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Welcome to this special section on the American Diabetes Association's 76th Scientific Sessions. Readers may already have noticed the occasional reviews of ADA abstracts in our usual sections. In addition to these, this expanded meeting report covers the most important publications to emerge from the meeting, along with expert commentary on the two headline presentations, LEADER and EMPA-REG OUTCOME, from Mark Kennedy and Rudy Bilous.

A number of the studies reviewed here were published simultaneously at ADA and in major journals. In such cases we have taken care to review the full publications with our usual scoring system in terms of readability, applicability to practice and

wow factor. For the shorter meeting abstracts, such ratings were deemed less useful and have been omitted.

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