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# Management of people with diabetes and cardiovascular disease- what's new?

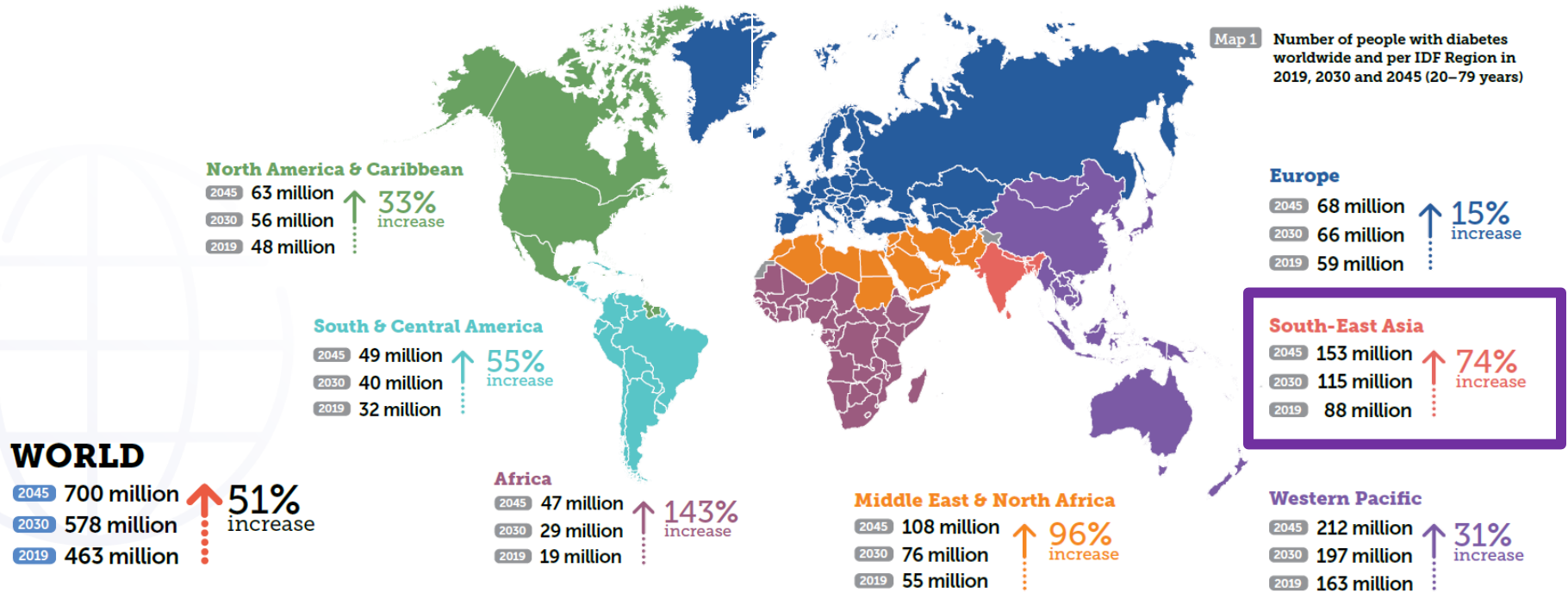
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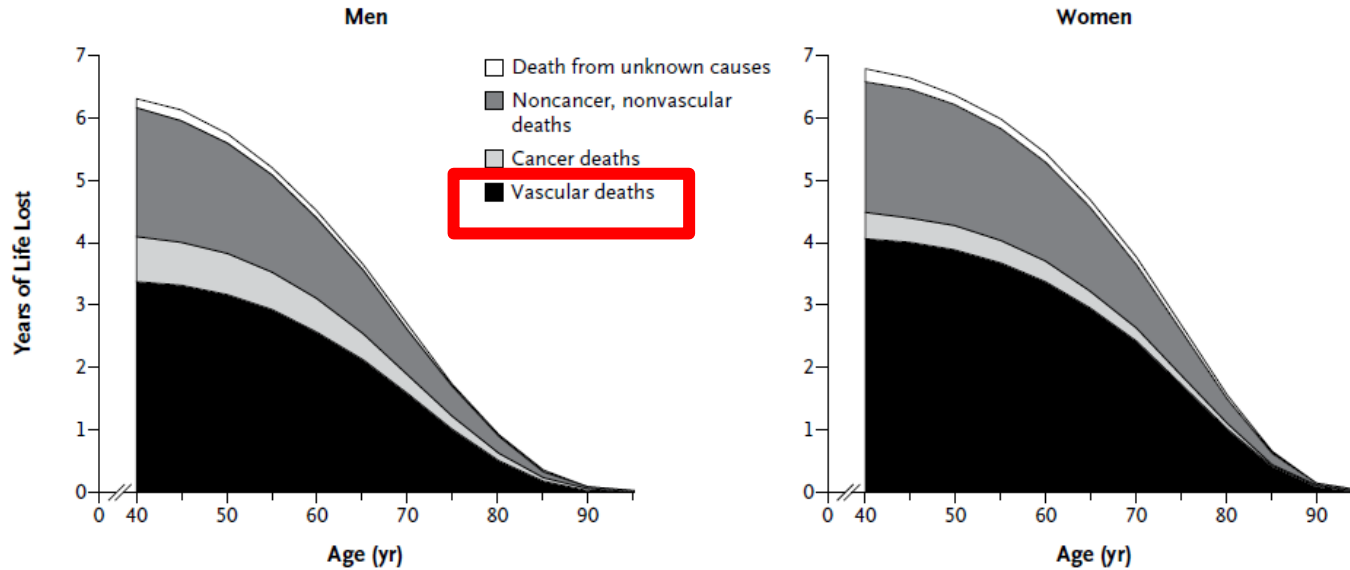
# Nearly half a billion people are living with diabetes worldwide



[https://www.diabetesatlas.org/upload/resources/2019/IDF\\_Atlas\\_9th\\_Edition\\_2019.pdf](https://www.diabetesatlas.org/upload/resources/2019/IDF_Atlas_9th_Edition_2019.pdf)

# Emerging Risk Factor Collaboration

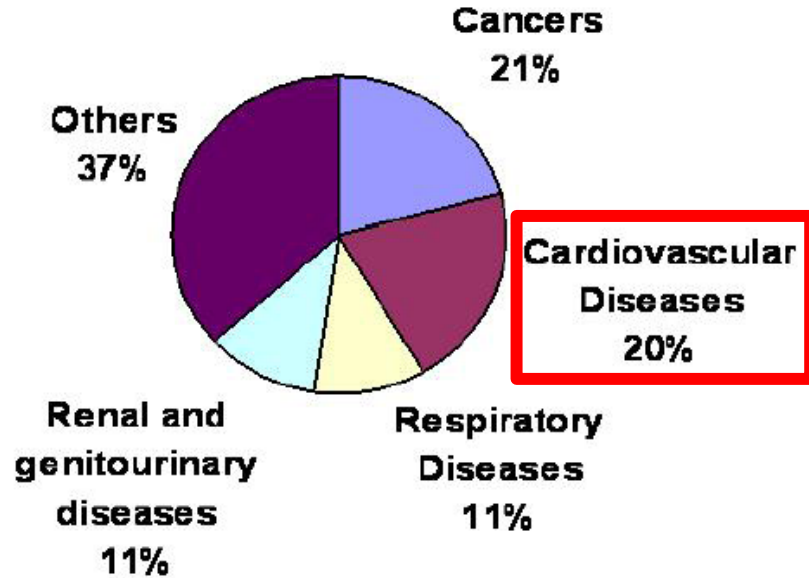
## Average loss of 6 years of life in diabetes



Seshasai, SR et al NEJM 2011

# Mortality in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes: (Data from Hong Kong Diabetes Registry)

Hong Kong Diabetes  
Registry  
Causes of death  
In 7000 T2D  
FU 6 years



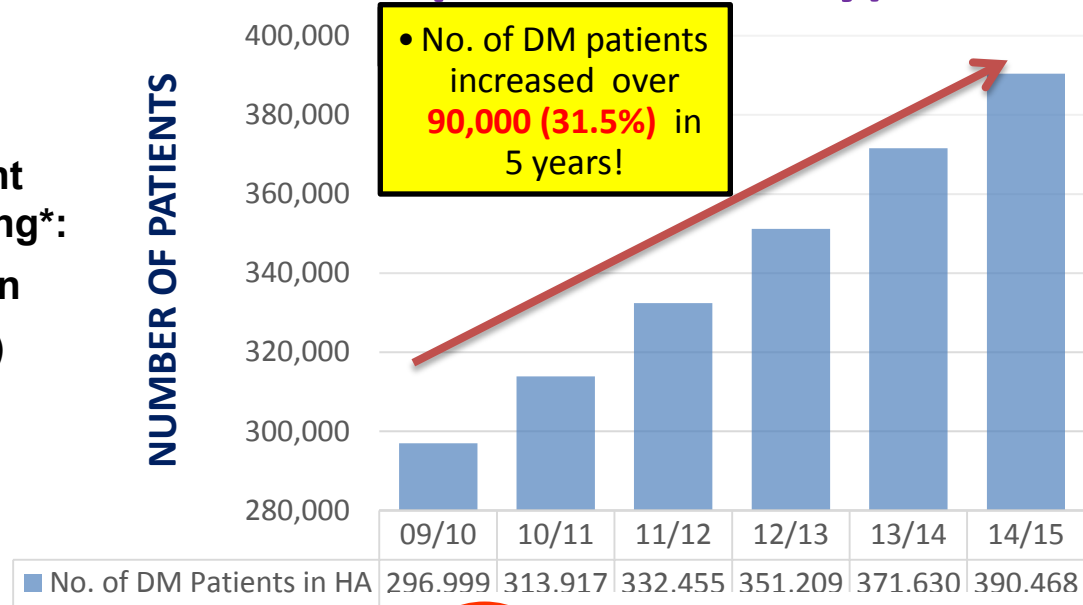
So WY, et al. Diabetes Metab Res Rev. 2008 Mar-Apr;24(3):238-46



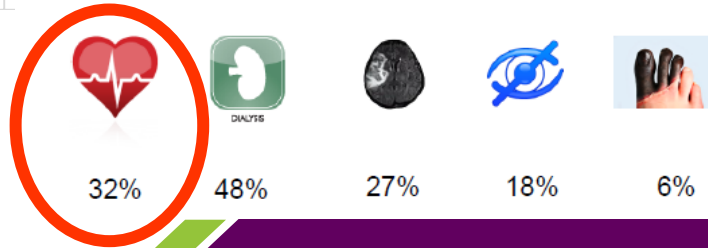
# Burden on Public Health Care System in HK (Data from Hospital Authority)

**2016-17 Recurrent  
Government Funding\*:  
~ HK\$50.76 billion  
(US\$6.54 billion)**

**NUMBER OF PATIENTS**



~200,000 admissions (18% of all admissions)  
~1 million specialist out-patient visits (14% of all attendance)



Diabetologia (2018) 61:2461–2498

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00125-018-4729-5>

CONSENSUS REPORT



# Management of hyperglycaemia in type 2 diabetes, 2018. A consensus report by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)

