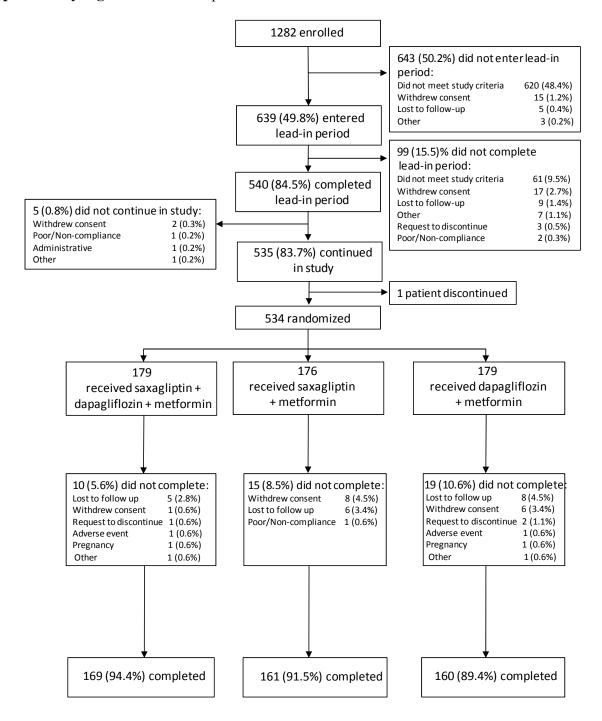
#### **Supplementary Text.**

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### Supplementary Figure 1. Patient disposition



**Supplementary Table 1.** Adjusted Mean Change From Baseline at 24 Weeks in HbA1c Stratified by Baseline HbA1c Subgroup

Baseline HbA1c	SAXA+DAPA+MET	SAXA+MET	DAPA+MET
subgroup	n=179	n=176	n=179
<8% (<64 mmol/mol)			
Baseline mean (SD), %	7.50 (0.40)	7.61 (0.31)	7.41 (0.44)
[mmol/mol]	[58 (4.4)]	[60(3.4)]	[57 (4.8)]
n*	37	29	37
Adjusted mean change	-0.80 (-1.12, -0.47)	-0.69 (-1.06, -0.33)	-0.45 (-0.77, -0.13)
from baseline (95% CI), %	[-9 (-12.2, -5.1)]	[-8 (-11.6, -3.6)]	[-5(-8.4, -1.4)]
[mmol/mol]			
Mean (95% CI) difference		-0.10 (-0.60, 0.39)	-0.35 (-0.81, 0.11)
vs SAXA+DAPA+MET		[-1 (-6.6, 4.3]	[-4 (-8.9, 1.2)]
≥8% to <9% (≥64 to <75			
mmol/mol)			
Baseline mean (SD), %	8.44 (0.26)	8.54 (0.29)	8.49 (0.28)
[mmol/mol]	[69 (2.8)]	[70(3.2)]	[69 (3.1)]
n*	56	51	52
Adjusted mean change	-1.17 (-1.44, -0.90)	$-0.51 \ (-0.78, -0.25)$	-0.84 (-1.11, -0.57)
from baseline (95% CI), %	[-13 (-15.7, -9.8)]	[-6 (-8.5, -2.7)]	[-9(-12.1, -6.2)]
[mmol/mol]			
Mean (95% CI) difference		-0.66 (-1.03, -0.28)	-0.33 (-0.71, 0.05)
vs SAXA+DAPA+MET		[-7 (-11.3, -3.1)]	[-4(-7.8, 0.5)]
≥9% (≥75 mmol/mol)			
Baseline mean (SD), %	10.02 (0.78)	9.90 (0.75)	9.95 (0.78)
[mmol/mol]	[86 (8.5)]	[85 (8.2)]	[85 (8.5)]
n*	65	63	62
Adjusted mean change	-2.03 (-2.27, -1.80)	-1.32 (-1.56, -1.09)	-1.87 (-2.11, -1.63)
from baseline (95% CI), %	[-22(-24.8, -19.7)]	[-14(-17.1, -11.9)]	[-20 (-23.1, -17.8)]
[mmol/mol]			
Mean (95% CI) difference		-0.71 (-1.04, -0.38)	-0.16 (-0.50, 0.17)
vs SAXA+DAPA+MET		[-8 (-11.4, -4.2)]	[-2 (-5.5, 1.9)]

<sup>\*</sup>Number of randomized patients with non-missing baseline values and week 24 value.

