

Individualising Insulin Regimens: Premixed or basal plus/bolus?

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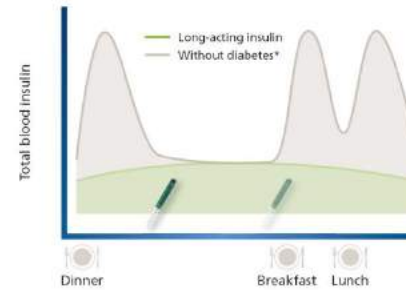
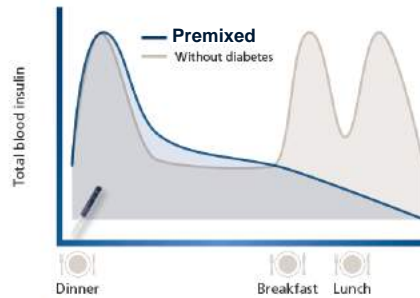
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Optimising insulin therapy

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- One injection
- One insulin
- One device

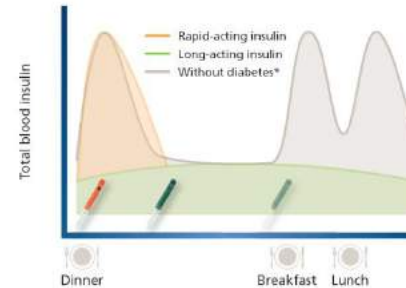
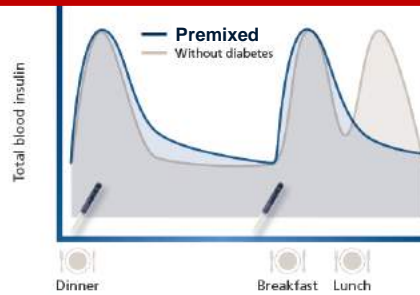


Long-acting insulins

- One or two injections*
- One insulins
- One devices

Twice-daily Premixed at breakfast and dinner time

- Two injections
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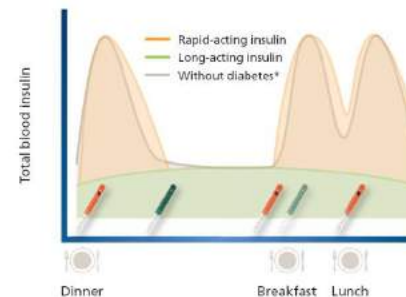
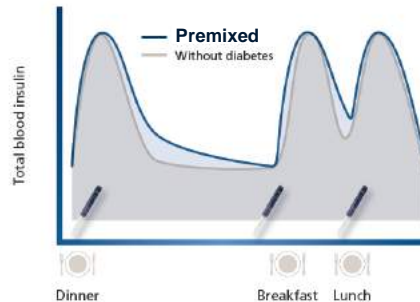


Long-acting and rapid-acting insulins

- Two or three injections†
- Two insulins
- Two devices

Thrice-daily Premixed at breakfast, lunch and dinner time

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Long-acting and rapid-acting insulins

- Four or five injections†
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- Systematic review, once daily injections
- **Premixed analogues vs basal analogues**

	Premixed analogues	Basal analogues
HbA1c	Better vs →	
PPG	Better vs →	
“Overall control”	Better vs →	

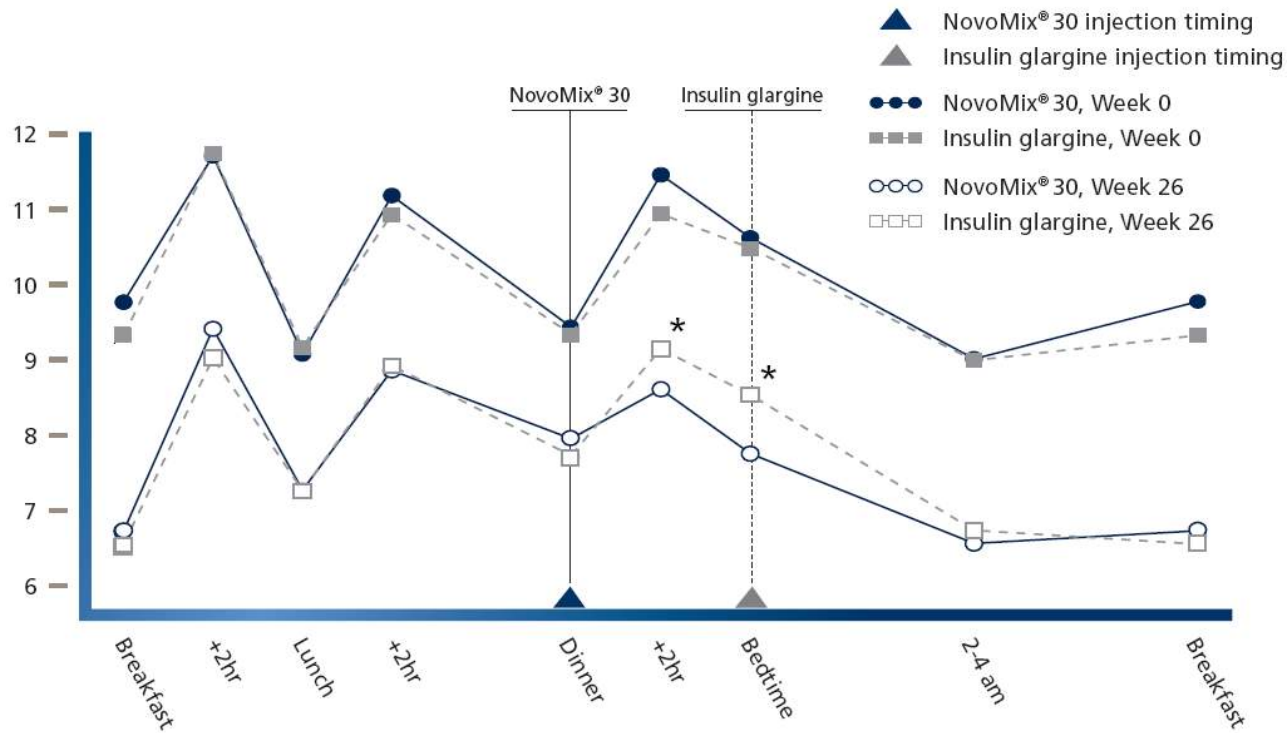
...but none of these were RCTs

OnceMix study

Strojek et al. 2009, Curr Med Res and Op. 25:2887-2894.

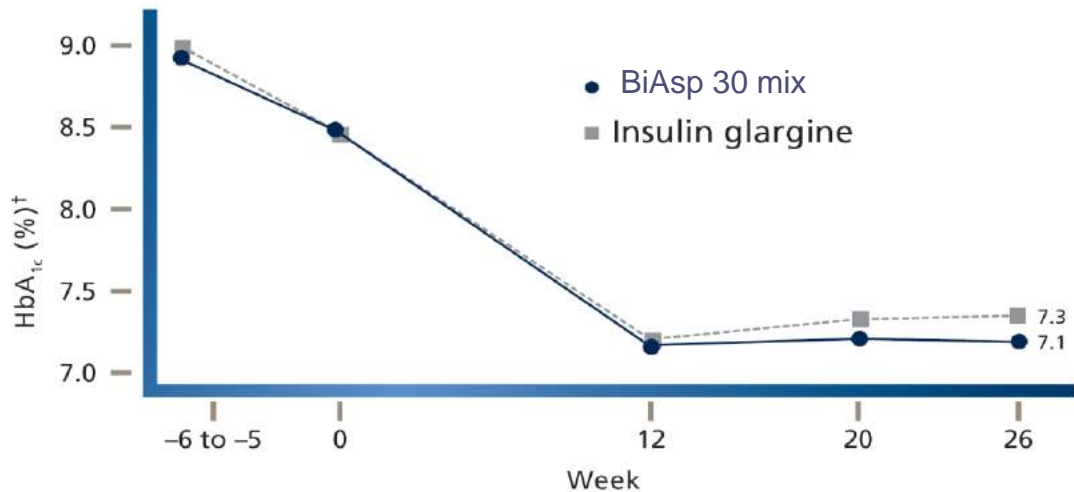
- Double blinded RCT, multi-centre
- **BIAsp30 premix vs glargine**
 - Poorly controlled on Metformin and SU
 - Insulin naïve
 - OHAs continued during trial
 - 26 weeks
 - n = 569

OnceMix



Estimated mean difference in favour of NovoMix® 30 was -0.52 mmol/L (95% CI [-1.02;-0.03]) post-evening meal and -0.78 mmol/L (95% CI [-1.25;-0.31]) at bedtime.

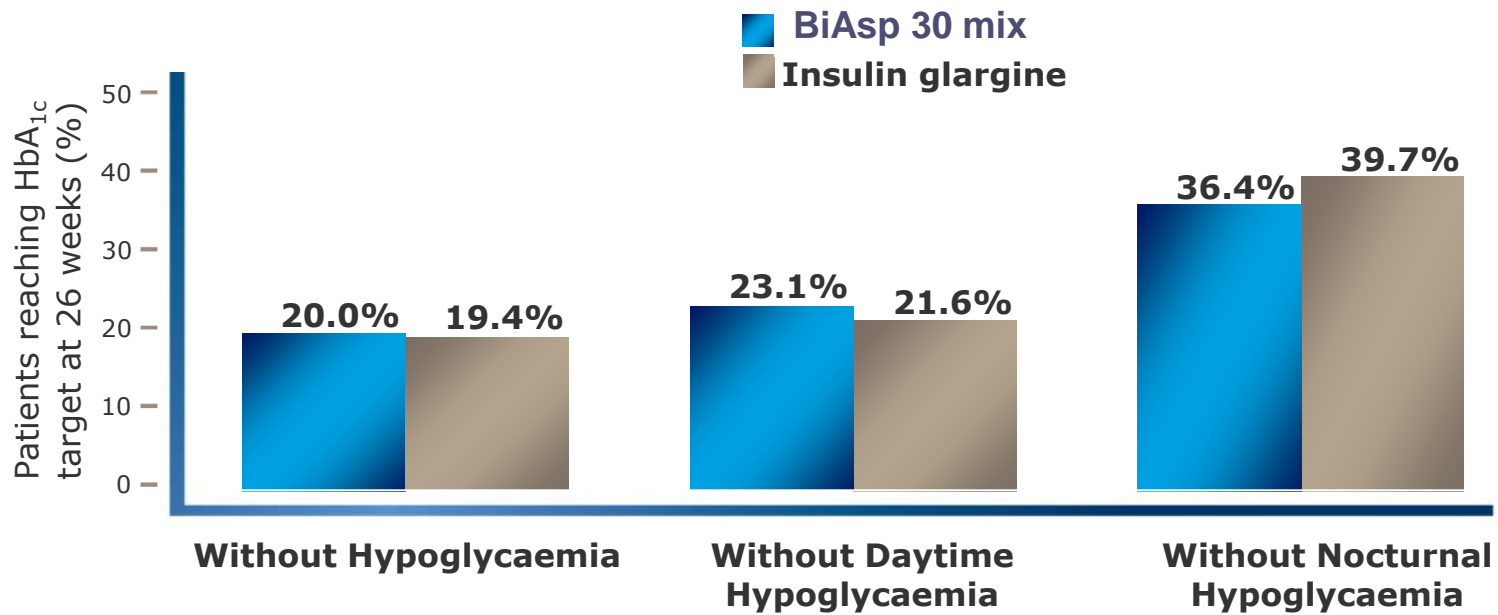
OnceMix HbA1c result



- Similar increases in mean body weight of ~1.7kg
- Mean dose was similar at 0.32 U/kg (aspart 30 mix) and 0.29 U/kg (insulin glargine)

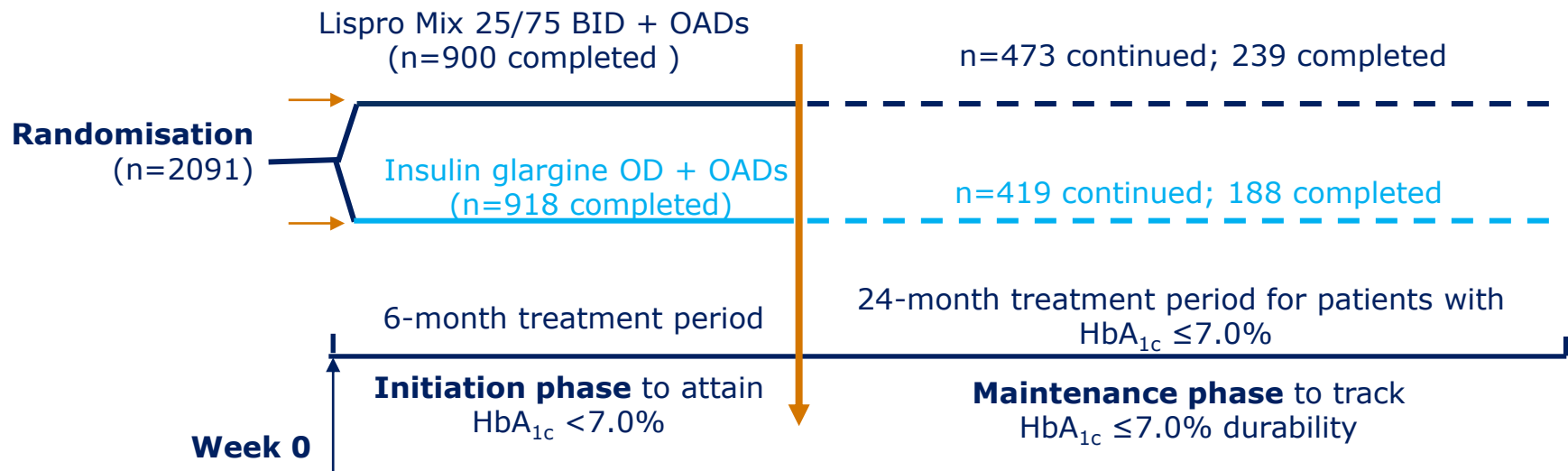
BiAsp 30 mix vs Glargine -0.16%, $p=0.029$

OnceMix – hypos



DURABLE: study design

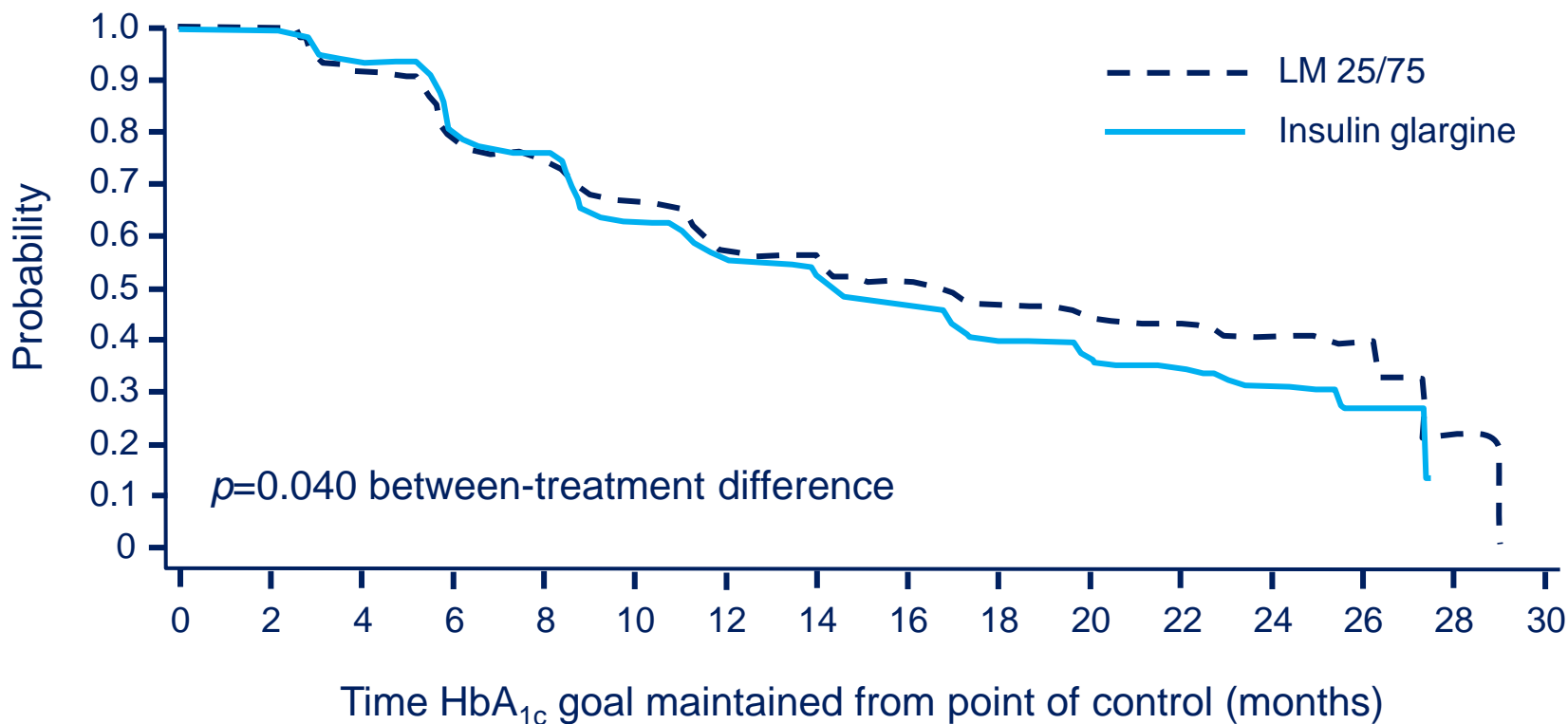
- Insulin-naïve patients with type 2 diabetes inadequately controlled with OADs
- HbA_{1c} >7.0%
- ≥2 OADs >90 days
- 30–80 years of age



LM, lispro mix; OD, once daily

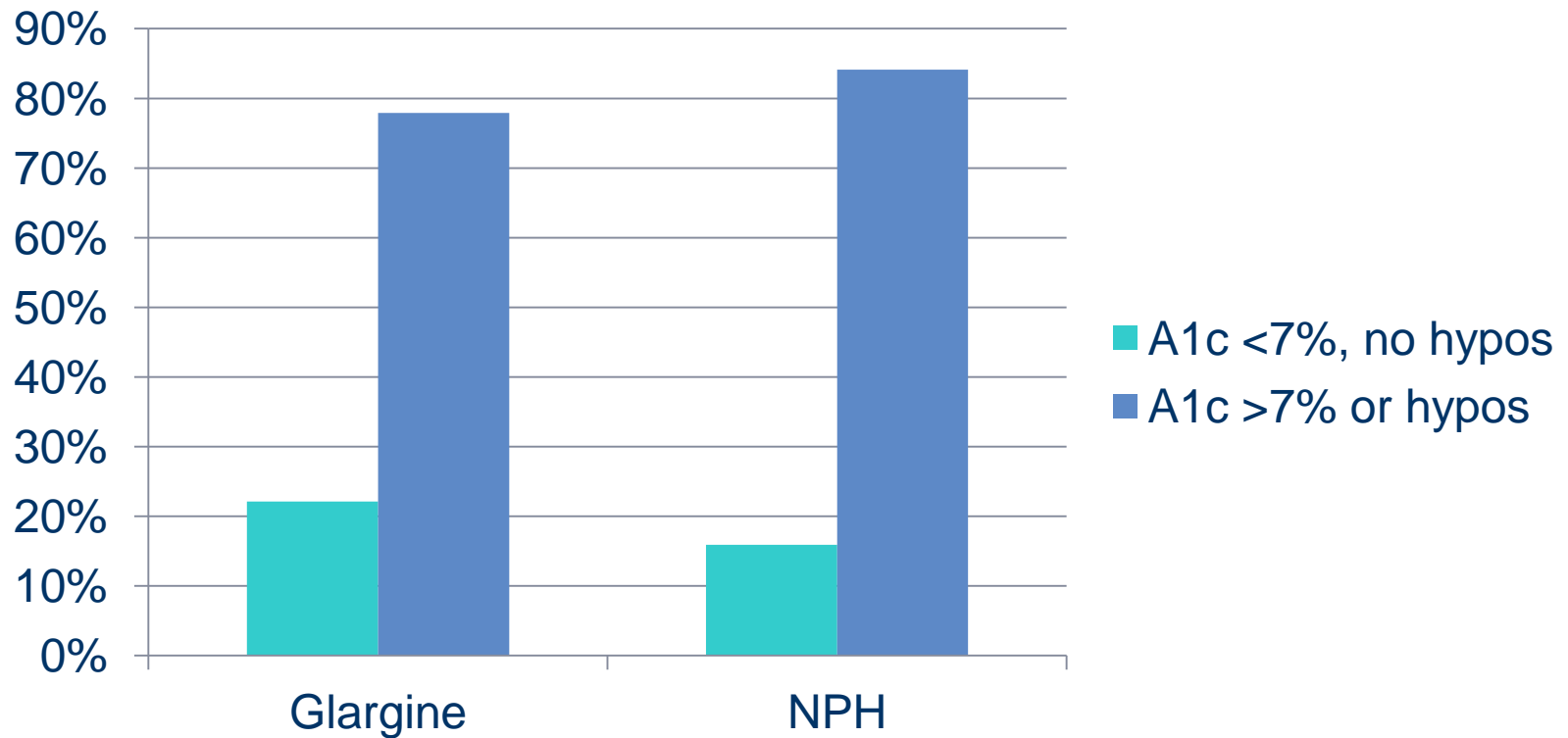
Buse *et al. Diabetes Care* 2011;34(2):249–55

DURABLE: time to failure to maintain HbA_{1c} goal

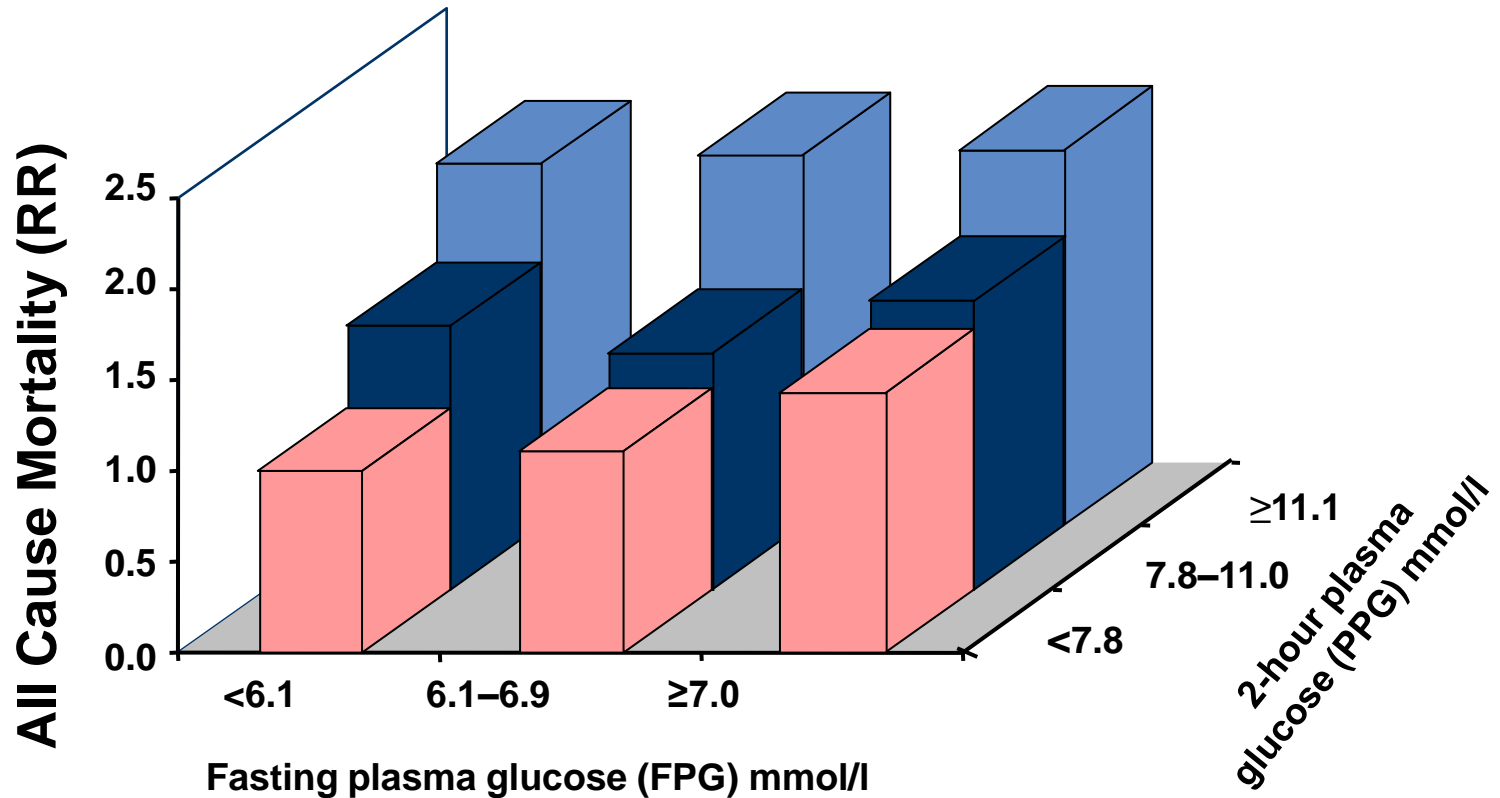


Final daily insulin dose: LM 25/75: 0.45 U/kg; insulin glargine: 0.37 U/kg;
 $p<0.001$

“Treat-to-target” using basal insulin only

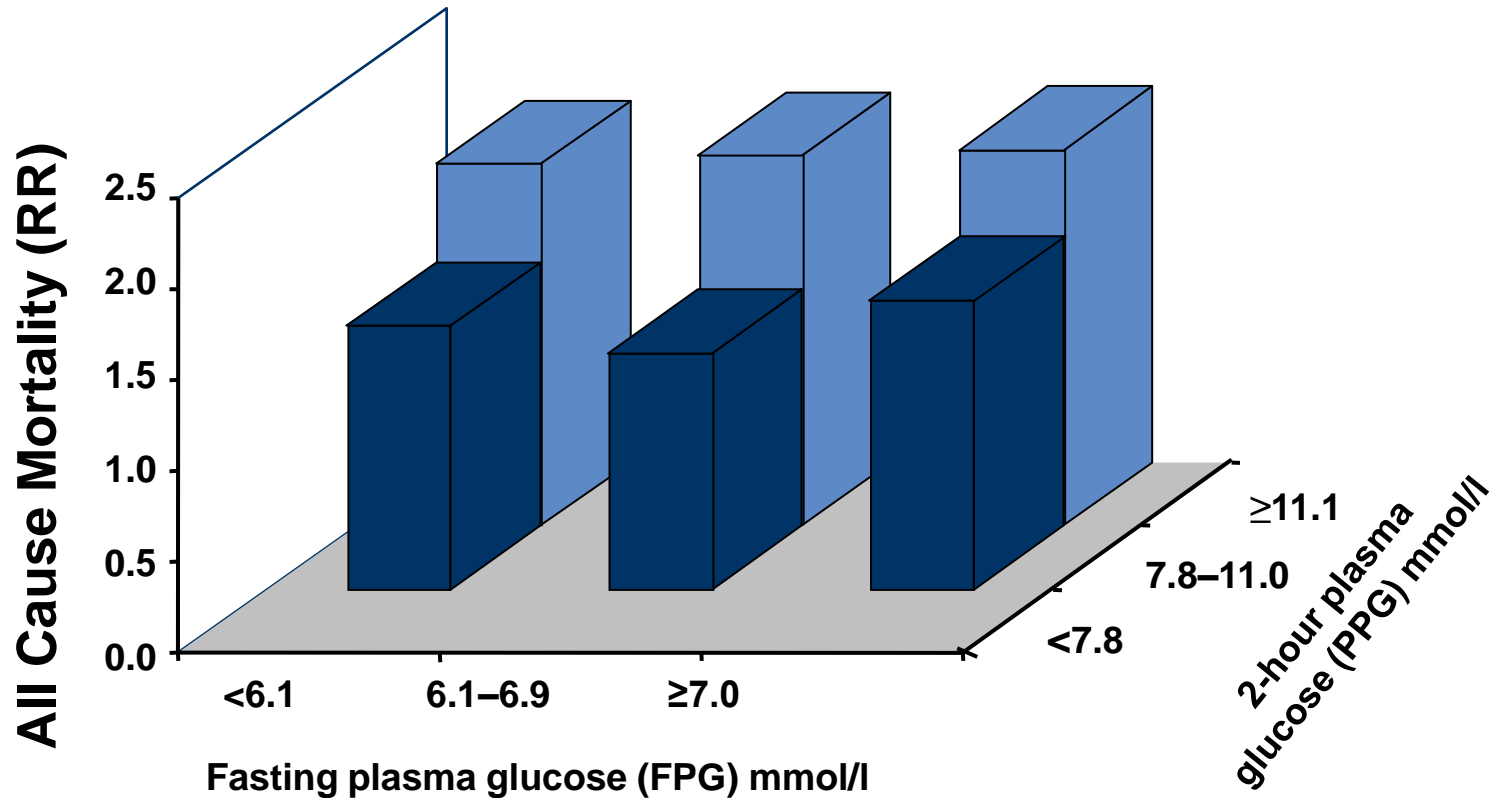


DECODE study



Mortality risk according to **2-hour glucose (PPG)** is **independent of FPG**

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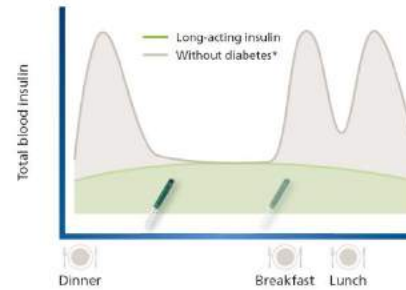
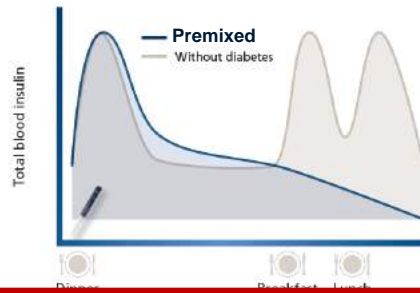
Mortality risk due to FPG becomes **non-significant** after **adjusting for 2-hour glucose (PPG)**

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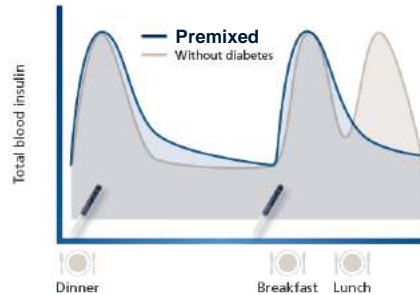


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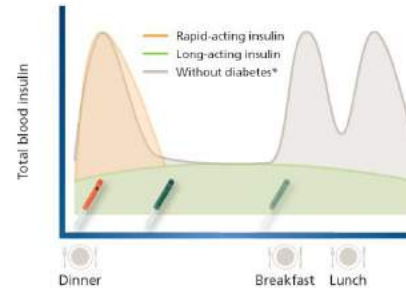
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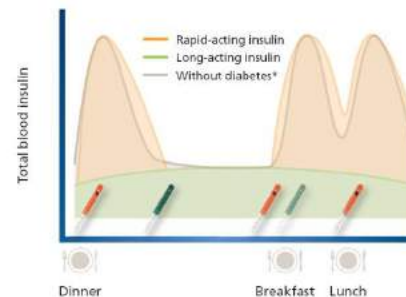
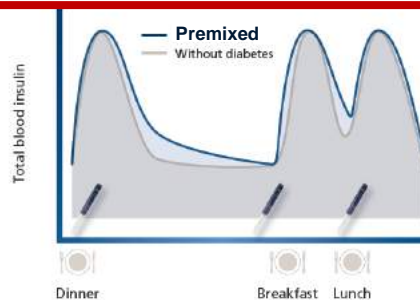


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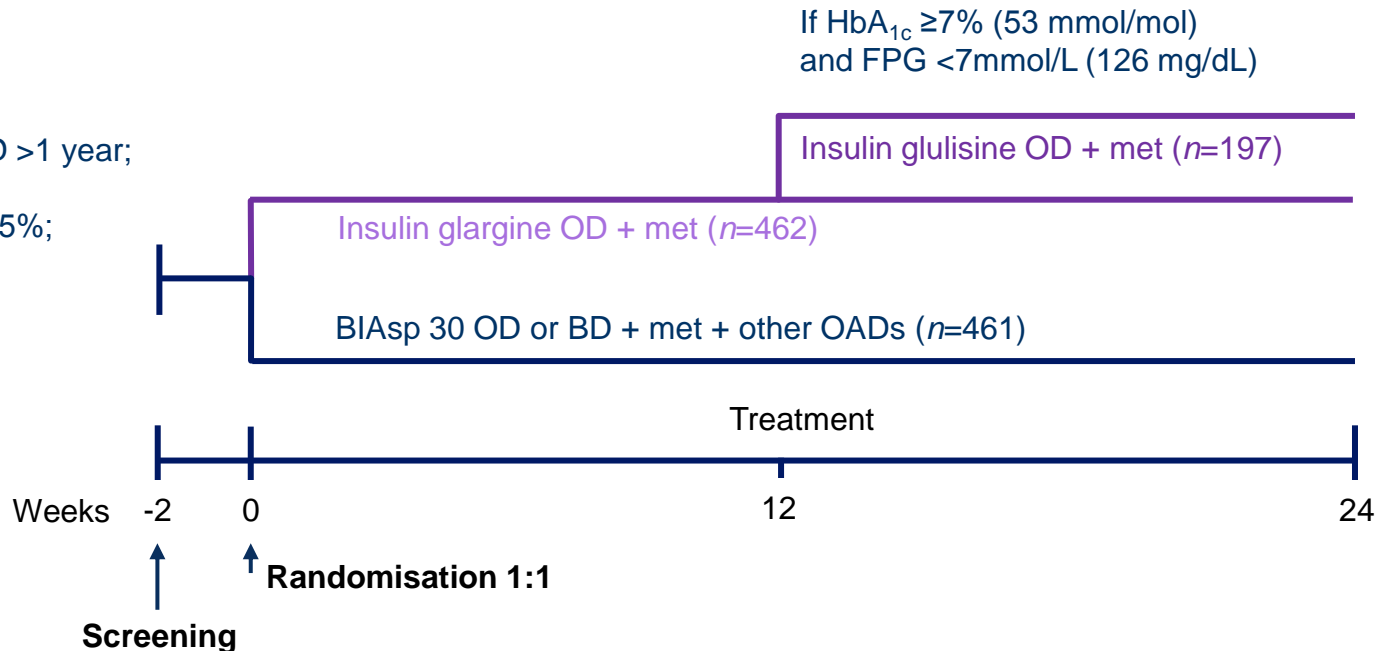
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Galapagos study: Premix vs Basal / Basal-Plus

Phase 4, randomised, multi-centre, international, comparative open-label trial

$n=934$ patients with T2D >1 year;
Uncontrolled on OADs;
 $HbA_{1c} \geq 7.0\%$ and $\leq 10.5\%$;
Age ≥ 35 years;
BMI ≤ 40 kg/m²

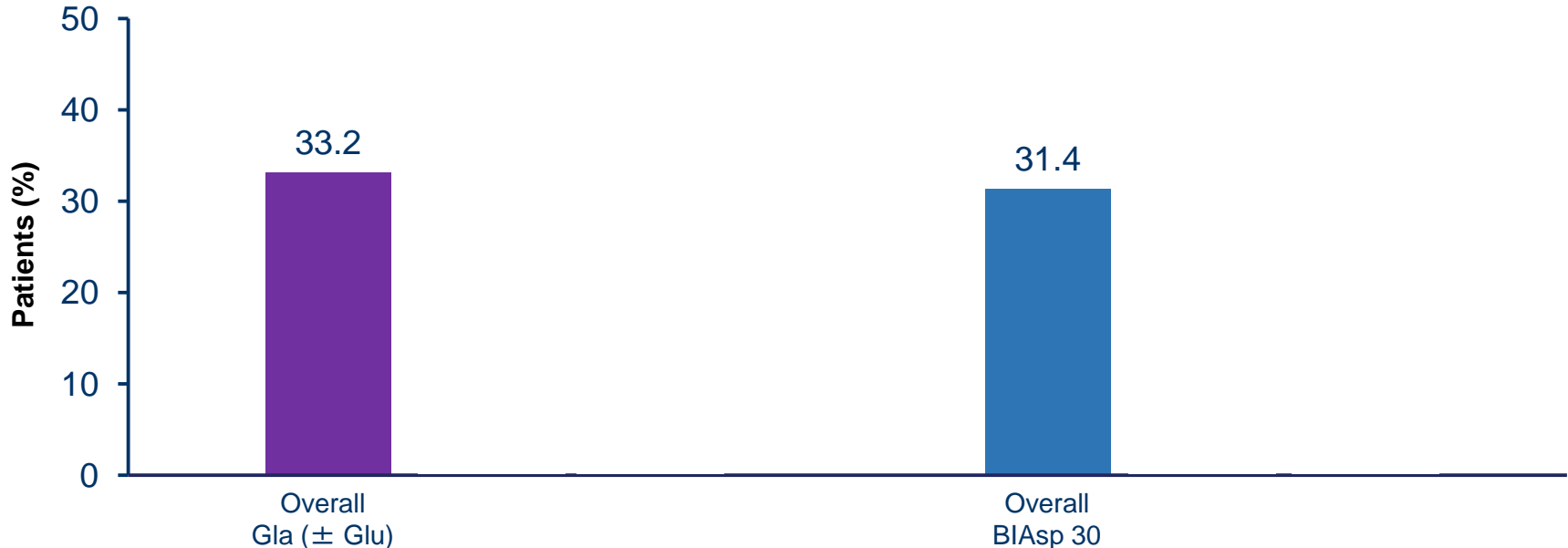


Met, metformin; SU, sulphonylurea, DPP-4, dipeptidylpeptidase-4

Aschner *et al. Diabetes* 2013;62(Suppl. 1):948-P

Galapagos study: key results

- Patients achieving HbA_{1c} <7% (53 mmol/mol) with no symptomatic hypoglycaemia at EOT, by overall treatment group and number of injections

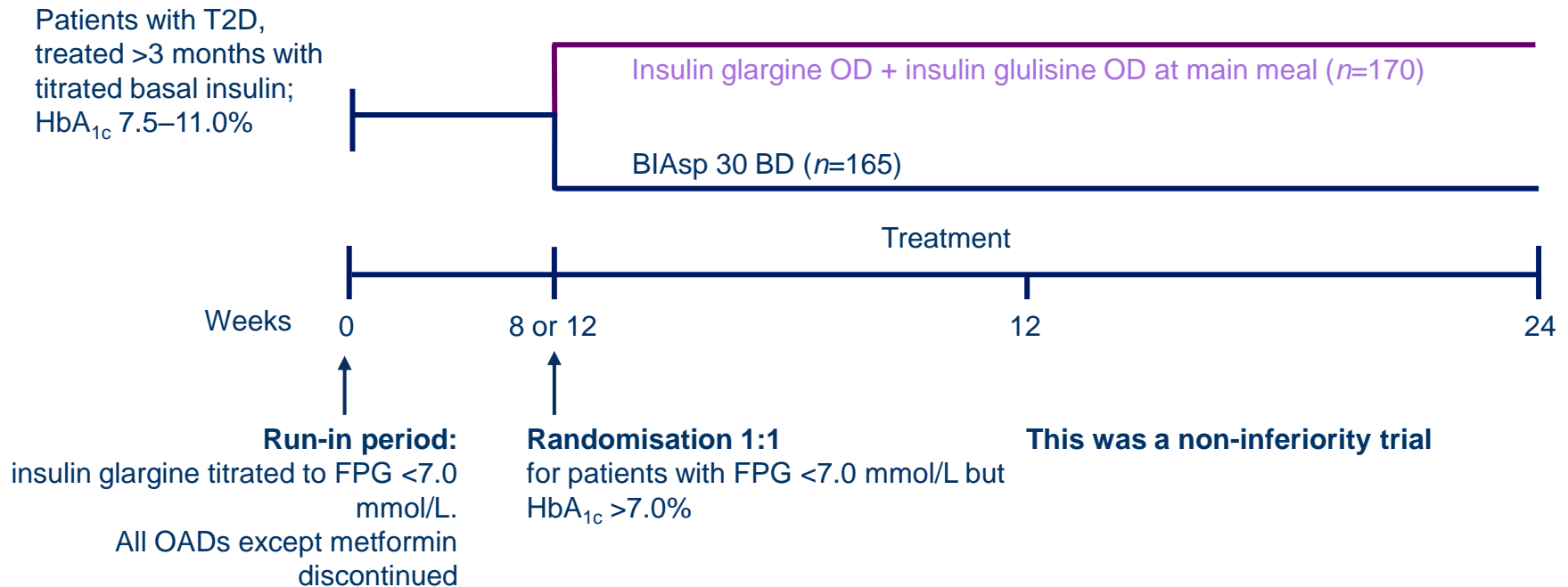


There was no significant difference between the two groups (overall $p=0.56$)

EOT, end of trial; Gla, insulin glargine; Glu, insulin glulisine

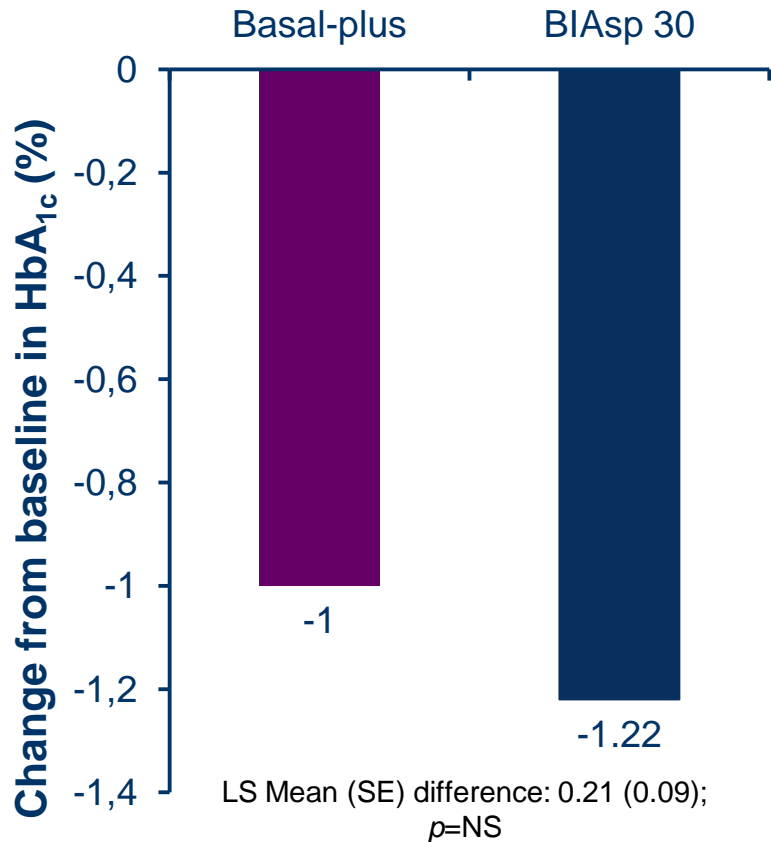
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LanScape Premix vs Basal-Plus

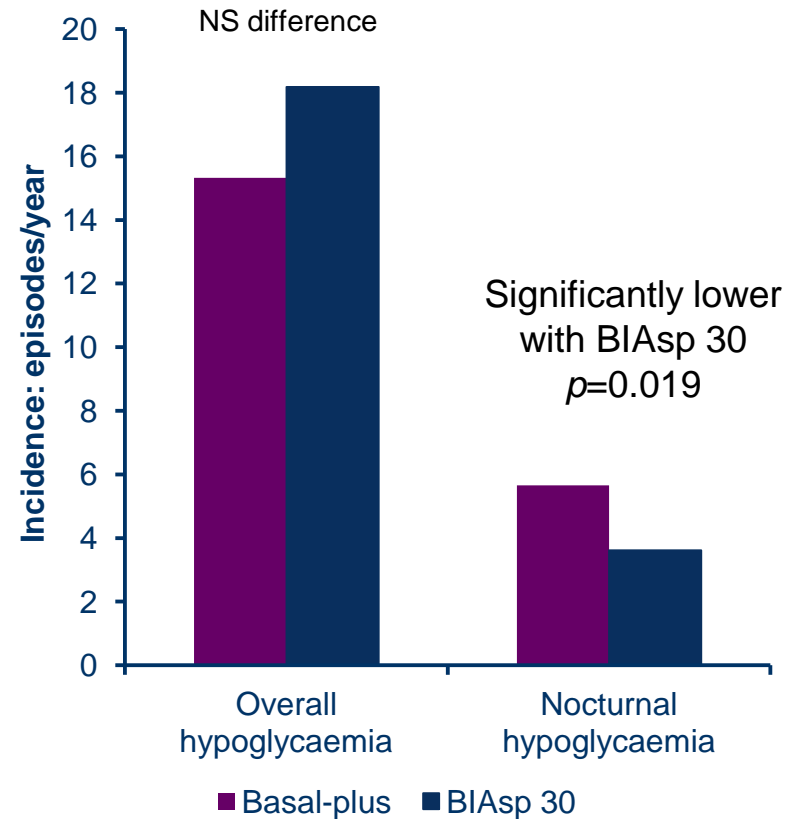


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Primary endpoint: HbA_{1c}



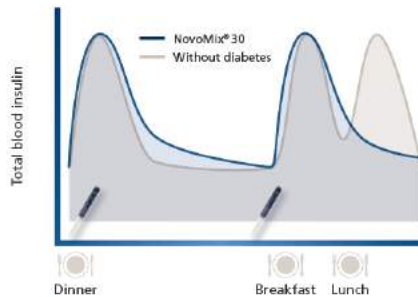
Hypoglycaemia



Why not just go for Basal Bolus? After all, it is “the best”, right?

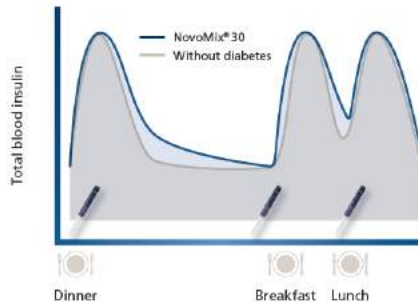
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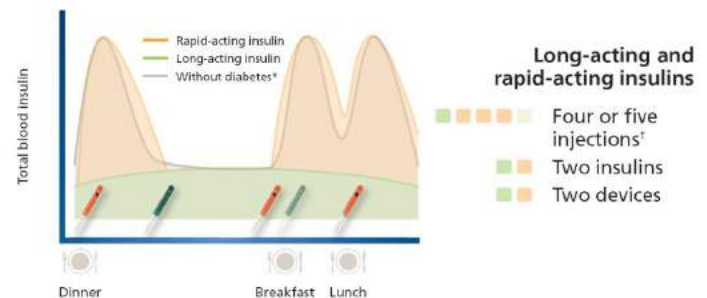


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The 1-2-3 Study Intensifying with Premixed

Background

- Failing OADs or basal insulin
- Intensification of BiAsp 30 premix
– 1x daily → 2x daily → 3x daily
- Will we get $HbA_{1c} \leq 6.5\%$?

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Attainment of glycaemic goals in type 2 diabetes with once-, twice-, or thrice-daily dosing with biphasic insulin aspart 70/30 (The 1-2-3 study)

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Aim: This observational study in patients with type 2 diabetes failing oral agent therapy with or without basal insulin was conducted to assess whether addition and self-titration of biphasic insulin aspart 70/30 (BIAsp 30) could achieve American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (ACE)/International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and American Diabetes Association (ADA) glycaemic targets ($HbA_{1c} \leq 6.5$ and $<7\%$).

Methods: Enrolled patients ($n = 100$, $HbA_{1c} \geq 7.5$ and $\leq 10\%$) were ≥ 18 years of age, had diabetes ≥ 12 months and had received a stable antidiabetic regimen for at least 3 months (minimum of two oral antidiabetic drugs (OADs) or at least one OAD plus once-daily basal insulin ≤ 60 U). Patients discontinued prior basal insulin and added one injection of BIAsp 30 (12 U or 70–100% of prior basal insulin dose within 15 min of dinner initiation). Patients self-titrated their BIAsp 30 dose with investigator guidance every 3 or 4 days to achieve pre-breakfast fasting blood glucose (FBG) of 80–110 mg/dL. At 16 weeks, a pre-breakfast injection of 6 U of BIAsp 30 was added if week 15 HbA_{1c} exceeded 6.5%. The added dose was titrated to achieve pre-dinner BG of 80–110 mg/dL. After an additional 16 weeks, 3 U of pre-lunch BIAsp 30 was added if HbA_{1c} exceeded 6.5%. This added dose was adjusted based on 2-h post-lunch BG to achieve postprandial glucose of 100–140 mg/dL. Subjects achieving an $HbA_{1c} \leq 6.5\%$ at 15 and 31 weeks completed the study at weeks 16 and 32 respectively.

Results: Addition of once-daily BIAsp 30 before dinner enabled 21% of the patients to achieve AACE and IDF targets ($HbA_{1c} \leq 6.5\%$) and 41% to achieve ADA targets ($HbA_{1c} < 7\%$). With two daily injections of BIAsp 30, these glycaemic goals were achieved by 52 and 76% of subjects. With three daily BIAsp 30 injections, 60% of patients achieved $HbA_{1c} \leq 6.5\%$, and 77% achieved $HbA_{1c} < 7.0\%$.

Conclusions: This clinical trial demonstrates that initiation of once-daily BIAsp 30 in type 2 diabetes patients poorly controlled on various OAD regimens was an effective treatment approach for achieving glycaemic goals. Additional patients safely achieved these goals by increasing the number of BIAsp 30 injections from one to two, and then, if uncontrolled, from two to three doses per day. Eventually, most patients previously uncontrolled on OADs with or without basal insulin were controlled by the addition and vigorous titration of BIAsp 30 to oral agent therapy.

Keywords: BIAsp, insulin initiation, OAD failures, premixed insulin analogue, treatment algorithm

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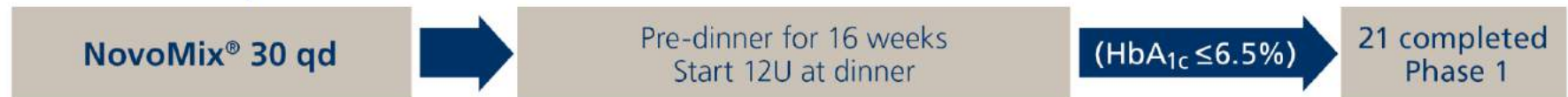
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The 1-2-3 Study

Simple start and intensification to achieve glycaemic targets

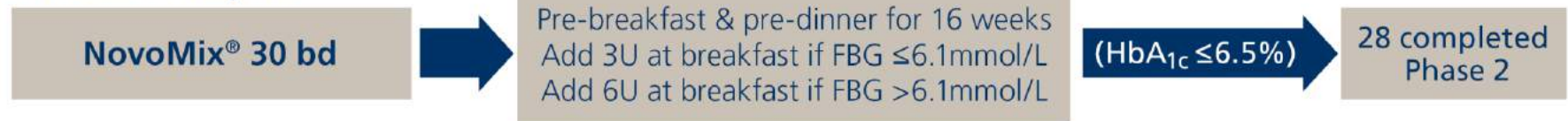
Study Design

Phase 1: 100 subjects



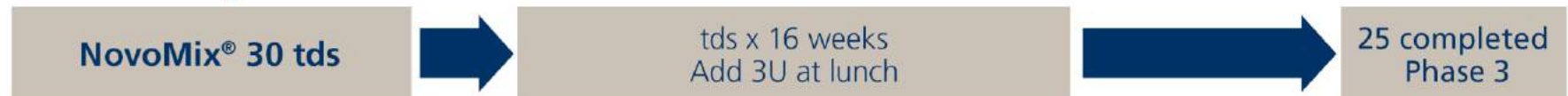
↓ If HbA_{1c} > 6.5%, go to bd, discontinue secretagogues

Phase 2: 68 subjects



↓ If HbA_{1c} > 6.5%, go to tds

Phase 3: 25 subjects

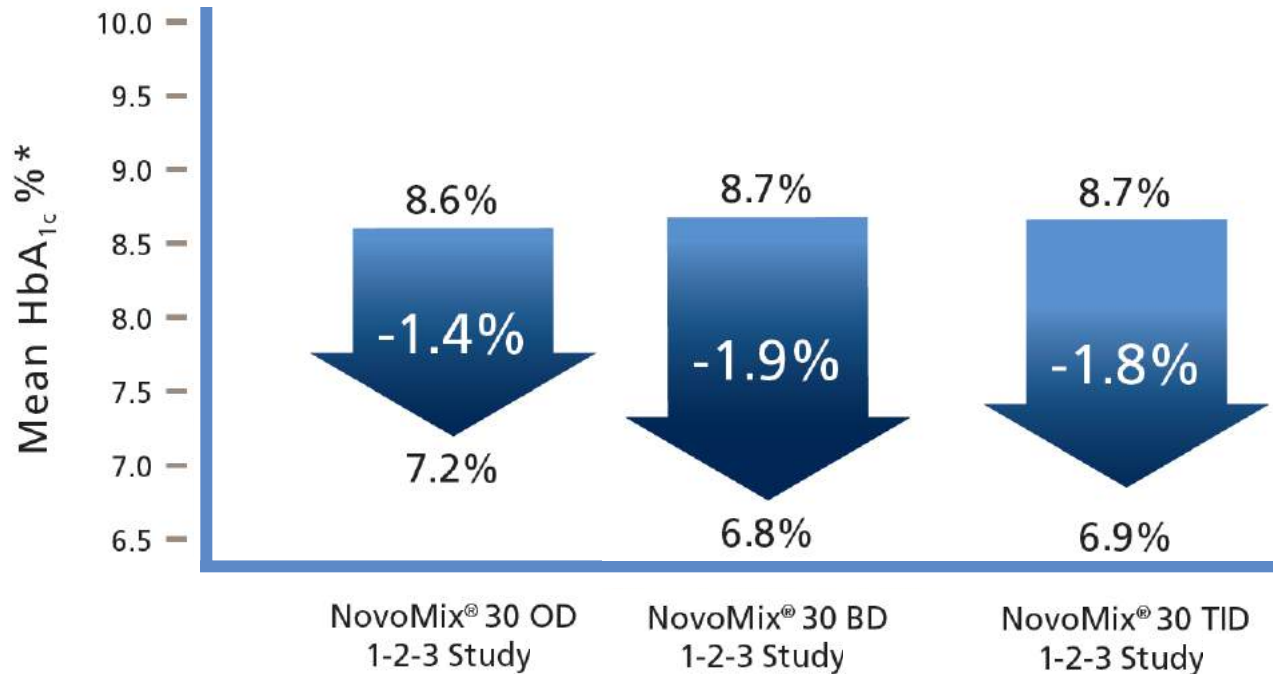


Titrate according to schedule every 3 days. Predetermined dose escalation algorithm designed for patient self-adjustment (qd = once-daily; bd = twice-daily; tds = thrice-daily).

Adapted from Garber AJ *et al.* 2006. 1-2-3 study is a 48-week, single cohort, treat-to-target study in 100 type 2 patients, mean duration of diabetes 11-12 years.

The 1-2-3 Study

Achieve HbA_{1c} targets with BiAsp 30



% patients achieving

Target	NovoMix [®] 30 OD 1-2-3 Study	NovoMix [®] 30 BD 1-2-3 Study	NovoMix [®] 30 TID 1-2-3 Study
HbA _{1c} ≤7.0%	41%	70%	77%
HbA _{1c} ≤6.5%	21%	52%	60%

No patients discontinued because of hypoglycaemia or weight gain at any time during the study.

1-2-3 Conclusion

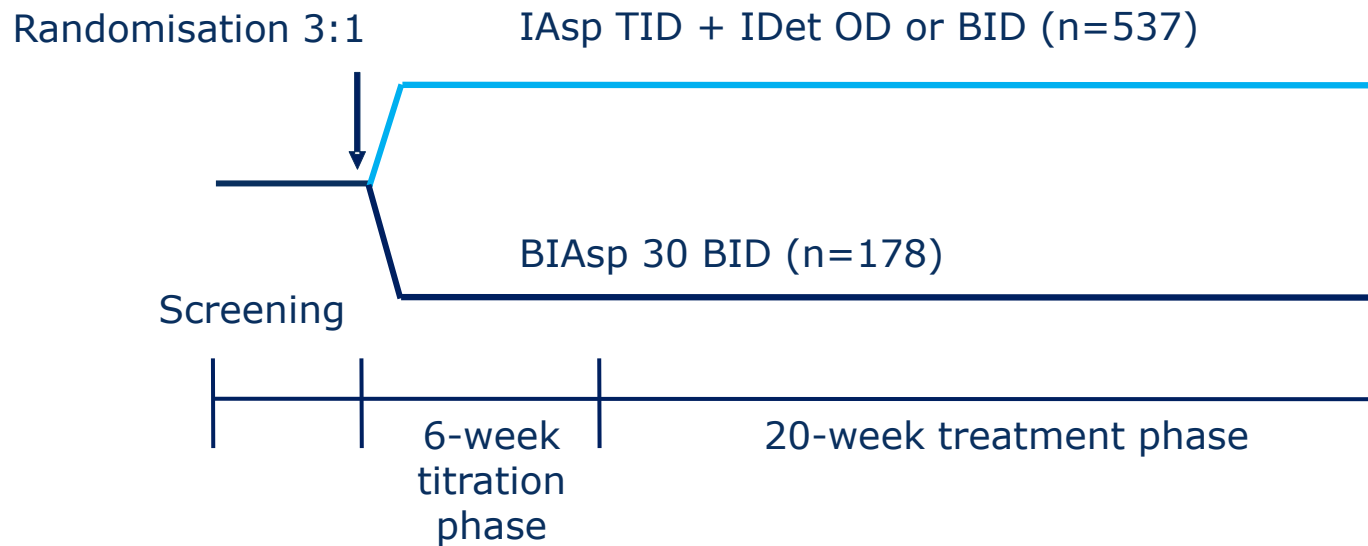
- Starting once-daily BiAsp 30 was an effective treatment approach for achieving glycaemic goals.
- Also, can safely achieved HbA1c goals by intensifying treatment
 - from 1 to 2 injections
 - and then 2 to 3 BiAsp 30 doses/day

PREFER

Premixed vs. basal-bolus

Inclusion criteria:

- One or two OADs without insulin
- One or two OADs with OD NPH/insulin glargine
- $7\% \leq \text{HbA1c} \leq 12\%$



OADs were discontinued in both arms

PREFER Study

Liebl A, et al (2008), Diabetes Obes Metab

	Premixed analogues	Basal bolus
HbA1c - insulin naïve	Same vs →	
Minor hypos	Same vs →	
Major hypos	0%	1%

- No advantage to starting with basal-bolus in insulin naive patients

Ilag LL et al. (2007)

Clin Ther 29: 1254-70

- **Meta-analysis**
- **Premixed analogues vs basal bolus**

	Premixed analogues	Basal bolus
HbA1c - insulin naïve	Better vs →	
HbA1c - prior insulin Rx		← Better vs
Minor hypos	Better vs →	

Using the right tool for the job



- Basal-bolus is very effective, but very complex
- Benefits only if patient not controlled on a simpler insulin regimen
- No clear benefit to start off on basal-bolus (insulin naïve)

Premix vs Basal / Basal-plus

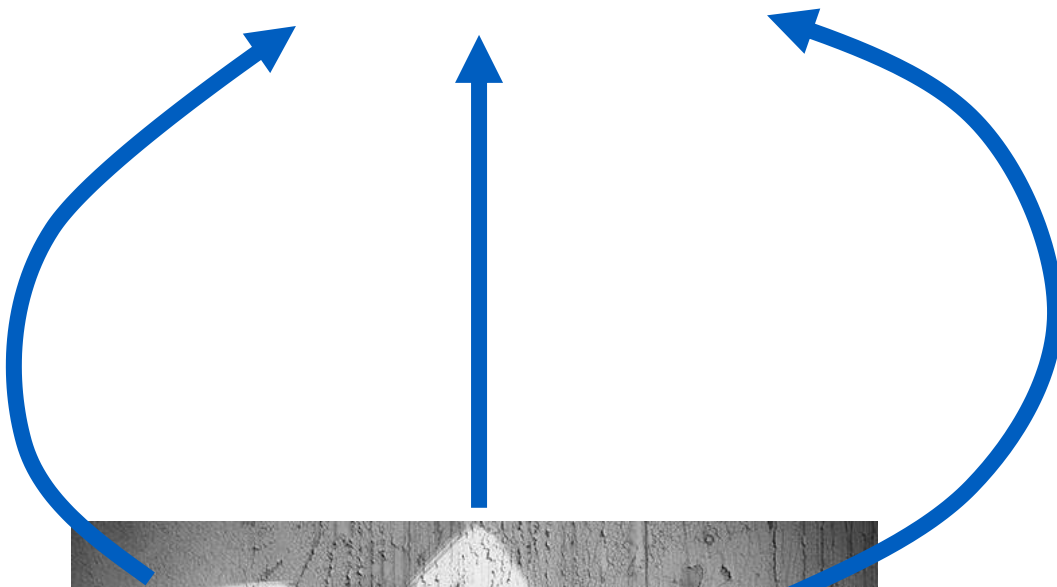
How much difference is there?

- **“No single insulin or regimen was best on all endpoints.** Furthermore, while the differences may have reached statistical significance, they were **often of limited clinical relevance.**”¹
- **“The authors of this study found inconclusive evidence...GPs know their patients well and are in a good position to select the appropriate regimen for their patients”**²

1. Wu T, et al. IDF WPR, Singapore Nov 2014

2. Mosenzon O, Raz I. *Diabetes Care* 2013;36 Suppl 2:S212–8

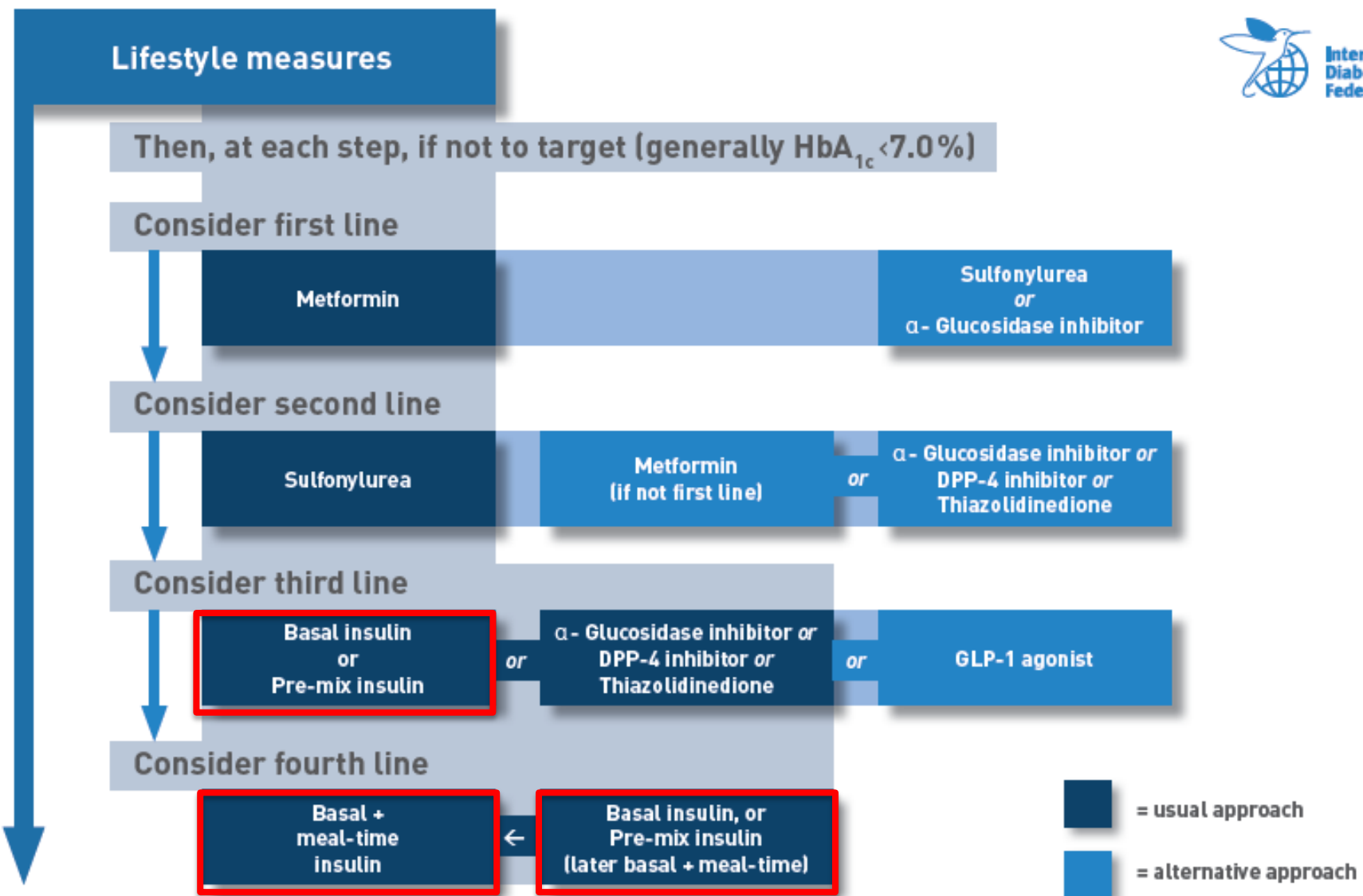
Better Glucose Control



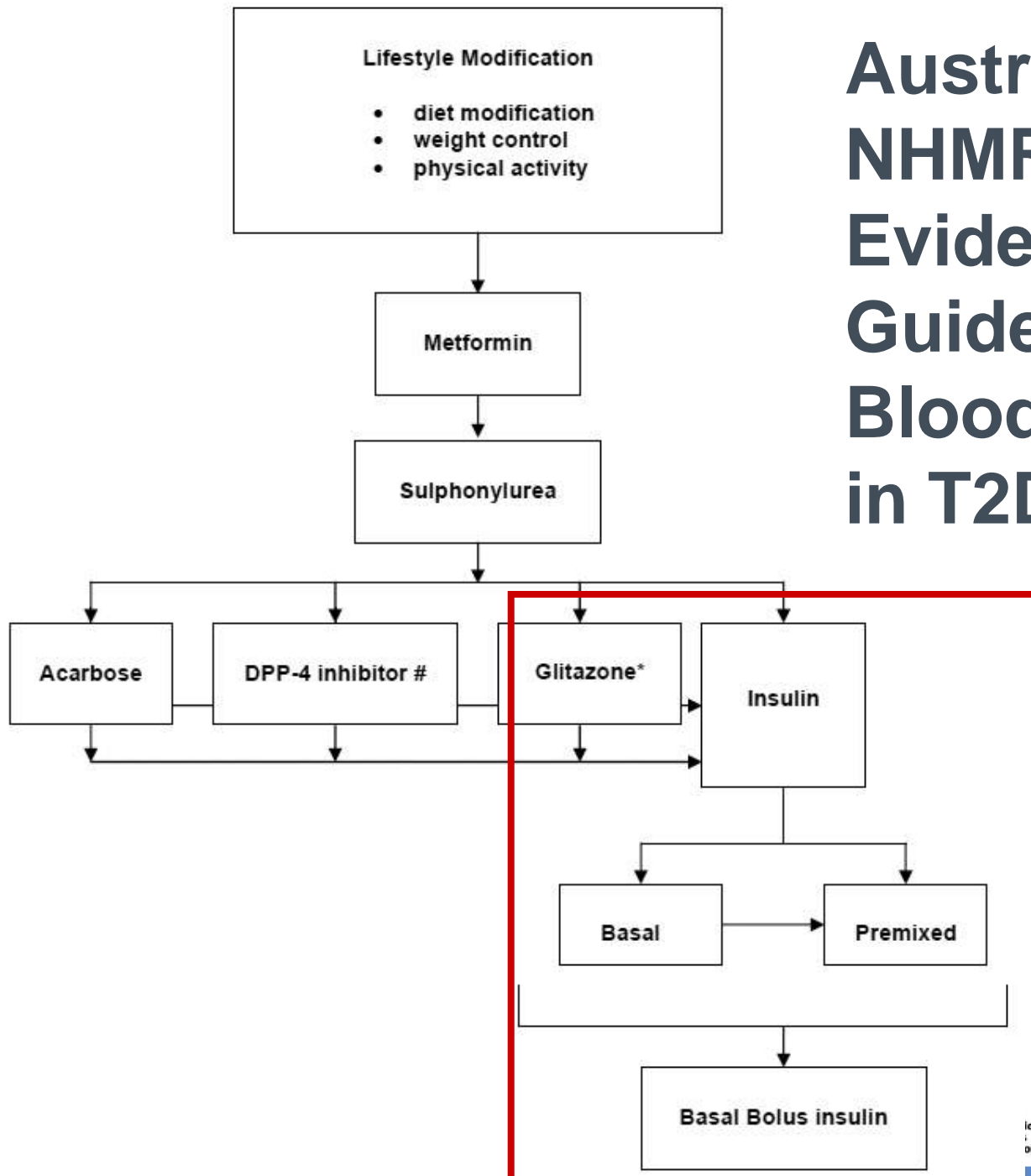
The most important thing is to take the first step:

Start insulin

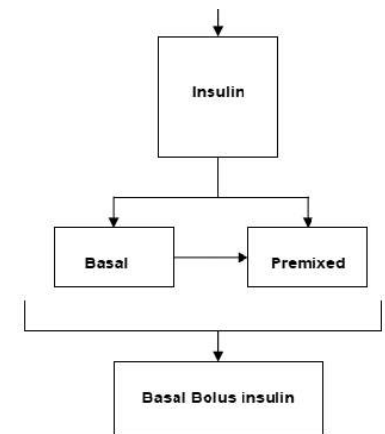
IDF Treatment Algorithm for People with Type 2 Diabetes



Australian NHMRC, National Evidence Based Guideline for Blood Glc Control in T2DM, 2012

