



Insulin vs GLP-1RA: The first injection?

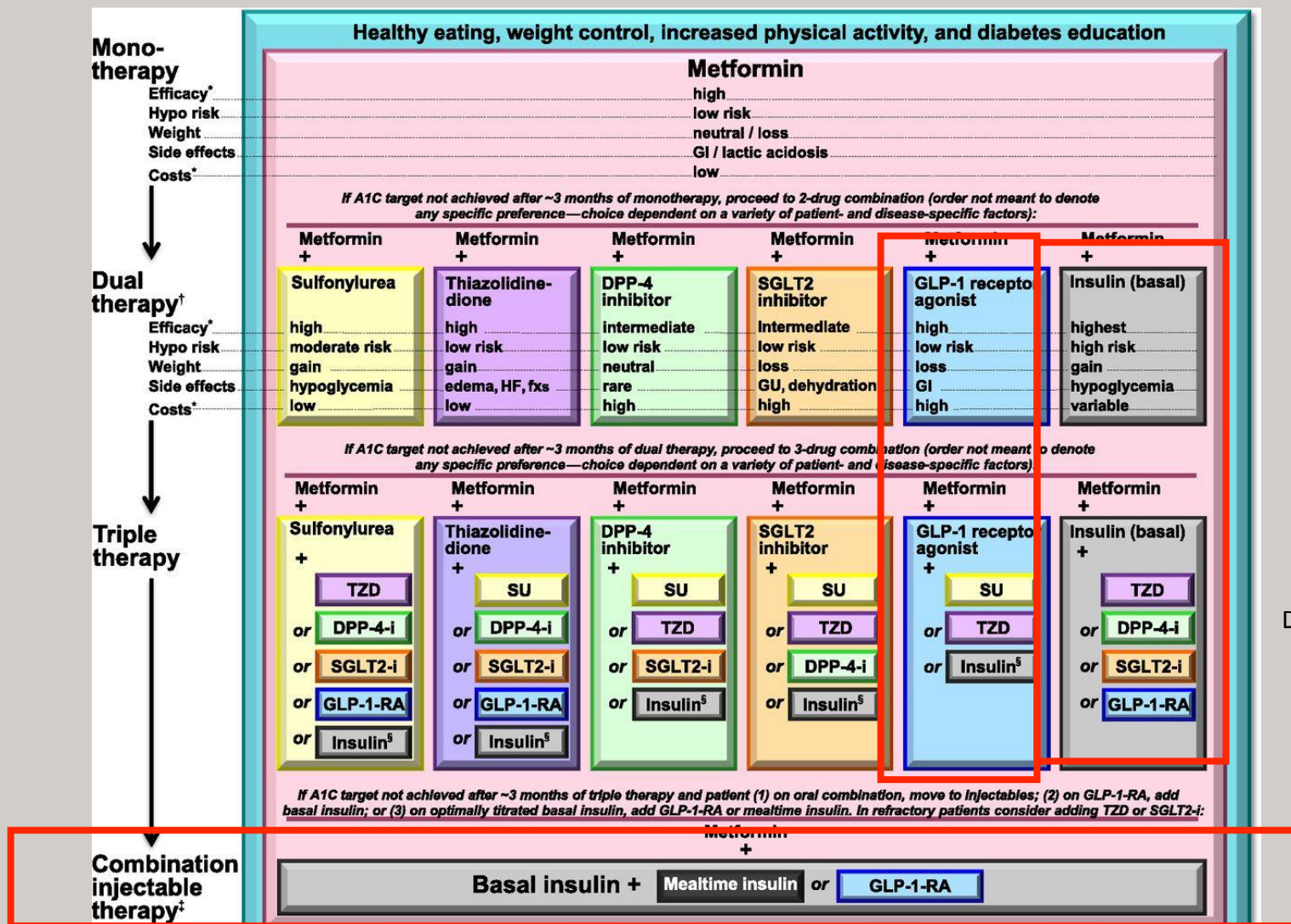
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- Who should get GLP1RA?
- Who should get insulin?
- Which insulin should be started?

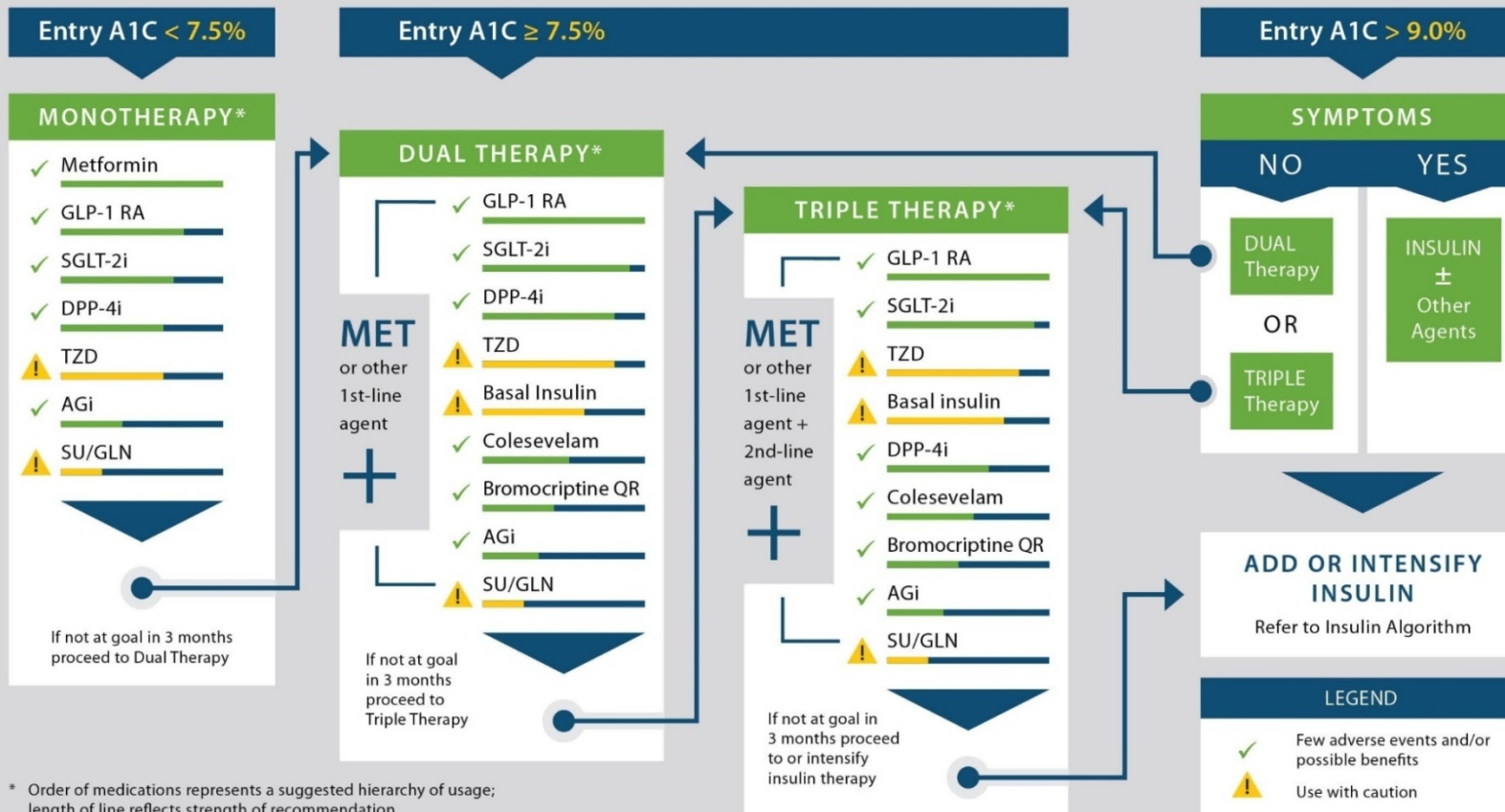
ADA/EASD recommendations



Inzucchi SE, et al.
Diabetes Care, 2015;38:140-149

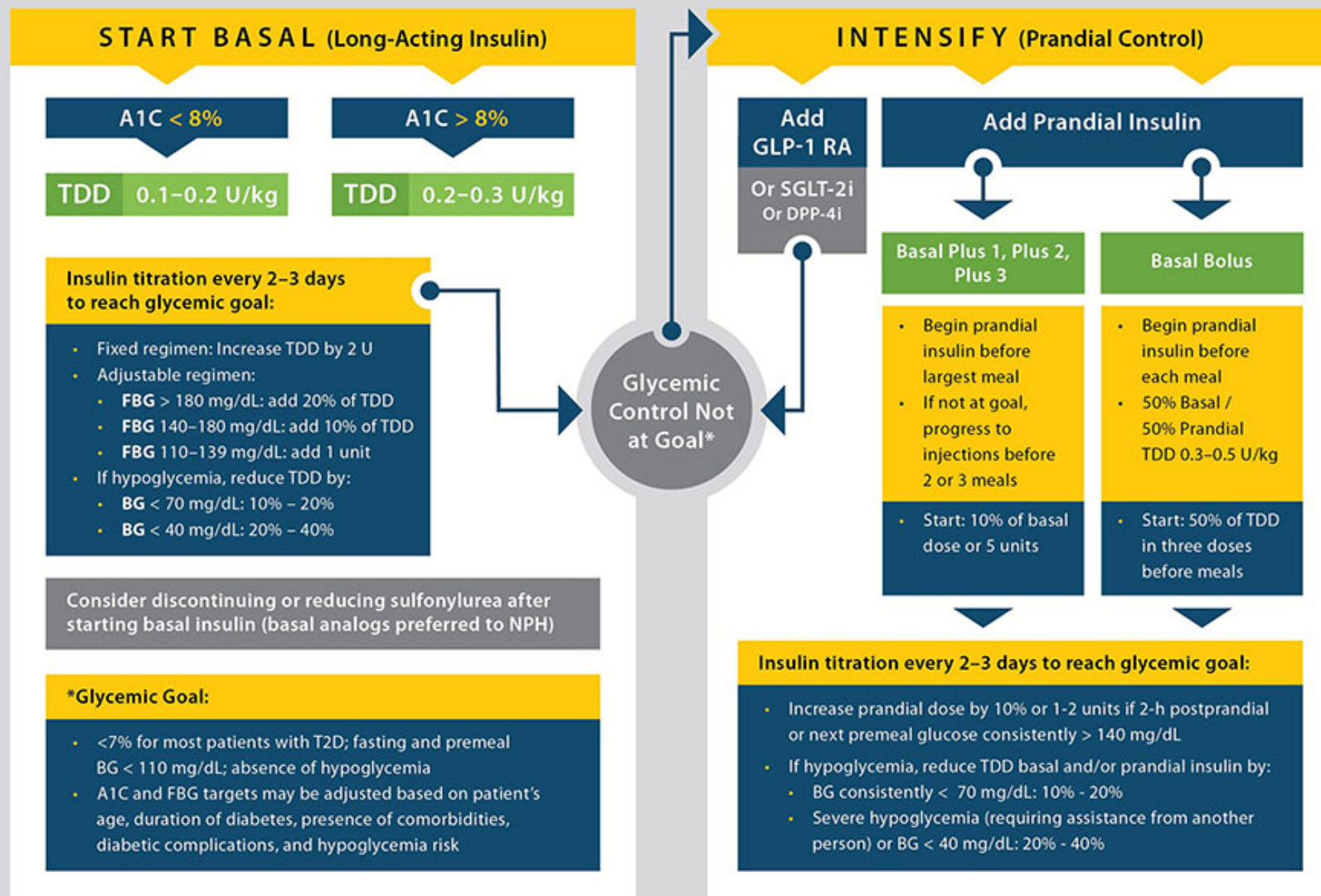
LIFESTYLE THERAPY

(Including Medically Assisted Weight Loss)



* Order of medications represents a suggested hierarchy of usage; length of line reflects strength of recommendation

PROGRESSION OF DISEASE



Person centred flexibility

**“DO NOT
match lifestyle to the insulin regimens.
RATHER,
match the regimen to the lifestyle”**

Kalra S, Gupta Y, Unnikrishnan AG. Flexibility in insulin prescription.
Indian J Endocr Metab 2016;20:408-11



