related risks and when
14 considering adjunct therapies. In general,
15 patients with T1D and CKD have an established
16 history that informs us about their level of
17 engagement. Successful patients are good at
18 monitoring their glycemic excursions, adjusting
19 insulin, and managing their diabetes through using
20 CGM and pumps. They're also knowledgeable about
21 DKA and able to monitor ketones. These patients
22 are often willing to take additional measures like

1 using sotagliflozin to improve glycemic control.

2 By the same token, though, we know that
3 there are patients for whom sotagliflozin would not
4 be appropriate, patients who are less engaged, who
5 perhaps can't recognize the signs and symptoms of
6 DKA, or who are unwilling to implement steps to
7 mitigate it. In these patients, we often settle
8 for less aggressive glycemic targets and treatment
9 regimens; but again, patients with T1D-CKD have an
10 established history that will inform our decision.

11 In patients who have CKD and have been
12 managing their type 1 diabetes for many years,
13 sotagliflozin offers a positive benefit-risk.
14 These patients may choose to improve their glycemic
15 control to limit hypo and hyperglycemic episodes
16 that may add to the cumulative micro and
17 macrovascular damage that they already have.
18 Importantly, sotagliflozin does not increase the
19 risk for severe hypoglycemia, but there is a risk
20 for DKA. The risk is small but real, and it must
21 be balanced against the expected benefits from
22 improved glycemic control. Careful patient

1 selection and education can help mitigate the risk
2 of DKA while allowing patients to benefit from
3 sotagliflozin.

4 We urgently need a therapy with the
5 potential to impact disease progression. Patients
6 with T1D and CKD who are engaged in their disease
7 and lifestyle management, and who are willing to
8 initiate new treatments, should have access to
9 sotagliflozin to improve their glycemic control,
10 decrease their body weight, and help manage the
11 risk for progression to DKD [sic] and other
12 complications.

13 Thank you, and I'll now turn the
14 presentation back over to Dr. Granowitz.

15 **Applicant Presentation - Craig Granowitz**

16 DR. GRANOWITZ: Thank you, Dr. Pratley.

17 The FDA has asked you to vote on the
18 benefit-risk of our proposed T1D-CKD subgroup. It
19 is a high-risk population where the benefit-risk
20 assessment is different than the overall T1D
21 population given the significant and serious health
22 consequences they face beyond DKA alone. Our data

1 support that these patients have the greatest need
2 for slowing disease progression and can benefit
3 from sotagliflozin.

4 What we are targeting today is a high-risk
5 subgroup of patients with T1D-CKD who have the
6 greatest need for glycemic control. Both the T1D
7 and CKD and the GFR 60 to 90 subgroups have
8 significant unmet medical need and would benefit
9 from near-term glycemic benefits and long-term
10 potential for reduced CV risk and renal
11 progression, but we acknowledge the GFR 60 to 90
12 subgroup removes the uncertainties in patients with
13 a GFR of less than 60.

14 The first SGLT inhibitor was approved in
15 2013, and in the 11 years that have followed, this
16 class of products has become well characterized and
17 well known across a range of indications and uses.
18 Sotagliflozin will fill an important unmet medical
19 need as the first oral adjunct to insulin for
20 T1D-CKD patients, and we look forward to your
21 consideration and input on the favorable
22 risk-benefit profile for this important subgroup of

1 patients. Thank you. We'd now be happy to answer
2 your questions.

3 **Clarifying Questions to Applicant**

4 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

5 We will now take clarifying questions to
6 Lexicon Pharmaceuticals. When acknowledged, please
7 remember to state your name for the record before
8 you speak and direct your question to a specific
9 presenter, if you can. If you wish for a specific
10 slide to be displayed, please let us know the slide
11 number, if possible. Finally, it would be helpful
12 to acknowledge the end of your question with a
13 thank you and end of your follow-up question with,
14 "That is all for my questions," so we can move on
15 to the next panel member.

16 I'd like to open the floor to our advisory
17 committee members, and please let me know if you
18 have any clarifying questions for Lexicon
19 Pharmaceuticals. First, I'd like to call on
20 Dr. Konstam.

21 DR. KONSTAM: Yes. Thank you, and I
22 appreciate the sponsor's presentation, which I

1 think was very clear and well done, and one
2 overarching question. You appear to be seeking
3 indication for type 1 diabetes and CKD, and it
4 brought in the subgroup of patients with eGFR
5 between 60 and 90. And I'm hearing that that is
6 part of the population that you would like to see
7 approved, but it doesn't seem that the FDA is
8 asking us a question about that 60 to 90 subgroup.
9 The question seemed to revolve around the earlier
10 definition, which is an eGFR below 60 or greater
11 than 60 with increased urine albumin and creatinine
12 ratio.

13 Could you just clarify what exactly you're
14 seeking?

15 DR. GRANOWITZ: Thank you for the question.
16 The group that we're seeking -- if we could pull up
17 CO-12, please -- is this group of patients with a
18 GFR of 60 to 90 regardless of UACR.

19 If you could pull up slide 11, please? If
20 you look in the group, based on the subgroup
21 identified by the FDA, this excludes that group of
22 patients with a GFR of 45 to 60, where you can see

1 in both the FDA briefing book and in our
2 presentation today, there are greater uncertainties
3 in that subgroup, both in terms of reduced A1C
4 reductions and increased DKA risk. So the
5 indication we're seeking -- if we could pull up 72,
6 I believe -- is the 60 to 90 subgroup.

7 DR. YANOFF: FDA would like to provide
8 further clarity on your question, Dr. Konstam.

9 DR. KONSTAM: Please.

10 DR. ARCHDEACON: We certainly invite the
11 applicant to propose whatever group they want. The
12 original group that they proposed was the 45 to 60,
13 regardless of UACR greater than 60, with a UACR
14 greater than 30, and that's fine if that is what
15 they want to propose. Our voting question
16 certainly asks about that population.

17 In addition, we then invite if you guys want
18 to comment on any other population defined by eGFR
19 and UACR. We are not necessarily suggesting
20 anything. As we'll make clear in our
21 presentations, our subgrouping was mostly intended
22 to help us understand what the A1C reduction was in

1 various subgroups because glycosuria is related to
2 GFR in this drug class. But we're inviting the
3 committee to opine on any KDIGO subgroups where
4 they think the benefit-risk is favorable without
5 necessarily suggesting one.

6 DR. KONSTAM: Okay. Thank you very much.
7 That's all for me at this point.

8 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

9 Cecilia Low Wang. I'd like to ask the next
10 question, and then we'll move on to the other
11 committee members. How do you feel that the
12 results from SCORED can be applied to the 60 to 90
13 group that you described in the TANDEM trials?

14 DR. GRANOWITZ: If we could pull up slide
15 CO-22, both of these groups have elevated risk, the
16 group that we propose -- and I'm sorry; it will
17 take me one moment to get to the question. I just
18 wanted to frame it that both these groups have an
19 elevation in cardiovascular and renal risk. The
20 goal is really to prevent the progression of the
21 patients to the SCORED group.

22 What we've identified is that these are

1 potential benefits to prevent patients from having
2 that level of advanced renal disease. So the goal
3 on the glyceemic indication is to have the
4 short-term benefits on glyceemic, and those are
5 certainly related to the progression of the renal
6 disease, to those group of patients that have more
7 advanced renal disease where the non-glyceemic
8 events and the rapidity of progression to end-stage
9 cardiovascular and renal disease are more apparent.

10 DR. LOW WANG: Cecilia Low Wang. I think
11 what I'm understanding that you're saying is that
12 the SCORED results don't directly apply to the
13 population, but you're hoping to prevent people
14 from being able to be eligible for SCORED.

15 DR. GRANOWITZ: Exactly. Right, there are
16 potential benefits for a group of patients by
17 seeking a glyceemic indication and not an outcome
18 indication, preventing the patients from being at
19 such high risk of developing that disease state.

20 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you. I understand.

21 I'd like to next call on Mr. Tibbits.

22 MR. TIBBITS: Thank you. I think my

1 question is for Dr. Granowitz.

2 DR. LOW WANG: Please go ahead and state
3 your name.

4 MR. TIBBITS: Oh, sorry. Paul Tibbits.
5 Thank you for your presentation to all of you, and
6 I appreciate the openness of thinking about other
7 groups beyond the original group that you were
8 discussing.

9 I'm looking at, I think, a combination of
10 slides, 50 and 53, and specifically thinking about
11 the different dosage that was given to populations.
12 And it seems like the smaller dose had a reduced
13 but still significant impact on A1C but also had
14 less of a risk of, let's say, DKA compared to 400.

15 I'm thinking about progressing a patient
16 from 200 to 400. What have you found through the
17 trial? Is there any ability to predict which
18 patients may be at increased risk of DKA if they
19 were to progress from 200 to 400 if the physician
20 thinks that the glycemic control is not exhibited
21 enough with the smaller dose?

22 Thank you. That's my question.

1 DR. GRANOWITZ: We really wanted to provide,
2 with the two doses, the options, based on the
3 risk-benefit. And as we showed in the
4 presentation, particularly beyond A1C, there were
5 other benefits, particularly weight reduction and
6 time in range, which Dr. Davies showed -- and I can
7 certainly pull those slides up for this subgroup,
8 if you'd like -- balanced against the DKA.

9 It is hard to make judgments between the
10 200 and 400 regarding the DKA risk specifically
11 because the confidence intervals are fairly wide
12 and the number of events are quite small, as you
13 can see in this slide. So we really wanted to
14 provide the option for healthcare providers to have
15 that ability to increase the dose if they, in
16 conjunction with the patient, determined that they
17 wanted some of those other potential benefits, like
18 time in range, weight loss, blood pressure.

19 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Let's move on to
20 Dr. Wang.

21 DR. WANG: Thanks. Thomas Wang. I also
22 want to thank the sponsor for the nice

1 presentation. I have two questions, but if time is
2 short, I can just start with my first, and it's
3 going back to the use of the SCORED trial and
4 relating the findings from the SCORED trial to the
5 current panel review.

6 I appreciate that the pathophysiology of
7 complications of diabetes overlap between type 1
8 and type 2, but I imagine that there are other
9 differences in the study population in the SCORED
10 trial versus the TANDEM trials, or the phase 3
11 trials, for type 1. The one that jumps out to me
12 is age. There's about a two-decade difference in
13 age. In the type 1 diabetes trials, it looked like
14 the age was in the mid 40s, and in the SCORED
15 trial, the median age was 69.

16 I wonder if the sponsor could comment on
17 that and any other differences. For instance, is
18 there a baseline table of the two sets of trials
19 that you might be able to show later side by side?

20 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. I'll pull up the
21 slide, and perhaps, Dr. Davies, you might want to
22 comment on some of the baseline demographics, and

1 I'll pull that slide up for you, Dr. Davies. Oh,
2 it's a red dot. Okay. I apologize.

3 Can you see those, Dr. Davies?

4 DR. DAVIES: I can see. Mike Davies. Yes,
5 I acknowledge that the SCORED population is about
6 two decades older -- they are older -- but the
7 type 1 population has had their disease for over
8 25 years, and disease duration is really a
9 modifier. So they're likely to experience their
10 outcomes earlier because of the longer duration of
11 the disease.

12 Also, 60-65 percent are overweight or obese,
13 so they have the risk factors, and these studies in
14 the inTandem trials were designed to be
15 glycemic-controlled trials and not cardiovascular
16 risk, so they weren't enriched for those other
17 factors.

18 DR. GRANOWITZ: Perhaps Dr. Vaduganathan can
19 also --

20 DR. LOW WANG: Actually, just a quick
21 question.

22 Dr. Wang, do you have a follow-up question

1 for the applicant?

2 DR. WANG: No, on that first question, I'm
3 ok with that response.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Terrific.
5 I'd like to call on Dr. Irony.

6 DR. IRONY: Thank you. Ilan Irony. My
7 question is, I think, for Dr. Pratley, the
8 investigator in this trial. In terms of
9 instructions on eligibility and monitoring for the
10 STICH protocol, how often were the patients
11 followed in the trial? There are two trials that
12 you participated, 312 and 319, I think, in terms of
13 the compliance with the STICH protocol.

14 DR. PRATLEY: Rich Pratley. Yes, I was an
15 investigator in 309 and 312, and at that time, we
16 were already aware of the risk of DKA with SGLT2
17 inhibitors. So the investigators were educated
18 about how to talk to patients about DKA. The
19 patients themselves had information about DKA and
20 risk mitigation, including guidance. It was very
21 much like the STICH protocol. They had access to
22 the investigative sites if they became ill, and

1 they were provided with finger-stick ketone
2 monitoring devices during the trial, and they were
3 encouraged to monitor regularly. If we saw
4 increases in ketones, that raised red flags.

5 We talked to the patients about any symptoms
6 that they might have, so we followed them pretty
7 closely in the trial. But I'd emphasize that there
8 is a difference between patients who participate in
9 trials and our clinic patients. Oftentimes, the
10 patients that participate in trials are not our own
11 patients that we have been treating for years and
12 have that sense of their engagement. So there are
13 some subtle differences between this patient
14 population and our clinic populations who I know
15 very well.

16 Did that answer your question?

17 DR. IRONY: Yes. Thank you, Dr. Pratley.

18 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

19 Next, I'd like to call on Dr. Everett.

20 DR. EVERETT: Thank you. Brendan Everett.

21 I had a similar question to Dr. Wang. I just want
22 to push the sponsor a little bit on this. I've

1 made a table here by hand, which I'm happy to share
2 with you, but I'd love it, if you don't have the
3 data, if you could maybe prepare it during the
4 break, where we look at a number of risk factors,
5 really, to address this question of how comparable
6 the populations enrolled in the type 1 diabetes,
7 the three trials, are with SCORED.

8 I also noted the difference in age, but the
9 other risk factors that would come to mind for me,
10 with respect to progression of kidney disease,
11 which appear to be different, are A1C baseline
12 eGFR, body mass index, and I was wondering a couple
13 other things, which I couldn't find in your
14 presentation, including the proportion of male and
15 female patients, UACR at baseline, blood pressure,
16 and the use of ACE inhibitor and ARBs.

17 So since we're trying to extrapolate data
18 from one population to another, I think there may
19 nephrologists in the audience here who may know
20 better than I of risk factors for the progression
21 of kidney disease, and I think we'd like to be able
22 to see those in a tabular format with the three

1 series trials, 309, 310, 312, and SCORED, next to
2 one another to see if we think that the reference
3 populations are comparable, at least at baseline.

4 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. Thank you. We have
5 some of those prepared now. I think we might be
6 able to answer some, and I think there's a more
7 comprehensive list we could provide after the
8 break.

9 Dr. Davies, do you want to comment
10 specifically on some of the factors? And then if
11 there's a clinical context question, perhaps we
12 could have Dr. Vaduganathan answer.

13 DR. EVERETT: I think we just want a table
14 up on the slide set, really is the question.

15 DR. GRANOWITZ: Okay. Then perhaps we'll
16 wait till after the break, then we can give you a
17 comprehensive list of what we have, and we can take
18 your list and make sure we have what you you're
19 looking for.

20 DR. EVERETT: Thank you.

21 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Terrific. So we'll
22 take a look at that when we have some time later.

1 Dr. Newman?

2 DR. NEWMAN: Thank you. Connie Newman.
3 Could you please show slide CO-53? The title says
4 that there's an increased risk of diabetic
5 ketoacidosis lowest among the eGFR subgroup of
6 60 to less than 90. Can you please explain why you
7 say that in the title? It seems to me that each
8 group has an increased risk of diabetic
9 ketoacidosis.

10 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. They all have an
11 increased risk. I think what we are trying to
12 refer to in the title of that slide is if you look
13 at the 60 to 90 subgroup -- again, all those groups
14 are to the right of unity, so we acknowledge that
15 they all have an increased risk of DKA, but perhaps
16 that group has the smallest increase compared to
17 placebo.

18 Again, it's very small numbers, point
19 estimates, but again, I think we all acknowledge,
20 and I think the most important takeaway from that
21 slide is the less than 60 group clearly appears
22 worse with very wide confidence intervals, but the

1 point estimates are farther to the right than the
2 60 to 90 or greater than 90 group.

3 DR. NEWMAN: Thank you. It seems to me that
4 what you said is correct, that each group has an
5 increased risk of diabetic ketoacidosis that does
6 not diminish with reduced GFR.

7 DR. LOW WANG: Cecilia Low Wang. So just
8 staying with the DKA risk question, was there a
9 standard protocol for DKA prevention during the
10 clinical trials, 309, 310, and 312?

11 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. Dr. Pratley, do you
12 want to comment on the study conduct as an
13 investigator?

14 DR. PRATLEY: Rich Pratley. Sure. Yes,
15 there were standardized guidelines in all three
16 studies, 309, 310, and 3:12, which included
17 baseline finger-stick ketone monitoring and
18 followed largely the STICH guidelines. So if
19 people developed any symptoms, they were to stop
20 the SGLT2 inhibitor, contact the site immediately,
21 and additional information was then given to the
22 patients about dosing with insulin, carbohydrates,

1 and so on and so forth. If patients became acutely
2 ill and weren't able to manage as outpatients, they
3 were then referred to emergency rooms.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you. I'm Cecilia
5 Low Wang. Could you please show slide 46? I think
6 what I'm seeing here is that the relative DKA risk
7 seems to be attenuated in the type 1 diabetes and
8 CKD subgroup relative to placebo group, but the
9 overall risk is actually increased compared to the
10 overall type 1 diabetes safety population, is what
11 I see here, and this is despite that standard
12 protocol for DKA prevention.

13 So I think I'd like to move on now to
14 Dr. Drake.

15 DR. DRAKE: Thank you. I think a lot of
16 this discussion today will focus around diabetic
17 ketoacidosis, but I think it was also important to
18 recognize hypoglycemia, which you acknowledged
19 early has a very, very significant impact on these
20 patients, and in fact is lessened in this study, so
21 that's very nice to see.

22 That said, I just have a couple questions

1 here. Was there any way of identifying which
2 patients were -- and we know that hypoglycemia can
3 have very severe outcomes for patients. Was there
4 any way of identifying which patients were more
5 likely to develop those, for instance,
6 hypoglycemia, those on continuous pumps or, for
7 instance, those on subcutaneous? Was there any
8 differential between that or those who used a
9 continuous glucose monitor versus those who didn't,
10 who had severe hypoglycemia episodes?

11 DR. GRANOWITZ: Dr. Davies, I know we've
12 looked at the criteria related to DKA. Do you have
13 information you can add on severe hypo?

14 DR. DAVIES: Mike Davies. We did all the
15 analyses around the DKA trying to identify risk
16 factors. Since we acknowledge that there's no real
17 increase in severe hypo, we didn't really
18 interrogate that too much.

19 DR. DRAKE: Okay. Thank you. Matthew
20 Drake.

21 DR. LOW WANG: Next, Dr. Parsa.

22 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa. I'm still

1 thinking about the DKA and, obviously, we can have
2 mild, moderate, or severe DKA that can either be
3 managed at home or sent to the ER hospital. So
4 given that the big counterweight here, apart from
5 the benefits, are the risks of DKA, do you have any
6 data on the severity of DKA, how many people
7 required hospitalization, and what categories they
8 fell in?

9 DR. GRANOWITZ: If we could pull up the
10 slide that looked at the adjudicated and
11 unadjudicated DKA, I can comment first on the
12 investigator-reported versus positively-adjudicated
13 DKA, and all of these DKA events were hospitalized,
14 to my knowledge. All these patients were
15 ultimately admitted to the hospital, and there were
16 a larger percentage of investigator identified than
17 ultimately adjudicated, as is often and usually the
18 case because they have more information to the
19 adjudication committee, and most of those are
20 related to levels of acidosis that are predefined.

21 But you can see that the ratios between the
22 investigator reported to the positively

1 adjudicated, if you look at, for example, the three
2 columns on the left, the rate between the
3 investigator reported versus the positively
4 adjudicated are similar across the group. So
5 they're, again, always greater with drug treatment,
6 but there's no bias towards the drug treatment in
7 terms of a reduced rate for the ultimately
8 positively adjudicated.

9 If we want to look at the underlying causes,
10 we have that slide, the underlying cause of the
11 DKA. Most all the cases had an identified
12 underlying cause associated with the development of
13 the DKA, and largely those were related to changes
14 in health status, whether it was infection, or
15 illness, or an insulin issue. None of those seem
16 to be necessarily related to the severity of the
17 DKA event when they occurred.

18 DR. PARSA: So then all of these were
19 hospitalized, all these.

20 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes.

21 Dr. Pierce [sic], that's correct; all
22 hospitalized, yes.

1 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Everett?

2 DR. EVERETT: Just a quick clarifying
3 question on that last slide. One group of events
4 was blue and the other was purple, but I wasn't
5 sure what the distinction was between the two.

6 DR. GRANOWITZ: Oh, I'm sorry. We were
7 carrying our color coding forward, and the title of
8 the slide has the name in it. I'm sorry I didn't
9 draw your attention to it. The one in blue is the
10 T1D-CKD group and the right is the --

11 DR. EVERETT: So if you go back to the prior
12 slide just with that.

13 (Brief pause.)

14 DR. EVERETT: Perfect. Thank you. I just
15 didn't understand --

16 DR. GRANOWITZ: I apologize for that. I
17 should have been clearer.

18 DR. LOW WANG: Next, Dr. Roy-Chaudhury, and
19 just a quick reminder to speak closer to the
20 microphone.

21 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Great. Thanks very
22 much.

1 DR. LOW WANG: And go ahead and please state
2 your name.

3 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Prabir Roy-Chaudhury.
4 So two questions, and the first is probably more of
5 a philosophical sort of question. Looking at your
6 pathway from the previous application in 2019, the
7 goal seems to have been to change the risk-benefit
8 profile, so identify a group of patients where
9 you'd have a greater benefit, ideally a greater
10 risk but even a greater benefit with same risk
11 would be useful.

12 When you've gone from the initial group that
13 you were interested in, so the 45 to 60 with UACR
14 greater than 30, plus the 60 to 90, from just
15 60 to 90, you've reduced the risk, but looking at
16 your own slides that you showed earlier, you've
17 potentially reduced the benefit as well. Do you
18 want to comment on where that leaves us,
19 potentially, with the whole risk-benefit ratio?

20 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes, I'll provide my comment
21 from the company, and then perhaps Dr. Cherney can
22 comment from a nephrologist perspective because I

1 think a lot of these we're talking about are renal.

2 If we could pull up slide CO-22, this slide,
3 I'm bringing up, if you look at the bottom three
4 rows of GFR, and that's stage 2, stage 3, and
5 stage 4 -- and again, this is a retrospective look,
6 but it's a 10-year look of patients with
7 dysfunction going to heart failure events, so
8 really using that as representative -- you can see
9 all of the groups are to the right of unity, and
10 that's again compared to those with a GFR greater
11 than 90.

12 If you look at the middle two GFR groups,
13 the top and the middle group, they are roughly
14 representative of what we're calling the GFR
15 60 to 90 in the first row, and then the group of
16 T1D-CKD in the second row. And you can see that
17 the risk of progression in the T1D-CKD group by
18 this analysis is 2- to 3-fold, 2.6-fold greater
19 than those with normal GFR, and the group 60 to 90
20 has about a 34 percent increased risk compared to
21 the overall group.

22 So we try to find a group -- and these two

1 groups are really balancing the short-term,
2 benefit-risk of the glycemc management versus the
3 long-term potential for these patients to progress
4 to end-stage disease.

5 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: But you're moving from
6 the group that could have had some of the
7 267 percent increase to the group that just has the
8 34 percent increase.

9 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. Maybe I'll let
10 Dr. Cherney comment on that as well.

11 DR. CHERNEY: David Cherney. So there's
12 absolutely a spectrum of disease here. The
13 patients who are at the CKD stage 2 level of
14 60 to 90, whereby there seems to be the greatest
15 certainty around glycemc lowering as well as the
16 other effects that we saw from a metabolic
17 perspective, those benefits are seen in those
18 patients with bigger confidence. And they also
19 still have that higher risk of developing
20 cardiorenal complications over time, recognizing
21 that this is a spectrum of disease, including
22 people with simple impairment and kidney function,

1 which is augmented and accelerated in those
2 patients with GFR, even in the stage 2 range with
3 albuminuria.

4 So that's where there is that augmented
5 potential for benefit; and also thereby to prevent
6 them from declining further with sotagliflozin down
7 into the range where there is even greater risk
8 like in the SCORED trial as we were describing
9 before. Thank you.

10 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: My second question was
11 at the other end of the spectrum, which was very
12 much about data. I think building upon what
13 Dr. Everett said, do you have any data which
14 describes the impact on UACR and eGFR in two
15 additional groups? So one would be the type 1
16 diabetes subset, and then the second would
17 be -- and I quite liked what you did with the
18 matched SCORED data, so SCORED was obviously in
19 moderate to severe CKD. But in the original group
20 that you had identified, which was mild to
21 moderate, do you have any data on UACR changes and
22 eGFR changes?

1 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes, I'll pull that up, and
2 I'll start first with the UACR. And again, at some
3 point, perhaps Dr. Cherney can comment on this as
4 well. But what you see, again, is the subgroup of
5 patients that was the T1D-CKD that had albuminuria
6 because, obviously, we're not going to be able to
7 show a reduction in albuminuria where they don't
8 have the albuminuria. And what you see in this
9 study is that there is a reduction in the UACR with
10 treatment in that group of patients out of the
11 T1D-CKD cohort.

12 David, you might want to comment, and I'll
13 keep you up here for the GFR because that's a bit
14 more complicated.

15 DR. CHERNEY: David Cherney. The effects on
16 albuminuria and other markers of physiological
17 benefits with SGLT inhibitors are very consistent
18 with what we see here. Typically, these therapies
19 induce approximately a 30 percent or more reduction
20 in albuminuria across different cohorts of
21 patients, including those with type 2 diabetes,
22 non-diabetic CKD; and we see an analogous kind of

1 effect with SGLT inhibitors in this panel and also
2 with other members of the class. So this is a very
3 consistent effect that we see.

4 From a GFR perspective, this is a group of
5 patients where we see the same initial dip in GFR,
6 which is thought to reflect the beneficial
7 hemodynamic effects of the SGLT inhibitors, which
8 reflects a reduction in glomerular pressure, which
9 we can see on the left-hand side of this graph.
10 This dipping in GFR is thought to reflect decreased
11 glomerular hypertension and is linked with the
12 reduction in albuminuria; and over time, what we
13 see is a stabilization effect whereby GFR dips and
14 then returns back toward baseline.

15 If this was an enriched cohort with lots
16 more albuminuria, we would typically expect to see
17 the gray placebo group decline much more quickly
18 and then cross the lines of the blue
19 sotagliflozin-treated patients at around 12 to
20 18 months. This is, of course, a lower risk group
21 of patients that tends to decline more slowly, so
22 we don't see that crossing. But this is an

1 analogous pattern that we see in, essentially,
2 every slide with SGLT inhibitors, including
3 patients with type 1 diabetes.

4 I just want to comment that many of the
5 other physiological benefits that we see across
6 SGLT inhibitor is around hemoconcentration, around
7 effects on uric acid, which are linked with
8 physiological benefits. Those are also consistent
9 in people with type 2 and type 1 diabetes,
10 suggesting analogous effects. Thank you.

11 DR. GRANOWITZ: Dr. Cherney, if you want --

12 DR. LOW WANG: Actually, our time is getting
13 very short, so I'd like to move on to the next
14 person.

15 Dr. Seliger?

16 DR. SELIGER: Thank you. Steve Seliger, and
17 thanks, everyone, for the wonderful presentation,
18 and maybe as a follow-up a bit to Dr. Roy-
19 Chaudhury's question. I might have missed this,
20 but among the subgroup that you're suggesting eGFR
21 60 to 89, what proportion had at least A2
22 albuminuria? And I think this gets to the question

1 of who is really at risk for kidney disease
2 progression. And conceptually and clinically, when
3 we look at the KDIGO guidelines and the heatmap,
4 which is shown in one of the slides here, the group
5 with GFR 60 to 89 and A1 or normal albuminuria are
6 not considered at great risk.

7 Do you have a sense of how many might have
8 been in that with A2 or more?

9 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. Dr. Davies, do you
10 want to comment?

11 DR. DAVIES: Mike Davies. Yes. Roughly, in
12 in the people who had an UACR above 30, about
13 75 percent were in the A2 range or the 30 to 300.

14 DR. SELIGER: I guess my question is more,
15 among those with a GFR of 60 to 89, what proportion
16 had that A2 albuminuria? Is it 10 percent,
17 30 percent?

18 DR. DAVIES: 60 to 90?

19 DR. SELIGER: Among the eGFR 60 to 90.

20 DR. DAVIES: Oh, okay. I would have to get
21 you that.

22 DR. GRANOWITZ: I can answer not exactly,

1 but very close --

2 DR. SELIGER: Sure.

3 DR. GRANOWITZ: -- is that if you look, the
4 T1D-CKD group was about 70 patients that had that
5 versus 250 in the overall group. The only
6 difference is that the 60 to 90 doesn't have those
7 greater than 90 that might have had albuminuria,
8 but I think it's quite small. I would guess it's
9 about 80 percent in the 60 to 90 group that did not
10 have albuminuria.

11 DR. SELIGER: Thank you.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

13 Dr. Onumah?

14 DR. ONUMAH: Barbara Onumah. Just a quick
15 question about the persons who had DKA during the
16 study, I was wondering if there were any peculiar
17 characteristics about those persons after they were
18 adjudicated to figure out if there was something
19 about them that put them at risk for DKA. And just
20 a follow-up question for that, in the numbers for
21 the persons who had DKA, were there repeat DKAs?
22 So did they have a second DKA after that?

1 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. Thank you for that
2 question. And again, perhaps I'll comment, and if
3 Dr. Pratley has a different point of view, you can
4 quickly comment because I know we're very short of
5 time. But it seems that if you look at those that
6 are on the SGLT inhibitor, it is seen as really
7 another potential risk factor, but the trigger
8 factors -- the infections, and illness, and
9 insulin -- seem to be roughly the same, and the
10 course of the DKA event seems to be roughly the
11 same.

12 There was one patient that had two
13 adjudicated DKA events. The first didn't have an
14 underlying precipitating factor that was
15 identified, and that patient was restarted on
16 therapy. They had a second event that was
17 attributed by the adjudication committee to
18 concurrent alcohol use, and after that, the patient
19 was stopped.

20 DR. ONUMAH: Thank you.

21 DR. LOW WANG: So I'd like to delay the
22 break just a little bit. I think there are two

1 more panel members who have questions, so brief
2 questions, brief responses.

3 Dr. Konstam?

4 DR. KONSTAM: Yes. Thanks. I share some of
5 my colleagues concerns about the applicability of
6 the SCORED data to a type 1 population, in general,
7 and the specific population you're asking for the
8 indication in. But I'm trying to figure out how to
9 do that, or how I can estimate going from what we
10 know about your drug in type 1 diabetes, to knowing
11 what the magnitude of the cardiovascular benefit is
12 going to be.

13 I want to point out, you said a couple of
14 times that the pathophysiology of the large vessel
15 cardiovascular disease was the same in type 1
16 diabetes and type 2 diabetes. I don't know that at
17 all because, in fact, in type 2 diabetes, there's
18 no association, there's no correlation, between
19 glycemic control and large vessel atherosclerotic
20 disease. There clearly is with regard to
21 microvascular disease; and there, I think it's more
22 linked to the metabolic syndrome, in general, and I

1 think those are the elements that SGLT2 antagonists
2 are specifically targeting.

3 So that's not present here, so my question
4 boils down to, when we're trying to figure out
5 risks-benefits, or say what exactly can we expect
6 as the benefit, how do we go from the degree of
7 glycemic control to jumping to say, ok, now here is
8 the cardiovascular benefit? How do we do that?

9 DR. GRANOWITZ: Yes. Thank you for the
10 question. I'll ask Dr. Vaduganathan to address
11 that, please.

12 DR. VADUGANATHAN: Thank you. Muthia
13 Vaduganathan. I fully agree that the
14 pathophysiology of clinical events in type 1 and
15 type 2 diabetes is perhaps distinct. Often, the
16 onset of cardiovascular events occurs much, much
17 earlier in type 1 diabetes and is more strongly
18 linked with abnormal glycemic control; and that's
19 been shown that A1C, even as a predictor of heart
20 failure, major adverse cardiovascular events and
21 cardiovascular death has a much steeper incline in
22 terms of increments of risk than compared with

1 comparable populations of type 2 diabetes.

2 Furthermore, the effects on intermediate
3 markers with sotagliflozin in type 1 and type 2
4 diabetes of cardiorenal risk, for instance blood
5 pressure, A1C, albuminuria reduction, is highly
6 comparable in these populations, so the anticipated
7 benefits would appear to be similar.

8 Of course, this is an extrapolation. Many
9 of these patients were well represented in the
10 adjacent SOLOIST worsening heart failure trial,
11 which was the dedicated heart failure outcomes
12 trial with sotagliflozin. That better represented
13 older patients and younger patients, as well as
14 patients with eGFRs of 60 to 90, which, of course,
15 SCORED did not include.

16 DR. KONSTAM: Yes. I'll just say that maybe
17 in the afternoon, folks can come up with some data
18 to demonstrate this, but I'm not aware of any data
19 that allows you to extrapolate from glycemic
20 control to the rate of MIs, strokes, et cetera.
21 And maybe if you have data like that, we could see
22 that because then at least we could say, ok -- hold

1 on a second. Glycemic control, we know that
2 elevated A1C is associated with cardiovascular
3 disease, but that doesn't seem to be the
4 straightforward mechanism of the benefit of the
5 drugs because before SGLT2 antagonists came along,
6 there was no hypoglycemic agent that had
7 demonstrated a reduction in major cardiovascular
8 events; so anyway, whatever you want say.

9 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Thank you.

10 Right now, we'll take a quick 10-minute
11 break.

12 Panel members, please remember that there's
13 no discussion of the meeting topic during the break
14 amongst yourselves or with any member of the
15 audience. We'll resume at 10:45.

16 (Whereupon, at 10:34 a.m., a recess was
17 taken, and meeting resumed at 10:45 a.m.)

18 DR. LOW WANG: Welcome back. We will now
19 proceed with FDA's presentations, starting with
20 Dr. Mari Suzuki.

21 **FDA Presentation - Mari Suzuki**

22 DR. SUZUKI: Good morning. My name is Mari

1 Suzuki. I'm a clinical reviewer in the Division of
2 Diabetes, Lipid Disorders, and Obesity. This is an
3 outline for what we will cover today. I will be
4 presenting an overview of the sources of clinical
5 data submitted in support of the revised glycemic
6 control indication, then I will describe the
7 different approaches used by the applicant and by
8 the FDA to reanalyze the efficacy and safety data.

9 Dr. Wenda Tu will present FDA's reanalysis
10 of the primary and secondary efficacy endpoints
11 from the TANDEM program. I will then present the
12 key findings of the clinical safety review of the
13 resubmission focusing on hypoglycemia and diabetic
14 ketoacidosis in patients with type 1 diabetes and
15 chronic kidney disease.

16 Lastly, Dr. Justin Penzenstadler will then
17 discuss considerations related to potential
18 non-glycemic benefits observed in cardiorenal
19 outcome trials conducted in patients with type 2
20 diabetes and other comorbidities. We will close
21 our presentation today with an integrated benefit-
22 risk assessment.

