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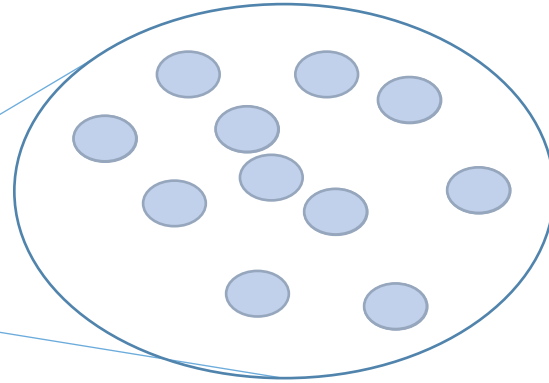
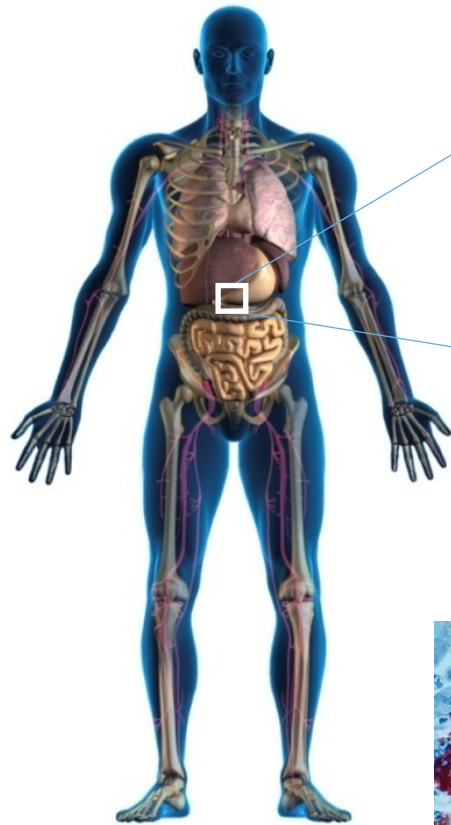


How and when to start Insulin: Patient Centered Approach

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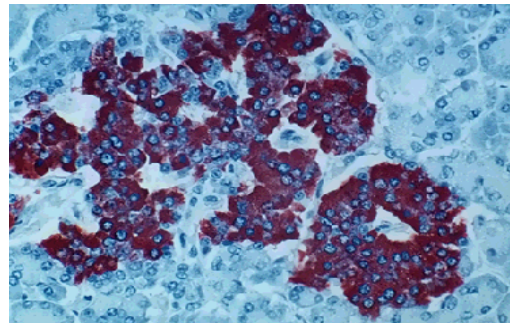
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Exogenous Insulin Therapy: Why the need?

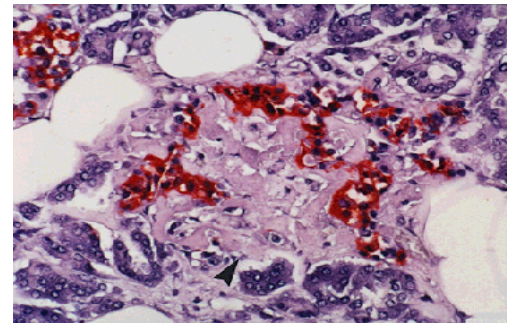


β -cell mass is reduced in patients with **Type 2 Diabetes** due to increased apoptosis

Healthy individual with normal beta-cell mass

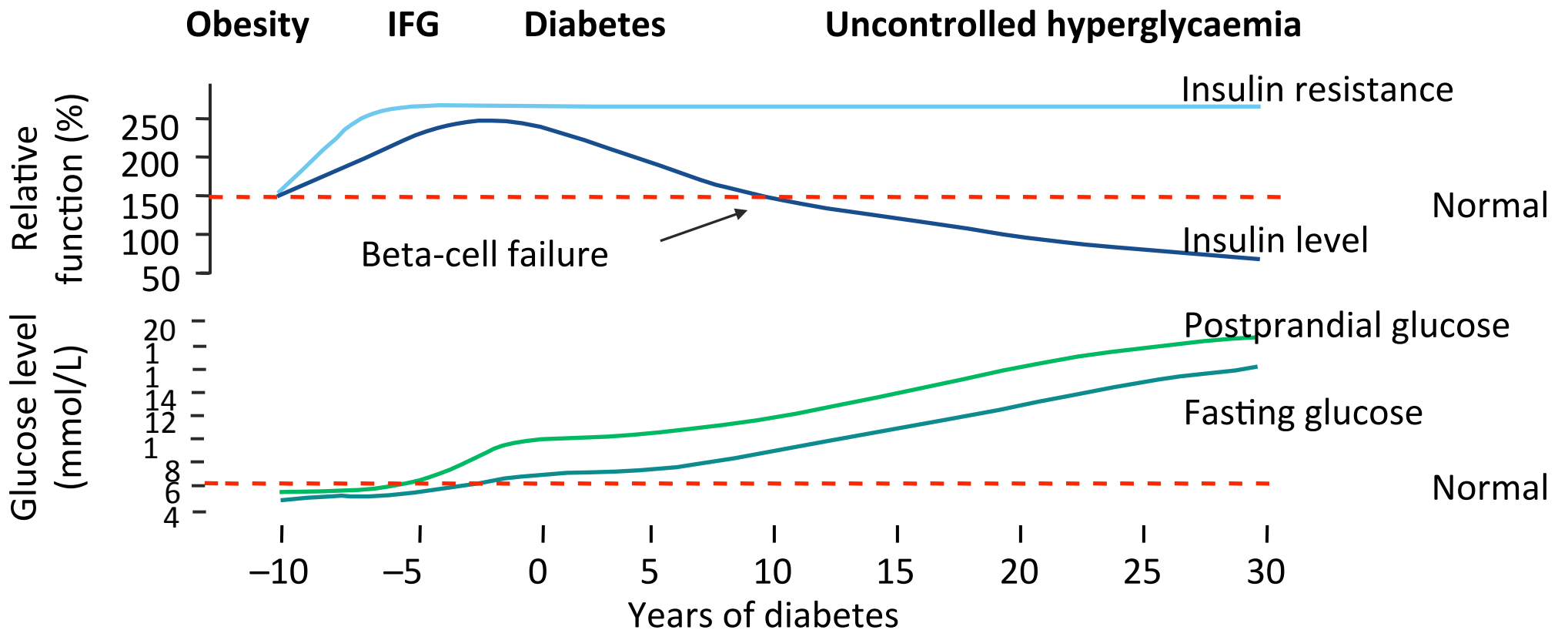


Beta-cell mass in Type 2 Diabetic patient



Exogenous Insulin Therapy:

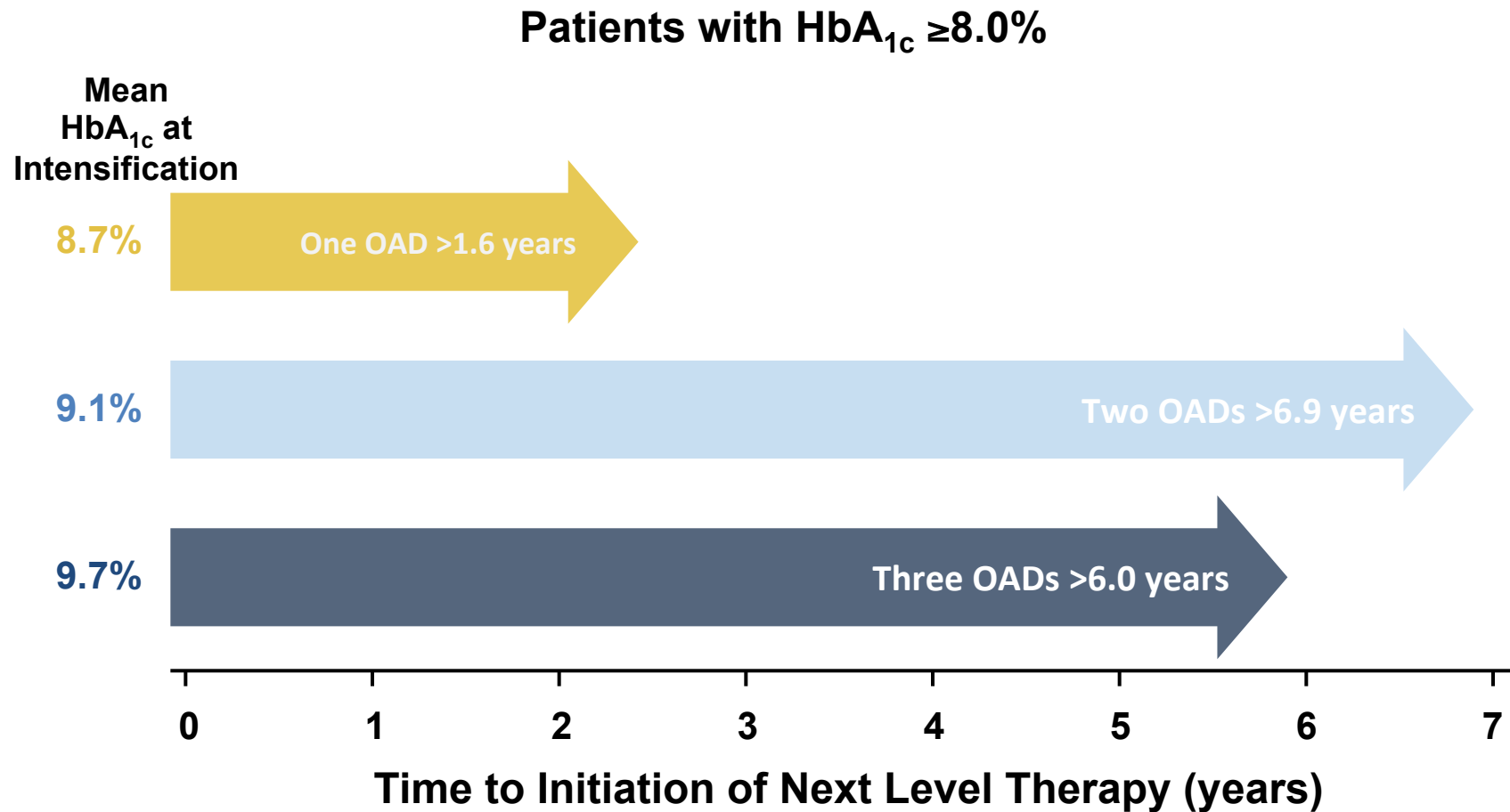
Insulin Replacement Therapy Becomes Necessary Because of Progressive Nature of Disease



QUESTION 1

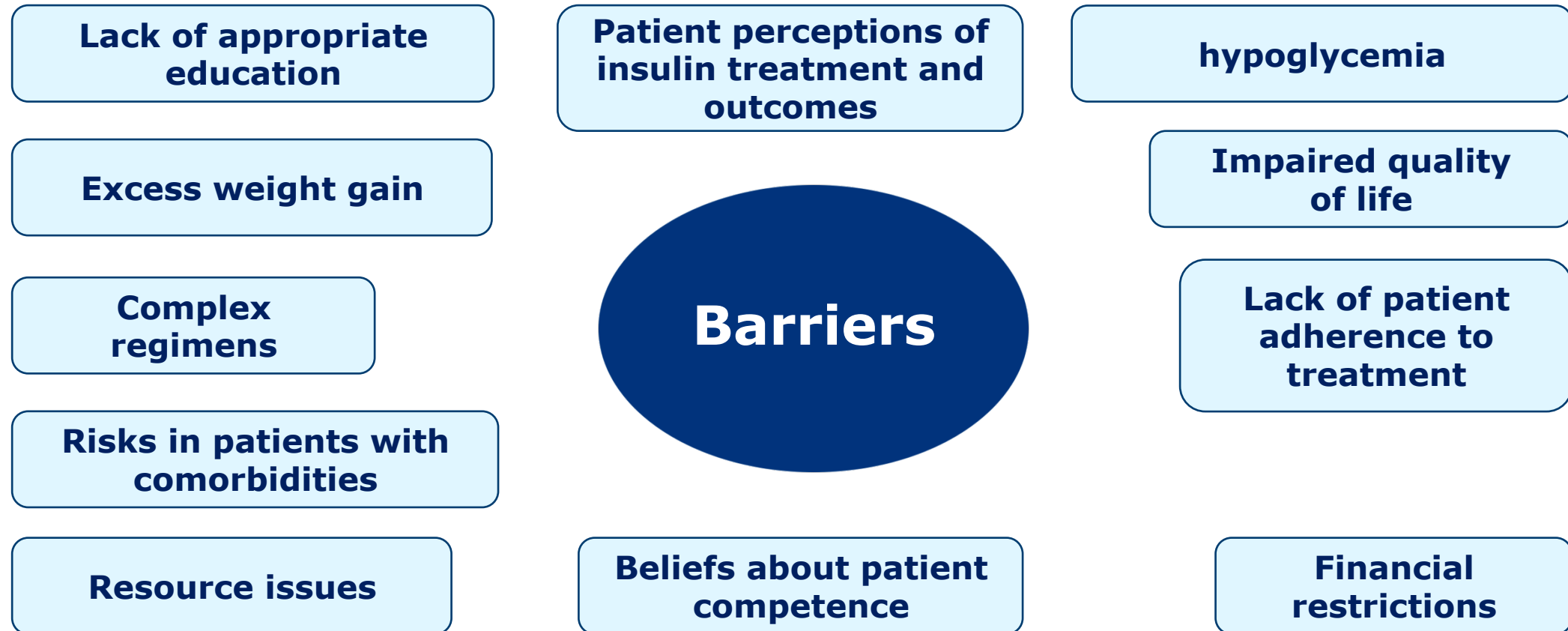
- With a patient above target (A1c >8%) on 3 oral antidiabetic agents, how long do physicians wait for to start insulin?
 - A- >2 year
 - B- >4 years
 - C- >6 years
 - D- >10 years
 - E- No idea whatsoever

There is often a delay in the insulin initiation:

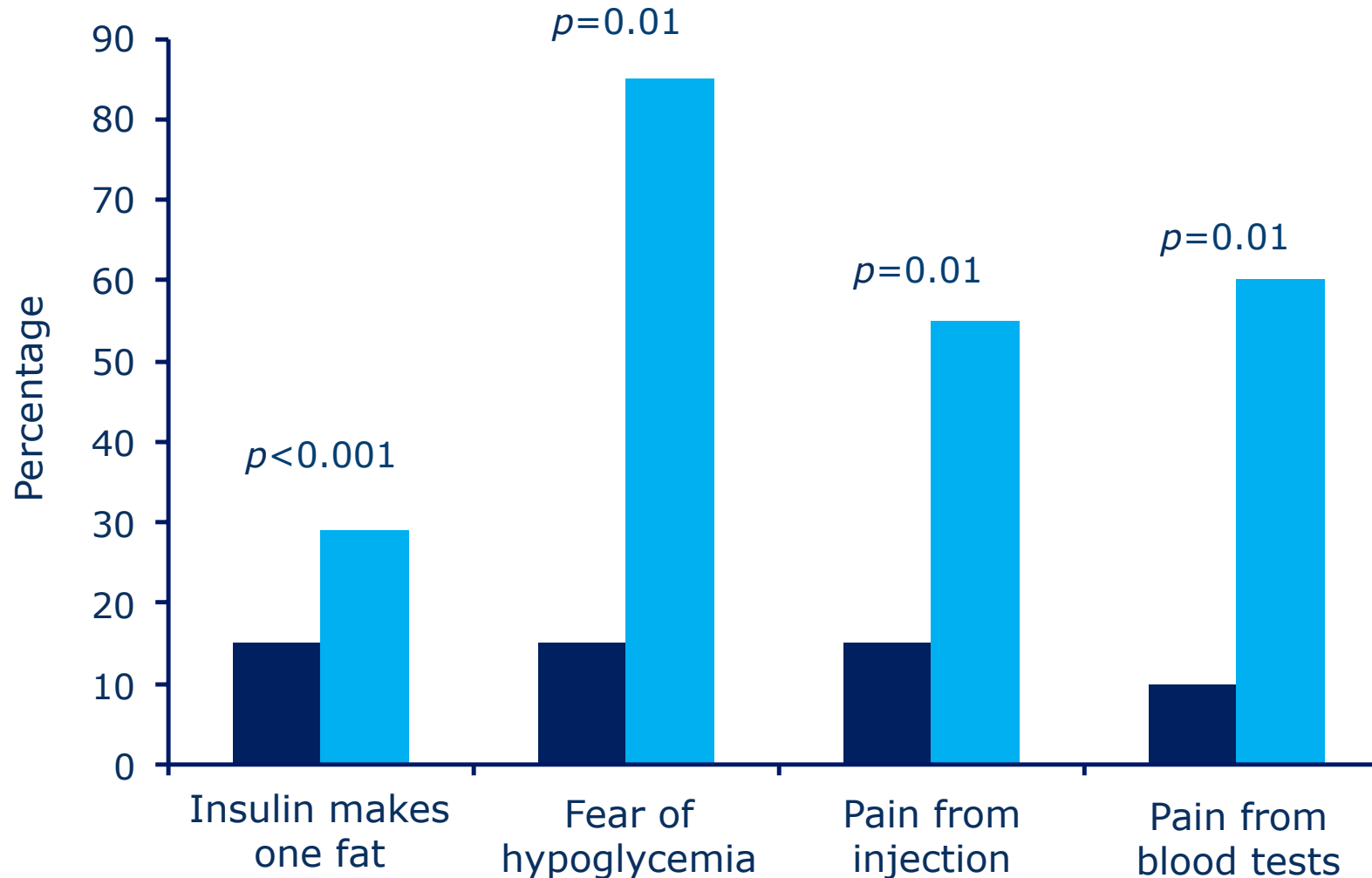


Data are in patients taking one oral therapy at baseline with HbA_{1c} above the American Diabetes Association/European Association for the Study of Diabetes goal of 7%.
OAD = oral antidiabetes drug.
Khunti K, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2013;36(11):3411-3417.

