

Insulin Initiation: Basal Insulin

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Agenda

- Ideal basal insulin
- NPH vs Glargine and detemir
- Glargine vs Detemir
- Glargin 100U/ml vs Glargine 300U/ml
- Conclusion

- **Natural course of DM type 2**

Progressive beta cell damage

- Type 2 diabetes is a progressive disease
- At the time of diagnosis, patients with type 2 diabetes have an estimated loss of about 50% of their insulin-producing

Beta-cell loss starts long before diagnosis

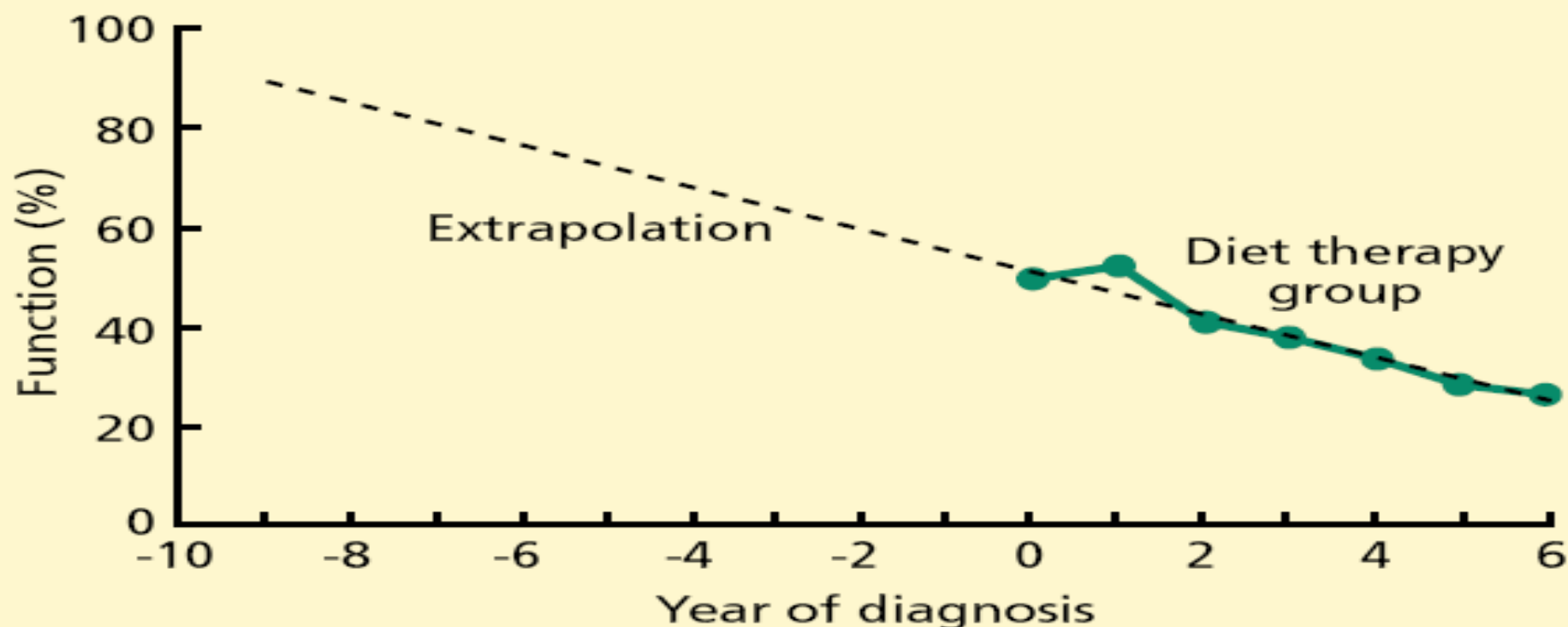


FIGURE 3. Progressive decline of beta-cell function in patients on conventional therapy (primarily diet) in the UKPDS, beginning with the year of diagnosis (green line). Extrapolating back from the data (dotted line) shows beta-cell loss begins almost a decade before diagnosis.

UK PROSPECTIVE DIABETES STUDY GROUP. UK PROSPECTIVE DIABETES STUDY 16. OVERVIEW OF 6 YEARS' THERAPY OF TYPE II DIABETES: A PROGRESSIVE DISEASE. DIABETES 1995; 44:1249-1258. COPYRIGHT© 1995, AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION. REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION FROM THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION.

Type 2 diabetes: A progressive disease

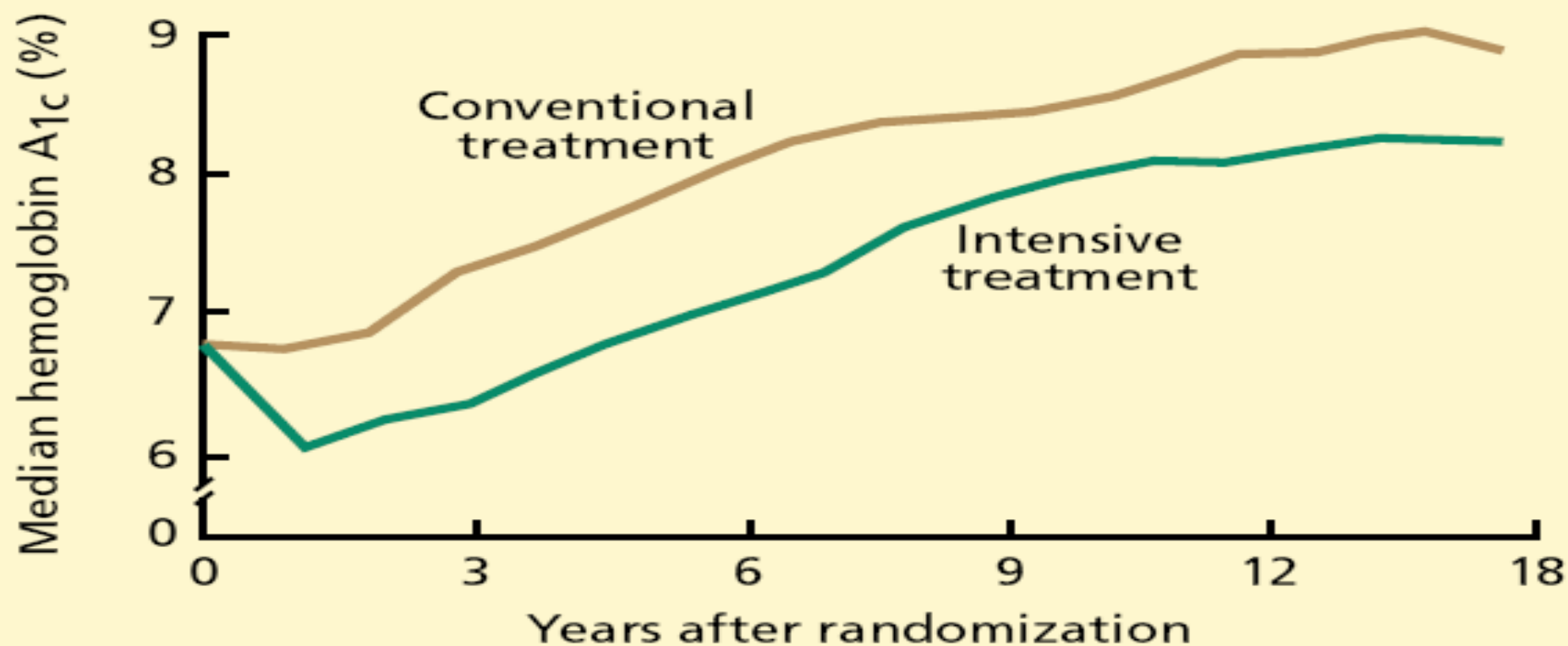


FIGURE 1. Progressive increase in hemoglobin A_{1c} in patients with type 2 diabetes, regardless of treatment, in the United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS).

ADAPTED FROM UK PROSPECTIVE DIABETES STUDY (UKPDS) GROUP. INTENSIVE BLOOD-GLUCOSE CONTROL WITH SULPHONYLUREAS OR INSULIN COMPARED WITH CONVENTIONAL TREATMENT AND RISK OF COMPLICATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES (UKPDS 33). LANCET 1998; 352:837–853. WITH PERMISSION FROM ELSEVIER.

Need for Insulin

- Insulin therapy is thus frequently required during the course of the disease to maintain glycemic control and prevent diabetes complications.
- In the UK Prospective Diabetes Study, 9 years after diagnosis almost 80% of patients on oral agents required insulin supplementation

Insulin remains the **most potent** antihyperglycemic agent available for uncontrolled T2DM patients

Intervention	Expected ↓ in HbA _{1c}
Insulin	No upper limit
Metformin	1.5%
Sulfonylureas	1.5%
Glinides	1 to 1.5% ^a
TZDs	0.5 to 1.4%
α-Glucosidase inhibitors	0.5 to 0.8%
GLP-1 agonist	0.5 to 1.0%
Pramlintide	0.5 to 1.0%
DPP-IV inhibitors	~0.8%

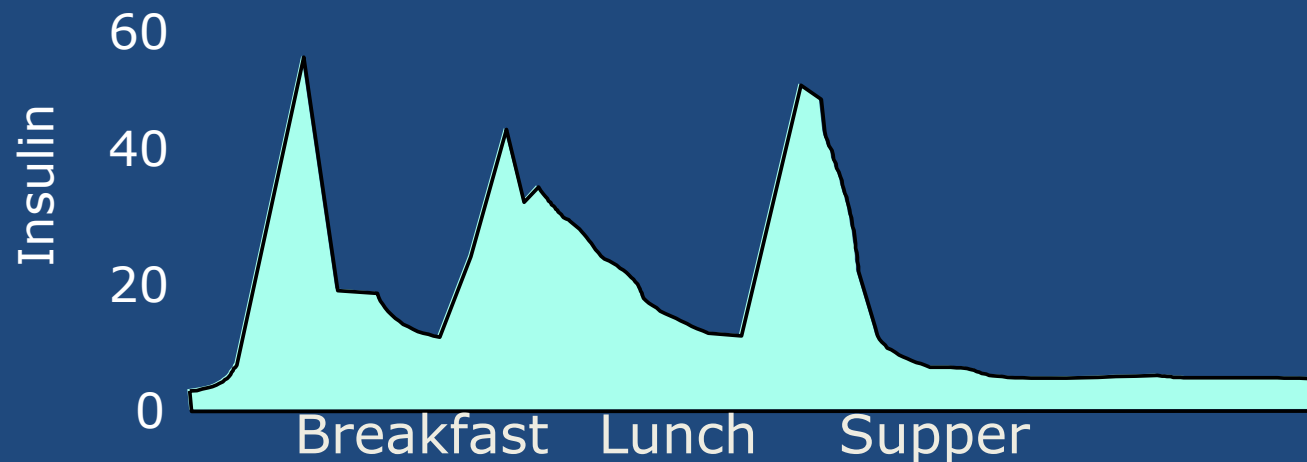
^a Repaglinide is more effective than nateglinide

Goal achievement?

- Attainment of glycemic targets using insulin remains difficult
- In a recent review of 48 randomized clinical trials using insulin in T2DM patients with a mean baseline HbA1c of 8.7%, only 40–54% achieved an HbA1c of less than 7%

Insulin

- A hormone secreted by the beta cells
- Secreted in response to glucose or other stimuli, such as amino acids
- Normal response characterized by low basal levels of insulin, with surges of insulin triggered by a rise in blood glucose



The Basal/Bolus Insulin Concept

- Basal Insulin
 - Suppresses glucose production between meals and overnight
 - Nearly constant levels
 - 50% of daily needs
- Bolus Insulin (Mealtime or Prandial)
 - Limits hyperglycemia after meals
 - Immediate rise and sharp peak at 1 hour
 - 10% to 20% of total daily insulin requirement at each meal

Ideal Basal Insulin

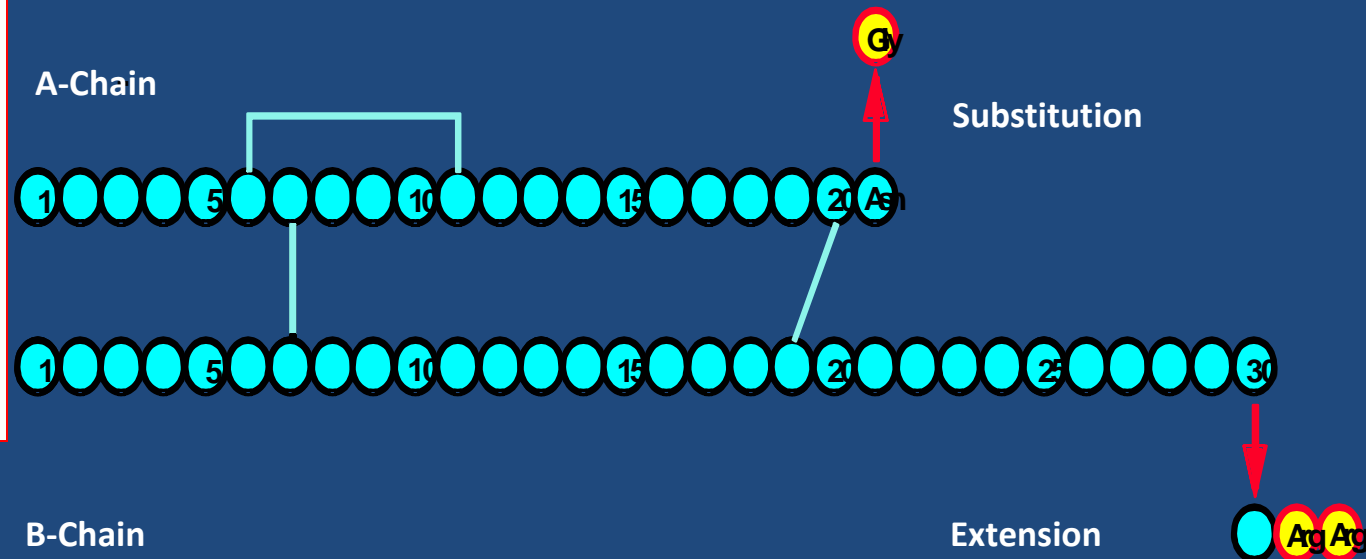
- Closely mimic normal pancreatic basal insulin secretion
- No distinct peak effect
- Continued effect over 24 hours
- Once-daily administration for patient compliance
- Good glycemic control
- Low incidence of hypoglycemia
- Less weight gain
- Predictable
- Safe