Insulin



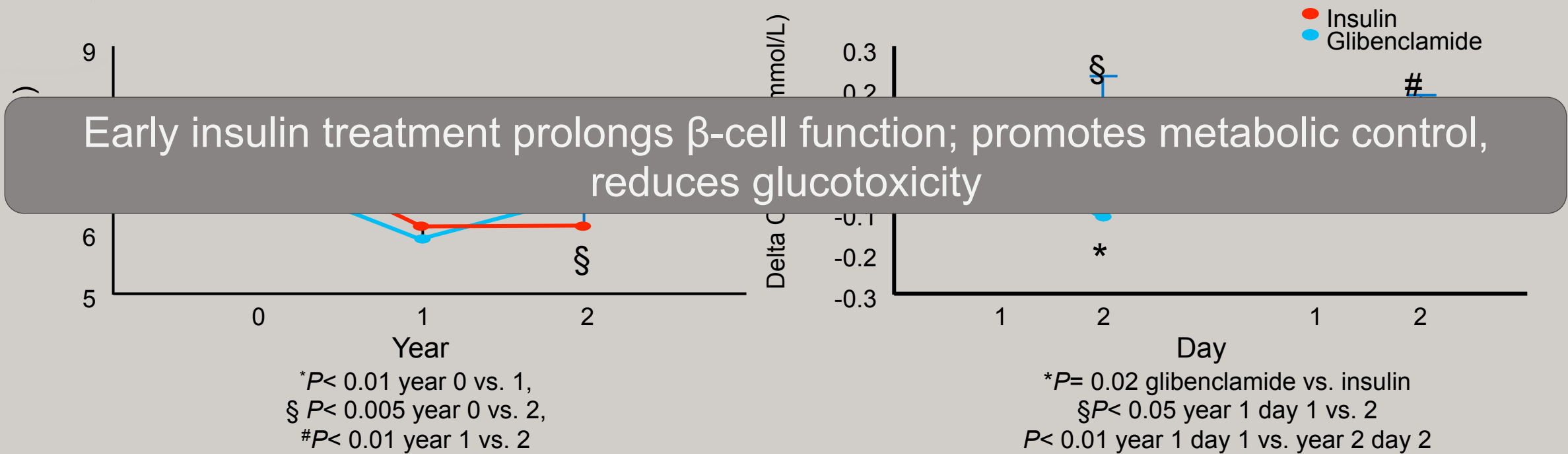
Insulin advantages

Targeted focus on FPG and/or PPG

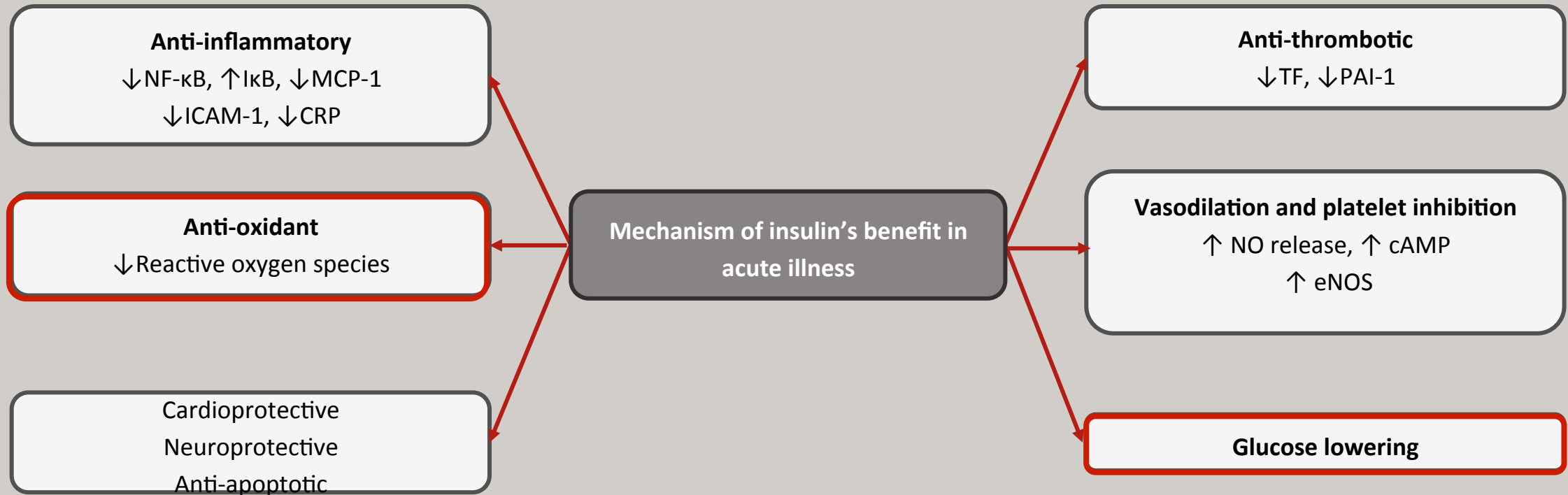
Dose titration addresses glycemic/diet variability

Does not require preserved beta cell function

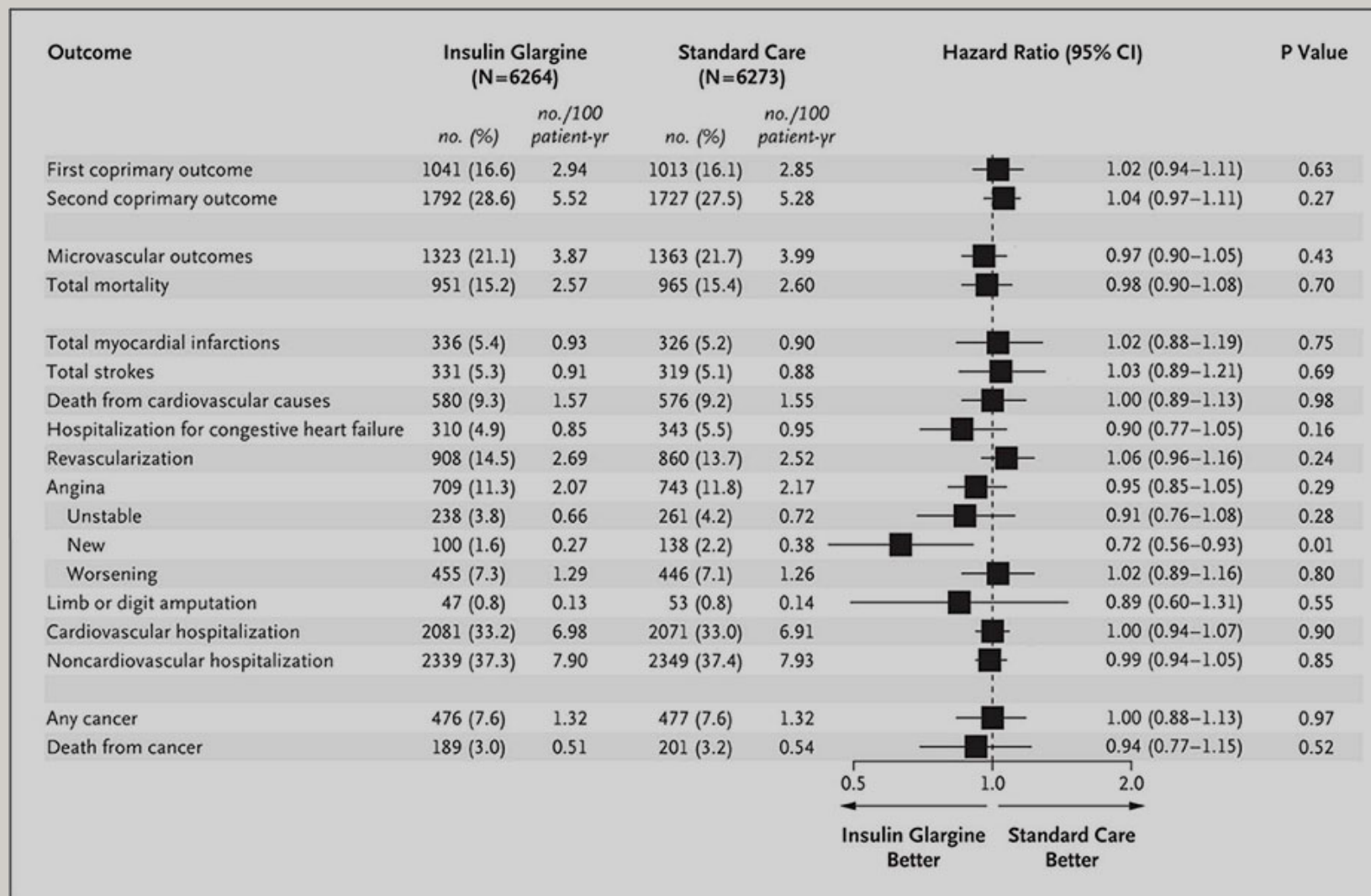
Early insulin treatment prolongs β -cell function; promotes metabolic control



Insulin also has extra-glycaemic benefits



Long-term safety of insulin therapy is established



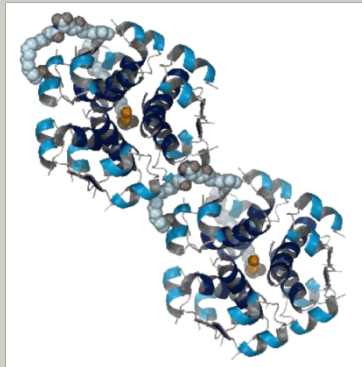


Use in special situations

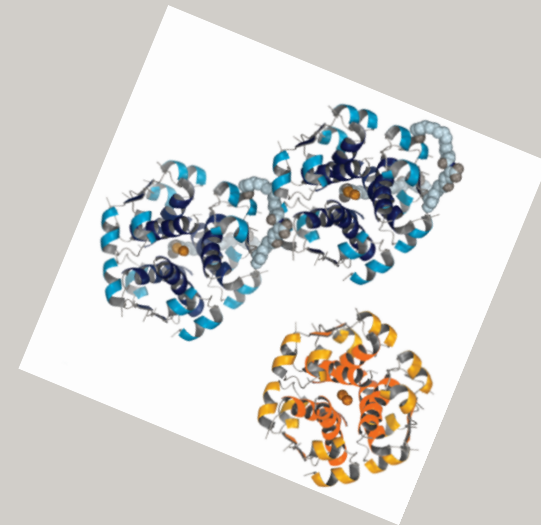
- Insulin preferred in emergency and diabetic ketoacidosis
- Insulin preferred in renal impairment
- Insulin preferred in hepatic impairment
- Insulin Drug of choice for pregnancy

Hypoglycaemia???

- With the introduction of newer basal insulin analogues the risk of hypoglycaemia is minimal.



Insulin degludec



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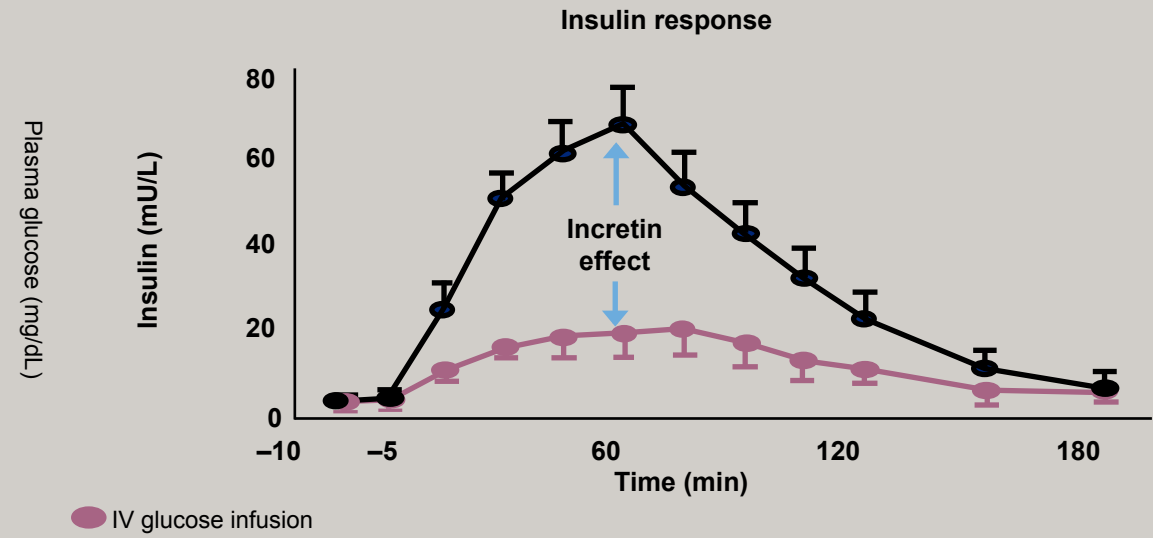
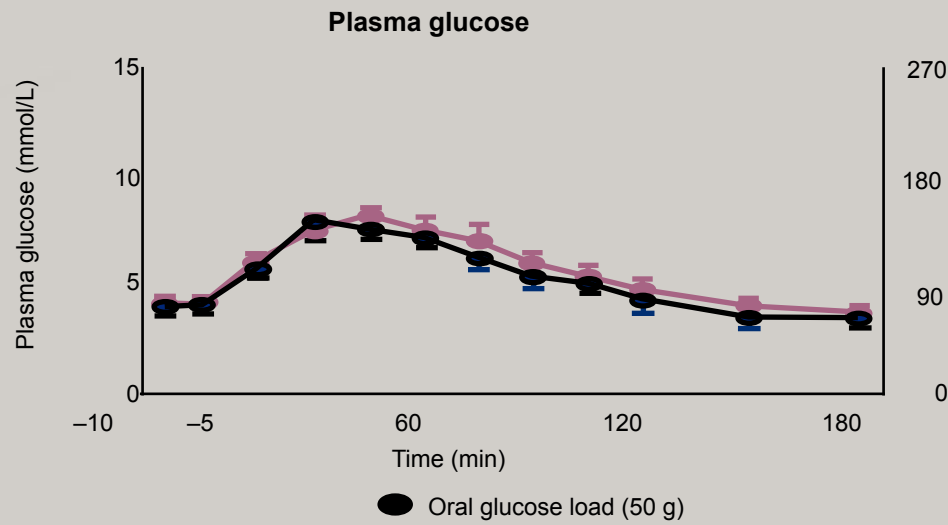
Evolution of understanding

- From beta cell centric to multiple pathways
- From ominous octet to egregious eleven