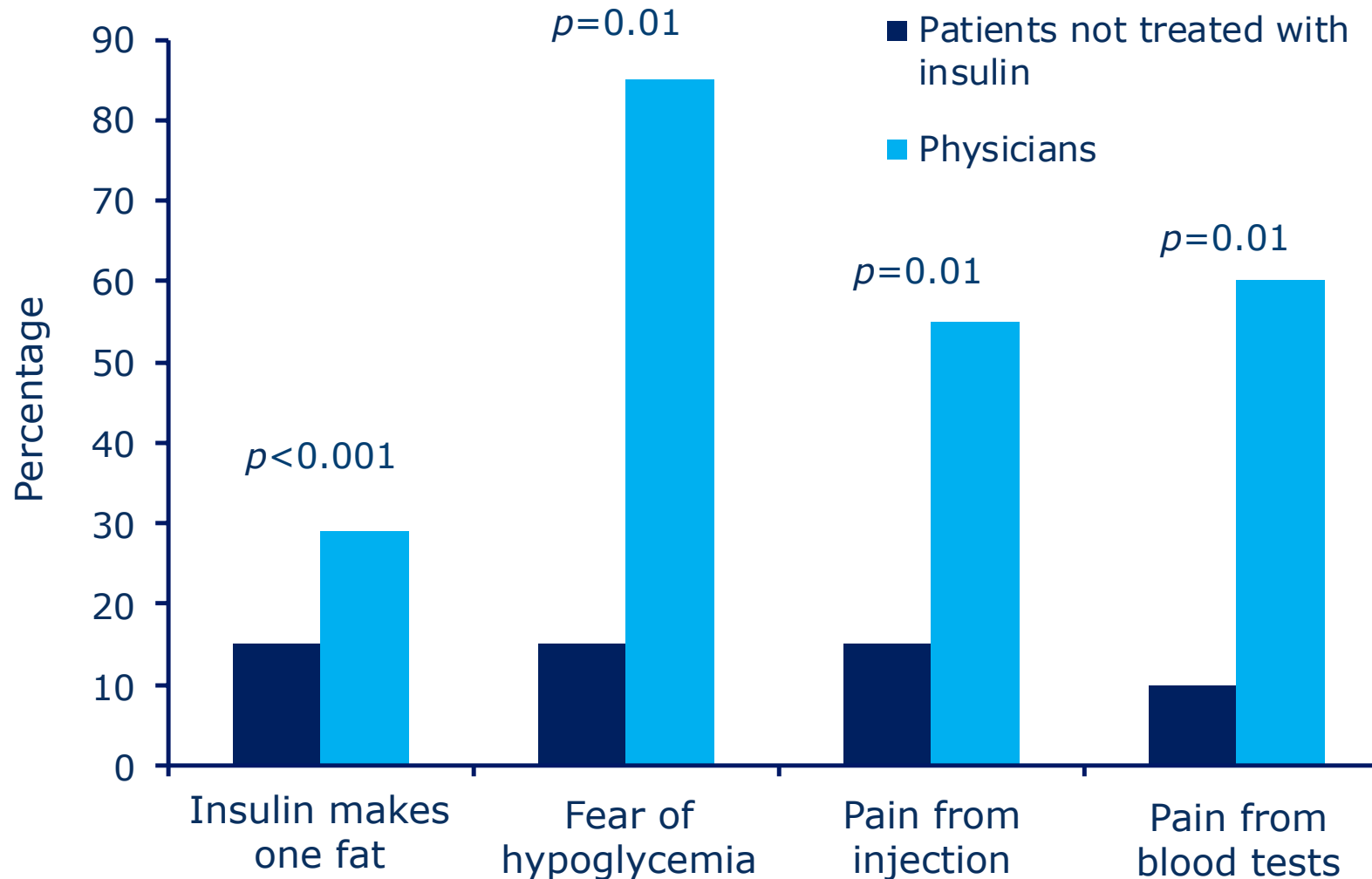
Clinical inertia: patient and physician barriers



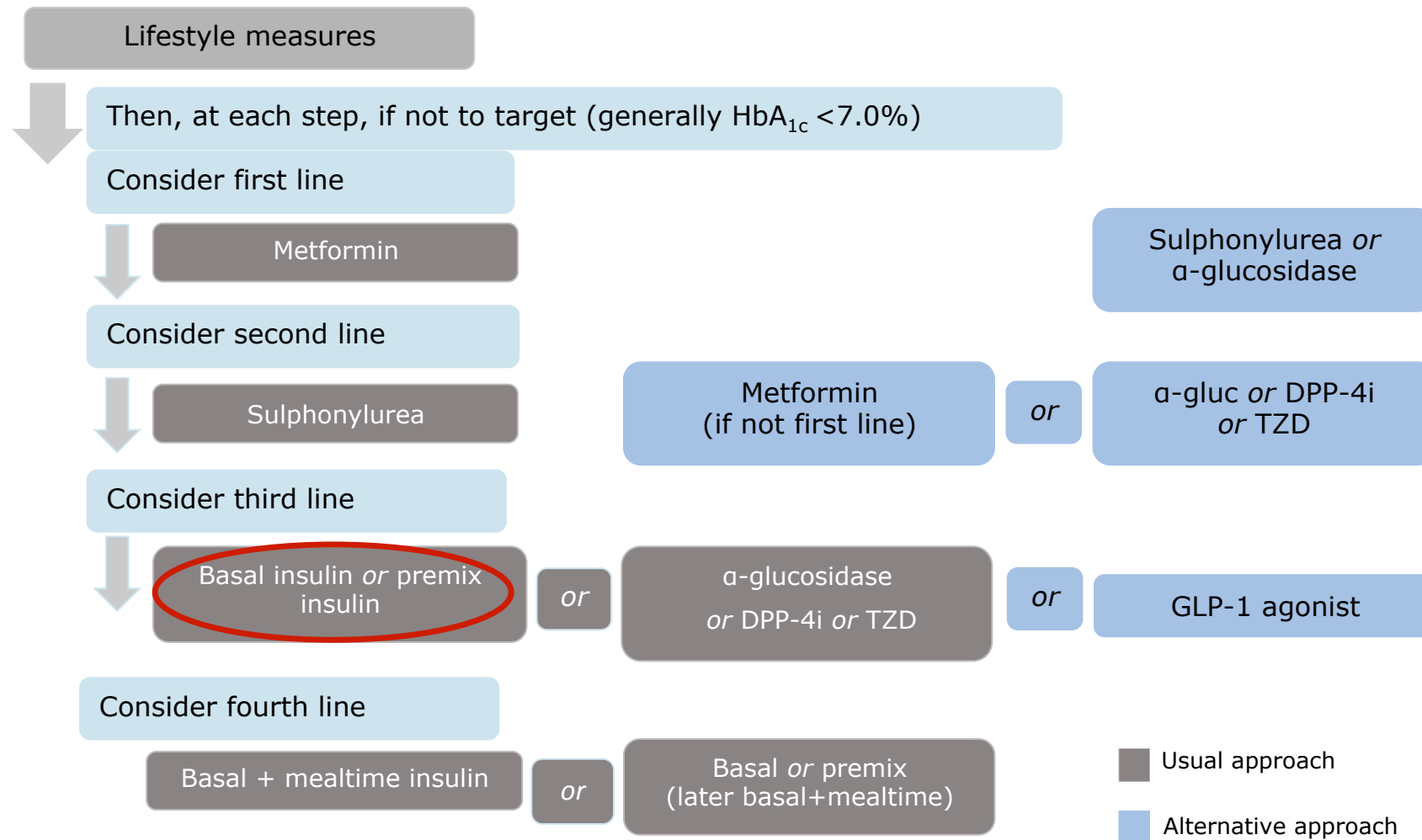
Patient and physician barriers to insulin initiation



Patient and physician barriers to insulin initiation



Treatment of type 2 diabetes: IDF guidelines



Initiation and intensification in T2D: summary of international guidelines

Guideline	Initiation	Intensification
ADA/EASD 2015 position statement update ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add GLP-1RA Basal-plus then basal-bolus Premix BID then basal-bolus
IDF ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal OD Premix OD/BID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal-plus or basal-bolus
Diabetes Australia ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal OD Premix OD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal-plus or basal-bolus Premix BID or TID
Canadian Diabetes Association ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal OD Premix OD/BID 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal-plus or basal-bolus Premix BID
NICE ⁵	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal insulin OD or BID Basal insulin + prandial Premixed insulin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal-plus Basal-bolus or premix Add GLP-1RA or SGLT-2i
AACE ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add GLP-1RA or prandial insulin (premix among other options)

AACE, American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists; ADA, American Diabetes Association; BID, twice daily; EASD, European Association for the Study of Diabetes; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor agonist; IDF, International Diabetes Federation; NICE, UK National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; OD, once daily; SGLT-2i, sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor; TID, three times daily; T2D, type 2 diabetes

1. Inzucchi *et al.* *Diabetes Care* 2015;38:140–9; 2. IDF Clinical Guidelines Task Force. Global Guideline for Type 2 Diabetes, 2012. www.idf.org/sites/default/files/IDF-Guideline-for-Type-2-Diabetes.pdf; 3. General practice management of type 2 diabetes, 2014–15. Melbourne: The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and Diabetes Australia. 2014. <https://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/best-practice-guidelines>; 4. Harper *et al.* *Can J Diabetes* 2013;37(Suppl. 1):S61–8 (Appendix 3); 5. NICE. Type 2 diabetes in adults: management. NICE Clinical Guideline 28 (2 December 2015) <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng28> [accessed December 2015]; 6. Garber *et al.* *Endocr Pract* 2016;22:1–113

Start with Monotherapy unless:

A1C is greater than or equal to 9%, **consider Dual Therapy.**

A1C is greater than or equal to 10%, blood glucose is greater than or equal to 300 mg/dL, or patient is markedly symptomatic, **consider Combination Injectable Therapy** (See Figure 8.2).

Monotherapy Metformin

Lifestyle Management

EFFICACY*	high
HYPO RISK	low risk
WEIGHT	neutral/loss
SIDE EFFECTS	GI/lactic acidosis
COSTS*	low

If A1C target not achieved after approximately 3 months of monotherapy, proceed to 2-drug combination (order not meant to denote any specific preference — choice dependent on a variety of patient- & disease-specific factors):

Dual Therapy Metformin +

Lifestyle Management

	Sulfonylurea	Thiazolidinedione	DPP-4 inhibitor	SGLT2 inhibitor	GLP-1 receptor agonist	Insulin (basal)
EFFICACY*	high	high	intermediate	intermediate	high	highest
HYPO RISK	moderate risk	low risk	low risk	low risk	low risk	high risk
WEIGHT	gain	gain	neutral	loss	loss	gain
SIDE EFFECTS	hypoglycemia	edema, HF, fxs	rare	GU, dehydration, fxs	GI	hypoglycemia
COSTS*	low	low	high	high	high	high

If A1C target not achieved after approximately 3 months of dual therapy, proceed to 3-drug combination (order not meant to denote any specific preference — choice dependent on a variety of patient- & disease-specific factors):

Triple Therapy Metformin +

Lifestyle Management

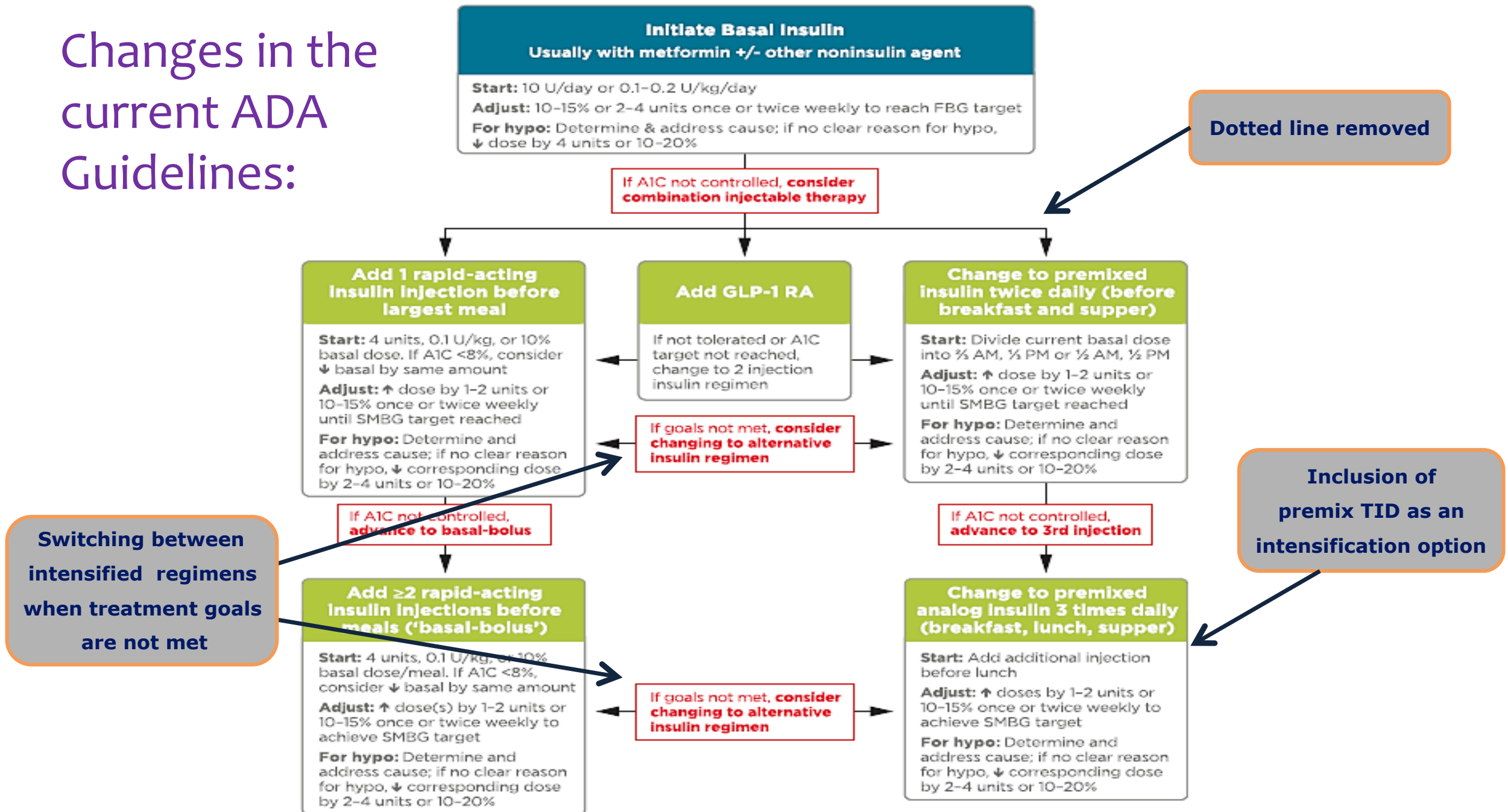
Sulfonylurea +	Thiazolidinedione +	DPP-4 inhibitor +	SGLT2 inhibitor +	GLP-1 receptor agonist +	Insulin (basal) +
TZD	SU	SU	SU	SU	TZD
or DPP-4-i	or DPP-4-i	or TZD	or TZD	or TZD	or DPP-4-i
or SGLT2-i	or SGLT2-i	or SGLT2-i	or DPP-4-i	or SGLT2-i	or SGLT2-i
or GLP-1-RA	or GLP-1-RA	or Insulin*	or GLP-1-RA	or Insulin*	or GLP-1-RA
or Insulin*	or Insulin*		or Insulin*		

If A1C target not achieved after approximately 3 months of triple therapy and patient (1) on oral combination, move to basal insulin or GLP-1 RA, (2) on GLP-1 RA, add basal insulin, or (3) on optimally titrated basal insulin, add GLP-1 RA or mealtime insulin. Metformin therapy should be maintained, while other oral agents may be discontinued on an individual basis to avoid unnecessarily complex or costly regimens (i.e., adding a fourth antihyperglycemic agent).