1 The TANDEM program included three studies
2 conducted in patients with type 1 diabetes. First,
3 I am displaying a schematic of Study 309 and 310.
4 These were identical trials conducted in the United
5 States and Europe, respectively. Study 309 and 310
6 featured adults with type 1 diabetes inadequately
7 controlled with insulin, either by multiple daily
8 injections or continuous subcutaneous insulin
9 infusions. Participants must have a diagnosis of
10 type 1 diabetes for at least one year with an A1C
11 7 to 11 percent and an eGFR greater than or equal
12 to 45.

13 These studies were multicenter and
14 randomized subjects to double-blinded treatment
15 with sotagliflozin 200 milligrams, sotagliflozin
16 400 milligrams, and placebo. Following a 2-week
17 screening period, there was a 6-week insulin
18 optimization period and a 2-week run-in period for
19 placebo tablet adherence. Patients with greater
20 than 80 percent adherence were then randomized to
21 one of three treatment groups, sotagliflozin
22 200 milligrams, sotagliflozin 400 milligrams, or

1 placebo.

2 The core treatment period was 24 weeks with
3 a 28-week double-blind extension period. The
4 primary endpoint was assessed at week 24 and was
5 changed in baseline and A1C. With the first
6 sotagliflozin dose only, patients were instructed
7 to reduce their mealtime bolus insulin dose by
8 30 percent with subsequent adjustments to be made
9 by the investigator.

10 Study 312 was the third pivotal study which
11 randomized only to double-blinded placebo or
12 sotagliflozin 400 milligrams. The eligibility
13 criteria were similar to Studies 309 and 310. In
14 contrast to those studies, there was no insulin
15 optimization period. All patients participated in
16 a 2-week screening period with a subsequent run-in
17 period for placebo tablet adherence. Eligible
18 patients were randomized to either sotagliflozin
19 400 milligrams or placebo treatment for a 24-week
20 treatment period. The primary endpoint was
21 assessed at week 24 and was a composite of the
22 proportion of patients with A1C less than

1 7 percent, no episode of severe hypoglycemia, and
2 no episode of diabetic ketoacidosis.

3 Most participants enrolled in the TANDEM
4 program had preserved eGFR and no evidence of
5 albuminuria, and thus did not meet the applicant's
6 definition of CKD. The table here classifies
7 TANDEM program participants by Kidney
8 Disease: Improving Global Outcomes, or KDIGO,
9 categories for prognosis of CKD by eGFR and
10 albuminuria. The columns going left to right
11 represent increasing urine albumin creatinine
12 ratio, or UACR, and the rows going top to bottom
13 are worsening eGFR subgroups.

14 About 10 percent of TANDEM program
15 participants had evidence of microalbuminuria and
16 another 3 percent had evidence of macroalbuminuria.
17 Less than 5 percent had an eGFR below 60. Given
18 the limited clinical data available, there are
19 inherent challenges to calculating accurate
20 estimates of treatment effect of sotagliflozin on
21 A1C across the applicant's revised target
22 population.

1 The applicant and the FDA relied on two
2 different approaches to addressing those
3 challenges. To estimate the treatment effect,
4 despite the limited data available, the applicant
5 grouped all the participants who met the criteria
6 for their revised target population together. This
7 includes all subjects with an eGFR 45 to less than
8 60 or subjects with an eGFR greater than or equal
9 to 60 and UACR greater than or equal to 30. There
10 are disadvantages to this approach given that the
11 A1C lowering effect of sotagliflozin is mediated by
12 glucosuria.

13 First, it assumes that subjects with eGFRs
14 ranging from 45 to over 100 will experience similar
15 reductions in A1C despite the correlation between
16 glucosuria and eGFR. In addition, study
17 participants with eGFRs below 60 -- that is, the
18 individuals likely to experience the smallest A1C
19 reduction -- contribute the least amount of the
20 data to the reanalysis of efficacy. Thus, the
21 approach may overestimate the treatment effect that
22 would be experienced by patients with eGFRs below

1 60.

2 Finally, this approach discards 84 percent
3 of the data from TANDEM that came from patients
4 with type 1 diabetes without CKD. Discarding these
5 data avoids any uncertainty about the relevance of
6 data from patients without albuminuria to patients
7 with albuminuria; however, because the magnitude of
8 glucosuria is known to depend on eGFR but not on
9 UACR, the data from TANDEM participants without
10 albuminuria might be informative to the A1C
11 lowering effect of sotagliflozin in patients with
12 type 1 diabetes and CKD. For example, data from
13 participants with an eGFR of 75 and a UACR less
14 than 30 could help inform the estimate of the
15 treatment effect in patients with an eGFR of 75 and
16 a UACR greater than 30.

17 FDA defined different subgroups in the
18 TANDEM studies than the applicant. The FDA
19 approach provides a complementary perspective to
20 the applicant's approach to the reanalysis of
21 TANDEM. The FDA approach was selected because it
22 provides estimates of A1C reduction across the

1 range of kidney function included in the
2 applicant's revised target population and because
3 it makes use of all data collected in TANDEM.

4 The FDA approach is intended to provide
5 estimates of A1C reduction to help inform overall
6 benefit-risk assessments for any proposed
7 population, including the applicant's proposed
8 T1D-CKD population. FDA also used the same
9 approach to assess other endpoints, as the
10 pharmacodynamic effect of sotagliflozin may also be
11 relevant for safety.

12 The FDA approach to the evaluation of
13 efficacy and safety for the revised target
14 population attempts to address the relationship
15 between glucosuria and eGFR. FDA calculated
16 treatment effects according to eGFR subgroups
17 corresponding to CKD stage 1, marked by the blue
18 box; CKD stage 2, marked by the green box; and CKD
19 stage 3a, marked by the yellow box, regardless of
20 UACR.

21 This approach allows the use of all data
22 from TANDEM participants who belong to each eGFR

1 subgroup. It does assume that UACR and glucosuria
2 are not related and that findings of efficacy in
3 subjects without albuminuria can be generalized to
4 otherwise similar patients with albuminuria. To be
5 clear, the FDA subgroups are only intended to
6 provide estimates of A1C lowering effect across the
7 range of eGFRs included in the applicant's revised
8 target population. The estimates are intended to
9 inform benefit-risk assessments, and in any
10 proposed population, including the applicant's
11 revised T1D-CKD population. Ultimately, both the
12 applicant's approach and FDA's approach are
13 post hoc analyses, and both approaches have
14 disadvantages.

15 The applicant proposed that the SCORED study
16 provides additional efficacy data for glycemic
17 control. SCORED is a cardiorenal outcomes trial
18 conducted in patients with type 2 diabetes,
19 moderate to severe chronic kidney disease, and
20 other cardiovascular risk factors.

21 The study design was an event-driven
22 cardiorenal outcomes trial with randomization to

1 double-blinded sotagliflozin or placebo.
2 Sotagliflozin dose was initiated at 200 milligrams
3 and uptitrated to 400 milligrams as tolerated after
4 at least 4 weeks. Patients were followed for a
5 median of 16 months. The primary endpoint was a
6 composite of hospitalization for heart failure,
7 cardiovascular death, an urgent visit for heart
8 failure. We will discuss this endpoint later in
9 our presentations.

10 The magnitude or durability of the effect on
11 glycemic control is difficult to extrapolate to a
12 population of obligate insulin users who titrate
13 insulin regimens to individual glycemic goals. For
14 these reasons, we will not present the glycemic
15 data from SCORED.

16 I will now turn the presentation over to
17 Dr. Wenda Tu to present FDA's assessment of the
18 efficacy data from TANDEM for the revised
19 indication for sotagliflozin of improved glycemic
20 control in patients with type 1 diabetes and CKD.

21 **FDA Presentation - Wenda Tu**

22 DR. TU: Good morning, everyone. My name is

1 Wenda Tu. I'm the statistical reviewer of this
2 application. I'll be presenting the efficacy
3 results of the TANDEM studies by eGFR subgroup.
4 Here's an outline for my presentation. First, I'll
5 provide a brief summary of the study designs for
6 the TANDEM program. An overview of the subgroup
7 analyses will be followed by the details of the
8 statistical methods applied to the subgroup
9 analyses. My presentation will end with a
10 description of the analysis results and a summary
11 of the overall evidence provided by the efficacy
12 analysis.

13 The TANDEM program consisted of three
14 studies. Studies 309 and 310 share the same study
15 design, and therefore were pooled for efficacy and
16 safety analysis. Both studies were phase 3,
17 multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-
18 controlled and parallel group studies. Each study
19 consisted of a 2-week screening period; a 4-week
20 insulin optimization period; a 24-week core
21 treatment period; a 28-week, double-blind,
22 extension treatment period; and a follow-up period.

1 Each study had three treatment arms: the
2 sotagliflozin 200-milligram arm, the sotagliflozin
3 400-milligram arm, and the placebo arm. The pooled
4 sample size for each treatment arm was around 520.

5 On the other hand, Study 312 was analyzed
6 separately. Compared to Studies 309 and 310,
7 Study 312 did not have the 4-week insulin
8 optimization period or the additional 28-week
9 extension treatment period. Also, Study 312 only
10 had two treatment arms, the sotagliflozin
11 400-milligram arm and the placebo arm, with a
12 sample size of around 700 per arm.

13 The efficacy analyses were conducted
14 separately within 3 subgroups defined by baseline
15 eGFR values, the group with eGFR greater than or
16 equal to 90, the group with eGFR between 60 and 90,
17 and the group with eGFR less than 60. The efficacy
18 endpoint of primary interest was A1C change from
19 baseline. Other efficacy endpoints of interest
20 include change from baseline in body weight and
21 change from baseline in systolic blood pressure.
22 Each endpoint was analyzed at week 24, which was

1 the end of the core treatment period. For the
2 study pool 309 and 310, A1C change from baseline
3 was also analyzed at week 52, which was the end of
4 the extension treatment period.

5 Baseline characteristics were summarized by
6 subgroups in this table. While the sample size was
7 generally balanced between the group with eGFR
8 between 60 and 90 and the group with eGFR greater
9 than or equal to 90, the sample size for the group
10 with eGFR less than 60 was only around one-tenth of
11 the former two groups. Also, we've noticed that
12 the subjects with eGFR less than 60 were generally
13 older and have a longer duration of type 1 diabetes
14 than subjects from the other two subgroups.

15 Efficacy analyses were performed on the
16 analysis set consisting of all randomized subjects
17 who took at least one dose of the study drug.
18 Missing data were handled with multiple imputation
19 based on placebo washout, which assumes that effect
20 from the experimental drug was erased for subjects
21 with missing endpoint values. An ANCOVA model
22 adjusted for baseline values, treatment,

1 stratification factors, and study ID was used for
2 the analysis of each efficacy endpoint.

3 The next few slides will be presenting the
4 subgroup analysis results on A1C, body weight, and
5 systolic blood pressure. For each endpoint, the
6 results from Study 312 will be presented first,
7 followed by the results from the study pool 309 and
8 310. This table presented the efficacy result on
9 A1C reduction for Study 312 with respect to the
10 overall population and the three eGFR subgroups.
11 As highlighted in the dashed box, the
12 placebo-adjusted treatment effect was found similar
13 for the overall population, the group with eGFR
14 greater than or equal to 90 and the group with eGFR
15 between 60 and 90. Specifically, all three groups
16 had a point estimate of around negative 0.45 and a
17 confidence interval staying below zero.

18 On the other hand, as demonstrated in the
19 solid box, the group with eGFR less than 60 had the
20 smallest treatment effect size of negative 0.17 and
21 the widest confidence interval, with an upper bound
22 greater than zero. The discrepancy in the width of

1 the confidence intervals is due to differences in
2 subgroup sample sizes. Specifically, the group
3 with eGFR less than 60 had only 32 subjects from
4 the sotagliflozin arm and 42 subjects from placebo
5 arm, as opposed to more than 300 subjects per arm
6 from the other two subgroups. The limited sample
7 size resulted in more variabilities and less
8 precision in the estimation of its treatment effect
9 size.

10 The placebo-adjusted A1C reduction from
11 baseline for Study 312 is further illustrated in
12 this forest plot. Comparing the width of the
13 confidence intervals, we gain a direct sense of the
14 great uncertainties associated with the estimation
15 of the treatment effect size for the group with
16 eGFR less than 60.

17 This table presented the efficacy result on
18 A1C at week 24 for the study pool 309 and 310.
19 Similar to the results for Study 312, the
20 placebo-adjusted A1C reduction at week 24 for the
21 study pool 309 and 310 was generally consistent
22 between the overall population, the group with eGFR

1 greater than or equal to 90 and the group with eGFR
2 between 60 and 90. On the other hand, the group
3 with eGFR less than 60 had the smallest treatment
4 effect size and the widest confidence interval due
5 to its limited sample size.

6 Again, the forest plot here on the
7 placebo-adjusted A1C reduction from baseline
8 provides a direct visualization of the great
9 uncertainties associated with the estimated
10 treatment effect size for the group with eGFR less
11 than 60. In addition, by comparing the two
12 sotagliflozin arms within the same group, we
13 observed that the effect size in A1C reduction was
14 similar between the 400-milligram dose and the
15 200-milligram dose.

16 Similar patterns were observed for the A1C
17 results at week 52 for the study pool 309 and 310.
18 Further, we noted that the estimated treatment
19 effect size for each arm at week 52 tends to be
20 numerically lower than that at week 24, suggesting
21 that the drug effect may not be maintained for an
22 extended treatment period.

1 For the secondary endpoint, body weight
2 change from baseline at week 24 for Study 312, as
3 highlighted in the dashed box, the placebo-adjusted
4 weight reduction from baseline was found generally
5 consistent between the overall population and each
6 of the eGFR subgroups. Specifically, for the group
7 with eGFR less than 60, despite its small sample
8 size, confidence interval for the placebo-adjusted
9 treatment effect stayed below zero just like the
10 confidence intervals for the overall population and
11 the other two eGFR subgroups.

12 Similar findings can be reported for the
13 body weight results for the study pool 309 and 310.
14 Specifically, we see generally consistent treatment
15 effect estimates with confidence intervals below
16 zero for all groups presented in this table,
17 including the eGFR less than 60 group.

18 For the results of systolic blood pressure
19 for Study 312, as highlighted in the dashed box,
20 the placebo-adjusted treatment effect was generally
21 consistent between the overall population, the
22 group with eGFR greater than or equal to 90 and the

1 group with eGFR between 60 and 90, all with
2 confidence intervals below zero.

3 On the other hand, despite a favorable point
4 estimate, the group with eGFR less than 60, as
5 highlighted in the solid box, had the widest
6 confidence interval, with its lower bound going as
7 low as negative 12.27 and upper bound crossing
8 zero. Similar findings can be reported for the
9 study pool 309 and 310. The small sample size and
10 low precision in treatment effect estimate prevent
11 us from deriving any meaningful conclusions for the
12 subgroup with eGFR less than 60.

13 To summarize, the FDA review of the original
14 NDA submission concluded that the TANDEM program
15 has demonstrated substantial evidence of
16 effectiveness for improving glycemic control in
17 patients with type 1 diabetes. To investigate
18 whether this conclusion holds true for the
19 subpopulation with type 1 diabetes and chronic
20 kidney disease, the FDA utilized a subgrouping
21 strategy with subgroups defined by baseline eGFR
22 values. The estimated treatment effects regarding

1 A1C change from baseline were found generally
2 consistent for the subgroup with eGFR greater than
3 or equal to 90 and the group with eGFR between
4 60 and 90.

5 Smaller treatment effect sizes on A1C
6 reduction were observed in the group with eGFR less
7 than 60. Given the correlation between glucosuria
8 and eGFR, this finding is biologically plausible
9 but the available clinical data are not sufficient
10 to support any definitive conclusions.

11 Furthermore, based on the results from Study 309
12 and 310, which were designed to evaluate the
13 treatment effect of sotagliflozin 200- and
14 400-milligram doses at both time points week 24 and
15 week 52, we observed that the effect size in A1C
16 reduction at week 24 appears to attenuate by week
17 52. Also, we noted that effect size in A1C
18 reduction was similar between the 400-milligram
19 dose and the 200-milligram dose.

20 Similar trends were observed among the eGFR
21 subgroups; however, the post hoc subgrouping
22 strategy resulted in limited sample sizes,

1 particularly for the subgroup with eGFR less than
2 60, and this precludes more definitive conclusions.
3 This is the end of my presentation. Thank you all,
4 and now I will turn it over to Dr. Suzuki.

5 **FDA Presentation - Mari Suzuki**

6 DR. SUZUKI: I am Mari Suzuki. We will now
7 talk about the major safety considerations for
8 sotagliflozin in patients with type 1 diabetes and
9 chronic kidney disease. The safety profile of
10 sotagliflozin was well characterized for patients
11 with type 2 diabetes in two large cardiorenal
12 outcomes trials that supported the approval of
13 sotagliflozin as Inpefa.

14 The safety profile of sotagliflozin observed
15 in patients with type 2 diabetes was similar to
16 that in the TANDEM program with two notable
17 exceptions. First, sotagliflozin was associated
18 with fewer hypoglycemia events in patients with
19 type 1 diabetes but not in patients with type 2
20 diabetes. Second, sotagliflozin was associated
21 with a significantly increased risk of DKA in
22 patients with type 1 diabetes but not patients with

1 type 2 diabetes. For this reason, this
2 presentation will focus on hypoglycemia and DKA.

3 Hypoglycemia is a common occurrence in
4 patients with type 1 diabetes. Most hypoglycemia
5 events are self-treated but some can be life
6 threatening. The American Diabetes Association
7 categorizes hypoglycemia events according to
8 severity. Level 1 hypoglycemic events involve
9 blood glucose levels less than 70 milligrams per
10 deciliter and greater than or equal to 54. This
11 threshold is an alert value at which patients
12 should take action to avoid decline in blood
13 glucose. A level 2 hypoglycemia event is blood
14 glucose less than 54 regardless of the presence of
15 hypoglycemia symptoms. At this threshold,
16 adrenergic and/or neuroglycopenic symptoms
17 typically begin.

18 Level 3 is a severe hypoglycemic event
19 characterized by altered mental and/or physical
20 function which, if untreated, may result in loss of
21 consciousness, seizures, coma, or death. A level 3
22 hypoglycemic event necessitates assistance by

1 another person for hypoglycemia reversal.

2 FDA recognizes both level 3 and level 2
3 hypoglycemia events as acceptable clinical trial
4 endpoints in support of claims related to improve
5 glycemic control, iatrogenic hypoglycemia risk
6 reduction, or both. Level 3 hypoglycemia is a
7 direct measurement of how a patient feels,
8 functions, or survives, and is a clinical endpoint.
9 Level 2 hypoglycemic events are considered to be a
10 surrogate endpoint for neuroglycopenia-related
11 adverse events acceptable for traditional approval.

12 The TANDEM studies systematically collected
13 hypoglycemia events during the treatment periods.
14 All subjects were provided glucometers and
15 instructed to record every hypoglycemia event in a
16 study diary throughout the entire study period.
17 Dedicated electronic case report forms included
18 elements to record supporting information about the
19 event, including glucometer data, symptoms, and
20 hypoglycemic event severity. Severe hypoglycemic
21 events were adjudicated by a blinded clinical
22 events committee. These studies were designed

1 prior to the ADA's definition of hypoglycemia.

2 For purposes of the review of NDA 210934,
3 FDA considers the applicant's prespecified
4 definitions of blood glucose less than or equal to
5 55 and of severe hypoglycemia to be sufficiently
6 consistent with FDA's preferred definitions of
7 level 2 and level 3 hypoglycemia events.

8 To assess safety from the perspective of
9 hypoglycemic risk for the current submission, FDA
10 reanalyzed the hypoglycemia data from the TANDEM
11 program according to eGFR subgroups to assess
12 whether similar patterns would occur across the
13 range of eGFRs proposed for the revised target
14 population. First, we'll discuss level 3
15 hypoglycemia events.

16 This table shows the incidence and total
17 events of level 3 hypoglycemia that occurred in the
18 TANDEM program during the full study period. The
19 first row shows Study 309 and 310. The second row
20 shows Study 312. Level 3 hypoglycemia was analyzed
21 by the incidence of events and by the total
22 occurrences. The analyses were conducted across

1 studies and doses. There was not a consistent
2 trend across the studies, treatment arms, or
3 summary statistics in level 3 hypoglycemic events.
4 Inspection of these results, according to eGFR
5 category, did not reveal any additional insights.

6 Now, let us turn to the level 2 hypoglycemic
7 events. Over 90 percent of subjects in each
8 treatment arm experienced at least one level 2
9 hypoglycemic event. For this reason, we focused on
10 the event rate ratio for level 2 hypoglycemia
11 rather than the incidence of level 2 hypoglycemic
12 events. The data show that sotagliflozin treatment
13 was associated with a 14 to 24 percent reduction in
14 the event rate ratio of level 2 hypoglycemia among
15 participants in the TANDEM studies.

16 This table shows event rate and event rate
17 ratio for placebo and sotagliflozin-treated arms,
18 going left to right, for studies 309 and 310, and
19 then Study 312, and going top to bottom by eGFR
20 subgroups. As was observed in the overall
21 population, sotagliflozin was associated with
22 reduced risk of level 2 hypoglycemia events in each

1 eGFR subgroup. The reduction in risk was
2 consistent across studies, and the magnitude of
3 reduction was similar for sotagliflozin
4 200 milligrams and sotagliflozin 400 milligrams.

5 Although level 2 hypoglycemia was not an
6 endpoint subject to formal statistical testing, the
7 observed reduction in level 2 hypoglycemia risk is
8 both numerically robust and biologically plausible,
9 as participants randomized to sotagliflozin reduced
10 their use of exogenous insulin during the trial.

11 In aggregate, these data suggest that sotagliflozin
12 treatment at either 200 milligrams or
13 400 milligrams in patients with type 1 diabetes and
14 mild to moderate CKD may reduce the risk of level 2
15 hypoglycemic events.

16 Diabetic ketoacidosis, or DKA, is a serious
17 life-threatening metabolic complication that
18 requires immediate medical intervention. Although
19 DKA traditionally presents with hyperglycemia, DKA
20 events associated with SGLT2 inhibitor use
21 sometimes present as euglycemic DKA, that is, DKA
22 with normal blood glucose concentrations. All

1 approved SGLT2 inhibitors, including sotagliflozin
2 marketed as Inpefa, have similar warnings and
3 precautions in their labeling regarding the risk of
4 DKA. An increased DKA risk has been demonstrated
5 in randomized clinical trials of multiple SGLT2
6 inhibitors in patients with type 1 diabetes.

7 The proposed pathophysiology of
8 SGLT2-associated diabetic ketoacidosis is shown
9 here. SGLT2 inhibitors cause a lowering in plasma
10 glucose levels, which lead to a reduction in
11 exogenous insulin dose. This causes a shift in
12 metabolism to lipolysis and ketogenesis in the
13 liver. SGLT2 inhibitors also increase the renal
14 reabsorption of ketone bodies, thereby increasing
15 plasma ketone levels. Some studies suggest that
16 SGLT2 inhibitors may have direct stimulatory
17 effects on the pancreatic alpha cells, causing an
18 increase in plasma glucagon levels. SGLT2
19 inhibitors also decrease sodium reabsorption,
20 resulting in volume depletion, which may compound
21 on the risk for DKA.

22 This table displays the statistical results

1 for DKA in the overall type 1 diabetes population.
2 This analysis pooled the 200-milligram and
3 400-milligram doses of sotagliflozin for
4 Studies 309 and 310. The rightmost column reports
5 the number of person-years of treatment with
6 sotagliflozin needed to incur one DKA event,
7 31 patient-years in Studies 309 and 310 and
8 20 patient-years in Study 312. Participants in
9 Studies 309 and 310 underwent insulin optimization
10 during the run-in period, which may explain the
11 lower overall DKA event rates observed compared to
12 the overall rates of DKA observed in Trial 312.

13 During the conduct of the TANDEM studies,
14 additional risk mitigation strategies were
15 introduced, but the data did not support a
16 conclusion that the strategies meaningfully reduce
17 the increased risk of DKA associated with
18 sotagliflozin. The vast majority of the events of
19 DKA observed in the TANDEM program required
20 hospitalization, and many required ICU management.
21 These data represent the basis of FDA's unfavorable
22 benefit-risk assessment for sotagliflozin for the

1 original submission of NDA 210934.

2 Because Trials 309 and 310 randomized
3 participants to placebo, sotagliflozin
4 200 milligrams, or sotagliflozin 400 milligrams,
5 FDA assessed the evidence of a dose-response
6 relationship for DKA. The figure above shows days
7 since first dose on the X-axis and cumulative
8 incidence of DKA on the Y-axis. The line in blue
9 is sotagliflozin 400 milligrams, green is
10 sotagliflozin 200 milligrams, and red is placebo.
11 DKA events continued to accumulate steadily
12 throughout the trial for both dose strengths of
13 sotagliflozin. The cumulative incidence of DKA in
14 the overall 309 and 310 population suggests the
15 dose-response relationship for sotagliflozin
16 administered as 200 milligrams or 400 milligrams,
17 and DKA.

18 We include the statistical estimates for
19 number needed to harm, or NNH, for each dose
20 category to the right of the plot. Although the
21 confidence intervals for the number needed to harm
22 overlap for the 2 doses, a numerically greater risk

1 was observed with sotagliflozin 400 milligrams
2 compared to sotagliflozin 200 milligrams.

3 Similar to our analyses regarding efficacy
4 and hypoglycemia endpoints, we reanalyzed the DKA
5 data from the TANDEM program according to eGFR
6 subgroup. As was observed in the overall
7 population, sotagliflozin was associated with an
8 increased risk of DKA in each eGFR subgroup. The
9 graph presents a forest plot of the incidence rate
10 differences between participants randomized to
11 sotagliflozin versus placebo. Pooled Studies 309
12 and 310 are displayed at the top of the graph and
13 Study 312 is displayed at the bottom.

14 Estimates of DKA risk for each eGFR subgroup
15 are presented. The error bars represent the
16 95 percent confidence interval of each estimate.
17 To the right of the graph, we present the
18 corresponding number needed to harm per
19 patient-year and the associated 95 percent
20 confidence interval.

21 The subgroups with an eGFR between 60 and 89
22 and greater than 90 appears generally consistent

1 with the overall estimate, but it is notable that
2 the confidence intervals are wide and overlapping.
3 The subgroup for eGFR less than 60 appears to have
4 the largest increase in DKA risk; however, this
5 should be interpreted with caution because only
6 three DKA events occurred in this subgroup in
7 Study 309 and 310, and only one event occurred in
8 the subgroup in Study 312.

9 Due to the paucity of clinical trial data
10 available to inform the risk of DKA in subjects
11 with type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease,
12 FDA considered epidemiologic studies to further
13 inform the DKA risk in the type 1 diabetes and
14 chronic kidney disease population. FDA considered
15 three additional data sources: the Finnish
16 Diabetic Nephropathy Study, also referred to as
17 FinnDiane; FDA queried the Sentinel system, which
18 is an active surveillance system maintained by FDA
19 to monitor the safety of medical products using
20 existing healthcare data from multiple sources; and
21 finally, FDA considered a post hoc analysis of the
22 T1D exchange submitted by the applicant.

1 FinnDiane was a registry study that
2 investigated the risk of hospitalization for DKA in
3 4,758 adults with type 1 diabetes enrolled between
4 1994 and 2015 in Finland. At baseline,
5 547 participants had an eGFR less than 60. During
6 a median follow-up for 14 years, 969 non-fatal or
7 fatal events of hospitalization for DKA were
8 ascertained. The study found that participants
9 with baseline eGFR less than 60 had a 1.7-fold
10 increased risk of hospitalization for DKA adjusted
11 for prior history of hospitalization for DKA;
12 insulin pump use; smoking; weekly alcohol
13 consumption; serial A1C; A1C variability over time;
14 high-density lipoprotein level; and triglyceride
15 level compared to participants with a baseline eGFR
16 greater than 60.

17 The authors concluded that the presence of
18 CKD can serve as a predictor for DKA events in
19 patients with type 1 diabetes, and that this may
20 have implications for the use of SGLT2 inhibitors
21 in patients with type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney
22 disease.

1 FDA's Sentinel analysis evaluated claims
2 data from 2013 to 2024 from six data partners for
3 crude incidence rates of DKA in patients with
4 type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease. DKA
5 was identified by matching to a prespecified list
6 of ICD codes suggestive of DKA. Type 1 diabetes
7 and CKD stage were identified using adaptations of
8 published and validated algorithms. The
9 descriptive data from the Sentinel distributed
10 database suggests that patients with type 1
11 diabetes with a diagnosis of advanced CKD have a
12 greater risk of experiencing DKA than patients with
13 type 1 diabetes without a diagnosis of CKD.

14 The T1D Exchange is a multicenter,
15 electronic, medical record database. Between 2015
16 and 2023, 1,558 patients with type 1 diabetes and
17 CKD and 47,620 patients with type 1 diabetes
18 without CKD were identified in T1D Exchange. Over
19 a mean 5.2 years of follow-up, the applicant
20 identified DKA events in 117 of 1,558 patients with
21 type 1 diabetes and CKD and in 3,652 of 47,620
22 patients with type 1 diabetes without CKD, which

1 corresponded to 2.9 and 3.2 events per 100
2 person-years, respectively. These results are
3 incongruent with the Sentinel analysis, which
4 suggested that patients with type 1 diabetes and
5 CKD have a greater risk of experiencing DKA than
6 patients with type 1 diabetes without CKD.

7 The applicant also created propensity score
8 matched cohorts of patients with type 1 diabetes
9 with CKD and patients with type 1 diabetes without
10 CKD. The DKA rate was numerically greater in type
11 1 diabetes with CKD than in propensity
12 score-matched patients with type 1 diabetes without
13 CKD.

14 In summary, two of three epidemiology
15 studies suggest subjects with CKD might have an
16 increased baseline risk of DKA. These data cannot
17 determine whether CKD is an independent risk factor
18 or a proxy for other correlated risk factors for
19 DKA, nor can these data directly inform
20 sotagliflozin-related risks; however, drug-related
21 risks might be higher in a more vulnerable
22 population. Although limited, these data raise

1 some uncertainties about the generalizability of
2 estimates of DKA risk from the overall TANDEM
3 population to patients with type 1 diabetes and
4 CKD.

5 Summarizing safety findings, sotagliflozin
6 reduced the event-rate ratio of level 2
7 hypoglycemia. A similar effect was observed in the
8 overall population and each eGFR subgroup. A
9 similar trend was not seen in level 3 hypoglycemic
10 events. Sotagliflozin increased the risk of DKA.
11 The effect was observed in each eGFR subgroup, but
12 the data are too limited to make conclusions about
13 an interaction between eGFR and sotagliflozin on
14 DKA risk. The data are particularly limited for
15 subjects with an eGFR below 60. Epidemiologic data
16 raise uncertainties about the generalizability of
17 estimates of DKA risk in TANDEM to patients with
18 type 1 diabetes and CKD.

19 I will now turn it over to Dr. Justin
20 Penzenstadler.

21 **FDA Presentation - Justin Penzenstadler**

22 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Good morning. My name

1 is Justin Penzenstadler, and I'm a clinical team
2 leader in the Division of Diabetes, Lipid
3 Disorders, and Obesity, and the cross-discipline
4 team leader for this application. My presentation
5 will cover an integrated summary of FDA's review
6 findings for sotagliflozin.

7 This is the outline for my presentation.
8 First, we will review the reductions in A1C
9 observed in TANDEM and in TANDEM subgroups. I will
10 touch on the magnitude and durability of the
11 reductions in A1C and provide some context for the
12 clinical benefit of this A1C reduction for patients
13 with T1D and mild to moderate CKD.

14 Next, we will discuss the additional
15 advantages of sotagliflozin. This will include a
16 discussion on hypoglycemia, body weight, and
17 systolic blood pressure; then we will go over the
18 potential benefits beyond glycemic control for
19 patients with T1D and CKD as suggested by the
20 SCORED study. Last, I will discuss the increased
21 risk for DKA.

22 Evidence for the effectiveness of

1 sotagliflozin to improve glycemic control was
2 demonstrated in the overall TANDEM population. The
3 results of that analysis are presented in the first
4 row of this table. Both the FDA and the applicant
5 conducted some post hoc analyses to investigate the
6 A1C lowering effect of sotagliflozin in patients
7 with T1D and CKD. The results of this analysis are
8 provided in the second row. For reasons discussed
9 by Dr. Suzuki, this approach may overestimate the
10 treatment effect in patients with an eGFR less than
11 60.

12 The FDA subgroups are presented in the last
13 three rows. The main advantage of the FDA approach
14 is that it provides different estimates of
15 treatment effect for different subgroups of eGFR.
16 We thought this was important given the dependence
17 of drug effect on GFR. Both approaches returned
18 results that generally support a conclusion of
19 efficacy at week 24.

20 Participants in Study 309 and 310 were
21 optimized on insulin and had a relatively low
22 baseline A1C of 7.7. This may explain the smaller

1 reduction in A1C in Study 309 and 310 compared to
2 Study 312. Our analysis suggested a smaller
3 reduction at week 24 for patients with an eGFR less
4 than 60, but it is difficult to draw conclusions
5 due to the sample size, which was about 5 percent
6 of the overall TANDEM population.

7 The results at week 52 raised concerns about
8 the durability of the A1C lowering effect
9 regardless of analysis approach. Putting aside the
10 uncertainties about the magnitude and durability of
11 the A1C lowering effect, FDA reviewed the available
12 literature to contextualize the meaningfulness of
13 A1C reductions in patients with T1D and CKD. The
14 Diabetes Control and Complications Trial, or DCCT,
15 demonstrated that a sustained improvement in A1C
16 reduces the risk of microvascular complications in
17 patients with T1D; however, participants in DCCT
18 had a mean age of 27 years, a mean duration of
19 diabetes of 6 years, and a preserved eGFR trial
20 entry which limits the applicability to patients
21 with T1D and CKD.

22 The Preventing Early Renal Loss in Diabetes

1 Study, or PERL, investigated whether urate lowering
2 therapy improves renal outcomes in patients with
3 T1D and mild to moderate CKD. The participants in
4 PERL were randomized to allopurinol or placebo, and
5 followed for 3 years. The PERL population closely
6 resembles the revised target population proposed by
7 the applicant. Summary values of eGFR and
8 proteinuria are circled in blue on this slide.
9 PERL participants had a mean age of 51 years, a
10 mean A1C of 8.2 percent, a mean diabetes duration
11 of 35 years, and a mean UACR of 41. Post hoc
12 analyses conducted on PERL indicate that improved
13 glycemic control in patients with T1D and mild to
14 moderate CKD slows the rate of decline of eGFR.

15 FDA also considered findings from the Joslin
16 Proteinuria Cohort, which was a cohort of patients
17 identified based on the presence of
18 macroalbuminuria. A retrospective analysis of this
19 cohort also showed a correlation between
20 improvements in A1C and better renal outcomes. In
21 the Joslin Proteinuria Cohort, the median UACR was
22 687 and the median eGFR was 85.

1 We thought PERL is the most relevant to
2 assess the meaningfulness of A1C reductions in
3 patients with T1D and mild to moderate CKD. Over
4 the three-year study, participants experienced an
5 average eGFR decline of 2.5 milliliters per minute
6 per year. A linear mixed effects model applied to
7 these data quantified the association between A1C
8 and eGFR decline.