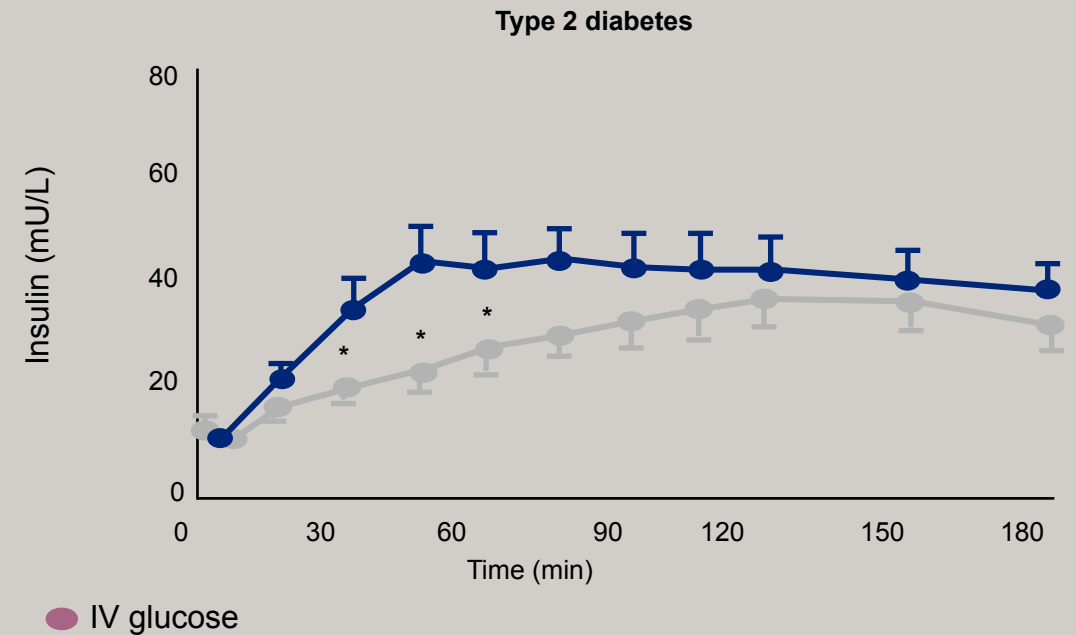
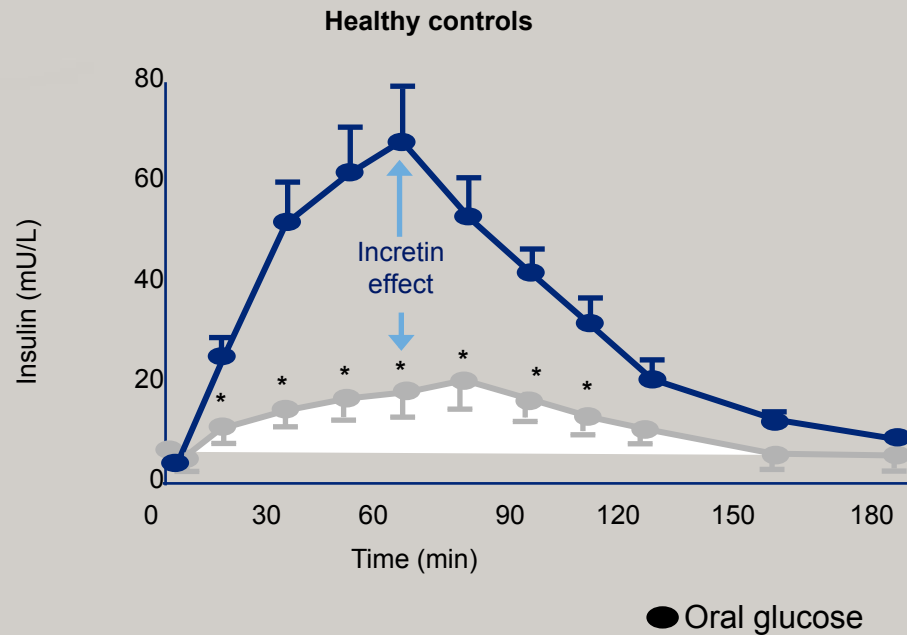
GLP1 RA

The incretin hormones play a crucial role in a healthy insulin response



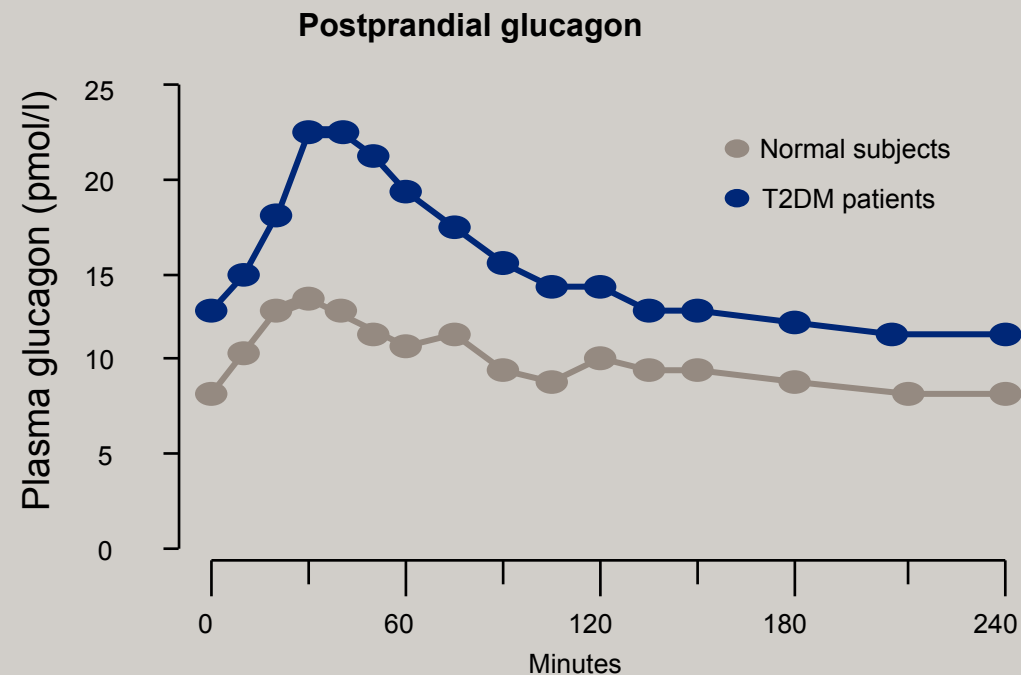
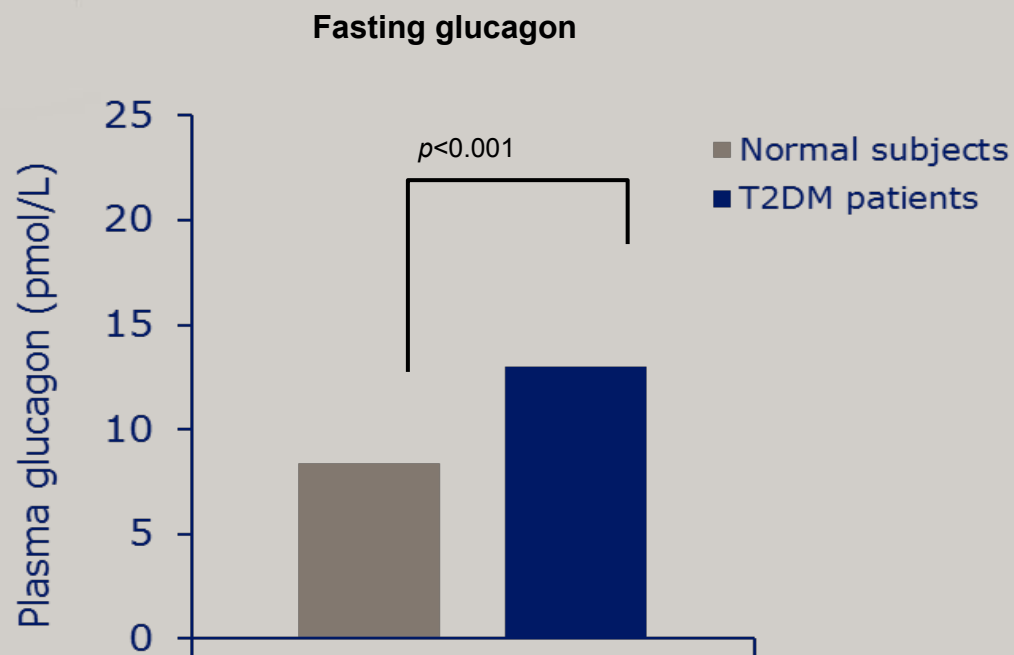
- Insulin response is greater following oral glucose than IV glucose, despite similar plasma glucose concentration

The incretin effect is diminished in patients with type 2 diabetes



- * $p < 0.05$, healthy volunteers (n=8)
- Nauck M et al. Diabetologia 1986;29:46–52

Glucagon levels are elevated in patients with type 2 diabetes



n: T2DM patients=54; Normal subjects=33

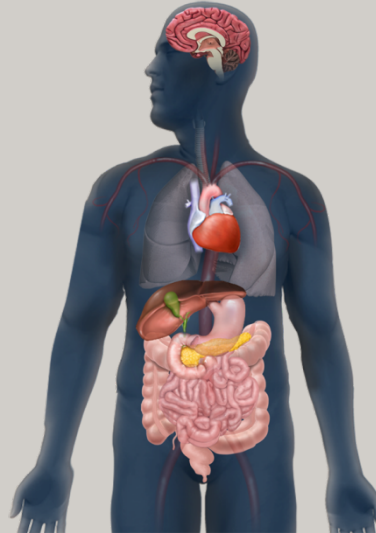
T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus

Toft-Nielson MB et al. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 2001;86:3717–3723

Effects of GLP-1

Pancreas

- ▲ Insulin secretion^{2,3} (glucose-dependent) and beta-cell sensitivity
- ▲ Insulin synthesis⁴
- ▼ Glucagon secretion³ (glucose-dependent)