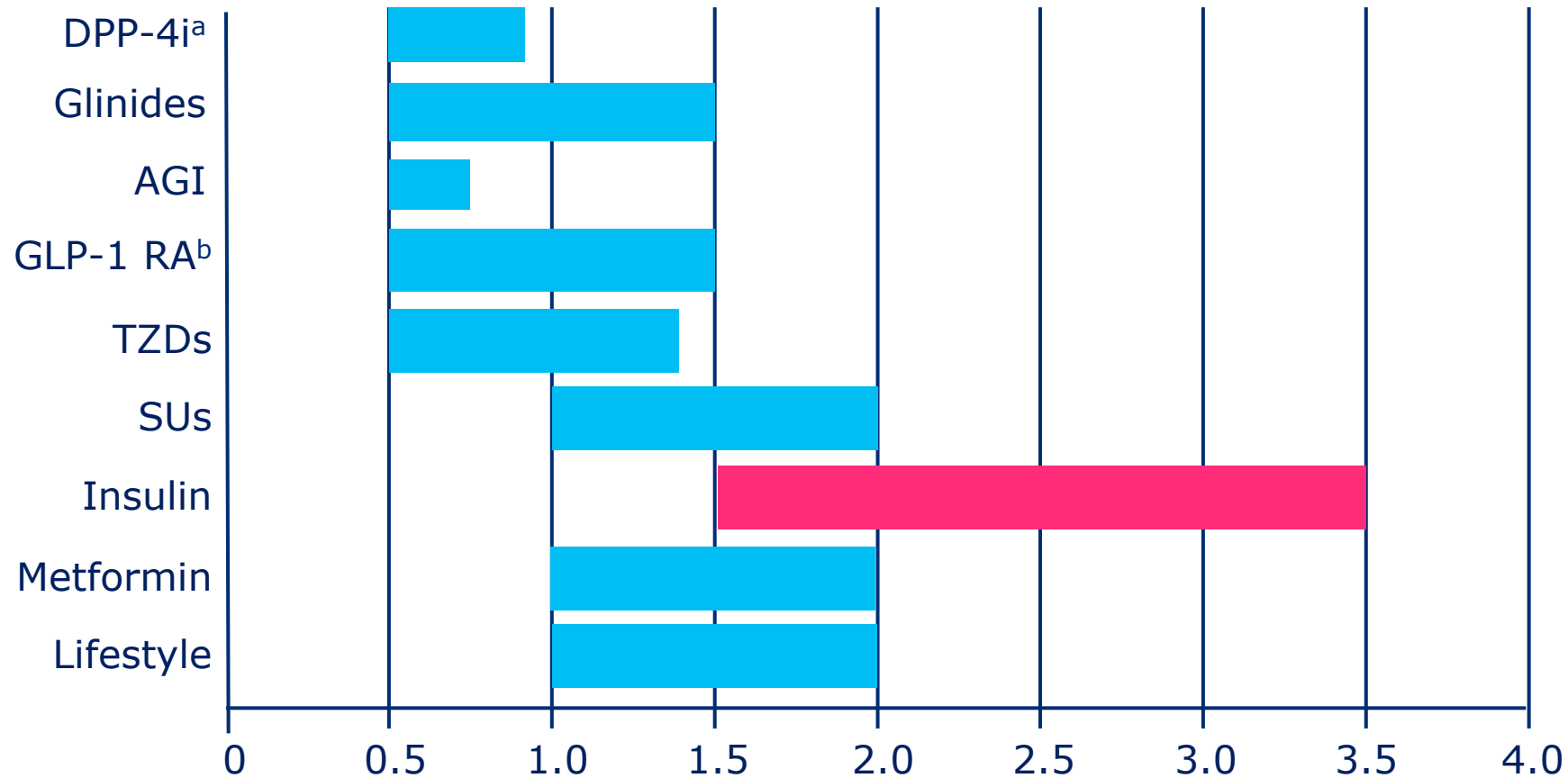
Combination Injectable Therapy



Changes in the current ADA Guidelines:



Type 2 diabetes treatment efficacy: insulin is very effective

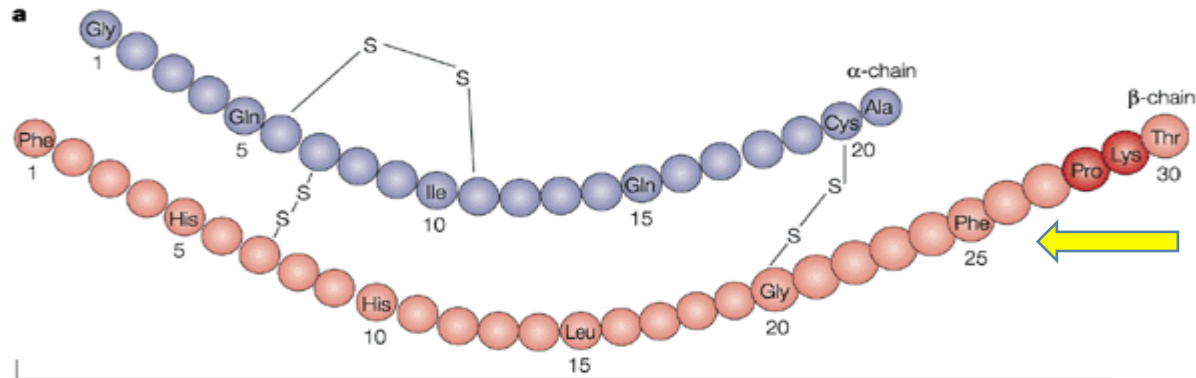


Range of HbA_{1c} reduction as a monotherapy

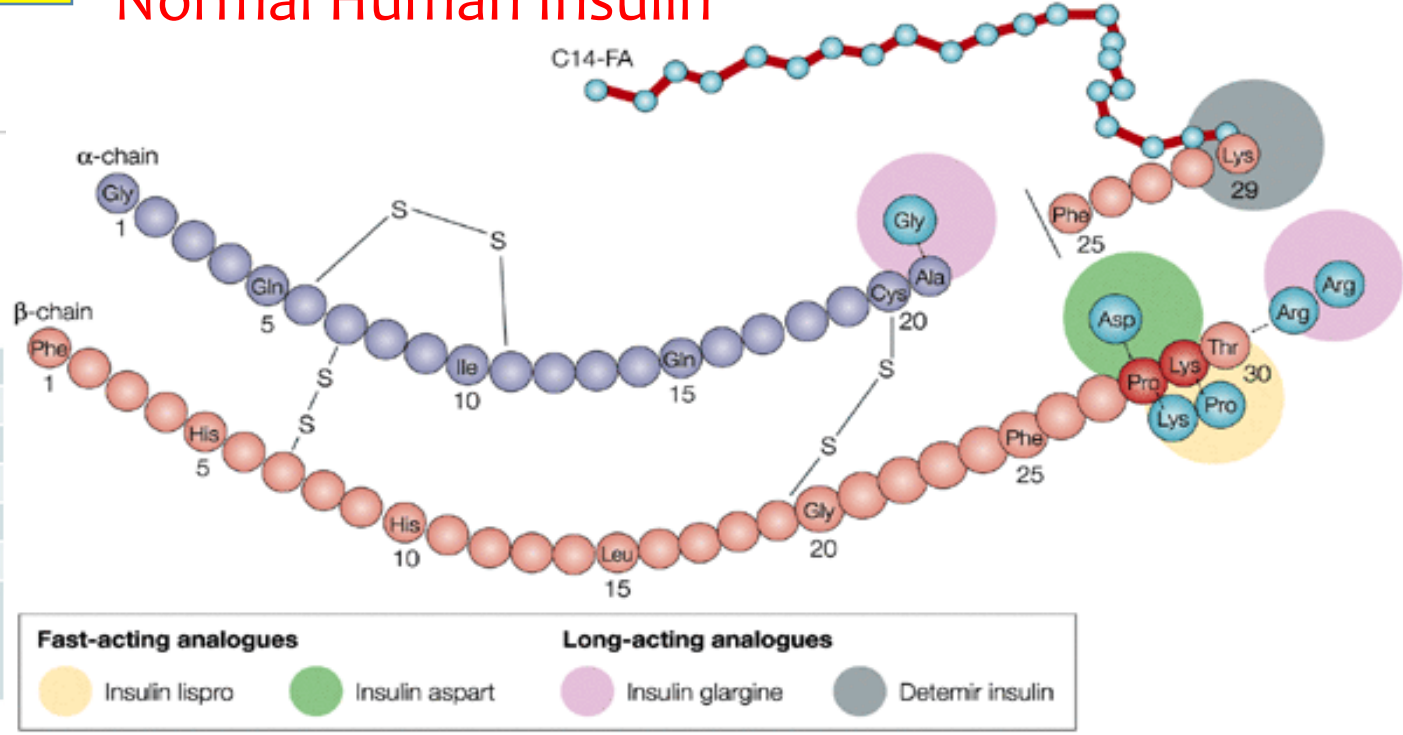
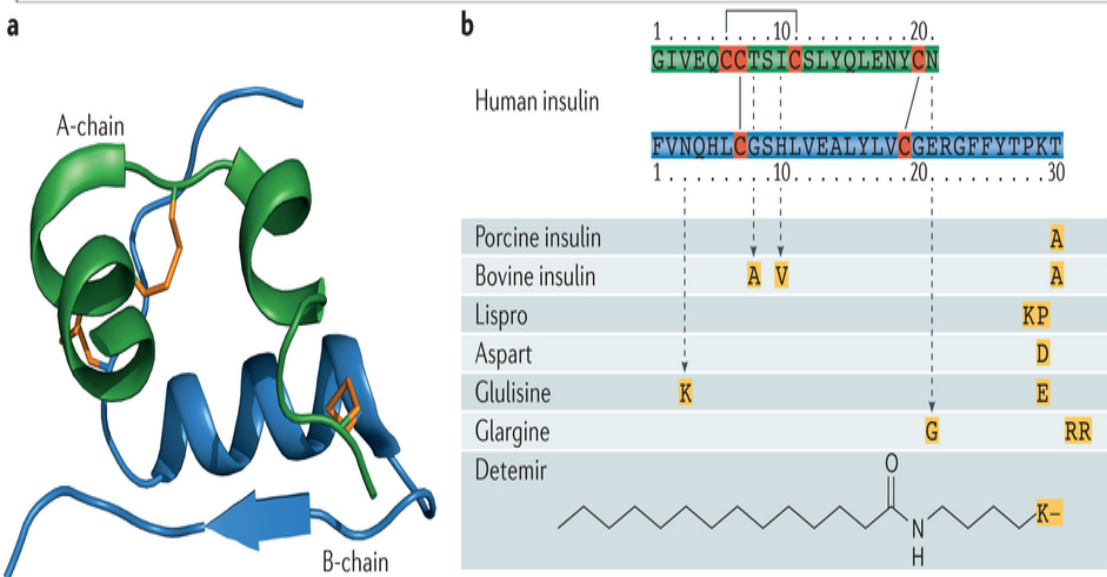
^aAdapted to include sitagliptin and saxagliptin; ^badapted to include exenatide and liraglutide
AGI, alpha-glucosidase inhibitor; DPP-4i, dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor; GLP-1 RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; SU, sulphonylurea; TZD, thiazolidinedione
Campbell *et al. J Fam Practice* 2010;59:S5-9

What are Insulin Analogs?

Molecular Structures



Normal Human Insulin



Nature Reviews | Drug Discovery

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Insulin Analog Structures

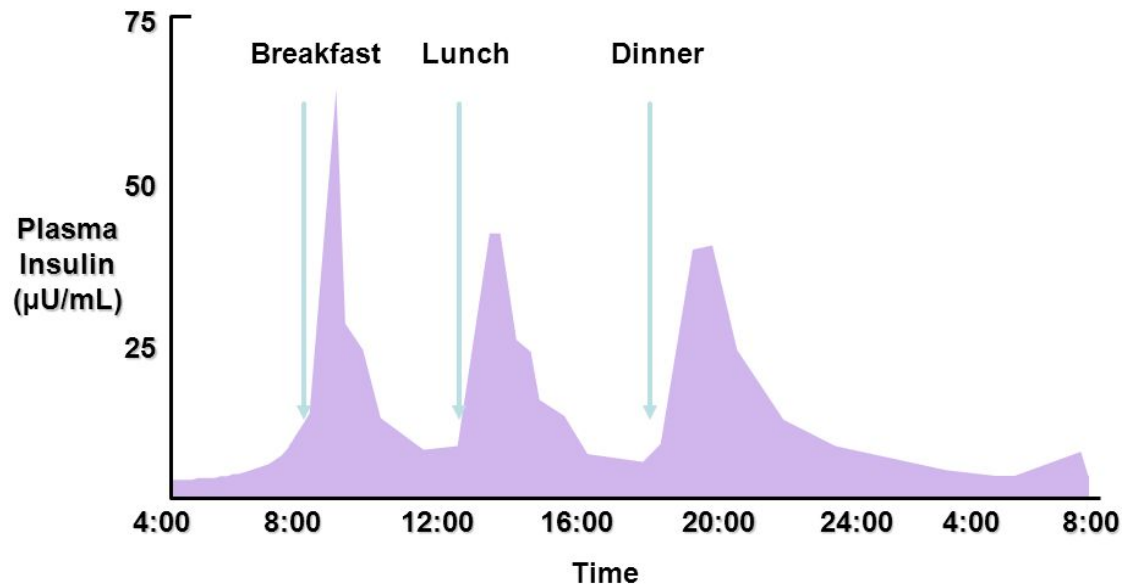
Types of Insulin Analogs:
Rapid Acting
Long Acting
Pre-mixed

Analogue	Modification	Mechanism
RAPID ACTING		
Lispro (Humalog®) Eli Lilly and Co	Pro ^{B28} →Lys Lys ^{B29} →Pro	IGF-I-related motif impairs dimerization
Aspart (NovoLog®) Novo-Nordisk	Pro ^{B28} →Asp	Charge repulsion at dimer interface
Glulisine (Apidra®) Sanofi-Aventis	Asn ^{B3} →Lys Lys ^{B29} →Glu	Decreased zinc-free self-association
BASAL		
Glargine (Lantus®) Sanofi-Aventis	Arg ^{B31} -Arg ^{B32} tag Asp ^{A21} →Gly	Shift in pI to pH 7 leads to isoelectric precipitation on injection
Detemir (Levemir®) Novo-Nordisk	Modification of Lys ^{B29} by a tethered fatty acid	Stabilization of hexamer and binding to serum albumin