Insulin Preparations

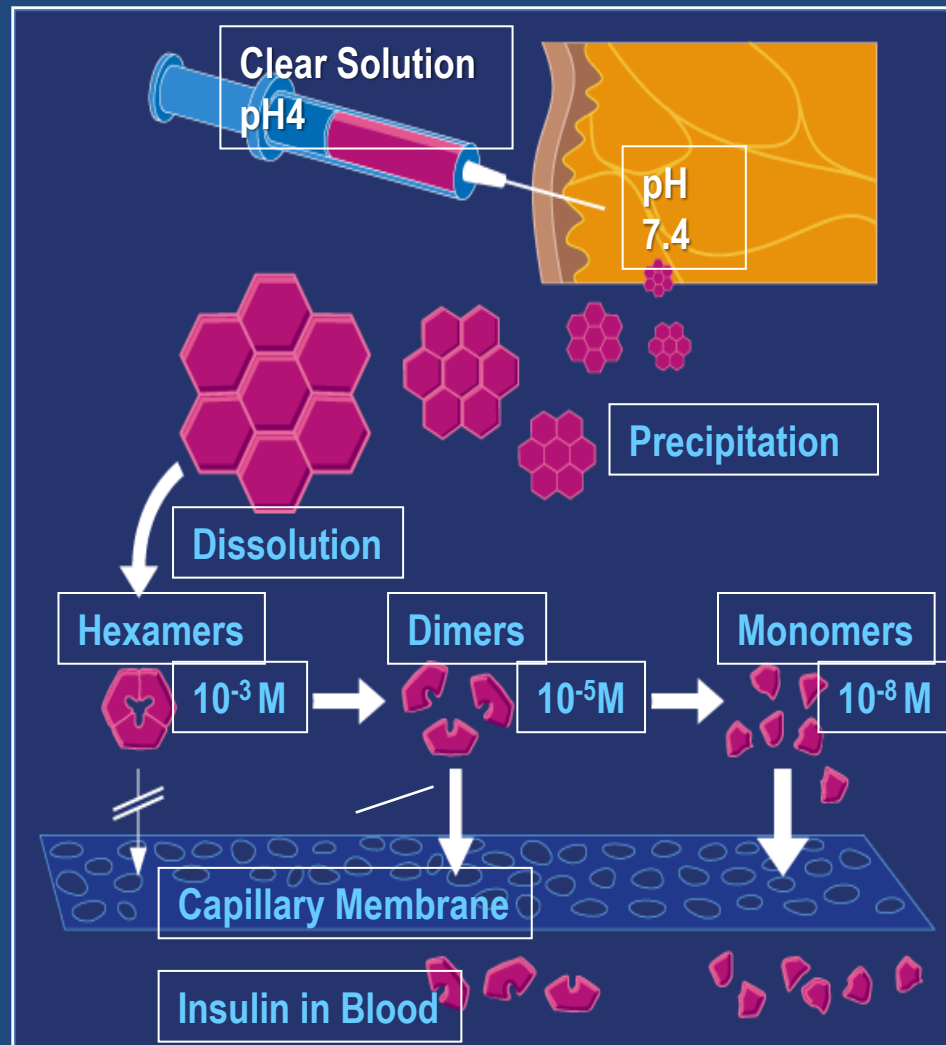
Insulin	Onset (hr)	Peak (hr)	Duration (hr)
Lispro, Aspart, Glulisine	<0.25	1-2	3-4
Regular	0.5-1	2-3	3-6
NPH	2-4	4-10	10-16
Glargine	1-2	Flat	24
Detemir	1-2	Flat	12-24

INSULIN GLARGINE

- A-chain has an Asparagine to Glycine substitution at position A21
- Two positively charged Arginine are added at the C terminus of the B chain

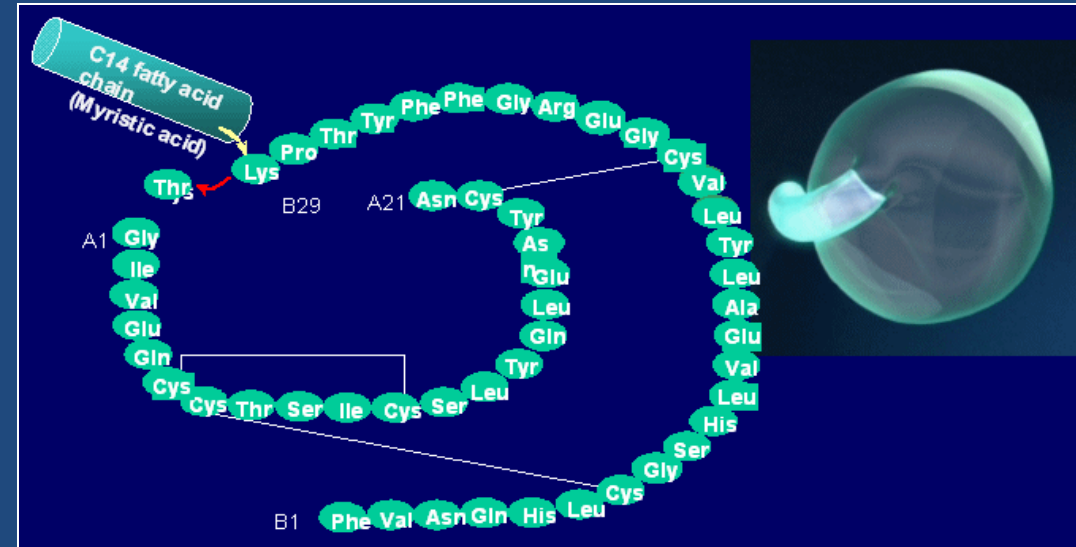


GLARGINE: Mechanism of Action



- Injection of an acidic solution (pH 4.0)
- Precipitation of insulin glargine in subcutaneous tissue (pH 7.4)
- Slow dissolution of free insulin glargine hexamers from micro precipitates (stabilized aggregates)
- Protracted action

INSULIN DETEMIR



- ✓ A soluble derivative of human insulin
- ✓ Threonine has been removed at position B30
- ✓ A 14-carbon fatty acid side-chain has been attached to position B29

The Treat-to-Target Trial

Randomized addition of glargine or human NPH insulin to oral therapy of type 2 diabetic patients

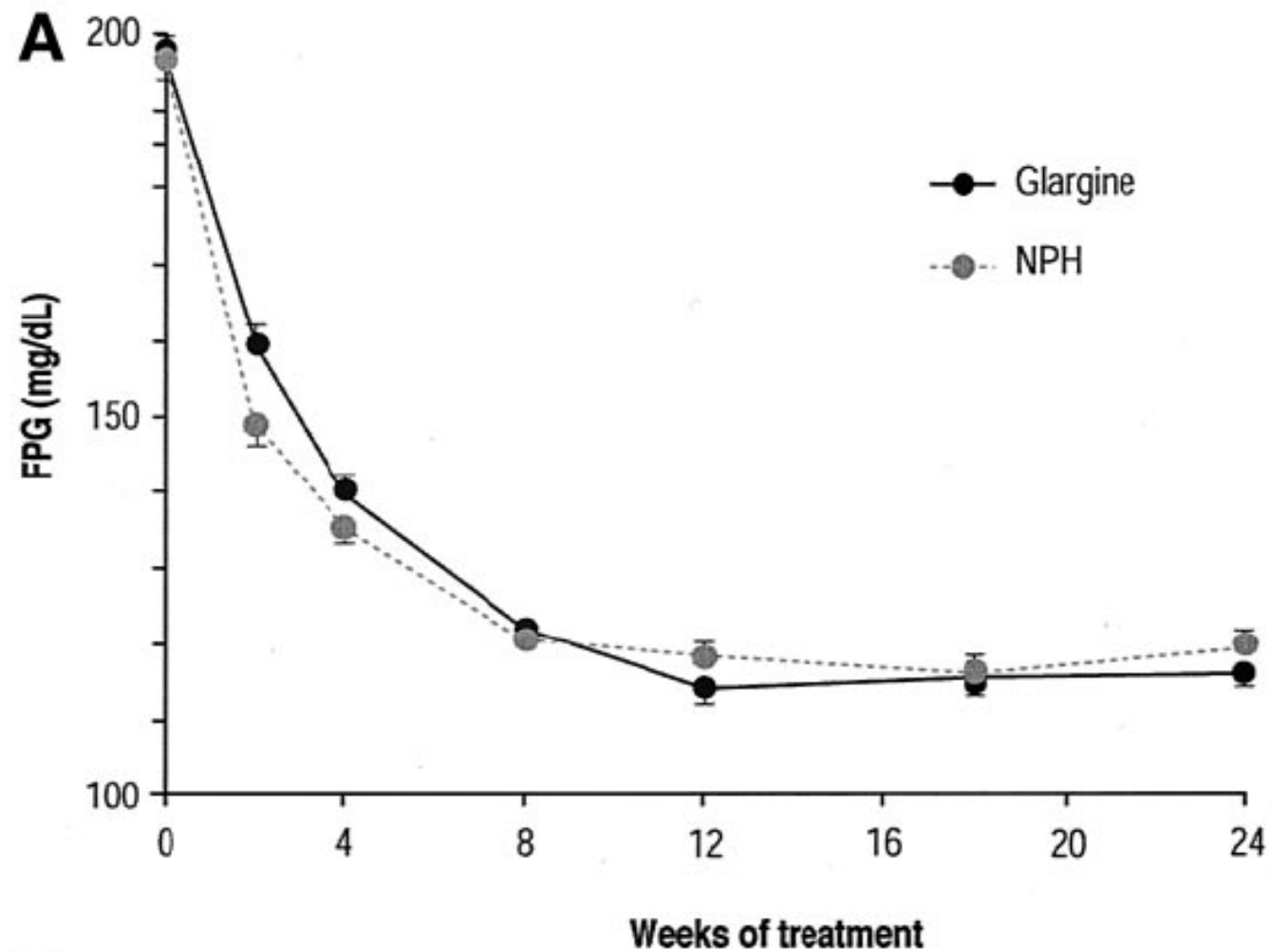
OBJECTIVE — To compare the abilities and associated hypoglycemia risks of insulin glargine and human NPH insulin added to oral therapy of type 2 diabetes to achieve 7% HbA_{1c}.

Table 2—Baseline characteristics of subjects in the study

	Glargine	NPH
<i>n</i>	367	389
Sex (F/M) (%)	45/55	44/56
Age (years)	55 ± 9.5	56 ± 8.9
Duration of diabetes (years)	8.4 ± 5.55	9.0 ± 5.57
BMI (kg/m ²)	32.5 ± 4.64	32.2 ± 4.80
FPG (mg/dl [mmol/l])	198 (11.0) ± 49 (2.71)	194 (10.8) ± 47 (2.61)
HbA _{1c} (%)	8.61 ± 0.9	8.56 ± 0.9
Ethnicity (%)		
White	84	83
Black	11	13
Asian	3	3
Multiracial	1	1
Hispanic heritage (%)	10	6
Prior therapy (%)		
SU + metformin	71	74
SU only	11	10
Metformin only	8	7
SU + TZD	6	5
Metformin + TZD	3	3
TZD only	<1	<1

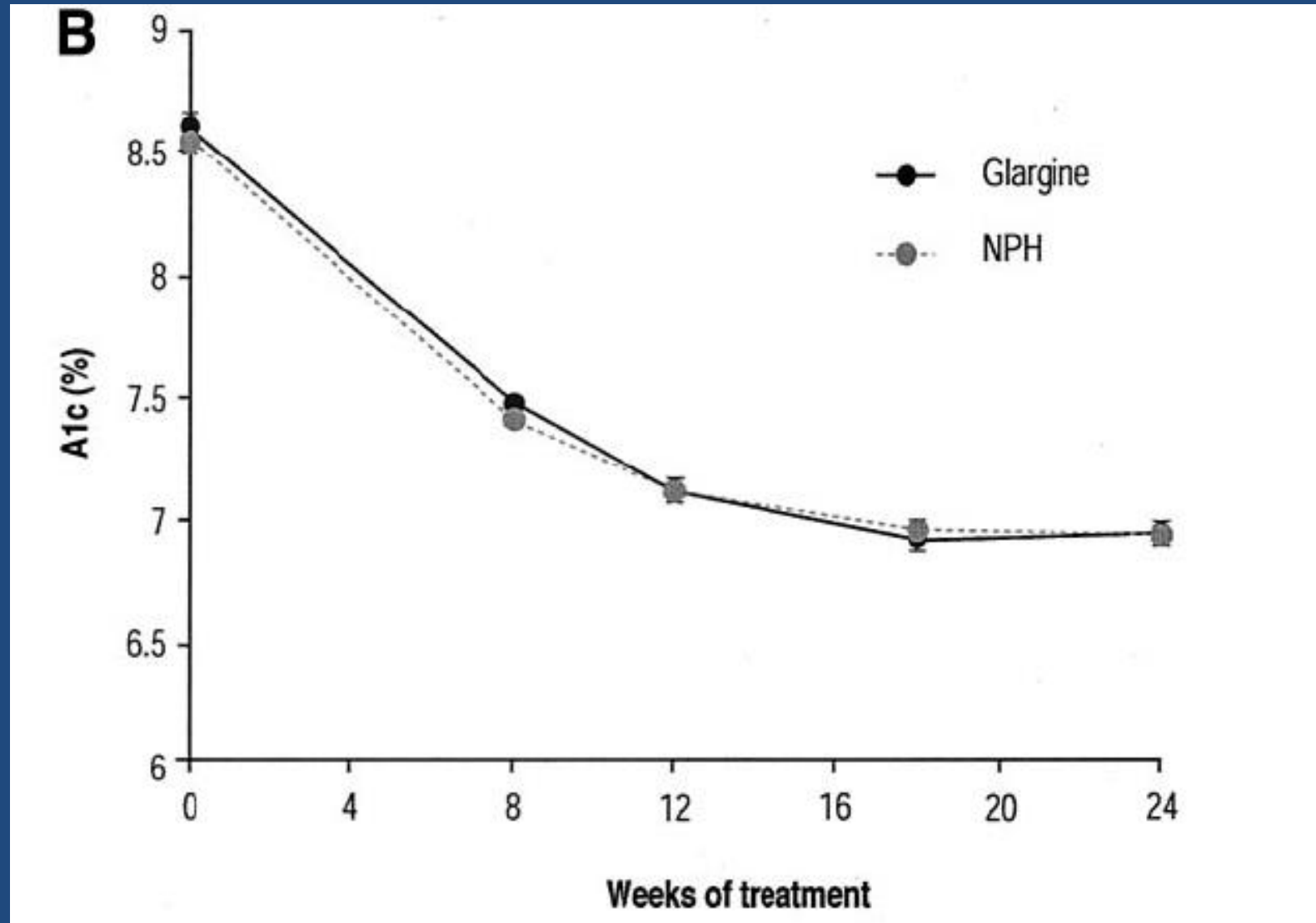
Data are means ± SD, unless otherwise noted. SU, sulfonylurea; TZD, thiazolidinedione.

Length of F/U = 24 weeks



Mean FPG at end point was similar with glargine and NPH (117 vs. 120 mg/dl)

Both insulins reduced mean HbA1c from 8.6% at baseline to 7% at end point, with nearly 60% of patients reaching 7% or less.



Mean HbA1c at end point was similar with glargine and NPH (6.96 vs.6.97%).

Dosage of Insulin

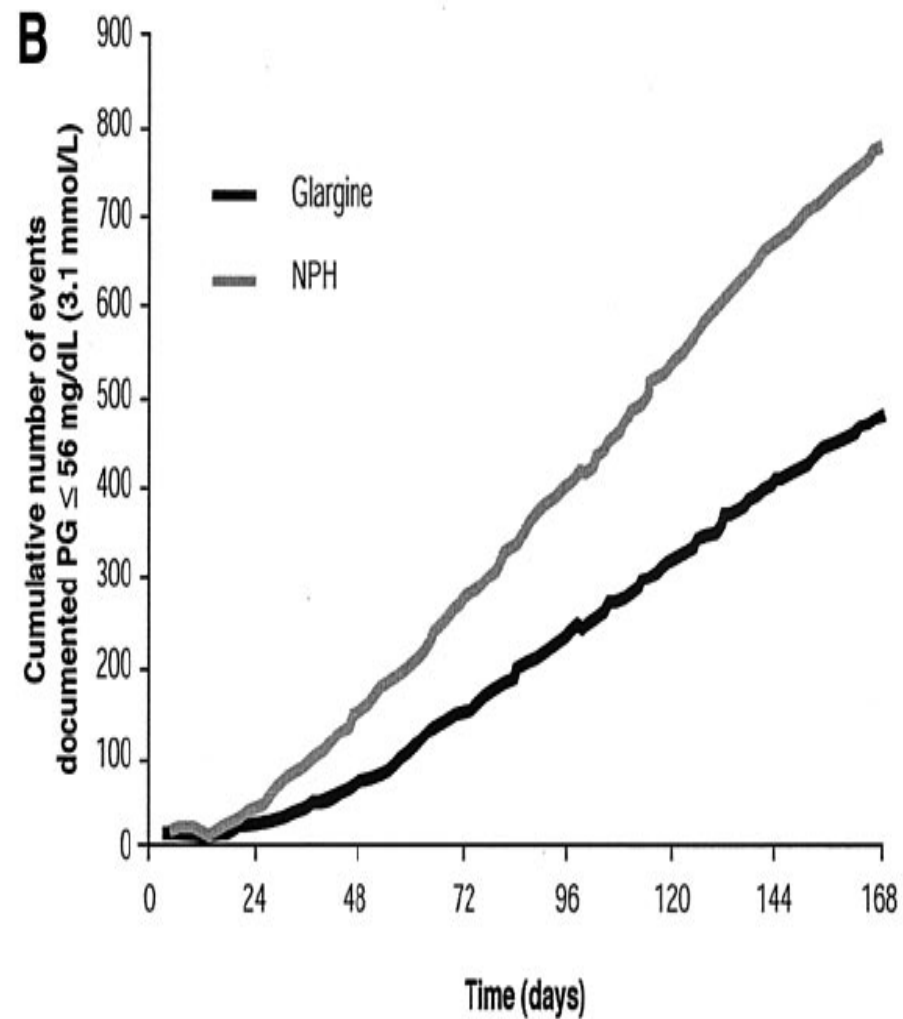
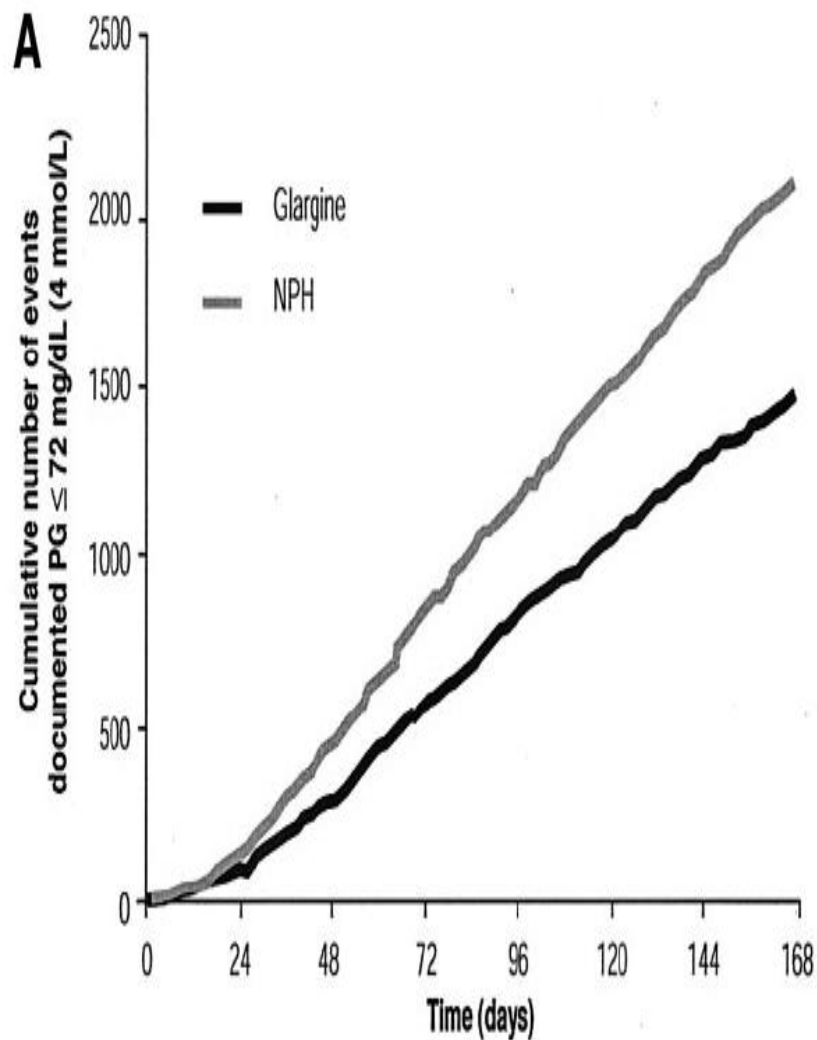
- At wk 24, mean insulin glargine dose was higher than mean NPH insulin dose:

Insulin glargine NPH insulin

48.8 IU/day 42.4 IU/day , $P < 0.001$

Hypoglycemia

- **Nocturnal Hypoglycemia** reduced by 40% in the Glargine group (532 events) vs NPH group (886 events)



Fewer events occurred with glargine than NPH, especially those confirmed by glucose tests , with no tendency for the between treatment difference to decline over time

Reduced Hypoglycemia Risk With Insulin Glargine

A meta-analysis comparing insulin glargine with human NPH insulin in type 2 diabetes

- **Objective:** To determine risk for hypoglycemia in a meta-analysis of controlled trials of a similar design for insulin glargine versus once- or twice-daily NPH insulin in adults with type 2 diabetes

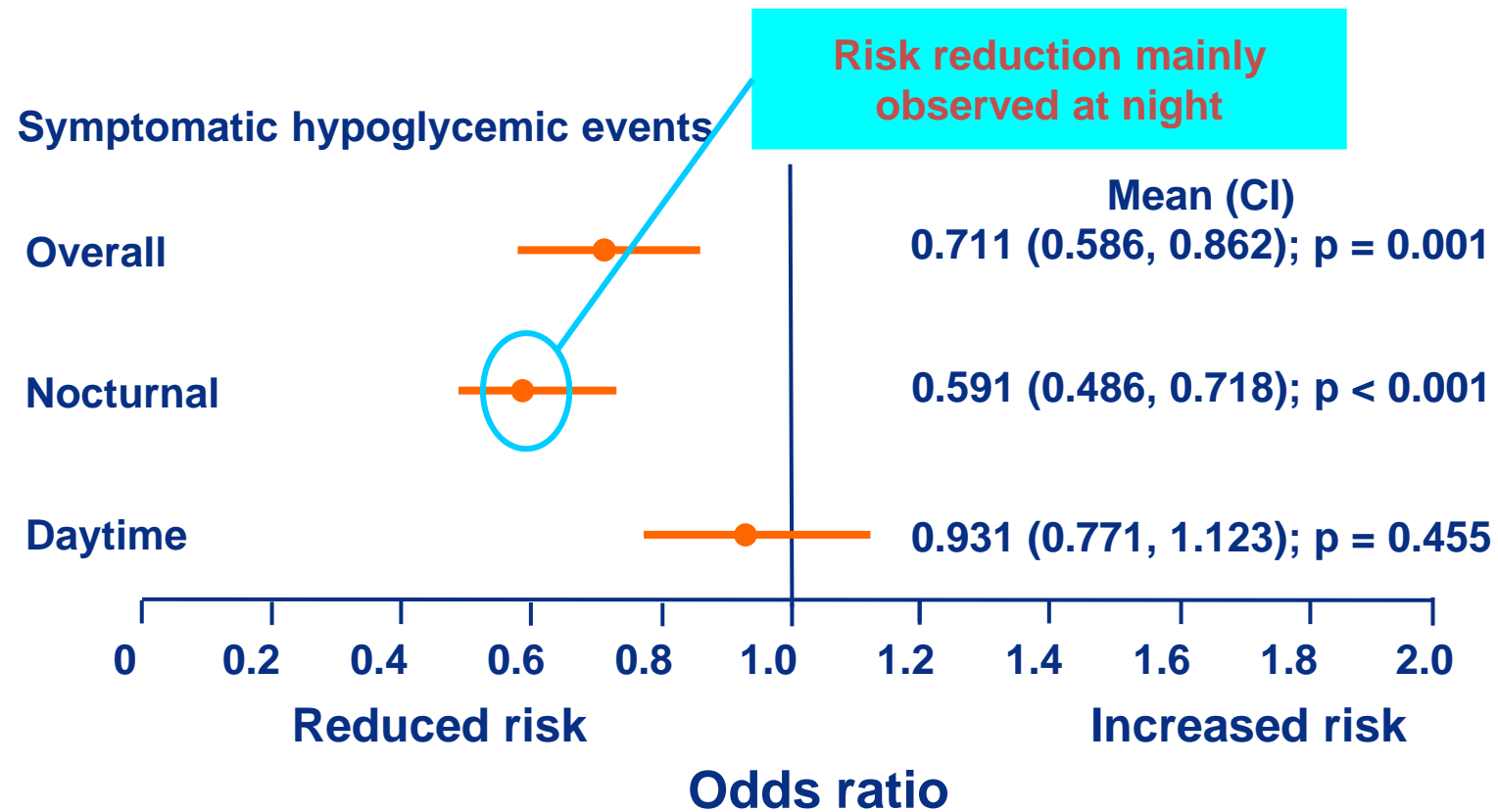
Table 1—*Studies included in the integrated analysis*

Study (ref. no.)	Number of randomized and treated patients	Study duration	Prestudy treatment	Study treatment	Additional antidiabetic treatment
3002 (8,14)	570	52 weeks*	OAD and once-daily insulin or OAD alone	Once daily at bedtime: insulin glargine or NPH insulin	OAD(s)
3006 (12,15)	518	28 weeks	Insulin for >3 months (no OAD)	Insulin glargine once daily at bedtime or NPH once or twice daily	Regular human insulin
4001 (16)†	460	28 weeks	OAD for >6 months	Once daily at bedtime: insulin glargine or NPH insulin	OAD (glimepiride)
4002 (13)	756	24 weeks	OAD alone	Once daily at bedtime: insulin glargine or NPH insulin	OAD(s)

A total of 2,304 patients with type 2 diabetes were included in these studies:
1,142 in the insulin glargine and 1,162 in the NPH insulin treatment groups

Insulin glargine reduces hypoglycemic risk versus NPH in T2DM: Meta analysis

Risk of severe hypoglycemia and severe nocturnal hypoglycemia reduced by 46% ($p = 0.04$) and 59% ($p = 0.02$), respectively, with insulin glargine



Key message

- This meta-analysis in type 2 diabetes shows that with regard to attempting to improve glycemic control while avoiding severe and nocturnal hypoglycemia, insulin glargine provides a safer basal insulin supply than NPH insulin.

Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine for type 2 diabetes mellitus (Review)

Swinnen SG, Simon ACR, Holleman F, Hoekstra JB, DeVries JH

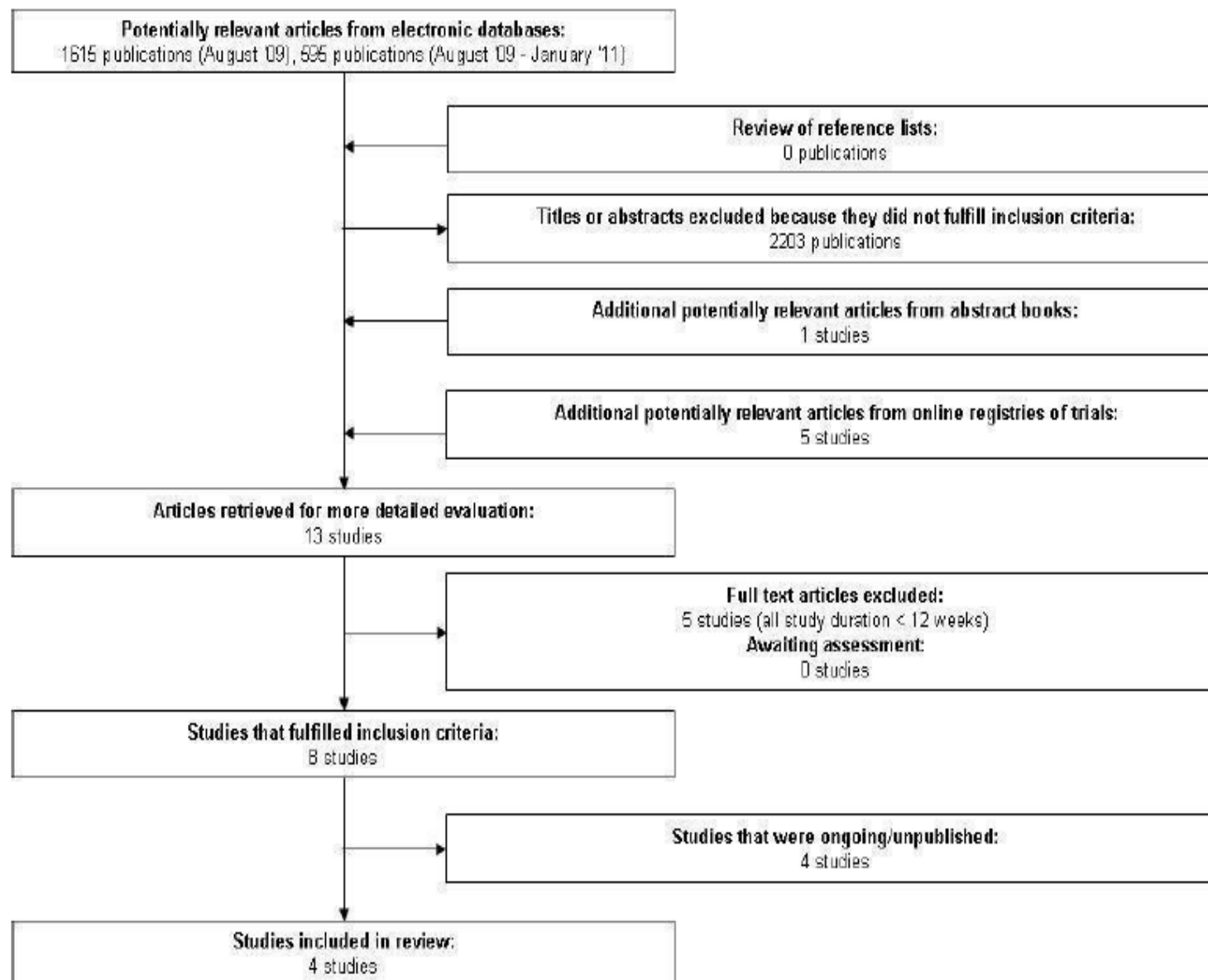


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Methods

- **Objective:** To assess the effects of insulin detemir and insulin glargine compared with each other in the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus
- **Selection criteria:** All randomized controlled trials comparing insulin detemir with insulin glargine with a duration of 12 weeks or longer were included



Detemir vs. Glargine: Head-to-Head Comparisons

- Hollander P, et al. Clin Ther.. 2008; 30:1976–1987
 - A 52-week, multinational, open-label, parallel-group, non-inferiority, treat-to-target trial comparing insulin detemir with insulin glargine in a basal-bolus regimen with mealtime insulin aspart in patients with type 2 diabetes.
- Rosenstock J, et al. Diabetologia. 2008; 51:408–416.
 - A randomised, 52-week, treat-to-target trial comparing insulin detemir with insulin glargine when administered as add-on to glucose-lowering drugs in insulin-naïve people with type 2 diabetes.

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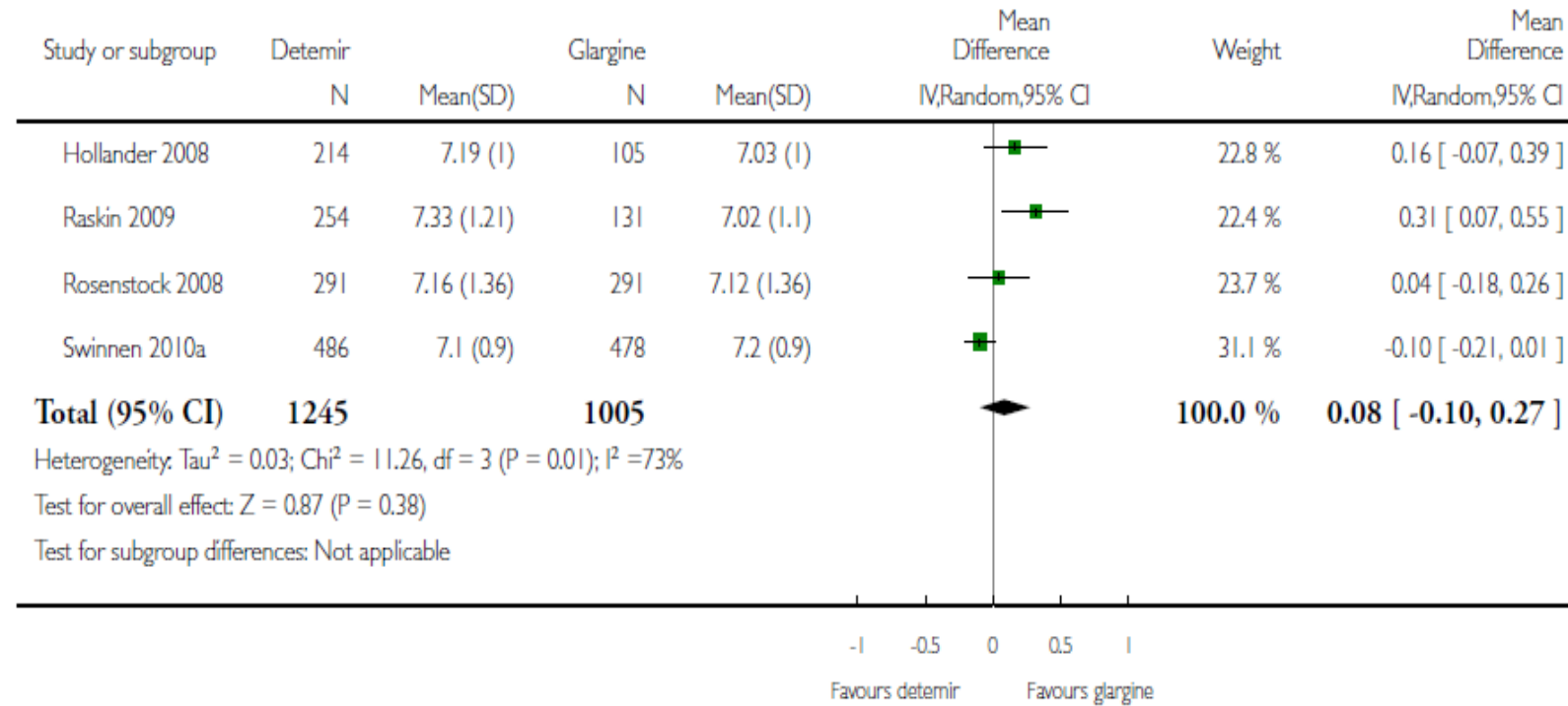
- Raskin P, et al. Diabetes Metab Res Rev. 2009; 25:542–548.
 - Comparison of insulin detemir and insulin glargine using a basal-bolus regimen in a randomized, controlled clinical study in patients with type 2 diabetes.
- Swinnen SG, et al. Diabetes Care. 2010; 33:1176-8.
 - A24-week, randomized, treat-to-target trial comparing initiation of insulin glargine once-daily with insulin detemir twice-daily in patients with type 2 diabetes inadequately controlled on oral glucose-lowering drugs

Analysis 1.1. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 1 HbA1c at study endpoint.

Review: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine for type 2 diabetes mellitus

Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 1 HbA1c at study endpoint

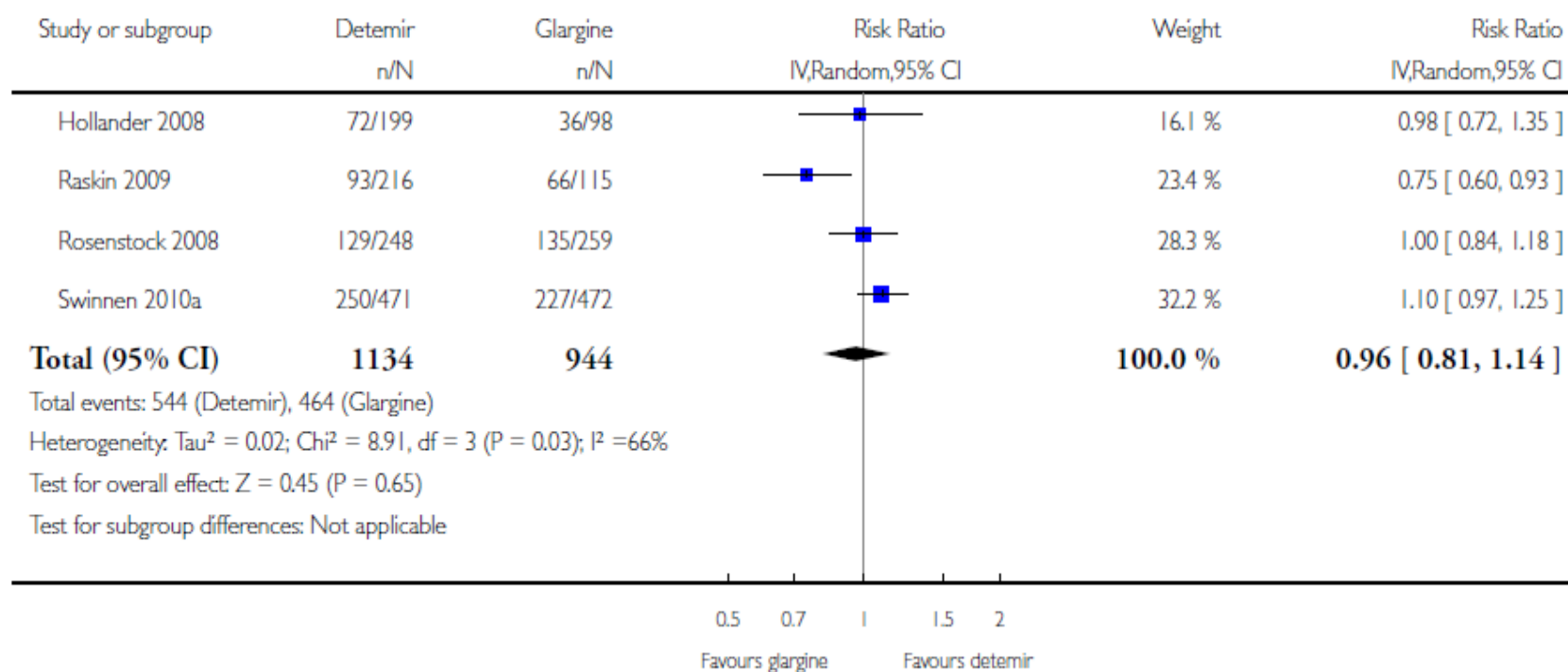


Analysis 1.3. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 3 Percentage of participants achieving HbA1c $\leq 7\%$.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 3 Percentage of participants achieving HbA1c $\leq 7\%$