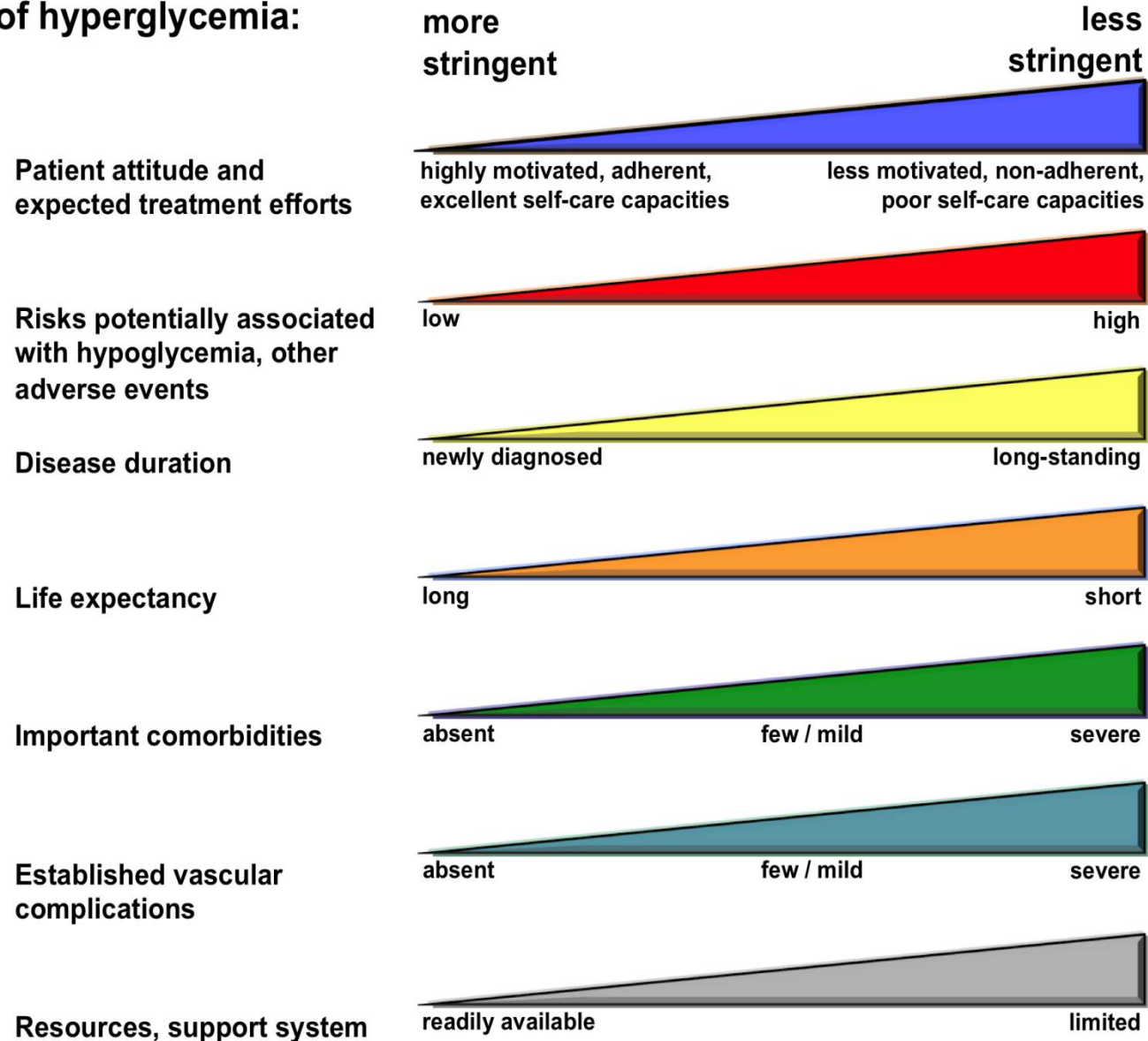


NHMRC guideline, 2012



- **Premixed insulin and basal insulin are equal first line option** for starting insulin in T2DM (level 1 evidence)
 - Premixed insulin is an intensification option if not controlled on basal insulin + OHA
- If equal first line, which one to choose?
 - Individualise
 - High FPG only → Add daily glargine
 - **High PPG → Add daily premixed**

Approach to management of hyperglycemia:



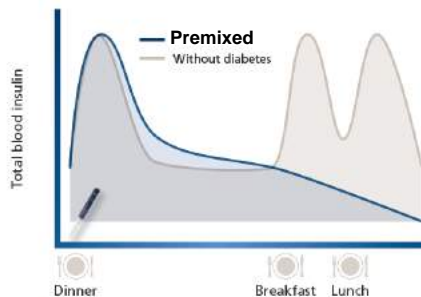
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- **Ted Wu**, Bryan Betty, Michelle Downie, Manish Khanolkar, Gary Kilov, Brandon Orr-Walker, Gordon Senator, Gregory Fulcher
- Expert panel convened in February 2014
- First published, IDF Western Pacific Forum
 - Singapore, November 2014
- Gives guidance on individualising insulin regimens

Favours basal/ basal-bolus		Favours premix
<1 mmol	What is the post-prandial increment?	>3 mmol
Yes	Will the patient likely manage basal-bolus therapy when intensification is needed?	No
No	Is there a large carbohydrate intake at one or 2 meals?	Yes
No	Is the patient's lifestyle predictable (eating pattern, working hours etc)?	Yes
OK with more injections	Patient preference regarding number of injections	Prefers fewer injections
OK with more frequent	Patient preference regarding SMBG	Prefers less frequent
Good	Patient ability to inject (cognitive ability, manual dexterity, need for carer etc)	Poor
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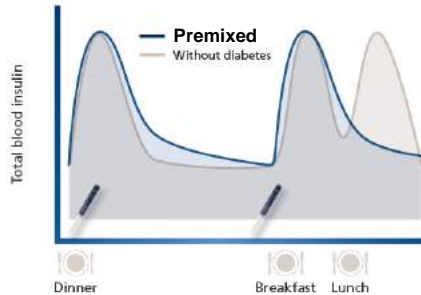
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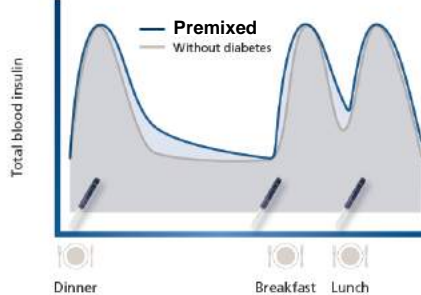
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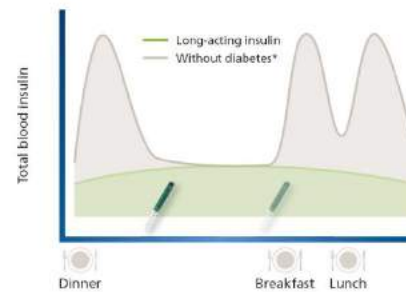


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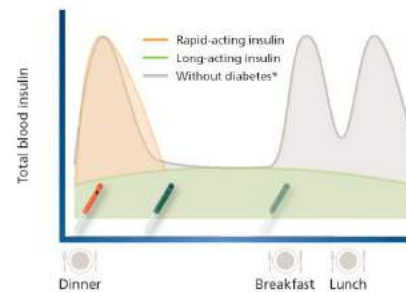


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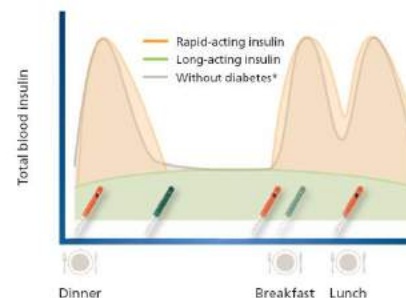
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“Begin as you mean to go on”

Think about which regimen is most suitable for your patient, and start on that regimen

Hospital patients are mostly on Basal-Bolus

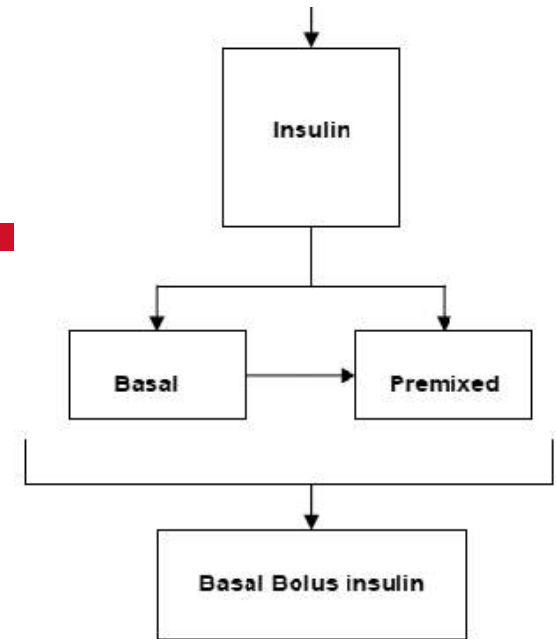
- RPA Hospital at forefront of intensive Basal-Bolus insulin for all inpatients needing insulin
- “Triple-B” (basal-bolus-booster) subcutaneous insulin regimen: a pragmatic approach to managing hospital inpatient hyperglycaemia
- **But what happens when the patient is discharged?**

Switching from basal-bolus back to premix insulin analogue

- Reduce total daily dose of all insulin by 20–30%
- Then split this to give you the starting dose of premix insulin analogue at breakfast and evening meal
 - 50% AM, 50% PM
 - Unusual meal patterns may lead you to reconsider the initial dose ratio
- Titrate the dose. Adjust the evening meal dose first, followed by the breakfast dose.

Summary

- Modern insulin analogs → **excellent results from both Premixed and Basal / Basal-Plus regimens**
- The key in **individualisation**
 - We **individualise regimens** just as we do HbA_{1c} targets
 - **New guidance** is available to help with individualising



Favours basal/ basal-bolus		Favours premix
<1 mmol	What is the post-prandial increment?	>3 mmol
Yes	Will the patient likely manage basal-bolus therapy when intensification is needed?	No
No	Is there a large carbohydrate intake at one or 2 meals?	Yes
No	Is the patient's lifestyle predictable (eating pattern, working hours etc)?	Yes
OK with more injections	Patient preference regarding number of injections	Prefers fewer injections
OK with more frequent	Patient preference regarding SMBG	Prefers less frequent
Good	Patient ability to inject (cognitive ability, manual dexterity, need for carer etc)	Poor
Favours basal/ basal-bolus		Favours premix

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