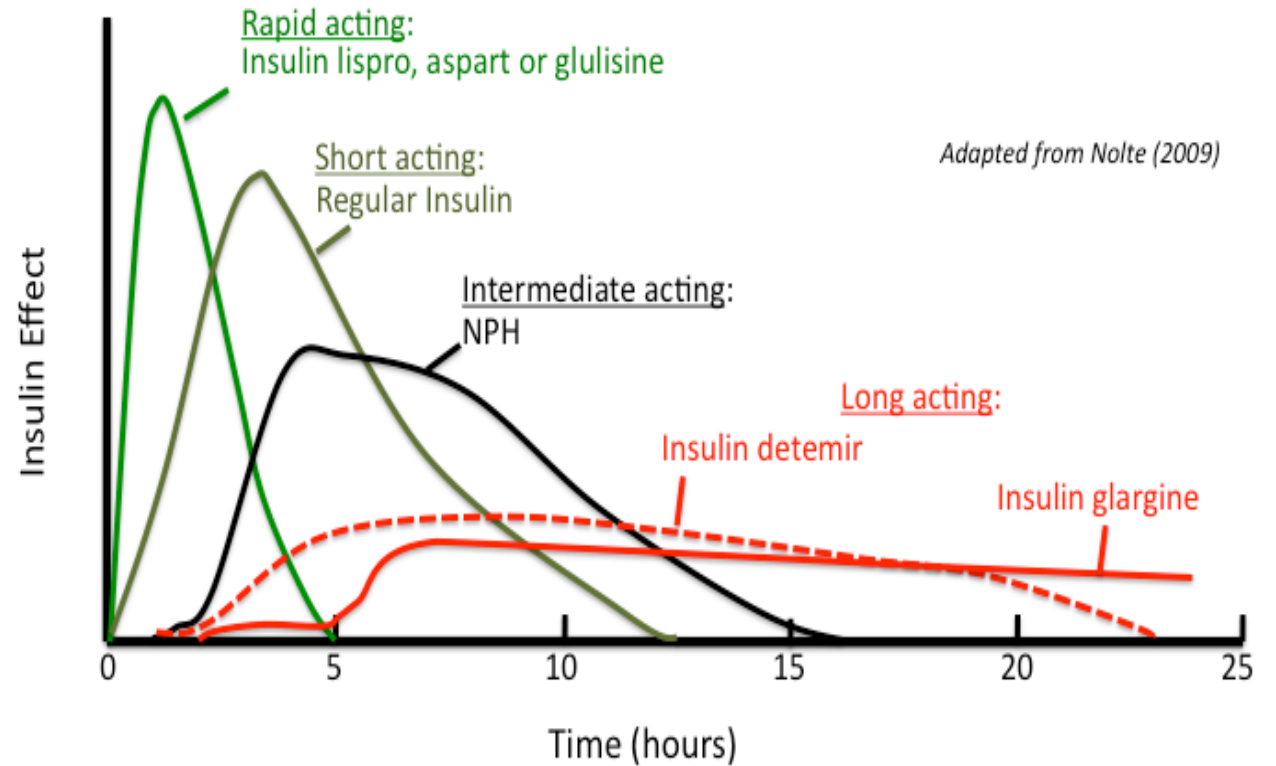
^aPanel A describes rapid-acting analogues employed in prandial regimens and in insulin pumps whereas B lists basal insulin analogues with protracted action. Table is reprinted from Berenson *et al.* with permission of the authors.^[6]

Pharmacological Insulins

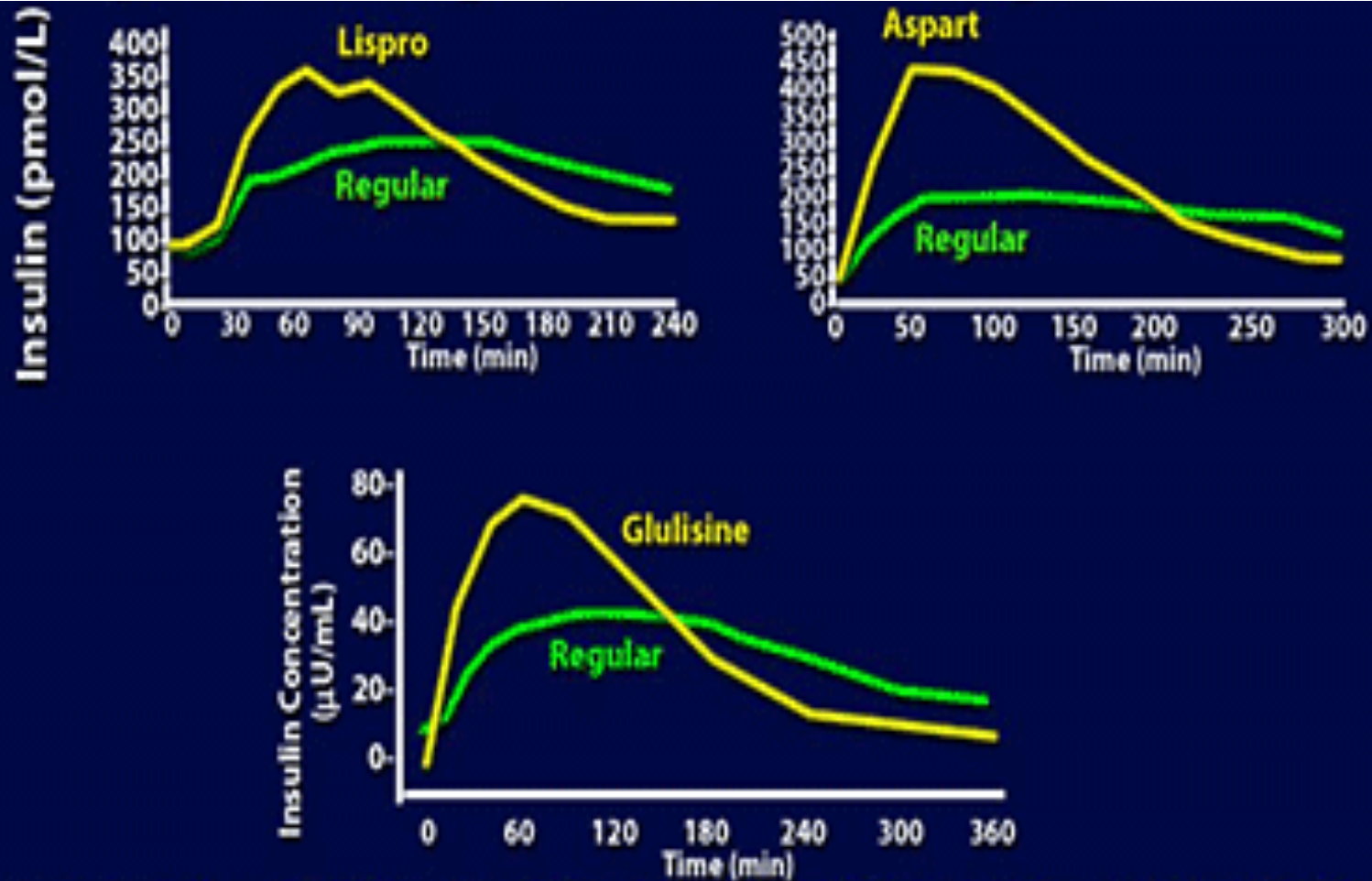
Physiologic Blood Insulin Secretion Profile



Adapted from White JR, Campbell RK, Hirsch I. Postgraduate Medicine. June 2003;113(6):30-36.



Rapid Acting Insulin Analogs



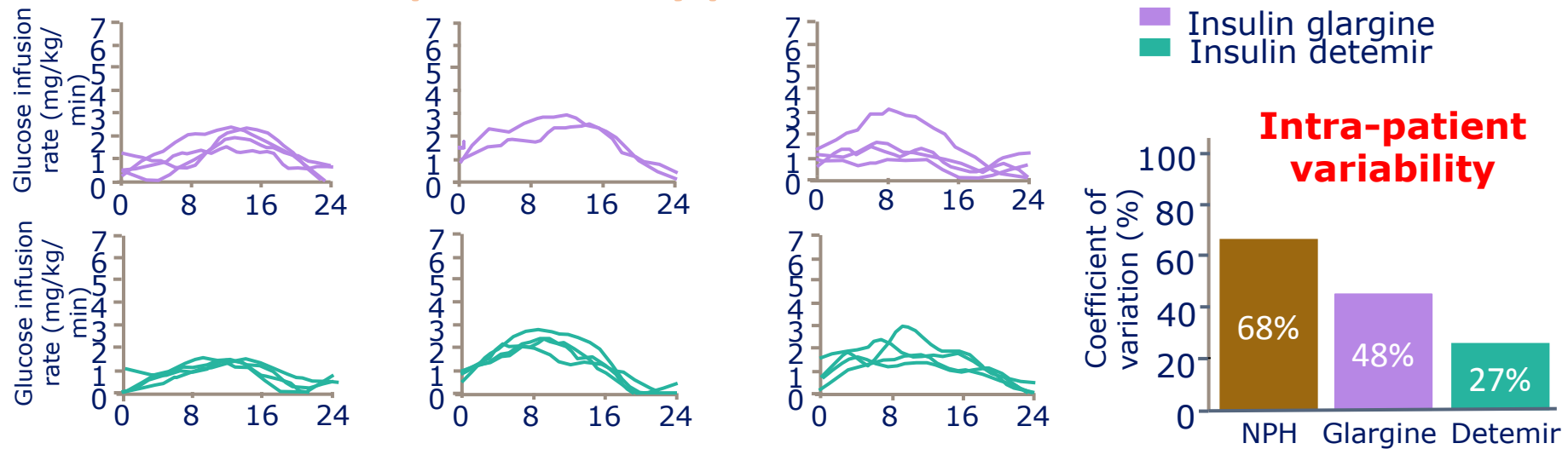
Heinemann, et al. *Diabet Med.* 1996;13:625-629; Mudaliar, et al. *Diabetes Care.* 1999;22:1501-1506. Program at 64th meeting of the ADA. Orlando, FL: 2004.

Current basal analogs: less hypoglycemia but still room for improvement

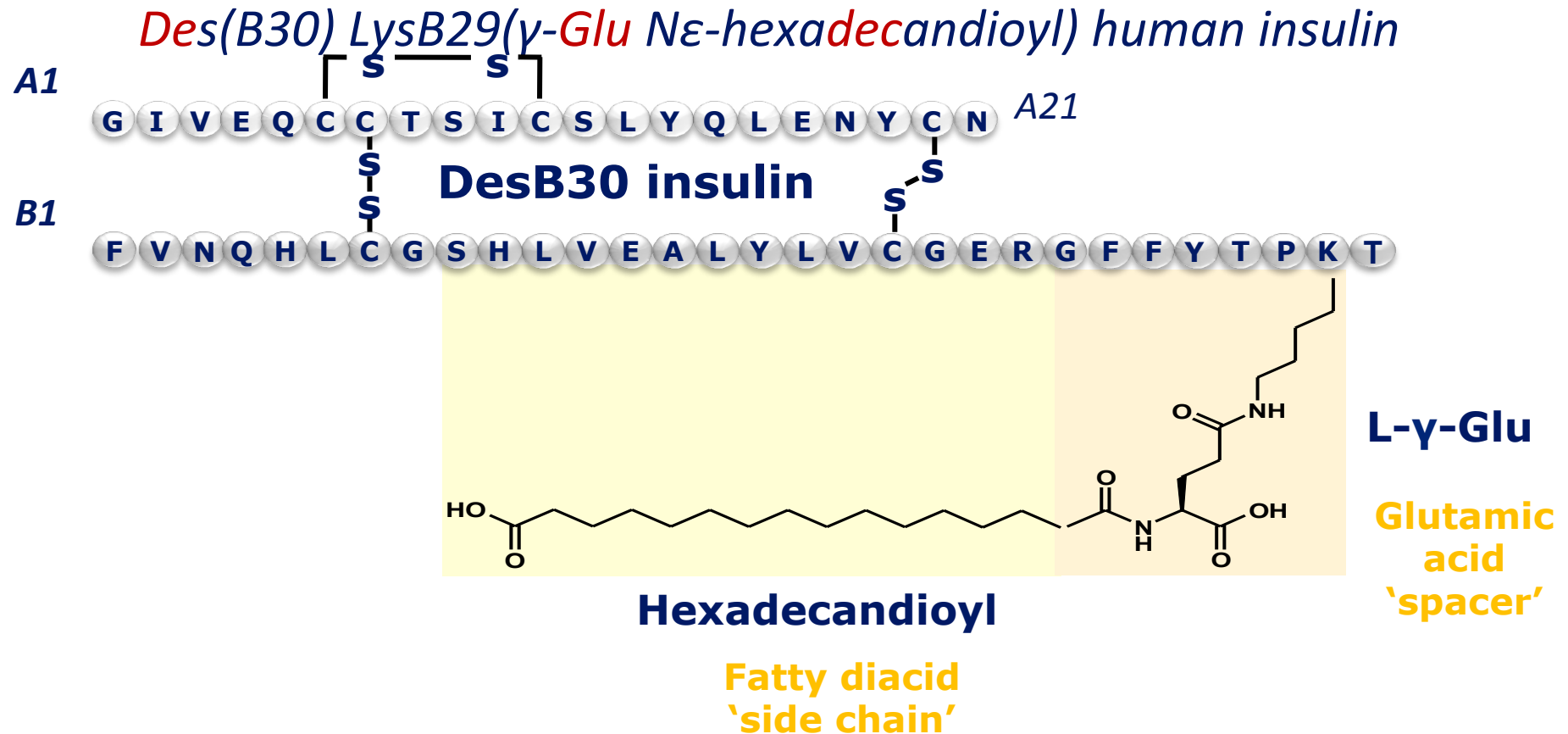
Most of the time I feel fine, but sometimes my blood glucose values are all over the place without any apparent reason