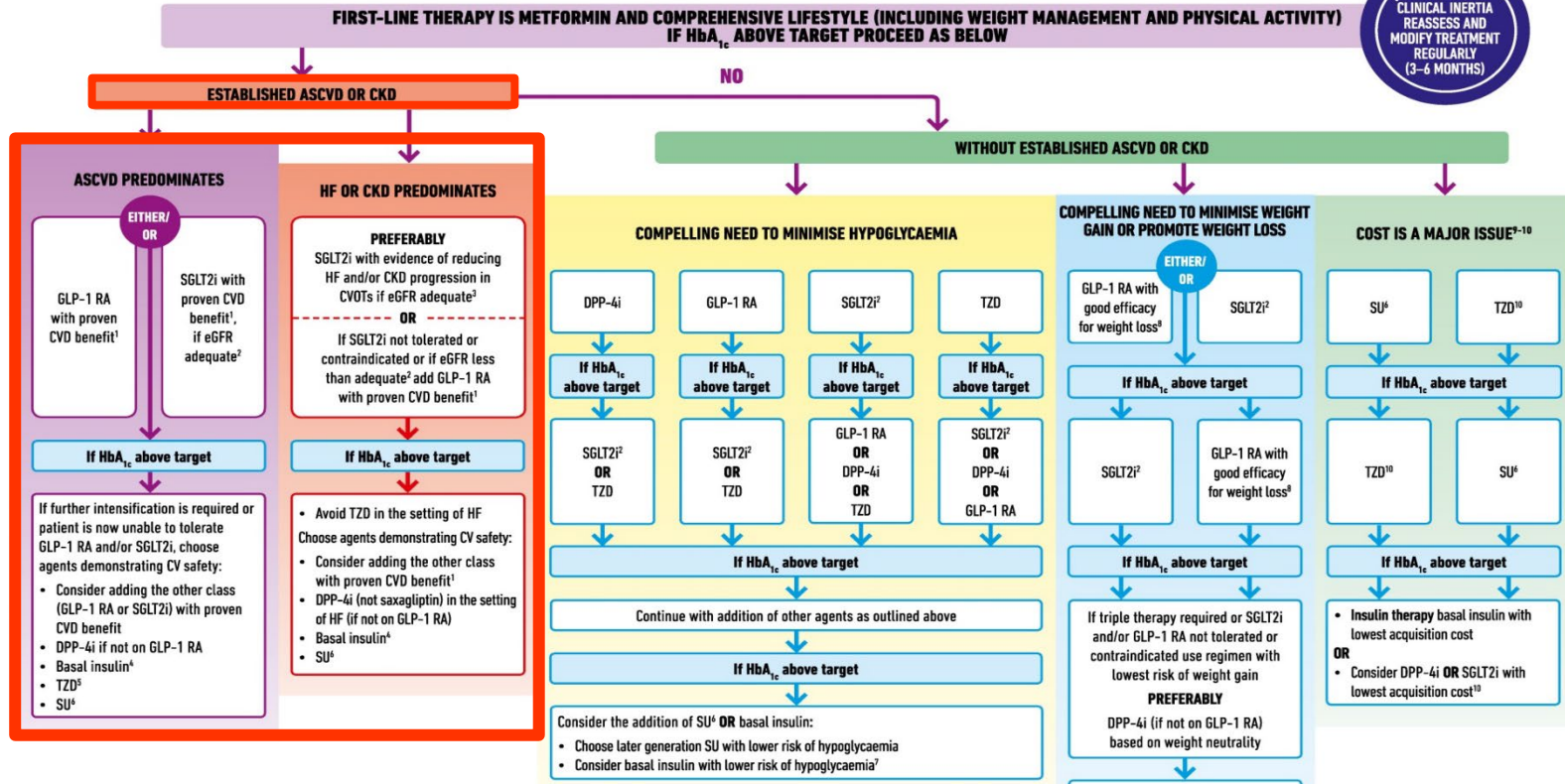
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# GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES: OVERALL APPROACH

TO AVOID CLINICAL INERTIA REASSESS AND MODIFY TREATMENT REGULARLY (3-6 MONTHS)



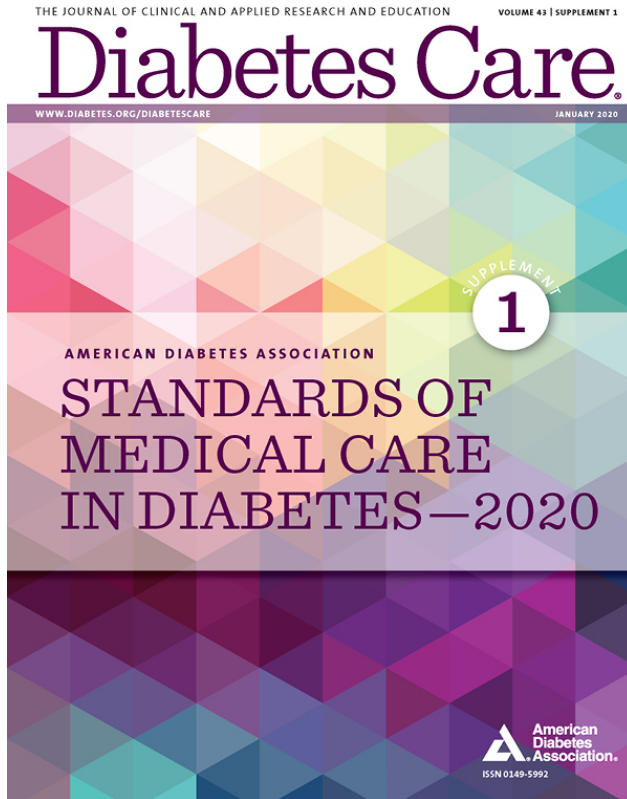
- Proven CVD benefit means it has label indication of reducing CVD events. For GLP-1 RA strongest evidence for liraglutide > semaglutide > exenatide extended release. For SGLT2i evidence modestly stronger for empagliflozin > canagliflozin.
- Be aware that SGLT2i vary by region and individual agent with regard to indicated level of eGFR for initiation and continued use
- Both empagliflozin and canagliflozin have shown reduction in HF and reduction in CKD progression in CVOTs
- Degludec or U100 glargine have demonstrated CVD safety

- Low dose may be better tolerated though less well studied for CVD effects
- Choose later generation SU with lower risk of hypoglycaemia
- Degludec / glargine U300 < glargine U100 / detemir < NPH insulin
- Semaglutide > liraglutide > dulaglutide > exenatide > lixisenatide
- If no specific comorbidities (i.e. no established CVD, low risk of hypoglycaemia and lower priority to avoid weight gain or no weight-related comorbidities)
- Consider country- and region-specific cost of drugs. In some countries TZDs relatively more expensive and DPP-4i relatively cheaper

Fig. 2 Glucose-lowering medication in type 2 diabetes: overall approach



# ADA: Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes 2020



## 9. Pharmacologic Approaches to Glycemic Treatment: *Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes—2020*

*Diabetes Care* 2020;43(Suppl. 1):S98–S110 | <https://doi.org/10.2337/dc20-S009>



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**FIRST-LINE Therapy is Metformin and Comprehensive Lifestyle (including weight management and physical activity)**



**INDICATORS OF HIGH-RISK OR ESTABLISHED ASCVD, CKD OR HF<sup>1</sup>**

**CONSIDER INDEPENDENTLY OF BASELINE A1C OR INDIVIDUALIZED A1C TARGET**

**ASCVD PREDOMINATES**

- Established ASCVD
- Indicators of high ASCVD risk (age  $\geq 55$  years with coronary, carotid or lower extremity artery stenosis  $>50\%$ , or LVH)

**PREFERABLY**

GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>

OR

SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup> if eGFR adequate<sup>2</sup>

**If A1C above target**

If further intensification is required or patient is now unable to tolerate GLP-1 RA and/or SGLT2i, choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a GLP-1 RA, consider adding SGLT2i with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>
- DPP-4i if not on GLP-1 RA
- Basal insulin<sup>4</sup>
- TZD<sup>5</sup>
- SU<sup>6</sup>

**HF OR CKD PREDOMINATES**

- Particularly HFrEF (LVEF  $<45\%$ )
- CKD: Specifically eGFR 30-60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> or UACR  $>30$  mg/g, particularly UACR  $>300$  mg/g

**PREFERABLY**

SGLT2i with evidence of reducing HF and/or CKD progression in CVOts if eGFR adequate<sup>2</sup>

OR

If SGLT2i not tolerated or contraindicated or if eGFR less than adequate<sup>2</sup> add GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>

**If A1C above target**

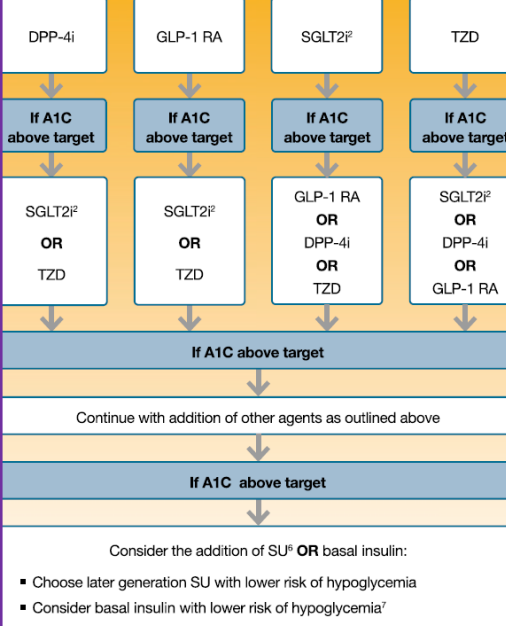
Avoid TZD in the setting of HF  
Choose agents demonstrating CV safety:

- For patients on a SGLT2i, consider adding GLP-1 RA with proven CVD benefit<sup>1</sup>
- DPP-4i (not saxagliptin) in the setting of HF (if not on GLP-1 RA)
- Basal insulin<sup>4</sup>
- SU<sup>6</sup>

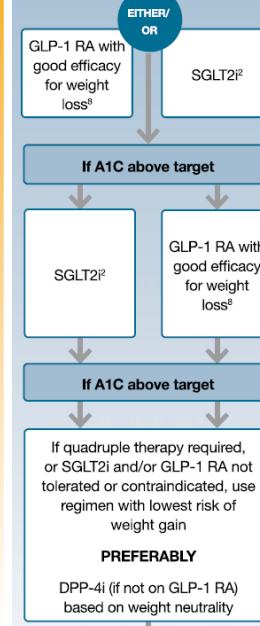
**NO**

**IF A1C ABOVE INDIVIDUALIZED TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW**

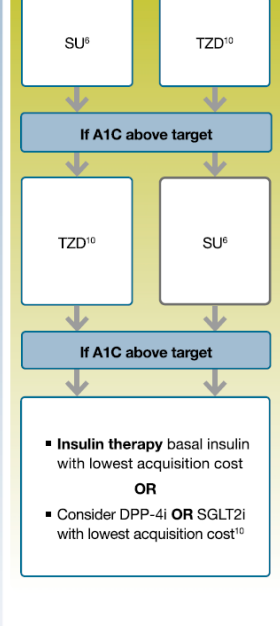
**COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE HYPOGLYCEMIA**

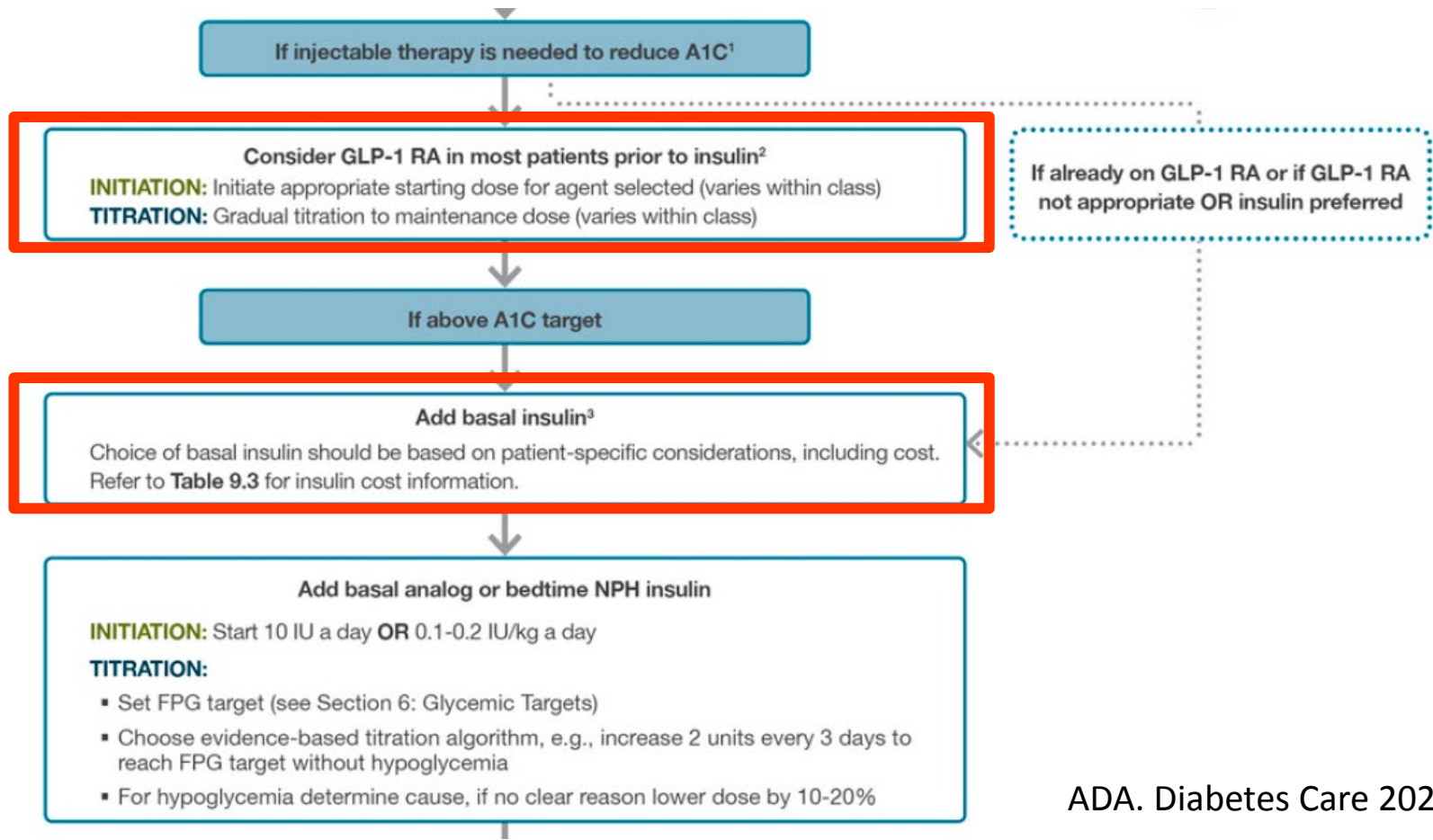


**COMPELLING NEED TO MINIMIZE WEIGHT GAIN OR PROMOTE WEIGHT LOSS**



**COST IS A MAJOR ISSUE<sup>9-10</sup>**





ADA. Diabetes Care 2020

# Development of Exenatide: An Incretin Mimetic

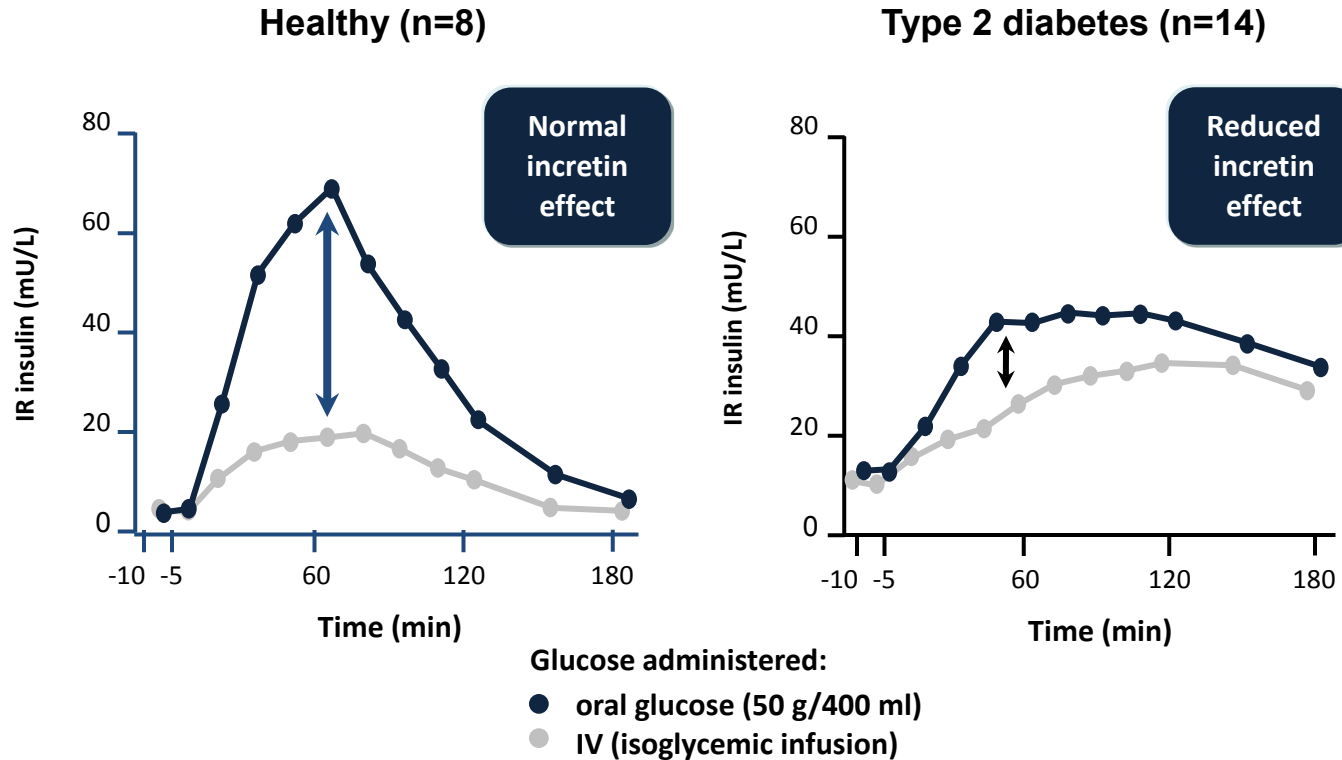
## Exenatide (Exendin-4)

- Synthetic version of salivary protein found in the Gila monster
- Approximately 50% identity with human GLP-1
  - Binds to known human GLP-1 receptors on  $\beta$  cells *in vitro*
  - Resistant to DPP-4 inactivation

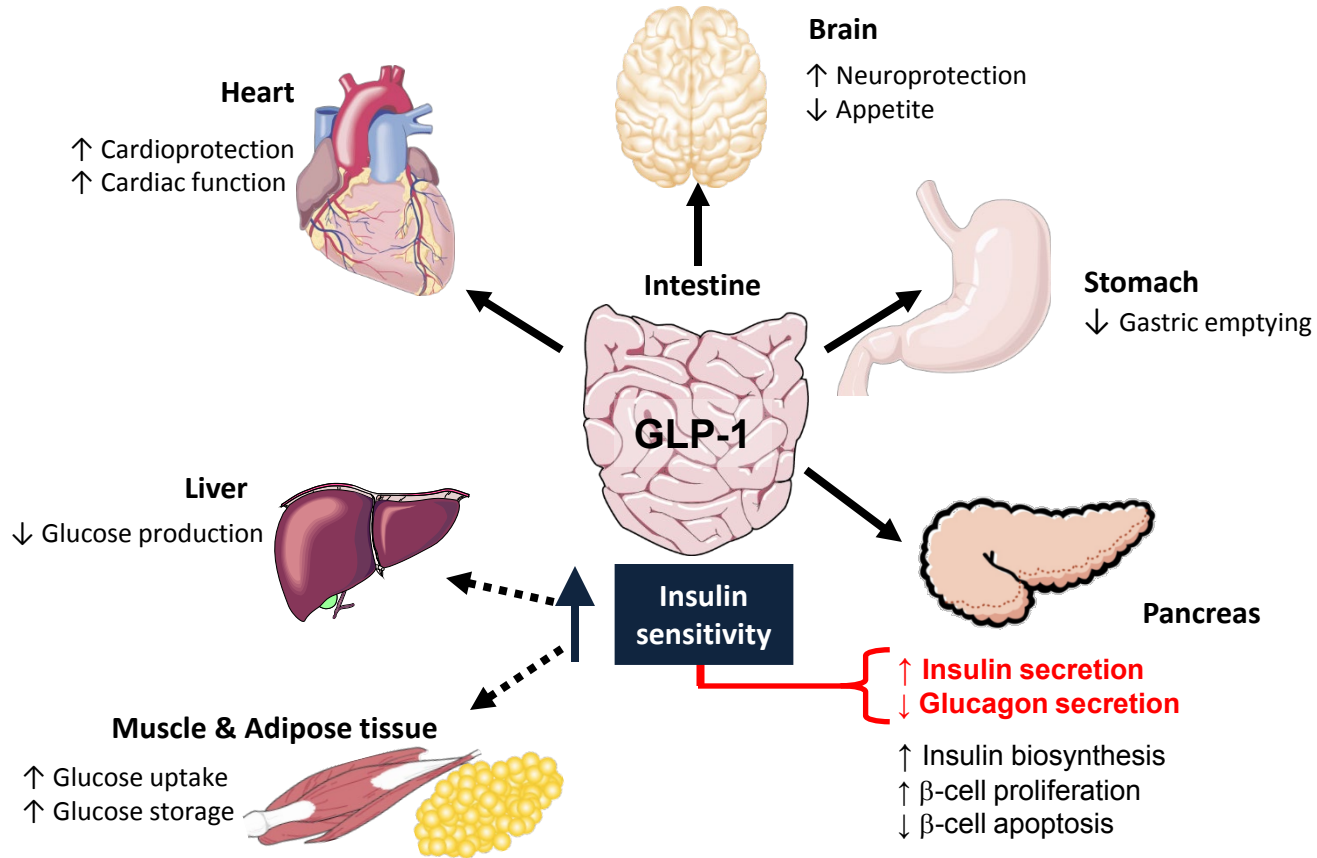


Site of DPP-4 Inactivation

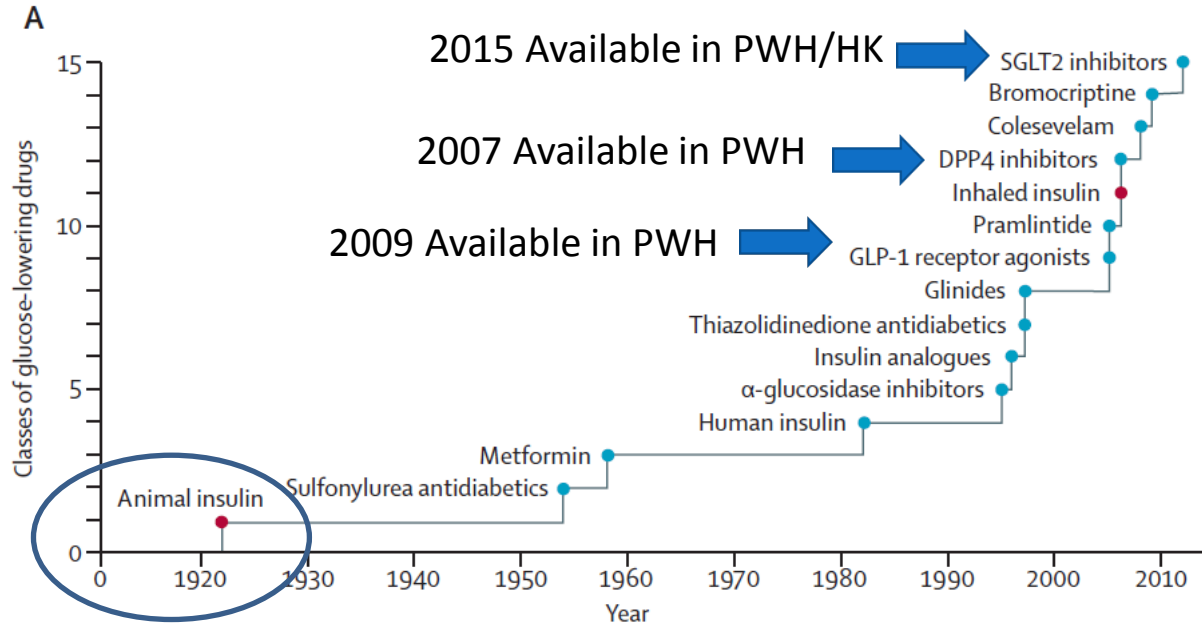
# The incretin effect is reduced in type 2 diabetes



# GLP-1 has wide-ranging biological activity



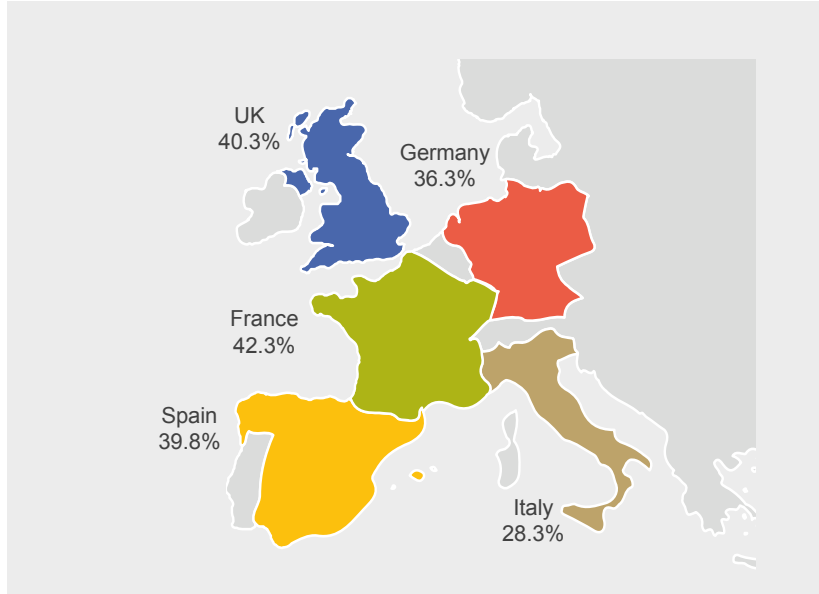
# Development of anti-diabetic medications



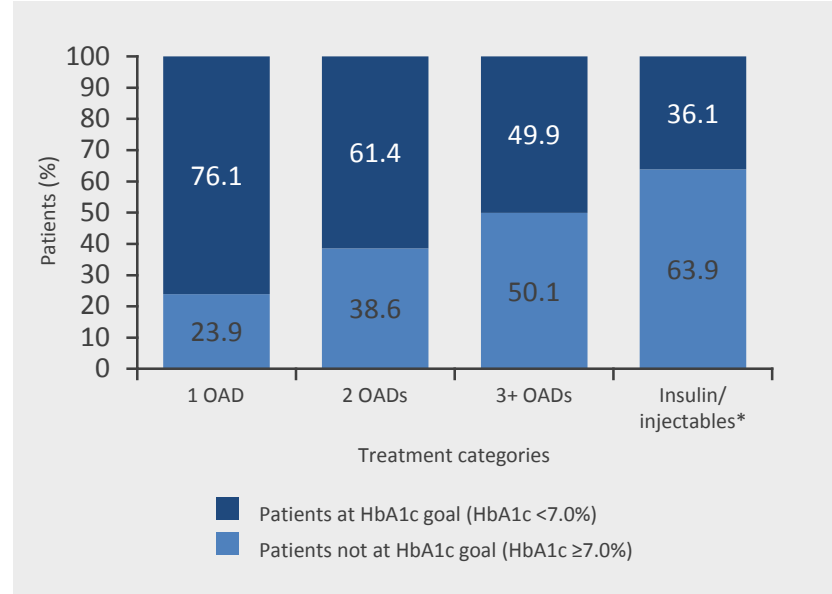
Lancet 2014 Mar 22 (383):1068-1083

# Many T2D patients do not achieve glycemic target despite receiving multiple OADs and/or insulin/injectables<sup>1\*</sup>

Patients (%) not at target HbA1c <7.0%<sup>1</sup>



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Insulin or GLP-1 analogs.

PANORAMA study: 5817 T2DM patients aged ≥40 years (May 2009–April 2010).

OAD, oral antidiabetic drug.

1. [de Pablos-Velasco P, et al. Clin Endocrinol \(Oxf\) 2014;80:47–56.](#)



# Effects of Treatment Targets on Subsequent Cardiovascular Events in Chinese Patients With Type 2 Diabetes

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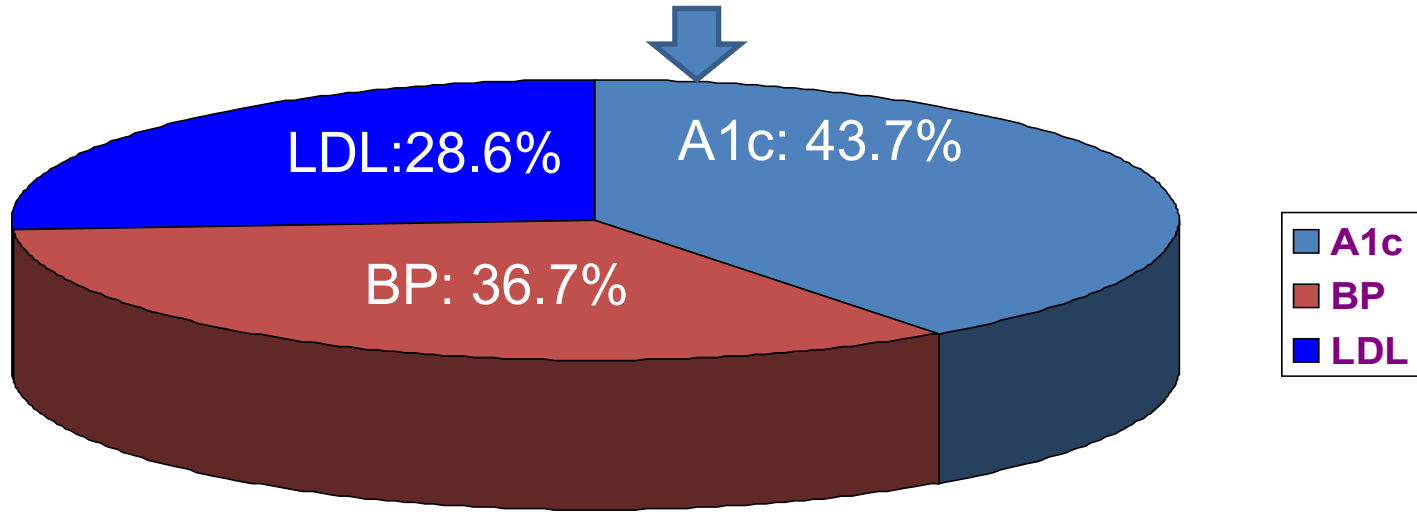
- Between 1995 and 2005, 6,386 Chinese type 2 diabetic patients without history of CHD or stroke were recruited.
- Classified according to the number of treatment targets attained at baseline, and their cardiovascular outcomes were compared.

Kong AP, et al. Diabetes Care 2007



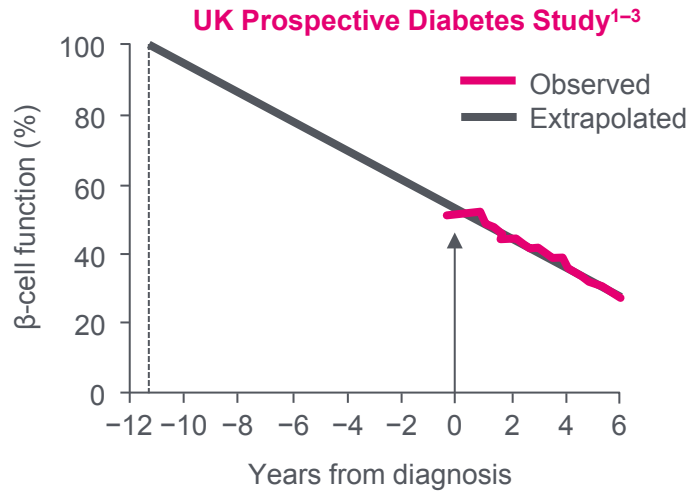
# ABC targets in Hong Kong T2D

Less than half of T2D in HK achieve A1c goal <7%



Kong AP, et al. Diabetes Care 2007

# T2DM is a progressive disease



- At diagnosis,  $\beta$ -cell function is already reduced by  $\sim 50\%$ <sup>2,3</sup> and continues to decrease regardless of therapy with diet, sulfonylurea, or metformin<sup>2</sup>
- Because of the progressive nature of T2DM, many patients will ultimately need insulin treatment alone or in combination with other agents for glucose control<sup>4,5</sup>

• In the US in 2007,  $\sim 22\%$  of adults with T2DM were taking insulin<sup>6</sup>

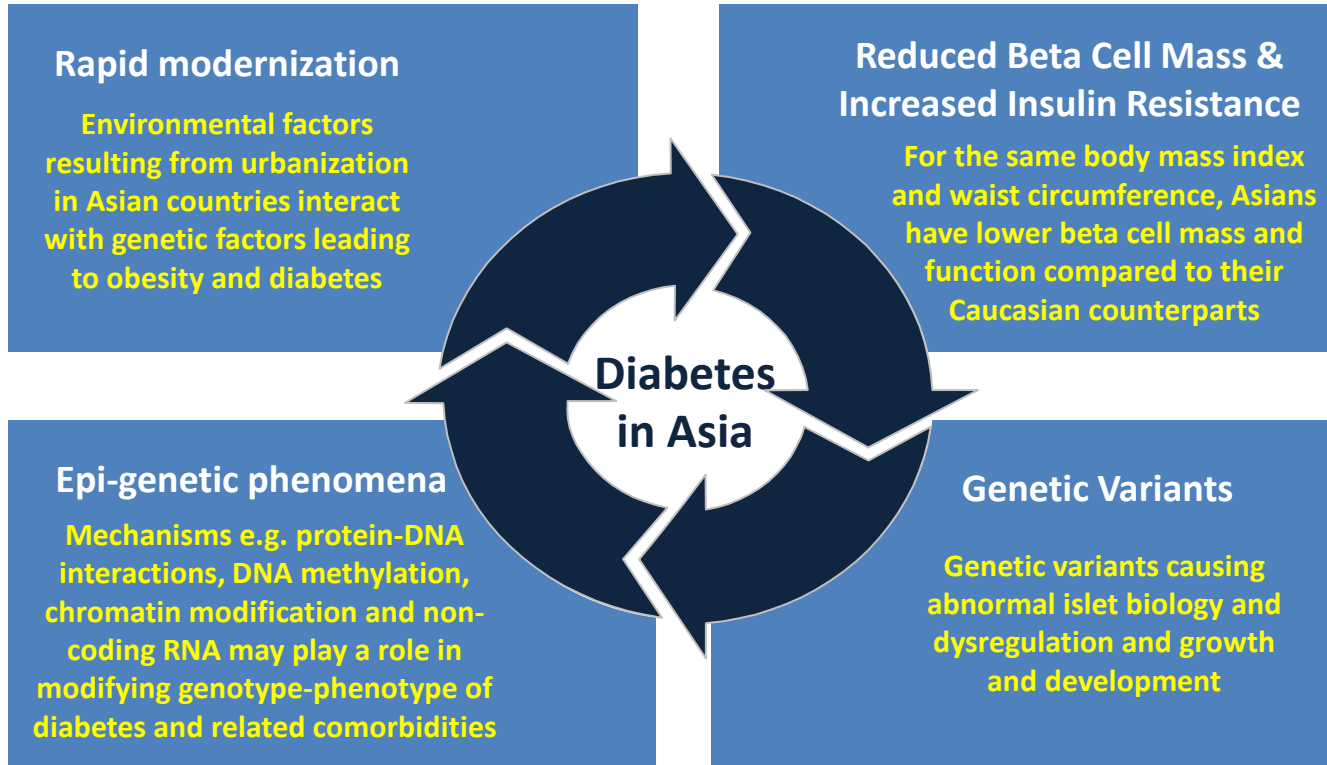
1. UK Prospective Diabetes Study Group. *Diabetes* 1995;44:1249–58;

2. Holman. *Diabetes Res Clin Pract* 1998;40(Suppl):S21–5;

3. Lebovitz. *Diabetes Rev* 1999;7:139–53; 4. ADA. *Diabetes Care* 2016;39(Suppl 1):S1–112;

5. Inzucchi et al. *Diabetes Care* 2012;35:1364–79; 6. Li et al. *J Diabetes Complications* 2012;26:17–22

# Type 2 Diabetes in Asia



Kong AP, et al. Nature Reviews Endocrinology 2013



**ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

# Real-world data reveal unmet clinical needs in insulin treatment in Asian people with type 2 diabetes: the Joint Asia Diabetes Evaluation (JADE) Register

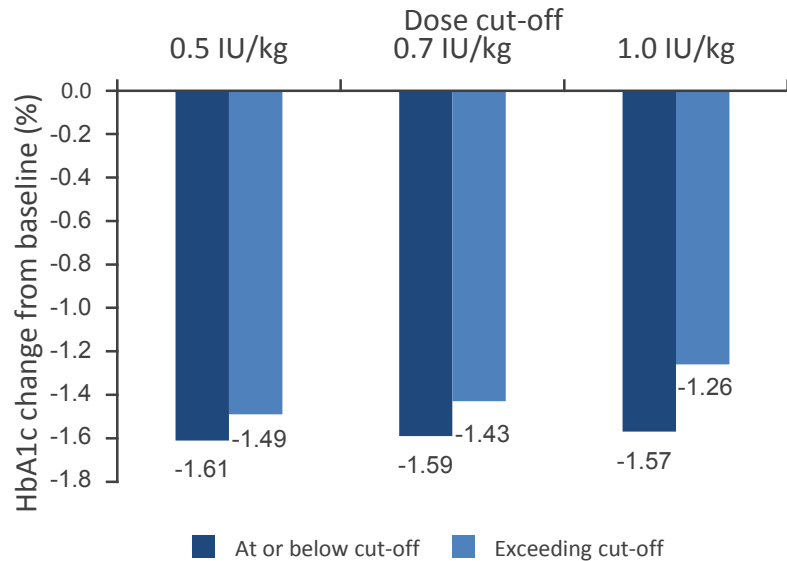
- Among 108,637 patients from 11 Asian countries/regions (2007-2017), 90% had T2D.
- Among T2D, 20,031 were insulin-users (20.5%).
- Premixed (44%) and basal-only (42%) were the most common regimens.

Kong AP, et al. Diabetes Obes Metab 2020;1-11

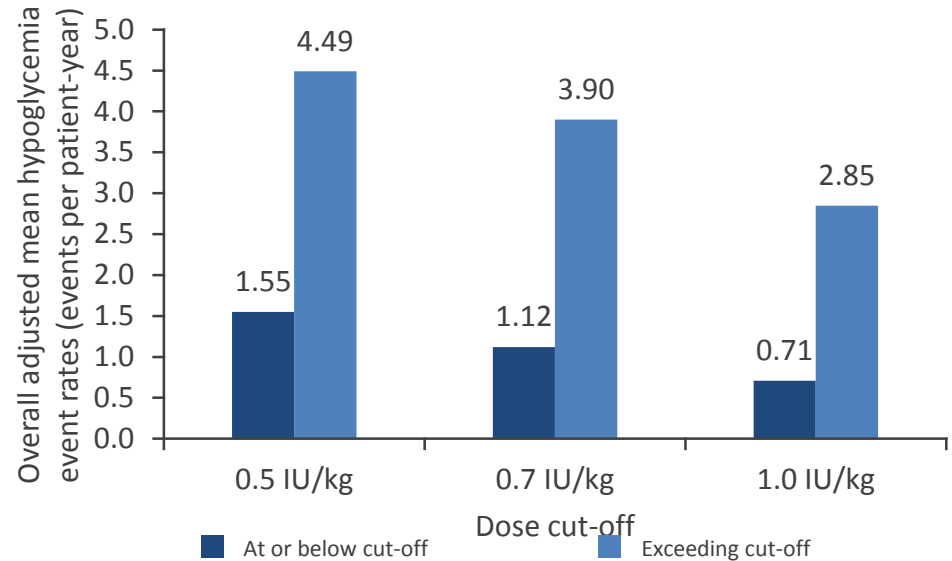


# Up-titrating basal insulin may not improve glycemic control and could increase hypoglycemia risk<sup>1</sup>

HbA1c change from baseline by insulin dose<sup>1</sup>



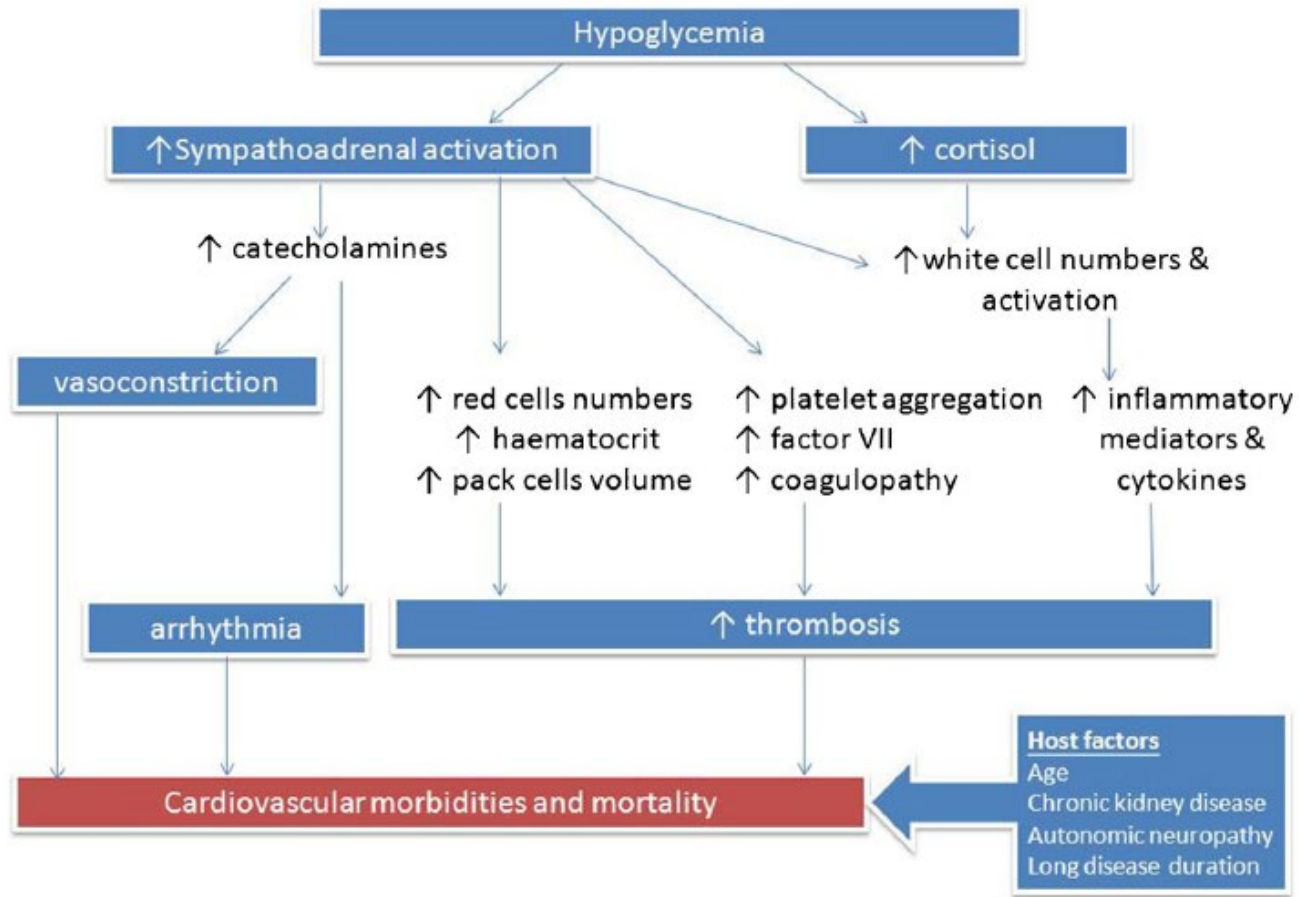
Hypoglycemia event rate by insulin dose<sup>1</sup>



Hypoglycemia defined as plasma glucose <3.9 mmol/L or 70 mg/dL.

Patient-level data were pooled from 15 treat-to-target trials in which 2837 insulin-naïve T2DM patients with insulin glargine ± OADs for ≥ 24 weeks. Data were stratified according to whether patients exceeded three insulin dose cut-off levels.


1. [Reid T, et al. Int J Clin Pract 2016;70:56–65.](#)



Kong AP and Chan JC. Current Dia Rep 2015

# Risk Factors of Severe Hypoglycemia in Type 2 Diabetes

Diabetes Care 1




Severe Hypoglycemia Requiring Medical Intervention in a Large Cohort of Adults With Diabetes Receiving Care in U.S. Integrated Health Care Delivery Systems: 2005–2011

Ram D. Pathak,<sup>2</sup> Emily B. Schroeder,<sup>2</sup> Elizabeth R. Sequist,<sup>2</sup> Chan Zeng,<sup>2</sup> Jennifer Ekston Lofata,<sup>4,5</sup> Abraham Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Jay Desai,<sup>6</sup> Beth Waltzfelder,<sup>7</sup> Gregory A. Nichols,<sup>8</sup> Jean M. Lawrence,<sup>9</sup> Andrew J. Karter,<sup>10</sup> John F. Steiner,<sup>2</sup> Jodi Segal,<sup>11</sup> and Patrick J. O'Connor,<sup>2</sup> for the SUPREME-DM Study Group

- Included 917,440 adults with diabetes in US
- Prevalence of CKD is 18.7%
- Rates of severe hypoglycemia is higher in patient with
  - ✓ Older age
  - ✓ CKD
  - ✓ CVD
  - ✓ CHD
  - ✓ Depression

1024 Diabetes Care Volume 37, April 2014



Severe Hypoglycemia Identifies Vulnerable Patients With Type 2 Diabetes at Risk for Premature Death and All-Site Cancer: The Hong Kong Diabetes Registry

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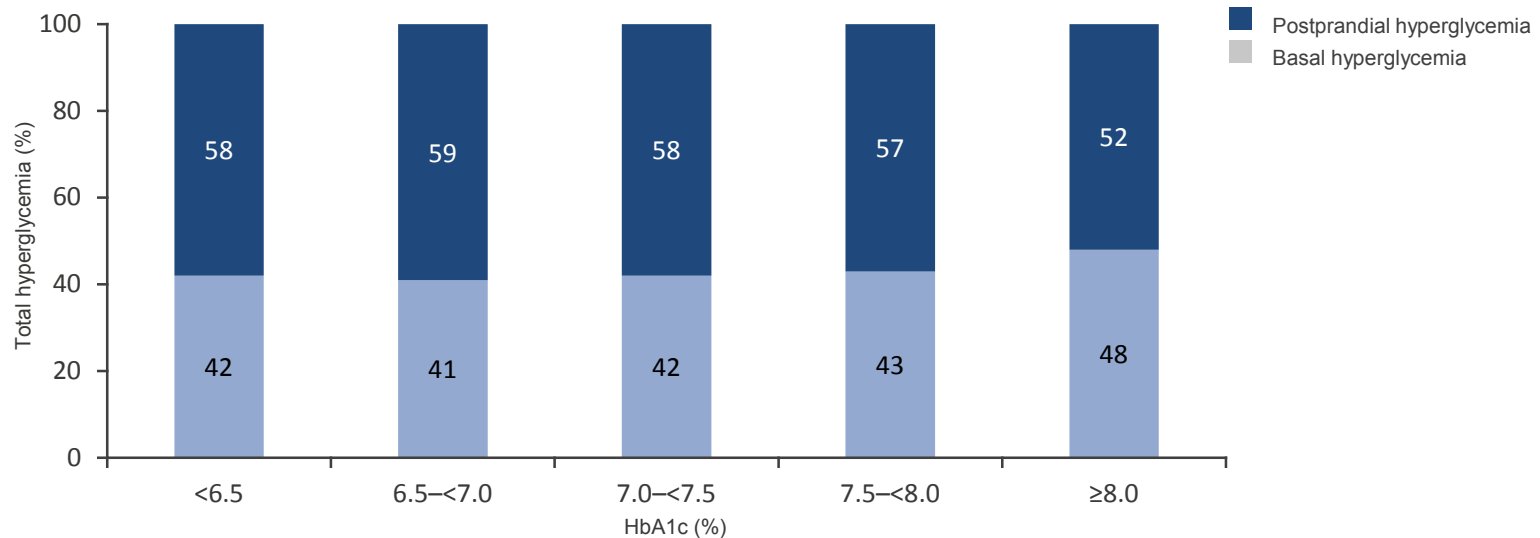
- Hong Kong local data with median follow up of 6.7 years
- Included 8,767 T2DM patients
- Severe hypoglycemia is associated with
  - ✓ Advanced age
  - ✓ Renal dysfunction
  - ✓ Poor glycemic control
  - ✓ Cancer subphenotypes (Low BMI, low LDL-C, low TG)

Pathak RD et al. Diabetes Care 2016; 39:363-370  
Kong AP et al. Diabetes Care 2014; 37:1024-1031



# Postprandial hyperglycemia is a major obstacle to achieving better glycemic control<sup>1</sup>

Relative contributions of basal and postprandial hyperglycemia to overall hyperglycemia at Weeks 24–28 of insulin treatment<sup>1</sup>



Pooled analysis of 6 similarly designed trials in which 1699 patients with poorly controlled T2DM were treated with basal insulin.

1. Riddle M, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2011;34:2508–14.

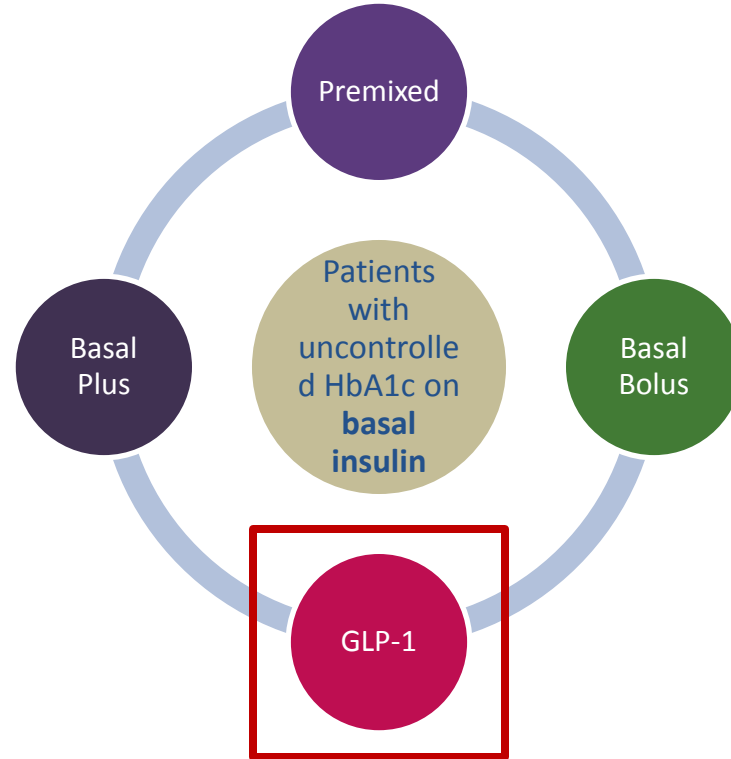
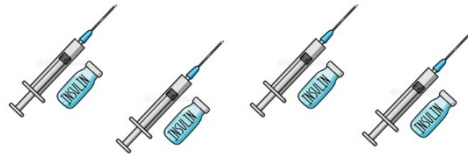
# Unmet Need from Current Treatment...