Brain

- ▼ Body weight:⁵⁻⁷
- ▲ Satiety
- ▼ Energy intake

Cardiovascular system

Systolic blood pressure⁸

Liver

- ▼ Hepatic glucose output⁴



The GLP1RA action spectrum

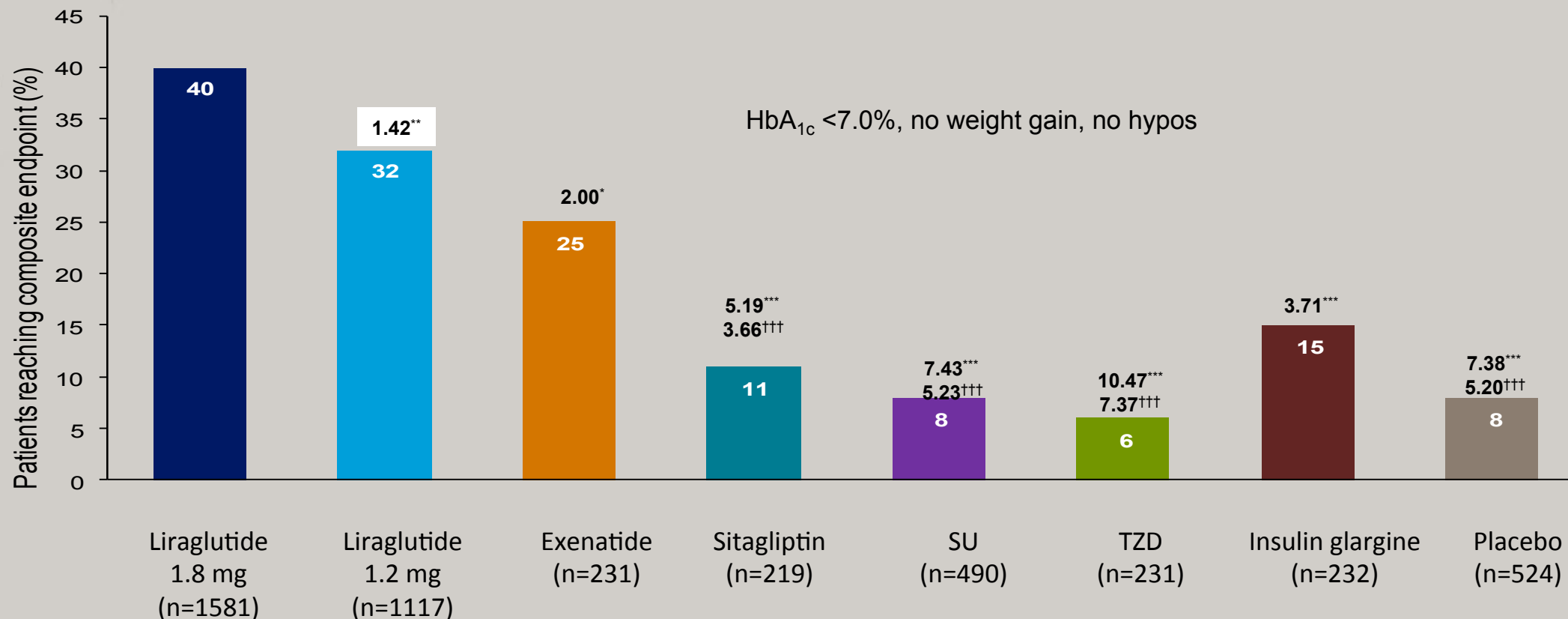
Appetite, Absorption

Utilization- insulin and incretin vs glucagon fulcrum

Body weight, lipid and blood pressure control



Incretins helps in achieving target without hypo and weight gain



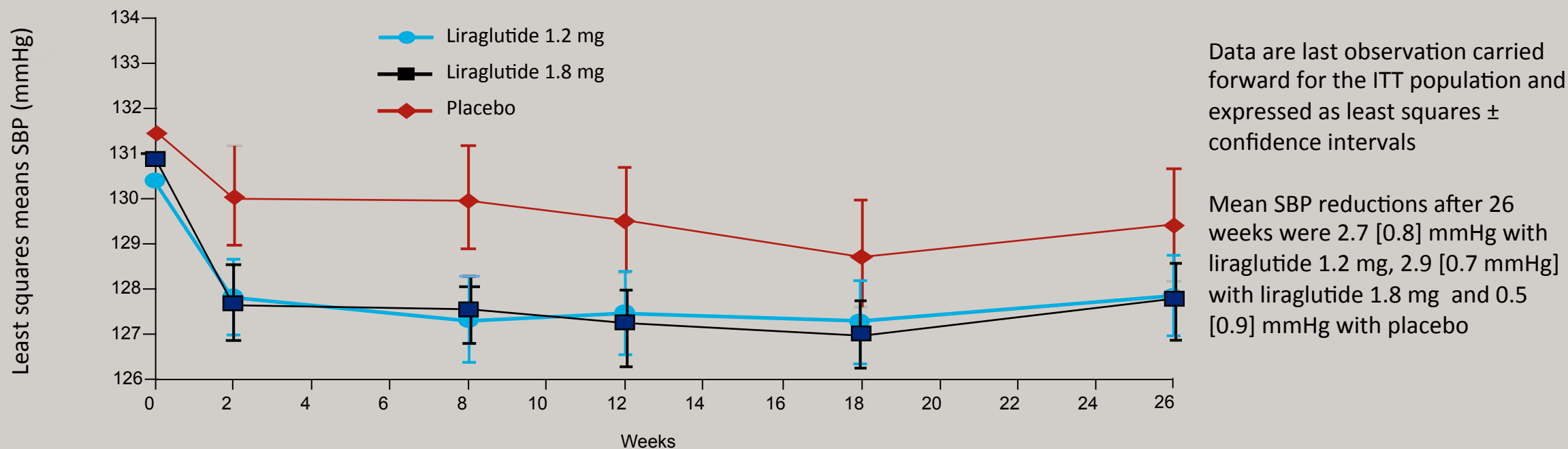
Odds-ratio of achieving composite endpoint with liraglutide 1.8 mg is superior, with *p<0.01; **p<0.001, ***p<0.0001

Odds-ratio of achieving composite endpoint with liraglutide 1.2 mg is superior, with †††p<0.0001

Zinman B et al. Diabetes Obes Metab 2012;14:77–82.

GLP-1RA – Beyond Glycaemic Control

Reduced systolic blood pressure

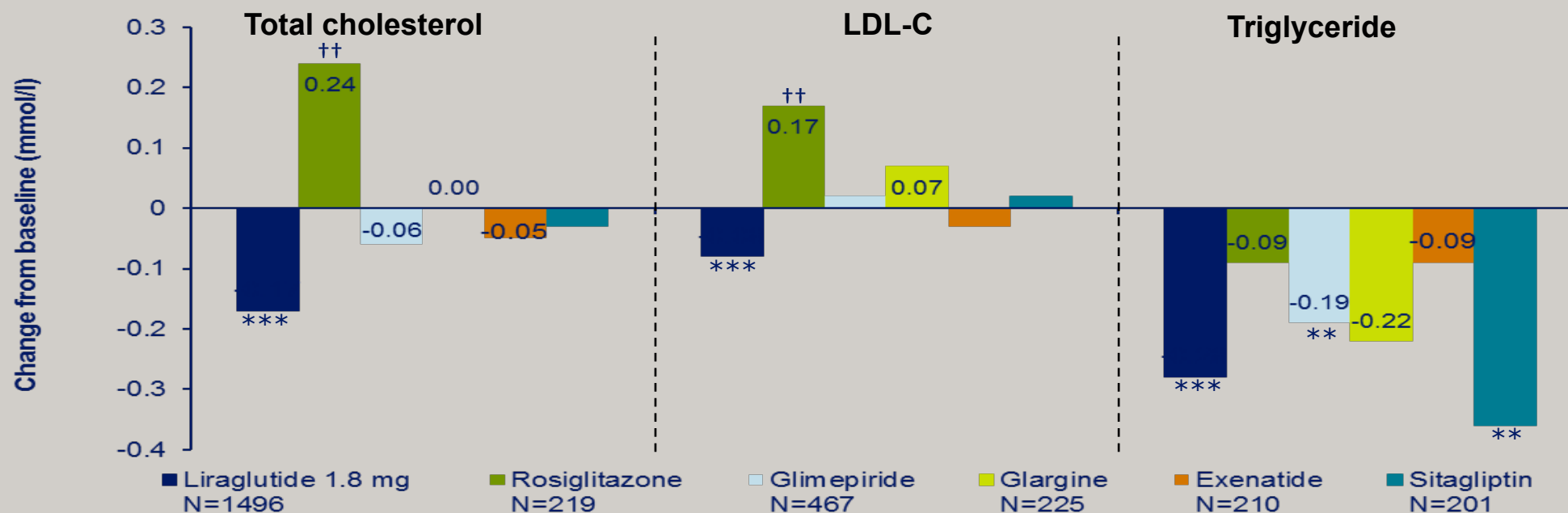


• SBP, systolic blood pressure; ITT, intent-to-treat

• Adapted from Fonseca VA et al. *J Diabetes Complications* 2014;28:399–405

GLP-1RA – Beyond Glycaemic Control

Effect on fasting lipid levels



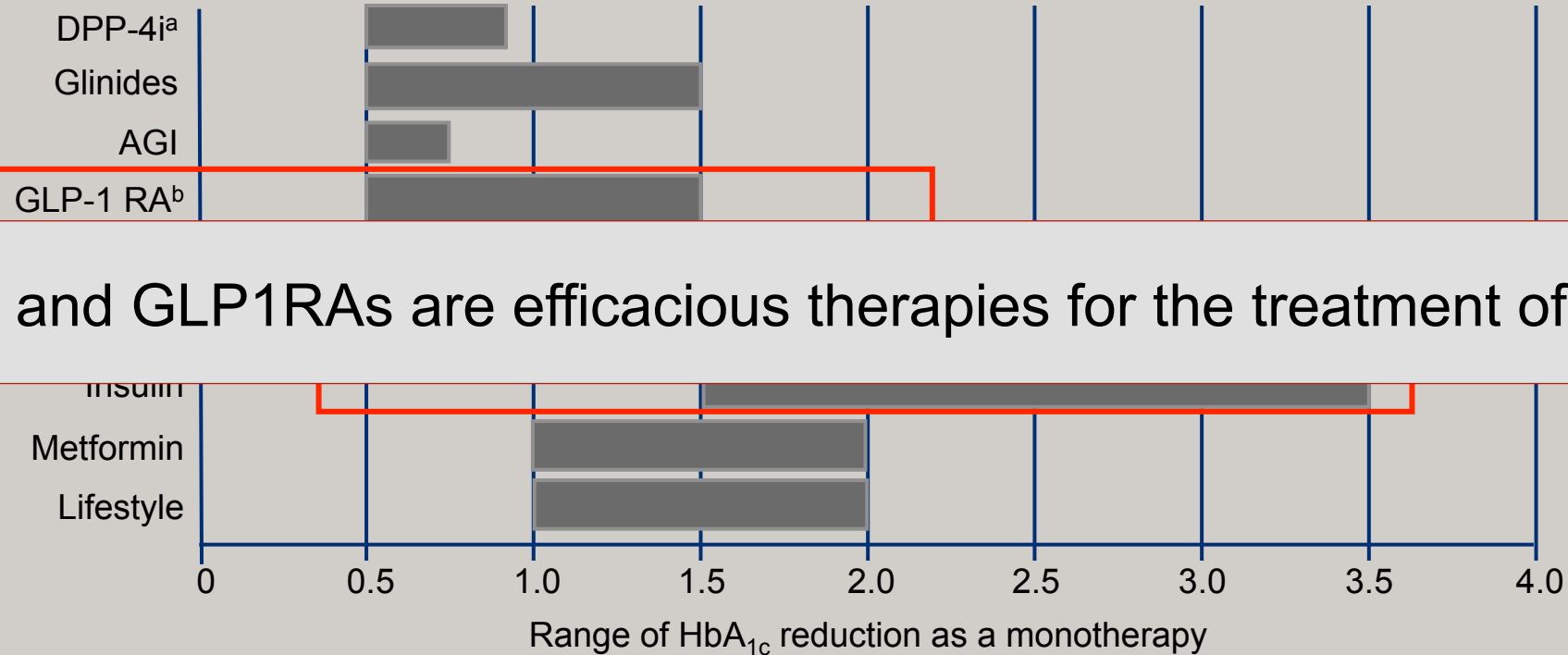
• LEAD 1–6: meta-analysis

- * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.0001$; all vs baseline; † is used instead of * to indicate a significant increase from baseline
- LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; T2DM, type 2 diabetes
- Fonseca VA et al. International Diabetes Federation 21st World Diabetes Congress, 4–8 December 2011, Dubai, UAE



Head-to-head studies of Incretin vs Insulin based therapy

Type 2 diabetes treatment efficacy: both insulin and GLP1 RAs are very effective

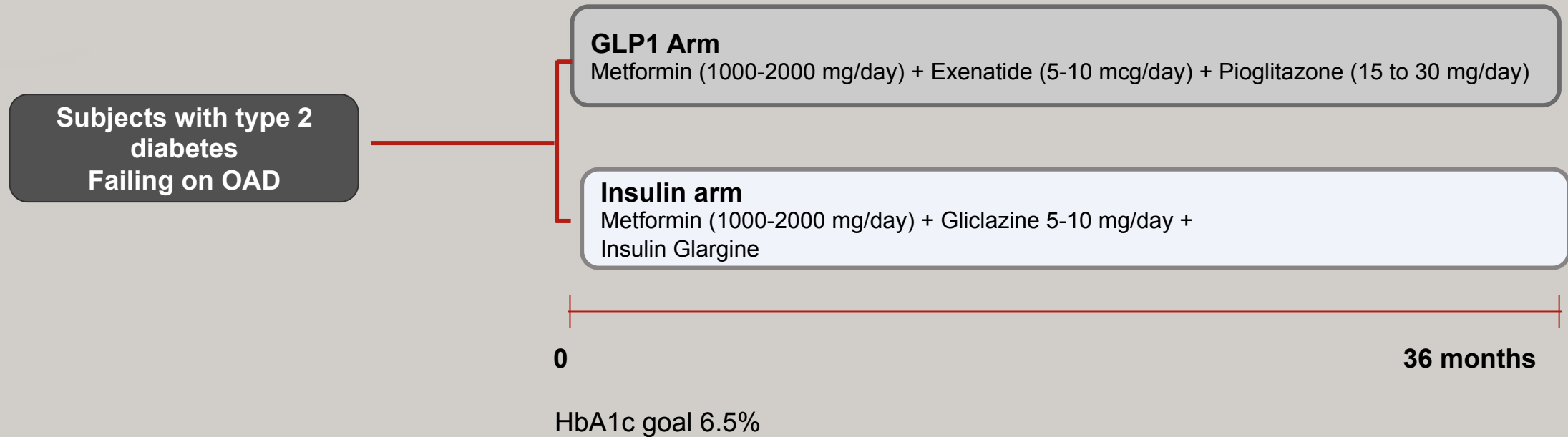


Insulin and GLP1RAs are efficacious therapies for the treatment of Type 2 DM

^a adapted to include sitagliptin and saxagliptin ^b adapted to include exenatide and liraglutide
Campbell *et al.* *Journal of family practice* September 2010;59:S5-S9