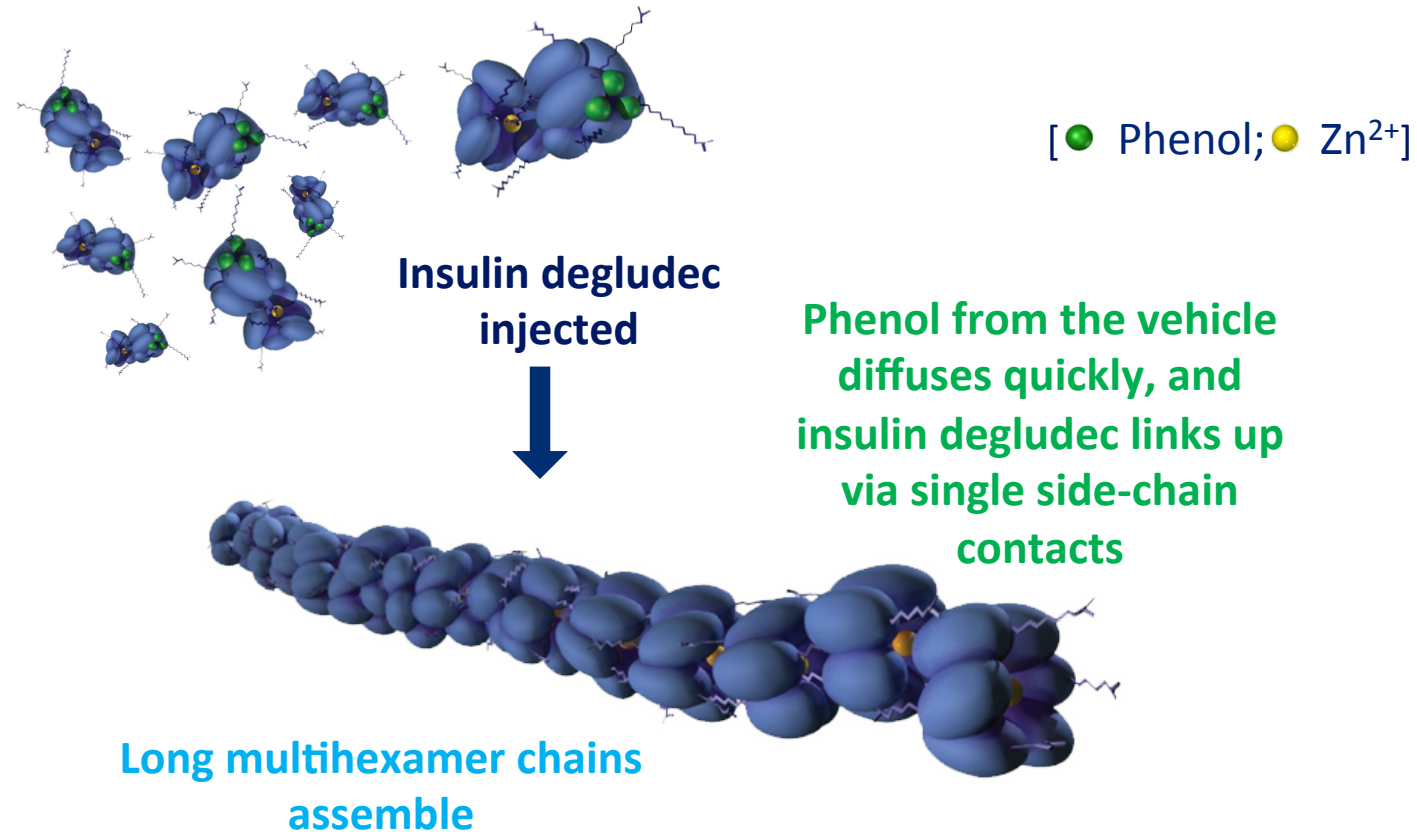
Intra-patient daily profiles



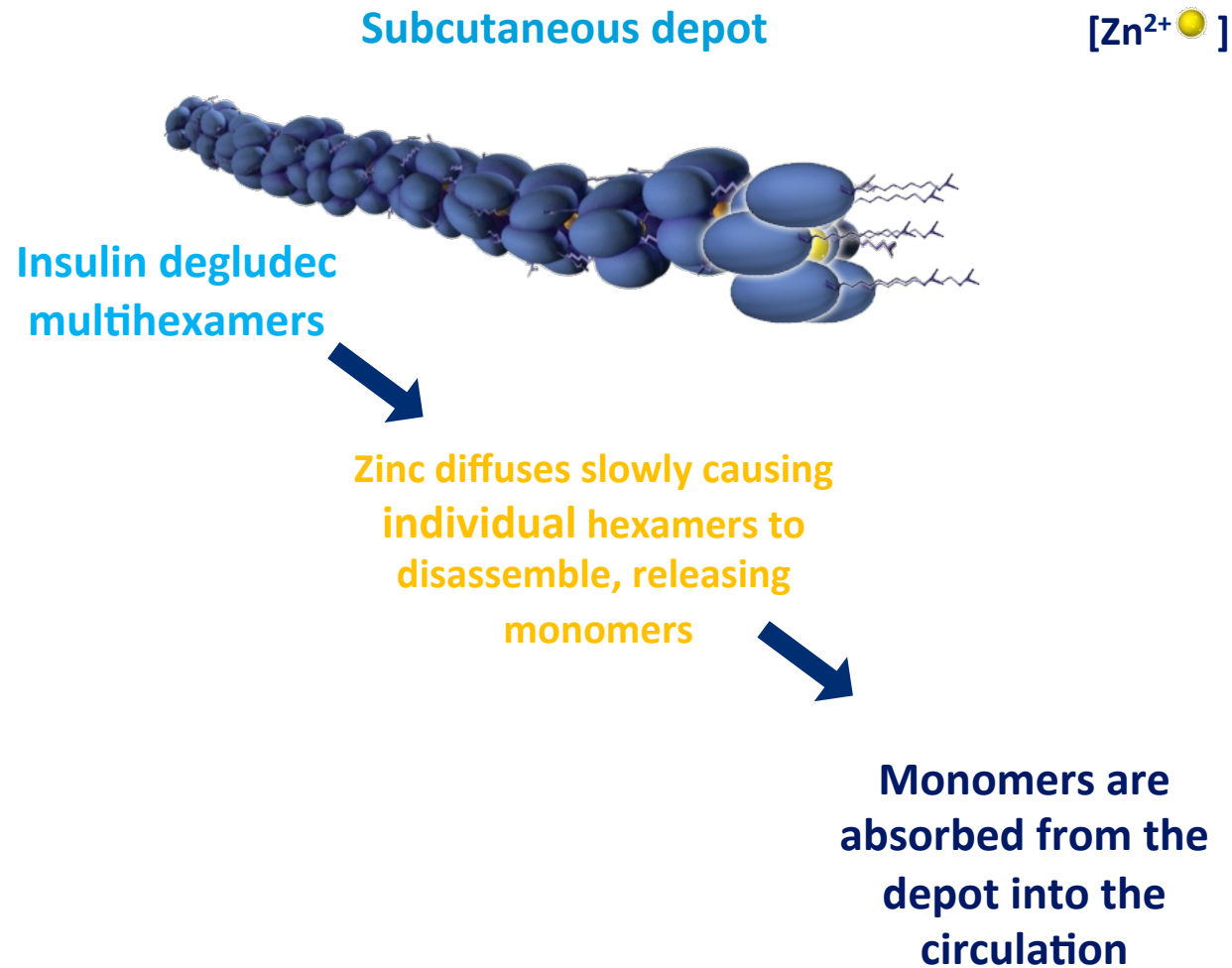
Insulin degludec: rationally designed, beyond sequence modification



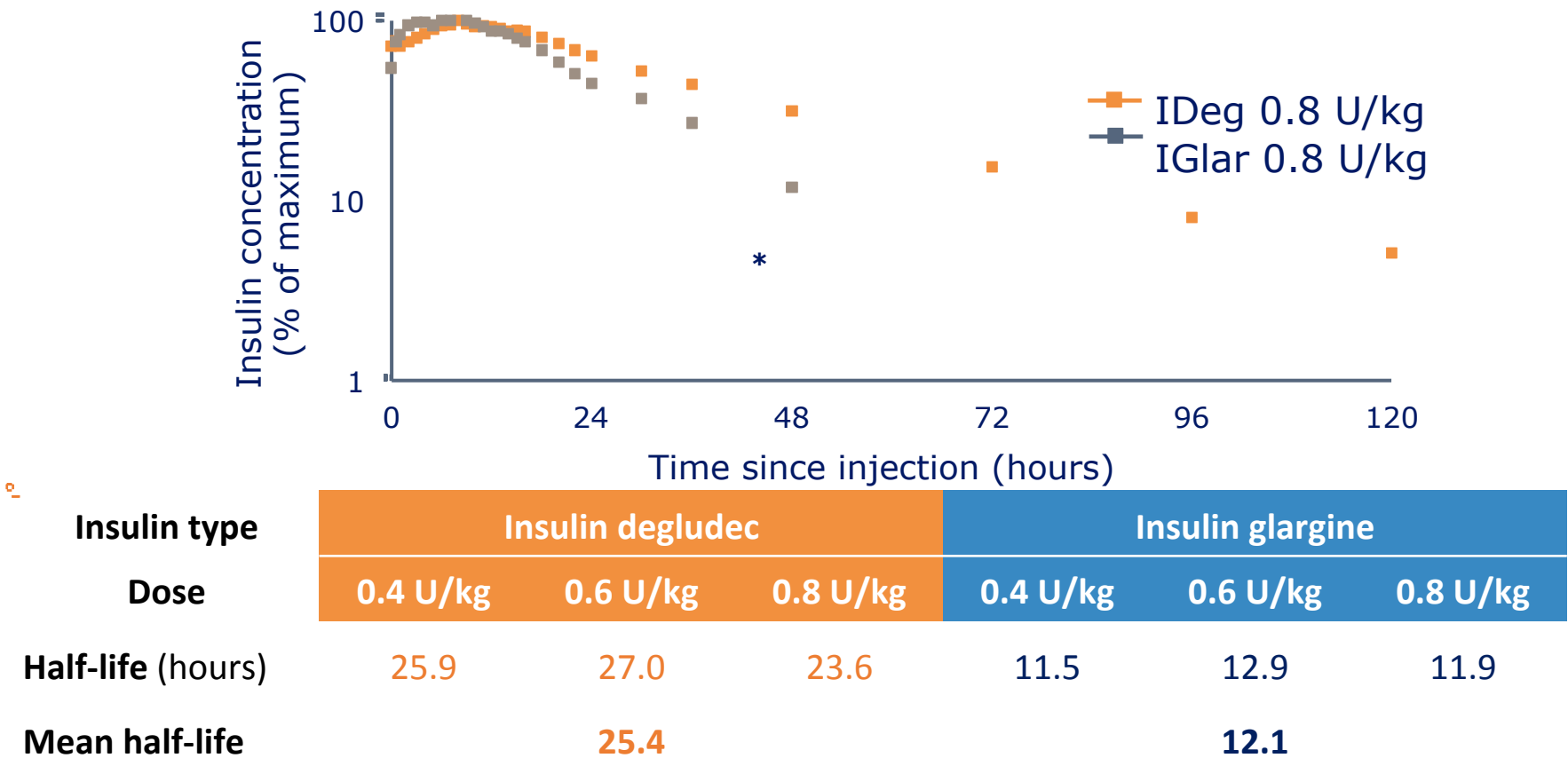
Insulin degludec: immediately after injection



Insulin degludec: slow release following injection

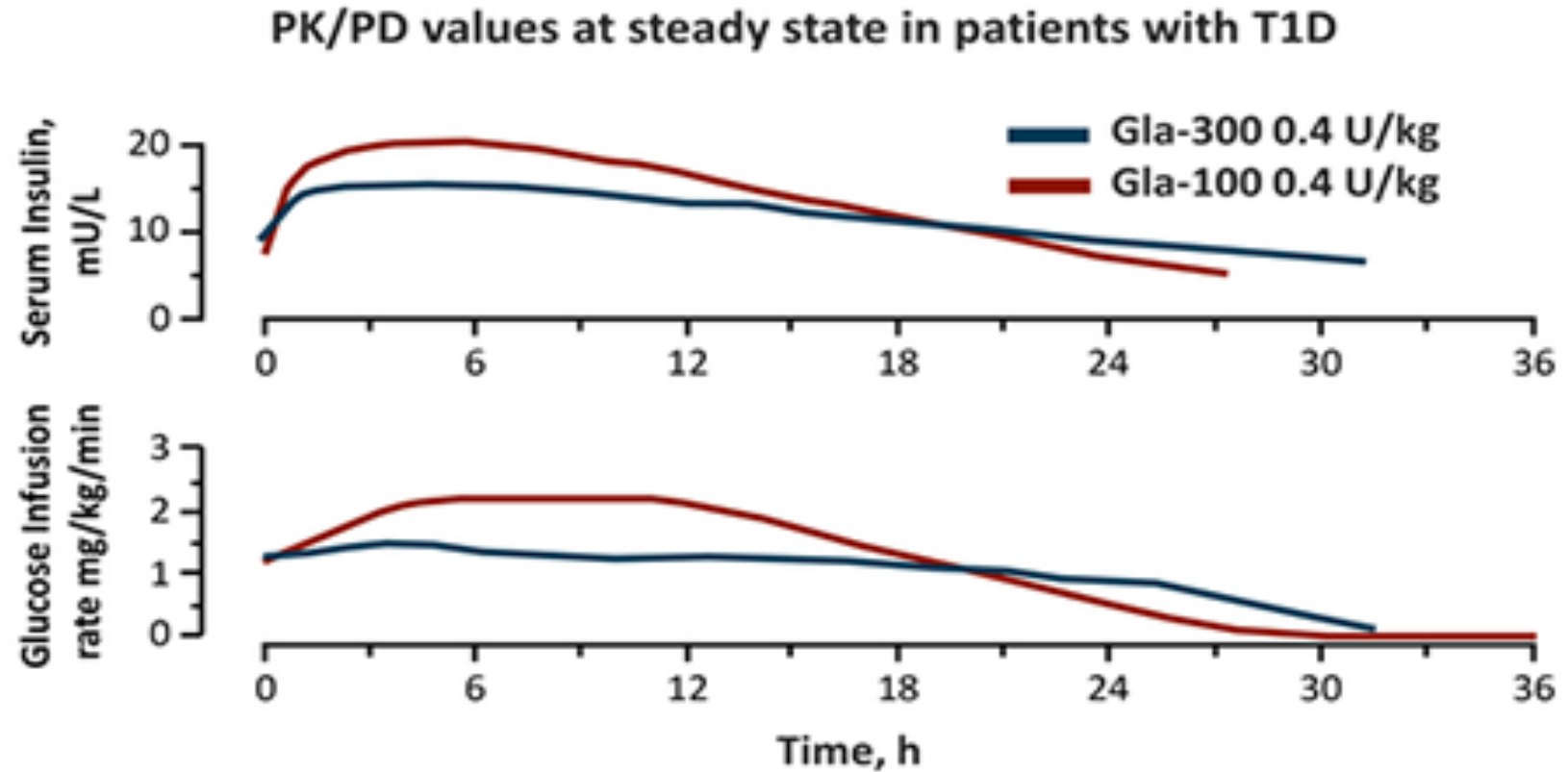


Half-life of insulin degludec is twice as long as that of insulin glargine



*Insulin glargine was undetectable after 48 hours
Results from 66 patients with type 1 diabetes (T1D)
IDeg, insulin degludec; IGlar, insulin glargine
Heise *et al. Diabetes* 2011;60(Suppl. 1):LB11; Heise *et al. Diabetologia* 2011;54(Suppl. 1):S425

Insulin Glargine U300



Gla-300 = glargine U300. Gla-100 = glargine U100.

Tillner J, et al. *Diabetologia*. 2013;56(suppl 1):A1033.^[12]

Jax T, et al. *Diabetologia*. 2013;56(suppl 1):A1029.^[13]

Basaglar

Biosimilar medications are "highly similar" to an already FDA-approved biological product.

The FDA determined that Basaglar was sufficiently similar to Glargine to justify approval based on the safety and effectiveness of Glargine as well as certain Basaglar-specific data.

Basaglar was approved in Europe as a biosimilar last year. The FDA is calling the product a "follow-on" biologic rather than a biosimilar.

Pre-mixed insulins

QUESTION 2

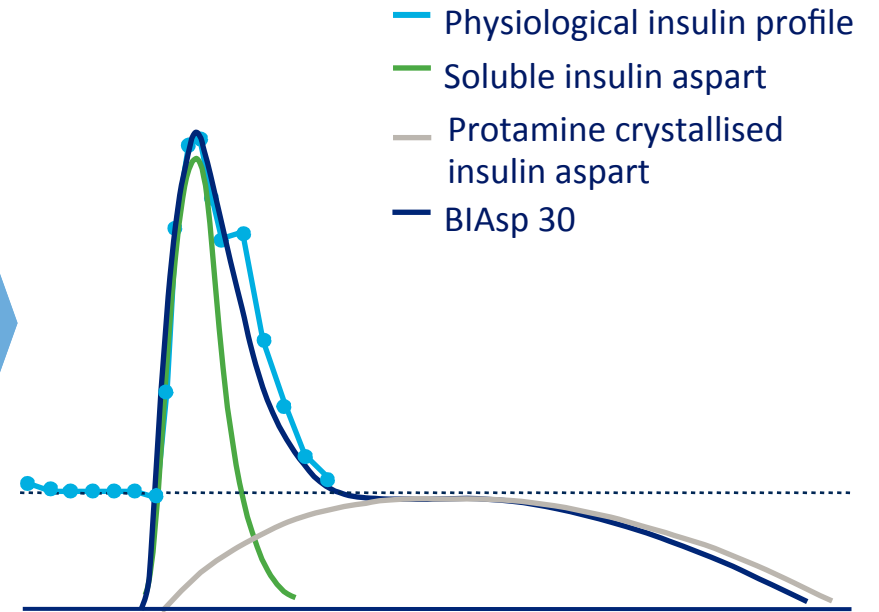
- In a pre-mixed insulin such as the BiAsp 30
 - A- 30% is short acting and 70% is long acting
 - B- 30% is long acting and 70% is short acting
 - C- Not sure

The dual-release insulin concept: Pre-mixed insulins

Physiological insulin profile:
Basal component
Meal-related peaks

Insulin analogues together with a basal insulin provide physiological insulin

Analogue mix insulins such as BIAsp 30 replace both meal-related and basal insulin



Schematic presentation

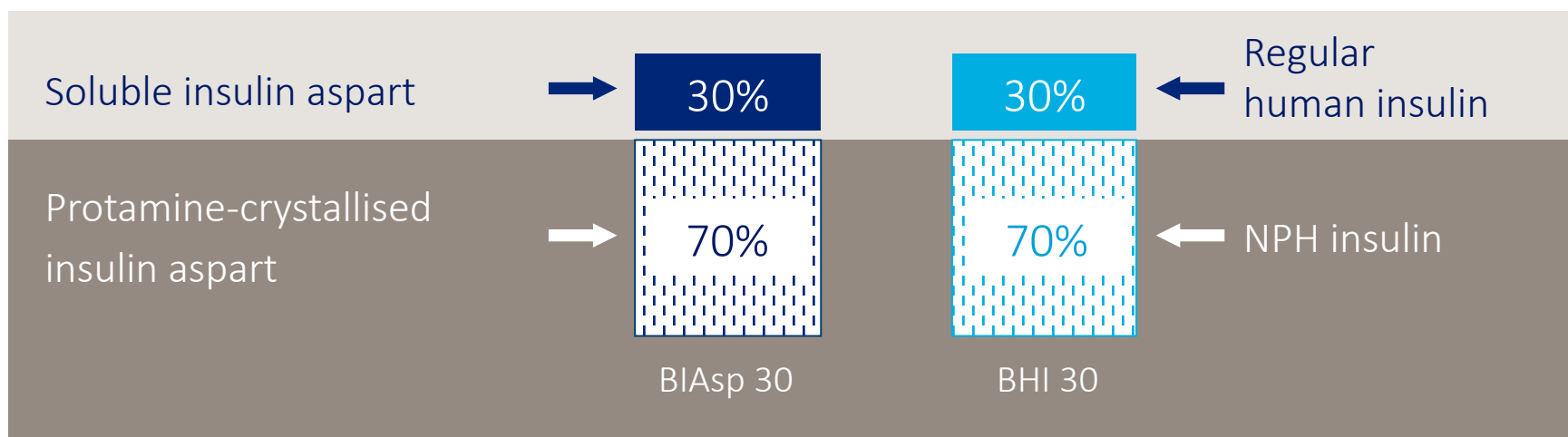
How is BIAsp 30 different from BHI 30?