## Any Alternative?

Hypoglycemia Risk

Weight Gain

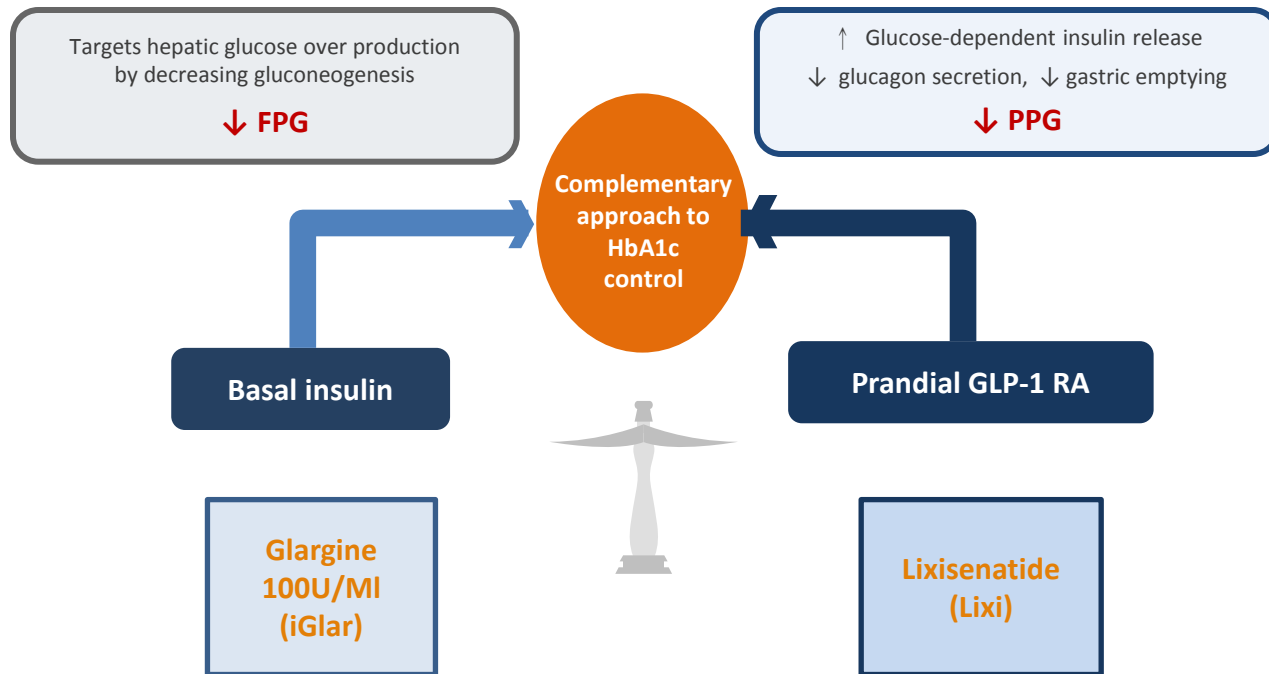
Poor Compliance



# Prandial GLP-1 RAs are more effective in lowering PPG and delay gastric Emptying

| Parameters                                                | Short-acting GLP-1 receptor agonists             | Long-acting GLP-1 receptor agonists                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Compounds                                                 | Exenatide<br>Lixisenatide                        | Albiglutide<br>Dulaglutide<br>Exenatide LAR<br>Liraglutide |
| Half life                                                 | 2-5 h                                            | 12 h-several days                                          |
| <i>Effects</i>                                            |                                                  |                                                            |
| Fasting blood glucose levels                              | Modest reduction                                 | Strong reduction                                           |
| Postprandial hyperglycaemia                               | Strong reduction                                 | Modest reduction                                           |
| Fasting insulin secretion                                 | Modest stimulation                               | Strong stimulation                                         |
| Postprandial insulin secretion                            | Reduction                                        | Modest stimulation                                         |
| Glucagon secretion                                        | Reduction                                        | Reduction                                                  |
| Gastric emptying rate                                     | Deceleration                                     | No effect                                                  |
| Blood pressure                                            | Reduction                                        | Reduction                                                  |
| Heart rate                                                | No effect or small increase (0-2 bpm)            | Moderate increase (2-5 bpm)                                |
| Body weight reduction                                     | 1-5 kg                                           | 2-5 kg                                                     |
| Induction of nausea                                       | 20-50%, attenuates slowly (weeks to many months) | 20-40%, attenuates quickly (~4-8 weeks)                    |
| GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide 1; LAR, long-acting release. |                                                  |                                                            |

# iGlarLixi - Complementary modes of action of basal insulins & GLP-1 RA



- 1. Balena R, et al. Diab Obes Metab 2013;15:485–502
- 2. Baggio LL and Drucker DJ. Gastroenterol 2007;132:2131–57
- 3. Wang Z, et al. Diab Care 2010;33:1555–60
- 4. Holst JJ, et al. Physiol Rev 2007;87:1409–39

# iGlarLixi fixed-ratio combination is administered once daily in an easy-to-use pen<sup>1,2</sup>

- Similar physicochemical features of insulin glargine and lixisenatide allow co-formulation in a defined fixed ratio for delivery as a single daily injection<sup>1</sup>
- iGlarLixi is available in two pre-filled pens, providing different dosing options<sup>2</sup>

## SoloStar<sup>®</sup> pen

Familiar to patients, nurses and PCPs due to usage with Lantus<sup>®</sup> (insulin glargine 100 U/mL)<sup>3</sup>



### iGlarLixi 10–40 U pen<sup>1,2</sup>

Insulin glargine 100 U/mL: 10–40 U/day  
Lixisenatide 50 µg/mL: 5–20 µg/day  
(2:1 dose ratio iGlar:Lixi)



### iGlarLixi 30–60 U pen<sup>1,2</sup>

Insulin glargine 100 U/mL: 30–60 U/day  
Lixisenatide 33 µg/mL: 10–20 µg/day  
3:1 dose ratio iGlar:Lixi

PCP, primary care provider.

1. Rosenstock J, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2016;39:2026–35.

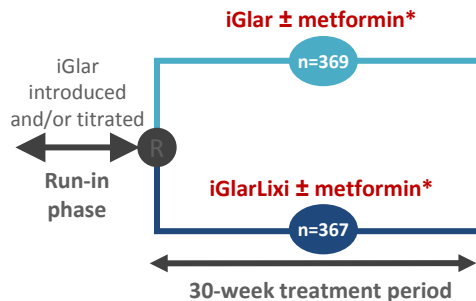
2. *Suliqua<sup>®</sup> (insulin glargine 100 U/mL and lixisenatide 50 µg/mL) Summary of Product Characteristics, 2017.*

3. Toscano D, et al. *J Diabetes Sci Technol* 2012;6:686–94.

# iGlarLixi: Phase 3 study designs

## LixiLan-L

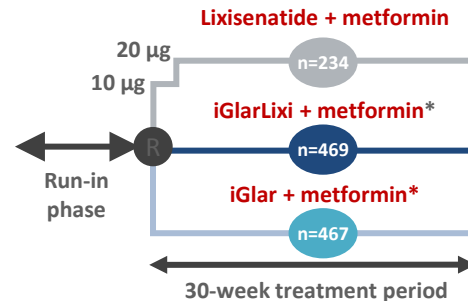
T2DM patients receiving basal insulin for >6 months ± OADs  
 Stable basal insulin dose (15–40 U/day) for >2 months  
 HbA1c ≥7.5% and ≤10%  
 FPG ≤140 mg/dL at the end of run-in



**Primary objective:** Superiority of iGlarLixi over iGlar in HbA1c change at Week 30

## LixiLan-O

T2DM patients receiving metformin ± an additional OAD  
 HbA1c 7–9% if receiving two OADs  
 HbA1c 7.5–10% if receiving metformin alone



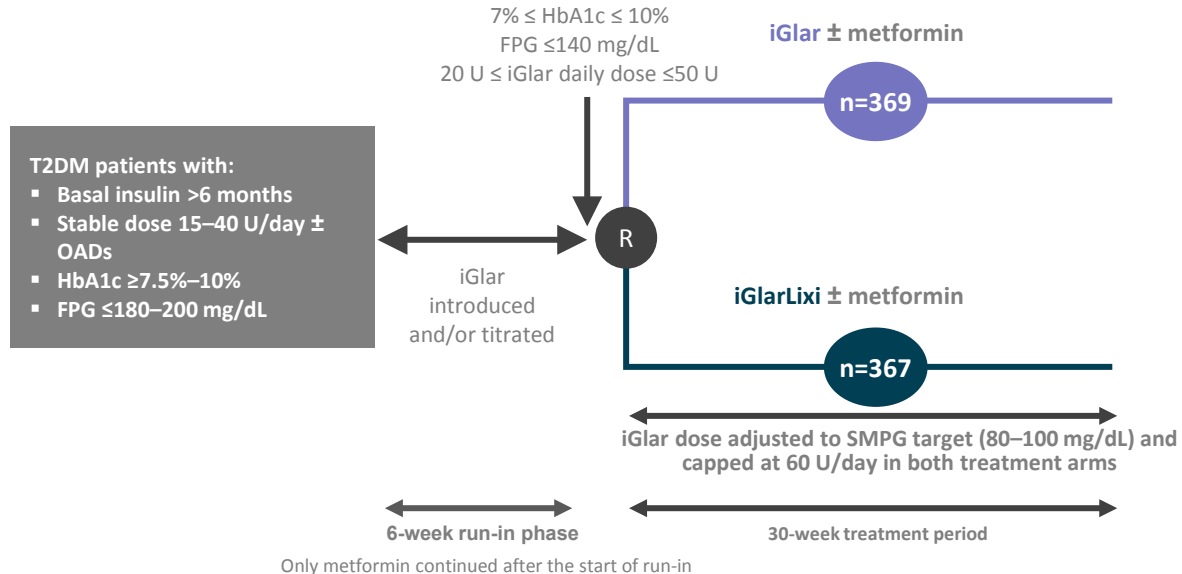
**Primary objective:** superiority of iGlarLixi over lixisenatide and non-inferiority of iGlarLixi over iGlar (if non-inferiority shown, superiority tested) in HbA1c change at Week 30

\*iGlar dose was adjusted to FPG target and capped at 60 U/day

Two fixed ratio pens (10–40 Pen and 30–60 Pen) allow titration of iGlar from 10–60 U/day, with lixisenatide daily dose capped at 20 µg QD. Sanofi data on file – LixiLan-O CSR pages 22-23; Sanofi data on file – LixiLan-L CSR pages 21-22

# LixiLan-L: Patients with T2DM not controlled on basal insulin

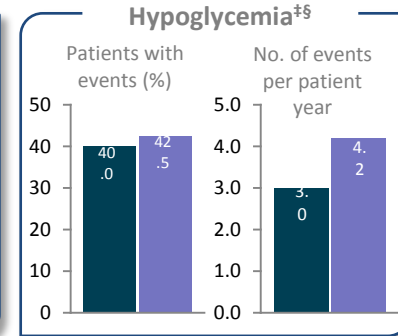
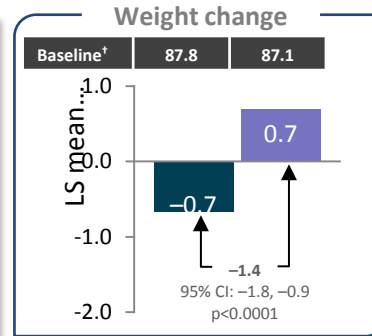
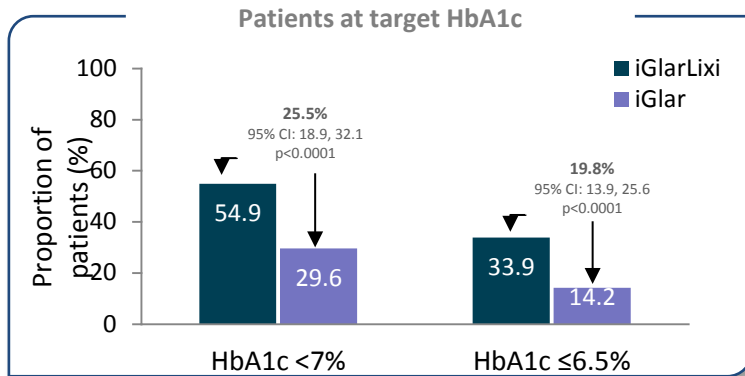
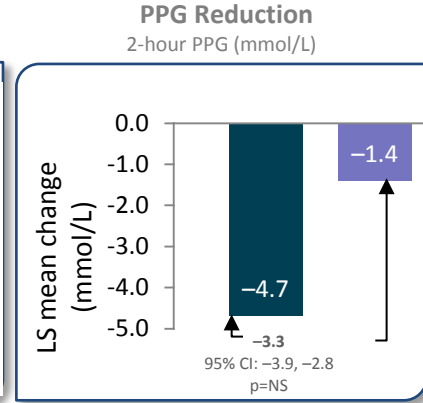
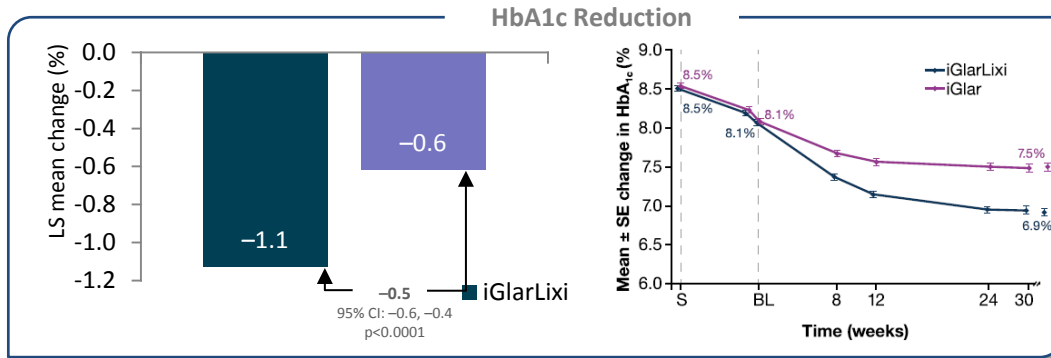
DESIGN: Randomized, open label, parallel-group, 30-week treatment study