9 This effect appears to be modest. The
10 model, which included all significant patient
11 features identified from univariate tests, predicts
12 that a 1 percent improvement in A1C would reduce
13 the eGFR decline by 0.54 milliliters per minute per
14 year. This suggests that a 0.3 to 0.4 percent
15 reduction in A1C sustained over 10 years might
16 translate to a preservation of 1.6 to 2.4
17 milliliters per minute in eGFR in a patient with
18 T1D and mild to moderate CKD.

19 The figure presented in this slide presents
20 the model-based estimates of eGFR decline by degree
21 of proteinuria and A1C level. The Y-axis is the
22 rate of eGFR decline and the X-axis includes

1 categories of proteinuria and A1C. The different
2 colored point ranges represent levels of glycemic
3 control. Within each proteinuria group, worsening
4 glycemic control was associated with more rapid
5 decline in eGFR. This figure also suggests that
6 the benefit of A1C reduction might be more
7 substantial in patients with macroalbuminuria.

8 Evidence that improved glycemic control
9 confers greater benefit to patients with T1D and
10 macroalbuminuria was also suggested by a
11 retrospective analysis of the Joslin Proteinuria
12 Cohort. A multivariate Cox regression analysis
13 suggested that a 1 point improvement in A1C reduced
14 the risk of progressing to end-stage renal disease
15 by 24 percent over a median follow-up of 5 years.

16 A distinguishing characteristic of
17 sotagliflozin in patients with T1D is that it
18 improves glycemic control while also reducing the
19 risk of hypoglycemia. Although we did not see a
20 clear trend in level 3 hypoglycemia, a consistent
21 reduction in level 2 hypoglycemia was observed
22 across trials and eGFR subgroups in the TANDEM

1 program. This association is biologically
2 plausible. Exogenous insulin is responsible for
3 hypoglycemia in patients with type 1 diabetes, and
4 participants treated with sotagliflozin reduced
5 their insulin dose during the study.

6 Now, quantifying this benefit had some
7 challenges. Although FDA acknowledges level 2
8 hypoglycemia as a surrogate endpoint for
9 neuroglycopenia-related adverse events, it's not
10 obvious how to weigh a 20 percent reduction in the
11 risk of such events against the less frequent but
12 more clinically significant occurrence of DKA.
13 While the reduced insulin dose likely contributed
14 to the hypoglycemia advantage, it also may have
15 contributed to the increased DKA risk.

16 This table presents the results for
17 placebo-adjusted changes from baseline and systolic
18 blood pressure in the first row and body weight in
19 the second row for pooled studies 309 and 310, and
20 separately studied 312. The results broken down by
21 eGFR subgroup are not displayed because the overall
22 treatment effects were generally consistent with

1 the overall estimates displayed here. Though
2 modest, the effect on systolic blood pressure,
3 about 2 to 3 millimeters of mercury, and the effect
4 on body weight, 2 to 3 kilograms, might be
5 considered an advantage of sotagliflozin; however,
6 not all patients require blood pressure lowering or
7 weight loss. In the population studied, the
8 baseline systolic blood pressure was approximately
9 123 millimeters of mercury and the baseline body
10 weight was approximately 85 kilograms.

11 Now, let us turn to the potential benefits
12 beyond glycemic control suggested by the SCORED
13 study conducted in patients with type 2 diabetes,
14 moderate to severe CKD, and other cardiovascular
15 risk factors. An important question for this
16 committee is how the findings of SCORED applied to
17 patients with mild to moderate CKD and type 1
18 diabetes. SCORED demonstrated a reduced risk for
19 the composite endpoint of CV death, hospitalization
20 for heart failure, and urgent heart failure visits.
21 SCORED suggested other potential benefits such as a
22 reduction in the progression of kidney disease and

1 reduction in major adverse cardiovascular events or
2 MACE.

3 There are significant uncertainties when
4 extrapolating benefits from SCORED to patients with
5 T1D and mild to moderate CKD. The SCORED
6 population differs from patients with T1D and mild
7 to moderate CKD beyond differences in the
8 pathophysiology underlying their diabetes.
9 Participants in SCORED had moderate to severe CKD.
10 About half of the participants had an eGFR less
11 than 45, and about one-third had a UACR greater
12 than 300.

13 Importantly, the magnitude of absolute
14 benefits observed in SCORED were greatest in
15 participants with more severe kidney disease.
16 Thus, even if the benefits suggested in SCORED
17 apply, the magnitude of those absolute benefits are
18 not likely to be preserved in patients with mild to
19 moderate CKD. Similarly, one must consider that
20 the median age in SCORED was 68, the median BMI was
21 32. Thirty-one percent of participants had a
22 history of heart failure, 20 percent had a history

1 of myocardial infarction, and 22 percent had a
2 history of coronary revascularization. We do have
3 a slide and backups prepared, which compares the
4 demographics of SCORED and the TANDEM CKD
5 subpopulation. Finally, SCORED did not demonstrate
6 a statistically significant benefit on MACE or the
7 progression of kidney disease, so we consider these
8 potential benefits rather than demonstrated
9 benefits.

10 This figure is adapted from the package
11 insert for Inpefa. It shows a subgroup analysis
12 for the primary endpoint of SCORED grouped by
13 baseline. eGFR. The hazard ratio, a relative
14 measure of benefit, appears consistent across eGFR
15 categories. We have less than 30, 30 to 45, and
16 45 to 60. On the right of the figure, I have
17 annotated the number needed to treat calculated by
18 taking the difference in event rates between
19 sotagliflozin and placebo.

20 The absolute measure of benefit across these
21 subgroups is correlated with eGFR, with the eGFR
22 group of 45 to 60 showing the least absolute

1 benefit. In SCORED participants with eGFR
2 45 to 60, the number needed to treat is
3 approximately 83 person-years for sotagliflozin to
4 prevent one additional event of hospitalization for
5 heart failure, CV death, or urgent heart failure
6 visit. Patients with mild to moderate CKD might be
7 expected to have an even lower benefit if this
8 trend continues. Ultimately, it is unknown what
9 benefits might accrue to patients with T1D and mild
10 to moderate CKD.

11 Now, I will briefly summarize the findings
12 from SCORED in the context of the DKA risk observed
13 in TANDEM. SCORED demonstrated a reduced risk for
14 the composite endpoint of CV death, hospitalization
15 for heart failure, and urgent heart failure visit.
16 Among patients with T2D, eGFR 45 to 60, and other
17 cardiovascular risk factors, the number needed to
18 treat is approximately 83 person-years for
19 sotagliflozin to prevent one additional event.

20 SCORED suggested a potential reduced risk in
21 a renal composite. Among patients with type 2
22 diabetes, baseline eGFR 45 to 60, and other

1 cardiovascular risk factors, the number needed to
2 treat is approximately 250 person-years for
3 sotagliflozin to prevent one additional renal
4 event. SCORED suggested a potential reduced risk
5 in MACE. For the entire SCORED population, the
6 number needed to treat is approximately
7 90 person-years to prevent one additional event of
8 MACE.

9 These observations seem reasonable to
10 consider in a benefit-risk calculus for the
11 proposed revised indication, but it is unclear how
12 much weight they should be given. The magnitude
13 and uncertainty of these benefits should be
14 considered in the context of the observed DKA risk
15 and uncertainties extrapolating any of these
16 estimates to a largely unstudied population of
17 patients with T1D and CKD.

18 Regarding DKA, the estimated number needed
19 to harm is approximately 20 to 30 person-years for
20 sotagliflozin to cause one additional DKA event in
21 the overall population. None of the events
22 observed in TANDEM were fatal, but most events

1 resulted in prolonged hospitalization, with many
2 requiring admission into an intensive care unit.
3 The DKA risk appears to be dose related and the DKA
4 risk also appears to accumulate steadily over time.
5 The data were too limited to provide meaningful
6 conclusions on the relationship between drug and
7 DKA risk across the CKD stage, particularly for
8 patients with an eGFR less than 60.

9 Even if risk of a DKA event is the same in
10 the revised target population, the clinical
11 consequences of the event could be different.
12 Authors from the CDC analyzed the case fatality
13 rate of in-hospital DKA events in U.S. patients
14 with type 1 or type 2 diabetes. This table from
15 the study shows that the case fatality rate
16 increases steadily with age, as is evident by the
17 rates reported for the different age groups in the
18 red boxes.

19 This finding is not surprising given the
20 comorbidities experienced by older patients with
21 diabetes, but it is relevant. Patients with type 1
22 diabetes selected for treatment with sotagliflozin,

1 because of the presence of mild to moderate CKD,
2 will likely be older than the participants studied
3 in TANDEM. Although age is a poor proxy for
4 chronic kidney disease, it illustrates how
5 indicating sotagliflozin for a population different
6 than the one studied introduces uncertainty.

7 Available epidemiology data do not provide
8 reassurance that the magnitude of the DKA risk
9 observed in TANDEM applies to patients with T1D and
10 CKD for either incidence or severity. Similar
11 findings with sotagliflozin could be realized in
12 the postmarket setting, where patients would not be
13 followed as closely as they are in a clinical trial
14 setting. Finally, mitigation strategies to reduce
15 the risk of DKA postmarketing have not been tested
16 in premarketing studies. This concludes my
17 presentation. Thank you for your time and
18 attention, and I look forward to the discussion.

19 **Clarifying Questions to FDA**

20 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

21 We will now take clarifying questions for
22 the FDA. When acknowledged, please remember to

1 state your name for the record before you speak and
2 direct your question to a specific presenter, if
3 you can. If you wish for a specific slide to be
4 displayed, please let us know the slide number, if
5 possible. Finally, it would be helpful to
6 acknowledge the end of your question with a thank
7 you and end of your follow-up question with, "That
8 is all for my questions," so we can move on to the
9 next panel member.

10 So asking the panel, are there any
11 clarifying questions for the FDA? Let's start with
12 Dr. Wang.

13 DR. WANG: Thanks. Thomas Wang. I
14 appreciate the FDA's presentation. I'm just trying
15 to reconcile some of the interpretive differences
16 between the sponsor and the FDA. In the sponsor's
17 presentation, there was a comment -- I think it was
18 in Dr. Davies' presentation -- that there was an
19 improved risk-benefit profile in the T1D-CKD
20 subpopulation compared to the overall T1D
21 subpopulation.

22 I think that was based on the level 2

1 hypoglycemia results because I think both sides
2 seem to acknowledge that the A1C reduction seems
3 comparable in the overall versus the CKD
4 population, and the DKA risk may be comparable or
5 certainly not improved. So I guess that leaves us
6 with hypoglycemia. Again, both the FDA and the
7 sponsor seem to agree that there's really no
8 difference in the level 3, so that gets to the
9 level 2.

10 I guess the question for the FDA, and maybe
11 referring to slide 50, with level 2 hypoglycemia,
12 is it your conclusion that when you compare the
13 overall population to the CKD subpopulation, that,
14 more or less, the reduction in hypoglycemic
15 episodes is similar?

16 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Thanks for the question,
17 Dr. Wang. Yes, that's how we feel about it. Most
18 of our exercises with these data are to look at the
19 overall estimate, and then check for consistency in
20 the CKD subgroups. We did inspect the overall
21 treatment effects for hypoglycemia among the
22 overall TANDEM, and then we noticed that the

1 subgroups of 90-plus and 60 to 89 were consistent
2 with that estimate. It's a similar story for most
3 of the other benefits and risks we looked at; 60 to
4 89 and 90-plus were generally consistent, and there
5 was not enough data in the less than 60 category.

6 Thank you.

7 DR. ARCHDEACON: If I can jump in as
8 well -- Patrick Archdeacon -- as Justin is saying,
9 I don't think we actually think that the
10 hypoglycemia is different for the overall
11 population in the various CKD subgroups. I think
12 where we understand the applicant's position, I
13 think we're suggesting that although our analyses
14 of A1C suggests some uncertainty for the eGFR less
15 than 60, we would acknowledge that there appears to
16 be evidence, in general, of similar A1C reduction
17 certainly above 60.

18 I think what they're suggesting is for a
19 similar A1C reduction, a patient who has
20 established chronic kidney disease would get a
21 greater benefit, and I think the argument is that
22 somebody who does not have established kidney

1 disease has a lower risk of progressing. So for
2 the same A1C reduction, the clinical benefit is
3 greater.

4 Was that clear?

5 DR. WANG: No, that is clear, and I
6 recognize there the non-glycemic benefits that are
7 part of the discussion. But I at least want to
8 establish for the glycemic benefits that the
9 risk-benefit profile, there's clear evidence that
10 it's better.

11 DR. ARCHDEACON: In addition to the
12 non-glycemic, I think what we tried to illustrate
13 with the PERL study, for instance, we acknowledge
14 that there was some evidence that patients who have
15 established kidney disease, that if you improve
16 their A1C -- now, keep in mind this is an
17 observational study interpretation of some data,
18 but there is some reason to think that controlling
19 their A1C slows the progression of the kidney
20 disease. For instance, that benefit was greater in
21 people who had a UACR greater than 300 compared to
22 those with a UACR 30 to 300.

1 So I think what we're suggesting is the
2 glycemic benefit can confer a greater clinical
3 benefit depending on how much proteinuria you have
4 and what your baseline eGFR is.

5 DR. WANG: Yes, understood.

6 DR. ARCHDEACON: Okay.

7 DR. LOW WANG: Next, Dr. Everett.

8 DR. EVERETT: Thanks. Brendan Everett, and
9 two clarifying questions on different slides for
10 the FDA, maybe since we were just talking about the
11 PERL study, slide 66. We had some conversations
12 earlier about this observed statistically strong
13 relationship and association between baseline
14 levels of A1C and outcomes, whether they be micro
15 or macrovascular, so a question about whether or
16 not actually treating that intermediate, or as a
17 value goal for treatment of hemoglobin A1C, is this
18 the baseline A1Cs and the association, then, with
19 outcome, or is this actually an intervention where
20 we're looking at changes?

21 It talked a lot about changes in A1C, but I
22 think this is just an association analysis based on

1 A1C; right?

2 DR. PENZENSTADLER: That's correct,
3 Dr. Everett.

4 DR. EVERETT: Okay. So we don't actually
5 know, in this population, what an intervention
6 targeted at A1C would do to the risk of kidney
7 outcomes.

8 DR. PENZENSTADLER: That's also correct.

9 DR. EVERETT: Okay. Thank you.

10 The other clarifying question is for
11 slide 58, which was from the Sentinel query. I
12 think it's labeled Crude Incidence Rates. So I'm
13 presuming that these are not adjusted, or
14 propensity matched, or any any effort to try and
15 find similar patients who have different levels of
16 kidney disease at baseline.

17 DR. PENZENSTADLER: That's correct.

18 DR. EVERETT: Okay. Great. So there's
19 potentially residual confounding here.

20 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Yes, and I'll invite our
21 epidemiologist to provide input as well. Thanks.

22 DR. CHANG: Po-Yin Chang, Division of

1 Epidemiology. This slide shows here the crude
2 analysis results, and we don't adjust for any
3 potential confounding factors. The ongoing
4 analysis, we are looking at adjusted results for
5 Sentinel analysis here.

6 DR. LOW WANG: So just a quick question
7 about this slide, if the FDA could clarify the
8 definition of type 1 diabetes. Was this the broad
9 or the narrow category?

10 DR. CHANG: So there's a discussion about
11 how we can identify type 1 diabetes using claims
12 data. In previous studies, there have been some
13 validation studies about how we can use the
14 diagnosis of type 1 diabetes and diagnosis code of
15 type 2 diabetes to define the type 1 diabetes
16 population. In these Sentinel studies, we modify
17 the previous algorithm to identify the type 1
18 diabetes population. They are potentially after we
19 use type 2 diabetes treatment, so we further narrow
20 the definition of type 1 diabetes algorithm, so we
21 exclude people who have used potential type 2
22 diabetes optimal treatment for type 1. So here,

1 we've shown the most strict definition of type 1
2 diabetes in Sentinel using claims data.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Great. Thank you.

4 Dr. Konstam?

5 DR. KONSTAM: Yes. Thanks. Marv Konstam, a
6 general question and then a specific question. A
7 general question is, we need to try to figure out
8 benefit-risk ratio, which is a little difficult
9 when you don't exactly know what the benefit is and
10 you don't exactly know what the risk is. But I
11 wonder, despite that, whether you made any attempt
12 to model potential risk-benefit, quantitative
13 risk-benefit relationships, based on some
14 assumption of DKA, for example, versus some
15 assumption of improved kidney function.

16 If we assume certain levels of those two,
17 and the sensitivity analysis around that, what
18 would that risk-benefit ratio look like? And the
19 more specific -

20 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Konstam, we can't quite
21 hear you; if you could speak a little closer.

22 DR. KONSTAM: Did you hear me?

1 (No audible response.)

2 DR. KONSTAM: Okay.

3 Secondly, with regard to your slide 73, you
4 mentioned a number needed to harm with DKA being
5 approximately 20, and this is based on the
6 sponsor's studies; is that that correct, in terms
7 of the DKA rate? What is it, if you use your
8 Sentinel data set to estimate the real-life
9 likelihood of DKA events?

10 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Okay. I heard two
11 questions there. Maybe I'll tackle the first one,
12 and then I'll direct the second one to Dr. Po-Yin
13 Chang. The first question was, did the FDA embark
14 on quantitative benefit-risk analyses considering
15 the DKA risk versus renal endpoints such as
16 end-stage kidney disease and so on?

17 We did. We thought about it. What we ended
18 up discovering as we looked into the data further
19 is that the literature is very sparse, and it's
20 particularly challenging to extrapolate these
21 findings in TANDEM. There are lots of assumptions
22 that need to be made to give any meaningful

1 quantitative benefit-risk assessment, and we
2 ultimately decided we didn't have enough data that
3 was meritus to present here.

4 As for your second question --

5 DR. CHANG: Can you please clarify the
6 second question?

7 DR. KONSTAM: The question, from your
8 slide 73 -- maybe you want to put it up -- you
9 estimate the number needed to harm for DKA is
10 approximately 20, and I guess that's based on the
11 sponsor's trials estimates of DKA rates. I wonder
12 what that number goes to if you use the Sentinel
13 data, which in my mind might be more realistic
14 about the amount of DKA you're likely to see.

15 DR. CHANG: Po-Yin Chang, Division of
16 Epidemiology. To estimate a number needed to harm
17 in Sentinel, we need to have the comparator groups
18 for SGLT2 inhibitors, but we don't have that in our
19 Sentinel analysis right now, because an exposure
20 group and a comparator's group in a trial is
21 placebo.

22 DR. KONSTAM: Yes. Well, here the

1 comparator group would be patients with DKA without
2 sotagliflozin, I guess, and we believe that number
3 would be really low in terms of the rate of DKA, in
4 general, in type 1 diabetes, in the absence of an
5 SGLT2 antagonist.

6 DR. CHANG: Right now what we have from
7 Sentinel is descriptive analysis result. We don't
8 have any comparative analysis result yet. The
9 analysis is ongoing, so we might have that in the
10 future.

11 DR. KONSTAM: Okay. Thank you.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Alright.

13 Next, Mr. Tibbits.

14 MR. TIBBITS: Thank you. Paul Tibbits.
15 Certainly, this is a data-driven exercise, but this
16 question, I think, gets away, a little bit, from
17 the data, so I'll open up to whoever wants to
18 respond.

19 So having lived with diabetes for 44 years
20 now and reading the public comments in the docket,
21 for years we're told that lowering A1C is a good
22 thing, writ large, for multiple reasons. It

1 reduces the risk of multiple complications. So
2 certainly now we're looking at data for people with
3 type 1 that have reduced levels of eGFR, reduced
4 kidney function, potentially. So I understand the
5 focus of A1C and its potential impact on eGFR, but
6 I guess as a patient with diabetes, and maybe one
7 with impaired kidney function, I'm still thinking
8 about other complications.

9 So it seems like the FDA's presentation, in
10 some ways, is that, yes, we acknowledge there's an
11 A1C impact, but that's not actually good enough.
12 We need to have a demonstrated A1C impact that has
13 a demonstrated clinical benefit on this particular
14 kidney function. I mean, again, as a patient, that
15 seems like a little bit of moving the goal posts,
16 saying, "Well, this reduction in A1C isn't quite
17 good enough. You need to reduce A1C plus something
18 else," even though there are -- and admittedly,
19 these trials, these other complications have
20 potential impact on other complications, but as
21 patients, we're looking for ways to reduce A1Cs.
22 It sounds a little bit like that by itself is no

1 longer enough.

2 DR. ARCHDEACON: I think the reason we're
3 holding the committee is to have the discussion. I
4 think what we would say is, certainly, if there was
5 a product that did not have a significant risk,
6 then A1C by itself would certainly be enough.

7 I guess to also try to address you,
8 Dr. Konstam, the concern, I think, is if we're
9 talking about a 1 in 20 person-year or
10 1 in 30 person-year for an additional case of DKA,
11 I think a reasonable estimate of the case mortality
12 rate of DKA might be around 1 percent. So we'd be
13 thinking it would approximately be 2000 to
14 3000 person-years to cause a death. I think that's
15 why we're pausing now and saying is A1C alone
16 enough? Because it's hard to quantify what a
17 0.3 percent reduction would translate to in number
18 of lives saved. I think there probably is some
19 number, but I don't know what that number is. So I
20 think that's what we're trying to get from this
21 committee to help us struggle with that. Certainly
22 if we weren't talking about a death for every 2000

1 patient-years, there'd be no problem with accepting
2 A1C.

3 DR. KONSTAM: May I say, my understanding
4 over the years is that glycemic control you view as
5 a surrogate sufficient for approval because it's so
6 clearly linked to microvascular events, and not
7 because of a clear relationship with major
8 cardiovascular events or renal events.

9 DR. ARCHDEACON: That's correct. That's the
10 basis. In DCCT, the primary readout there is
11 retinopathy, which is treatable; nephropathy, but
12 certainly nephropathy ultimately will progress to
13 end-stage kidney disease in some number of people,
14 and certainly mortality is increased in people who
15 are on dialysis. So we don't mean to negate that
16 in some way A1C must translate to significant
17 clinical benefit. What we're just trying to figure
18 out is how much a 0.3 percent or 0.4 percent
19 reduction, if sustained, what magnitude of clinical
20 benefit can we figure out to attach, then, to
21 counter what we're concerned about, which I think
22 really is this potential in terms of increased

1 deaths, ultimately.

2 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Dr. Yanoff?

3 DR. YANOFF: I wanted to just add one quick
4 thing. Paul, you were probably not at the original
5 advisory committee, and I think your question may
6 be due to the approach we're taking to present this
7 a second time from a different context rather than
8 de novo. The first time this was presented, we
9 kind of took the approach you're thinking, A1C
10 versus DKA; A1C is enough. It's not that A1C isn't
11 enough; it's that our decision was that the benefit
12 that would be accrued by that A1C
13 reduction -- which was going to be small, maybe
14 0.3 percent, maybe 0.2 percent at the end of
15 52 weeks -- didn't outweigh the DKA risk.

16 What we're asking today is, if you already
17 have chronic kidney disease, that 0.2 percent, if
18 we all agree that that has been demonstrated, does
19 that mean something more? It's still A1C is still
20 enough. It's just that the applicant is suggesting
21 that this population that has been divided out from
22 their original proposal would get more out of that

1 A1C reduction than the overall population, and that
2 perhaps might be enough to outweigh the DKA risk.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Dr. Parsa?

4 DR. ARCHDEACON: The final thing I'd say,
5 too, is we are here asking your opinion on that
6 question. I think we're trying to come up with
7 what our opinion ought to be, and that's why we're
8 asking you to help us inform our opinion.

9 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Parsa?

10 DR. PARSA: Great. I have two questions and
11 then comments, one related to risk --

12 DR. LOW WANG: And if you could state your
13 name.

14 DR. PARSA: Oh, sorry. Afshin Parsa. I
15 have two separate questions, one related to risk
16 and one related to benefit, where I think both
17 might in some ways be greater than presented based
18 on the TANDEM and SCORED data.

19 Regarding risk, DKA obviously increased risk
20 quite a bit more. Now, in the trials, the baseline
21 risk for DKA was around 1 percent in the placebo
22 group, but of course that's short time in a select

1 group of participants who enrolled in a study, have
2 a relationship, and trust their physicians, and so
3 on, and not taking it chronically. In the claims
4 data, the baseline DKA was higher, so that would
5 then presumably really increase the risk of DKA
6 with this and if one is to infer potential over
7 long term greater than what was implied in the
8 studies.

9 Is that something that you generally find,
10 where the claims data captures long-term risk
11 better? I know those are still not complete in its
12 claims data, but what's your perspective on that?

13 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Thanks for the question,
14 Dr. Parsa. I'll ask Dr. Po-Yin Chang from the
15 Division of Epidemiology to respond.

16 DR. CHANG: Po-Yin Chang, Division of
17 Epidemiology. From what I'm hearing is the risk of
18 DKA is lower in clinical trial, but it seems like
19 the risk of DKA is higher in claims data. We have
20 this discussion about whether we can compare the
21 trials data to claims data. I believe in the first
22 AC meeting, we have that estimation using trials

1 data, and look at if the trials data were similar
2 to the claims data population, what the risk would
3 look like. We don't have that this time in the
4 current FDA Sentinel query because one major
5 assumption is the baseline characteristic has to be
6 the same between trials population and claims data
7 population. We don't have the data for now, so
8 that's one reason.

9 Secondly, claims data has its limitations.
10 For example, we could have a potential false
11 positive of DKA, but we are using a validated
12 claims algorithm to identify hospitalization for
13 DKA. The positive predictive value of that
14 algorithm is between 70 to 90 percent. There are
15 only two studies looking at the positive predictive
16 value of this algorithm. It's not perfect, but
17 that's the limitation of the claims data. Partly,
18 that can also explain why we have a higher risk of
19 DKA in claims data compared to trials data. Thank
20 you.

21 DR. PARSA: Thank. Afshin Parsa, question
22 number --

1 DR. LOW WANG: Yes, go ahead.

2 DR. PARSA: -- number two, obviously, what's
3 changed, as Dr. Yanoff said, from prior to now is
4 the potential benefit for cardiorenal and other
5 factors, apart from the improvement in glyceemic
6 control, yet, all the data we're seeing, still,
7 really, improvement in glyceemic control are not
8 part there. We have the data from SCORED but,
9 really, I mean, one is thinking about class
10 benefit, in other words empa, and dapa, and the
11 other studies. And if then one looks at those,
12 where the benefits were both in individuals with
13 type 2 diabetes and without diabetes, then
14 personally I'm certainly much more comfortable
15 inferring that those would relate to type 1
16 diabetics because it's quite a broad spectrum, but
17 we have not discussed or said anything about the
18 other SGLT2 inhibitors.

19 Is a class effect something that the FDA
20 takes into consideration? I know there are always
21 some differences, and this is SGLT1 and 2.

22 DR. ARCHDEACON: I think I mentioned in my

1 opening talk that empagliflozin and dapagliflozin
2 have now been approved for the treatment of chronic
3 kidney disease. And if you read the labels of
4 those, those labels would apply to patients with
5 type 1 diabetes. So those products do have an
6 approval that does encompass patients with type 1
7 diabetes and chronic kidney disease. From our
8 point of view, we need to consider the data that is
9 within this NDA, so I would turn to the sponsor if
10 they wanted to address the question about their
11 regulatory approach.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Yanoff?

13 DR. YANOFF: I apologize if there's a
14 misunderstanding of your question, but based on
15 your question, I'm wondering if there's still some
16 confusion about what we mean by glycemic control
17 and what we mean by renal benefit. We do believe
18 that improving glycemic control will improve kidney
19 outcomes by reducing the risk of microvascular
20 disease, but there are other renal benefits that
21 this class of drug has shown that we don't
22 know -- I don't know what the mechanism is, but

1 it's not through glycemic control because, as
2 Dr. Archdeacon just said, two members of this class
3 have been approved to reduce the progression of CKD
4 in patients without diabetes.

5 What is on the table today is deciding
6 whether the A1C reduction and the reduction in
7 microvascular diabetic kidney disease is more
8 important than someone who already has kidney
9 disease. The issue of other non-glycemic benefits
10 that have not been demonstrated for sotagliflozin
11 but have been demonstrated for other classes,
12 hopefully we won't be going in that direction in
13 this discussion, but we can consider the
14 non-glycemic benefits in the SCORED study and how
15 relevant you think they are to what is being
16 proposed, which is to improve glycemic control, not
17 to improve kidney function.

18 DR. PARSA: Thank you.

19 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Everett?

20 DR. EVERETT: Thank you. Brendan Everett.
21 This is actually perhaps related a little bit. We
22 have, I think, consensus, broadly, between the FDA

1 and the manufacturer, that in patients with an eGFR
2 less than 60, that this medication leads to a
3 reduction in level 2 hypoglycemic events; a
4 reduction in weight with broad confidence limits,
5 but nonetheless, it seems to be similar across the
6 different groups of eGFR; a reduction in systolic
7 blood pressure, which seems, again, consistent; and
8 a DKA risk, at least from within the data provided
9 by the sponsor, that has broad confidence limits
10 but is not clearly different from that across the
11 entire development program.

12 So my question to the FDA, specifically, is
13 since we're worried about patients with type 1
14 diabetes who are at increased risk for a variety of
15 adverse outcomes -- cardiovascular and renal among
16 them -- why would we exclude a group of patients
17 who could potentially benefit from this drug from
18 the label? And in particular, because we know, as
19 we just heard, that many of the potential benefits
20 are not glycemic in etiology, or at least in their
21 pathophysiology.

22 DR. ARCHDEACON: Yes. So I think when we

1 get to the questions, you'll see that we actually
2 do ask you to consider all these factors for all
3 the populations. I think all we're pointing out is
4 one consideration that you might want to take into
5 account is that the magnitude of A1C reduction
6 appears to be somewhat lower in the less than 60,
7 and there appears to be somewhat more uncertainty.
8 We're not making any conclusions on your behalf
9 about what that -- we're looking to you to put all
10 of the pieces of this together for us, for each of
11 these KDIGO categories.

12 DR. EVERETT: Thank you.

13 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Irony?

14 DR. IRONY: Thank you. Ilan Irony. So my
15 question is from the FDA briefing book, a
16 discussion about the PK of sotagliflozin and
17 exposure, a higher AUC in patients with eGFR less
18 than 60 to 90 or less than 60 being 1.7, maybe
19 2 times higher than exposure in patients with
20 normal eGFR, and the consideration for lower doses.

21 I'm not sure if this is a question for the
22 applicant or for FDA, but if lower doses than 200

1 would be equally beneficial in terms of glycemc
2 benefits but perhaps more favorable in terms of
3 DKA? So that's one of my questions. It's a
4 speculation because we have no data, but I just
5 wanted to see.

6 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Right. The question is
7 do we have any data or any information to suggest
8 that a lower dose might be more effective, or
9 similarly effective, for glycemc control but have
10 a lower DKA risk? I guess I'll ask, first, our
11 Office of Clinical Pharmacology colleagues to chime
12 in, and I might have something additional to add.

13 DR. GUO: Dong Guo from Office of Clinical
14 Pharmacology. As you mentioned, the PK, we have
15 analyzed the dose normalized PK, is lower. And in
16 the original submission, in overall population, the
17 exposure efficacy response for the A1C, the
18 relationship is relatively flat within the dose
19 range, and the exposure response for the safety, we
20 have found that exposure increased the DKA risk. I
21 hope I answered your question.

22 DR. IRONY: Yes, you did, but that's the

1 reason for my consideration for maybe a lower dose
2 would be the optimum in terms of balancing glyceimic
3 benefits versus glyceimic risks in terms of DKA.

4 I have another comment. Again, I'm not
5 considering SCORED or SOLOIST in the non-glyceimic
6 benefits, just considering the balance of benefits
7 and risks only in terms of glyceimia and the
8 consequence of reducing the insulin dose. In a
9 back-of-the-envelope calculation, this 20 percent
10 reduction in level 2 hypoglyceimia, for me, results
11 in a number needed to treat of about 33 in the
12 population of 60 to 90, and more or less the same
13 in the population that the applicant originally
14 proposed of 60 to 90 with albuminuria, or 45 to 90
15 without necessarily hypoalbuminuria.

16 So the question for me is, how do we balance
17 something that now approaches the same level of
18 numbers needed to treat and numbers needed to harm
19 in DKA, in consideration of benefits and risks in
20 terms of only looking at glyceimia, not looking at
21 cardiovascular disease or benefits, a reduction of
22 A1C? The previous discussions are very valid, but

1 I'm trying to focus only on the short-term risks.
2 The short-term risks of treatment of type 1
3 diabetes are hypoglycemia and DKA, excess or
4 absence of insulin.

5 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Thank you for the
6 question, Dr. Irony. Regarding the short-term
7 risks, I think your back-of-the-napkin calculation
8 that you just mentioned for hypoglycemia in the
9 group of less than 60, number needed the treat of
10 about 30 or so on, I think there are a couple
11 issues about inferring absolute benefits from the
12 hypoglycemia data.

13 First, this was SMBG. The data that we
14 presented today was based on SMBG, confirmed
15 events, and based on the data, it appears about
16 somewhere between, I think, 14 to 18 events per
17 year per patient. That seems rather low for a
18 meter-validated blood glucose less than 55. So
19 we're having a hard time here thinking about
20 absolute benefits. That's really one issue there.
21 And then the meaningfulness of less than 54, a lot
22 of patients don't even pick up on it. I don't want

1 to broadly generalize, but it may or may not be
2 symptomatic. That wasn't one of the criteria that
3 we used in that endpoint.

4 So we really look to the panel to help us
5 interpret what a 20 percent reduction in level 2
6 hypoglycemia might mean, and I guess I just wanted
7 the panel to consider that it is challenging
8 converting that to an absolute benefit.

9 DR. ARCHDEACON: Yes. I think what we would
10 probably stipulate is -- and maybe Mr. Tibbits can
11 help us -- my view is that almost every patient
12 with type 1 diabetes is having many, many level 2
13 events through a year. So you have a 20 percent
14 reduction, the number needed to treat is 1, and the
15 the only question is how many of these events did
16 they avoid. So all we're saying is avoiding one of
17 those events, it doesn't seem worth going to the
18 hospital with DKA, so how many of those do you have
19 to avoid to be worth that? And that's the part
20 that's a little bit hard, and we're just pointing
21 out that we don't exactly know. If we had CGM
22 data, we might be able to make a better estimate at

1 how many total level 2 events we were avoiding, and
2 it's almost certainly more than one in everybody.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. The last question from
4 the panel before the lunch break.

5 Dr. Chrischilles?

6 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Betsy Chrischilles. It's
7 actually a fairly minor point at this point because
8 we've been talking about the Sentinel data, but I
9 still do want to make it. I appreciate the
10 hesitance to compare the claims data estimates with
11 the trial data and the difficulty with calculating
12 a number needed to harm; however, it would seem to
13 me that we could at least look at the absolute risk
14 of diabetic ketoacidosis in the claims data, as
15 well as perhaps other real-world data where we've
16 seen off-label use of SGLT2 inhibitors.

17 Has the FDA considered those data in light
18 of the comparable absolute risk of DKA in the trial
19 data? I noticed, for instance, the Sentinel data,
20 the average follow-up time is about 3 months on
21 drug, which is somewhat close to the trial time,
22 which is more half a year. So anyway, could you

1 comment on that, the sort of real-world evidence,
2 how your evidence fits with the trial data? It
3 seems like those rates are somewhat comparable to
4 me.