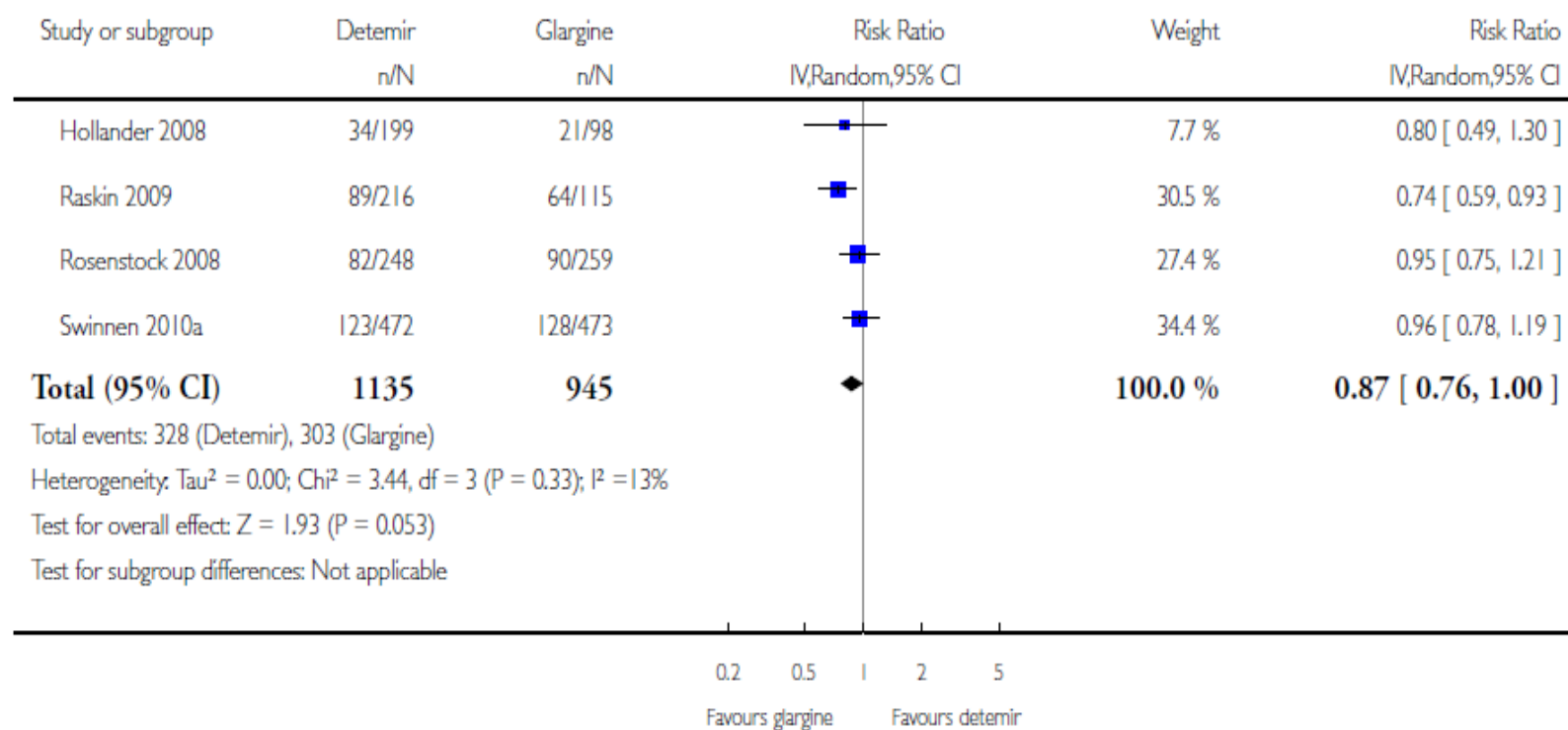


Analysis 1.4. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 4 Percentage of participants achieving HbA1c \leq 7% without hypoglycaemia.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 4 Percentage of participants achieving HbA1c \leq 7% without hypoglycaemia

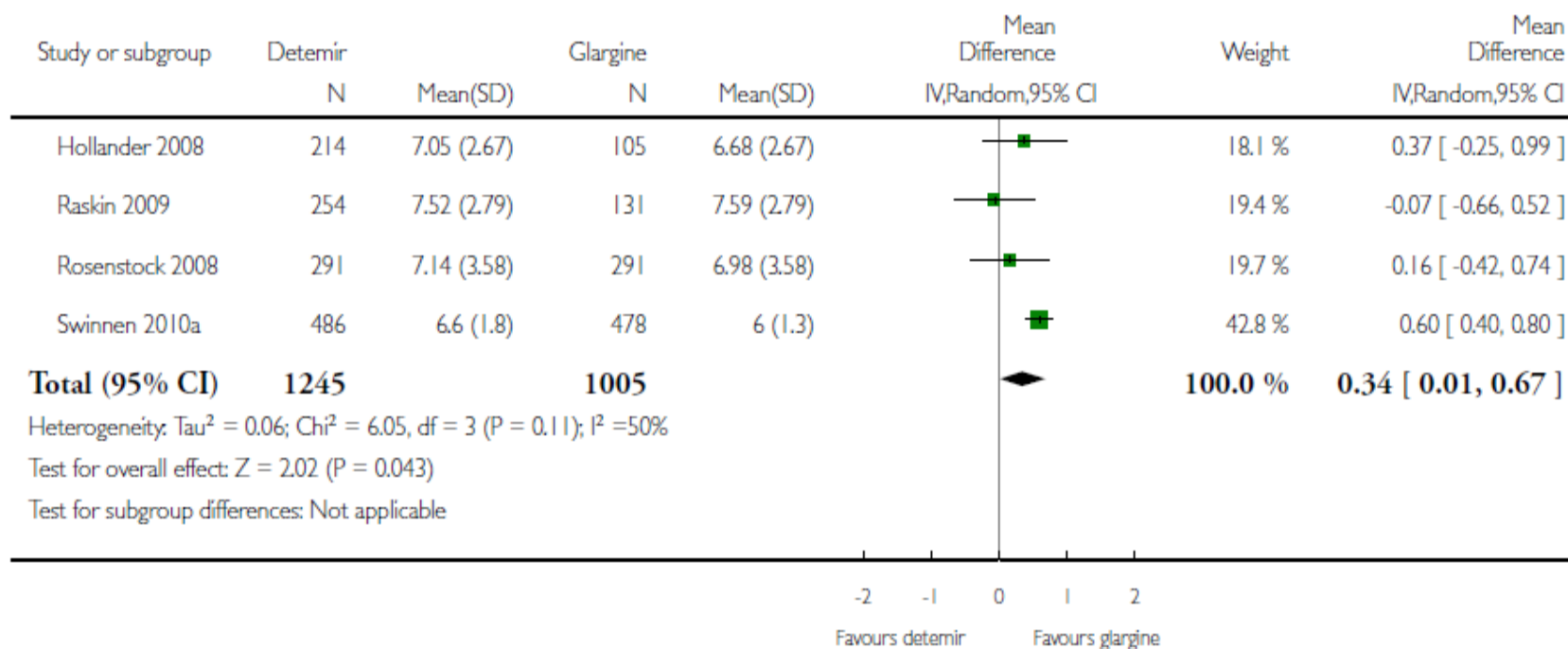


Analysis 1.5. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 5 Fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint.

Review: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine for type 2 diabetes mellitus

Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 5 Fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint

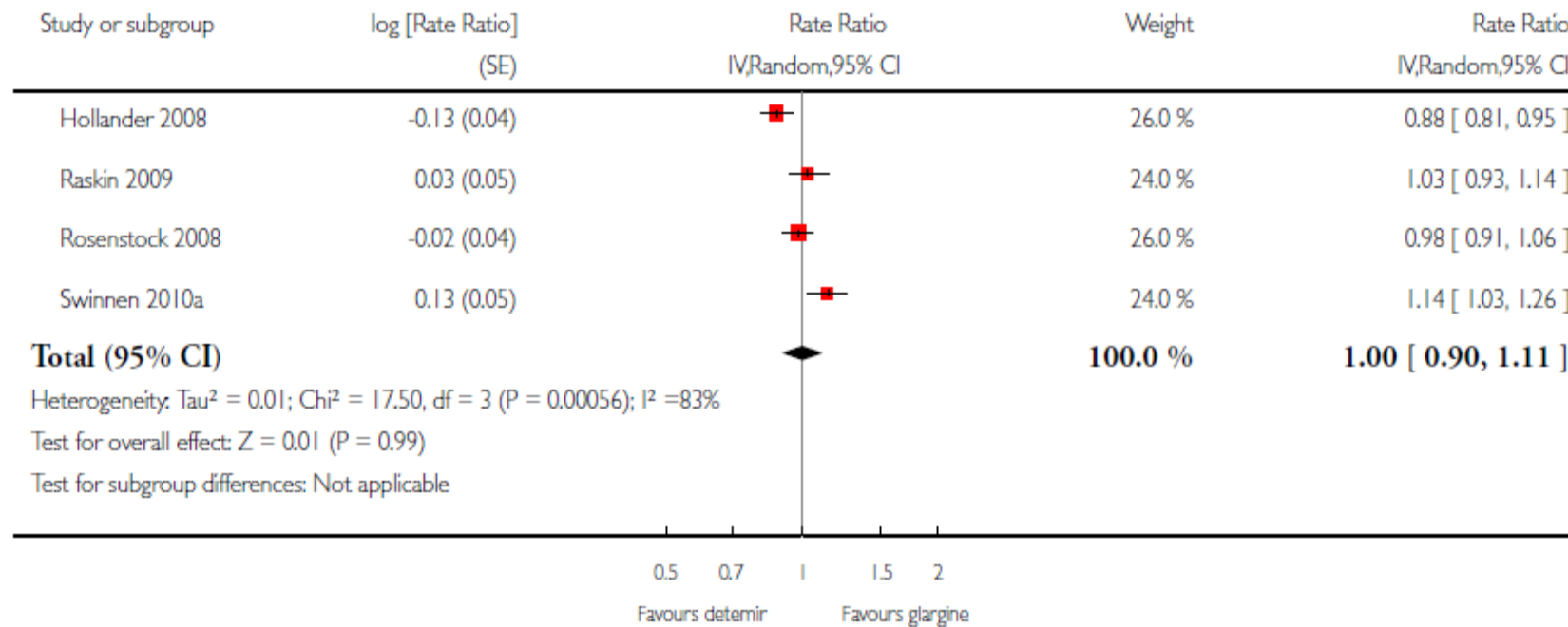


Analysis 1.8. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 8 Event rate for overall hypoglycaemia per patient-year.

Review: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine for type 2 diabetes mellitus

Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 8 Event rate for overall hypoglycaemia per patient-year

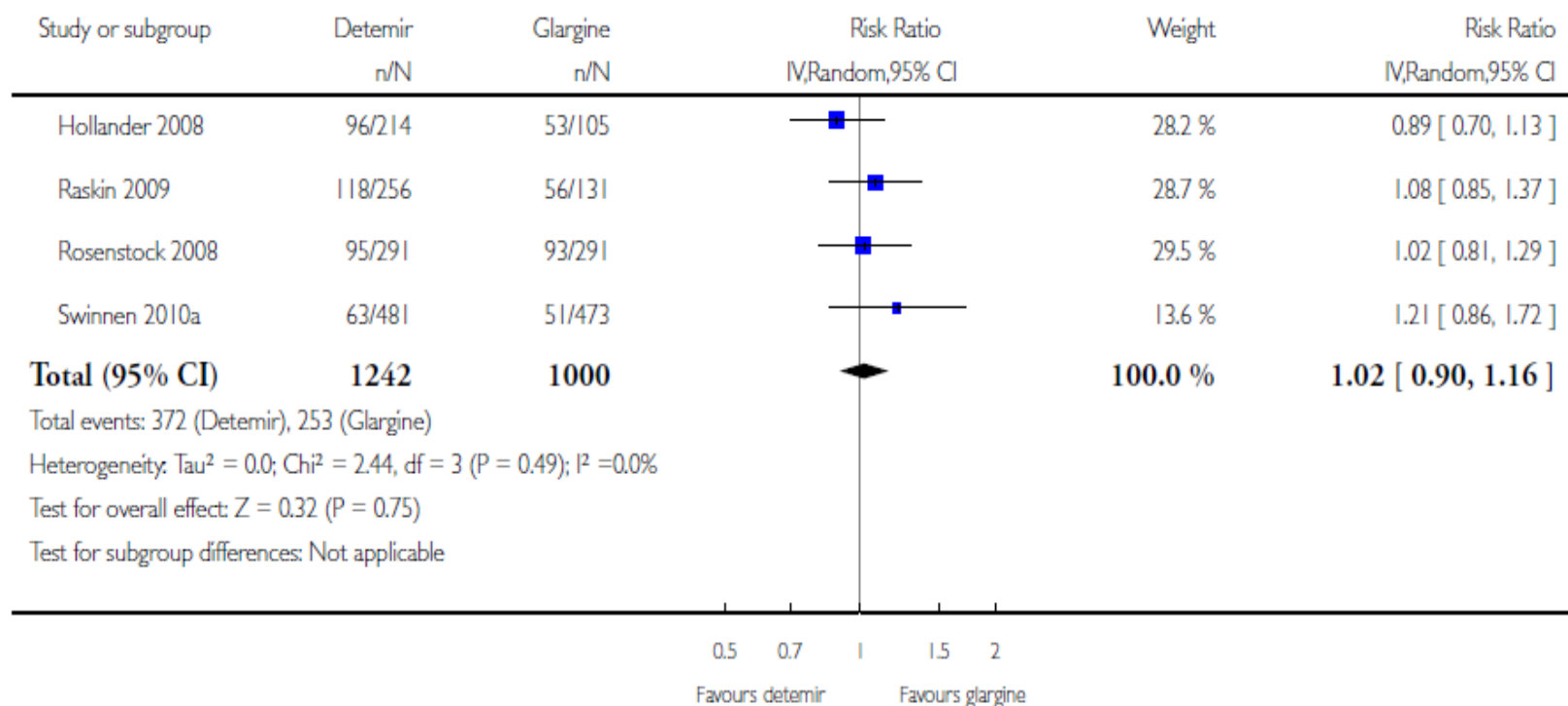


Analysis 1.9. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 9 Percentage of participants having at least one nocturnal hypoglycaemic event.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 9 Percentage of participants having at least one nocturnal hypoglycaemic event

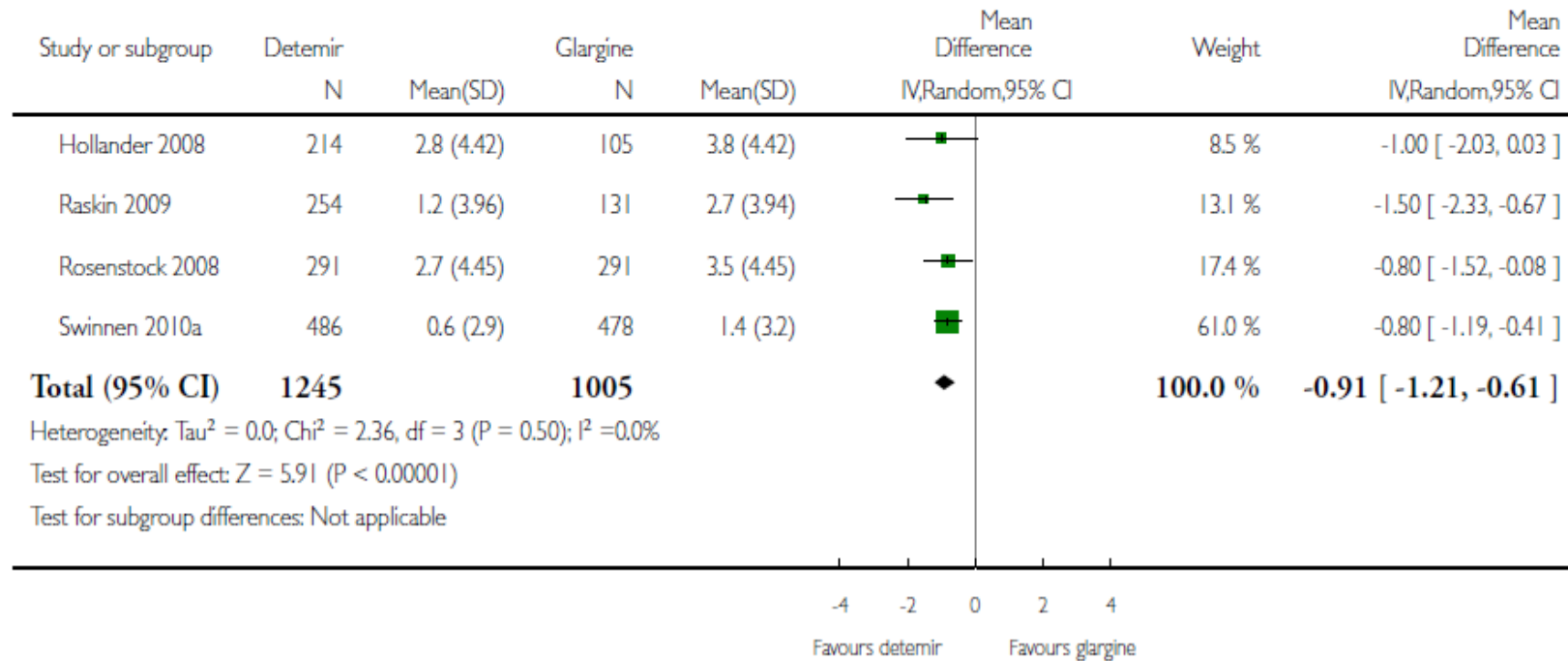


Analysis 1.13. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 13 Weight gain.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 13 Weight gain

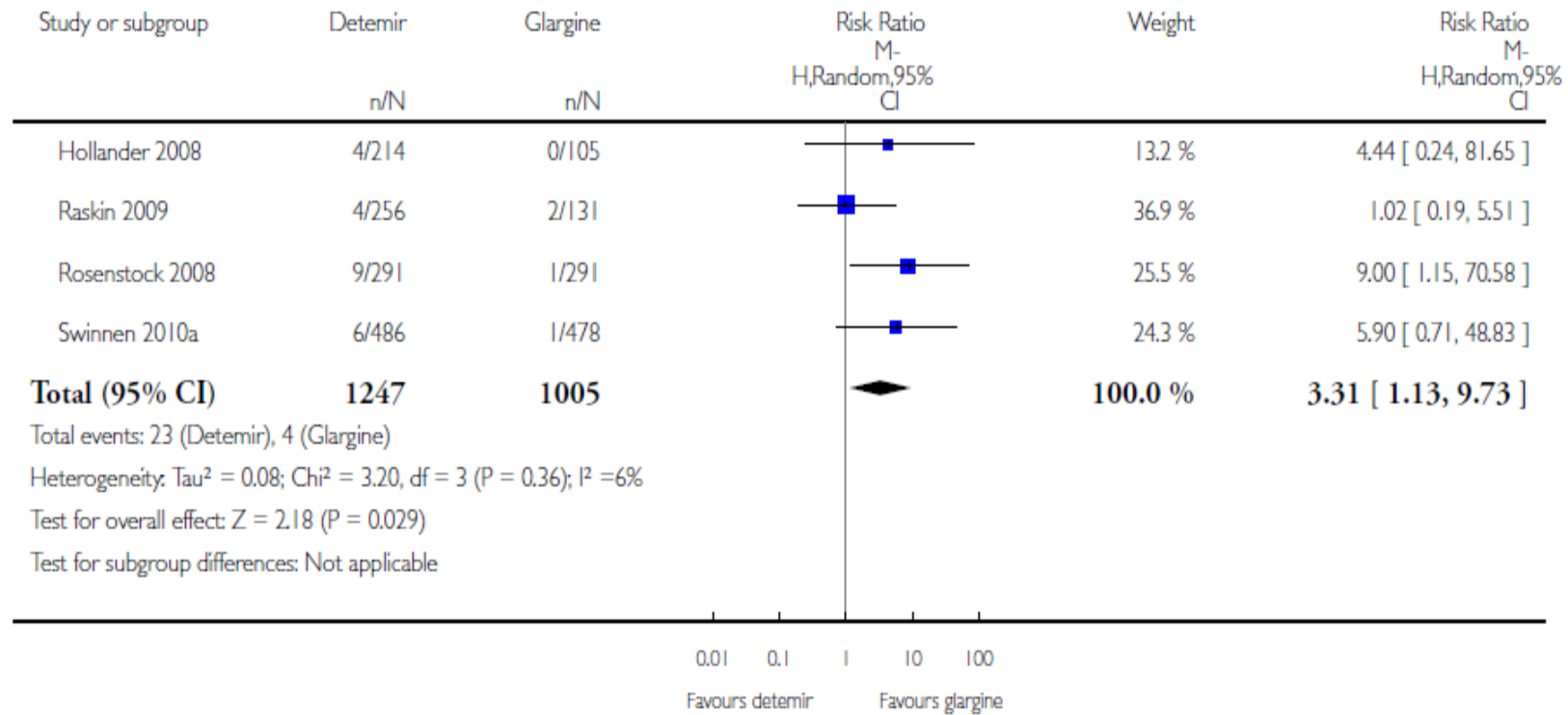


Analysis 1.14. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 14 Percentage of participants having at least one injection site reaction.

Review: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine for type 2 diabetes mellitus

Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 14 Percentage of participants having at least one injection site reaction

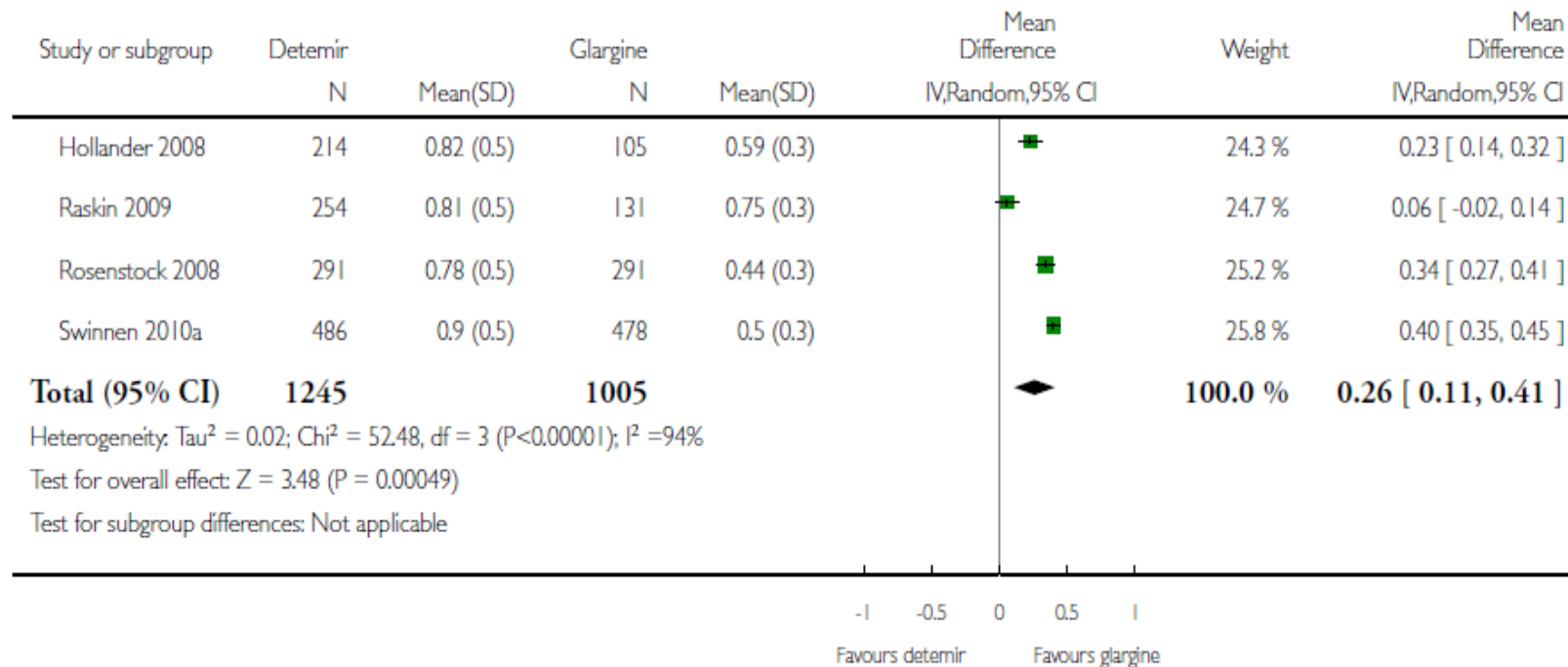


Analysis 1.15. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 15 Daily basal insulin dose in units per kg.

Review: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine for type 2 diabetes mellitus

Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 15 Daily basal insulin dose in units per kg

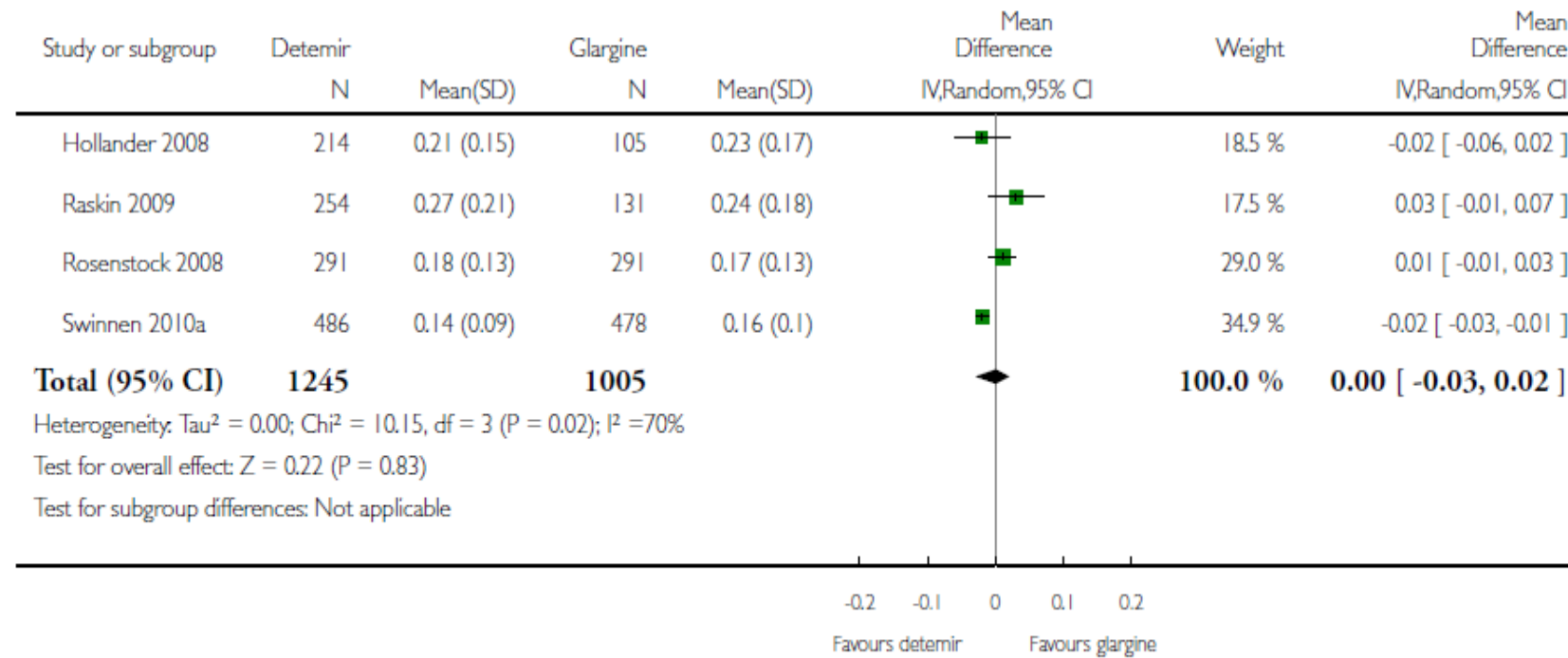


Analysis 1.16. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 16 Variability of fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 16 Variability of fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint

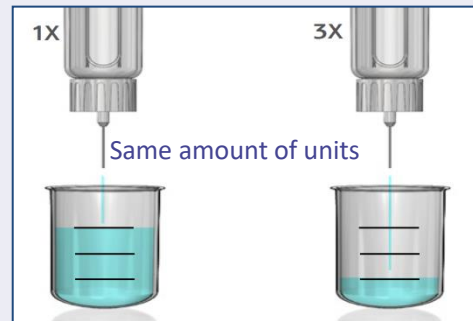


Conclusion

- There is **no** clinically relevant difference in efficacy or safety between insulin detemir and insulin glargine for targeting hyperglycaemia.
- However, to achieve the same glycemic control insulin detemir was often injected **twice-daily** in a higher dose but with **less weight gain**, while insulin glargine was injected once-daily, with somewhat **fewer injection site** reactions.