**Primary objective:** superiority of iGlarLixi over iGlar in HbA1c change at Week 30

Two fixed ratio pens (10–40 Pen and 30–60 Pen) allow titration of iGlar from 10–60 U/day, with lixisenatide daily dose capped at 20 µg once daily

# LixiLan-L: Key results



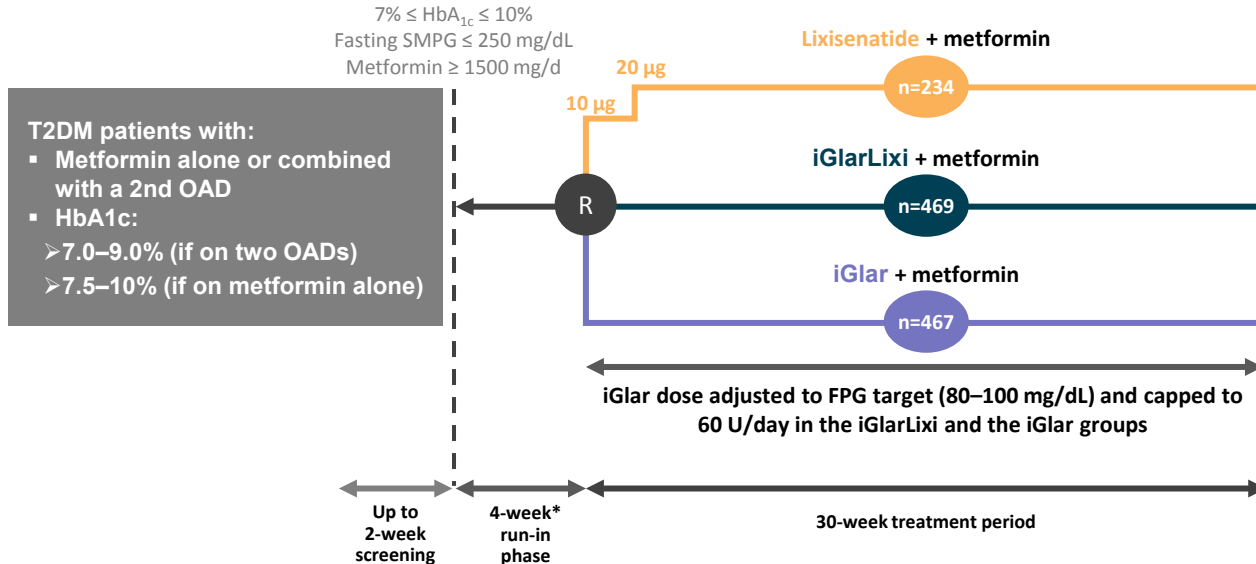
<sup>†</sup>Mean body weight (kg) at baseline; <sup>‡</sup>Documented symptomatic hypoglycemia, defined as plasma glucose ≤70 mg/dL

<sup>§</sup>Severe hypoglycemia was reported in 4 (1.1%) patients in the iGlarLixi group and 1 (0.3%) patient in the iGlar group



# LixiLan-O: Patients with T2DM not controlled on OADs

DESIGN: Randomized, open label, active controlled, 3-arm parallel-group study

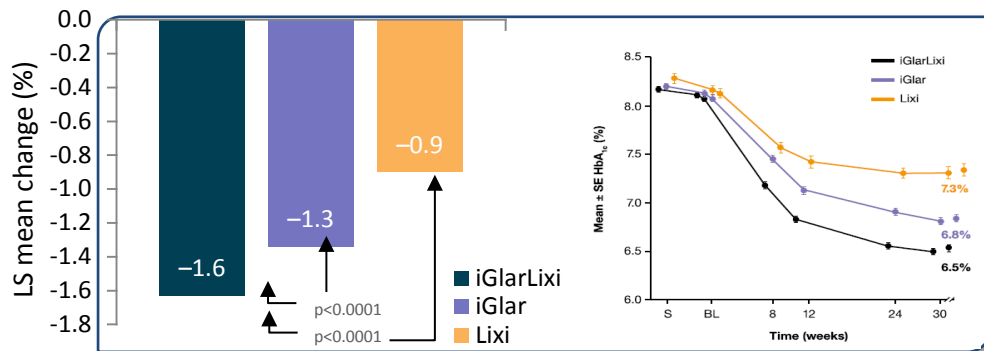


**Primary objective:** superiority of iGlarLixi over lixisenatide and non-inferiority of iGlarLixi over iGlar (pre-specified sequential non-inferiority then superiority tested) in HbA<sub>1c</sub> change at Week 30

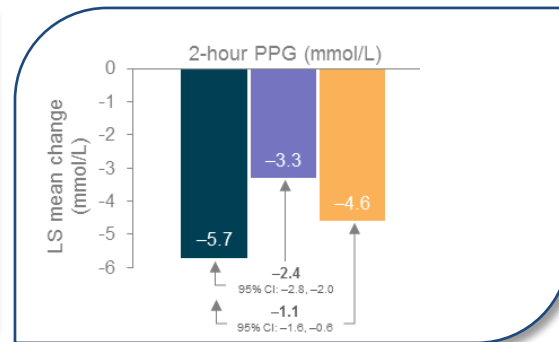
\*Stop 2nd OAD, and titrate metformin up to ≥2,000 mg/day or maximal tolerated dose (≥1,500 mg/day to allow randomization)  
Two fixed ratio pens (10–40 Pen and 30–60 Pen) allow titration of iGlar from 10–60 U/day, with lixisenatide daily dose capped at 20 µg once daily

# LixiLan-O: Key results

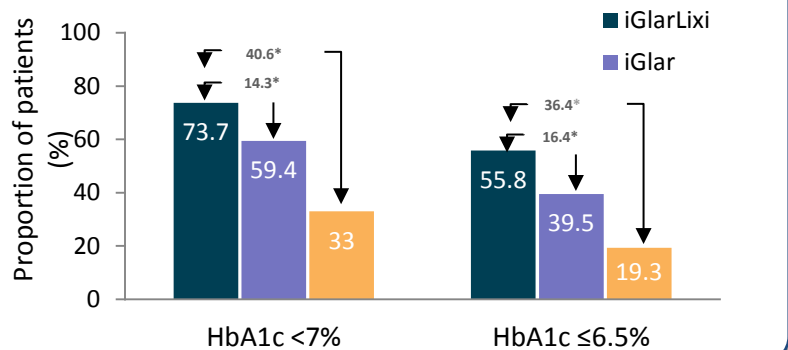
## HbA1c Reduction



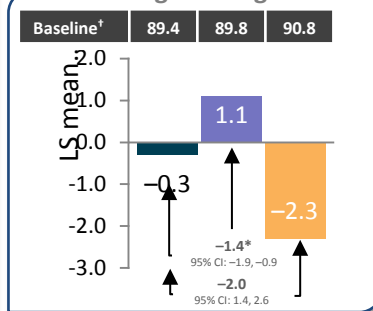
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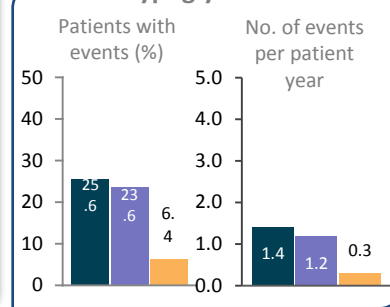
## Patients at target HbA1c



## Weight change



## Hypoglycemia<sup>‡§</sup>



\*p < 0.0001; †Mean body weight (kg) at baseline; ‡Documented symptomatic hypoglycemia, defined as plasma glucose ≤ 70 mg/dL  
§One event of severe hypoglycemia was reported during the study and occurred in the iGlar group

# GI Side Effect is Much Reduced by iGlarLixi than Lixi alone

LixiLan-O Study

Rosenstock J, et al. Diabetes Care 2016; epub ahead of print: pii, dc160917

| Patients, n (%), with at least one... | iGlarLixi<br>(n=469) | iGlar<br>(n=467) | Lixisenatide<br>(n=233) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>AE</b>                             |                      |                  |                         |
| <b>Any</b>                            | 267 (56.9%)          | 227 (48.6%)      | 157 (67.4%)             |
| <b>Serious</b>                        | 18 (3.8%)            | 19 (4.1%)        | 9 (3.9%)                |
| <b>Leading to Death</b>               | 2 (0.4%)             | 3 (0.6%)         | 1 (0.4%)                |
| <b>Leading to Discontinuation</b>     | 12 (2.6%)            | 9 (1.9%)         | 21 (9%)                 |
| <b>GI AEs (%)</b>                     |                      |                  |                         |
| <b>Nausea</b>                         | <b>9.6%</b>          | <b>3.6%</b>      | <b>24.0%</b>            |
| ↳ <i>discontinuation</i>              | 0.4%                 | 0                | 2.6%                    |
| <b>Vomiting</b>                       | <b>3.2%</b>          | <b>1.5%</b>      | <b>6.4%</b>             |
| ↳ <i>discontinuation</i>              | 0.4%                 | 0                | 1.7%                    |
| <b>Diarrhea</b>                       | <b>9.0%</b>          | <b>4.3%</b>      | <b>9.0%</b>             |
| ↳ <i>discontinuation</i>              | 0.2%                 | 0                | 0.9%                    |



# Switching to iGlarLixi Versus Continuing Daily or Weekly GLP-1 RA in Type 2 Diabetes Inadequately Controlled by GLP-1 RA and Oral Antihyperglycemic Therapy: The LixiLan-G Randomized Clinical Trial

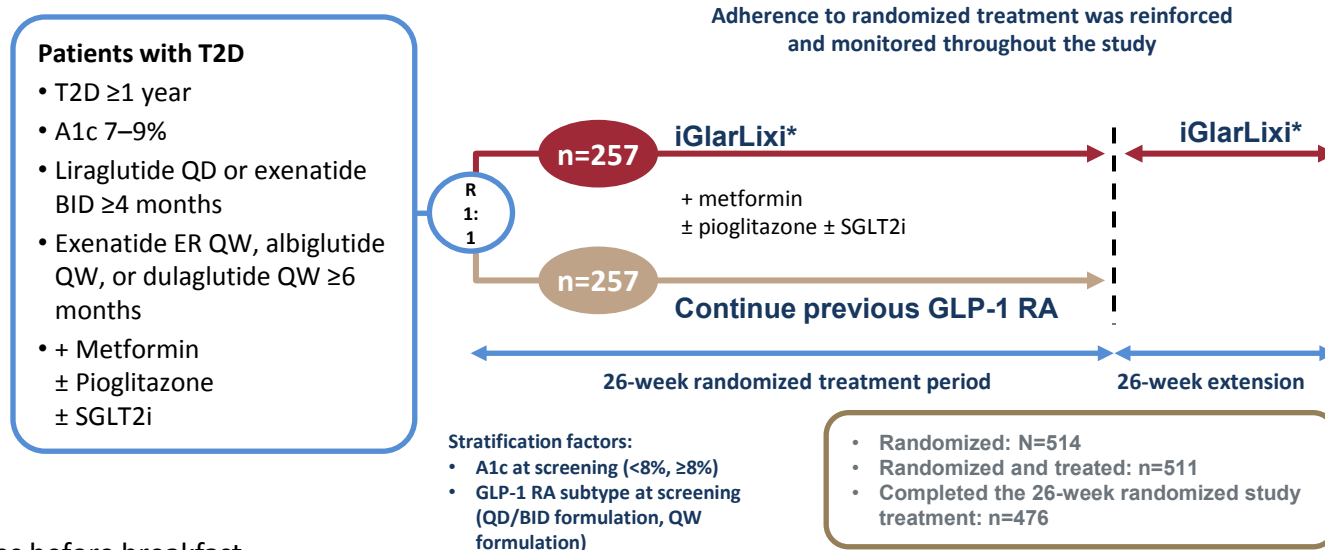
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*Diabetes Care* 2019;42:2108–2116 | <https://doi.org/10.2337/dc19-1357>

Blonde L, et al. *Diabetes Care* 2019;42:2108-2116.