5 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Sure. Thanks for the
6 question. For the first part, from the
7 epidemiology perspective, I'll ask Dr. Po-Yin Chang
8 to discuss the rates, and then I might have a few
9 things to say about comparing that to the clinical
10 trial data.

11 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Yanoff?

12 DR. YANOFF: While we're getting our expert
13 up, would you mind just clarifying what the intent
14 of that analysis would be? Because we have looked
15 at that data, but in different ways, and I'm not
16 sure which one you're interested in. We haven't
17 looked at trying to look at real-world data to see
18 if the DKA risk would be higher in patients with
19 type 1 using these drugs because we already know it
20 is from the clinical trial data. At some point, we
21 were looking at whether we could see trends.

22 So assuming it's true and assuming the

1 claims data are the same data over time, whether
2 year to year we could see any decline in the rates
3 of DKA, that is something we've done, and I believe
4 is in our materials. But I think it will be
5 helpful to understand what question you're trying
6 to answer.

7 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Sure. I'm really most
8 interested in just the rates of DKA, the type 1
9 diabetic population estimated from different
10 real-world data sources, not specific to level of
11 eGFR because I think comparing that with the type 1
12 diabetes trial population is just instructive.

13 DR. CHANG: Po-Yin Chang, Division of
14 Epidemiology. In terms of the risk of DKA in
15 type 1 diabetes population across CKD stage, we
16 have done literature search on that, and there is
17 only one publication, which is FinnDiane. The
18 second piece is the sponsor's submitted T1D
19 exchange data, and that's why we are also looking
20 at the data in Sentinel query.

21 In terms of the absolute risk of DKA in
22 type 1 diabetes population, we can look at the

1 absolute risk that's given, but the interpretation
2 is tricky because if you don't have comparator
3 groups for that absolute risk, it's hard to
4 extrapolate or interpret the results. For example,
5 the baseline characteristic could be different; it
6 depends on different populations. So that's why
7 we're still looking at the Sentinel analysis,
8 trying to tease out whether there's an increased
9 risk of DKA in type 1 diabetes with CKD.

10 DR. ARCHDEACON: This is Patrick Archdeacon,
11 and I'll state out front that I'm not an
12 epidemiologist. I think one thing that I found
13 interesting was the overall incidence rates in the
14 T1D exchange analysis were significantly lower than
15 in the Sentinel analysis. I do have to wonder why
16 is that, and maybe it's an ascertainment issue. I
17 think, though, that we're reasonably confident in
18 the ascertainment algorithms to identify someone
19 who's hospitalized with DKA, so I'm not sure it's
20 that.

21 I think it may just be the types of
22 populations that are being captured. So perhaps

1 people who participate in the T1D exchange are not
2 exactly representative of everybody who is in the
3 healthcare system. I know Dr. Everett was
4 interested in did we do propensity score matching,
5 and I do think that would be interesting. If we
6 did, that would tell us whether or not CKD was
7 causing DKA, but what we get from the raw data, I
8 think, is some insight into is there an
9 association.

10 So when I see that people with more advanced
11 CKD are experiencing DKA more often, it just makes
12 me wonder, well, what causes people to have CKD?
13 And maybe it's that you have poor glycemic control
14 for many, many years. And what causes DKA? Having
15 poor glycemic control. So perhaps, for whatever
16 reason, someone has challenges being adherent to
17 their insulin regimen. Well, they're going to
18 develop CKD, and somebody who has challenges being
19 adherent to their insulin regimen may be more
20 likely to experience DKA.

21 Anyway, what I'm suggesting is I think the
22 Sentinel probably does a pretty good job of

1 capturing a wide range of people, perhaps somewhat
2 different than what the T1D exchange captured.

3 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Thanks.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. We'll now break for
5 lunch. Thanks, everyone. We'll reconvene again in
6 this room at 1:15 Eastern Time. Please take any
7 personal belongings you may want with you at this
8 time. Panel members, please remember that there
9 should be no discussion of the meeting topic during
10 the lunch break amongst yourselves or with any
11 member of the audience. Additionally, panel
12 members, please plan to reconvene at around
13 1:05 p.m. to ensure that you're seated before we
14 reconvene at 1:15. Thanks.

15 (Whereupon, at 12:37 p.m., a lunch recess was
16 taken, and meeting resumed at 1:15 p.m.)

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1 A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N

2 (1:15 p.m.)

3 **Open Public Hearing**

4 DR. LOW WANG: It's 1:15, so we will now
5 begin the open public hearing session.

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7 transparent process for information gathering and
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8 insights and comments provided can help the agency
9 and this committee in their consideration of the
10 issues before them. That said, in many instances
11 and for many topics, there will be a variety of
12 opinions. One of our goals for today is for this
13 open public hearing to be conducted in a fair and
14 open way, where every participant is listened to
15 carefully and treated with dignity, courtesy, and
16 respect.

17 For those presenting virtually, please
18 remember to unmute and turn on your camera when
19 your OPH number is called. For those presenting in
20 person, please step up to the podium when your OPH
21 number is called. As a reminder, please speak only
22 when recognized by the chairperson. Thank you for

1 your cooperation.

2 Speaker number 1, please state your name and
3 any organization you are representing for the
4 record. You have 3 minutes.

5 DR. ZELDES: Good afternoon. My name is
6 Nina Zeldes. I am a health researcher of Public
7 Citizen's Health Research Group. We have no
8 financial conflicts of interest. Public Citizen
9 opposes approval of sotagliflozin as an adjunct to
10 insulin therapy to improve glycemic control in
11 adults with type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney
12 disease because there's a lack of substantial
13 evidence demonstrating the effectiveness and safety
14 of sotagliflozin in this population.

15 We are concerned that this application is
16 based almost exclusively on post hoc analyses.
17 These include the post hoc analyses of the TANDEM
18 clinical trials. These trials were conducted for
19 the initial application for approval of
20 sotagliflozin for all adults with type 1 diabetes.
21 The FDA rejected this application because the
22 modest benefits of the drug did not outweigh the

1 unacceptable 8-fold increased risk of
2 life-threatening DKA relative to placebo.
3 Importantly, only about 8.5 percent of subjects in
4 the TANDEM trials even fit the definition of type 1
5 diabetes and CKD in the revised population.

6 The application also includes a post hoc
7 analysis of a trial conducted in adults with type 2
8 diabetes that was also not designed to assess
9 glycemic control. No additional studies were
10 conducted to assess the benefit and magnitude of
11 harm of sotagliflozin.

12 The sponsor seems to have based its decision
13 to limit the population on the assumptions that,
14 quote, "similar improvements in glycemic control
15 confer greater benefits to patients with type 1
16 diabetes and CKD," end quote, and that, quote, "the
17 estimates of DKA risk in the overall TANDEM
18 population are transportable to the revised
19 population of patients" end quote; however, the
20 available data do not substantiate these claims.

21 For example, we agree with the FDA that
22 although the post hoc analysis, quote, "do not

1 support definitive conclusions about the magnitude
2 of treatment effect," end quote, it appears that
3 the treatment effect on A1C was smaller for some
4 CKD patients than the treatment effect observed in
5 the overall population. Except for potential risk
6 reduction in hypoglycemia, no additional benefits
7 were convincingly demonstrated.

8 More concerningly, the risk of DKA in the
9 revised population appears to be similar or
10 possibly even higher than in the overall
11 population, although, again, due to the small
12 number of observed events in the revised
13 population, no meaningful conclusion can be drawn.
14 Moreover, not enough is known about the potential
15 effects of sotagliflozin on the DKA risk in CKD
16 patients.

17 We therefore urge the advisory committee to
18 vote no on the voting question and strongly
19 recommend that the FDA not approve sotagliflozin
20 for type 1 diabetes patients with chronic kidney
21 disease. Thank you for your time.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

1 Speaker number 2, please state your name and
2 any organization you are representing for the
3 record. You have 3 minutes.

4 MS. NORTON: Good afternoon. My name is
5 Anna Norton, and I'm a person living with type 1
6 diabetes. I have received travel support from
7 Lexicon to be here today, but I'm not being
8 compensated for my time. Further, I do not have
9 any financial interest in Lexicon or its
10 competitors.

11 Thirty-one years ago, after being diagnosed
12 with type 1 diabetes, my only choice for treatment
13 was insulin. I injected it for many years until I
14 chose to alter my management plan to incorporate an
15 insulin pump, and later introduced other novel
16 technologies such as continuous glucose monitor
17 into my management for better quality of life.
18 Along with my medical team, I have succeeded and
19 seen little or no progression in the complications
20 as a result of my career-long relationship with
21 diabetes; however, I know the risk of long-term
22 diabetes and the damage it can cause to my

1 cardiovascular and renal systems, especially as a
2 woman nearing the age of 50; yet, insulin alone
3 does not offer any protection to these organs.

4 Currently, there are no approved therapies
5 available to myself as a person living with type 1
6 diabetes, and I know I need these protections just
7 as people living with type 2 diabetes are afforded
8 them. I understand the risks of DKA associated
9 with the therapy discussed today; yet, with proper
10 education with my healthcare team, I'm prepared to
11 tackle that challenge just as I have learned to
12 balance injecting insulin over the last 31 years, a
13 hormone that if I take too much, can cause
14 hypoglycemia, and if I take too little, can put me
15 into DKA.

16 I have been lucky over the last three
17 decades to have the support of a healthcare team
18 and the diabetes community, but many others do not
19 have that advantage, the access, or the education.
20 Today, I urge you to afford me and others the
21 option of additional therapy choices to continue to
22 live with the best outcomes so we can continue to

1 be contributive members of society, as well as
2 spouses, parents, employees, advocates, and
3 friends. Thank you for your consideration.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

5 Speaker number 3, please state your name and
6 any organization you are representing for the
7 record. You have 3 minutes.

8 MR. HANNAFORD: I'm Donald Hannaford. I'm a
9 private citizen. I have consulted with biopharma
10 companies over the years, including the sponsor. I
11 am being reimbursed for my travel expenses but not
12 for my time. I'm making this statement as a type 1
13 diabetic for 44 years. I'm a little unusual in
14 that I was diagnosed my senior year in college. It
15 was a life-altering experience because at that
16 point, I had accepted a commission in the U.S. Army
17 and expected to wear olive drab for 35 years. They
18 don't like needles.

19 At the same time, I was very fortunate to
20 have been diagnosed at the dawn of a new era in
21 diabetes treatment. My first insulin was pork and
22 beef derived. A year later, recombinant human DNA

1 insulin came on the market, and all the advances
2 that have come since then, including pen injector
3 devices, the changes in insulin. Today, I use an
4 integrated pump and CGM, but there have been few
5 therapies that have been introduced. Most of them
6 have been for type 2.

7 I appreciate all of these advances, and I
8 also appreciate this committee's consideration of a
9 new therapy for type 1s; type 1s are largely
10 overlooked. My perspective as a type 1 is that
11 staying in range is your biggest challenge. We've
12 been told for years and years and years that it's
13 staying in range that makes it possible for us to
14 forestall the complications down the line, and
15 that's something that we have to deal with every
16 single day. There is no escaping it. And because
17 of that, I think that we need to increase the
18 number of things in our armamentarium for type 1
19 diabetes.

20 My point is that type 1s are used to
21 weighing costs and benefits every day. Staying in
22 range means largely avoiding hypoglycemia. I have

1 had many, many hypoglycemic events, some very
2 severe, and for those who don't think that it's
3 important to trade that off, be lucky you're not a
4 type 1 diabetic. So I hope that you will consider
5 sotagliflozin for the adjunct therapy for glycemic
6 control in CKD. Thank you.

7 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

8 Speaker number 4, please state your name and
9 any organization you are representing for the
10 record. You have 3 minutes.

11 DR. BUSCH: Hi. My name is Robert Busch.
12 I'm Director of Research at Albany Medical Center
13 Endocrine Group, and I'm representing myself,
14 15 fellow endocrinologists, and my patients. I
15 have no conflict of interest. We were in the
16 SCORED trial with sotagliflozin, and we were in the
17 TANDEM trial in type 1 patients. We were in both
18 of those studies.

19 As the other previous two patients just
20 said, patients with type 1 diabetes haven't had the
21 benefit like what patients with type 2 have with
22 GLPs and SGLT2s, preventing macrovascular disease

1 and renal disease. Type 1 patients can take
2 insulin. Over the last 100 years, we've still had
3 insulin, different ways to deliver it so they can
4 get glucose better, but they have not had the
5 benefit of other drugs that could lower renal
6 disease or macrovascular disease.

7 Based on what has been shown with SGLT2s
8 showing tremendous renal benefit and cardiac
9 benefit, I would implore the FDA to consider
10 approving sotagliflozin. The studies were very
11 impressive in terms of not only A1C lowering and
12 getting people in range, as speaker 3 said, but
13 lowering kidney disease, as speaker 2 is very
14 concerned of that, as we are. Other than giving an
15 ACE, or an ARB, and good control, there's nothing
16 else we could do with type 1. There's plenty we
17 could do with the pillars of therapy for renal
18 protection in type 2, but the frustration is
19 treating type 1. Sotagliflozin would offer these
20 additional benefits to the patient, not only for
21 renal benefit and potential cardiac benefits, but
22 also better time in range.

1 In terms of the DKA risk, which we always
2 worry about risk versus benefit, patients with
3 type 1 very often have urine ketone strips home,
4 and during the visits can have beta hydroxybutyrate
5 as we did in the studies. So I feel the risk of
6 DKA can be mitigated against by educating the
7 patient: no food, no drinks, no sotagliflozin.
8 Check your urine ketones. They could mitigate
9 against that risk; yet, still have the significant
10 benefit that type 2s have all the time with either
11 GLPs or SGLT2s. And now we finally have a drug
12 that can hopefully lower their risk of kidney
13 disease, heart failure, macrovascular disease, and
14 still mitigate against the DKA with appropriate
15 measures in the appropriate type 1 patient.

16 Thank you very much for the time, and I'm
17 speaking on behalf of my patients and my partners,
18 my 15 partners who treat a lot of patients with
19 type 1. Thank you.

20 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

21 Speaker number 5, please state your name and
22 any organization you are representing for the

1 record. You have 3 minutes.

2 DR. DUTTA: Good afternoon. My name is
3 Dr. Sanjoy Dutta. I'm the Chief Scientific Officer
4 at Breakthrough T1D, formerly JDRF, the leading
5 global type 1 diabetes research and advocacy
6 organization. Breakthrough T1D has co-funded
7 several clinical trials of sotagliflozin in T1D.
8 The grant terms of some studies include the
9 potential for Breakthrough T1D to receive a portion
10 of the net royalties to fund further research.

11 Some people believe improvements in diabetes
12 care have progressed such that little risk should
13 be tolerated when considering new therapies for
14 T1D. We disagree. Insulin is not a cure, and the
15 physical, cognitive, and emotional burden of
16 managing T1D with insulin are still not adequately
17 recognized. Recent data has shown, and many people
18 presented today, only 26 percent of individuals
19 with T1D in the United States are able to achieve
20 the recommended hemoglobin A1C target of less than
21 7 percent, and people with T1D still die 11 years
22 earlier than their non-diabetic counterparts.

1 Novel therapies that improve glycemic
2 control, clinical outcomes, and quality of life for
3 those with T1D are desperately needed, especially
4 for those who also live with chronic kidney
5 disease. The evidence shows that the addition of
6 sotagliflozin results in improved A1C, as well as
7 reduced hypoglycemia and increased time in range,
8 both glycemic outcomes that are well established as
9 important and clinically meaningful to clinicians
10 and most importantly patients.

11 It is also reasonable to expect the renal
12 benefits of sotagliflozin seen in people with
13 type 2 diabetes and chronic kidney disease would be
14 seen in T1D, and we are encouraged by the data
15 demonstrating sotagliflozin's benefits on markers
16 of kidney function in T1D.

17 While therapies like sotagliflozin are
18 increasingly available for individuals with type 2
19 diabetes, CKD, et cetera, people with T1D are being
20 left behind and are consistently excluded from
21 studies. Breakthrough T1D strongly believes in the
22 potential of sotagliflozin as an adjunctive to

1 insulin, especially for those with CKD, and
2 continues to support research studies to this end
3 with several ongoing studies.

4 As we have heard today, a key consideration
5 for the safe use of sotagliflozin is the risk of
6 DKA. DKA is a concern for all individuals with
7 T1D, and vigilance of DKA is a routine aspect of
8 living with T1D, regardless of the use of
9 sotagliflozin. DKA risk has been shown to increase
10 with the use of SGLT inhibitors, and this requires
11 appropriate monitoring and mitigation strategies.
12 Experts have convened to consider this risk, and an
13 international consensus has been published with
14 agreed-upon strategies to mitigate the risks of DKA
15 for individuals with T1D using SGLT inhibitors.

16 We ask the FDA and the committee to
17 carefully consider the risks of living with T1D
18 today, even with the best available care with
19 devices and insulins, as they consider if the
20 benefits of sotagliflozin still outweigh the risks
21 in those with T1D and CKD. Thank you for your
22 time.

1 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

2 Speaker number 6, please state your name and
3 any organization you are representing for the
4 record. You have 3 minutes.

5 DR. RODBARD: Yes. Good afternoon. I'm
6 Dr. Helena Rodbard and here speaking as an
7 individual. I have no conflicts of interest, and
8 I'm not being compensated for my testimony, travel,
9 or any other expenses.

10 I'm an endocrinologist in the Washington, DC
11 area in clinical practice for the past 42 years. I
12 have cared for thousands of patients with type 1
13 and type 2 diabetes. I have also conducted a
14 program of clinical research for the management of
15 people with diabetes for the past 25 years,
16 including more than 150 clinical trials for many of
17 the therapeutic agents currently FDA approved for
18 either people with type 1 or type 2 diabetes.
19 These clinical trials have been sponsored by the
20 pharmaceutical industry.

21 I've been actively involved in many clinical
22 organizations, including the American Association

1 of Clinical Endocrinologists, of which I was a
2 founding member and former president. I've been
3 involved with the Endocrine Society; the American
4 Diabetes Association; the European Association for
5 the Study of Diabetes; among others. I've also
6 been involved in the development of guidelines for
7 the management of people with diabetes and several
8 other metabolic and endocrine disorders.

9 At present, there are very few therapeutic
10 options for people with type 1 diabetes. The
11 currently available therapy is limited to insulin,
12 and as wonderful and life saving as insulin is, it
13 is frequently associated with increased risk of
14 hypoglycemia and weight gain. I've had the
15 opportunity to be the principal investigator in
16 clinical trials using SGLT2 inhibitors and
17 sotagliflozin in people with type 1 diabetes.

18 Over the past several years, I have
19 prescribed off-label SGLT2 inhibitors with very
20 favorable results, and I have to say I never had a
21 case of DKA in my practice. Specifically, they
22 have seen improvements in hemoglobin A1C levels,

1 reduced glycemic variability, and the patients
2 reported improved quality of life, which is
3 absolutely essential.

4 Sotagliflozin and drugs of the SGLT2 class
5 have many beneficial effects in people with type 1
6 diabetes, including reduced risk of hypoglycemia;
7 reduced levels of main glucose; reduced time in
8 range; increased time in range and reduced glucose
9 levels above range; reduced glycemic variability;
10 reduced body weight, as well. Potential risk of
11 ketosis or ketoacidosis can be mitigated by
12 adherence to recommendations from expert panel
13 consensus, and guidelines have been published to
14 that effect. Thank you very much for your
15 attention. I appreciate the opportunity.

16 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

17 Speaker number 7, please state your name and
18 any organization you are representing for the
19 record. You have 3 minutes.

20 DR. LAPUERTA: I'm Pablo Lapuerta. I have
21 some slides. I'd like to disclose that I used to
22 work at Lexicon Pharmaceuticals and still have

1 equity ownership in it. I also have equity
2 ownership in Yanjing Therapeutics, which is
3 developing a SGLT inhibitor with special promise in
4 type 1 diabetes.

5 Five years ago, this committee was presented
6 an original benefit-risk projection of
7 sotagliflozin. It included extrapolation of the
8 benefits in A1C affecting complications of
9 diabetes, the reductions in blood pressure and body
10 weight affecting cardiovascular disease, and it
11 included the observed reduction in severe
12 hypoglycemia at one year and the increase in DKA at
13 one year.

14 It was a positive profile. There was
15 discussion of extrapolation. There was also a
16 discussion of caring for patients, and committee
17 members involved in the direct care of patients
18 with type 1 diabetes voted for approval. Their
19 votes have been supported by numerous publications
20 of the original clinical trial results and
21 meta-analysis, indicating that sotagliflozin can
22 reduce cardiovascular disease, renal disease, and

1 hypoglycemia.

2 Now, another very important thing happened
3 in the last five years. In the last five years,
4 approximately 100,000 people living with type 1
5 diabetes in the United States have died. This is
6 relevant to the benefit-risk consideration because
7 what are the causes of death? The most common
8 cause of death is cardiovascular disease. There's
9 a question, how do you weight cardiovascular
10 disease against DKA? The answer is you weight it
11 very strongly because it's the most common cause of
12 death. Other common causes of death in the last
13 five years of these 100,000 patients have included
14 renal disease and hypoglycemia.

15 There's a discussion about extrapolation,
16 again, at this meeting. One of the things to
17 consider is the position of the cardiorenal
18 division. The cardiorenal division extrapolates
19 the benefits of reducing systolic blood pressure,
20 and has specifically stated that a 3 millimeter
21 reduction in systolic blood pressure is appropriate
22 for labeling because it's a reduction in

1 cardiovascular disease risk.

2 So I hope there's a good discussion today of
3 the committee; that it addresses the urgency in
4 getting new treatments approved for type 1
5 diabetes, it weighs the most important causes of
6 death, and that it supports the approval of
7 sotagliflozin. Thank you.

8 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

9 Speaker number 8, please state your name and
10 any organization you are representing for the
11 record. You have 3 minutes.

12 MS. APRIGLIANO: My name is Christel
13 Marchand Aprigliano, and while I received travel
14 support from Lexicon to be here today, my words,
15 opinions, and experiences are my own. I was
16 diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 1983, and I
17 quickly learned about all of the risks living with
18 this relentless disease and the risk of living less
19 of my life because of the complications. Frankly,
20 back then, I thought I'd be cured by now. Instead,
21 I've come to view my body as a ticking time bomb,
22 wondering when and how the damage of 41 years of

1 living with type 1 diabetes will manifest.

2 I ride a fine line, as everyone living with
3 type 1 diabetes does, self-managing a disease where
4 the only widely drug available to us is insulin.
5 Take too much, immediate risk for severe
6 hypoglycemia, which, by the way, is terrifying and
7 deadly. Take it from personal experience. Take
8 too little, risk of diabetic ketoacidosis and
9 long-term complications, and that line never goes
10 away.

11 For those with type 1 diabetes diagnosed
12 with chronic kidney disease, keeping glucose levels
13 in range has been shown to delay progression to
14 end-stage renal disease, which is
15 currently -- thanks to the last speaker -- the
16 leading cause of death for individuals in the
17 mid-years of type 1 diabetes duration. Insulin
18 keeps us alive, but it does nothing to help to
19 protect us from complications.

20 SGLT2 inhibitors do keeps glucose levels in
21 range and provides cardio protective, as well as
22 renal protective benefits. We recognize that they

1 provide both, and there are risks. We recognize
2 the risk of EDKA as elevated when taking SGLT2s as
3 a type 1. We recognize risk. We live with risk
4 every day, and reducing the risk of EDKA will
5 require provider and patient education, as well as
6 home-based blood ketone testing.

7 The type 1 community is already adept at
8 mitigating risk. We carry glucagon, and rapid
9 glucose, and extra supplies, and we wear CGMs, and
10 we work with medical professionals to keep our
11 glucose levels in range. I'm grateful for insulin,
12 it keeps me alive, but it's not enough. The
13 benefits of sotagliflozin outweigh the risks, and
14 we need additional treatments to increase in-range
15 glycemic management for those of us at greatest
16 risk of premature death due to type 1-induced
17 chronic kidney disease.

18 I hope that you'll recommend the approval
19 for those who need it most today, and for those
20 like me who will need it in the near future. Thank
21 you.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

1 Speaker number 9, please state your name and
2 any organization you are representing for the
3 record. You have 3 minutes.

4 DR. ROSAS: My name is Sylvia Rosas. I'm
5 not being compensated for my testimony. I'm here
6 on behalf of the National Kidney Foundation and
7 Patients with Kidney Disease. NKF, now in its 75th
8 year, is the largest, most comprehensive,
9 long-standing, patient-centric organization
10 dedicated to the awareness, prevention, and
11 treatment of kidney disease in the United States.
12 In addition to being the immediate past president
13 of the NKF, I'm also a nephrologist and a clinical
14 trialist at the Joslin Diabetes Center, caring for
15 patients with diabetes and kidney disease. I'm an
16 investigator for the Sugar and Salt study that is
17 being sponsored by Breakthrough T1D with
18 medications provided by Lexicon.

19 It is estimated that one-third of
20 individuals with type 1 diabetes develop kidney
21 disease during their lifetime. In contrast to the
22 three seminal medications that now are available

1 for patients with type 2 diabetic kidney disease,
2 in the last three decades, there has not been a
3 novel therapy intervention to mitigate kidney
4 disease in individuals living with type 1 diabetes.
5 Strict glyceic control has been shown to decrease
6 the damage to the small vessels that lead to kidney
7 failure; however, the vast majority of patients
8 with type 1 diabetes do not need the glyceic
9 targets, and therefore, therapeutics and innovation
10 in this area are needed.

11 In order to avoid CKD progression to kidney
12 failure, early intervention is necessary.
13 Preservation of kidney function is the goal that
14 can only be achieved if we're able to identify
15 early so that patients can benefit from treatment
16 options; however, only 40 percent of individuals
17 with diabetes are screened for chronic kidney
18 disease annually, and since CKD is often
19 asymptomatic, screening for diagnosis is essential;
20 however, the lack of additional therapeutics for
21 treatment of kidney disease in type 1 diabetes is
22 commonly cited as a reason not to screen for kidney

1 disease, as there is nothing to be done.

2 We acknowledge the possible risk of diabetic
3 ketoacidosis in patients. This mortality risk is
4 currently estimated at 0.4 percent a year in the
5 U.S., however, the mortality of an individual on
6 dialysis is above 20 percent a year. This is
7 higher than most common cancers, including breast
8 and prostate; therefore, high-risk individuals for
9 kidney failure, such as those with a GFR of
10 45 to 60, or those with a GFR greater than 60 with
11 albuminuria, could benefit from improved glycemic
12 control and the cardiorenal protection from an
13 SGLT1-2 inhibitor.

14 Patients with chronic kidney disease and
15 diabetes should be educated on mitigation
16 strategies for DKA. The NKF supports increasing
17 therapeutic options for individuals living with
18 type 1 diabetes and chronic kidney disease, and
19 accordingly, we're ready to continue to support
20 education of both patients and healthcare
21 providers. We're cautiously optimistic about the
22 positive impact of this medication on kidney

1 failure trajectory that will require additional
2 studies. Thank you for the opportunity to
3 participate in this session.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

5 Now, we'll actually skip over to speaker
6 number 11 because 10 is not available. So speaker
7 number 11, please state your name and any
8 organization you are representing for the record.
9 You have 3 minutes.

10 DR. RICE: Good afternoon. My name's Donna
11 Rice. I have no financial disclosures. I am the
12 Chief Operating Officer for DiabetesSisters, a
13 national nonprofit organization dedicated to
14 improving the health and quality of life for women
15 living with diabetes. I am also a nurse and a
16 certified diabetes care and education specialist.
17 With my professional background and a deep
18 understanding of the challenges faced by women with
19 type 1 diabetes, I am here today to share how
20 DiabetesSisters supports these women through
21 education and empowerment, particularly as they
22 consider new therapies like sotagliflozin as an

1 adjunctive therapy treatment to insulin.

2 Managing type 1 diabetes is a daily
3 challenge. While insulin therapy remains the
4 foundation of treatment, many women still struggle
5 to maintain optimal blood glucose management. This
6 drug offers a promising option for improving A1Cs,
7 supporting weight management, and enhancing
8 cardiovascular and kidney health, which are key
9 benefits for women faced with increased risk of
10 complications.

11 At DiabetesSisters, we regularly hear from
12 our members who express frustration with the
13 limitations of existing treatments. They are eager
14 for new treatment options that offer better control
15 and offer the potential of mitigating some of the
16 long-term complications. Women are seeking options
17 and choices. Sotagliflozin offers this potential,
18 and we encourage the committee to consider the
19 positive impact this drug could have on thousands
20 of women who are managing the complexities of
21 type 1 diabetes.

22 As a healthcare professional, I do

1 understand the importance of balancing the benefits
2 with safety, particularly when it comes to
3 mitigating diabetic ketoacidosis. At
4 DiabetesSisters, we are committed to ensuring that
5 women in our community have access to expert
6 education and the support they need to manage these
7 risks effectively.

8 To our comprehensive education platform,
9 which reaches over 30,000 women, we provide
10 practical tools and resources on safe diabetes
11 management. Additionally, our 20 virtual meet-ups
12 per month offer a space for women who share
13 experiences and gain confidence in monitoring blood
14 glucose and ketone levels, recognizing the early
15 signs of DKA, and adjusting insulin therapy when
16 necessary.

17 While we emphasize the importance of
18 educating women on the benefits and risks of
19 therapies, we encourage the committee to consider
20 its potential role in addressing the unmet needs in
21 type 1 diabetes care. With proper guidance,
22 education, and monitoring, we are confident that

1 this drug will offer substantial benefit to women
2 who have long awaited additional treatment options.
3 Thank you for your time and considering the needs
4 for women living with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

5 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

6 Speaker number 12, please state your name
7 and any organization you are representing for the
8 record. You have 3 minutes.

9 MR. BRYANT: My name is Chris Bryant, and
10 I'm a private individual. The sponsor is
11 reimbursing my travel, so I can be here today, but
12 I'm not being reimbursed for my time. I'm here to
13 talk about my journey of living with type 1
14 diabetes along with CKD or chronic kidney disease.
15 I had type 1 diabetes for a very long time, as I
16 was diagnosed when I was 16.

17 At any age that you're diagnosed with this
18 chronic illness can be challenging, but I believe
19 that it is particularly challenging when you are of
20 adolescent age. At that age, most are going
21 through social development, being academically
22 developed, as well as living with the notion of

1 invincibility. You're not thinking of being
2 diagnosed with a chronic illness until I was.
3 Being diagnosed as a type 1 diabetic is simply
4 overwhelming. The common emotions of anxiety and
5 depression are prevalent. The cases of
6 hypoglycemia and hyperglycemic are nothing short of
7 fearful. These emotions of fear grow as the
8 notion, if you do your best and your best is not
9 good enough, then you will suffer from the
10 consequences or complications stemming from
11 diabetes. Several years later, I was diagnosed
12 with late-stage CKD. Apparently, my best wasn't
13 good enough.

14 Diabetes is a 24-hour illness, as it is a
15 constant struggle of trying to maintain it. Being
16 diagnosed with a CKD in a late stage caused me to
17 crash into dialysis for a short period of time.
18 Fortunately, I had a kidney transplant from an
19 altruistic donor. She saved my life, and I am
20 grateful to her and her family for what they've
21 done for me and my family.

22 A year later, I was fortunate to receive

1 another transplant, a pancreatic transplant. It
2 was the first time in my adult life that I got a
3 chance to experience what it was like to not have
4 diabetes. It was the best feeling. After three
5 years, the pancreas rejected because I came down
6 with a terrible virus. Eight years later, the
7 kidney rejected as well, and then I was back on
8 dialysis.

9 I thought about getting another kidney
10 transplant and had a discussion with my greatest
11 supporter, my wife. We discussed the risks and
12 benefits of going through the process again. In
13 any health situation, there is a risk and a
14 benefit. The risk was going through another major
15 surgery. Another was the notion of being
16 immunosuppressed, raising my risk of contracting a
17 virus or an illness, including cancer; however, the
18 benefit was the notion of getting back the quality
19 of my life that I lost. We decided to have another
20 transplant. It's now been six years since I've
21 been transplanted.

22 Frankly speaking, diabetes has come a long

1 way over the last three decades. I'm currently
2 wearing an insulin pump along with a CGM. It's a
3 game changer, but there is more to be done, and
4 more options and medications need to help manage
5 blood glucose, imperative, to avoid complications
6 that I've experienced. I hope that today, the
7 pharmaceutical companies such as Lexicon can
8 continue to help those like me control my sugars to
9 avoid any further complications. Thank you for
10 your time.

11 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

12 Speaker number 13, please state your name
13 and any organization you are representing for the
14 record. You have 3 minutes.

15 MS. HEVERLY: Good afternoon. I'm Julie
16 Heverly from the diaTribe Foundation, a nonprofit
17 dedicated to ensuring that people with diabetes
18 have the resources needed to thrive. I have not
19 received any support related to my remarks.
20 diaTribe does receive funding from Lexicon, other
21 pharmaceutical companies, and supporters of our
22 mission. Today's remarks and those that we

1 submitted are those of diaTribe's alone.

2 For over a quarter of a century since my
3 diagnosis with type 1 diabetes, I have benefited
4 from diabetes innovations, but despite my
5 intentional nutrition plan, daily exercise,
6 education, and access to insulin pumps and CGMS, my
7 diabetes remains unpredictable and frustrating.
8 And I'm not alone. You've heard today that less
9 than 30 percent of us have an A1C below the target
10 of 7. With insulin and tech, my A1C was above 7
11 until my endocrinologist prescribed an adjunctive
12 therapy. Using it reduced my insulin resistance,
13 flattened out my glucose levels, lowered my A1Cs
14 consistently below 7 for the past 4 years.

15 Despite the improvements to my health and
16 quality of life, because these medications are not
17 approved for type 1 diabetes management, and
18 therefore are not reimbursed, access has been cost
19 prohibitive and oftentimes impossible for me and
20 many others with type 1 to obtain.

21 People living with both type 1 and CKD face
22 additional challenges. CKD makes it harder to

1 manage type 1, but tight glucose control is
2 essential to slow CKD's progression. The use of
3 sotagliflozin in type 1 has been found to increase
4 glucose stability, reduce A1C and insulin needs,
5 improve weight and blood pressure, and provide
6 protection benefits, increasing treatment
7 satisfaction and reducing diabetes distress. That
8 is a compelling argument for benefits significantly
9 outweighing risks.

10 Diabetes is an insidious, progressive
11 condition. More therapeutic flexibility is needed.
12 People with type 1 uniquely understand medication
13 risks and weigh them daily. Those with type 1 and
14 CKD are aware additional treatments carry risk, but
15 they are also acutely aware of the risk associated
16 with their CKD advancing.

17 Treatment options are needed for the best
18 balance of these risks so individual care can be
19 leveraged. CGM use in this population can
20 facilitate effective diabetes management, identify
21 elevated glucose quickly, and largely avoid severe
22 cases of DKA. We encourage the development of a

1 combined ketone and glucose monitor, but while
2 we're waiting for that, patient organizations like
3 diaTribe continue to educate about the recognizable
4 signs of DKA, when to test, and how ketone
5 monitoring should be standard risk management
6 protocol for all of us.

7 We urge the FDA to also recognize the
8 additional benefits of CGM metrics like time in
9 range for improving health outcomes and the quality
10 of life for individuals living with diabetes. The
11 voice of people with diabetes must be considered
12 when discussing these advancements in therapies
13 that directly affect our lives. As one of those
14 people, I thank you so much for this opportunity to
15 share my view that the approval of sotagliflozin
16 will give people with type 1 and CKD a valuable new
17 treatment option.