BIAsp 30

A premixed
suspension of:

BHI 30

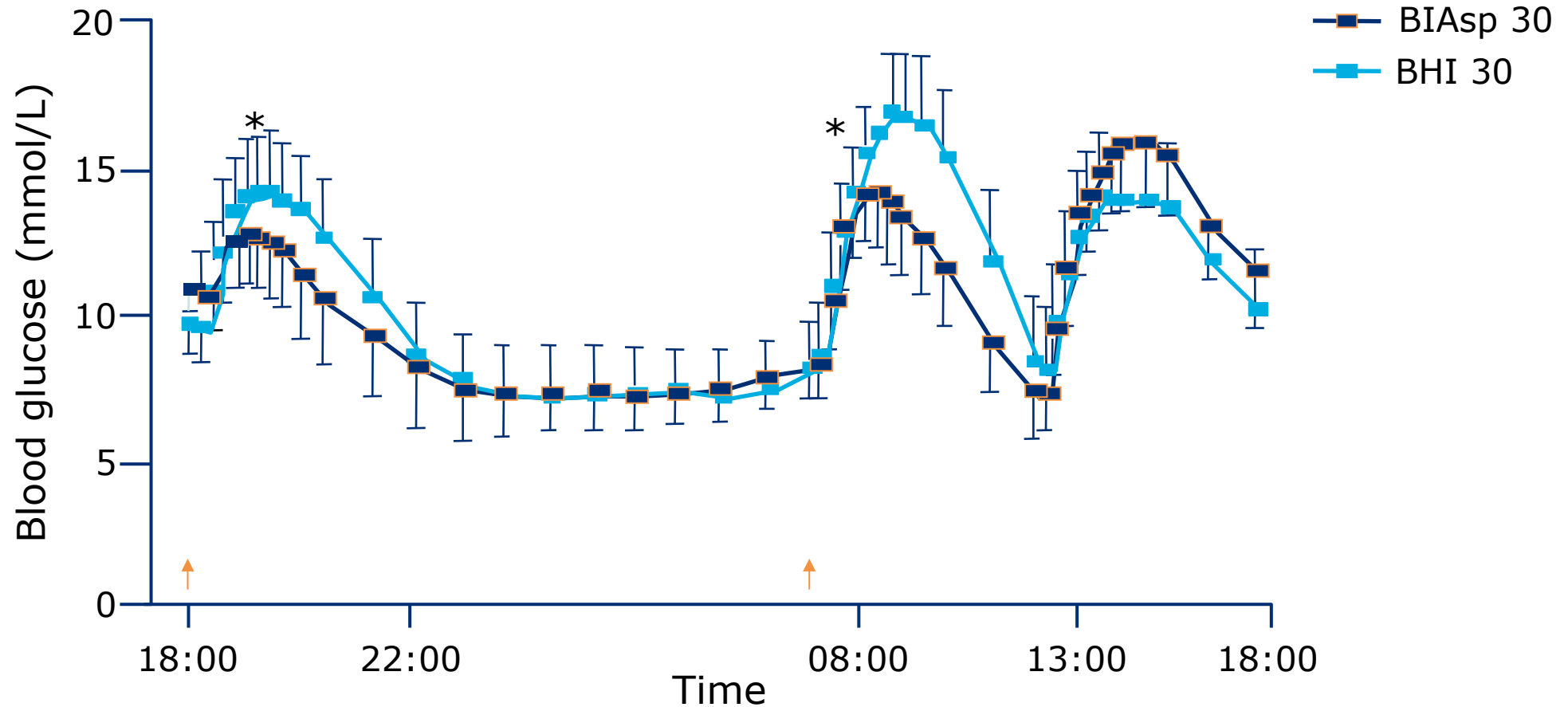
A premixed
suspension of:



BIAsp, biphasic insulin aspart; BHI, biphasic human insulin; NPH, neutral protamine Hagedorn

Novo Nordisk. BIAsp 30 SPC. http://ec.europa.eu/health/documents/community-register/2000/200008013730/anx_3730_en.pdf

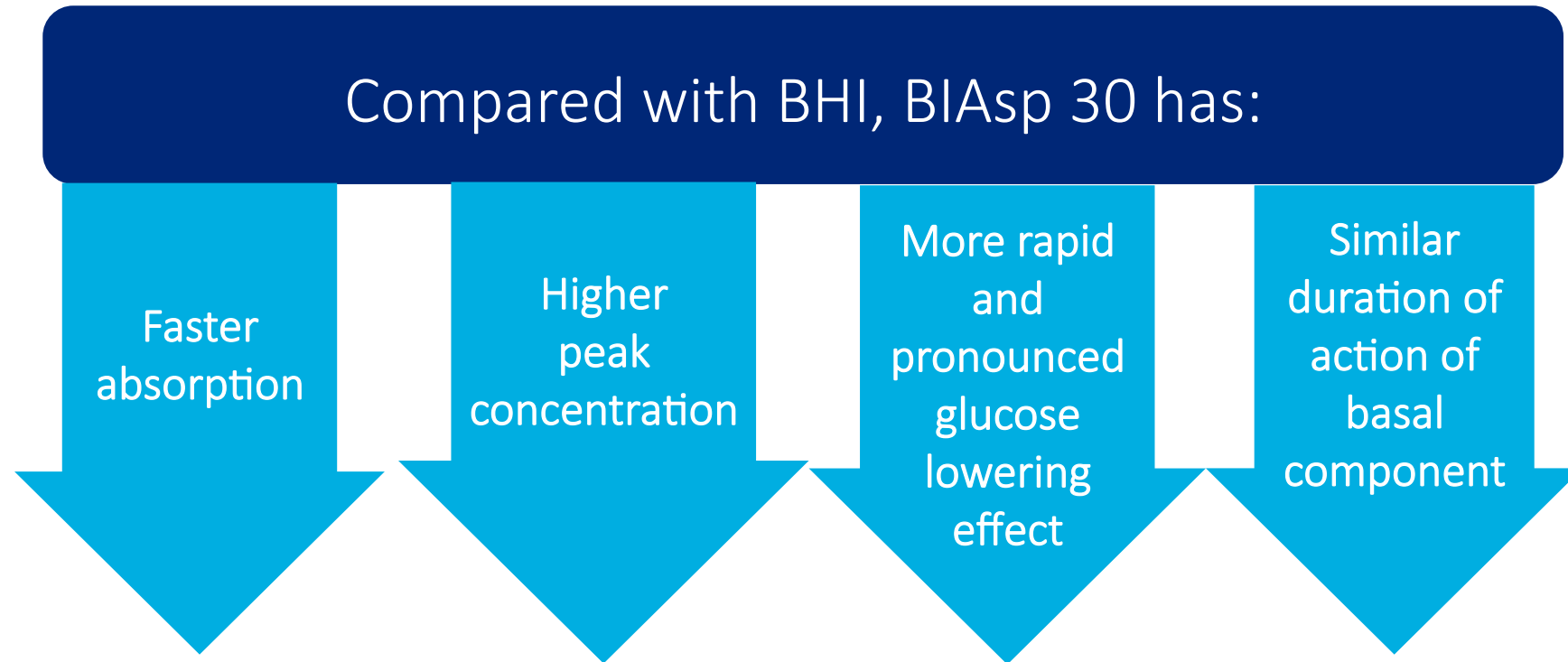
Twice-daily BIAsp 30 in patients with type 2 diabetes: improved PPG control



* $p < 0.05$ in favour of BIAsp 30 for lower PPG levels after dinner and breakfast; $n = 13$
PPG, postprandial plasma glucose

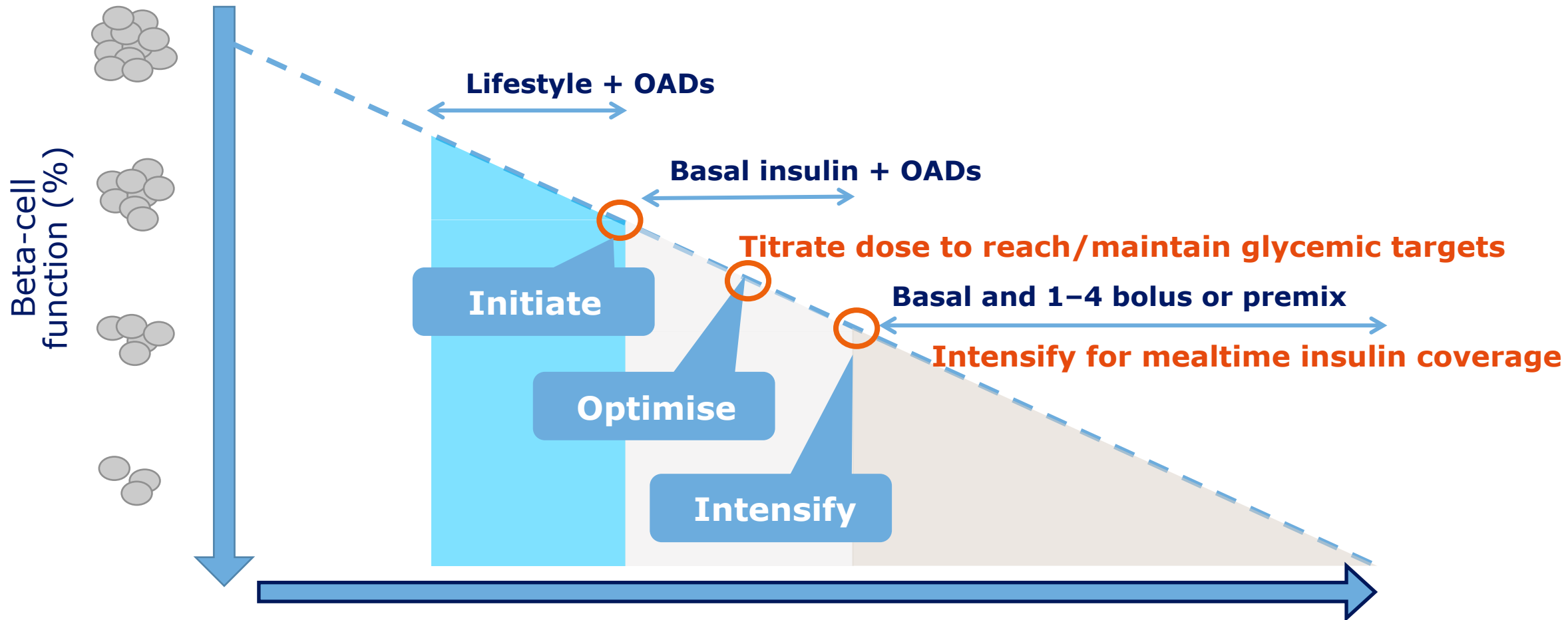
Adapted from McSorley *et al. Clin Ther* 2002;24:536

Pharmacological profile



**Initiation and Intensification Strategies in
Type 2 Diabetes Management:
A Comparison of Basal Plus (basal plus
one injection of rapid analog)
and Premix Regimens**

Insulin optimisation and intensification should follow disease progression



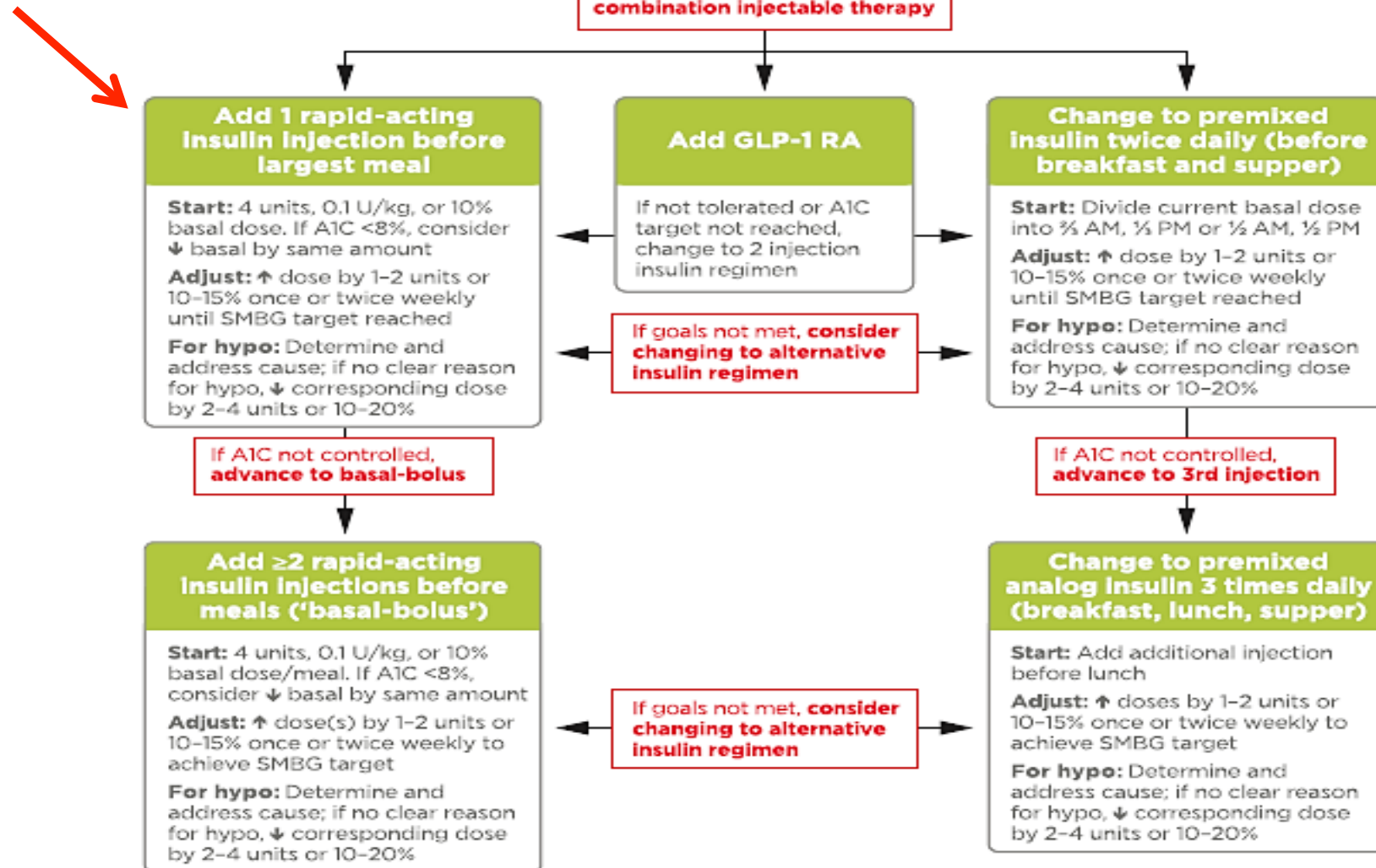
Treatment optimisation and intensification

OAD, oral antidiabetic drug

Schematic diagram adapted from Kahn. *Diabetologia* 2003;46:3–19

Inzucchi et al. *Diabetologia* 2012;55(6):1577–96

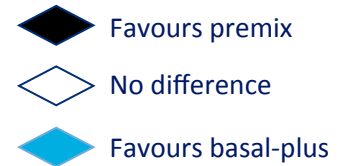
ADA Guidelines 2017:



Insulin Initiation and Intensification Strategies

- Starting insulin regimens and their **stepwise** intensification have been suggested by international guidelines and the regimens outlined in these guidelines are the premixed, basal, basal-plus and basal-bolus regimens
- **Stepwise insulin intensification** using basal to basal-plus or a QD or BID premixed insulin regimen are simplified potential alternatives to full basal-bolus or TID premixed regimens
- A review of the available evidence comparing basal plus and premix regimens would facilitate a better understanding of the similarities and differences between both regimens which may aid in clinical decision making

Key findings from RCTs



Studies in insulin-naïve patients

Aschner <i>et al.</i> 2015 (GALAPAGOS)	BIAsp 30/LM 25 OD/BID vs. IGlar OD ± IGlu OD
Riddle <i>et al.</i> 2014	BIAsp 30 BID vs. IGlar OD ± IGlu OD vs. IGlar OD + IGlu ≤TID

HbA _{1c}	Overall hypoglycemia	Insulin dose	Weight

Studies in patients previously receiving basal insulin

Tinahones <i>et al.</i> 2014	LM 25 BID vs. IGlar OD + insulin lispro OD
Jin <i>et al.</i> 2015	BIAsp 30 BID vs. IGlar OD + IGlu OD/BID
Vora <i>et al.</i> 2015 (LanScape)	BIAsp 30 BID vs. IGlar OD + IGlu OD

HbA _{1c}	Overall hypoglycemia	Insulin dose	Weight

BIAsp, biphasic insulin aspart; BID, twice daily; IGlar, insulin glargine U 100; IGlu, insulin glulisine; LM, lispro mix; OD, once daily; RCT, randomised controlled trial; TID, three-times daily