Pathophysiology based algorithm for type 2 Diabetes

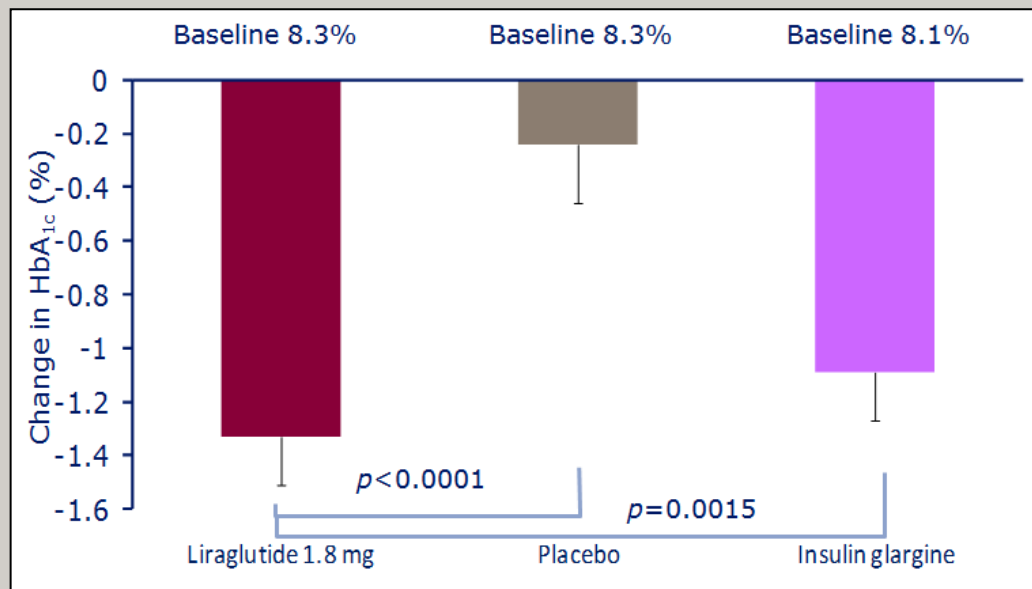


Results Insulin based vs Incretin based therapy

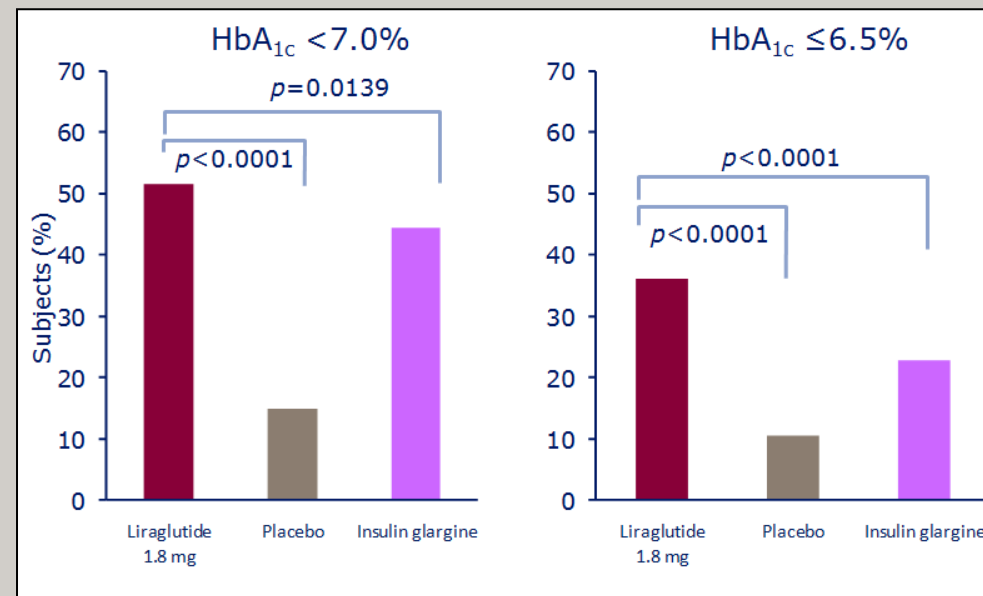
	Insulin based regimen	Incretin based regimen	Insulin based vs incretin based
Primary end point HBA1c at the end of 36 weeks	6.71	5.80	P<0.0001
Weight	+3.7 Kg	-3.1 Kg	P<0.0001
Matsuda index for insulin sensitivity	No change from baseline	Statistically significant improvement in insulin sensitivity	P<0.0001
Hypoglycaemia	46% 2.1 PYE	15% 0.27 PYE	P<0.0001

LEAD 5: Liraglutide vs Glargine

HbA1c change from baseline

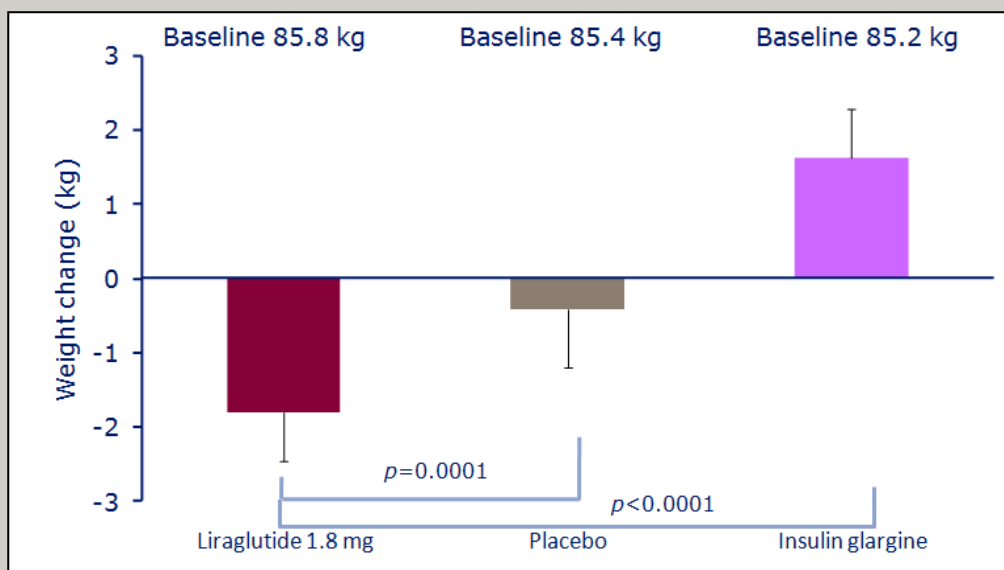


Subjects achieving HbA1c targets

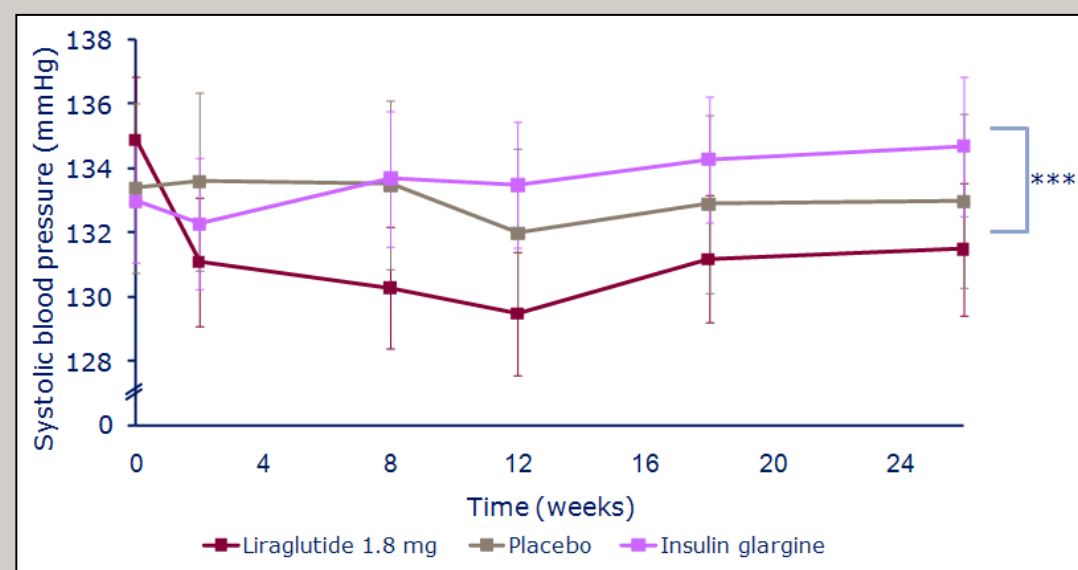


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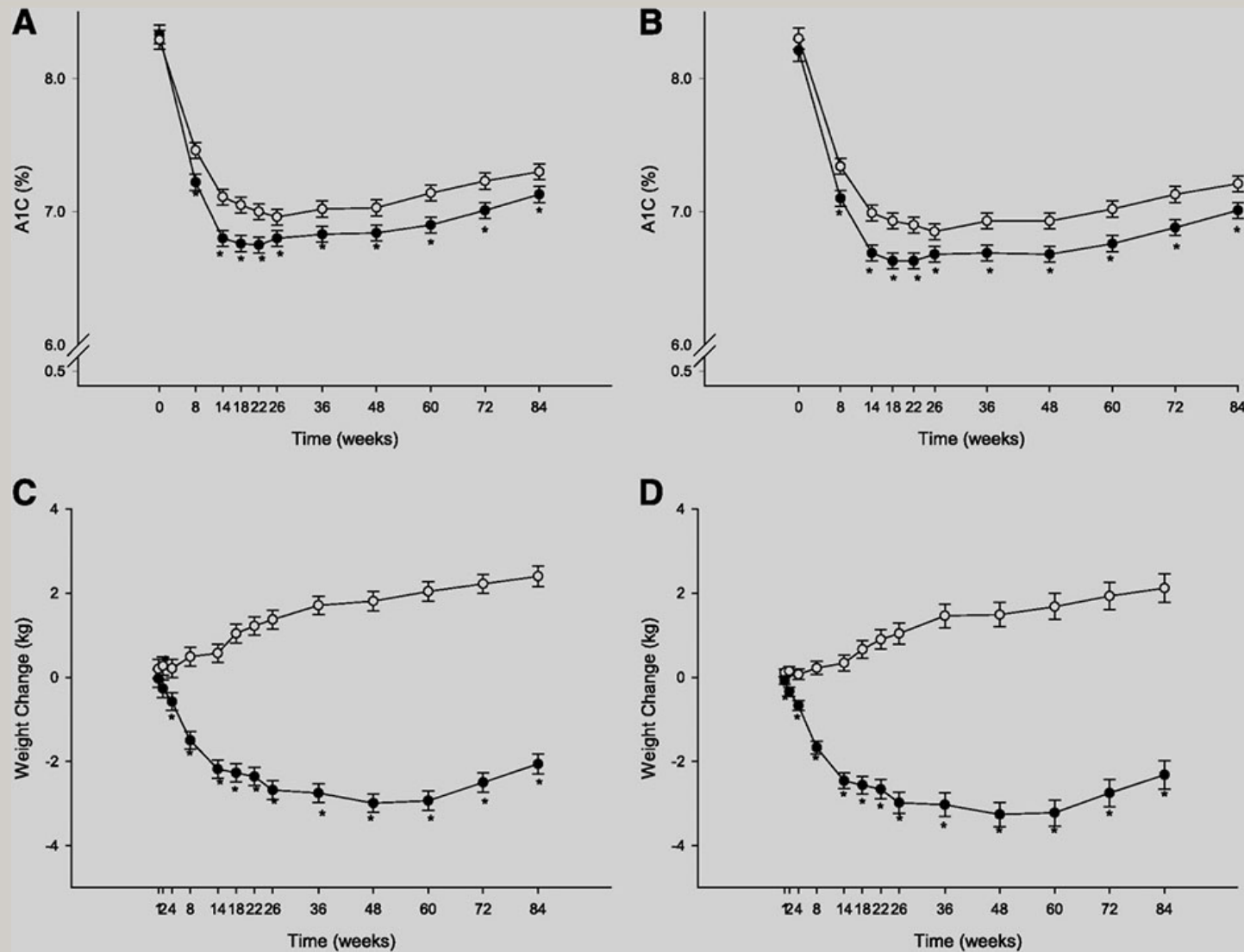
Body weight change from baseline



SBP change over 26 weeks



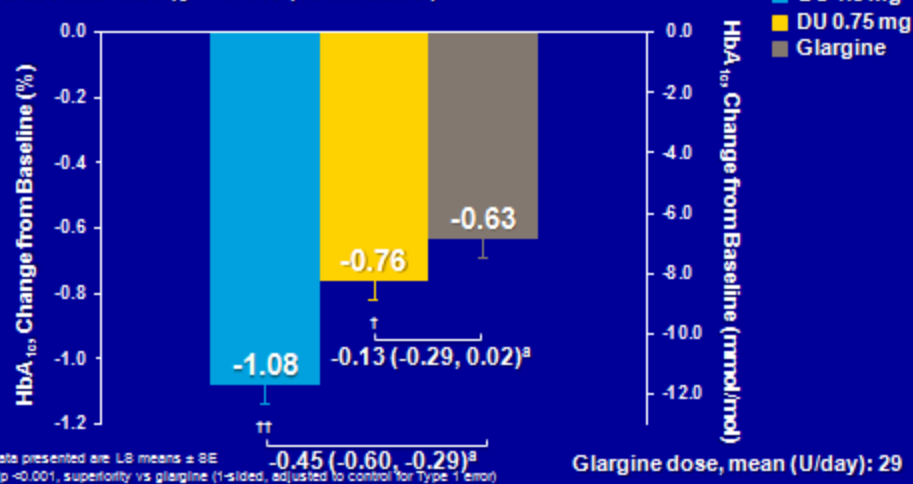
Exenatide QW vs Glargine



AWARD 2: Dulaglutide vs Glargine

HbA_{1c} Change from Baseline at 52 Weeks

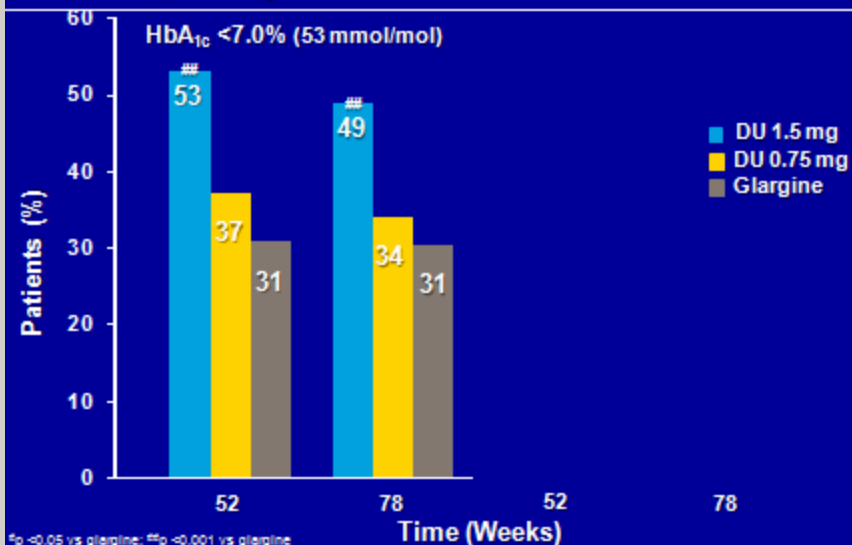
Baseline HbA_{1c} = 8.1% (65 mmol/mol)