18 DR. LOW WANG: Speaker number 14, please
19 state your name and any organization you are
20 representing for the record. You have 3 minutes.

21 DR. MENDE: Good afternoon. I'm
22 Christian W. Mende, MD. I'm a nephrologist and

1 Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of
2 California in San Diego. I have no conflict of
3 interest pertaining to sotagliflozin; however, I
4 have treated many, many patients with in situ
5 inhibitors, almost all of them type 2 because of
6 the approval issues.

7 I'd like to point out that type 1 diabetics
8 have an over 40 percent risk of developing CKD, and
9 with this, a very high risk of CKD progression to
10 end-stage kidney disease, needing dialysis or
11 transplantation, and have a very high risk for
12 cardiovascular disease, as well as heart failure.
13 So the only drugs available to me, FDA approved for
14 CKD in type 1 diabetics, are ACE inhibitors and
15 ARBs.

16 We have not had, for about 25 years, any
17 additional renal protective drugs approved for
18 type 1 diabetics. They have essentially been
19 excluded from all CKD trials, including prior
20 trials with SGLT2 inhibitors, MRA, or GLP-1
21 receptor agonists. The SCORED trial of
22 sotagliflozin on a secondary and additional

1 analysis clearly showed significant reduced renal
2 and cardiovascular endpoints, especially in type 1
3 patients. It would be very helpful to reduce their
4 albuminuria, their renal progression, and their
5 high cardiovascular risk, including their high risk
6 for heart failure.

7 Type 1 diabetics actually have been treated
8 as a stepchild as far as being included in type 1
9 trials for diabetes, and they clearly deserve to
10 have an SGLT2 inhibitor such as sotagliflozin
11 available for the treatment in CKD and to reduce
12 their associated risks, as I have stated before.
13 In addition, SGLT2 inhibitors are already used
14 off label anyway, as you have heard, by many
15 endocrinologists, cardiologists, and nephrologists,
16 but, unfortunately, only available to those
17 patients who are financially in the position to pay
18 for the drugs because of no official approval.

19 The care of our type 1 diabetics would be
20 greatly improved with an approval of an SGLT2
21 inhibitor for CKD, and the patients would greatly
22 benefit from a renal, as well as cardiovascular

1 standpoint. Thank you.

2 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

3 Speaker number 15, please state your name
4 and any organization you are representing for the
5 record. You have 3 minutes.

6 MS. CARNEY: My name is Brittany Carney, and
7 I'm the Executive Director of Taking Control of
8 Your Diabetes, or TCOYD, a not-for-profit
9 organization founded in 1995 with a mission to
10 bring education and motivation directly to the
11 people living with diabetes so they can be
12 empowered to become an active member of their
13 healthcare team. TCOYD has received funding from a
14 number of pharmaceutical companies, including
15 Lexicon.

16 For the past 30 years, TCOYD has worked to
17 disseminate information about the latest
18 advancements in diabetes care directly to the
19 diabetes community, receiving over 17 million views
20 on our programming. Time and time again, our most
21 watched programming is breaking news about recent
22 device and medication approvals relating to the

1 complications of diabetes, including eye, kidney,
2 nerve, and heart disease.

3 We have created several educational pieces
4 about the benefits of oral diabetes medications,
5 explaining the significant improvements for people
6 with type 2 diabetes, and the number one question
7 we've received over the past five years is how can
8 type 1s get access to these life-changing
9 medications? Our community is hungry for more
10 options to improve their treatment plan, and more
11 motivated than ever to achieve glycemic control.

12 I know that the majority of people with
13 type 1 diabetes have an extremely difficult time
14 getting their A1C and time in range to goal.
15 Having a once-a-day oral medication to help improve
16 these goals on top of insulin would be a tremendous
17 benefit to the type 1 community. Additionally,
18 with all of the education we do or run important
19 tests to diagnose chronic kidney disease, such as
20 the UACR and the eGFR, I'm shocked by how many
21 type 1s in our community are dealing with CKD.
22 Although the data on reducing the progression of

1 kidney disease with an SGLT inhibitor and type 1
2 diabetes is not extensive, I do believe, based on
3 the concerns from our type 1 community, that
4 sotagliflozin could be a huge benefit.

5 Of course, we know that education about
6 these medications must be paired with education on
7 the risks such as diabetic ketoacidosis. We have
8 several programs on the causes, symptoms, and early
9 treatments of DKA that our audience has
10 participated in, and we'll continue to focus on
11 this important message to make sure the full
12 360 degree view of this treatment plan is
13 addressed. We are happy to share this program with
14 the FDA, other not for profits, and those in the
15 industry.

16 Patient advocacy organizations like TCOYD
17 hear first-hand from our community they're
18 struggling to meet their goals, and for many of
19 them, it's not for lack of trying. Anything we can
20 do to improve the lives of people living with
21 diabetes through better control is a positive move
22 in the right direction and could have a tremendous

1 impact on health outcomes overall as a country.
2 With the right tools and resources, people living
3 with diabetes can live a healthy, happy, and more
4 productive life. Thank you for your time.

5 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

6 Speaker number 16, please state your name
7 and any organization you are representing for the
8 record. You have 3 minutes.

9 MS. CILENTI: Good afternoon. My name is
10 Ginine Cilenti, and I'm here representing the
11 Diabetes Foundation. We have no conflict of
12 interest, and we're not being compensated for our
13 time or expenses.

14 The Diabetes Foundation is 34 years old, and
15 we are located in New Jersey, offering prevention
16 and self-management support to New Jersey residents
17 living with T1D and T2D. We provide access to care
18 to ensure essential needs are met, including
19 medication, education, A1C screenings, and social
20 support. We work directly with patients, with
21 providers, and with other community partners to
22 deploy our services. We've provided over the years

1 tens of thousands of people and their families with
2 help. As prevalence and incidence of T1D and T2D
3 continue to rise, our services are continuing to
4 increase as well.

5 I say this all as a way to explain why we
6 are here today. We're a voice for men, women, and
7 children struggling with diabetes. One common
8 thread that we hear over and over, wherever we are,
9 in our office or out in the community, is that
10 people are experiencing overwhelming despair and
11 desperation no matter what stage of progression of
12 their disease. In particular, our participants
13 with T1D are exhausted by the long road of living
14 with the condition, particularly with the
15 inconsistency in how their blood sugar levels are,
16 regardless of how well they are managing their
17 care.

18 When the DF was informed that there may be a
19 new treatment for people with T1D living with
20 chronic kidney disease, a resource to help with
21 glycemic control, we recognized that this could be
22 game changing for those we serve. I'd like to tell

1 you about a participant of ours. His name is
2 Umberto. He engaged with us about two years ago.
3 He was living with T1D blind and chronic kidney
4 failure. His quality of life was limited. We
5 provided him with education about disease
6 management, and he attended our social support
7 groups for about a year so that he could express
8 how he was physically and emotionally feeling. My
9 team member and colleague, Grace, mentored him. He
10 passed away about a year after we began working
11 with him, and his struggles were complex and
12 devastating for all of us that knew him.

13 Today, I think of Umberto and the
14 possibilities that a new treatment would have
15 offered him. It could have enhanced his quality of
16 life, it could have helped him to be more
17 productive, and it could have very importantly
18 given him the opportunity to feel good when he was
19 with his family, his children, and his
20 grandchildren. The public needs resources that can
21 offer better health; that can offer hope. We
22 believe that a new treatment that could have helped

1 him manage his blood sugar would have been
2 beneficial to Umberto, and we know that it would be
3 valuable for public health. Thank you for your
4 time.

5 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

6 Speaker number 17, please state your name
7 and any organization you are here to represent for
8 the record. You have 3 minutes.

9 SPEAKER 17A: We represent Close Concerns,
10 our healthcare information organization covering
11 for those working in the field, scientific,
12 regulatory, and advocacy gatherings in diabetes and
13 obesity, as well as happenings in the fields across
14 manufacturers, nonprofits, policymakers, and
15 stakeholders. Our disclosures, we have no
16 conflicts of interest, nor do we receive any
17 funding or travel support to be here.

18 As we've heard today, treatments for type 1
19 diabetes are limited and falling short,
20 particularly for those with complications.
21 Achieving long-term optimal glycemic targets
22 dramatically reduces the risk of complications in

1 T1D, but only a small fraction of adults with T1D
2 achieve A1Cs under 7 percent. Among modifiable
3 risk factors, glycemic management is paramount in
4 reducing kidney disease progression. There is a
5 huge opportunity here to reduce the risk and
6 consequences of DKA.

7 SPEAKER 17B: Data published just last week
8 in JAMA under prescription of GLP-1 receptor
9 agonists and SGLT2 inhibitors in people with type 1
10 diabetes showed that off-label use of SGLT2
11 inhibitors for T1D has increased from one-tenth of
12 1 percent in 2013 to 2.4 percent in 2023.

13 SPEAKER 17C: To translate, that's an
14 increase from 1400 people to 36,000 people with T1D
15 who were taking SGLT2 inhibitors off label.

16 SPEAKER 17B: However, there is no guidance
17 on the use of SGLT2 inhibitors in T1D. This fact
18 was made clear by the renowned Dr. Leslie Eiland of
19 the University of Nebraska in a comment she wrote
20 last week on your very helpful FDA public docket.
21 There are dozens and dozens more like it. Greater
22 guidance and regulation on SGLT2 inhibitors for T1D

1 are much needed and would be greatly appreciated.

2 SPEAKER 17D: Even one person with an
3 untreated euglycemic DKA is one too many.
4 Adjusting insulin and keto monitoring aren't easy,
5 but it is possible with FDA regulations. REMS
6 protocols can be written, black boxes can be
7 created, the STICH protocol can be mandated, and
8 should be used. While DKA can be fatal, every kind
9 of DKA, translational and euglycemic can be
10 prevented, especially with proper oversight.

11 MS. CLOSE: So sometimes I feel like we're a
12 little bit in the wild west. If we can go to the
13 next slide for just a second -- I guess we didn't
14 get our wild west picture in here -- imagine
15 cowboys out there, all over the place. People are
16 doing many different things. Some people are
17 taking SGLTs because their blood glucose is going
18 up and they don't know what to do. We love the
19 idea of this being regulated so we can figure out
20 how much less insulin could be taken and to figure
21 out how to avoid euglycemic DKA. It is happening
22 out there.

1 We believe that, as Julie said so
2 eloquently, CGM in-range metrics have increased
3 dramatically for people who have been lucky enough
4 to be in trials. What we're asking you to do is
5 please regulate this therapy. Simply stated, the
6 current status quo is doing harm. You have the
7 power to change that, and we so hope that you will.

8 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

9 Speaker number 18, please state your name
10 and any organization you are here to represent for
11 the record. You have 3 minutes.

12 DR. BERGENSTAL: Thank you very much. I'm
13 Rich Bergenstal, the Executive Director of the
14 International Diabetes Center in Minneapolis, and
15 I'd like to outline where I think sotagliflozin
16 fits in the ongoing transformations of the
17 management of type 1 diabetes. I have no personal
18 conflicts of interest, and very specifically, I
19 have no disclosures regarding sotagliflozin, or
20 Lexicon, or no sponsorship from them.

21 Everyone has probably seen this slide of the
22 celebration of the 40th anniversary of DCCT EDIC.

1 I've annotated hit here a bit because now it shows
2 not only that achieving an A1C of 7 reduces the
3 risk of microvascular complications, but it shows
4 that for 20 years after the DCCT, we have struggled
5 to achieve optimal glycemic control because of
6 hypoglycemia.

7 So this led to the introduction of CGM,
8 which thankfully started to bend the curve and
9 introduce the concepts of time in range and time
10 below range, which are the two metrics we use to
11 manage type 1 diabetes today. But that was not
12 enough, so AID was introduced to further bend the
13 curve towards better control, but you heard today
14 that 50 percent of people only are on AID, and
15 20 to 30 percent achieving A1C less than 7, so we
16 need adjunctive therapy that can further increase
17 time in range and decrease time below range such as
18 sotagliflozin.

19 I know the panel is data-driven, so I'll
20 show you one slide that's about to be published
21 from the T1D Exchange that says, in orange,
22 "40 percent of people on AID today are not

1 achieving this time in range and time below range
2 targets that are so important," and the right side
3 of the side, I won't go over again, shows the PERL
4 study just reinforcing that good glucose control in
5 people with kidney disease can slow the
6 progression.

7 I want to show you one bit of data, a survey
8 we took for an application where we've submitted
9 interviewing 20 of our endocrinologists, and we
10 asked them, "Would you prescribe an SGLT2 inhibitor
11 if FDA approved it?" And they said yes. Ninety
12 percent would prescribe it for those with CKD in
13 type 1 and 10 percent said CHF. And then I asked,
14 "Well, how about the DKA? Is it manageable?" The
15 answer was overwhelmingly yes.

16 There is a dramatic increase in our access
17 to patients, remote access, since the pandemic.
18 Please don't look back to 2019 data. We are in
19 much closer contact with our patients today. We
20 all have the STICH or we like the STOP protocol for
21 managing sick-day illness and managing DKA. Our
22 endocrinologists may be able to wait for the FDA,

1 but people with type 1 diabetes and CKD really
2 can't wait much longer. We have a therapy that
3 specifically addresses their needs, and I think the
4 benefits far outweigh the real but manageable risks
5 of DKA. Thank you very much for your attention.

6 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

7 Speaker number 19, please state your name
8 and any organization you are here to represent for
9 the record. You have 3 minutes.

10 DR. SHAH: My name is Dr. Nirali Shah. I'm
11 an endocrinologist and Associate Professor in
12 Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount
13 Sinai. Today, Dr. Janet McGill, Professor at the
14 University of Washington, and I will be presenting
15 on behalf of the American Association of Clinical
16 Endocrinology. ACE is a global inclusive community
17 of more than 5700 endocrine-focused clinical
18 members, affiliates, and partners. We have no
19 conflicts to disclose and are not being compensated
20 for our time.

21 We want to highlight the current gaps and
22 unmet needs in the management of type 1 diabetes.

1 Despite advances in diabetes technologies such as
2 continuous glucose monitoring devices and insulin
3 pumps, only 17 percent of youth and 21 percent of
4 adults with diabetes achieve their target
5 hemoglobin A1C. Type 1 diabetes reduces the life
6 expectancy by an average of 11 to 13 years, with
7 cardiovascular disease being the leading cause of
8 death. Kidney function deterioration is a major
9 complication of type 1 diabetes, leading to reduced
10 quality and quantity of life. Challenges with
11 insulin-only treatment options include hypoglycemia
12 and weight gain associated with higher insulin
13 doses.

14 The benefits of sotagliflozin for type 1
15 diabetes patients have been demonstrated through
16 the inTandem clinical trial program, which examined
17 the efficacy and safety of adding sotagliflozin to
18 insulin therapy in type 1 diabetes patients. The
19 results demonstrated a 0.21 to 0.32 percent
20 reduction in hemoglobin A1C; 10 to 13 percent
21 increased time in range; decreased weight
22 2.2 to 4.3 percent; 6 to 12 percent reduced insulin

1 doses when compared to placebo. Patients also
2 reported higher treatment satisfaction and lower
3 diabetes distress scales.

4 Sotagliflozin has shown improvements in key
5 kidney function biomarkers in type 1 diabetes
6 patients compared to placebo. It has also
7 demonstrated cardiovascular renal benefits in
8 patients with type 2 diabetes.

9 Next slide, please, and I will be handing it
10 over to Dr. McGill.

11 DR. MCGILL: So many of the expert groups
12 who have presented here have outlined strategies to
13 mitigate the risk of DKA. I want to bring to the
14 committee's attention the fact that the data on
15 DKA, with all of the adjunctive therapy trials
16 using SGLT2 inhibitors or SGLT1-2 inhibitors in
17 patients with type 1 diabetes, were done before
18 widespread use of continuous glucose monitors;
19 before widespread use of AID pumps; before remote
20 patient monitoring; before many of the tools that
21 we have today to enhance glucose control but also
22 mitigate risks of therapies such as sotagliflozin.

1 Clearly, careful patient selection;
2 60 percent of persons with DKA have been in DKA in
3 the past year, perhaps using lower doses shown in
4 one set of trials; providing education; avoiding
5 substantial insulin dose reductions; and using the
6 STICH OR STOP DKA protocol. We promise to advocate
7 for greater use of ketone meters, which are more
8 sensitive than ketone strips, but not universally
9 approved or covered by insurance.

10 In sum, we strongly recommend the approval
11 of sotagliflozin for adjunctive treatment for
12 type 1 diabetes who are facing chronic kidney
13 disease and other devastating complications. We
14 support risk mitigation strategies, and we'll work
15 with --

16 DR. LOW WANG: I'm sorry. Could you start
17 to wrap up?

18 DR. MCGILL: Thanks.

19 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

20 Speaker number 20, please state your name
21 and any organization you are here to represent for
22 the record. You have 3 minutes.

1 DR. HERRERA: Hi. How's everybody?
2 Distinguished members of the EMDAC, my name is
3 Carolina Solis-Herrera. I'm a clinical
4 endocrinologist and a diabetes researcher with over
5 20 years of experience in the field. I also run a
6 large advanced diabetes practice in San Antonio,
7 Texas, which is a state with one of the largest
8 rates of diabetes in the United States. Lexicon
9 paid for my travel, and I'm not receiving any
10 honoraria or being compensated for my time, and I'm
11 here to represent myself and thousands of patients
12 with type 1 diabetes that we have in Texas.

13 Today, 42 million adults in the United
14 States live with diabetes, and this global pandemic
15 continues to grow at an alarming pace. It is a
16 leading cause of blindness, amputations, and
17 end-kidney disease in the world; however,
18 cardiovascular disease, heart failure, heart
19 attacks, and strokes, we continue to forget remains
20 the leading cause of death among patients with
21 diabetes.

22 In the past few years, we have discovered

1 new classes of diabetes medications that not only
2 improve glycemic control, but also provide
3 cardiovascular protection, reduction in heart
4 failure, hospitalizations, decrease the progression
5 of kidney disease, dialysis, and death. However,
6 these therapies are only FDA approved for patients
7 with type 2 diabetes, leaving those with type 1
8 diabetes vulnerable to increase risk of
9 cardiovascular events, severe complications, and
10 death.

11 It has been over 100 years since the
12 discovery of insulin, and as of today, it continues
13 to be the only effective medication approved for
14 type 1 diabetes management. Insulin unfortunately
15 does not protect against cardiovascular events, and
16 this lack of additional pharmacological and
17 cardioprotective options leaves a critical gap in
18 care for patients with type 1 diabetes. Sodium
19 glucose transporter inhibitors have emerged as a
20 promising class of drugs, showing not only benefits
21 in glycemic control, blood pressure, weight loss,
22 but most importantly provide cardiovascular

1 protection, including reduced risk in heart
2 attacks, strokes, heart failure, and death.

3 My research in the last 10 years has focused
4 in understanding the mechanisms behind the
5 cardioprotective effects of SGLT2 inhibitors, and
6 we have shown that these medications are effective
7 in patients with type 2 diabetes and that the
8 cardioprotective and renal effects are independent
9 of glycemic control. As we heard, patients with
10 type 1 diabetes without proper management can
11 develop, or may develop, diabetic ketoacidosis.
12 SGLT2 inhibitors have shown to mildly increase
13 these risks; however, the absolute numbers are low
14 in clinical trials, and these risks can be
15 mitigated with proper medical management and
16 education.

17 In summary, there's a large unmet need for
18 medications that promote not only effective
19 glycemic control, but also, and most importantly,
20 decreased cardiovascular risk in patients with
21 type 1 diabetes. This is a frail and high-risk
22 population that has been forgotten for many years,

1 and it has come to a moment, with the latest
2 classes of drugs like SGLT inhibitors, we'll be
3 able to decrease complications, cardiovascular
4 events, medical costs, and death in our patients.

5 DR. LOW WANG: I'm sorry. We're over time.

6 DR. HERRERA: Thank you very much for your
7 time and attention.

8 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

9 Speaker number 21, please state your name
10 and any organization you are here to represent for
11 the record. You have 3 minutes.

12 MS. HOHMANN: Good afternoon. My name is
13 Kristen Hohmann. I'm a member of a patient
14 advisory board for another pharma company in a
15 different therapeutic area. I have no other
16 interests or conflicts, and I'm here representing
17 myself. I very much wanted to attend in person,
18 but I'm only 11 weeks post a simultaneous kidney
19 and pancreas transplant, and was advised against
20 traveling at this time.

21 I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the
22 age of 9. Next week, I will have lived with this

1 demanding 24-7 disease that has dictated my entire
2 life and its complications for 35 years. Because
3 of my diabetes, I have experienced neuropathy;
4 proliferative retinopathy; macular edema;
5 hypertension resulting in cardiovascular damage;
6 and most significantly, chronic kidney disease,
7 which recently led to the need for a kidney
8 transplant at 43 years old.

9 When I learned about the severity of my CKD
10 last year, I began researching, and discovered the
11 number of medications that exist to treat and
12 prevent CKD and CVD and the wealth of clinical
13 evidence supporting their benefits. I also learned
14 none were approved for those with T1D, only T2. I
15 saw several providers until I found one willing to
16 prescribe an SGLT2 inhibitor off label.

17 I was made aware of the risks and side
18 effects, and educated about necessary precautions
19 by my provider, and never experienced any issues or
20 complications. In fact, I credit the medication
21 with lowering my A1C, regulating many of my labs,
22 and slightly improving and keeping my kidney

1 function stable so that I was able to avoid having
2 to go on dialysis before transplant.

3 My transplant journey has not been an easy
4 one. I received both organs in my first surgery,
5 followed by a hypertensive crisis and pancreas
6 failure the next day. My new pancreas had to be
7 removed, and the day after, I was offered a second
8 pancreas and underwent my third 7-hour surgery
9 within 3 days. Two weeks later, I had a rejection
10 where, thankfully, my second pancreas was able to
11 be treated and saved.

12 I'm beyond grateful to my team and donors
13 for this gift of life but sometimes find myself
14 wondering, if this sort of medication had been
15 available to me at an earlier stage in my CKD,
16 maybe I would have not had to go through this
17 excruciating experience that has left me on an
18 intensive medication regimen and immunocompromised
19 for the rest of my life.

20 For me, it's too late, but for the many
21 people living with type 1 and CKD, it isn't.
22 People with T1D should have the option to weigh the

1 potential benefits and risks of this class of drugs
2 and engage in shared decision making with their
3 provider. For me, it was worth it, and others
4 should have that same opportunity earlier in their
5 disease, where it can make a real difference and
6 even change the course of their entire life. The
7 possible risks are the same type of risks a type 1
8 is perfectly capable of and already managing on a
9 daily basis. Thank you very much for your time and
10 consideration.

11 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

12 Speaker number 22, please state your name
13 and any organization you are here to represent for
14 the record. You have 3 minutes.

15 DR. FLEMING: I'm Alexander Fleming, an
16 endocrinologist and member of Conexa, a firm that
17 supports the development of regulated products,
18 especially for diabetes. I have no conflicts of
19 interest, nor have I been compensated for appearing
20 today. I once advised the sponsor prior to the
21 original NDA submission, but I have not since been
22 involved or in contact with the sponsor.

1 I start by affirming both FDA and the
2 sponsor for expertly doing their respective jobs
3 with professionalism. It was a close call on the
4 original NDA submission, but it proved to be the
5 right decision to withhold the general type 1
6 diabetes indication. With the benefit of time, we
7 now have a solid basis for a product label with the
8 proposed indication for the smaller, well-defined
9 population.

10 To be sure, a positive benefit-to-risk
11 decision does have to stand on the evidence, both
12 available and what is not available. I would only
13 point out secondary considerations that favor a
14 positive judgment. First, the adversities of
15 primary relevance, DKA and severe hypoglycemia are
16 well defined, identifiable, and manageable for
17 purposes of safety surveillance of real-world use.

18 In general, people with type 1 diabetes have
19 the full attention of their disease and are highly
20 motivated to be informed and to take care. People
21 with type 1 diabetes are helped by a team of
22 specialists who themselves are highly informed and

1 motivated to take care. As you have just heard,
2 people with type 1 diabetes do want options to
3 minimize risk of complications and death, and in
4 using them, they will take care.

5 Three appropriate questions and concerns
6 persist about the benefits and risks of Zynquista
7 for the proposed indication, but I'm confident that
8 appropriate labeling and risk management can be
9 devised by the company and FDA to provide access to
10 the indicated population. We can expect that in
11 the clinical use and oversight of this drug, all
12 stakeholders involved, and especially people with
13 type 1 diabetes, will take care. Thank you for
14 your service.

15 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

16 Speaker number 23, please state your name
17 and any organization you are here to represent for
18 the record. You have 3 minutes.

19 MR. SJOLUND: Hi. Good afternoon. My name
20 is John Sjolund, and I'm in San Diego, California.
21 I am the CEO of Luna Diabetes; however, I'm here in
22 a personal capacity to advocate on behalf of all of

1 those of us living with type 1 diabetes, and I have
2 not received any compensation of any sort to be
3 here today.

4 I have lived with type 1 diabetes for
5 38 years now. I'm one of the lucky ones that is
6 able to meet A1C goals, but it is a grind for me.
7 Diabetes for me, and all these people living with
8 it, is a struggle. I deal with high and low
9 glucose multiple times per day. When I see a plate
10 of food or a snack, I see a math equation ahead of
11 me, not just a delicious meal. I get a new glucose
12 reading 288 times per day, and I spend at least one
13 hour each and every day dealing with my diabetes,
14 and thinking about it, and thinking how I can do
15 the best that I can. People commonly say that
16 people living with diabetes think about it 4 to
17 500 times per day. Diabetes is a grind, and it
18 requires constant vigilance.

19 Insulin, while life-saving, is currently the
20 only FDA-approved option for those of us with
21 type 1 diabetes, and it is falling short of fully
22 managing the disease for most people.

1 Sotagliflozin provides desperately needed help to
2 those of us living with type 1 diabetes. I know
3 nearly a dozen people with type 1, if we had been
4 lucky enough to access these medications off label,
5 and they describe it as life-changing, less
6 insulin, less fewer glucose excursions, much less
7 time spent managing their diabetes and worrying
8 about the results. Most of them are calling it a
9 miracle medication for their day-to-day glucose
10 management. You would think that would be enough,
11 but then we're also seeing and we have heard today
12 about the kidney protection, the reduced risk of
13 cardiovascular disease; it's pretty incredible.

14 Now, I and everyone in this room is well
15 aware of the concern about euglycemic DKA and the
16 risk that it entails; however, I can share that I
17 would do almost anything to spend less time per day
18 managing my disease. Since the early use of SGLT2s
19 in diabetes, there's been a lot of work done,
20 including the STICH and STOP protocols, to educate
21 those of us with the disease on how to manage that
22 risk, and we've heard today, everyone who's living

1 with diabetes has thought that it's, by far, an
2 acceptable risk. It's a small price to pay to
3 monitor for symptoms of DKA and to be prepared for
4 ketone tests for the incredible benefits, not to
5 mention that continuous ketone monitoring seems to
6 be coming in our very near future.

7 I believe with proper education and
8 labeling, it is very manageable. So in closing,
9 I'm here today advocating for those of us living
10 and struggling with type 1 diabetes to have access
11 to better treatment options. I'm advocating the
12 FDA to approve sotagliflozin for type 1 diabetes.
13 Thank you.

14 **Clarifying Questions (continued)**

15 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

16 I'd like to thank each and every speaker for
17 our open public hearing. The open public hearing
18 portion of this meeting has now concluded. We will
19 no longer take comments from the audience.

20 So we actually have the slide available from
21 the applicant that was asked for by Dr. Everett, so
22 if you could please show that.

1 DR. VADUGANATHAN: Muthia Vaduganathan,
2 Brigham and & Women's Hospital. For orientation,
3 these are the baseline characteristics of the
4 SCORED long-term outcomes trial in type 2 diabetes
5 and chronic kidney disease juxtaposed against the
6 inTandem trial population baseline characteristics.
7 By design, patients in SCORED had reduced GFR below
8 60 compared with the T1D-CKD subgroup of the
9 inTandem population.

10 We already discussed that there was about a
11 two-decade difference in these two populations.
12 Beyond that, there are several comparable
13 characteristics. Gender was balanced across all
14 three of these trial populations; furthermore, the
15 majority of patients were overweight or obese.
16 Patients with type 1 diabetes had much longer
17 disease duration, and in keeping with that, their
18 overall cardiorenal markers were also similarly
19 elevated.

20 For instance, their hemoglobin A1C -- if you
21 compare that in the SCORED trial compared with
22 Study 312, which lacked the prior insulin

1 optimization -- is highly comparable. Furthermore,
2 the median UACR, the key marker of cardiorenal
3 risk, is in the same range of 50 to 80. Many
4 patients in both trials were treated with renin
5 angiotensin system inhibitors in the background.

6 DR. LOW WANG: Great. Thank you.

7 Dr. Everett, do you have any questions about
8 that?

9 DR. EVERETT: No, that's great. Thank you
10 for providing those data.

11 **Questions to the Committee and Discussion**

12 DR. LOW WANG: Great.

13 The committee will now turn its attention to
14 address the task at hand, the careful consideration
15 of the data before the committee, as well as the
16 public comments.

17 We will now proceed with the questions to
18 the committee and the panel discussions. I'd like
19 to remind the public observers that while this
20 meeting is open for public observation, public
21 attendees may not participate, except at the
22 specific request of the panel. After I read each

1 question, we will pause for any questions or
2 comments concerning its wording.

3 The first question is a discussion question.
4 Discuss the evidence and uncertainties based on the
5 existing clinical trial data as to whether
6 sotagliflozin improves A1C across a range of
7 estimated glomerular filtration rates, or eGFRs,
8 including the following categories: 45 to less
9 than 60; 60 to less than 90; and 90 or above.
10 Consider the durability of the treatment effect
11 demonstrated.

12 Are there any questions or comments about
13 the wording of the discussion question?

14 (No response.)

15 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. So if there aren't
16 any, we'll go ahead and open this question to
17 discussion.

18 Go ahead, Dr. Newman.

19 DR. NEWMAN: Thank you. From looking at the
20 data --

21 DR. LOW WANG: Can you go ahead and state
22 your name?

1 DR. NEWMAN: Oh, sorry. Dr. Connie Newman.
2 I think that what we saw when we looked at the
3 data, at least what I got out of it, was that there
4 is an improvement, or was an improvement, in
5 hemoglobin A1C of about maybe 0.3 to 0.4 percent,
6 on average, in the categories of 60 to below 90 and
7 above 90 for estimated GFR, but there was some
8 uncertainty about whether the reduction in
9 hemoglobin A1C in patients with GFR of 45 to 60,
10 whether that was significant, and I think that was
11 due to the low patient numbers.

12 In terms of the durability of the treatment
13 effect, the available data questioned that, but I
14 don't think that has been adequately evaluated.
15 Thank you.

16 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

17 Mr. Tibbits?

18 MR. TIBBITS: Mr. Tibbits. I think I'm in
19 alignment with Dr. Newman. I certainly feel the
20 same way about the two higher eGFR groups. The
21 lower group, with the numbers that we're looking
22 at, I used to be involved in chronic disease

1 trials, and that sort of looks like a chronic
2 disease trial -- I mean, sorry, a rare disease
3 trial. So it's really hard to tell what that
4 impact is. I think, later, I would urge Lexicon to
5 pay specific attention to that group and do
6 additional studies/trials with that group because,
7 certainly, there is great unmet need with that
8 group, but I don't think we have enough data to
9 know what the impact is.

10 In terms of durability, I would say, do we
11 know? Not necessarily, but I would say 52 weeks of
12 having a lower A1C is better than zero weeks of
13 having a lower A1C. So I think, for me, durability
14 of one year is better than having a higher A1C for
15 that one year. Thank you.

16 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Everett?

17 DR. EVERETT: Thanks. Brendan Everett.
18 I'll focus my comments on the 24-week study data
19 because it seems to me that that's when the end of
20 the blinded treatment period happened for 309 and
21 310, and also 312; and after that point, at
22 least -- and if I'm wrong, I'm happy to be

1 corrected. But just from the FDA's presentation,
2 it seemed like after that point, physicians and
3 patients were unblinded both to what their A1C
4 levels were and whether or not they could then have
5 adjunctive therapy continued. So the insulin
6 therapy intensified, for example, to improve their
7 control.

8 So I think it's appropriate to focus, in
9 terms of the change in A1C, on the primary outcome
10 in the labeling indication on the 24-week outcomes.
11 And I agree with what Dr. Newman said, that there
12 seems to be about a .03-.04 percent reduction in
13 hemoglobin A1C. I think as a clinical trialist,
14 you're generally taught to take the point estimate
15 that's true across the entire trial, and the
16 times -- in fact, this was Dr. Califf who taught me
17 this; that if there are exceptions to that, it's
18 pretty unusual that the point estimate varies in a
19 significant way within individual treatment groups.

20 Now, we have a pathophysiologic reason why
21 there might be less hemoglobin A1C reduction in
22 those with less renal function given the mechanism

1 of action of sotagliflozin, but nonetheless, I
2 think if you you look at the data at 24 weeks from
3 309 and 310, in a small number of patients, the
4 point estimate for the reduction in hemoglobin A1C
5 in the less than 60 group was minus 0.27 and minus
6 0.21 for the two different sotagliflozin doses, and
7 those compare and seem awfully similar, to me, to
8 the eGFR of greater than equal to 90 where the
9 estimates are 0.28 and 0.28. So if you take the
10 overall principle that you really have to
11 demonstrate profound differences to intuit that
12 they're there, that looks similar.

13 Now, 312 is not quite as in line, the
14 differences maybe are somewhat larger, but I share
15 the concern and the rationale that the FDA has, and
16 perhaps the sponsor as well, that when the eGFR
17 drops less than 60, the efficacy with respect to
18 that particular outcome, hemoglobin A1C reduction,
19 may be somewhat diminished. I'm actually not sure
20 that the data that we've been presented
21 conclusively demonstrate that they are, so it seems
22 to me that, on balance, you take the net overall

1 treatment effect in the entire randomized trial as
2 the default when that's the case.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

4 Dr. Konstam?

5 DR. KONSTAM: Yes, I totally agree with
6 Brendan. Just to follow up on it, we usually look
7 at subgroups for consistency, or lack thereof as he
8 suggested. Looking at these data, one point to be
9 made is we have not proven that the low eGFR group
10 is different than the other two groups; however,
11 the trend is concerning, or perhaps it is. So
12 that's the way I would say it, and I think we can't
13 say much more than that.

14 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

15 Dr. Wang?

16 DR. WANG: Yes. Thomas Wang. I have very
17 similar impressions regarding the data. My general
18 gestalt is probably the hemoglobin A1C is similar
19 across the different eGFR groups; certainly, no
20 evidence that it's better in the lower eGFR group.
21 And, obviously, because of the conference intervals
22 there, there is significantly less precision in the

1 lowest eGFR group.

2 The only other comment I would make, and
3 it's really more of a question, and I don't know if
4 it's answerable, is given that the original TANDEM
5 studies were done seven years ago now, when I
6 assume the penetration of CGM, and the closed-loop
7 systems, and all the devices that we have today was
8 less, I do wonder whether these point estimates
9 from 2017 even still apply today; and if they
10 don't, in which way they would go. I would assume
11 that the advent of new devices has improved for
12 baseline glucose control such that the window for
13 improvement might even be slightly narrower.

14 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Newman?