Aschner *et al.* *J Diabetes Complications* 2015;29:838–45; Jin *et al.* *J Diabetes* 2015;doi:10.1111/1753-0407.12312; Riddle *et al.* *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2014;16: 396–402; Tinahones *et al.* *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2014;16:963–70; Vora *et al.* *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2015;17:1133–41; Downie, M., Kilov, G. & Wong, J. *Diabetes Ther* (2016). doi:10.1007/s13300-016-0199-2

Key findings from RCTs

RCT findings

No clinically relevant differences in terms of:

- Glycemic control
- Risk of overall hypoglycemia
- Insulin dose
- Weight gain

Practical aspects during intensification

	Premix	Basal-plus
Number of injections	2	2 to 3
Number of devices	1	2
SMBG	2	2 to 3
Regimen complexity	Simple	Slightly more complex

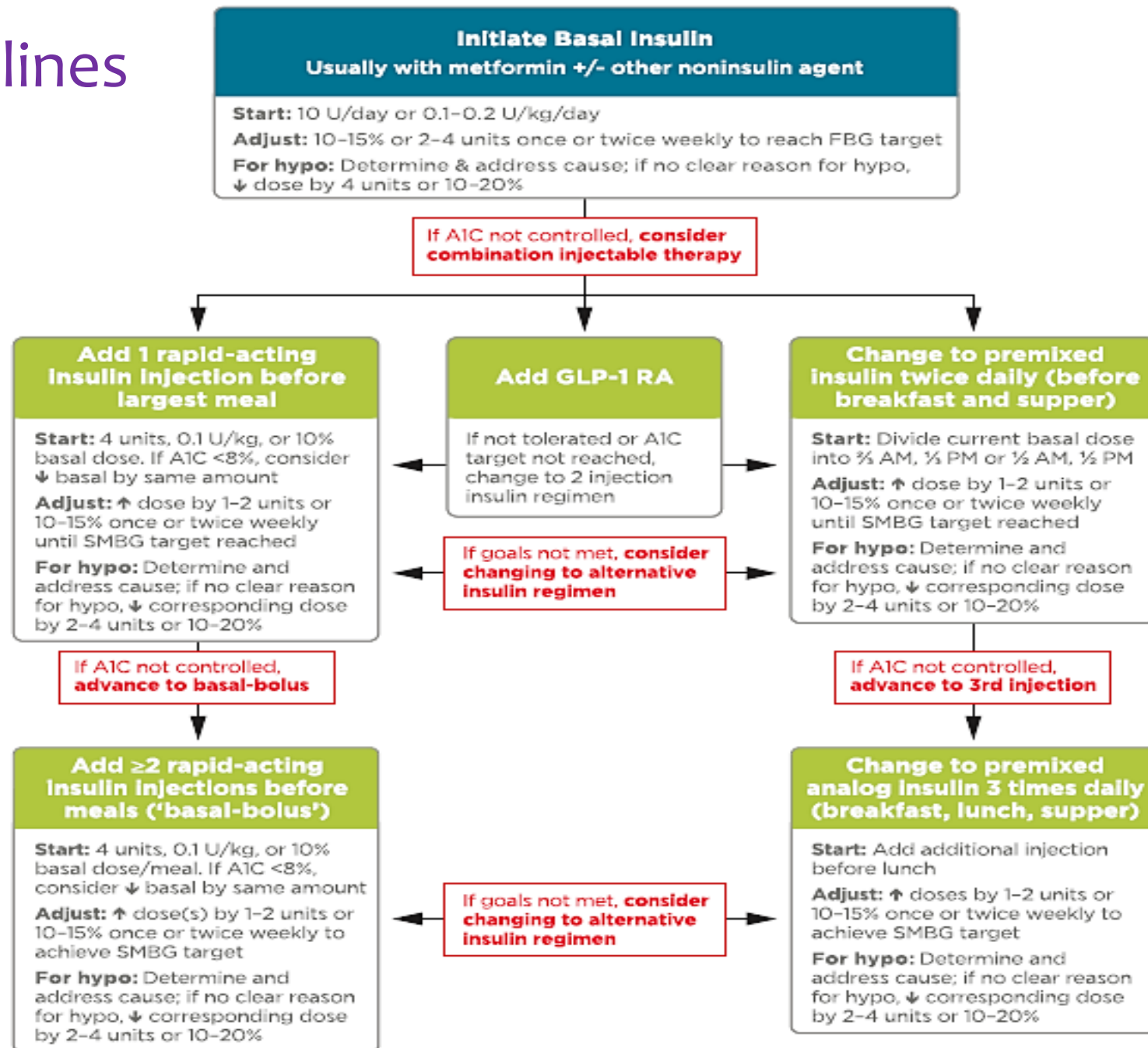
Key findings from RCTs

- Both basal plus and premix regimens have **comparable** efficacy and safety in both insulin initiation and intensification contexts with similarities between both regimens being greater than their differences
- A **patient-centered approach** considering various practical and clinical factors becomes of heightened importance in clinical decision-making

Individualize the treatment
algorithm for your patients

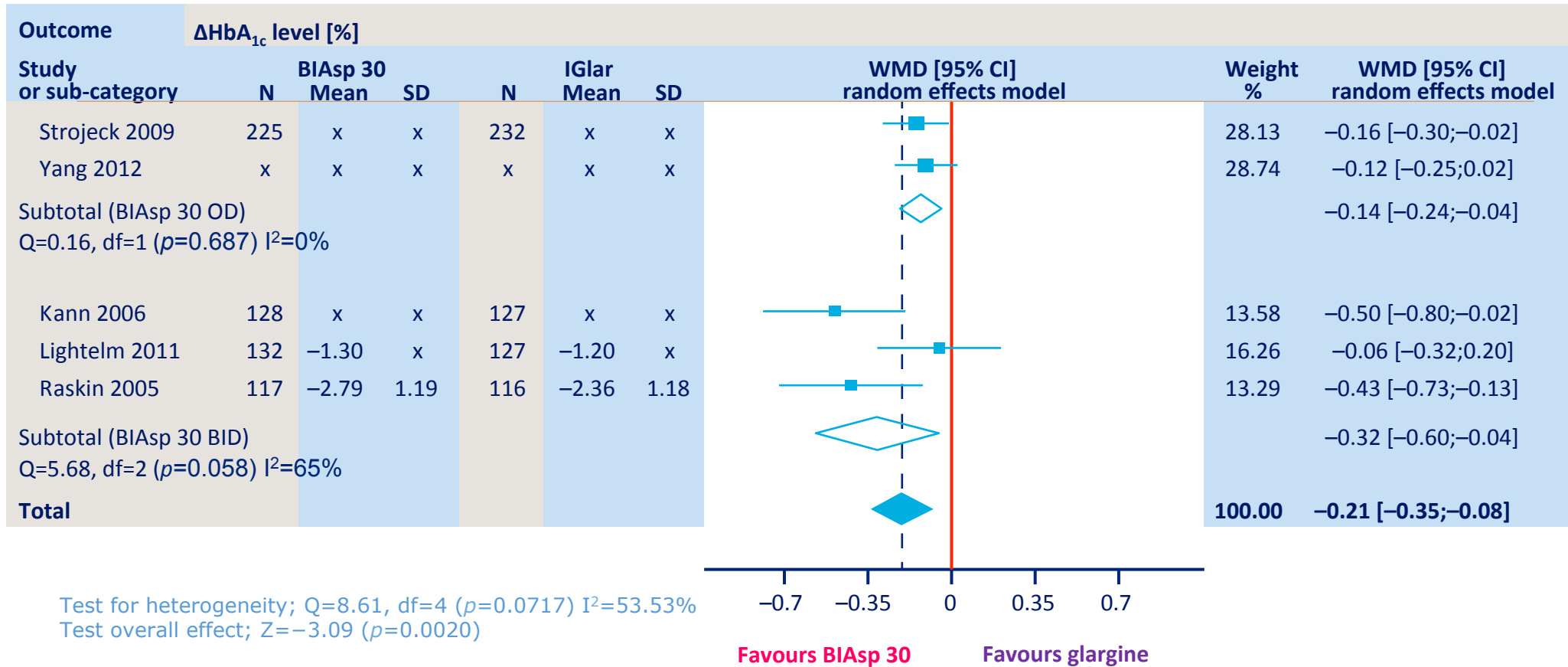
**Initiation with premix and
basal insulin:
A meta analysis**

ADA Guidelines 2017:



BIAsp 30 reduced HbA_{1c} significantly compared with insulin glargine in type 2 diabetes

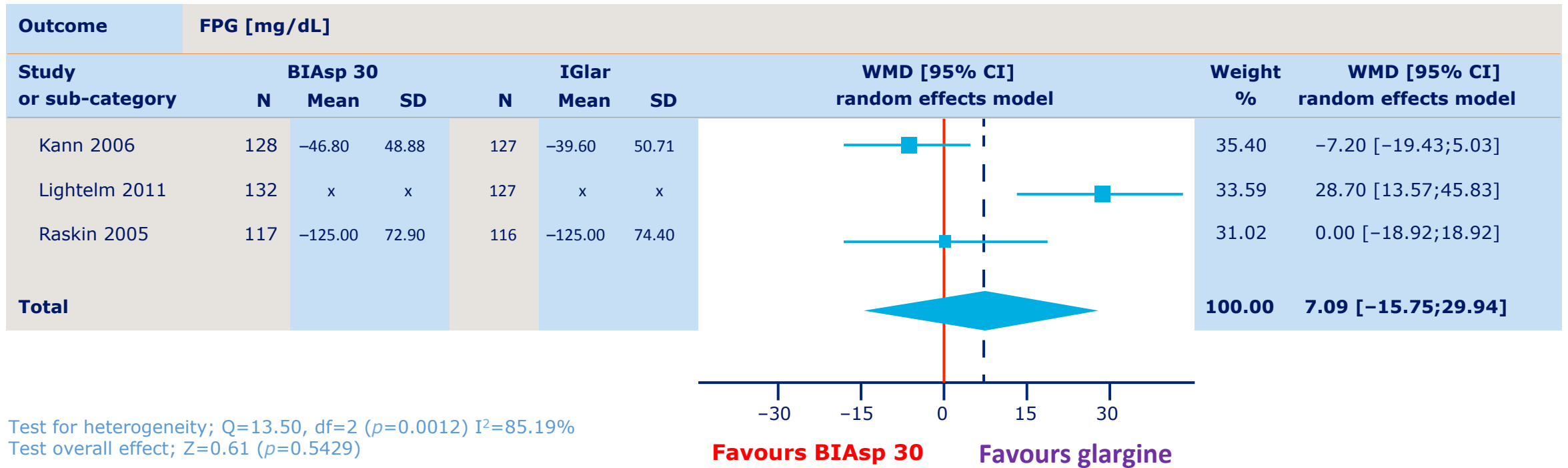
- Three studies demonstrated that patients treated with BIAsp 30 had a greater decrease in the HbA_{1c} level when compared with glargine



BIAsp 30, biphasic insulin aspart 30; BID, twice daily; CI, confidence interval; IGlar, insulin glargine; OD, once daily; SD, standard deviation; WMD, weighted mean difference

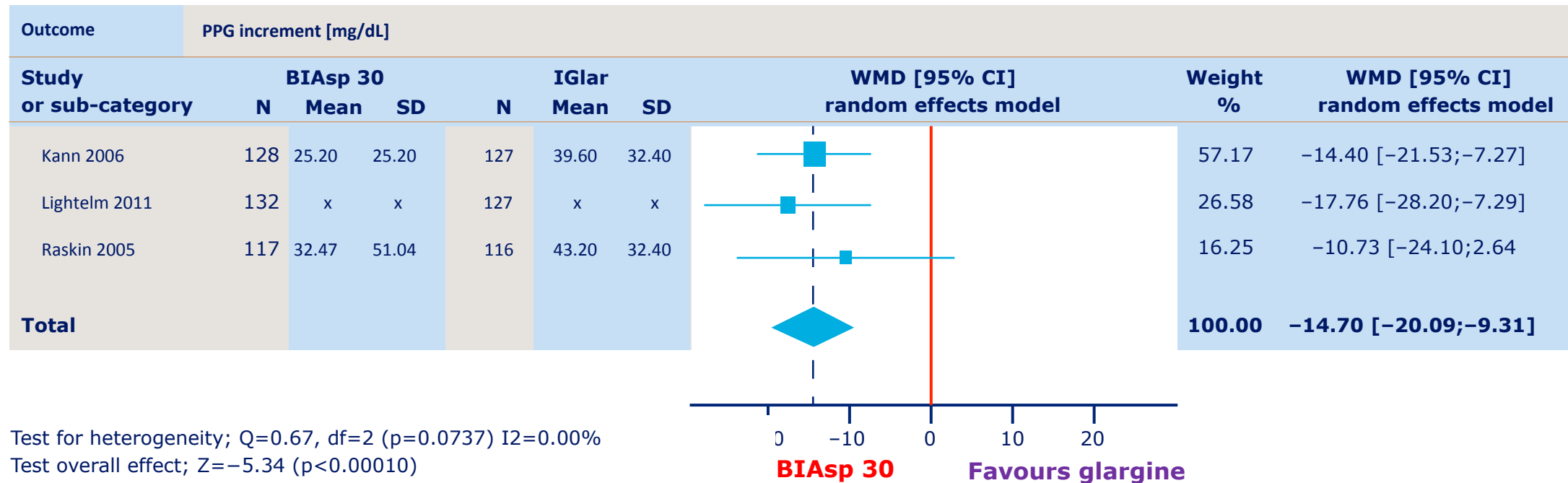
No observed difference in FPG with BIAsp 30 compared with insulin glargine

- Two out of three studies demonstrated no difference between treatment



BIAsp 30 significantly reduced PPG increments compared with insulin glargine

- In two out of three studies, superiority of BIAsp 30 over glargine was demonstrated and, in the remaining one, no significant difference between the groups was observed



Comparison of BIAsp 30 with insulin glargine

	Number of trials	Sample size	Estimate	Heterogeneity
Weight gain (kg)	3	747	WMD: -1.16 (-0.41; 2.74)	$p=0.043$ $I^2=68\%$
hypoglycemia*	2	748	63% vs. 51% OR: 1.77 (0.91; 3.44)	$p=0.032$ $I^2=78\%$
Severe hypoglycemia*	4	1236	0.98% vs. 1.12% OR: 0.88 (0.31; 2.53)	$p=0.841$ $I^2=0\%$

No evidence for higher risk of overall and severe hypoglycemic episodes with BIAsp 30 compared with IGlAr

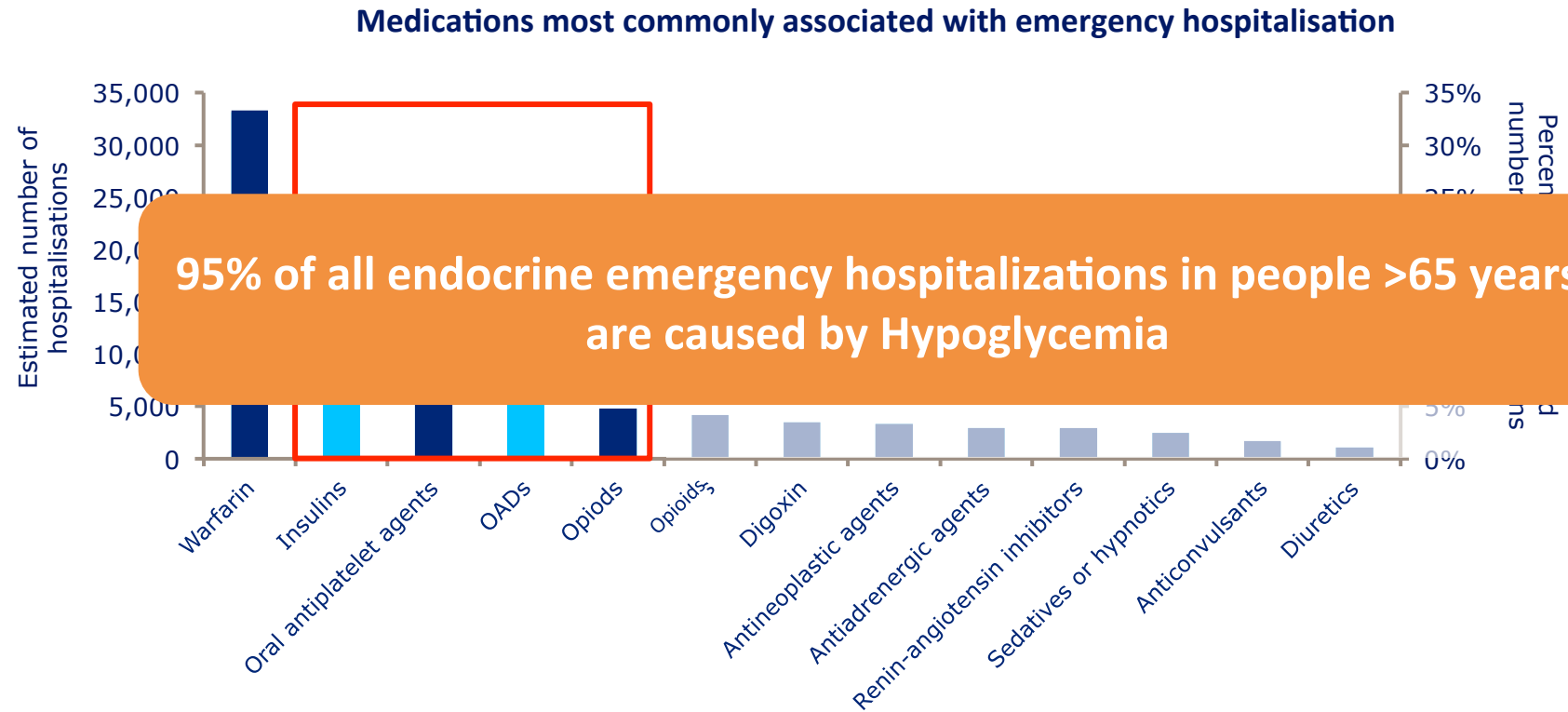
Twice-daily administration of BIAsp 30 resulted in larger weight gain

Overall conclusions:

- Early glycemic control reduces complications: conversely, poor glycemic control is an important driver for diabetes complications
- Insulin is most effective glucose lowering agent having multiple positive effect beyond glycemic control
- Premix insulin can:
 - Help improve glycemic control while maintaining tolerability and safety
 - Address postmeal glucose excursions, which might have a beneficial effect on CV risk
- Premix insulin leads to better glycemic control than basal insulin when used as initial insulin therapy
- Switching from Biphasic Human Insulin to Premix analog insulin results in the better glycemic control and improved quality of life

Hypoglycemia

Hypoglycemia is a problem with diabetes therapy



Data given are number and percentage of annual national estimates of hospitalisations. Data from the NEISS-CADES project.