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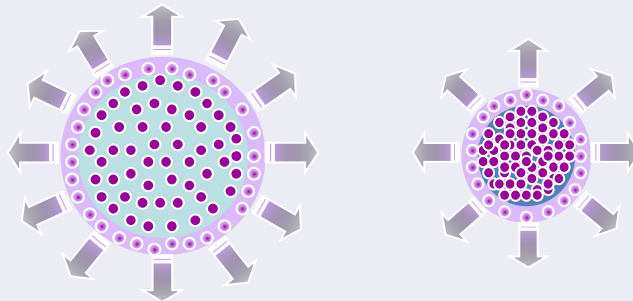
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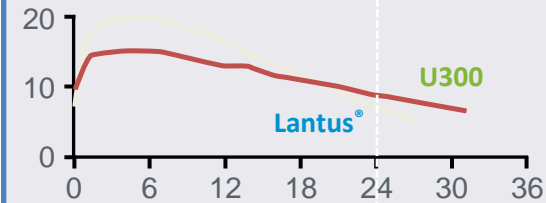


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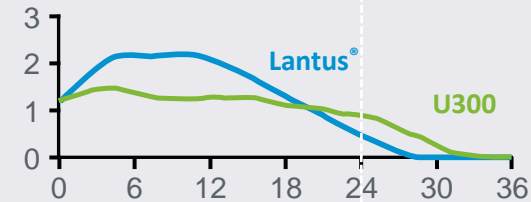
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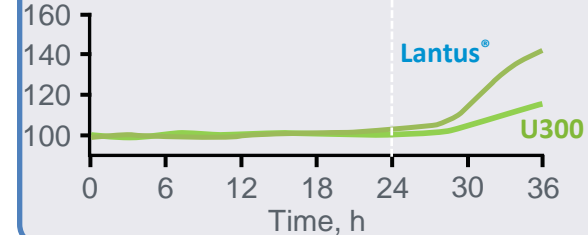
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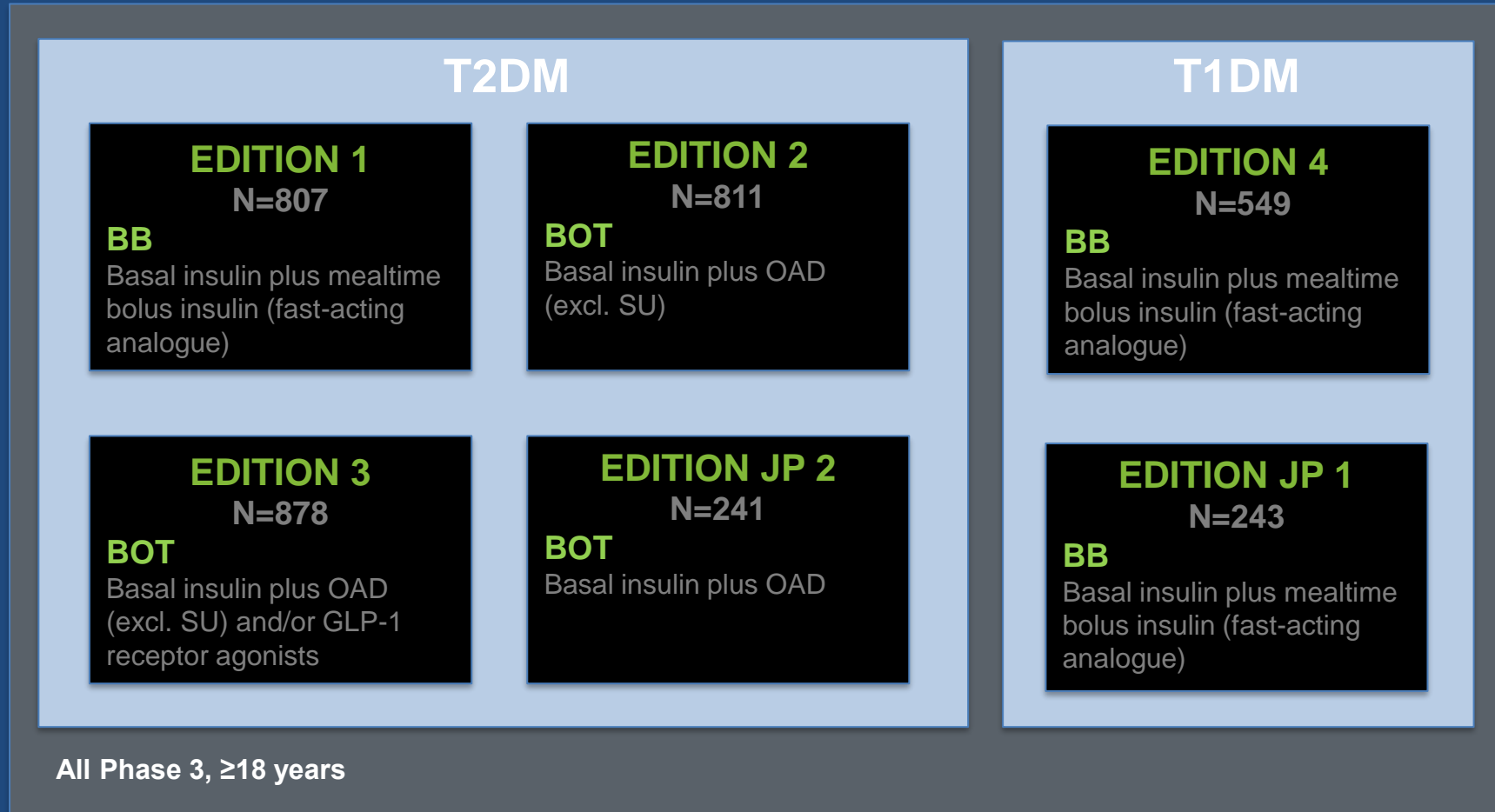
Blood glucose, mg/dL



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EDITION program

Testing U300 vs Lantus® in several populations



BB, basal-bolus therapy; BOT, basal only therapy; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide; OAD, oral antidiabetic drugs; SU, sulfonylureas

New Insulin Glargine 300 Units/mL Versus Glargine 100 Units/mL in People With Type 2 Diabetes Using Basal and Mealtime Insulin: Glucose Control and Hypoglycemia in a 6-Month Randomized Controlled Trial (EDITION 1)

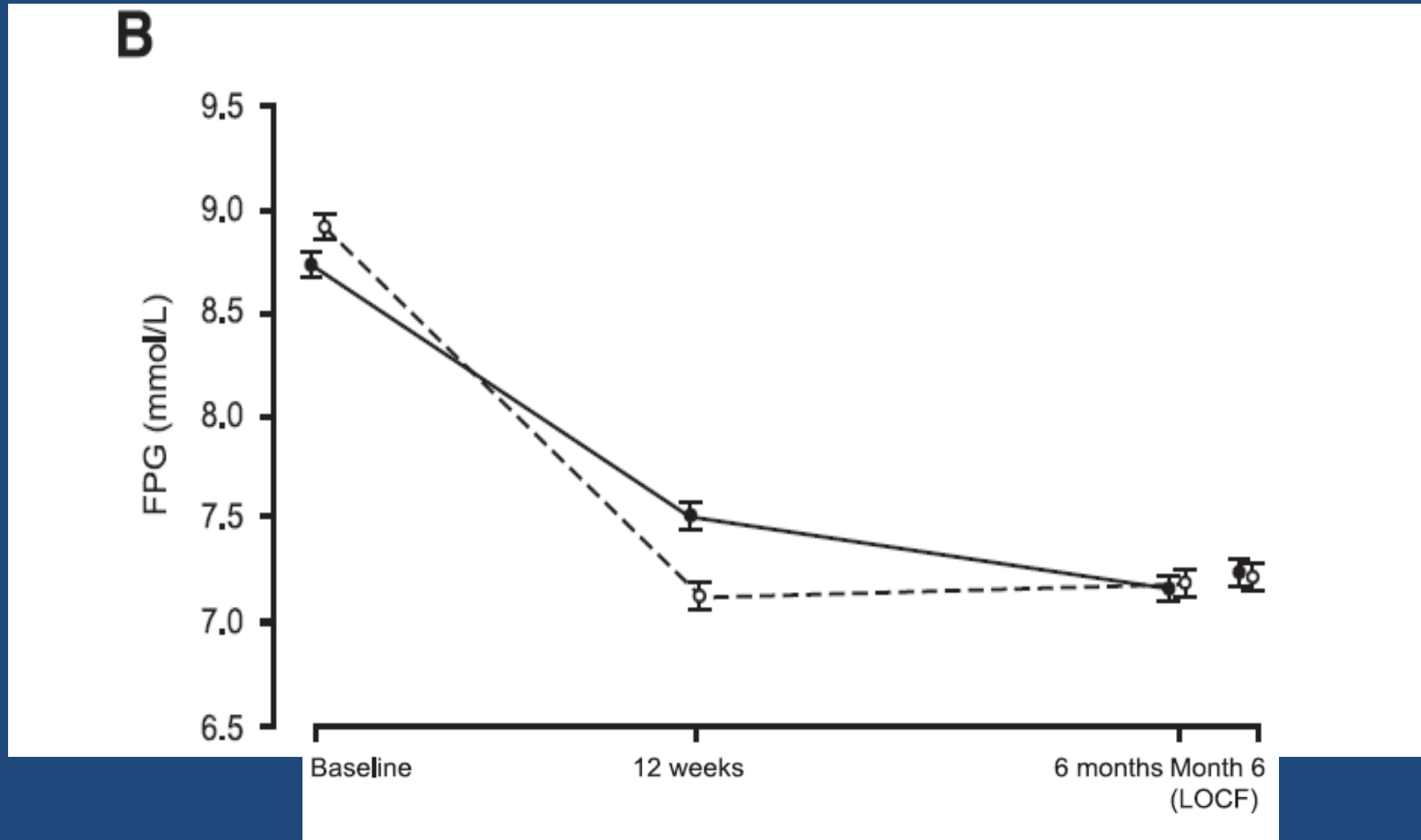
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EDITION 1 Study Investigators*

Objective: To compare the efficacy and safety of new insulin glargine 300 units/mL (Gla-300) with glargine 100 units/mL (Gla-100) in people with type 2 diabetes on basal insulin (≥ 42 units/day) plus mealtime insulin

