

**Supplementary Table 5.** Prescription pattern after discontinuation of 4th OHA

| Prescription pattern  | Discontinued agents             | No. (%)   |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Discontinuation of quadruple combination of OHAs              |                                 | 87 (100)  |
| Discontinuation of agent newly added as quadruple combination |                                 | 47 (54.0) |
|   | Thiazolidinedione               | 23 (26.4) |
|   | SGLT2 inhibitor                 | 12 (13.8) |
|   | DPP4 inhibitor                  | 6 (6.9)   |
|   | Sulfonylurea or glinide         | 3 (3.4)   |
|   | $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitor | 3 (3.4)   |
| Discontinuation of other agent                                |                                 | 22 (25.3) |
|   | Metformin                       | 7 (8.0)   |
|   | DPP4 inhibitor                  | 4 (4.6)   |
|   | SGLT2 inhibitor                 | 4 (4.6)   |
|   | Thiazolidinedione               | 3 (3.4)   |
|   | Sulfonylurea or glinide         | 3 (3.4)   |
|   | $\alpha$ -Glucosidase inhibitor | 1 (1.2)   |
| Initiation of injectables (insulin and/or GLP-1 RA)           |                                 | 18 (20.1) |

OHA, oral hypoglycemic agent; SGLT2, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2; DPP4, dipeptidyl peptidase 4; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist.