## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

## Lower risk of cancer in patients on metformin in comparison to those on sulfonylurea derivatives: results from a large population – based follow-up study.

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**Supplementary Figure 1. Adherence Curve:** Drug adherence to sulfonylurea derivatives and metformin of the participants under study.