ER visits n=265,802/Total cases n=12,666. ER, emergency room

Budnitz *et al.* *N Engl J Med* 2011;365:2002-12

HEADACHE

SWEATINESS

**RINGING
IN THE EARS**

BLURRY VISION

**INCREASE
HEART RATE**

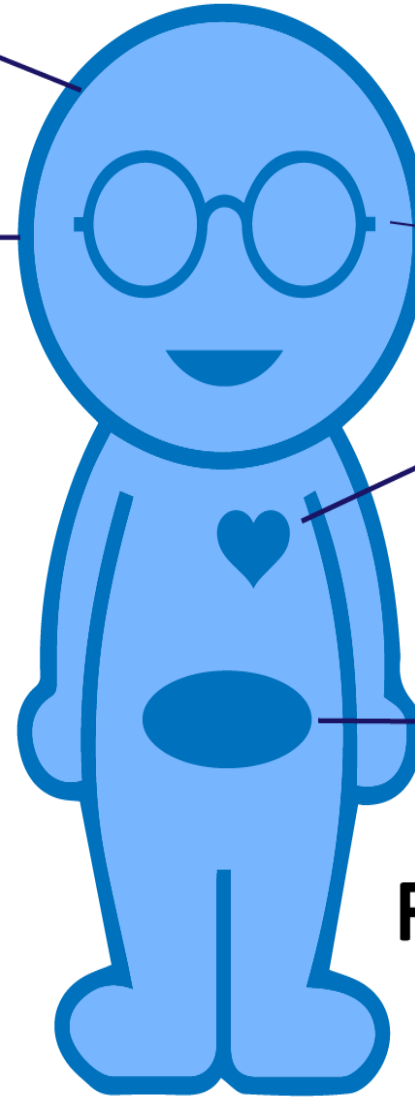
TREMBLING

HUNGER

IRRITABILITY

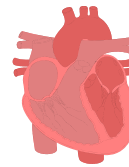
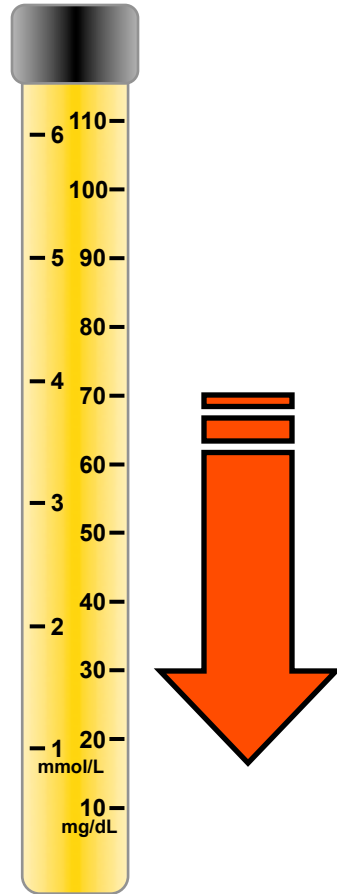
FEELING ANXIOUS

WEAKNESS OR TIREDNESS



Potential Complications and Effects of Severe Hypoglycemia

Plasma glucose level



Arrhythmia¹

- Abnormal prolonged cardiac repolarization —
↑ QTc and QT dispersion
- Sudden death

Neuroglycopenia²

- Cognitive impairment
- Unusual behavior
- Seizure
- Coma
- Brain death

1. Landstedt-Hallin L et al. *J Intern Med.* 1999;246:299–307.

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Management of Hypoglycemia

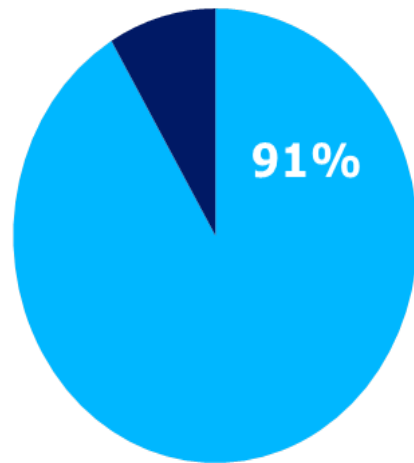
- Patients with asymptomatic or symptomatic hypoglycemia should ingest carbohydrates. 15 to 20 grams of oral glucose is typically sufficient.

Glucose may be ingested in the form of tablets, juice, milk, other snacks, or a meal.

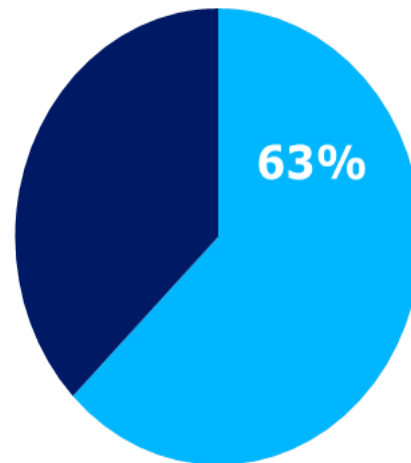
- For the treatment of hypoglycemia in a person with impaired consciousness and no established intravenous (IV) access, administer glucagon. The usual dose is 0.5 to 1.0 mg given SC or IM. Education and training for clinicians, friends, and family on the recognition and treatment of severe hypoglycemia, including the use of glucagon kits, is necessary.
- IV dextrose (25 g of 50% glucose [dextrose]) can be administered to treat hypoglycemia in patients with impaired consciousness and established IV access (typically in a hospital).
- A subsequent glucose infusion (or food, if patient is able to eat) is often needed, depending upon the cause of the hypoglycemia, to prevent recurrence of symptoms.

Severe events often require hospitalisation and inpatient care

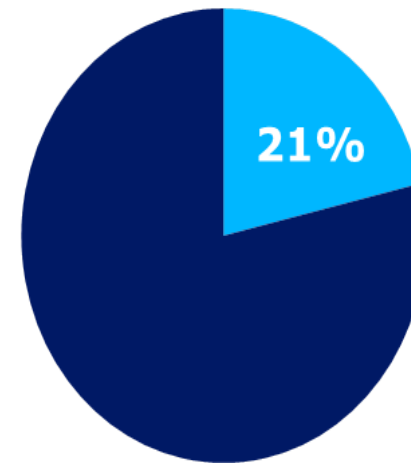
Percentage of severe events requiring hospital services



Ambulance



**Accident and
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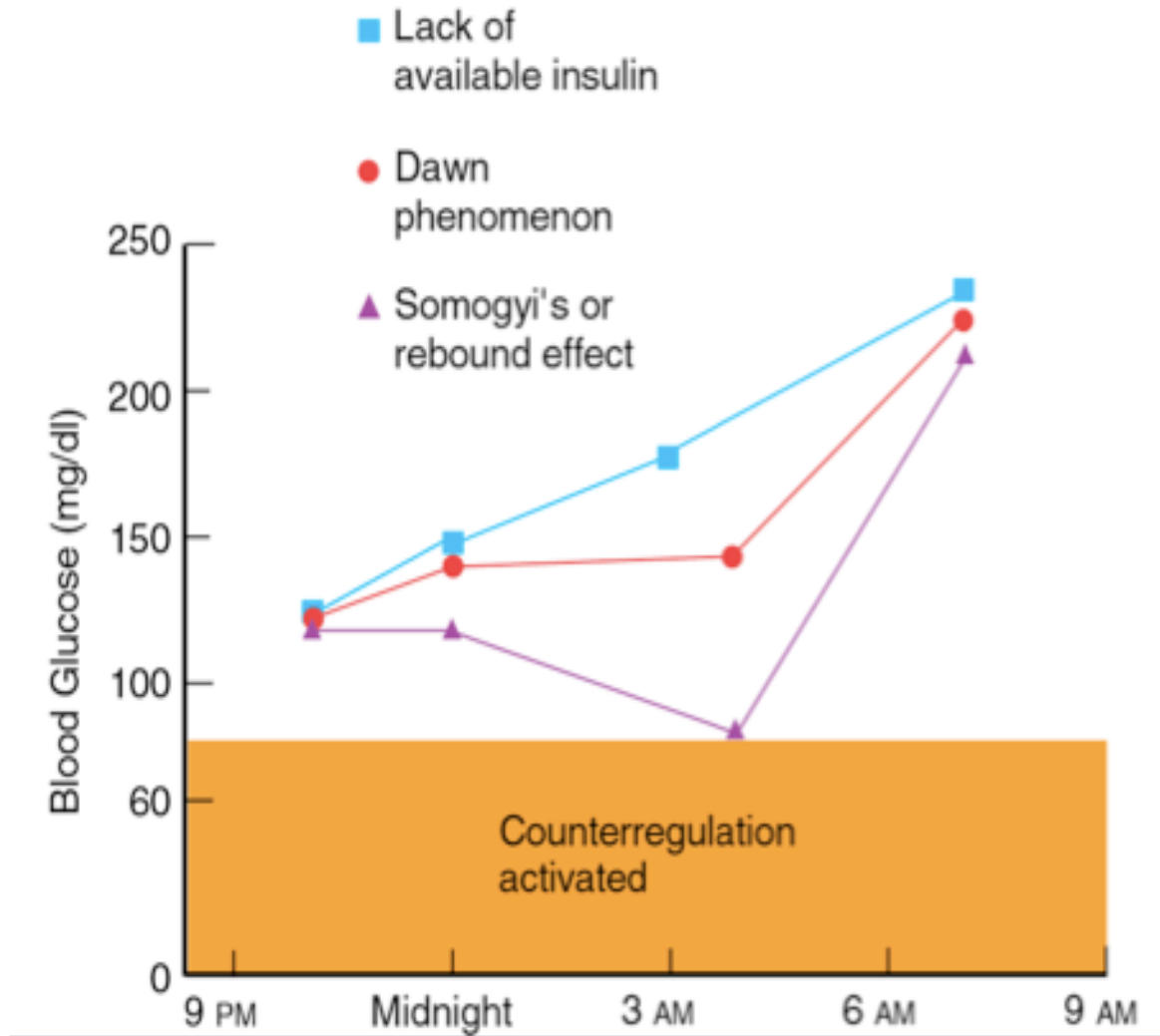
**Inpatient
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Based on 8,655 patients with diabetes experiencing 244 events

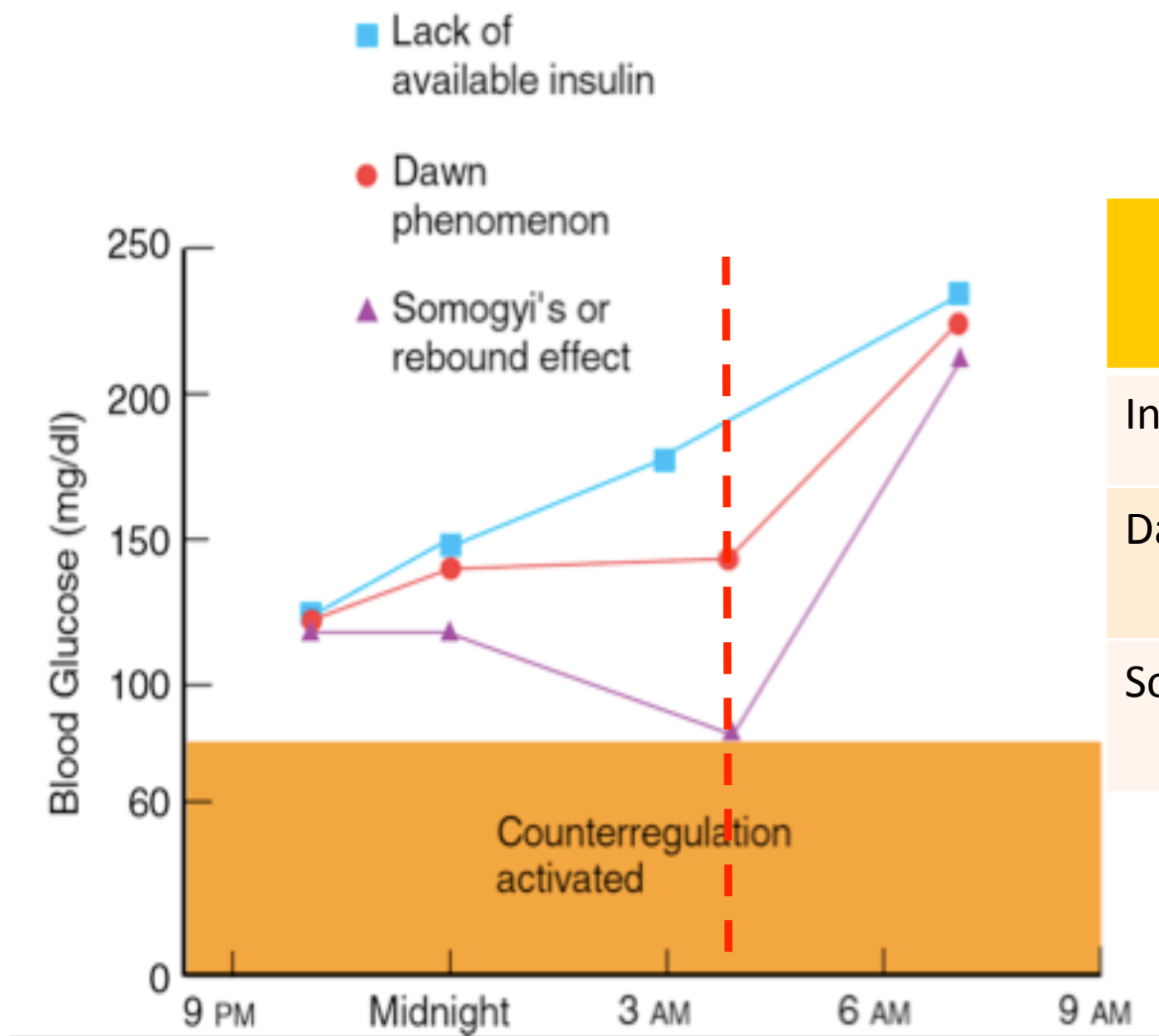
QUESTION 3

- In a patient with a bedtime blood glucose of 120mg/dl and a fasting reading the next day of 200mg/dl, the possible cause can be:
 - A- Inadequate insulin
 - B- Dawn phenomenon
 - C- Somogyi effect
 - D- Any of the above
 - E- I have no clue

Dawn Phenomenon and Somogyi Effect



Dawn Phenomenon and Somogyi Effect



CAUSE	BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVEL		
	Bedtime	3-4AM	6-7AM
Inadequate Insulin	120	160	200
Dawn Phenomenon	120	130	200
Somogyi Effect	120	60	200

***Thank you for your kind
attention***