Data presented are LS means ± SE
 ††p < 0.001, superiority vs glargine (1-sided, adjusted to control for Type 1 error)
 †p < 0.001, noninferiority vs glargine

*Treatment difference (nominal 95% CI), ITT, ANCOVA LOCF analysis
 Gagliaro F, et al. Presented at European Association for the Study of Diabetes 50th Annual Meeting; 15-19 September 2014, Vienna, Austria

HbA_{1c} Targets at 52 and 78 Weeks

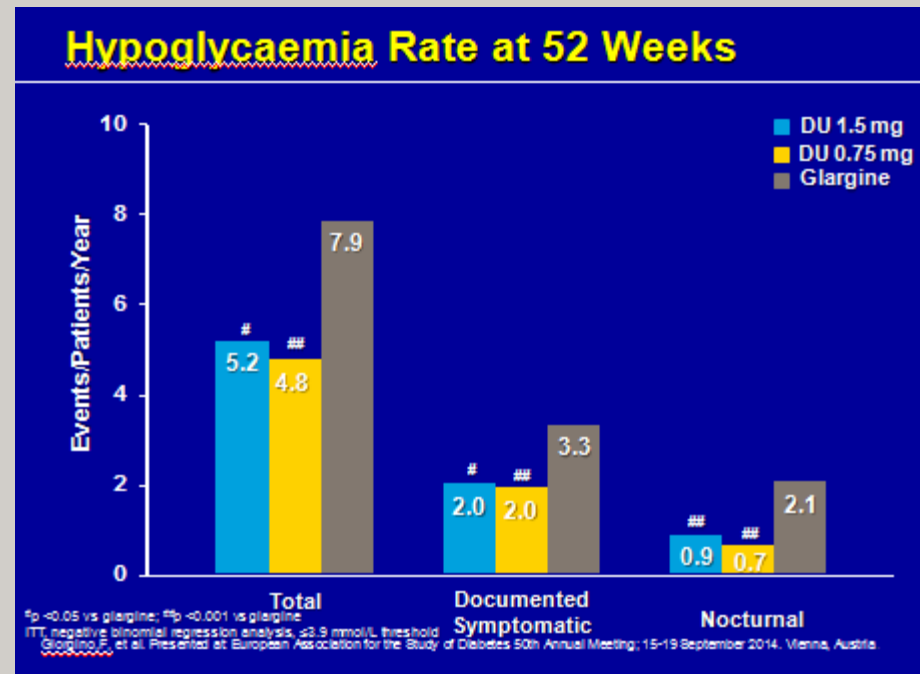
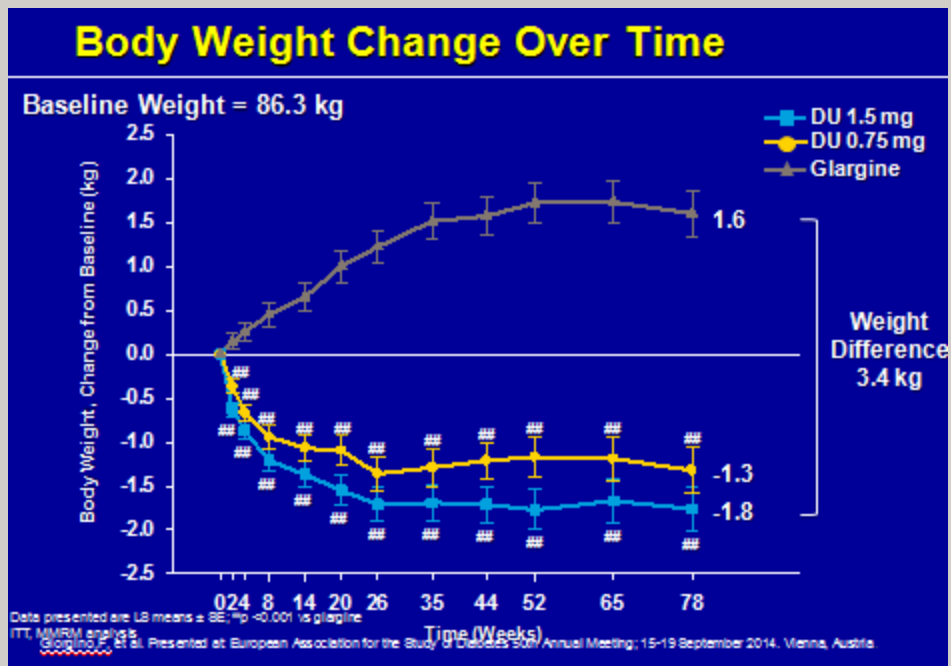


††p < 0.05 vs glargine; †p < 0.001 vs glargine

ITT, Logistic regression using LOCF analysis

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AWARD 2: Dulaglutide vs Glargine



The evidence

Efficacy – Insulin and GLP1RA equal

Weight loss with GLP1RA

Less hypoglycaemia with GLP1RA

	MET	GLP-1 RA	SGLT-2i	DPP-4i	AGi	TZD (moderate dose)	SU GLN	COLSVL	BCR-QR	INSULIN	PRAML
HYPO	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate/ Severe Mild	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate to Severe	Neutral
WEIGHT	Slight Loss	Loss	Loss	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Loss
RENAL/ GU	Contra- indicated CKD Stage 3B,4,5	Exenatide Not Indicated CrCl < 30	Not Effective with eGFR < 45 Genital Mycotic Infections	Dose Adjustment Necessary (Except Linagliptin)	Neutral	Neutral	More Hypo Risk	Neutral	Neutral	More Hypo Risk	Neutral
GI Sx	Moderate	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Mild	Moderate	Neutral	Moderate
CHF	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
ASCVD	Benefit	Neutral	Possible Benefit	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	?	Neutral	Safe	Neutral	Neutral
BONE	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate Fracture Risk	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral

■ Few adverse events or possible benefits
 ■ Use with caution
 ■ Likelihood of adverse effects
 ■ ? Uncertain effect

McNamara fallacy



Making a decision based solely on quantitative observations and ignoring all others.

1. Measure whatever can be easily measured.
2. Disregard that which can't be easily measured, or give it an arbitrary quantitative value.
3. What can't be measured easily really isn't important.
4. What can't be easily measured really doesn't exist.

The therapeutic pentad



Pragmatic approach

BIOmedical

PSYCHO

SOCIAL model

Biomedical factors: history

Duration of diabetes/poor control

Symptoms and severity

Glycemic variability/brittleness

Biomedical factors: examination

Anthropometry: weight

Vital signs: Resting heart rate

Risk of hypoglycemia

Biomedical factors: comorbidity

Dyslipidemia

Infections/surgical illness

Gallstones/pancreatitis/MTC



Psychosocial factors

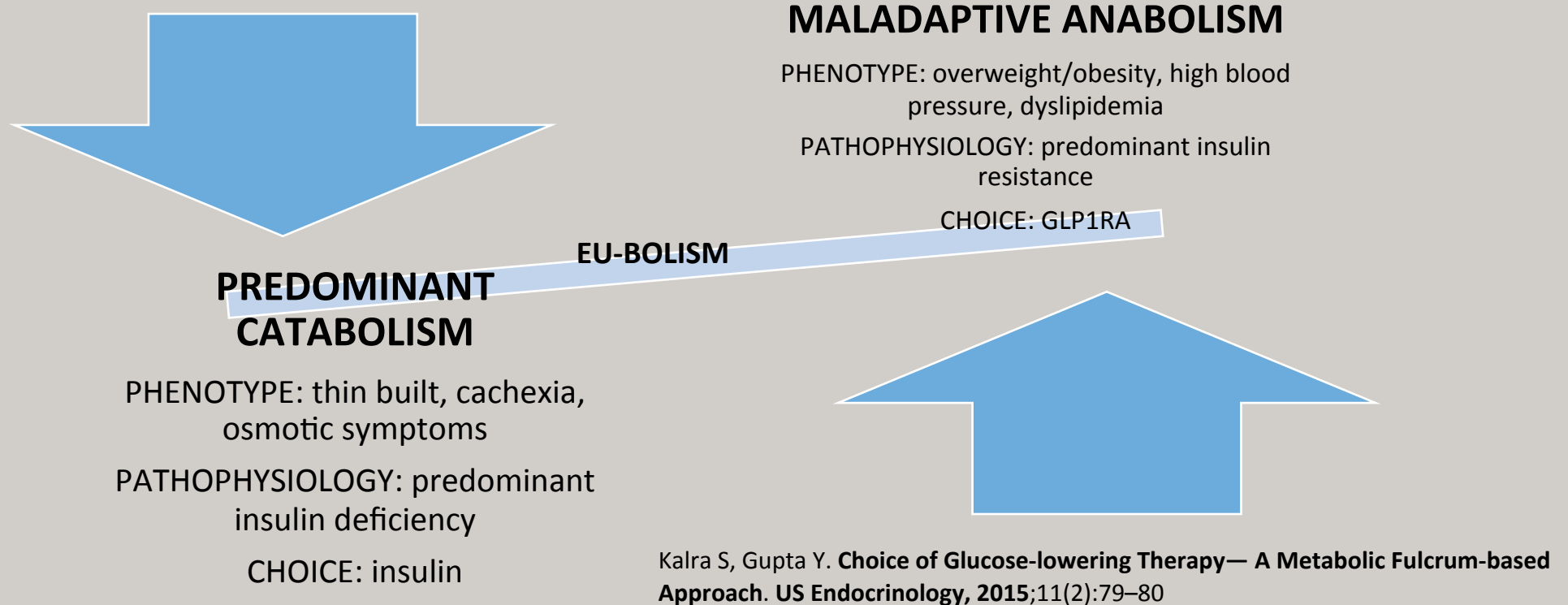
Concern about weight

Ability to SMBG

Diet pattern



Metabolic fulcrum, and metabolic triage



Take home

INSULIN for

- Symptomatic patients
- Catabolic/asthenic state
- Comorbid significant infection/severe renal impairment

GLP1RA for

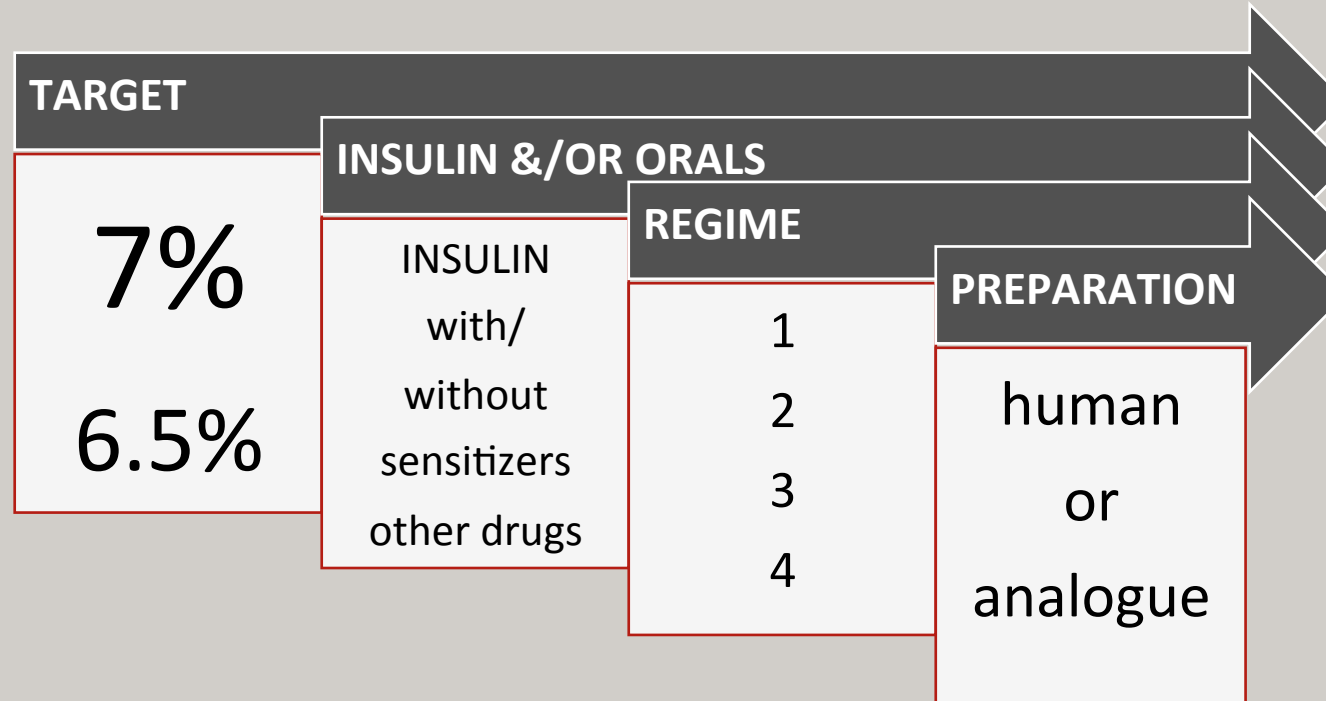
- Asymptomatic patients
- Obese/overweight state
- Cardiovascular comorbidity