15 DR. NEWMAN: Connie Newman. Thank you. I
16 just want to clarify what was said about the low
17 eGFR group below 60. Because the numbers were
18 small, I believe the confidence interval is very
19 wide, and you can't exclude a very small increase
20 in hemoglobin A1C. But I do think that if there
21 were more patients, that would not be the case;
22 that there would be a benefit in terms of

1 hemoglobin A1C reduction in that group.

2 DR. LOW WANG: Cecilia Low Wang. I felt
3 like, as was mentioned, the sample sizes were
4 extremely small, and there were lots of differences
5 between the combined pooled 309-310 trials and 312.
6 I think that made it extremely difficult to draw
7 conclusions.

8 It did look like sotagliflozin lowers A1C in
9 patients with GFR greater than 60, but the effect
10 seems to be attenuated when the GFR is less than
11 60. It doesn't seem like the 400-milligram dose
12 has a greater effect. And then in the 310 trial, I
13 thought that was pretty problematic because there
14 wasn't really significant A1C lowering in that kind
15 of GFR subgroup; and I agree with Dr. Everett that
16 I think it's hard to make conclusions with the
17 52-week data because those were unblinded, and that
18 was beyond the the primary endpoint.

19 So overall, I think there may be a
20 difference in A1C lowering at that GFR threshold of
21 60 with less lowering below 60, and there's not
22 strong evidence of durability at 52 weeks, is the

1 bottom line, is what I see.

2 Are there any other comments from the panel?

3 Go ahead, Dr. Nason.

4 DR. NASON: Thanks. Martha Nason. I just
5 wanted to explicitly say one thing that a lot of
6 people have sort of inferred but nobody's said
7 outright, which is that this is an ad hoc subgroup,
8 as far as I know anyway, and it was not predefined.
9 So it makes you wonder -- and I don't have an
10 answer to this; I'm not sure anyone does -- what
11 other subgroups might have been considered instead
12 and how to adjust for that mentally as far as the
13 ability to pick out subgroups where things seem
14 different.

15 I'm sure everyone around this table knows
16 the concerns with multiple comparisons and the
17 ability to find that something works better in
18 Virgos than Libras who are left-handed if you look
19 hard enough. And I'm not saying that's what's
20 happening here, but it's certainly something that
21 any ad hoc subgroup raises, a specter that it
22 raises, and that it needs to be, I would say, a

1 pretty strong and biological effect to split it
2 rather than lump it, to agree with my colleagues to
3 my left.i

4 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Thank you.

5 If there are no other comments -- oh, is
6 there another person with a comment?

7 (No response.)

8 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. If there are no other
9 comments on this discussion question, I'm going to
10 go ahead and summarize before we move on to
11 discussion question number 2.

12 I think that, in general, the panel
13 discussed the fact that the data presented were not
14 conclusive but the trend was concerning. As was
15 mentioned by Dr. Nason, this is not a predefined
16 subgroup. It was ad hoc. The sample sizes were
17 small. There was no accounting for multiple
18 comparisons. There does appear to be A1C lowering
19 across the eGFR categories, especially with the 60
20 to less than 90 group. There's more uncertainty in
21 the A1C lowering for the GFR less than 60 group,
22 but that sample size was extremely small. It's

1 about a tenth of the size of the rest of the group.
2 In the durability, we really can't comment on that
3 very well. It's unclear. The data beyond 24 weeks
4 was unblinded, so difficult to draw conclusions.

5 Let's move on to discussion question
6 number 2. This is also a discussion question.
7 First, I'll read the question, and then see if
8 there are any issues with the wording of the
9 question.

10 Question number 2, discuss the evidence and
11 uncertainties as to whether patients with type 1
12 diabetes and chronic kidney disease accrue a
13 greater benefit with respect to microvascular
14 disease than patients with T1D without CKD for any
15 given reduction in the A1C.

16 In your discussion, consider different KDIGO
17 categories of CKD, classified by both GFR -- so the
18 categories are 45 to less than 60, 60 to less than
19 90, and then 90 or above -- as well as the UACR,
20 less than 30, 30 to less than 300, and 300 or
21 higher. Discuss the magnitude of clinical benefit
22 conferred by the A1C reductions expected with the

1 use of sotagliflozin across the range of CKD
2 severity, considering both eGFR and UACR.

3 So are there any questions about the wording
4 of this discussion question?

5 Go ahead, Dr. Everett.

6 DR. EVERETT: So this is specific to the
7 eGFR reduction that we're seeing with sotagliflozin
8 and its beneficial effects on --

9 DR. LOW WANG: Go ahead, Dr. Archdeacon.

10 DR. ARCHDEACON: So you're saying what
11 clinical benefits are we talking about?

12 DR. EVERETT: This question seems narrowly
13 constructed to really be talking about whatever
14 reduction in hemoglobin A1C we see with
15 sotagliflozin, which we just finished talking
16 about, and what are the benefits on kidney
17 function --

18 DR. ARCHDEACON: We've broadened it to
19 microvascular, so if you want to speculate on
20 retinopathy --

21 DR. EVERETT: Okay. Fine.

22 DR. ARCHDEACON: -- but we're not talking

1 about non-A1C mechanistic issues.

2 DR. EVERETT: Just [indiscernible 6:44:26].

3 DR. ARCHDEACON: Right.

4 DR. EVERETT: Okay. Thank you.

5 DR. LOW WANG: And just one more
6 clarification on this discussion question. When
7 you talk about discussing the evidence and
8 uncertainties, you're talking about even outside
9 the trials that were presented.

10 DR. ARCHDEACON: We'll certainly accept your
11 expertise if you have something to base this on.
12 We were able to present some data from PERL, and
13 the Joslin Proteinuria Cohort, and DCCT, but if you
14 have other expertise, including your clinical
15 acumen, that's reasonable for you to draw on.

16 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Terrific. Great.

17 Any other questions or issues with the
18 wording?

19 (No response.)

20 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. If not, then I'll go
21 ahead and open this discussion question for
22 comment.

1 Dr. Konstam?

2 DR. KONSTAM: Yes. I think the answer is we
3 don't know. We don't have any evidence for it. I
4 think the group was chosen on the grounds that they
5 have higher rates of microvascular and other
6 complications, therefore stand more to benefit.
7 Point of fact, if you have a greater risk of those
8 events, then the absolute improvement would be
9 better for any hazard reduction; however, in fact,
10 we cannot go from the fact that this is a group
11 that has greater risk to saying, ok, if we improve
12 glycemic control, that risk will go down. So I
13 just don't think that we have any evidence one way
14 or another on that subject.

15 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

16 Dr. Onumah?

17 DR. ONUMAH: I have to agree with the doctor
18 who just spoke because even when we --

19 DR. LOW WANG: If you could please just
20 state your name.

21 DR. ONUMAH: Oh, sorry. Barbara Onumah. I
22 agree with the statement that was just made because

1 when we look at the data that we have, even from
2 the PERL study, which has some objective numbers,
3 it says that the reduction of A1C that we see in
4 the TANDEM trials of 0.3 to 0.4 percent, you'd have
5 to have a sustained 10-year reduction in A1C of 0.3
6 to get an improvement in eGFR of 1.6 to 2.4.

7 Now, that's important, but that does not
8 translate into a significant improvement in renal
9 function. So I think we don't have enough
10 information to have a conclusion on this discussion
11 point for that question.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

13 Dr. Newman?

14 DR. NEWMAN: Connie Newman. I just wanted
15 to say that I agree with what has already been
16 said. We don't have enough data, and I don't think
17 there's enough data in the literature either to say
18 there were other clinical benefits.

19 DR. LOW WANG: I would say that we have
20 strong evidence of benefit for reduction in
21 microvascular disease risk in terms of eGFR
22 decline; development of albuminuria when we have

1 good glycemic control, especially in patients with
2 microalbuminuria, higher A1C, or in
3 macroalbuminuria, and that's what the DCCT showed
4 us. It looks like there's a potential greater
5 benefit for microvascular disease reduction, but I
6 don't know if it's for any given reduction in A1C.
7 I just don't feel like the data demonstrate that in
8 patients with T1D and CKD compared to those without
9 CKD.

10 I think SCORED showed us that there's
11 greater absolute risk reduction for the composite
12 kidney endpoint with a GFR of greater than 45 or
13 with microalbuminuria, which is in contrast to the
14 CKD population in this proposed indication, but
15 this magnitude of benefit seems to be pretty small
16 across the range of the eGFR categories in terms of
17 the renal endpoint. Number of events was
18 incredibly small, so I feel like it's really
19 impossible to draw conclusions about this.

20 Dr. Yanoff?

21 DR. YANOFF: Thank you. I wanted to
22 clarify, the any given reduction A1C was thinking

1 of previous version slashed, but I want to
2 emphasize that's not really the point of the
3 question. We're not asking you to consider ranges
4 of 0.1, all the way to what was seen in DCCT as
5 2 percent. We're just really talking about the
6 range that you'd expect with sotagliflozin, so
7 about about 0.2 to 0.3 percent, and if you believe
8 that that much difference in A1C that would be
9 expected to be conferred by sotagliflozin would
10 make a difference in these different populations.
11 So it's not as broad as do we know everything about
12 every given A1C. I don't know if it helps.

13 DR. LOW WANG: I think what you're maybe
14 saying is the 0.3 or 0.4 percent reduction in A1C
15 more beneficial in patients with T1D and CKD
16 compared to people without CKD?

17 DR. YANOFF: Correct.

18 DR. ARCHDEACON: I think I drafted the
19 question or participated. What I had in mind was
20 imagine, for instance, three different patients.
21 There's somebody who has an eGFR of 100 and no
22 evidence of proteinuria, somebody who has an eGFR

1 of 90 and a microalbuminuria of 40, and then
2 somebody who has an eGFR of 85 and
3 macroalbuminuria. Each one of them has a reduction
4 of 0.3. Is there any evidence to say that that 0.3
5 helped any of those three people more than any of
6 the others?

7 DR. KONSTAM: Can I respond?

8 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Konstam?

9 DR. KONSTAM: Again, my answer would be that
10 you have to separate potential hazard reduction
11 from potential absolute risk reduction. I think
12 the fact that the patients with the lower eGFR I
13 think have greater risk for microvascular disease,
14 that would translate into any given hazard
15 reduction that you would get to a greater absolute
16 benefit, is really the reality of it. But you have
17 on top of that that there's a trend toward reduced
18 glycemic control in the lower eGFR group. I think
19 a group that has a higher risk has a greater
20 likelihood of benefiting from an absolute
21 improvement basis.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Wang?

1 DR. WANG: Thomas Wang, just stating my
2 thoughts for the record. I agree with all the
3 prior comments. I find, as Dr. Konstam
4 articulated, that this question is important but
5 difficult to really achieve a conclusion on the
6 basis of the data that currently exists.

7 If you take one approach, which is the one
8 he articulated, which is to say, well, let's say
9 that the relative risk reduction was similar in
10 people with and without CKD, then on the basis of
11 that, because we assume that people with CKD have a
12 higher absolute risk than by inference, the
13 patients with CKD will experience a greater
14 absolute risk reduction.

15 I think that on the face of it seems
16 plausible. That being said, in answering
17 question 1, many of us weren't sure that the
18 initial reduction was exactly the same across all
19 these groups, so that introduces uncertainty into
20 that.

21 I guess the other way to approach it, which
22 I think the FDA nicely laid out using the study

1 that has been cited multiple times, the PERL study,
2 is to try to extrapolate from observational data
3 with all of the pitfalls of that. And I have to
4 say I was somewhat surprised at the relative
5 modesty of benefit if you use that approach, that
6 you drive something like a 1 and a half to 2 and a
7 half unit change over 10 years in eGFR.

8 So again, I don't find, when I think about
9 the different ways of approaching this, an answer
10 that gives me a high degree of confidence that we
11 have enough data to move forward.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Cecilia Low Wang. I just
13 want to mention that in terms of trying to use the
14 PERL study or the PERL data to draw conclusions,
15 the PERL study did not show any significant
16 improvements in A1C. A1C was the same at baseline
17 as it was at the end of the trial. So the way
18 we're using it is actually cross-sectional; it
19 wasn't a treatment trial for A1C.

20 So I don't think that we can draw
21 conclusions from the PERL trial for that. We can
22 see that there's worse kidney outcomes in patients

1 with higher A1C and with stage 2 and stage 3 CKD,
2 but other than that, I don't know that we can say
3 that decreasing the A1C by 0.3 percent is going to
4 give you more benefit in someone with CKD rather
5 than someone without.

6 We have more comments.

7 Dr. Everett?

8 DR. EVERETT: Brendan Everett. I just want
9 to echo what Dr. Wang and Dr. Low Wang just said.
10 I actually don't find the PERL data to be helpful
11 at all because I think it's an observational
12 analysis, and there's no surprise that people who
13 have slightly worse A1C control at baseline have a
14 progression in their kidney function at a more
15 rapid rate than those who don't. It's not an
16 interventional trial where we can really conclude
17 anything. I think just a remarkable paucity of
18 data here to have any confidence.

19 I guess my gestalt, and you can take this
20 for what it is, which is a cardiologist's opinion,
21 is that an A1C reduction of 0.3 percent seems
22 pretty modest and unlikely to have, at least to me,

1 a substantial direct benefit on something like
2 eGFR. I could be wrong. I don't think there's a
3 huge amount of data. I think there are other
4 potential benefits that are not specific to this
5 question that I'm sure we'll discuss in a moment.

6 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Seliger?

7 DR. SELIGER: Thanks. Steve Seliger. Yes.
8 I think a lot of this goes back again to the
9 specific subgroup that the sponsor is requesting
10 consideration for, and maybe back to some of our
11 comments from the morning. The group of
12 individuals with type 1 diabetes and an eGFR of
13 60 to 89, let's say who don't have at least A2
14 albuminuria, that is actually not a group that is
15 associated with an increased risk of end-stage
16 kidney disease, generally, and it's also not a
17 group that has been studied even in other
18 situations, type 2 diabetes or non-diabetics, for
19 the effects of SGLT2 inhibitors on end-stage kidney
20 disease progression at all.

21 So I find that the evidence base for that,
22 just generally, for this intervention, or even for

1 any specific intervention, to slow progression, the
2 data would be extremely uncertain. Perhaps the
3 argument is most compelling for those with higher
4 levels of albuminuria, but those are the kinds of
5 patients for whom there were very few in the TANDEM
6 database. There's really the crux of it all.

7 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

8 Dr. Parsa? Oh, sorry -- Dr. Roy-Chaudhury?

9 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: I put my card down
10 because other people already brought up my point.

11 DR. PARSA: I was just going to second
12 exactly what you said. Again, from a nephrologist
13 standpoint --

14 DR. LOW WANG: Yes. Sorry about that.

15 DR. PARSA: -- one, I don't think we can
16 read too much into the PERL study, and we haven't
17 really looked at a population of patients in all of
18 our discussions that could potentially have that
19 big benefit with even a smaller hemoglobin A1C
20 reduction.

21 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

22 Dr. Irony?

1 DR. IRONY: Thank you. Ilan Irony. I think
2 I agree with all the comments here about
3 uncertainties, and there are plenty, of how to
4 infer from the observational part of the PERL study
5 into what we try to conclude here for
6 sotagliflozin. But in response to the magnitude of
7 the A1C reduction that Dr. Everett mentioned, that
8 this is relatively small, I agree, 0.3, 0.2 is
9 relatively small. But we have to remember that
10 this is coming from a baseline of people that are
11 relatively well controlled compared to the general
12 type 1 diabetic population. Even though the entry
13 criteria was up to hemoglobin A1C of 11, the
14 average was 7.7 or so at baseline, so you don't
15 expect much of that.

16 But my question here is -- and I know the
17 FDA's consideration in the briefing book is that
18 the time in range is not something that is an
19 endpoint being considered because hemoglobin A1C
20 and capturing inaccurate terms in a study, the
21 degree of hypoglycemia is sufficient to cover the
22 concept of time in range. But from what we hear

1 from the patients in the open public hearing and so
2 forth, what kind of consideration FDA would say is
3 an additional benefit of having peace of mind in
4 terms of glycemic control, based on time in range
5 compared to what's captured only in hemoglobin A1C?

6 DR. YANOFF: FDA is always open to any data
7 that supports a clinical benefit of drug, how a
8 patient feels, functions, or survives. So how a
9 patient feels with better time in range, if there
10 was a way to quantify that, then FDA has always
11 been open to that.

12 DR. ARCHDEACON: I think we've signaled in
13 our recent guidance, for instance, that even though
14 A1C is often the basis of a regulatory action, if
15 time in range data is rigorously collected and it
16 aligns with what the A1C data shows, we would also
17 include that in a label. I think for purpose of
18 this discussion, I do think we have pretty rigorous
19 hypoglycemia data and pretty rigorous A1C data, so
20 the time in range seems somewhat duplicative, but
21 if you have found it to be helpful beyond
22 what -- you're certainly encouraged to consider

1 that.

2 DR. IRONY: No. I acknowledge here the data
3 on time in range because the number of people on
4 CGMs was a small fraction and the data are sparse.
5 But I think it's something that we hear from
6 experience of off-label use outside the trial, that
7 time in range, in general, leads to more peace of
8 mind in terms of fluctuation.

9 DR. YANOFF: As an industry rep, I really
10 appreciate your comment, and I encourage you to ask
11 industry to develop a tool that will be able to
12 assess how a patient feels with improved time in
13 range, and FDA would be happy to consider that.

14 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

15 Any other comments from the panel on this
16 discussion question?

17 (No response.)

18 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. I'll go ahead and try
19 to summarize our discussion, and definitely, if
20 I've missed anything, please add to it. I think
21 what was said was that there's a distinction
22 between relative and absolute risk reduction. So

1 in terms of what are we talking about here, we
2 think that a higher risk population does have a
3 greater potential for benefit, but you're unable to
4 extrapolate any conclusions about whether or not
5 there is truly greater benefit with a certain level
6 of A1C reduction from the data that we have.

7 So there are potential other benefits, but
8 those aren't quantified. So overall, it's really
9 difficult to conclude from the available data, and
10 we don't have the evidence, there's a lot of
11 uncertainty, and the magnitude of benefit from this
12 small improvement of A1C is expected to be small.
13 We just don't have enough.

14 Any other additions to that summary?

15 (No response.)

16 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Let's move on to
17 discussion question 3. I'll read the question and
18 see if there are any issues. Discuss whether the
19 magnitude of the DKA risk in patients with T1D and
20 CKD using sotagliflozin has been sufficiently
21 characterized. Discuss the evidence and
22 uncertainties regarding DKA risk for patients with

1 T1D and GFRs in the following ranges: 45 to less
2 than 60, 60 to less than 90, and 90 or greater.

3 Any questions about the question?

4 Go ahead, Dr. Roy-Chaudhury.

5 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Prabir Roy-Chaudhury.

6 I'm not sure whether this is the exact place but,
7 to me, the most important thing that isn't here is
8 the risk of DKA in a 17 year old on sotagliflozin
9 and the risk in somebody who is in a totally
10 different state; in other words, somebody who's
11 really compliant versus somebody who's not.

12 Definitely in the discussion, I want to raise that,
13 but I'm not sure whether that should be the
14 question as well.

15 DR. ARCHDEACON: If you'd like FDA to
16 comment, I guess I will. The way that I look at it
17 is the applicant has come up with a labeling
18 strategy, so the labeling strategy is suggesting
19 that they will identify patients who have CKD, and
20 on that basis give them the drug. If they were
21 proposing a different strategy that was based on
22 age, we probably would have phrased the question

1 differently.

2 Now, it may be that you're willing to assume
3 that providers, in addition to following the
4 labeling, they'll be informed by what they know
5 about in general patients, and perhaps even what
6 they know about that individual patient. I think
7 some of the speakers have talked about how they
8 know a lot about their individual patients that
9 they're working with. Obviously, you can consider
10 that as well, but the reason we framed the question
11 as we did is because this appears to be the
12 labeling strategy which anyone would follow.

13 DR. LOW WANG: Any other questions about the
14 wording?

15 (No response.)

16 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. So then, I'll open
17 this discussion question to panel comments.

18 Dr. Konstam?

19 DR. KONSTAM: Well, I think a couple of
20 things. I would say one is that, looking at the
21 data, it does appear that there's a trend toward
22 less DKA in the eGFR group between 60 and 90, so

1 there's a trend. The confidence intervals overlap,
2 and I'm sure there's no treatment by subgroup
3 interaction that's significant in there, but it's
4 trending in that direction.

5 The other thing I would say, though, in
6 general, I'm struck still with the Sentinel data.
7 Obviously, that was not a controlled trial. You
8 have nothing to compare it to as you do with
9 treatment versus placebo; however, looking at the
10 absolute numbers, those absolute numbers are higher
11 than in the treatment group and these data in the
12 trials, and that concerns me. It shows what I
13 guess I would suspect anyway, that the rate of DKA
14 is going to be higher in the real world than it was
15 in those trials. So I continue to be uncertain
16 about, really, what the level of DKA risk is.

17 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

18 Dr. Chrischilles?

19 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Just responding to that,
20 I actually --

21 DR. LOW WANG: Sorry. Could you state your
22 name, please?

1 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Betsy Chrischilles.
2 Actually responding directly to that, I don't read
3 the Sentinel data quite the same way just because I
4 think the average follow-up time is just about
5 3 months in the Sentinel data, and we're looking at
6 rates per hundred person-years. So I think if we
7 actually look at the number of cases --

8 DR. KONSTAM: I thought the Sentinel data
9 that we looked at was rate, 100 patient-years.
10 There's a graph in your briefing document.

11 DR. LOW WANG: Could the FDA go ahead and
12 show that slide?

13 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Oh, ok.

14 DR. CHANG: Po-Yin Chang, Division of
15 Epidemiology. I think that's correct. In
16 Sentinel, the follow-up of the insulin use in
17 Sentinel is about 0.3 years, but overall, we censor
18 patients for a year only. So we follow them, and
19 if they have a DKA event, we censor and if they
20 don't have DKA event, and then follow up, and up to
21 one year we stop the follow-up.

22 I would like to point out some perspective

1 that clinical trials are very well-controlled
2 studies, so they have all the measurements in place
3 to reduce the risk of potential hypoglycemia and
4 DKA, for example. But in clinical practice, I'm
5 not sure people who have contributed to the claims
6 data have this same approach to reduce DKA or
7 hypoglycemia. So I'm cautious to compare trial
8 results to the clinical real-world data results.

9 DR. CHRISCHILLES: But just to finish, if I
10 were to do that, I would take those rates per
11 hundred person-years of around 9 and divide it by 4
12 to get to a 3-month rate, just if I were going to
13 do it back of the napkin. I know we can't compare,
14 but I wouldn't say we could conclude that it's
15 high.

16 DR. LOW WANG: And go ahead and state your
17 name before you comment.

18 DR. KONSTAM: Marv Konstam. I'm just
19 looking at the FDA briefing document, figure 6,
20 that shows the DKA cases per hundred person. The
21 Y-axis is DKA cases per hundred patient-years, so
22 somehow, they are adjusting it to be comparable, is

1 my reading.

2 DR. LOW WANG: Go ahead.

3 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Hi. This is Justin
4 Penzenstadler. Can we go to slide 118? I think I
5 can present that for the panel. That's slide 118
6 in the FDA deck.

7 Dr. Konstam, is this the data you were
8 referring to? Thank you.

9 (No audible response.)

10 DR. LOW WANG: I think it's the Sentinel
11 data for DKA incidence across GFR categories.

12 DR. PENZENSTADLER: Yes. Can we go to FDA
13 slide number 58, please?

14 DR. WANG: If you back up even to slide 53,
15 I think Dr. Konstam's point, which I share, is that
16 those rates are much higher than the rates in the
17 trial, which is the source of his concern.

18 DR. KONSTAM: Mark Konstam. There are
19 clearly limitations in the type of analysis you can
20 do because it's observational, not a controlled
21 trial. But I was just looking at the absolute
22 rates in the active treatment group in the trials

1 compared to the rates in Sentinel, and they appear
2 that the Sentinel rates look the higher to me.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Absolutely.

4 Alright. Dr. Newman?

5 DR. NEWMAN: Thank you. Connie Newman. I
6 just wanted to go back to the question and say that
7 I think there is a seriously increased risk of DKA
8 in this patient population, and we can't forget
9 that. Whether it's been properly characterized in
10 the different eGFR groups is still uncertain. I
11 think if we had more data, we would know whether
12 there's any difference, like more DKA in patients
13 with lower GFR, but I don't think we see that in
14 the data available. I just want to remind everyone
15 that DKA is life-threatening and is an extremely
16 serious adverse event.

17 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Parsa?

18 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa. I'll keep it
19 short, but to say that I also agree with the points
20 that have been made and why I had my question
21 earlier in terms of the absolute risk of DKA not
22 being clear to me. And part of it is, yes, the

1 Sentinel data is not perfect, but it's hard to
2 ignore, and the data from the clinical trial, both
3 in terms of numbers and the selection of
4 population, pretty much make it very challenging.

5 I've been struggling for days trying to
6 figure out what the risk of DKA really is, and one
7 was the severity question, and one the actual rate,
8 what would be expected in the real world. And I
9 still don't have an answer, which makes this hard
10 because at the end of the day it's a risk-benefit
11 ratio, so I find it insufficient.

12 And similarly across the GFR ranges, at
13 least based on the data from here, I think go back
14 to what was mentioned before, breaking down into
15 different subgroups and the confidence intervals
16 get wider, and it becomes a little bit unclear.
17 And the claims data, now there is a bit more of a
18 difference there but, again, that's a different
19 population.

20 DR. LOW WANG: I would say that I think the
21 DKA risk with sotagliflozin in patients with type 1
22 diabetes and CKD is insufficiently characterized

1 across the categories, but the available data
2 really suggest that CKD may be associated with an
3 increased risk for DKA per the Sentinel data, as
4 well as the FinnDiane data. It's possible that the
5 T1D exchange doesn't show that, but it looks like
6 maybe a different population. It's also difficult
7 to know how the DKA episodes were ascertained, so
8 there could be a lot of missing data there.

9 But I think we have also comments from
10 Dr. Wang.

11 DR. WANG: Yes. Thomas Wang. Again, just
12 stating for the record that as the prior panelists
13 have noted, clearly there's increased risk of DKA
14 associated with the medication; no one disputes
15 that. Across the GFR categories, I do think it's a
16 little bit unclear, but there does seem to be the
17 possibility, purely based on a higher potential
18 baseline risk of DKA in those with a low eGFR, that
19 there might be a higher absolute risk of DKA with
20 this drug in that group that interestingly, to me,
21 parallels the argument of potential greater benefit
22 in the same group, and is also similar in that the

1 magnitude of increased benefit or increased risk,
2 to me, are similarly uncertain. So both sides of
3 the equation, at least in my reading of it, there's
4 substantial uncertainty.

5 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

6 Dr. Everett?

7 DR. EVERETT: Thank you. Brendan Everett.

8 I think there's a considerable uncertainty as to
9 what exactly the magnitude of DKA risk is in
10 patients with type 1 diabetes and CKD. I think we
11 all agree it's higher. I think there is
12 insufficient evidence, in part, because when you do
13 a trial in a development program with an outcome
14 like hemoglobin A1C, and you stop a trial after
15 24 weeks, you don't have sufficient time and
16 exposure to the drug to actually collect adverse
17 outcomes that happened at a lower frequency.

18 I was interested to see what the event rates
19 were in the trial. We have estimates of
20 3 to 6 events per hundred patient-years,
21 approximately, an observation, and as a
22 cardiovascular clinical trialist who tries to

1 design trials to collect patients who are at high
2 enough risk to have cardiovascular events during
3 the course of follow-up, 3 to 6 events per hundred
4 patient-years is a great target in terms of
5 collecting a group of patients who are sick and are
6 likely to suffer a potentially fatal event.

7 So I think that rate of DKA gives you some
8 sense that these are patients that are having
9 potentially fatal events at a rate that would be
10 quite concerning and would be called a very
11 high-risk population if you'd enrolled them in a
12 cardiovascular outcomes trial for whatever drug,
13 just for a frame of reference. And certainly if
14 it's closer to the 10 per 100 patient-years or
15 15 or 20 that we see in the Sentinel database, then
16 that's obviously much more concerning given that
17 it's a life-threatening event.

18 Ultimately, I think it's high, and what
19 we're going to have to do, subsequently, is
20 determine whether or not we think that risk
21 outweighs any potential benefits that we might
22 identify. So I'll stop there.

1 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

2 Dr. Nason?

3 DR. NASON: Martha Nason. I, first off,
4 want to agree that I think there clearly is
5 increased risk, and the clinical trial is probably
6 the best case given the tight monitoring and the
7 frequent contact. And it doesn't surprise me much
8 that in the Sentinel data, it would be higher,
9 though how much higher is the question.

10 I actually had a question about that
11 Sentinel data, which is that slide that's 58 that
12 you showed again, with the crude incidence rates
13 per person-year, that does not include anyone
14 without CKD as a baseline. Is there a line for
15 stage 0 or no CKD?

16 DR. CHANG: No. We grouped people with eGFR
17 greater than 60 into one group.

18 DR. NASON: Okay. So stage 1 and 2, that
19 first row includes both who this would be indicated
20 for, given that it's everybody over 60, and it also
21 includes people who wouldn't really have CKD?

22 DR. CHANG: They would have an eGFR greater

1 than 90, but that's --

2 DR. NASON: Okay. So it's hard to have a
3 comparison there.

4 Just the last thing I wanted to point out,
5 which is something that a few people have mentioned
6 in the public speaking, I think, is that I'm also
7 very curious -- not that this is an answerable
8 question with the data we have -- how the DKA risk
9 might be different, now that we have changes in
10 tact and so many more people having continuous
11 glucose monitoring, for instance. I don't have a
12 good sense of that. I don't know if anyone does,
13 but whether that would shift it, how that might
14 shift the rates, and what that really contributes
15 as far as having more uncertainty about how this
16 would apply now.

17 DR. LOW WANG: This is Cecilia Low Wang, and
18 just a quick comment about that. Looking at DKA,
19 the Sentinel data I believe goes all the way
20 through 2024; is that correct? What were the dates
21 of the Sentinel data? It was quite recent. We've
22 had technology for several years, including the

1 automated insulin delivery systems for the last few
2 years during that period that was looked at in the
3 Sentinel data; 2013 to 2024. Thank you, Dr. Drake.

4 Okay. Mr. Tibbits?

5 MR. TIBBITS: Thank you. Paul Tibbits.

6 Obviously, we're constrained to some degree by the
7 construct of the question and the questions
8 themselves. I certainly agree with most of what's
9 been said in terms of the strict construct of the
10 question in terms of what certainty do we have. I
11 don't think we have a lot of certainty, but
12 certainly there's evidence to suggest that people
13 with CKD have a high risk of DKA, and people on
14 this medication certainly seem to have a high risk
15 of DKA.

16 With all that said, I do think talking about
17 DKA as a life-threatening, or potentially
18 life-threatening, risk I think is factual, but I
19 think that also does not account for other benefits
20 that we're not being asked about. So I would argue
21 that the reduction of severe hypoglycemia is
22 potentially life-saving, so severe hyperglycemia

1 and hypoglycemia are also potentially fatal events.

2 I think as we use words in these public
3 discussions that we attach to certain risks, then
4 we also need to think about what are the
5 implications of certain benefits. We'll probably
6 get to this in question 6, but what are the
7 potential mitigation strategies for hypoglycemia
8 that people with type 1 use versus potential
9 mitigation strategies for an increased risk of DKA,
10 as an example. Thank you.

11 DR. LOW WANG: Absolutely. I completely
12 agree, and we'll get to that part of the discussion
13 soon, I hope.

14 Dr. Roy-Chaudhury?

15 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: For me, more patients
16 entered real-world perspective. The incidence of
17 DKA is important but, again -- I guess we'll get to
18 this in question 6 again -- how you respond to it
19 is probably the more important thing.

20 DR. LOW WANG: Great. Thank you.

21 Dr. Everett?

22 DR. EVERETT: I just wanted to add one quick

1 comment to my last one, which is that the incidence
2 of DKA may differ by dose; that the question of
3 200- and 400-milligram dose doesn't come up in the
4 FDA's questions, but at least based on slide 54,
5 for me, FDA's package, there may be a difference by
6 dose that may be worth considering as we talk about
7 relative risks and benefits down the line.

8 DR. LOW WANG: Go ahead, Mr. Tibbits.

9 MR. TIBBITS: Paul Tibbits. Yes, I agree
10 completely with Dr. Everett. I think I tried to
11 articulate a question of similar nature to Lexicon
12 earlier. But it does seem like there is somewhat
13 of an increased risk of DKA for the higher dose and
14 potentially not that much of a benefit of A1C. So
15 I think some discussion or attention by the FDA and
16 Lexicon, potentially, to what the different
17 benefits and risks are of the different dosages I
18 think is worth looking into. Thank you.

19 DR. LOW WANG: Any other comments from the
20 panel?

21 (No response.)

22 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. This was a little

1 bit more difficult. I'll try to summarize. I
2 think panel members mentioned that there's really
3 substantial uncertainty in the magnitude of DKA
4 risk in T1D with CKD. Part of this is because of
5 the short duration of the trials. And, of course,
6 we can't forget that DKA is a serious glycemc
7 emergency; people die from it. Overall, the
8 enrolled patients were at quite high risk for DKA
9 with three or more events per hundred
10 patient-years.

11 The Sentinel data showed a much higher rate
12 of DKA than in the clinical trials, which might
13 better reflect the real world, and the DKA risk
14 with sotagliflozin in patients with T1D and CKD is
15 really insufficiently characterized across the
16 categories. The numbers are so small.

17 The available epidemiologic data suggests
18 that CKD may be associated with increased risk for
19 DKA. Patients with lower GFR categories, or lower
20 GFR, are probably at higher baseline risk of DKA,
21 and that risk of DKA might be increased with higher
22 doses of sotagliflozin as well. And lastly, of

1 course, we have to balance this risk of DKA with
2 other potential benefits, and we'll talk about that
3 later.

4 Alright. I'm wondering if we have time to
5 do one more question before the break, so let's go
6 on to question number 4. This is also a discussion
7 question.

8 Discuss your view of the scientific
9 rationale justifying extrapolation of the
10 demonstrated benefit of sotagliflozin to reduce the
11 risk of cardiovascular death, hospitalization for
12 heart failure, and urgent heart failure visits in
13 patients with type 2 diabetes, moderate to severe
14 CKD, and other CV risk factors to patients with T1D
15 and mild to moderate CKD.

16 Any questions about the wording of the
17 question?

18 (No response.)

19 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. If there are none,
20 we'll go ahead and take comments from the panel.

21 Go ahead, Dr. Drake.

22 DR. DRAKE: I note that the FDA has

1 underlined "demonstrated," and I think that if we
2 focus on that word, then we're going to have pretty
3 limited evidence, and we're really going to have to
4 discuss rationale and really complete
5 extrapolation, which really gets down to whether
6 the short-term treatment that was done here versus
7 the longer term treatment that was done in the
8 type 2 study can be compared, and then, obviously,
9 the significant differences that we discussed, as
10 Dr. Everett really nicely brought out, between the
11 baseline characteristics of the two groups.

12 So certainly, as a common mechanism of
13 action for reducing glycemic control and perhaps
14 non-glucose-centric approaches, certainly there
15 could be some rationale. Again, I think that we
16 have very limited data at this point to really hang
17 our hat on.