# Study Design

- Randomized, open-label, parallel-group, 26-week trial

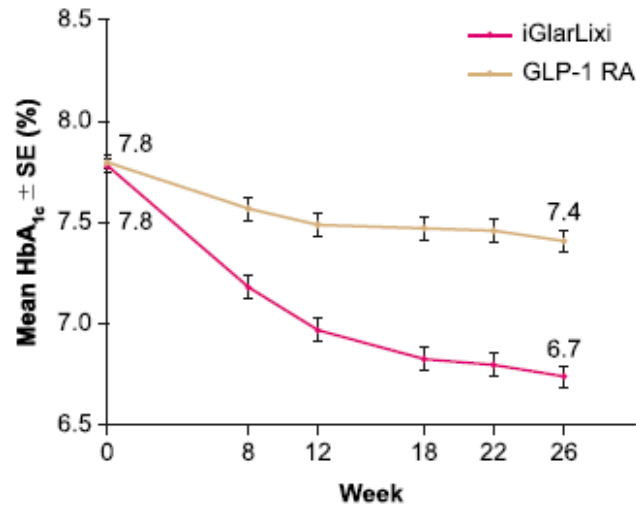


\*0–60 minutes before breakfast.

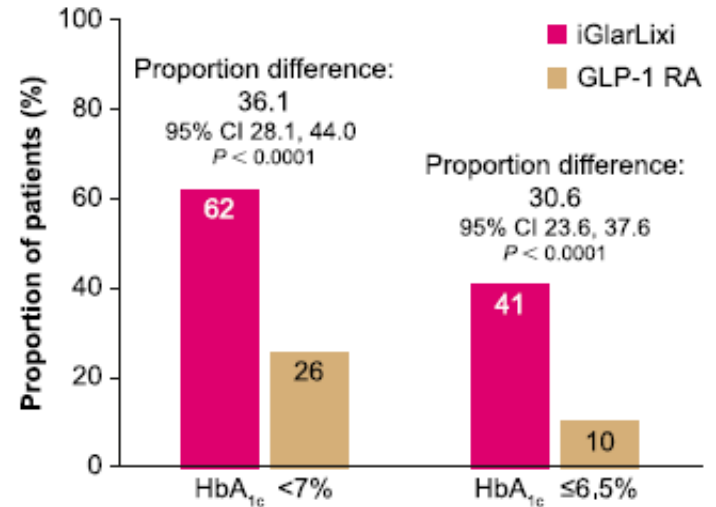
BID: twice daily; ER: extended release; GLP-1 RA: glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; iGlarLixi: insulin glargine:lixisenatide; QD: once daily; QW: once weekly; R: randomization; SGLT2i: sodium-glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor; T2D: type 2 diabetes.

# Results

## Change in HbA<sub>1c</sub>



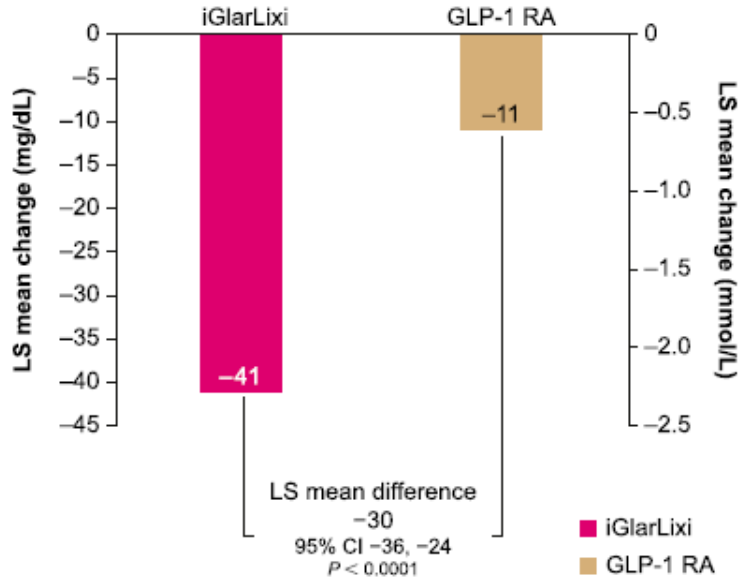
## Participants at target HbA<sub>1c</sub>



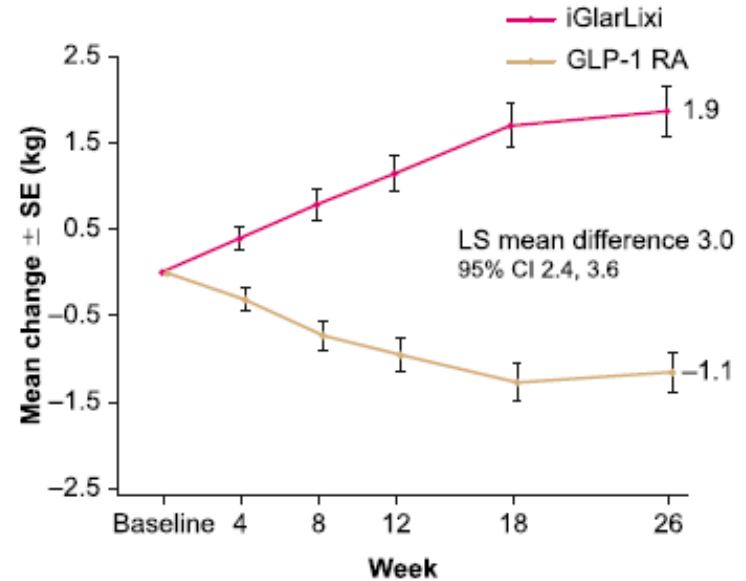
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# Results

## Change in FPG



## Change in mean weight from baseline at week 26



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# Precautions for Use of Soliqua

## SOLIQUA SmPC

### Hypoglycemia

- Hypoglycaemia was the most frequently reported observed adverse reaction during treatment with Soliqua (see section 4.8). Hypoglycaemia may occur if the dose of Soliqua is higher than required. Factors increasing the susceptibility to hypoglycaemia require particularly close monitoring and may necessitate dose adjustment.



### Acute pancreatitis

- Use of GLP-1 receptor agonists has been associated with a risk of developing acute pancreatitis. There have been few reported events of acute pancreatitis with lixisenatide although a causal relationship has not been established. Patients should be informed of the characteristic symptoms of acute pancreatitis: persistent, severe abdominal pain. If pancreatitis is suspected, Soliqua should be discontinued

### Severe gastrointestinal disease

- Use of GLP-1 receptor agonists may be associated with gastrointestinal adverse reactions. Soliqua has not been studied in patients with severe gastrointestinal disease, including severe gastroparesis and therefore, the use of Soliqua is not recommended in these patients.



### Severe renal impairment

- There is no therapeutic experience in patients with severe renal impairment (*creatinine clearance less than 30 mL/min*) or end-stage renal disease. Use is not recommended in patients with severe renal impairment or end-stage renal disease

### Dehydration

- Patients treated with Soliqua should be advised of the potential risk of dehydration in relation to gastrointestinal adverse reactions and take precautions to avoid fluid depletion.



# Case sharing

- 70 year-old man, retired government servant, labourer, ex-smoker, ex-drinker
- Father of 1 son, lives with family
- Type 2 diabetes since 2000
  - Complicated with bilateral non-proliferative retinopathy, albuminuria, CKD, IHD (PCI to LAD done 2008)
- Other co-morbidities: Hypertension, Dyslipidemia, Fatty liver, Asbestos-related pleural disease



# Case sharing (Continued)

- added supplementary insulin->twice daily->basal-bolus regimen (Actrapid thrice daily and Lantus nocte)
- Oral drugs:
  - Galvumet 50mg/1000mg per tab, tab one twice daily
  - Empagliflozin 10mg daily
  - Losartan 75mg daily
  - Aspirin 100mg daily
  - Zocor 20mg nocte



# Case sharing (Continued)

- But worsening of HbA<sub>1c</sub> as he was unable to comply to complex regimen and missed injections
- Clinic consultation on 12 April 2019
  - BMI 23.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, BP 100/68 mmHg
  - HbA<sub>1c</sub> 12.8%, FPG 11.6mmol/L, LDL-C 2.21 mmol/L
  - eGFR 52 ml/min/1.73 sq.m (by modified MDRD formula)
  - Urine ACR 5.4 mg/mmol



# Chemical Pathology Laboratory

Sex/Age: M/70Y      DOB: 26/10/  
Req. Loc.: PWH/MED/DM  
Doctor: KONG, Pik Shan Alice

Date Collected : 04/04/2019 09:12  
Date Received : 04/04/2019 09:54

## Haemoglobin A1c

|             |            | Conv. unit | IFCC unit |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|             |            | 4.8 - 6.0  | 29 - 42   |
|             |            | %          | mmol/mol  |
| Apr 07 2016 | 16D5261547 | 9.7 *      | 83 *      |
| Jun 27 2016 | 16D5517688 | 6.6 *      | 49 *      |
| Nov 18 2016 | 16D5985742 | 7.7 *      | 60 *      |
| Mar 24 2017 | 17D5276738 | 9.1 *      | 76 *      |
| Jul 28 2017 | 17D5722370 | 9.3 *      | 78 *      |
| Dec 15 2017 | 17D6201687 | 8.8 *      | 73 *      |
| May 18 2018 | 18D5485369 | 10.4 *     | 90 *      |
| Sep 18 2018 | 18D5949762 | 11.7 *     | 105 *     |
| Oct 19 2018 | 18D6063898 | SEE BELOW  | CANCEL    |
| Apr 04 2019 | 19D5363308 | 12.8 *     | 117 *     |

Switched from bd pre-mixed insulin to basal-bolus regimen since 4 Jan 2019



# 血糖測試記錄

| 日期<br>Date | 8 Breakfast |                     | 10 Lunch    |                     | 13 Dinner   |                     | 25 睡前            | 備註<br>Remark |
|------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
|            | 前<br>Before | 2小時後<br>After 2 hrs | 前<br>Before | 2小時後<br>After 2 hrs | 前<br>Before | 2小時後<br>After 2 hrs | 睡前<br>Before bed |              |
| 6/4        | 22.9        |                     | 18.1        |                     | 15.4        |                     |                  |              |
| 14/4       | 10.2        |                     |             |                     |             |                     | 12.2             | ↑ Soliqua    |
| 15/4       | 14.3        |                     |             |                     |             |                     |                  | 20 units om  |
| 16/4       | 12.4        |                     |             |                     |             |                     | 6                | om           |
| 17/4       | 14.6        |                     |             |                     |             |                     | 24.2             |              |
| 18/4       | 9.1         |                     |             |                     |             |                     | 10.6             |              |
| 19/4       | 16.2        |                     |             |                     |             |                     | 18.3             | ↑ Soliqua    |
| 20/4       | H1          |                     |             |                     |             |                     |                  | 24 units om  |
| 21/4       | 10.1        |                     |             |                     |             |                     |                  |              |
| 22/4       | 10.8        |                     |             |                     |             |                     |                  |              |
| 23/4       | 7.7         |                     |             |                     |             |                     | 9.7              |              |
| 24/4       | 5.9         |                     | 4.4         |                     |             |                     |                  |              |

Switch from basal bolus insulin to Soliqua (Glargine + Lixisenatide) 20 units om since 14 April 2019

Increase Soliqua to 24 units om since 18 April 2019

Sex/Age: M/70Y

DOB: 26/10/

Req. Loc.: PWH/MED/DM

Doctor: KONG, Pik Shan Alice

## Chemical Pathology Laboratory

Date Collected : 12/07/2019 08:14

Date Received : 12/07/2019 09:41

### Haemoglobin A1c

|             |            | Conv. unit | IFCC unit |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|             |            | 4.8 - 6.0  | 29 - 42   |
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| Jul 12 2019 | 19D5756698 | 8.5 *      | 70 *      |

Switched from basal  
bolus insulin to Soliqua  
daily since 14 Apr 2019



Formulary Management

Please select one option for Lantus (Insulin Glargine Lantus) injection 100u/ml 10ml <Special Drug>

**Option 1: To prescribe as a special drug, indications for use are:**

- Type 1 DM
- Frequent or severe hypoglycemia on NPH
- DM patients with established CHD/PVD/stroke or renal (eGFR < 60 mL/min) complication with reasonable QoL
- DM patients who need the assistance of others to inject insulin
- DM patients who cannot use the device to inject NPH insulin

**Option 2: To prescribe as a self-financed item**

**Authorization is required to prescribe this drug.**

Authorization level/persons are: DM/ PAED/ SH MED SPECIALISTS

Authorized by Dr's name or CMS code:  Department  Hospital

Supplementary Information

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Oral: 20 mg

# Conclusions

- CVD remains a major morbidity and mortality in T2D.
- For T2D with ASCVD or those with high-risk, GLP-1RA or SGLT2 inhibitor with demonstrated CV benefit is recommended.
- There is compelling need to minimize hypoglycemia in choosing glucose lowering medications in T2D, especially for those with CVD.
- Fixed-ratio combinations of basal insulin and a GLP-1RA are recent addition to the treatment intensification options for T2D.



# Thank You for Listening!



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