## RCT analysis: Intercurrent Events/Drop-in



- 1. LEADER Cardiovascular outcomes trial: RCT comparing Liraglutide vs. SoC for treating diabetes patients at high cardiovascular risk
- 2. The study showed a significant Cox-PH RH with CI [0.78-0.97] on MACE time to event outcome
- 3. TMLE reproduced similar effect, with more precision; robust across many subgroups (Chen et al., 2023)
- 4. There was significant additional drop-in insulin use in the control arm.
- 5. An L-TMLE stochastic intervention direct effect analysis controlling for the differential post-treatment use of insulin was carried out

## Results:

- -Significant stochastically controlled additive direct treatment effect
- -Non-significant statically controlled additive direct treatment effect

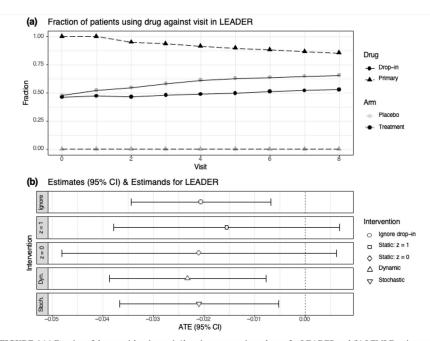


FIGURE 4 (a) Fraction of those at risk using main/drop-in treatment in each arm for LEADER and (b) LTMLE estimates with 95% confidence intervals.



Hypothetical treatment interventions to handle treatment drop-in in randomized controlled trials