18 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

19 Dr. Konstam?

20 DR. KONSTAM: It's very difficult to
21 extrapolate from the SCORED data to this data set.
22 There are numerous differences in the population:

1 type 1 versus type 2; worse CKD; more
2 cardiovascular risk; older population as has been
3 said. The other thing I just want to come back to
4 and just state is I don't think the mechanisms are
5 the same in type 1 and type 2. I don't know how to
6 link the glycemic control to mortality. There's a
7 linkage.

8 I don't think that's what's going on in type
9 2 because no other hypoglycemic agent has ever
10 shown reduction in cardiovascular events, so
11 there's something else there going on other than
12 the glycemic control. In type 1, my sense is that
13 the glycemic control is more dominant and is what
14 is driving most of the adverse events. So again,
15 it gives me another degree of uncertainty of
16 whether I can extrapolate it.

17 I'll just mention, I was on a 2019 panel,
18 and I have the same frustration now as I had then,
19 which is here we are, and we're talking about it.
20 There's been so much discussion and so much work
21 into this. In our data set of trials, we don't
22 have any direct information about clinical benefit

1 to the patient, and it's just very frustrating
2 because there's no easy way to go from glycemic
3 control and jump all the way to mortality benefit.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you. I was also at
5 that 2019 meeting, and I also am still frustrated.
6 I agree with you. I think there are some
7 similarities in the pathogenic factors for
8 atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease, disease and
9 heart failure, and type 2 and type 1 diabetes,
10 hypertension, obesity. There are also significant
11 differences like the lipid profile. The HDL is
12 usually higher, triglycerides are usually lower in
13 type 1, and then, of course, the degree and the
14 causes of insulin resistance, presence and absence
15 of hyperinsulinemia.

16 I don't think we can extrapolate the SCORED
17 data to show that sotagliflozin has similar
18 benefits to reduce those different endpoints in
19 patients with T1D and mild to moderate CKD for
20 those same reasons.

21 Dr. Everett?

22 DR. EVERETT: Brendan Everett. This is

1 really challenging because I think, as was outlined
2 on the table earlier and as I suspect we all knew
3 coming into this, while patients with type 1
4 diabetes and type 2 diabetes share diabetes
5 broadly, the pathophysiology of the two conditions,
6 of course, is very different. And as we heard from
7 many people, including the sponsor, the age of
8 onset is different. The duration of illness is
9 different.

10 So there are an array of risk factors that
11 relate to your likelihood of developing one of the
12 outcomes of interest that's listed in this
13 particular question, specifically cardiovascular
14 death, hospitalization for heart failure, or an
15 urgent heart failure visit, that are really more
16 closely linked to having type 2 diabetes and
17 moderate to severe CKD.

18 As some of our nephrology colleagues have
19 pointed out, the Venn diagram between the
20 population that we're talking about here with
21 respect to their CKD and the one that was enrolled
22 in SCORED, there's not complete overlap. And I

1 think we know from other trials -- and I may be
2 wrong here -- one of the important ongoing
3 questions in this field writ large is whether or
4 not SGLT2 inhibitors, or SGLT inhibitors, in a
5 primary prevention population that doesn't actually
6 have established cardiovascular disease or heart
7 failure, how effective they are at actually
8 preventing those outcomes. That's a little bit
9 what we're being asked here because while many of
10 the patients with type 1 diabetes have some
11 cardiovascular risk factors, we know from the table
12 that was shown earlier that they don't have as
13 many.

14 So it's not clear to me that the
15 demonstrated benefit of sotagliflozin translates as
16 easily as we'd like it to do, to patients with
17 type 1 diabetes. On the other hand, I think we
18 have to be careful of, shall we say, missing the
19 forest for the trees here. But I'm having
20 difficulty making the leap, basically, I guess I
21 would say. Thank you.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

1 Dr. Wang?

2 DR. WANG: Yes. Thomas Wang. I fully agree
3 with the prior comments, and in particular I just
4 want to reiterate that the fact that other
5 medications in this class seem to have benefit with
6 regard to heart failure, hospitalization, and
7 cardiovascular death in both patients with and
8 without diabetes, does reinforce the point that
9 it's probably not all about the sugar, or it may
10 not even be mostly about the sugar.

11 If you were to tell me a patient with type 1
12 diabetes, who shared similar risk factors to those
13 patients that were enrolled in SCORED, and they had
14 a similar level of cardiovascular risk factors, had
15 a similar amount of CKD and the other things, that
16 they would stand to benefit similarly, I would be
17 inclined to believe that. But if you take someone
18 just with type 1 diabetes and eGFR around 60, who
19 lacks those other risk factors, I don't see where
20 there's data to suggest that they would have
21 similar benefit. I just think it's an unknown.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

1 Dr. Newman?

2 DR. NEWMAN: Connie Newman. I just wanted
3 to say that I agree with everyone who said we
4 cannot extrapolate the data in type 2 diabetes in
5 terms of cardiovascular events to the type 1
6 population, but I wonder whether the mechanism may
7 be different, as has been suggested, in terms of
8 reduction in cardiovascular disease in patients
9 with type 2 diabetes, and I'm wondering about the
10 reduction in blood pressure, whether that could
11 contribute to the reduction in heart disease. But
12 I don't think that's actually necessarily the
13 question that's being asked.

14 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

15 Dr. Parsa?

16 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa. I guess I'm a
17 little bit more comfortable extrapolating some of
18 the benefits. I mean, we are in a different place
19 than we were 5 years ago, and I keep going back to
20 the point that if we're showing, both within
21 sotagliflozin and also other SGLT2 inhibitors,
22 benefits in both type 2 diabetics and

1 non-diabetics, to me, at some point, almost, you
2 have to have a reason to think why it would apply
3 to type 2s, non-diabetics with heart failure or
4 CKD, and then not to type 1 diabetics, as opposed
5 to showing that that benefit is there, because at
6 some point, you're extrapolating here. So you look
7 at the overwhelming evidence, and the overwhelming
8 evidence is it's helping everyone that it's been
9 tested in so far. So why would type 1 diabetes be
10 different than everyone else, not just type 2ss,
11 but there? So I'm comfortable doing that.

12 For me, it goes back to Dr. Wang's point and
13 also depends on who's going to do it. If it's a
14 20 year old who doesn't have any atherosclerotic
15 disease burdens, or heart failure, or anything
16 else, there then, the absolute benefit would be
17 less because of their underlying risk. And if
18 they're a 50 year old, I'm fairly comfortable
19 despite doing that there. But the overwhelming
20 evidence I think is pretty high for it to be
21 generalizable across CKD and CVD risk factors.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Konstam?

1 DR. KONSTAM: A quick response to that. I
2 mean, I agree with a lot of what you said. In
3 fact, I love this class of drugs. I wish they
4 would put it in drinking water. I wish somebody
5 would prescribe it for me. But it's the magnitude
6 that we don't know. We have no direct evidence, so
7 we're inferring from a lot of other stuff. I take
8 your point, and I'd do the same thing, but what's
9 the magnitude of it, and how does it counterbalance
10 against the potentially fatal DKA? We don't have
11 any insight into that, really.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Go ahead.

13 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa. The thing, too,
14 is the magnitude of effect, when we look at all
15 studies, has been fairly consistent, too, so that
16 even gives me more comfort. If you look at
17 magnitude of benefit around the CKD domain, or part
18 there, it's pretty good. It's your underlying risk
19 that will be your overall final benefit, but the
20 magnitude of effect is remarkably consistent across
21 different subgroups.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Cecilia Low Wang. I just

1 wanted to make a comment about that. In all of the
2 SGLT2 inhibitor trials, patients with type 1
3 diabetes have been excluded, so we have no idea,
4 actually, what the effects are. And I'm not sure
5 why they're excluded from the SCORED trial. They
6 could stand to benefit the most from that
7 population. So I agree with Dr. Konstam that we
8 just don't know what that is. We haven't studied
9 them.

10 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa. But the point is
11 the extrapolation. It goes back to if you're
12 seeing it in everyone else, why not this group?
13 Hoping to parse it, but it is applying to all
14 people with -- if you have CKD, anyone with CKD,
15 you give it, you see a benefit. Why would it be in
16 everyone but not them?

17 DR. LOW WANG: Okay.

18 Dr. Onumah?

19 DR. ONUMAH: Barbara Onumah. As a
20 practicing clinician, I take this into
21 consideration, and I treat a lot of type 1
22 diabetes, and I think we have to be cautious when

1 we try to extrapolate data. To echo what Dr. Wang
2 said before, if you have a person with type 1
3 diabetes who has some of the high cardiovascular
4 risk factors -- a 70 year old who meets all the
5 characteristics that we saw in the patient
6 population for the SCORED trial -- it would make
7 sense to put them on this drug, but the average
8 20 year old or 30 year old, probably not. So if
9 we're going to extrapolate, we need a little bit
10 more guidance and data to just generalize it and
11 just extrapolate.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

13 Mr. Tibbits?

14 MR. TIBBITS: Thank you. Paul Tibbits. I
15 take to heart what is being said on both sides of
16 me and across the table, but I think part of it is
17 framing and part of it is what type of
18 extrapolation are we thinking about. Certainly, I
19 think Dr. Parse's point is, not surprising, one I
20 would agree with more, which is unless we believe
21 there's something medically, biologically,
22 scientifically different about people with type 1

1 diabetes that would interfere with this mechanism
2 of action across type 1 diabetes writ large, I
3 think it's reasonable to assume that we would think
4 these similar effects would occur in people with
5 type 1 diabetes.

6 I think when you talk about clinical trials,
7 there are multiple reasons why people with type 1
8 may not be included: potential complications,
9 potential expenses, trying to find people with
10 type 1. So there are a lot of reasons, I think,
11 that have nothing to do with the mechanism of
12 action. But with all that said, I do think we
13 can't say that, very specifically, you can
14 extrapolate the results from type 2 to specifically
15 people with type 1 with moderate CKD. I don't
16 think that's a one to one comparison. But within a
17 pool of people with CKD, you will have some that do
18 have some risk factors for heart failure and so
19 forth.

20 So I think you can assume some people would
21 have benefits that would extrapolate and some might
22 not, but I think the bottom line is we don't know,

1 but I think how we frame it and how we think about
2 benefits, I would align more with Dr. Parsa.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

4 Go ahead, Dr. Konstam.

5 DR. KONSTAM: I just want to say, there have
6 actually been negative trials with SGLT2
7 antagonists, and the one I'll cite is the EMPACT-MI
8 trial, which is in post-MI patients with heart
9 failure, and they showed no benefit in the
10 outcomes, so I think you're on to something. I
11 think it's true; there is something really special
12 about this class of drugs, but I'm trying to be a
13 little bit pure in terms of the way we think on the
14 panel, and I'm not clear.

15 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Just a reminder to
16 speak close to the microphone.

17 Dr. Roy-Chaudhury?

18 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Prabir Roy-Chaudhury.
19 I'm not going to be pure. I just want to support
20 what Dr. Parsa said and what Mr. Tibbits said. I
21 think the glyceic impact is, I think, a very minor
22 part of it, so I think that they act in the absence

1 of diabetes, and I think that that really supports
2 what Afshin said; that because of that, that's a
3 baseline. They're going to work in type 1. I
4 mean, would it be wonderful to have more data?

5 Yes, absolutely, absolutely, but I do want to put
6 my vote on that side. I think that's important.

7 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. We'll be super brief
8 now.

9 Dr. Parsa?

10 DR. PARSA: I'll keep it short. I
11 understand it's extrapolation, so I'm just putting
12 it in that context. I'm fully aware we don't have
13 all the hard data, and my point was really in terms
14 of differences across when it's non-diabetics and
15 diabetics, getting back to the point that it's
16 probably some other mechanism, and I'm not aware of
17 any data suggesting it would be different in type 1
18 diabetics, just like we don't have final proof, but
19 definitely aware of the limitations.

20 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Can I --

21 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Roy-Chaudhury, go ahead.

22 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: I was going to make a

1 joke, actually. Many years ago, one of your
2 colleagues, a cardiologist, actually said, in the
3 early days of SGLT2 inhibitors, these are cardiac
4 drugs with the side effect of lowering glucose.

5 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Everett?

6 DR. EVERETT: Brendan Everett. I actually
7 think that in many respects, we're all agreeing
8 here, in the sense of the benefits of this class of
9 medications, and to extrapolate those to
10 sotagliflozin may or may not be fair given its
11 extra inhibition of SGLT2. But the key is where
12 the rubber meets the road is in the event rates
13 because what you want to know is that the benefit
14 that you're giving, and you're assuming there's
15 going to be some kind of benefit, overwhelms or is
16 more substantial than the risk.

17 We have some difficulty with the estimates
18 of risk, but they're way better than any estimate
19 on the hard cardiovascular outcomes that are listed
20 on this slide in particular. We're going to talk
21 about the other outcomes in a moment, but these
22 outcomes, we just don't really have any data in

1 this population. And what we know is that these
2 drugs work particularly well in people who are at
3 high risk; kind of the sicker you are, the better
4 you do with the drug.

5 Now, the patients enrolled in the type 1
6 diabetes have type 1 diabetes, which is an
7 important and substantial lifetime illness, but
8 they don't yet, many of them, have cardiovascular
9 disease or really have a substantial burden of
10 chronic kidney disease. So they're not sick in the
11 way as patients enrolled in some of the
12 registration trials or CVOTs for this class of
13 drugs were. They don't have established CKD with a
14 GFR of 30 to get into the study or established
15 atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

16 So ultimately, what we're going to be asked
17 to do in a moment is to compare the benefits to the
18 risks. The benefits are listed on this slide as
19 conjecture and extrapolation, and we're having
20 trouble making the extrapolation. So we can agree
21 that the medications have a substantial benefit for
22 patients with heart failure, type 2 diabetes, and

1 chronic kidney disease, but not know how
2 substantial that benefit would be in terms of the
3 absolute risk reduction in this population; while
4 we have a slightly better, although flawed,
5 estimate of what the increased risk from an
6 absolute standpoint is with the complications like
7 DKA. So that's the rub. I think we agree; it's
8 just a question of balancing what we know about the
9 risks, the rates, basically.

10 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you. That is so true.

11 Dr. Shoben? Last comment.

12 DR. SHO BEN: Yes. I will be very quick, and
13 I am not a physician. I just wanted to articulate
14 for the record, this strict reading of the question
15 is the extrapolation of the demonstrative benefit
16 in these patients with type 2 diabetes and this
17 moderate to severe CKD to patients with type 1
18 diabetes. So you switch the type of diabetes and
19 mild to moderate CKD, so you've lessened the CKD,
20 and that to me makes it hard to extrapolate and
21 hard to estimate these different and actual
22 benefits.

1 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Thank you.

2 Just to summarize, I think we had a really
3 robust discussion with lots of contrasting points
4 that were made. I think people acknowledge that
5 it's very challenging to extrapolate the SCORED
6 data to the current population that the applicant
7 is wanting the indication for. The mechanisms of
8 CVD are different enough between type 2 and type 1
9 diabetes that we can't conclude that sotagliflozin
10 has similar benefits to reduce CV death,
11 hospitalization for heart failure, or urgent heart
12 failure in patients with T1D and mild to moderate
13 CKD.

14 The point was made that if patients without
15 diabetes can benefit, why wouldn't we expect
16 patients with T1D to benefit? Because it does
17 appear to be a benefit that's independent of the
18 glycemic effect. The main question really is that
19 we have no idea about the magnitude, so we don't
20 know what the absolute risk reduction is and how
21 that balances with the risk of DKA. So patients
22 with type 1 diabetes who have similar CV risk

1 factors to those patients who are enrolled in these
2 trials might benefit from sotagliflozin, but we
3 don't have those data and we need more.

4 So that brings us to the break. Let's go
5 ahead and take 10 minutes -- actually maybe
6 7 minutes for the break and come back at 10 minutes
7 to the hour.

8 (Whereupon, at 3:43 p.m., a recess was taken,
9 and meeting resumed at 3:50 p.m.)

10 DR. LOW WANG: Welcome back. Let's move on
11 to question number 5. This is also a discussion
12 question. Question 5 is a discussion question.
13 Discuss other potential benefits of sotagliflozin
14 suggested by SCORED. Discuss your view of the
15 scientific rationale justifying extrapolation of
16 such potential benefits to patients with T1D and
17 mild to moderate CKD.

18 Any questions about the wording of the
19 question?

20 (No response.)

21 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. I'm not seeing any
22 questions. Oh, go ahead.

1 Dr. Newman?

2 DR. NEWMAN: Connie Newman. I'm just
3 wondering whether we are discussing only the
4 evidence, the benefits in SCORED, or are we
5 discussing the benefits in the TANDEM trial?

6 DR. LOW WANG: Could the FDA respond?

7 DR. ARCHDEACON: The next question has
8 something where we talk about -- I think additional
9 advantages is how we phrased it. So there, we're
10 expecting a very broad conversation of everything,
11 including the results in TANDEM, so hypoglycemia,
12 blood pressure, weight loss. Here, we made the
13 distinction between the heart failure indication
14 that was awarded based on SCORED and the benefits
15 that were not awarded but were nominally
16 statistically significant, MACE and renal
17 progression.

18 DR. LOW WANG: Great.

19 So now I'd like to open the discussion
20 question for comment by panel members. Maybe I'll
21 start.

22 I think that SCORED definitely showed the

1 primary endpoint. I think with the MACE endpoint,
2 there wasn't adjustment for multiple comparisons, I
3 think was one of the problems. As we were starting
4 to look down at the different secondary endpoints,
5 I think they stopped being able to show statistical
6 significance because of that; so there's no
7 adjustment. So I personally don't think there's an
8 adequate rationale to justify extrapolating these
9 potential benefits to patients with T1D and mild to
10 moderate CKD based on our previous discussion.

11 In the subgroup analysis, I looked at the
12 supplemental data for SCORED. There were no
13 benefits seen for UACR less than 30, and of course
14 there are lots of differences between the SCORED
15 population and the TANDEM population.

16 Other panel members? Dr. Wang?

17 DR. WANG: Thomas Wang. I would have to
18 agree that whatever my uncertainties and
19 reservations are about the demonstrated benefits of
20 sotagliflozin would exist for the potential
21 benefits, and maybe even larger in terms of
22 uncertainty. So overall, I would avoid

1 extrapolating too much from the SCORED secondary
2 endpoint between populations.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

4 Other comments?

5 (No response.)

6 DR. LOW WANG: I think the panel really
7 wants to discuss the next question, but
8 Dr. Everett?

9 DR. EVERETT: Brendan Everett. I'm
10 struggling to try and find a table I wanted to look
11 at in the FDA briefing document. I think the issue
12 was the alpha spending rule with respect to the
13 primary outcome. The SCORED trial showed a benefit
14 but then ran up against cardiovascular death, where
15 there was no benefit. So they had, at that point,
16 spent their alpha and couldn't move any further
17 down the subsequent, based on their testing rules.

18 I guess of the outcomes listed there -- and
19 I was trying to find the table, but can't put my
20 finger on it -- I think there's a potential to
21 consider the renal outcomes, that there may be some
22 potential translation there, albeit in patients

1 with type 1 diabetes, obviously, but who have
2 kidney disease that's, I think, more advanced than
3 this 60 to 89 bracket that we've discussed a little
4 bit because that group, in some sense, is -- what
5 did you call it, Dr. Seliger? It's not really even
6 chronic kidney disease. What did you say?

7 (Seliger nods yes.)

8 DR. EVERETT: Yes, he nodded.

9 Anyway, I'll keep looking for the table, but
10 there's the possibility that there may be some
11 potential benefits that I'd be willing to
12 translate, I guess is what I'm saying.

13 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Thanks.

14 Dr. Roy-Chaudhury?

15 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Prabir Roy-Chaudhury.

16 This is a question that I was wanting to ask
17 earlier. I like the matched SCORED data, and I
18 don't know whether we can go to the applicant, but
19 is there data on UACR and eGFR comparing the
20 matched SCORED? That's something we never got.
21 From the SCORED data, they've taken out the 2,000
22 people who actually had the criteria of 45 to 60

1 or --

2 DR. LOW WANG: I think you're talking about
3 the propensity score matching.

4 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Yes. Do we have
5 anything on UACRs and eGFRs?

6 DR. LOW WANG: Actually, I think the sponsor
7 had -- did you have a comment that you could
8 answer, respond to that point?

9 DR. GRANOWITZ: Craig Granowitz from
10 Lexicon. I was addressing Dr. Everett's question,
11 and I directed him to CO-62, which was the table
12 that he had requested.

13 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Alright. Terrific.

14 So, I don't know that we do.

15 Any other comments?

16 (No response.)

17 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Well, I guess it
18 will be quick to summarize, then, just a few
19 comments. Overall, we think that we can't
20 extrapolate these potential benefits of
21 sotagliflozin from SCORED secondary endpoints, but
22 there may be a potential benefit for the renal

1 outcomes, and potentially we could translate these
2 benefits to patients with T1D with similar
3 characteristics; so not so much the mild to
4 moderate CKD population but probably patients with
5 characteristics that are similar to the SCORED
6 population, so moderate to severe with additional
7 cardiovascular risk factors.

8 Any other comments about that?

9 (No response.)

10 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Let's move to the
11 last question. Discussion question number 6. I'll
12 read the question.

13 Discuss the overall benefit-risk assessment
14 for sotagliflozin as an adjunct to insulin to
15 improve glycemic control in patients with T1D and
16 GFR of 45 to less than 60 or a GFR of 60 or greater
17 and UACR of 30 or greater. Address how to consider
18 this increased risk of DKA relative to the benefit
19 of an A1C improvement in the population proposed by
20 the applicant. Discuss how you weigh other
21 advantages of sotagliflozin in the benefit-risk
22 assessment for the proposed indication.

1 Any questions about the wording of the
2 question?

3 (No response.)

4 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. I don't see any, so
5 I'd like to open up the discussion question for
6 comment by panel members.

7 Mr. Tibbits?

8 MR. TIBBITS: Thank you. Paul Tibbits. I
9 feel like maybe this question has a little bit been
10 overcome by events. At least for me, I was very
11 uncomfortable -- not very uncomfortable. I felt
12 like we did not have enough information about the
13 population as written, but with the applicant's
14 presentation, I will say I feel like we have more
15 information, and more information that makes me
16 more comfortable about the benefit-risk ratio,
17 particularly for the population between 60 and 90.

18 As I've said or suggested in earlier
19 comments, I do think there are several things to
20 think about as benefits. Again, knowing that the
21 A1C reduction may be modest, I do still feel that
22 an A1C reduction is worthwhile, particularly if you

1 listen to patients with type 1 diabetes. We have
2 been told for many years that reducing A1C is sort
3 of a gold standard for how to treat your diabetes,
4 so I think we've imputed that there are certain
5 clinical benefits to that; and I think there
6 probably are, even though they're maybe not as well
7 defined in these trials as we would like.

8 Certainly, I also believe, I think to an
9 earlier discussion we were having, it is a little
10 bit difficult to know how to translate a 20 percent
11 reduction in hypoglycemic events into actual
12 clinical benefit. With that said, taking into
13 account my earlier comment that, essentially, any
14 hypoglycemic event can very quickly spiral into a
15 hospitalization or potentially fatal event, I would
16 say that a 20 percent reduction in hypoglycemic
17 events is fantastic. I think, overall, it would
18 suggest that there's greater time in range.

19 Now, certainly there are certain endpoints
20 that one can say you can coach a clinical trial
21 participant to do X, Y, and Z. I think it's hard
22 to coach someone to reduce your hypoglycemic events

1 when you come in for a check at part of your trial;
2 so that one I think we can assume translates
3 relatively well to increase time in range and
4 certainly reduce the risk of a potentially fatal
5 complication, to use a phrase that's been used
6 before.

7 On the risk side, I think certainly we all
8 agree, and it's very apparent, that DKA is an
9 increased risk, but as many of the patients have
10 discussed, I think the real question is not just
11 DKA in a vacuum but what do patients have and what
12 can they do to mitigate that risk? One of the
13 things that I'm interested in -- and I think I'll
14 probably talk a little bit about it in my closing
15 remarks -- is a company like Lexicon, what can they
16 do for patients who don't have access to a lot of
17 these monitoring systems?

18 In the public comments that I read, one
19 patient noted that their insurance company, as an
20 example -- my working life is health insurance, and
21 some health insurance companies won't cover ketone
22 test strips or ketone monitors. So what is the

1 responsibility of a company like Lexicon to make
2 sure that patients do have access to things like
3 that, if that is part of the mitigation strategy?

4 Overall, though, I will say that certainly
5 for at least one part of this triumvirate of
6 patients that we're dividing into, there's one that
7 I certainly feel quite comfortable saying that the
8 benefits outweigh the risks for that group; sorry,
9 the 60 to 90 to be clear. Thank you.

10 DR. LOW WANG: Great. Thank you.

11 Dr. Konstam?

12 DR. KONSTAM: Yes --

13 DR. ARCHDEACON: Can I just ask one
14 clarifying question to Mr. Tibbits? For 60 to 90,
15 and what about proteinuria?

16 MR. TIBBITS: I guess I'm more convinced by
17 the FDA subgrouping that separating it into that
18 subgroup probably makes the most sense without
19 necessarily accounting for proteinuria.

20 DR. ARCHDEACON: Okay. Thank you.

21 DR. LOW WANG: Dr. Konstam?

22 DR. KONSTAM: I'm just thinking about the

1 situation, and it's kind of interesting because we
2 in the clinical trial community and the patient
3 community always would like to know can't we have a
4 surrogate for mortality? Can't we have a surrogate
5 for bad cardiovascular disease? And we have that
6 in LDL cholesterol, and we have that in glyceemic
7 control, because there historically has been such
8 clear correlation between glyceemic control and
9 reduction in microvascular disease, so let's just
10 accept that. But here we're now up against a major
11 adverse effect, so now quantitation becomes
12 important.

13 So coupled with that on below 60 or with the
14 albumin-creatinine ratio -- well, we don't know
15 much about what happens with the albumin-creatinine
16 ratio in this regard. But just taking the below
17 60, we're not sure even about the hypoglycemic
18 effect of that. It seems less than the other
19 groups.

20 I just think the problem is we're so
21 uncertain about what is the magnitude of concern
22 that we should have for DKA. We hear, and I'm ears

1 wide open, that there are ways of managing it,
2 there are ways of mitigating it, but we actually
3 didn't have a presentation on that. That would
4 have been helpful. Look, here are the things we
5 do. Here's the benefit. We have all these years
6 that we've followed. Here's what we've achieved
7 with that, so here's how concerned you should be.
8 We don't have that in any quantitative way.

9 So the 60 to 90 group is an interesting
10 add-on. It'd be nice to have been able to think
11 about that ahead of time. So there I think the
12 impact on glycemia is more clear, but it's sort of
13 counter to what the sponsor started out to do to
14 try to find a very high-risk population because the
15 less kidney disease patients are going to have less
16 risk, so I don't know how that works with regard,
17 again, to the benefit-risk.

18 I just want to say, we were here in 2019,
19 and we were stymied by the fact that we didn't
20 actually have any clear evidence of clinical
21 benefit. And maybe we've all been spoiled by being
22 able to use glycemetic control as a surrogate, so

1 we're not thinking about that. We're just thinking
2 about glycemc control. But I think back then, if
3 they had said, "Ok, look, we actually have to show
4 some clinical benefit to weigh against whatever
5 people believe about the DKA, so let's do that," I
6 believe they could have done that.

7 I believe they could have studied their
8 composite endpoints. They can use win ratio
9 approaches. They can put health-related
10 quality-of-life metrics at the end of a win ratio.
11 They can put glycemc control at the end of a win
12 ratio, and show then the other components of it are
13 still going in the right direction. That'd be
14 pretty credible to me. I'm just disappointed that
15 here we are.

16 Let me just say one more thing. I've never
17 been touched by the public comment the way I was
18 today. I think the spectrum of people spoke so
19 intelligently, with professionals and with people
20 with the disease, and they're crying out for help.
21 And it is being used without any guidance, so there
22 should be guidance with it. I think emotionally, I

1 kind of feel, look, this probably is right. SGLT2
2 antagonists do such good, it's probably going to
3 work here. So I would say come out of this, and
4 get back together and say, how can we get over the
5 hump of actually convincing a panel that from a
6 scientific basis, this is a benefit to patients?

7 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

8 Dr. Wang?

9 DR. WANG: Yes. Thomas Wang. Also just to
10 echo some of the prior comments, thinking about
11 going back to 2019 with the original request and
12 the original advisory panel, there was a struggle
13 to articulate the balance of benefits versus risks,
14 and as a result of that, FDA in the CRL -- and I'm
15 just reading from the briefing document -- wrote in
16 the path forward section the suggestion of
17 identifying a group of patients for whom the
18 benefit of sotagliflozin may outweigh the risks,
19 and prospectively study these patients.

20 For me, that's kind of what it comes down
21 to. I don't see where the new prospective data are
22 here. The sponsor deserves credit for doing other

1 prospective studies like the SCORED study and
2 SOLOIST, but I think those populations were
3 sufficiently different that I don't count those as
4 answering this request. And I think that's partly
5 why we are where we are today, which is I think
6 everyone in the panel, to Dr. Konstam's point,
7 would like to be able to recommend a new therapy
8 for patients with type 1 diabetes because there's
9 certainly unmet clinical need, but there's so much
10 uncertainty on the benefit side of the equation,
11 and on the risk side of the equation because we
12 don't have new prospective data, and we're relying
13 on these post hoc analyses, that it's just hard, at
14 least for me, to strongly recommend moving forward
15 in this way.

16 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

17 Dr. Irony?

18 DR. IRONY: Yes, thank you. Dr. Irony. My
19 point here is very nuanced, in the absence of very
20 robust and conclusive data to maybe introduce the
21 discussion about the 200- versus 400-milligram
22 dose, where we have a flat response in terms of

1 glycemic response, hemoglobin A1C, change from
2 baseline, but there is an increase in risk or in
3 DKA with a higher dose. So my point here is, is
4 there a balance here where we can see if there is
5 some overall positive benefit-risk here with a
6 lower dose versus a higher dose? And I don't know
7 the answer to this, but I think it's a point that
8 we need to consider here.

9 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

10 Dr. Roy-Chaudhury?

11 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Thank you. Prabir
12 Roy-Chaudhury. I'm going to start off by saying
13 that from the time I started reading the documents
14 till now, I think I've changed my mind about
15 10 times. I guess my comments are going to
16 be -- and I think my comments will show the
17 equipoise in this -- to start off by saying that if
18 you live just in a small bubble with the data
19 that's in front of you, and that's sometimes
20 easier, then I think we're in a setting where we've
21 got a serious side effect that you could die from,
22 and you've got some benefit in your control of

1 glycemia, but you don't really know what that's
2 going to translate into, and maybe you shouldn't be
3 going down the pathway with this drug.

4 But then if you go to a much bigger bubble,
5 I would say much more real world, I start off by
6 saying that it's so frustrating that the data in
7 terms of clinical outcomes isn't there. But then
8 when you're living in this much larger, real-world
9 bubble, you have to bring in things like what are
10 all the non-glycemic effects that are associated
11 with this agent? And you have to bring in, I
12 think, all the things that we heard from patients
13 about being more patient-centered.

14 Then I think if you live in this larger
15 bubble, and then you combine it with, let's say, a
16 REMS program with teeth -- in other words, all the
17 stuff that we heard about STICH and STOP -- then
18 maybe in this larger bubble, there is perhaps a
19 positive answer to what we're saying, and maybe
20 there is a population, and maybe it is that 60 to
21 90 population where there could be benefit in using
22 it.

1 I think that one of the points that was
2 made, and I think Dr. Konstam alluded to it as
3 well, is it's being used in 2.6 percent. It's gone
4 from 0.1 to 2.6 percent; 34,000 people, apparently.
5 And I've heard this when talking to people in our
6 institution, but everyone's using it in different
7 ways. Maybe it would be good if we could use this
8 with certain strict guidelines, and maybe that's a
9 plus for the whole community.

10 Then I just want to end by saying that the
11 benefit in using this could actually come in
12 vulnerable populations who may not be able to
13 control their blood sugar that well. There's the
14 obvious, of course, that these same populations may
15 be at greatest risk of the DKAs. So if there is a
16 risk mitigation strategy, it's really important.
17 Paul, you brought that up. I think that's a really
18 good point, that it needs to extend to everybody
19 who would use it, particularly vulnerable
20 populations.

21 So I guess, putting it all together, I think
22 maybe it is time that we identify a patient

1 population where we can actually use this agent in
2 a type 1 diabetic population that will, I think,
3 move the needle forward.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

5 Dr. Yanoff?

6 DR. YANOFF: Thank you for all the helpful
7 comments so far. I just want to remind you the
8 voting question is where you have the opportunity
9 to make a recommendation or provide a binary
10 opinion. What we're really interested in, in this
11 question, is how you're weighing the benefits of
12 A1C reduction in this particular population and the
13 other advantages of sotagliflozin, such as the
14 hypoglycemia against the risk of DKA, how you're
15 balancing those, and how much uncertainty you have
16 in balancing those. The next question, we very
17 much appreciate the decision, the recommendation,
18 and where you're recommending FDA move from here.

19 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

20 I just wanted to mention -- Cecilia Low
21 Wang -- we see this small reduction in A1C, but it
22 seems to be attenuated for those patients with a

1 GFR of less than 60. I think the potential
2 advantages of the change in body weight, that's
3 really significant. We don't really have a whole
4 lot for our patients, and that effect on decrease
5 in body weight appears to be consistent across GFR
6 categories.

7 I think the reduction in the rate of level 2
8 hypoglycemia, the increased time in range, I think
9 that's all really important for patient-centered
10 outcomes, but we really don't have the data for
11 that. We heard a lot during the open public
12 hearing that was really compelling, but we need
13 some information and some data from the trials as
14 well. Overall, I don't feel that these potential
15 benefits have been demonstrated to outweigh the
16 increased exposure-adjusted incidence rate of DKA
17 with CKD.

18 Those are my concerns, and now I'd like to
19 move to Dr. Newman.

20 DR. NEWMAN: Connie Newman. Thank you. I
21 agree with what you said, Dr. Low Wang. I've been
22 thinking about this for weeks, whenever I got the

1 documents, how I don't see a definitive benefit in
2 the population with the GFR below 60, but I do see
3 a benefit in terms of reduction in A1C, a modest
4 effect, maybe 0.3. In the other population
5 mentioned here, which would be GFR over 60 and a
6 urinary albumin-creatinine ratio of 30 milligrams
7 per gram or greater, what I'm struggling with is
8 how to balance that against this real risk of DKA,
9 and I don't actually know how that can be done
10 without perhaps education of a population of the
11 patients with access to the new equipment that they
12 can use to check ketones.

13 So I just don't think, right now, in my
14 mind, it's balanced positively, but there are other
15 concerns that were mentioned, other good points
16 like reduction of hypoglycemia and decrease in body
17 weight of a small amount, which might not lead to a
18 5 percent reduction, which is what is needed to
19 improve the comorbidities of obesity. But also,
20 there is a 2 to 3 millimeter mercury reduction in
21 blood pressure, which could translate to an
22 improvement in cardiovascular events, but that

1 hasn't been proven, so I'm still struggling with
2 trying to balance this. Thank you.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

4 Dr. Everett?

5 DR. EVERETT: Thanks. Brendan Everett. So
6 this is the meat of the matter, and it's really
7 hard. It's pretty clear to me, just from reading
8 the briefing books but also from hearing patients
9 during the public comment period, that the
10 reduction in hypoglycemia is a really important
11 benefit. It allows patients to have better control
12 of their A1C without risking further episodes of
13 hypoglycemia, and I think that's a really important
14 benefit that perhaps we haven't discussed much.