Targets and strategies

- Define a target
- Plan a strategy
- Pick your tools

Targets and strategies



Types of regimes

basal

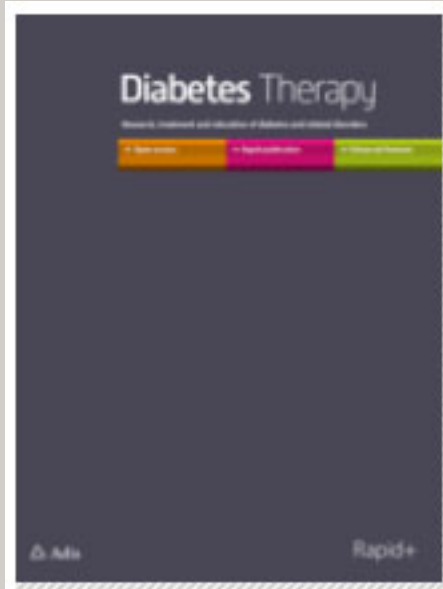
- Usually once daily
- May be twice daily

premixed

- Usually twice daily
- May be once or thrice daily

intensive

- Thrice daily or more often
- Usually four doses [basal bolus]



Review

Diabetes Therapy
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Number-Based Approach to Insulin Taxonomy

Sanjay Kalra  , Yashdeep Gupta

10.1007/s13300-015-0129-8

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Types of regimes

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- Basal
- Premixed

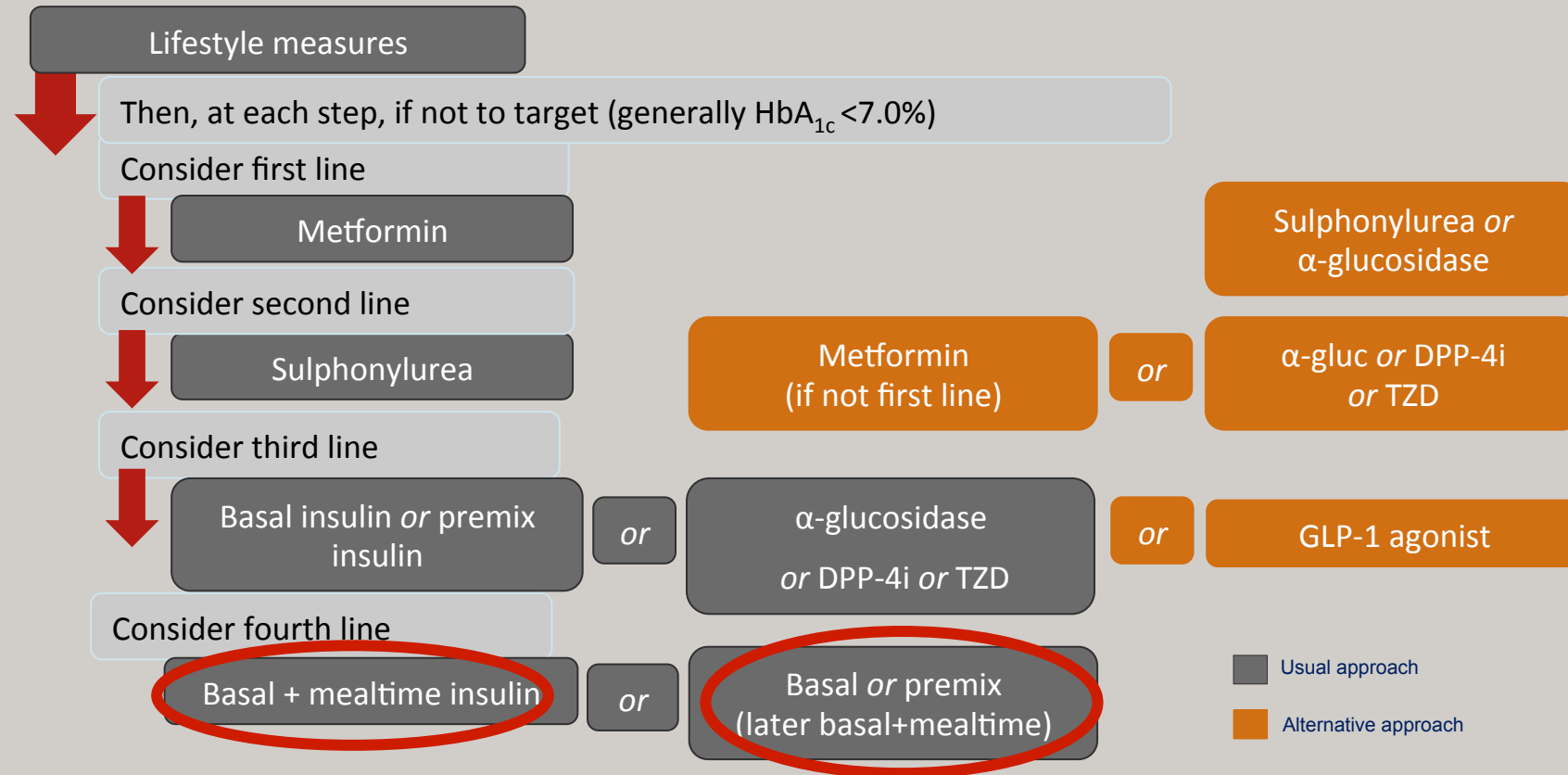
2

- Premixed
- Basal
- Basal plus

3+

- Basal bolus
- Basal plus
- Rapid –rapid- premixed

Treatment of type 2 diabetes: IDF guidelines

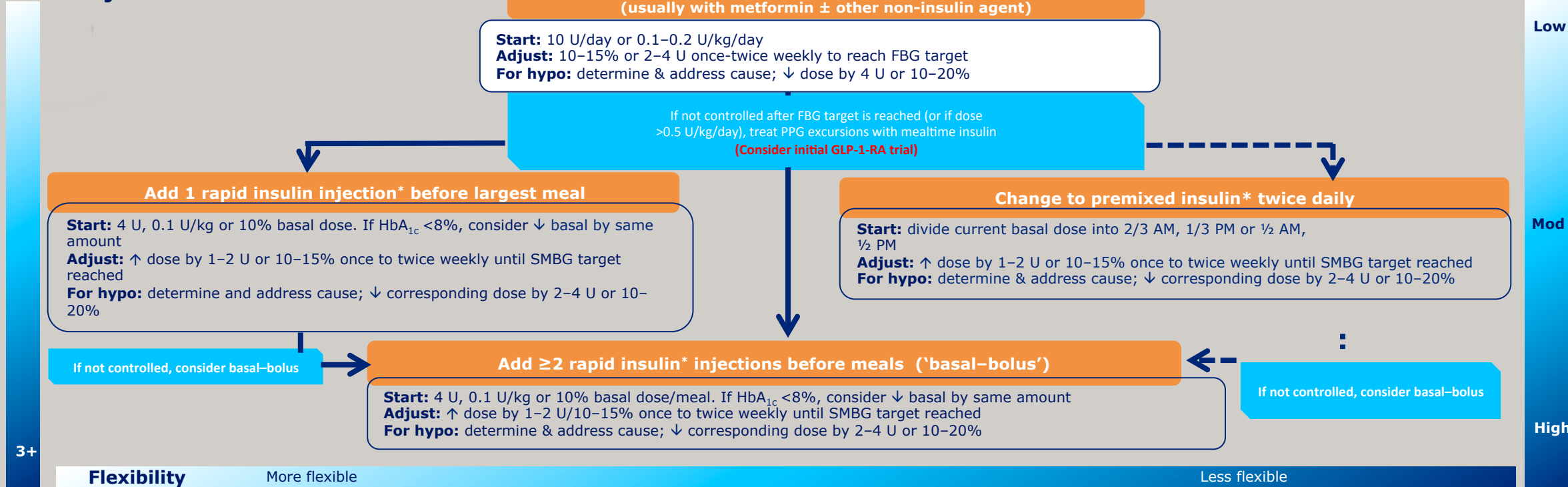


DPP-4i, dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; IDF, International Diabetes Federation; TZD, thiazolidinedione

Initiation and intensification: ADA/EASD

No. of injections

Complexity



*Regular human insulin and human NPH-regular premixed formulations (70/30) are less costly alternatives to rapid-acting insulin analogues and premixed insulin analogues, but their pharmacodynamic profiles make them suboptimal for the coverage of postprandial glucose excursions

FBG, fasting blood glucose; GLP-1RA, glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; NPH, neutral protamine Hagedorn; PPG, postprandial plasma glucose; SMBG, self-monitored blood glucose

Initiation and intensification in T2D: summary of international guidelines

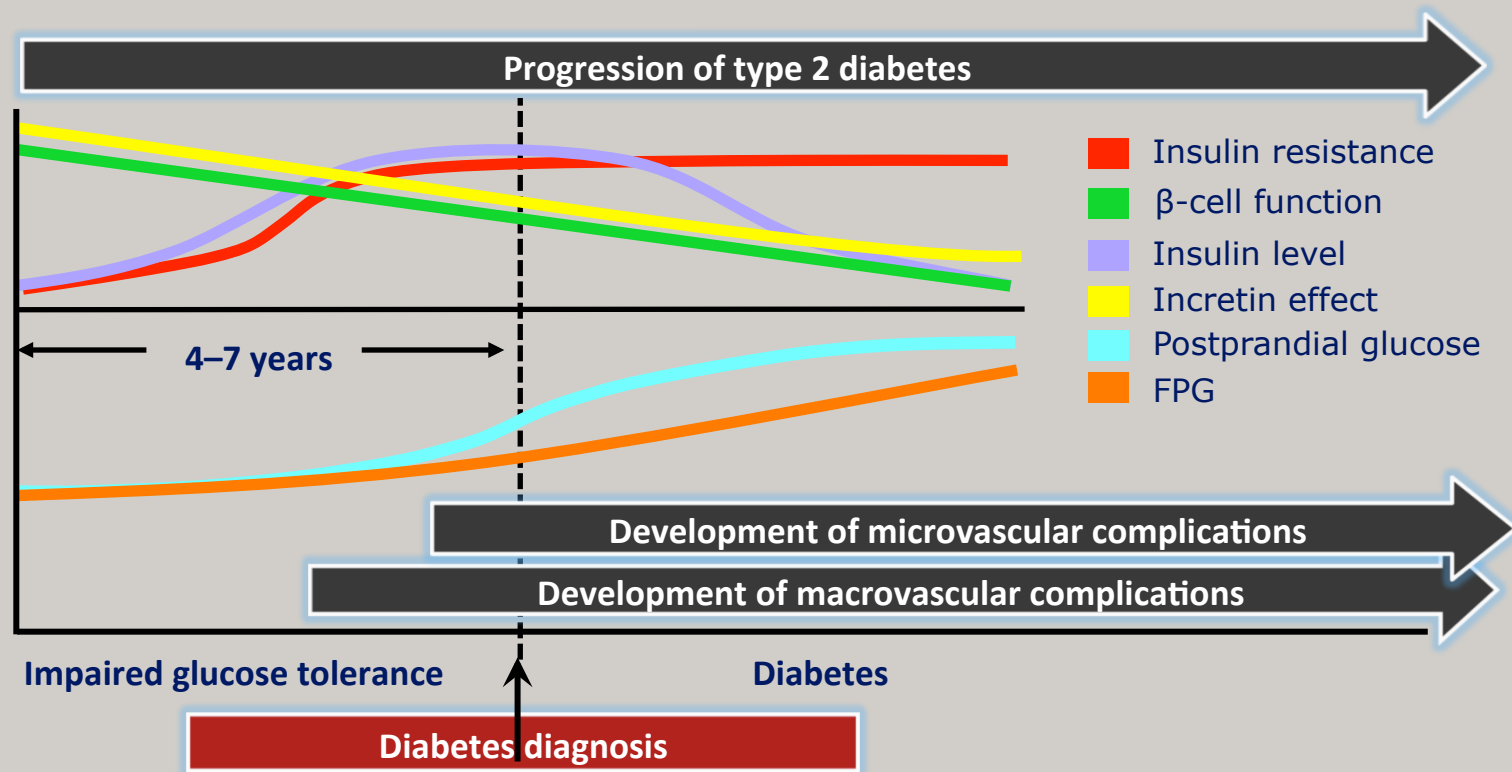
Guideline	Initiation	Intensification
ADA/EASD 2015 position statement update ¹	Basal	- Add GLP-1RA - Basal-plus then basal-bolus - Premix BID then basal-bolus
IDF ²	- Basal OD - Premix OD/BID	Basal-plus or basal-bolus
Diabetes Australia ³	- Basal OD - Premix OD	- Basal-plus or basal-bolus - Premix BID or TID
Canadian Diabetes Association ⁴	- Basal OD - Premix OD/BID	- Basal-plus or basal-bolus - Premix BID
NICE ⁵	- Basal insulin OD or BID - Basal insulin + prandial - Premixed insulin	- Basal-plus - Basal-bolus or premix - Add GLP-1RA or SGLT-2i
AACE ⁶	Basal	- 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