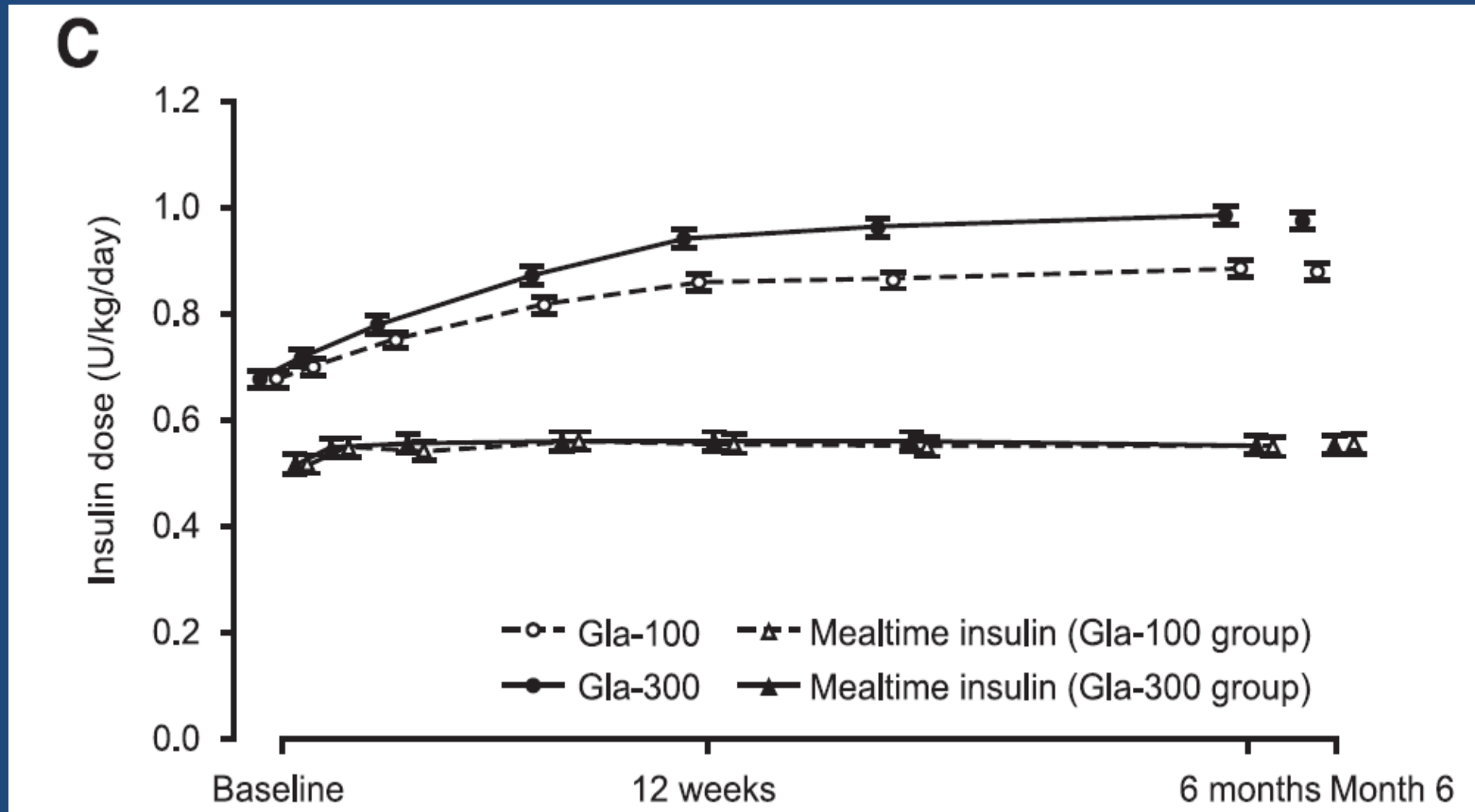
Baseline characteristics

Age (years)	60.1 (8.5)	59.8 (8.7)
Sex (male), <i>n</i> (%)	217 (53.7)	210 (52.1)
Ethnic group, <i>n</i> (%)		
Caucasian	371 (91.8)	374 (92.8)
Black	26 (6.4)	21 (5.2)
Asian/Oriental	6 (1.5)	5 (1.2)
Other	1 (0.2)	3 (0.7)
Body weight (kg)	106.2 (21.5)	106.4 (20.0)
BMI (kg/m ²)	36.6 (6.8)	36.6 (6.1)
Duration of diabetes (years)	15.6 (7.2)	16.1 (7.8)
Duration of basal insulin treatment (years)	6.7 (4.7)	6.5 (4.8)
Basal insulin dose (units/kg/day) (units/day)	0.67 (0.26) 70.0 (30.4)	0.67 (0.24) 70.3 (28.5)
Mealtime insulin dose (units/kg/day) (units/day)	0.54 (0.34) 57.1 (36.5)	0.54 (0.32) 58.4 (37.9)
Total insulin dose (units/kg/day) (units/day)	1.19 (0.48) 126.3 (56.7)	1.20 (0.45) 128.0 (56.1)
Prior use of insulin glargine, <i>n</i> (%)	373 (92.3)	369 (91.6)
Prior use of metformin, <i>n</i> (%)	227 (56.2)	236 (58.6)
FPG (mmol/L) (mg/dL)	8.8 (2.9) 158.3 (51.8)	8.9 (2.9) 160.7 (52.8)
HbA _{1c} (%) (mmol/mol)	8.15 (0.78) 65.6 (8.5)	8.16 (0.77) 65.7 (8.4)

At the end of treatment, HbA1c was 7.25% (0.85) with Gla-300, and 7.28% (0.92)with Gla-100



Final total daily dosage was 1.53 units/kg/day (0.61) with Gla-300 and 1.43 units/kg/day (0.60) with Gla-100



Fewer participants reported one or more confirmed (<70 mg/dl) or severe nocturnal hypoglycemic events with Gla-300 (36 vs. 46% with Gla-100; relative risk **0.79** (95% CI 0.67–0.93))

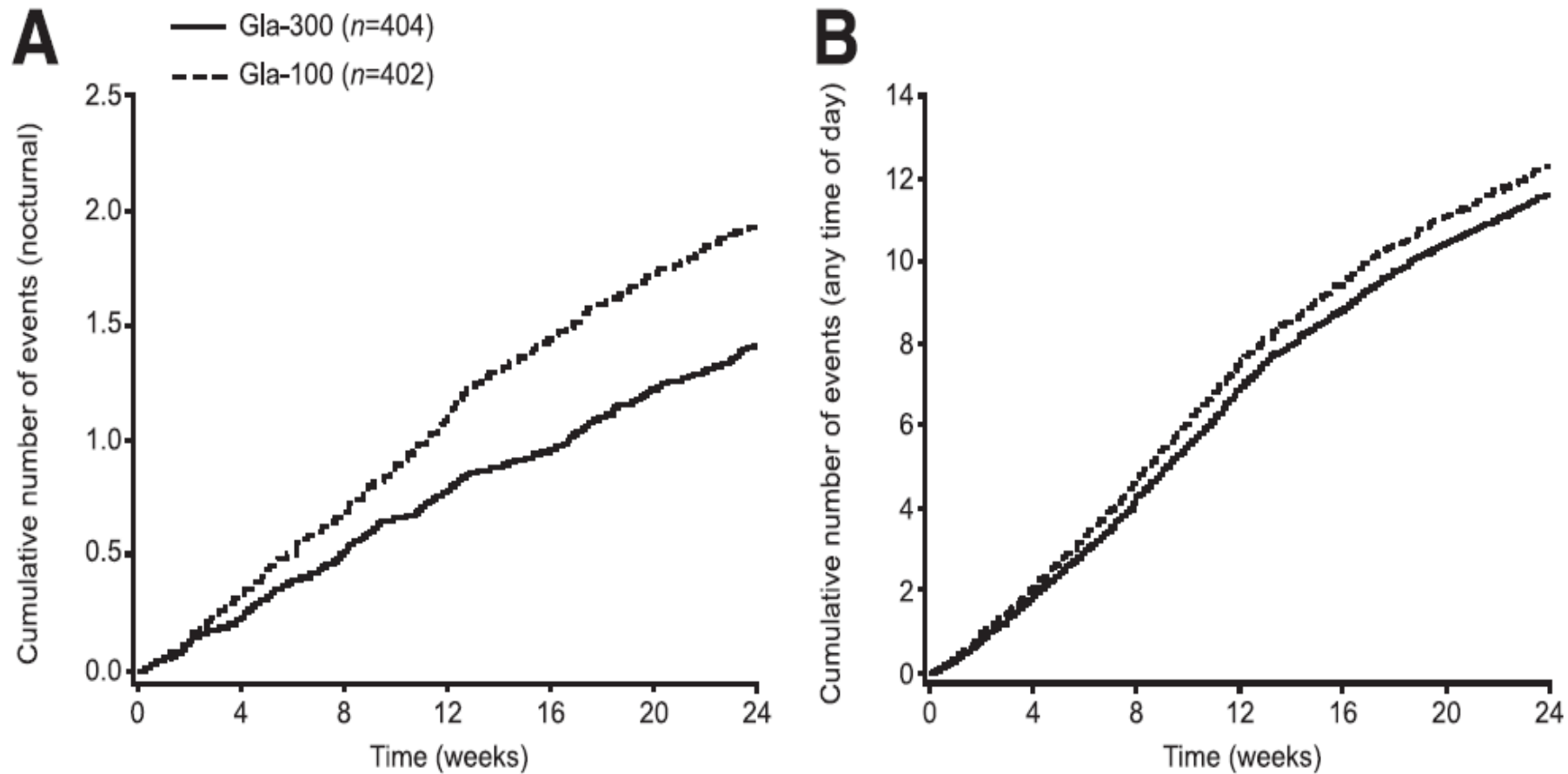


Figure 2—Cumulative mean numbers of confirmed (plasma glucose ≤ 3.9 mmol/L [70 mg/dL]) or severe hypoglycemic events per participant during the main 6-month treatment period in the safety population. A: Nocturnal events. B: Events at any time of day or night (24 h).

Key message

- Gla-300 controls HbA1c as well as Gla-100 for people with type 2 diabetes treated with basal and mealtime insulin, but with consistently less risk of nocturnal hypoglycemia

Titrate basal insulin as long as FPG > target

INITIATE

- Bedtime or morning long-acting insulin
Daily dose: 10 units or 0.2 units/kg

Check
FPG
daily

TITRATE

- Increase dose by 2 units every 3 days until FPG is (70–130 mg/dL)
- If FPG is >180 mg/dL, increase dose by 4 units every 3 days

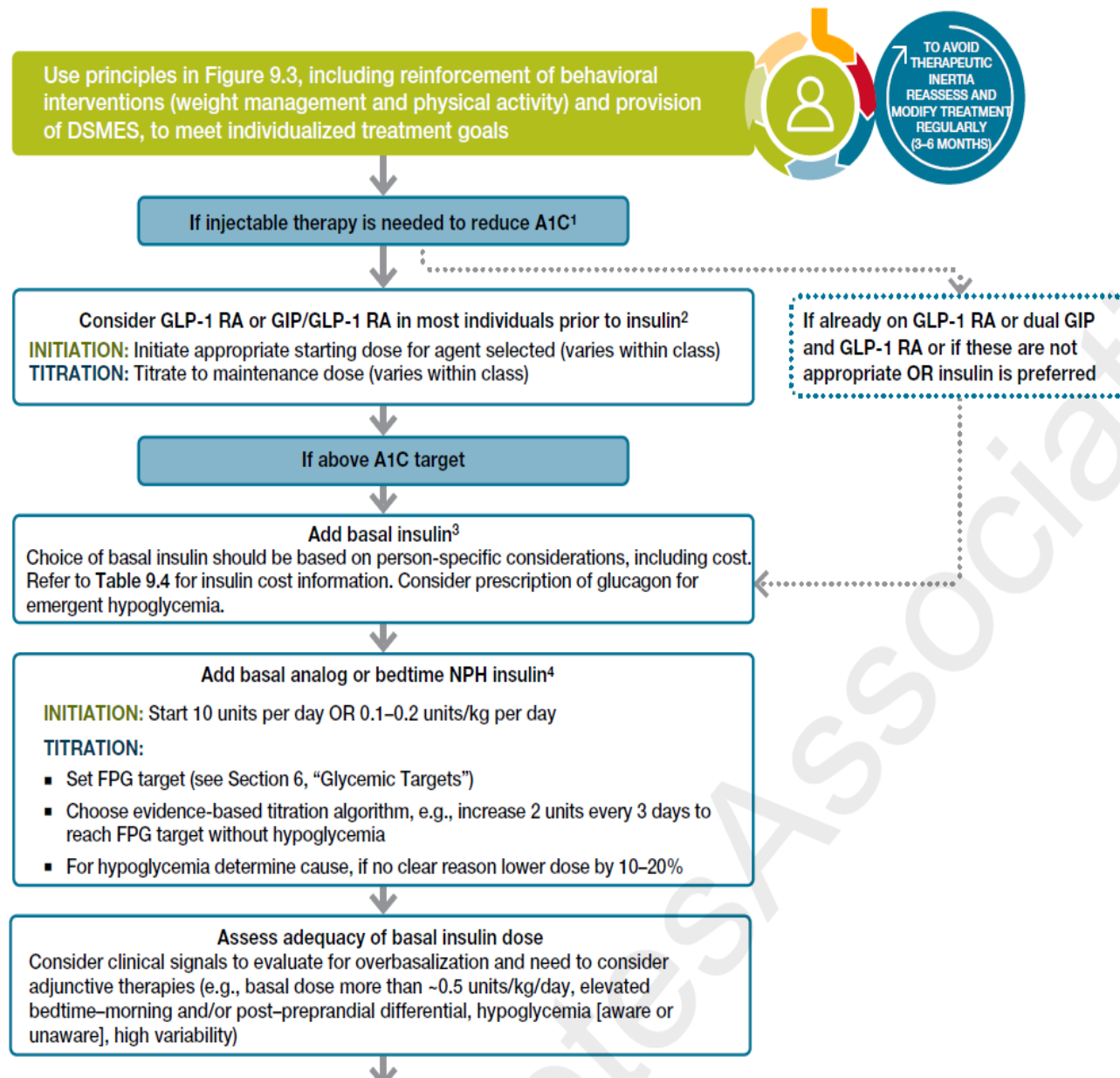
In the event of
hypoglycemia or FPG
level < 70 mg/dL

- Reduce bedtime insulin dose by ≥ 4 units, or by 10% if >60 units

MONITOR

Continue regimen and
check HbA_{1c} every 3 months

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How to Switch Between Insulin Products

Clinical Scenario	Recommendation/Comments
NPH to Long-acting	
NPH to insulin detemir (<i>Levemir</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert unit-per-unit.¹ • Some patients on basal-bolus insulin may require more <i>Levemir</i> than NPH.¹ • Give <i>Levemir</i> once daily, or divided twice daily if necessary for control.¹ • Do not mix <i>Levemir</i> with other insulins.¹
NPH to insulin glargine (<i>Lantus</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPH once daily: convert unit-per-unit and give once daily.² • NPH twice daily: reduce daily dose by 20% and give once daily.² • Do not mix <i>Lantus</i> with other insulins.²
Long-acting to NPH	
Insulin detemir (<i>Levemir</i>) to NPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert unit-per-unit.³ • Give NPH at bedtime or split twice daily (e.g., 50:50 or 2/3 in AM and 1/3 before dinner or at bedtime).^{3,4,5}
Insulin glargine (<i>Lantus</i>) to NPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert unit-per-unit.³ • Give NPH at bedtime or split twice daily (e.g., 50:50 or 2/3 in AM and 1/3 before dinner or at bedtime).^{3,4,5}

Key elements

- Duration of action
- Flatness
- Number of injections
- Injection site reactions
- Rate of hypoglycemia
- Goal achievement of glycemia
- Dose requirement
- Variability
- Weight gain
- Quality of life
- Cardiovascular effect
- Cost

Thank You