15 I think the reductions in blood pressure and
16 weight are also important given that both of those
17 risk factors can increase the likelihood of
18 developing kidney disease, or for that matter,
19 cardiovascular disease. The A1C benefit is modest,
20 I would say, and I think the challenge is that
21 we're betwixt and between here. We want outcome
22 data that address the likelihood of kidney disease

1 progression in people with an eGFR less than 60
2 because then we have something, and we know how
3 many patients end up on dialysis, for example. We
4 can weigh that against the number of people who
5 have DKA, and that is a calculus that maybe is a
6 little bit easier to understand or intuit.

7 But of course, we can't do that, and the
8 outcome, or the indication, is A1C reduction. So
9 it's one of those most storied, the indications in
10 the FDA, but it's still hard to weigh that, I
11 think, against something like DKA. Maybe this is
12 because -- what do they say? You're afraid of
13 things you don't understand or don't know much
14 about. Well, that's me as a cardiologist to DKA,
15 so I worry about it. I can remember taking care of
16 patients when I was a resident, and they worried me
17 when they were sick.

18 So I think that concern about that illness,
19 or that adverse effect, has made an impression on
20 me. So it's really difficult, I think, to balance
21 those benefits, which I think are real, and the
22 risk of this other outcome, which, again, strikes

1 fear in my heart, but which I think is important
2 nonetheless.

3 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

4 Dr. Shoben?

5 DR. SHO BEN: Abby Shoben. I was just going
6 to comment to say that some of the other advantages
7 that come up qualitatively from the the open public
8 hearing about not having to worry as much about
9 your sugars and your diabetes and stuff didn't
10 really seem fully captured to me. You can get at
11 it from the hypoglycemia, but I would really like
12 to see a better quality-of-life potential outcome
13 measure. Thanks.

14 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

15 Dr. Drake?

16 DR. DRAKE: Matthew Drake. I just wanted to
17 actually get back to the question that was actually
18 asked by the FDA A little bit here. I think we are
19 going to have a hard time finding data related to
20 type 1 diabetes and eGFR greater than 45 or in the
21 45 to 60 range, but they're really not asking about
22 the 60 to 90 range or greater than 60; they're

1 asking specifically about greater than 60 and the
2 renal protein losses of greater than 30 milligrams
3 per gram. If we look back, when they combine the
4 data from the 309, 310, and 312, that was really
5 only about -- well, 30 to 300 was only 10 percent
6 of the entire patient population that was studied,
7 and then greater than 300 was another 3 percent.
8 So in total, it's really 13 percent of the entire
9 population that we're talking about.

10 So I just feel like we're a little bit
11 handcuffed here, specifically with this question,
12 and I'm not sure we really actually address the
13 question that was actually asked by the FDA,
14 specifically. And maybe that's correct or not, but
15 maybe the FDA could weigh in because they give a
16 very, very specific question, and we've really much
17 more generalized with the eGFR as opposed to really
18 not spending much time on the renal protein losses.

19 DR. LOW WANG: Does the FDA want to respond
20 to that?

21 DR. ARCHDEACON: Sure, and we'll see when we
22 get to the voting question. I think the reason why

1 we picked this particular population is it is what
2 the applicant proposed, but we will invite you,
3 after you vote on what the applicant proposed, to
4 talk about any other populations that you think are
5 more clear-cut. If there is a clear-cut
6 population, I think we at FDA should be in
7 listening mode as opposed to saying what we think,
8 but I'll risk saying that it does seem to us that
9 proteinuria is relevant to what someone's absolute
10 risk is. So that's why we've also made sure to
11 introduce that into the question.

12 DR. LOW WANG: Thanks.

13 Dr. Konstam?

14 DR. KONSTAM: Yes. To try to address
15 Dr. Yanoff, how do you compare DKA to A1C, well, my
16 first response to that is one is a clinical event
17 and the other is a blood test. Okay. It's a very
18 meaningful blood test. We know it serves as a
19 surrogate, but at the end of the day, it's a blood
20 test. And five years ago, I asked, give me some
21 help in translating the glycemic control that you
22 achieve into its impact on the patient.

1 So if I know that there's, whatever it is,
2 X percent reduction in A1C, how much reduction in
3 retinopathy can I expect from that? How much
4 prevention of kidney disease can I expect from that
5 in some kind of quantitative way? I think when you
6 start throwing the other things in, which are
7 really relevant -- the hypoglycemic events, the
8 weight loss -- okay, build a composite primary
9 endpoint and do a clinical trial. Those are all
10 real things, but they were never really designed as
11 efficacy P endpoints or pieces of an endpoint.

12 So it's a real struggle to work with these
13 data from that regard, and if the company's going
14 to go -- I'm not going to make any more
15 recommendations until the next question.

16 DR. LOW WANG: Great.

17 Dr. Wang?

18 DR. WANG: Thomas Wang. Just very quickly
19 to address the issue of other advantages, blood
20 pressure has been brought up a couple times, and it
21 did look like there was a couple millimeter mercury
22 reduction in blood pressure. I would say, though,

1 that while that's clearly beneficial if you have
2 hypertension in diabetes, it's not so clear if you
3 have a normal blood pressure that reducing blood
4 pressure has additional benefit. But in the ACCORD
5 BP trial, there was no additional benefit from
6 intensive blood pressure lowering, and it looked,
7 if I recall correctly, in the TANDEM population,
8 that the prevalence of hypertension wasn't all that
9 high and looked like only about 30 or 40 percent of
10 the individuals were on an ACE inhibitor, which we
11 know is good for a lot of things in diabetes and
12 CKD. So again, while there may be a real reduction
13 in blood pressure, I'm not sure that that would
14 have clinical benefit across this population.

15 DR. LOW WANG: Great, thanks.

16 And Dr. Parsa?

17 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa. Well, like many
18 here, I've been struggling a lot with this, and
19 similar to Roy-Chaudhury, I keep changing my mind
20 because, well, as we all know, the data is really
21 insufficient to have a clear idea of both the
22 magnitude of the real risk in the real world, which

1 I'm still very concerned about, and I think I will
2 go more with the Sentinel data than the clinical
3 trial data.

4 Of course, the benefit, again, can be quite
5 high but, to me, it really becomes, given that
6 there is a real known risk, at least the benefit
7 should be really focused on a subgroup where
8 there's the most evidence -- even though none of
9 it's perfect here because, as we discussed, it's
10 different populations -- of poor to bad outcomes.

11 The proteinuria I think was a great thing
12 that was brought in because, consistently, both for
13 cardiovascular disease outcomes and for renal
14 outcomes, proteinuria really stratifies risk like
15 hardly any other biomarkers have done to date, and
16 fairly consistent. If your proteinuria is high,
17 you do poorly whether it's in trials, whether in
18 the PERL data. Even if you had high A1C and no
19 proteinuria, your risk wasn't elevated, and then if
20 you have proteinuria, it becomes more, and then
21 that's compounded with the A1C, and that's not just
22 PERL, but consistently, we've seen that data there.

1 So to me, I think, at a minimum, one would have to
2 make sure that the risk is high enough to even
3 consider that.

4 Now, given the uncertainties, it's easy to
5 weigh away, but I was also a little bit affected by
6 all the type 1 diabetes patients and the
7 associations in terms of wanting therapeutic
8 options, and then realizing if we get out of
9 assessing the science and the clinical data back to
10 a bigger bubble, as Prabir said before, the
11 therapeutic options and some of these things,
12 they're really all gray zones. That's how we
13 operate in clinic. And maybe some of this needs to
14 be left between a patient and a doctor but, again,
15 with us setting boundaries, because if we want to
16 try to group this into a clearly defined group, we
17 clearly don't have the data; then it's easier to
18 just stop because it's not there.

19 So I think the high-risk profile definition
20 of that, or determining that, with some
21 proteinuria, or even more than that, would be an
22 essential component in my view.

1 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

2 Mr. Tibbits?

3 MR. TIBBITS: So I'm going to pose
4 something, and I guess it's a little bit
5 theoretical. It's less data and more
6 theoretical/moral. I think we've been looking at a
7 lot of numbers, but I think the other question,
8 which I will admit is virtually impossible to
9 answer, is what is the benefit-risk of not having
10 this drug available to people with type 1 diabetes?

11 I think it's not just a question of what do
12 the trials look like, but I think the question also
13 is, if we were to go down path A and it was
14 available, what are those benefit-risks? And then
15 if we go down path B, which is the status quo, what
16 are those benefits and risks? So is there a
17 potential population that would benefit from
18 path A, but we don't let them go down path B, so
19 therefore, they have early death and they have
20 other complications? I think that's maybe a not
21 calculable number, but I think it's something that
22 we need to think about.

1 I think the other thing that I would say is
2 we all seem to generally agree that, to use
3 Dr. Everett's phrasing, "there's a paucity of
4 data," which I think is frustrating for all of us.
5 I don't love rewarding a company that has not done
6 a great trial design, but with that said, I also
7 think if we know the data that we want, or we know
8 what additional data would help us, I think the
9 other consideration to weigh these risks and
10 benefits is, is the better approach, however you
11 want to define "better," to send it back to the
12 sponsor and say give us more data, or is it to send
13 it into the real world and do something like
14 Dr. Roy-Chaudhury said, and implement some sort of
15 REMS strategy that would potentially give us
16 additional data in the real world? Which I would
17 argue, then has the advantage of being real-world
18 data versus tightly controlled clinical trial data.
19 Thank you.

20 DR. LOW WANG: Great. Thanks.

21 So if there are no more comments -- those
22 were really great points that were made -- let me

1 try to summarize. I think that, overall, there's
2 evidence for small but significant A1C lowering
3 across the GFR categories. It looks like that may
4 be a little bit more modest or attenuated with
5 those in the GFR less than 60 category. That
6 20 percent reduction in hypoglycemia that's
7 estimated appears to be a significant benefit,
8 especially if it translates to improve time in
9 range, but we really need more evidence for
10 patient-reported outcomes.

11 Reduction in body weight is important.
12 There's also this reduction in systolic blood
13 pressure but, really, a reduction in systolic blood
14 pressure doesn't translate to clinical outcomes or
15 a clinical benefit if a patient is not
16 hypertensive.

17 There was the point brought up about
18 evidence for effectiveness of the DKA risk
19 mitigation strategies. There was still a
20 significant event rate for DKA in the clinical
21 trials, and there is also the question of what will
22 the applicant do about patients without access to

1 all of the ketone monitoring support that's needed
2 in order to reduce the risk of DKA. There was a
3 point brought up about whether a lower dose might
4 change the benefit-risk balance; and then, overall,
5 it's a struggle to conclude anything from the
6 available data.

7 There's mention about being disappointed
8 about where we are. The subgroup of patients with
9 type 1 diabetes who might benefit the most were not
10 prospectively studied, and we don't have the
11 information to calculate a win ratio.

12 Any other additions to that or
13 modifications?

14 (No response.)

15 DR. LOW WANG: Alright.

16 Well, I think we will now proceed to
17 question 7, which is a voting question. We'll be
18 using an electronic voting system for this meeting.
19 Once we begin the vote, the buttons will start
20 flashing and will continue to flash even after
21 you've entered your vote. Please press the button
22 firmly that corresponds to your vote. If you're

1 unsure of the vote or you want to change the vote,
2 you can press the corresponding button until the
3 vote is closed.

4 After everyone has completed their vote, the
5 vote will be locked in. The vote will then be
6 displayed on the screen, and Joyce Frimpong will
7 then read the vote from the screen into the record.
8 Next, we will go around the room, and each
9 individual who voted will state their name and vote
10 into the record. Please also state the reason why
11 you voted as you did. We'll continue in the same
12 manner until all questions have been answered or
13 discussed.

14 Question number 7 is the voting question.
15 Do the available data demonstrate that the benefits
16 of sotagliflozin outweigh the risks for the
17 indication of improved glycemic control in a
18 population of patients with T1D and eGFR of 45 or
19 greater to less than 60 or GFR of 60 or greater and
20 UACR of 30 or greater?

21 If yes, provide your rationale and suggest
22 specific risk mitigation approaches. If no, do the

1 data demonstrate that the benefits outweigh the
2 risks for the indication of improved glycemic
3 control for another population of patients with T1D
4 and CKD defined by different GFR and/or UACR
5 categories? Explain and clarify the population in
6 which the benefits of improved glycemic control
7 outweigh the risks, if any.

8 Any questions about that voting question?

9 Go ahead, Mr. Tibbits.

10 MR. TIBBITS: Thank you. So in terms of
11 this "or," does the "or" mean -- let's assume that
12 this was the indication question. Does the "or"
13 mean that a physician would look at this and say,
14 if you fit into category A or category B, then
15 you're eligible, or are we as members able to say,
16 yes, but we only agree with one of these
17 categories?

18 DR. ARCHDEACON: So the indication statement
19 proposed means that if you fit into either, then
20 you fit, but we certainly encourage you, for the
21 second-half of this question, if you felt that only
22 one of those you agreed with, then you can clarify

1 that. I know that people may be concerned about,
2 well, I want to vote yes, but I'm saying no but
3 yes. Please be assured that I will be taking very
4 careful notes, and if there is consensus on some
5 other population, we are not beholden to numbers
6 here. We are listening to the conversation.

7 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Any other
8 questions?

9 (No response.)

10 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. If there are no
11 further questions or comments concerning the
12 wording of the question, we'll start the voting
13 process.

14 Oh. Go ahead.

15 DR. PARSA: Afshin Parsa. Just to clarify,
16 if we agree to one and not the other, we can still
17 vote yes, and then give a disclaimer, or the other
18 way around?

19 DR. ARCHDEACON: I'm happy to have you do it
20 either way. If you want to vote yes but explain
21 that no, I actually meant no, but whatever; or you
22 want to vote no but explain yes, that's what I mean

1 when I'm saying I will be listening to what you
2 say. The numbers matter, but what really matters
3 is your explanation.

4 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Are we set?

5 (No response.)

6 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Now, we will begin the
7 voting process. Please press the button on your
8 microphone that corresponds to your vote. You'll
9 have approximately 20 seconds to vote. Please
10 press the button firmly, and after you've made your
11 selection, the light may continue to flash. If
12 you're unsure of your vote or you wish to change
13 it, please press the corresponding button again
14 before the vote is closed.

15 (Voting.)

16 DR. FRIMPONG: Joyce Frimpong, Designated
17 Federal Officer. There are 3 yeses, 11 noes, and
18 zero abstains.

19 DR. LOW WANG: Okay. Now that the vote is
20 complete, we'll go around the table and have
21 everyone who voted state their name, vote, and also
22 please state the reason why you voted as you did

1 into the record. We'll start with
2 Dr. Roy-Chaudhury.

3 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: I'm glad, Patrick, you
4 said that you're listening because --

5 DR. LOW WANG: Please state your name and
6 your vote.

7 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: Oh, sorry. Yes. Prabir
8 Roy-Chaudhury. Thank you.

9 DR. LOW WANG: And did you vote yes or no?

10 DR. ROY-CHAUDHURY: So I voted a yes. Can I
11 provide the rationale? Yes. I voted yes because,
12 as I'd spoken earlier, I think it's important to
13 live in a big bubble, and it's important to have
14 risks. And I do believe that risk mitigation
15 strategies will work. But I do want to say that I
16 voted yes, really -- if I had to give a group, I
17 voted yes for the 60 to 90 group with a UACR of
18 greater than 30. That's the group that I think
19 needs to be targeted. I think that when we target
20 that group, it's really important to be very, very
21 focused on a REMS with teeth, if you will.

22 DR. LOW WANG: Alright. Thank you.

1 Betsy Chrischilles?

2 DR. CHRISCHILLES: Yes. Betsy Chrischilles.

3 So I voted no, but I wanted to vote yes. But I
4 didn't vote yes because of the very specific nature
5 of the question, and the very specific population,
6 and the small numbers of individuals that were
7 represented, and the uncertainty that that left me
8 with. I would have felt differently if the
9 question were about the 60 to 90 category.

10 Then in terms of the balance of benefit and
11 risk, it is difficult to not have new prospective
12 data. We do have some new data in the
13 observational world that we didn't talk about
14 today, where we have some information from
15 off-label use of this class in type 1 diabetes,
16 which is of interest for future monitoring, I
17 think, and I would like to see that aggressive
18 monitoring of the experience, if this could be
19 approved and would be important.

20 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

21 Dr. Newman?

22 DR. NEWMAN: Connie Newman. I voted no

1 because I felt that there was an uncertainty about
2 the benefit-risk. I felt from the data we have
3 seen, it seemed unfavorable to me, and we really
4 had very few patients in these categories to make a
5 decision.

6 Do you want me to answer another question
7 about what group, what population it might be
8 beneficial in?

9 DR. LOW WANG: Yes.

10 DR. NEWMAN: Oh, ok. I was thinking that
11 the group with GFR between 60 and 90 might be a
12 population that would have a greater benefit than
13 risk. They have less of a risk of kidney disease,
14 and I would prefer to see more data in that
15 population before I can make a decision about
16 benefit-risk. Thank you.

17 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you.

18 Dr. Onumah?

19 DR. ONUMAH: Barbara Onumah. I voted yes,
20 but I was very conflicted, and I think my yes is
21 specific to the population with eGFR between
22 60 and 90. I think this overall benefit in terms

1 of A1C reduction is quite modest, as we've already
2 discussed, and there are some non-glycemic effects
3 that may be very beneficial. We know there's a
4 paucity of data as it pertains to these benefits;
5 however, persons with type 1 diabetes have very
6 limited treatment options, and it's already
7 happening in the community. There are other SGLT2
8 inhibitors that are being used without any
9 guidance.

10 So my vote of a yes comes with the caution
11 that this should be used with strict risk
12 mitigation instructions for patients and providers.
13 And if we can do that, at least if this is going to
14 be used and there's a risk of DKA, it can be done
15 in a structured manner.

16 DR. ARCHDEACON: If I can just ask the
17 people who have clarified, I think I've gleaned
18 from what people have said so far. The answers can
19 be yes, no, but I recommend this alternative
20 population, or no, I don't think the data is there
21 for any population. And what I've understood was
22 Dr. Roy-Chaudhury was a yes overall.

1 Dr. Chrischilles, I think you were a no, but yes
2 for 60 to 90 and UACR greater than 30. I think,
3 Dr. Newman, you were a no overall, even though you
4 thought that it was more encouraging for the
5 60 to 90. Did I glean that correctly?

6 (No audible response.)

7 DR. ARCHDEACON: And Dr. Onumah, if you
8 could just be a little bit more clear for me.
9 Again, if you could just bottom-line it for me at
10 the end; is there any subgroup that you are
11 recommending?

12 DR. ONUMAH: Yes, and for persons with eGFR
13 between 60 and 90.

14 DR. DRAKE: Matthew Drake. I voted no, and
15 it was really very specific to this question. The
16 way the question was worded, specifically, I just
17 don't think we have the data for that. That said,
18 I would be supportive of this for the group in the
19 60 to 90 category. I think that the data, as
20 presented, has the potential to help that group,
21 and maybe the greater than 30 milligrams per gram
22 is the best population, but I just don't think we

1 have that data yet. The worse the kidney function
2 is, likely, if we extrapolate to other SGLT
3 inhibitors, this would be a group that would be
4 particularly benefited, likely, on average. But
5 again, I just don't think we have that for here.

6 So I voted no, but I would say yes to the
7 60 to 90, and I would like to see a little bit more
8 data, but that's where it is. I certainly do have
9 some concerns about diabetic ketoacidosis. That's
10 a real concern. But that said, these can be
11 reasoned conversations had between clinicians and
12 patients who live with this potential on an
13 everyday basis, be it hypoglycemia or diabetic
14 ketoacidosis. Hypoglycemia is a real risk and has
15 immediate consequences as well for these patients.
16 Thank you.

17 DR. ARCHDEACON: Thank you. And my last ask
18 is for people not to forget, if they are saying yes
19 to any group, if you have concrete advice about
20 risk mitigation, things that must be as part of the
21 risk mitigation.

22 DR. DRAKE: I would love for these patients

1 to have a CGM, but it's hard for me to make that.

2 I think a lot of these patients do and would, but
3 not necessarily all would have access to that.

4 DR. ARCHDEACON: Thank you.

5 DR. LOW WANG: My name is Cecilia Low Wang,
6 and I voted no. I actually didn't see any data
7 that demonstrated that the benefits outweigh the
8 risks for this indication for another population of
9 patients with type 1 and CKD. I wasn't convinced
10 by the data for the 60 to less than 90 subgroup.
11 The numbers were incredibly small. I really feel
12 like we need a prospective trial.

13 I have a really hard time voting to approve
14 a drug when there's so little relevant data, and I
15 very much want an adjunctive drug for my patients
16 with type 1. I just don't feel that it would
17 fulfill my obligations to vote to approve something
18 with so little supportive data. I feel like it
19 does my patients a disservice. It's been argued
20 that the FDA should approve this class of drugs
21 since it's already being used off label anyway, but
22 I really don't know that that's an adequate

1 argument. I think we actually need some good data
2 to support approval.

3 DR. WANG: Thomas Wang. I voted no, and I
4 also was not ready to say that for any patient
5 population, I was convinced that the benefits
6 outweighed the risks, or at least I should say I
7 was convinced that we have the data to demonstrate
8 the benefits outweighed the risks.

9 I think the sponsor presentations and the
10 open public comment period really did a nice job of
11 outlining the unmet need. I truly believe there is
12 an unmet need, and there is potential benefit of
13 the drug in this context, but given what we have as
14 data in this predefined subgroup, while there may
15 be theoretical reason to believe there's greater
16 benefit, we haven't excluded greater risk either.

17 So I think, ultimately, we need a little bit
18 more data, and that doesn't necessarily mean you
19 need to do another cardiovascular outcomes trial in
20 type 1 diabetics. I think that with the
21 availability of cardiorenal endpoints, there may be
22 other ways of getting this information without the

1 same magnitude of trial, which I know is
2 challenging in this patient population, but that
3 ultimately was the rationale for my vote.

4 DR. EVERETT: Brendan Everett. I voted no.
5 I think it's challenging because this group of
6 patients needs another therapy, and I think the
7 unmet need for A1C control and just improvement in
8 quality of life is substantial. I was, I guess,
9 left a little bit with the sense that we were
10 revisiting the conversation we had five years ago
11 without huge amounts of new data. We have the
12 SCORED trial, but in the process of looking at it
13 carefully, felt like it's applicability was modest
14 at best.

15 Then I recall thinking, whatever, five years
16 ago, this was potentially doable if we had a really
17 creative risk mitigation strategy, and that wasn't
18 really part of the conversation at all today,
19 except to suggest something now at this point when
20 all is said and done. So I think that's
21 potentially a missed opportunity to really create,
22 and investigate, and test risk mitigation

1 strategies for DKA specifically. I think we can
2 see a little bit that just being in a randomized
3 trial was a risk mitigation trial strategy as
4 opposed to just being in the general population.

5 Also, I hear my colleagues here talking
6 about being in a bubble that's too small or too
7 large. I think we're focused specifically on the
8 indication of improved glycemic control, period;
9 and I think there's a lot of rationale for thinking
10 about this class of medications writ large for
11 improvement in kidney outcomes in this population
12 of patients.

13 So you could think of that as an unmet need,
14 and I think we all wished that we had those data.
15 We don't because there aren't any new data, and we
16 decided that the SCORED data were modestly
17 applicable. But then you think about is that an
18 unmet medical need, and it's not really because
19 they're actually two drugs approved for that
20 population for the improvement in kidney function
21 or risk reduction of chronic kidney disease
22 outcomes in all patients with chronic kidney

1 disease, including those with type 1 diabetes.

2 So ultimately, it was hard to say that much
3 had changed from 2019, and I struggled with this
4 because on some level, patients, particularly the
5 patients who showed up and spoke in the open
6 session, have the capability to understand these
7 risks, and to accept those as their own, in
8 conjunction with their physicians, of course, and
9 manage those risks. That's a little bit of a
10 different population, I think, than you're
11 necessarily going to see who gets the drug, if it's
12 available and seen as a labeled indication for
13 glycemic control in type 1 diabetes. Thanks.

14 DR. KONSTAM: Hi there. Marv Konstam. I
15 voted no. I want to say, first, that I was really
16 moved by the public comment, and as somebody else
17 pointed out, there clearly is an unmet need.
18 People are suffering and physicians see that they
19 need more, so I get it. The question is, does this
20 body of data show us what they need? And I can't
21 get from here to there.

22 Now, why is that? Well, first of all, I'm

1 uncertain about the risk side. I'm queasy about
2 accepting what the trial shows is the actual
3 real-world risk of DKA. On top of that, I believe
4 that risk mitigation can work for this; I just
5 haven't been shown it. It hasn't been clear to me
6 what exactly is planned. Did they attempt to
7 implement the risk mitigation in this trial
8 population? Can they do that? Can they take the
9 patients who are getting it off label -- would that
10 be ethical? -- and do a registry that includes risk
11 mitigation in them to show that it's working? I
12 don't know if that's doable, but maybe. So that's
13 the risk side that I'm queasy on.

14 I can't find a population that works for me.
15 The starting point was to find a population that's
16 at high enough risk that it will allow us, in our
17 minds, to shift the risk-benefit ratio. Well,
18 these populations don't really tell me that much.
19 These populations are higher risk populations;
20 therefore, they have a greater opportunity for
21 absolute risk reduction, for greater absolute risk
22 reduction. But I don't know what that absolute

1 risk reduction is, and I don't know how to figure
2 it out.

3 Let me say the body of information here is
4 enormous. There's a lot of really interesting good
5 stuff. We can all find a number of things here
6 that say that should be on the benefits side, and
7 that should be on the benefits side, but there's no
8 way of quantifying that. So I would like to see,
9 ok, we've got enough here that we can now construct
10 a clinical trial to show you some clinical benefit,
11 and let you calculate quantitatively, pull it
12 together and say, if you assume this/that, here's
13 what the quantified risk-benefit ratio would look
14 like.

15 Now, if nobody wants to do another clinical
16 trial, I don't know how you fix it. The only thing
17 I can think of is to do modeling around the data
18 that you have. Make certain assumptions about what
19 the degree of glycemic control shown here would
20 translate into, into some clinical benefit based on
21 other information that we need, correlating those
22 two things happening, and say, ok, here's our best

1 guess at what that means clinically.

2 Can you do that? Can you incorporate things
3 like hypoglycemic events and weight loss? If I
4 were doing a trial, I'd like to say maybe I can
5 build those into a composite primary endpoint. If
6 you're not going to do another trial, I don't know.
7 How do you pull that together? How do you figure
8 out -- how do you weigh that benefit against the
9 risk of a fatal DKA event? There's no way for me
10 to quantify those things here, so that's where I
11 am.

12 MR. TIBBITS: Paul Tibbits. I voted yes
13 with an asterisk of sorts. I think it won't
14 surprise anyone to know that I'm less comfortable
15 with the 45 to 60 group. I voted yes largely for
16 the 60 to 90 group, and I could be convinced to
17 limit it further to the over 30 group creatinine
18 ratio.

19 I guess I'll take a step back and say, I
20 think from many corners, the FDA is criticized for
21 erring too much on the side of patient safety and
22 conservatism, which I don't think is a fair

1 criticism. I think it's an important issue, and I
2 think, certainly, overall, the FDA does a really
3 good job, I think, of taking into account exactly
4 what we're talking about today, benefits versus
5 risks.

6 I think what makes it difficult for me in a
7 disease like type 1 diabetes is that people with
8 type 1 diabetes are so different from each other in
9 terms of responsiveness to insulin, responsiveness
10 to exercise, responsiveness to diet, so it's a
11 little bit of an art, a little bit of a science,
12 and a little bit of luck. So to try to say,
13 overall, we're going to make a decision for however
14 millions of people we are and take that
15 conversation away from the doctor and patient is a
16 real struggle for me. So I do feel, in this case,
17 there's enough data to say, for this limited
18 population, we should push this conversation out to
19 the doctor and the individual patient.

20 I think anyone who heard my participation at
21 the last EMDAC back in May knows that I'm not a
22 rah-rah patient advocate; that everything that

1 comes down the pipeline for type 1 should be
2 approved. So for what it's worth, to me, it means
3 something, and I think there's enough here for at
4 least a group of the population. With that said, I
5 will again repeat that I don't think the sponsor
6 should be let off the hook and think that they have
7 enough data that makes this a slam-dunk, as they
8 can tell. I do think risk mitigation would include
9 figuring out a way to provide ketone monitoring
10 systems/supplies to patients that have no access.

11 I think it would also include -- and I don't
12 know what levers the FDA has exactly -- some data
13 collection to improve the data that we have. So
14 whether it's doing matched controls with the HRs,
15 or whatever it is, there are probably more erudite
16 people than me that can figure that out. But even
17 a risk mitigation strategy, I think, without data
18 is only marginally helpful. So, for me, part of
19 the risk mitigation would have to be demonstrated,
20 ideally a clinical benefit of the sort that we were
21 talking about. Thank you.

22 DR. NASON: My name is Martha Nason. I

1 voted no. I think most of what I have to say has
2 been said by some around the table, but I will
3 rehash a little bit anyway just to get my own
4 opinions out there.

5 I think there clearly is a clear need, and
6 the public speakers emphasized how much of a clear
7 need there is, but these analyses are ad hoc. They
8 require too much extrapolation and generalization,
9 and, to me, there's too much uncertainty about
10 potentially fatal consequences and not enough new
11 information or data to change the decision from the
12 one that this committee made -- well, the
13 recommendation that this committee made in 2019.

14 I think we heard people mention that type 1
15 diabetics are often excluded from studies, and I
16 think they deserve to be studied, and I think they
17 deserve to have these questions answered in those
18 people and not extrapolated from type 2 diabetics
19 and say, well, maybe it's close enough. I think
20 really having data that is known to be relevant on
21 type 1 diabetes as far as risk-benefit ratio and
22 cardiovascular effects is important and is

1 respectful as opposed to just continuing not to
2 study those things and just making assumptions.

3 I do hope there will be eventually a new
4 prospective clinical trial. There are clearly lots
5 of motivating data here. I don't know if there
6 will be, but if there is, like this has been said,
7 I think it would be really important to think
8 carefully about not only the proposed population,
9 really specific risk mitigation schemes, but how
10 the overall clinical benefit is captured as far as
11 whether that includes cardiovascular, and kidney,
12 and diabetes outcomes all put together in some kind
13 of way.

14 DR. SHO BEN: I'm Abby Shoben. I voted no,
15 and I also don't think there's any subpopulation in
16 which the benefits outweigh the risks. I think the
17 only comment I have that hasn't been said is the
18 idea that I would really like to see some more
19 current data on the potential risk mitigation
20 strategies in a more controlled environment; so not
21 from a send it out into the world maybe with the
22 REMS, and see what happens, but like an actual

1 controlled environment, where you can actually
2 study those strategies because we've seen over and
3 over again that it's hard to do that.

4 DR. PARSA: My name is Afshin Parsa. I
5 voted no, and part of it is for reasons already
6 stated. There are a lot of unknowns, but I think
7 there might be room for areas where it can be used,
8 and that goes back to areas where there are
9 populations with high risk. Now, defining that,
10 actually, unlike some other people, as a
11 nephrologist, the 45 to 60, to me, is actually very
12 much a high-risk population, and indeed other SGLT2
13 inhibitors are already approved in that category,
14 and I see no reason why it would be different for
15 this drug.

16 Regarding the 60 to 90 and the UACR of
17 30 to 30, there still probably is a broader number
18 of people than I'm fully comfortable with, so
19 higher proteinuria could be 200 or 300 but, again,
20 that gets to an area in which one can already use
21 them with that on empa. However, based on the
22 comments by the type 1 diabetes societies, and the

1 patients, and the need for therapeutic options,
2 which I very might appreciate, some things apply to
3 everyone, like lipid lowering in someone with CVD
4 or SGLT2 in type 2 diabetics with CKD, and other
5 ones where for some people it works a lot better
6 than the study population and these options.

7 I was thinking about who that might be, so
8 for me, that would be 60 to 90 in terms of eGFR; a
9 UACR greater than 30 with challenges to get
10 glycemic control, and by that, two components. One
11 is a high A1C despite real efforts by the patient
12 and compliance that could be defined as 8.5, or 8,
13 or whatever; or frequent hypoglycemic episodes
14 because that is really a potential high
15 benefit -- again, not to everyone, but for some
16 patients they're just labile no matter what they
17 do -- and then that would add an increased benefit
18 that I think is compelling; and then, again, it
19 goes back to the patient and their practitioner.

20 DR. SELIGER: Steve Seliger, and I voted no.
21 I think we all heard, and I completely agree, that
22 there is a great need for additional therapies for

1 people with this condition. I think my approach
2 was to start with the determination of this
3 committee back in 2019 for the whole indication,
4 and I found substantial uncertainties in the data,
5 both from an efficacy and safety standpoint, for
6 the small subgroup that was being asked for. I
7 don't have a particular recommendation for another
8 GFR group. At least from the data that was
9 available to us, I couldn't come up with one that
10 would fit both rationally and with sufficient data.

11 DR. LOW WANG: Great. Let me summarize.
12 The final vote was 3 yeses and 11 noes. I think
13 the panel members talked about a clear unmet need
14 for our patients with type 1 diabetes. Many panel
15 members mentioned that probably the group with an
16 eGFR category of 60 to less than 90 and UACR of 30
17 or higher might be a subgroup that could benefit
18 from sotagliflozin, and possibly patients with
19 difficulty getting to glycemic control, frequent
20 hypoglycemia.

21 It was mentioned that there's enough
22 information that we have right now to push this

1 discussion out to patients and their healthcare
2 providers to let them decide, but then many people
3 mentioned that there's a lot of uncertainty in the
4 data. Several panel members didn't feel that the
5 data supported a subgroup of patients with type 1
6 diabetes and CKD that would benefit, so we have
7 lots of hypothetical reasons to believe that
8 there's a benefit, but we have to be able to
9 quantify them.

10 We don't necessarily need a trial that's as
11 big as the cardiovascular outcomes trial. We could
12 look at other outcomes, renal, et cetera, and
13 patients with type 1 diabetes need to not be
14 excluded from future trials. They need to be
15 included in trials. So with that, we really don't
16 know which subgroup would benefit the most, and we
17 already have two other drugs in this class for
18 heart failure and CKD with or without diabetes. We
19 need adequate risk mitigation strategies. People
20 mentioned ketone monitoring, continuous glucose
21 monitoring. This wasn't really discussed in detail
22 today, and there weren't data to support the

1 proposed strategies.

2 So overall, I think this was a really robust
3 discussion, and I wanted to thank the panel
4 members, the FDA, the applicant, the open public
5 hearing speakers for the presentations and the
6 discussion today. I also wanted to thank everyone
7 who's listening. And before we adjourn, are there
8 any last comments from the FDA?

9 DR. ARCHDEACON: I just want to thank
10 everyone. This has been an incredibly helpful
11 session for us, really thoughtful comments, and
12 you've given us a lot to think about, so thank you
13 again very, very much.

14 **Adjournment**

15 DR. LOW WANG: Thank you. We will now
16 adjourn the meeting. Thank you.

17 (Whereupon, at 5:05 p.m., the meeting was
18 adjourned.)

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