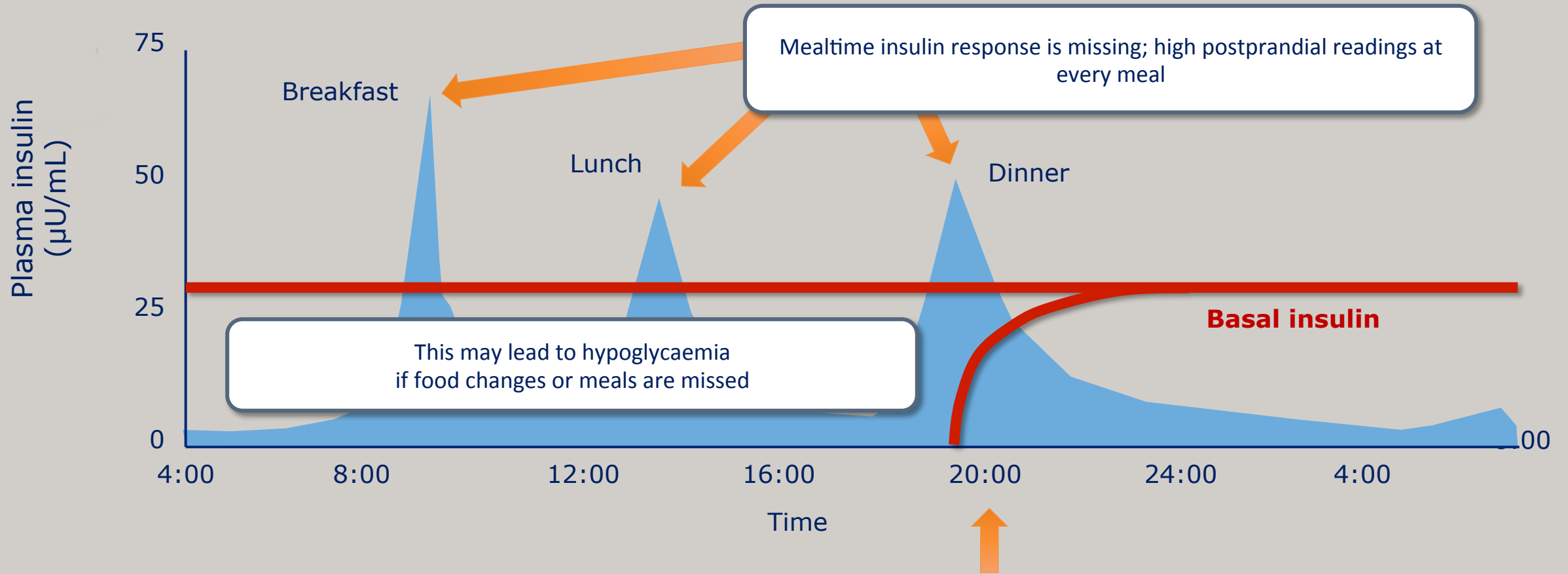
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Progression of type 2 diabetes

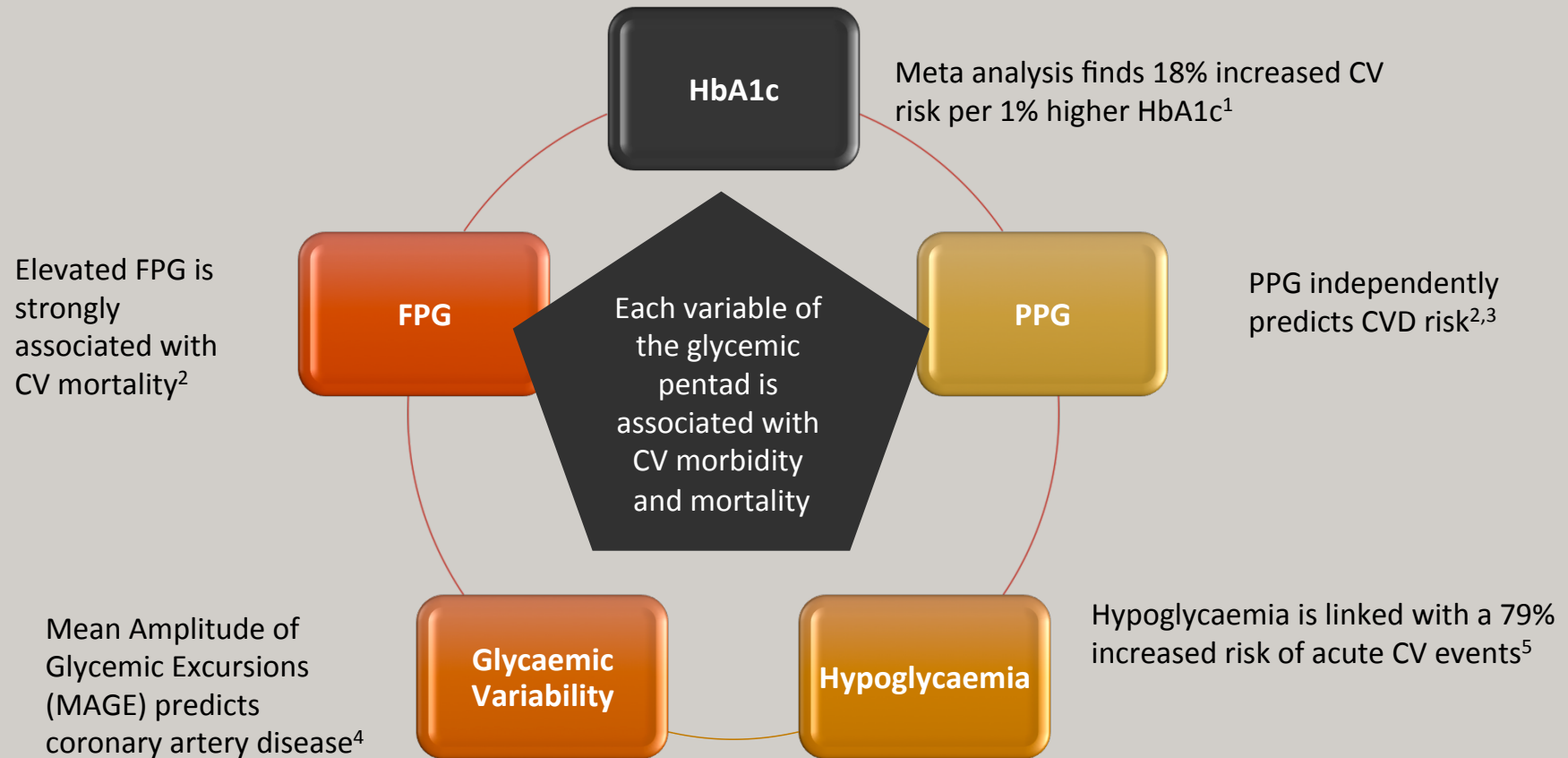


FPG, fasting plasma glucose

The addition of mealtime coverage is needed when basal insulin is no longer enough



Glycemic Pentad- Association with CV risk



1. Selvin E, et al. *Ann Intern Med.* 2004 ;141(6):421-31.
2. Einarson et al. *Curr Med Res Opin* 2011;27:1-9.
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4. Su et al. *Cardiovascular Diabetology* 2011, 10:19
5. Johnston et al. *Diabetes Care* 2011;34:1164-70



Ukrainian proverb

**No matter how hard you try, the bull
will never give you milk.**

- Think before prescribing, don't prescribe before thinking.
- THINK BEFORE INK

A1CHIEVE STUDY REPORTS

Video tutorial 

Select a country or region to view the study results

Country or region Pakistan

Select treatment

Treatment BIAsp ± OGLD

Compare pre-study treatments

Pre-treatment 1 Insulin naïve

Pre-treatment 2 Insulin users

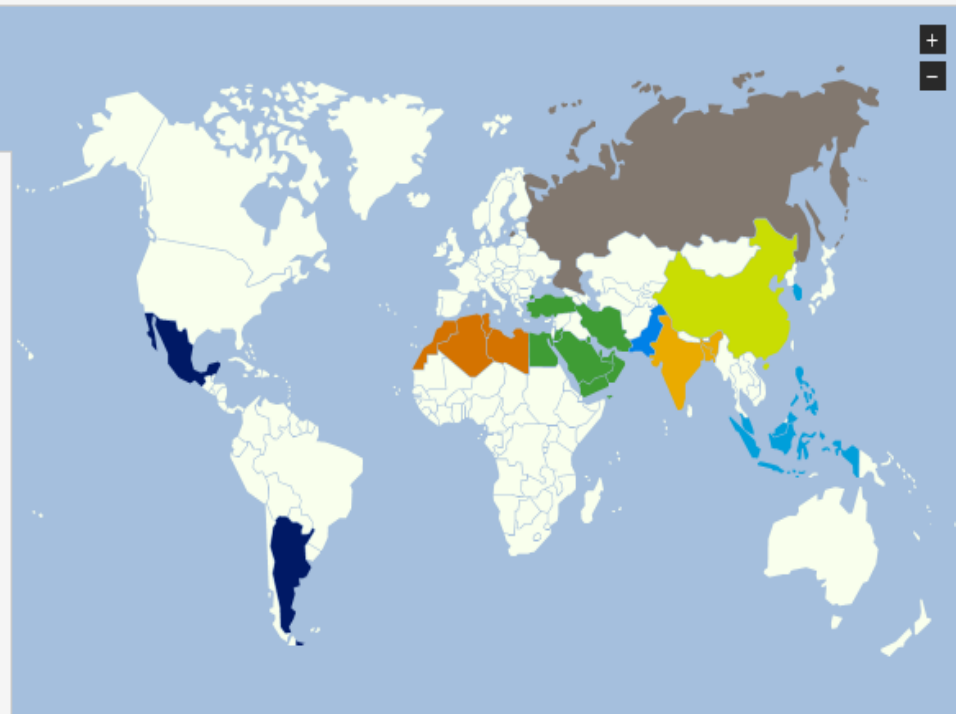
Choose measurement units

Blood glucose ☒ mmol/l ☐ mg/dl

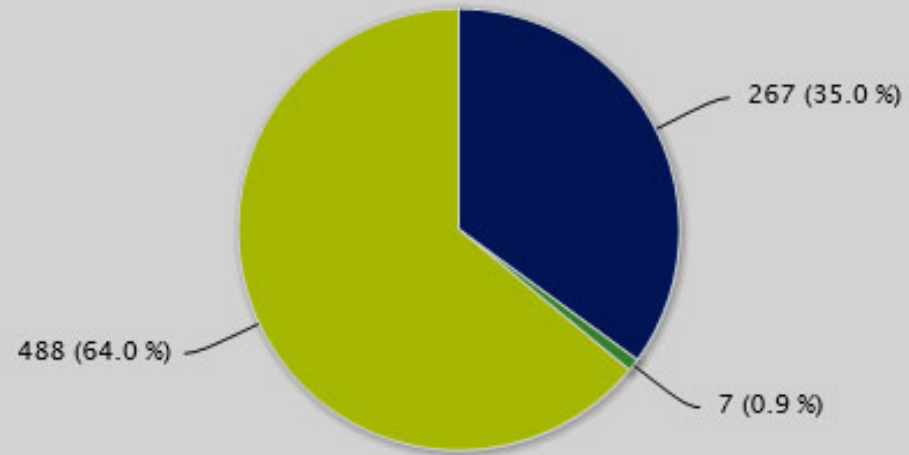
Lipid profile ☒ mmol/l ☐ mg/dl

HbA1c output ☒ % ☐ mmol/mol

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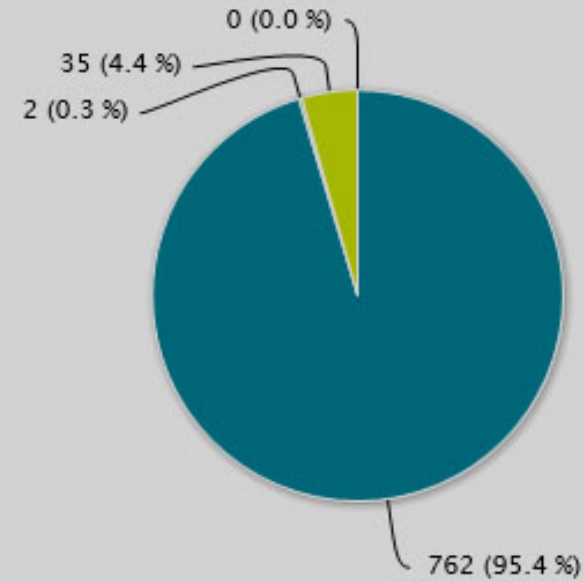


☆ Participant distribution to BIAsp ± OGLD by pre-study therapy



■ Insulin users
■ No therapy
■ OAD only

☆ Use of the different insulin types during the study (BIAsp ± OGLD)



■ BIAsp
■ IDet
■ IAsp
■ IAsp+Basal



THANK YOU