**Supplementary Table 2.** Adjusted Mean Change From Baseline at 24 Weeks in HbA1c Stratified by Age

Age subgroup, y	SAXA+DAPA+MET	SAXA+MET	DAPA+MET
	n=179	n=176	n=179
<65			
Baseline mean (SD),	8.98 (1.21)	9.04 (1.10)	8.90 (1.18)
% [mmol/mol]	[75 (13.2)]	[75 (12.0)]	[74 (12.9)]
n*	140	118	133
Adjusted mean change	-1.47(-1.64, -1.31)	-0.85 (-1.02, -0.67)	-1.22 (-1.38, -1.05)
from baseline (95%	[-16(-17.9, -14.3)]	[-9(-11.1, -7.3)]	[-13 (-15.1, -11.5)]
CI), % [mmol/mol]			
Mean (95% CI)		-0.63 (-0.86, -0.39)	-0.26 (-0.49, -0.02)
difference vs		[-7 (-9.4, -4.3)]	[-3 (-5.4, -0.2)]
SAXA+DAPA+MET			
≥65			
Baseline mean (SD),	8.50 (0.88)	8.99 (0.79)	8.64 (1.09)
% [mmol/mol]	[69 (9.6)]	[75 (8.6)]	[71 (11.9)]
n*	18	25	18
Adjusted mean change	-1.40 (-1.87, -0.94)	-1.04 (-1.42, -0.66)	-1.05 (-1.51, -0.60)
from baseline (95%	[-15 (-20.4, -10.3)]	[-11(-15.5, -7.2)]	[-12 (-16.5, -6.6)]
CI), % [mmol/mol]			
Mean (95% CI)		-0.37 (-0.97, 0.24)	-0.35 (-1.00, 0.30)
difference vs		[-4(-10.6, 2.6)]	[-4(-10.9, 3.3)]
SAXA+DAPA+MET			

<sup>\*</sup>Number of randomized patients with non-missing baseline values and week 24 value.

**Supplementary Table 3.** Proportion of Patients Achieving HbA1c <7% at Week 24 by Baseline HbA1c Subgroup

Baseline HbA1c	SAXA+DAPA+MET	SAXA+MET	DAPA+MET
subgroup	n=179	n=176	n=179
<8% (64 mmol/mol)			
Baseline mean (SD),	7.50 (0.40)	7.61 (0.31)	7.41 (0.44)
% [mmol/mol]	[58 (4.4)]	[60(3.4)]	[57 (4.8)]
X/n*	26/40	16/30	18/40
Proportion (95% CI)	65 (50.6, 79.7)	58 (40.4, 75.5)	42 (27.1, 57.0)
adjusted for baseline			
HbA1c,%			
Mean (95% CI)		7 (-15.3, 29.4)	23 (2.4, 43.7)
difference vs			
SAXA+DAPA+MET			
≥8% to <9% (≥64 to 5			
mmol/mol)			
Baseline mean (SD),	8.44 (0.26)	8.54 (0.29)	8.49 (0.28)
% [mmol/mol]	[69 (2.8)]	[70 (3.2)]	[69 (3.1)]
X/n*	30/58	6/61	11/58
Proportion (95% CI)	50 (37.0, 62.4)	11 (3.0, 17.9)	19 (8.9, 29.1)
adjusted for baseline			
HbA1c,%			
Mean (95% CI)		39 (24.5, 53.9)	31 (14.5, 46.9)
difference vs			
SAXA+DAPA+MET			
≥9% (≥75 mmol/mol)			
Baseline mean (SD),	10.02 (0.78)	9.90 (0.75)	9.95 (0.78)
% [mmol/mol]	[86 (8.5)]	[85 (8.2)]	[85 (8.5)]
X/n*	18/79	7/84	11/75
Proportion (95% CI)	24 (14.3, 32.6)	9 (2.6, 14.4)	15 (6.6, 22.6)
adjusted for baseline			
HbA1c,%			
Mean (95% CI)		15 (4.1, 25.8)	9 (-3.2, 21.0)
difference vs			
SAXA+DAPA+MET			

<sup>\*</sup>X=number of responders, n= number of randomized patients with non-missing baseline and week 24 last observation carried forward values.

