### **Supplemental Online Material**

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	Metformin is contraindicated  MDRD eGFR < 30 ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>			Indeterminant  MDRD eGFR 30 - 44  ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>			Metformin is likely safe  MDRD eGFR ≥ 45 ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>			p value***  (Chi² or  ANOVA)
Characteristics	study N=0	column %	national estimate, N=0	study N=53	column %	National estimate, N=271,300	study N=3216	column %	national estimate, N=16,037,300	
Male gender	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	1,641	51.0	8,126,700	< 0.001
Age (years)										< 0.001
20-39	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	206	6.4	1,518,300	
40-59	0	0.0	0	2	3.8	28,600	1001	31.1	6,771,500	
60-69	0	0.0	0	8	15.1	12,100	1033	32.1	4,059,900	
70+	0	0.0	0	43	81.1	230,700	976	30.4	3,687,600	
Race/ethnicity**										0.00
White	0	0.0	0	34	64.2	227,400	1260	39.2	10,167,800	
Non-Hispanic Black	0	0.0	0	2	2.8	4,700	815	25.3	2,506,100	
Hispanic	0	0.0	0	10	18.9	10,800	756	23.5	1,262,300	
Yearly family income										0.05
< \$20,000	0	0.0	0	23	50.0	100,800	931	32.0	3,506,000	
20,000-44,999	0	0.0	0	12	26.1	72,000	1039	35.7	5,130,500	
\$45,000-74,999	0	0.0	0	8	17.4	54,700	523	18.0	2,027,300	
> \$75,000	0	0.0	0	3	6.6	10,400	416	14.3	2,050,800	
Has health insurance	0	0.0	0	53	100.0	271,300	2791	87.3	14,219,900	0.01
Greater than high school education	0	0.0	0	17	50.0	117,200	1414	56.0	9,016,100	0.48
Hypertension	0	0.0	0	36	67.9	189,600	2000	62.6	9,426,400	0.43
Glycemic control										0.10
A1C < 7 % (<53 mmol/mol)	0	0.0	0	32	60.4	159,600	1703	53.1	8,730,900	
A1C 7-8 % (53-63 mmol/mol)	0	0.0	0	15	28.3	67,800	673	21.0	3,321,600	
A1c 8-9 % (64-74 mmol/mol)	0	0.0	0	2	3.8	20,000	328	10.2	1,545,200	

A1c > 9 % (>75 mmol/mol)	0	0.0	0	4	7.6	24,000	505	15.7	2,408,200	
Mean BMI kg/m <sup>2</sup> (SD)	-	-	-	30.4	5.4	-	32.0	7.1	-	0.11
Urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio										< 0.001
<30 mg/g	0	0.0	0	27	57.5	163,300	2160	68.6	11,393,400	
31-299 mg/g	0	0.0	0	12	25.5	47,400	776	24.6	3,538,300	
300-1000 mg/g	0	0.0	0	5	10.6	16,400	146	4.6	556,300	
>1000 mg/g	0	0.0	0	3	6.4	12,200	68	2.2	274,900	
** "other" not shown due to small sample size but are included in all analyses.										

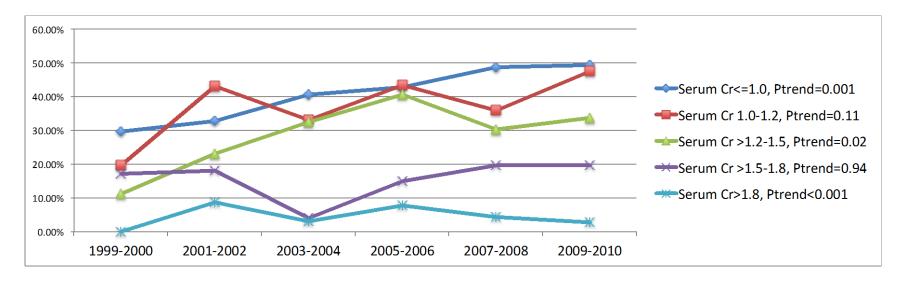
<sup>\*\*</sup> Hypertension defined by average blood pressure >140/90 or self-reported anti-hypertensive use. Diabetes is self-reported or A1C > 6.5%.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> p-values refer to differences among actual study participants, not national estimates

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GFR and CrCl estimating	FDA ineligible for	FDA eligible for	Change in the	FDA ineligible for	FDA eligible for	Change in the estaimte of
equations	metformin by	metformin by serum	estaimte of	metformin by serum	metformin by	individuals for whom
	serum creatinine,	creatinine, estimated N	individuals for whom	creatinine, estimated N	serum creatinine,	metformin safety is
	estimated N	(column %)	metformin is likely	(column %)	estimated N	indeterminant with
	(column %)		safe with equations	(column %)		equations vs. sCr
	Metformin likely	Metformin	vs. sCr	Metformin safety indeterminant		
	safe (eGFR or	contraindicated (eGFR		(eGFR or CrCl 30-44 ml/min)		
	CrCl >45 ml/min)	or CrCl <30 ml/min)				
CKD-EPIcr ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	86900 (7.8%)	0	+86,883	538000 (48.5%)	246700 (1.7%)	+784,809
MDRD ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	104200 (9.4%)	0	+104,248	614900 (55.4%)	209900 (1.42%)	+824,844
CKD-EPIcys ml/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	178200 (16.0%)	64300 (0.4%)	+113,943	237900 (21.4%)	738200 (5.3%)	+976,160
Cockcroft-Gault ml/min*	101400 (100%)	179,000 (1.3%)	+834,740	0	1635900 (11.6%)	+1,635,983

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