**Supplementary Table 4.** Change from baseline at 24 weeks for seated blood pressure and serum fasting lipids.

	SAXA+DAPA+MET n=179	SAXA+MET n=176	DAPA+MET n=179
Systolic blood pressure, mm Hg	H-177	H-170	11-177
n <sup>a</sup>	179	176	179
Baseline mean±SD	129±12.2	128±12.5	130±14.1
n <sup>b</sup>	167	160	157
Change from baseline mean±SD	$-1.9\pm12.0$	0.3±10.2	$-3.5\pm12.9$
Diastolic blood pressure, mm Hg			
$n^a$	179	176	179
Baseline mean±SD	78±8.5	78±7.8	79±8.1
$n^{b}$	167	160	157
Change from baseline mean±SD	$-1.0\pm8.0$	$-0.4\pm7.0$	$-1.4\pm8.4$
Total cholesterol, mg/dL			
n <sup>b</sup>	164	159	155
Baseline mean±SD	188±41	193±47	182±36
Adjusted mean percent change from	0.4 (-1.8, 2.7)	-1.9 (-4.2, 0.3)	3.8 (1.5, 6.3)
baseline (95% CI), %			
Difference (95% CI) vs saxagliptin +	2.4 (-0.8, 5.7)		
metformin,%	P=0.15		
Difference (95% CI) vs dapagliflozin +	-3.3 (-6.4, -0.2)		
metformin,%	P=0.04		
LDL cholesterol, mg/dL			
n <sup>b</sup>	161	158	153
Baseline mean±SD	102±36	103±35	98±30
Adjusted mean percent change from	3.7 (-0.9, 8.6)	-0.6 (-5.1, 4.1)	1.5 (-3.1, 6.4)
baseline (95% CI),%			
Difference (95% CI) vs saxagliptin +	4.3 (-2.2, 11.4)		
metformin,%	P=0.20		
Difference (95% CI) vs dapagliflozin +	2.2 (-4.3, 9.1)		
metformin,%	P=0.52		
HDL cholesterol, mg/dL		1.50	
n <sup>b</sup>	164	159	155
Baseline mean±SD	45±11	45±11	43±10

Adjusted mean percent change from	5.4 (3.0, 7.8)	0.9 (-1.4, 3.3)	7.7 (5.2, 10.2)
baseline (95% CI) ,%			
Difference (95% CI) vs saxagliptin +	4.4 (1.1, 7.8)		
metformin,%	P=0.009		
Difference (95% CI) vs dapagliflozin +	-2.1 (-5.3, 1.1)		
metformin,%	P=0.19		
Triglycerides, mg/dL			
$n^{b}$	163	159	155
Baseline mean±SD	221±194	248±302	216±166
Adjusted mean percent change from	-10.8 (-16.0, -5.4)	-3.7 (-9.4, 2.2)	-2.5 (-8.3, 3.6)
baseline (95% CI),%			
Difference (95% CI) vs saxagliptin +	-7.4 (-14.9, 0.8)		
metformin,%	P=0.08		
Difference (95% CI) vs dapagliflozin +	-8.5 (-15.9, -0.4)		
metformin,%	P=0.04		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Number of randomized patients with non-missing baseline values and at least one post-baseline value. <sup>b</sup>Number of randomized patients with non-missing baseline values and week 24 values.

DAPA=dapagliflozin; HDL=high density lipoprotein; LDL=low density lipoprotein. MET=metformin; SAXA=saxagliptin.