

# Insulin Initiation: Basal Insulin

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# Agenda

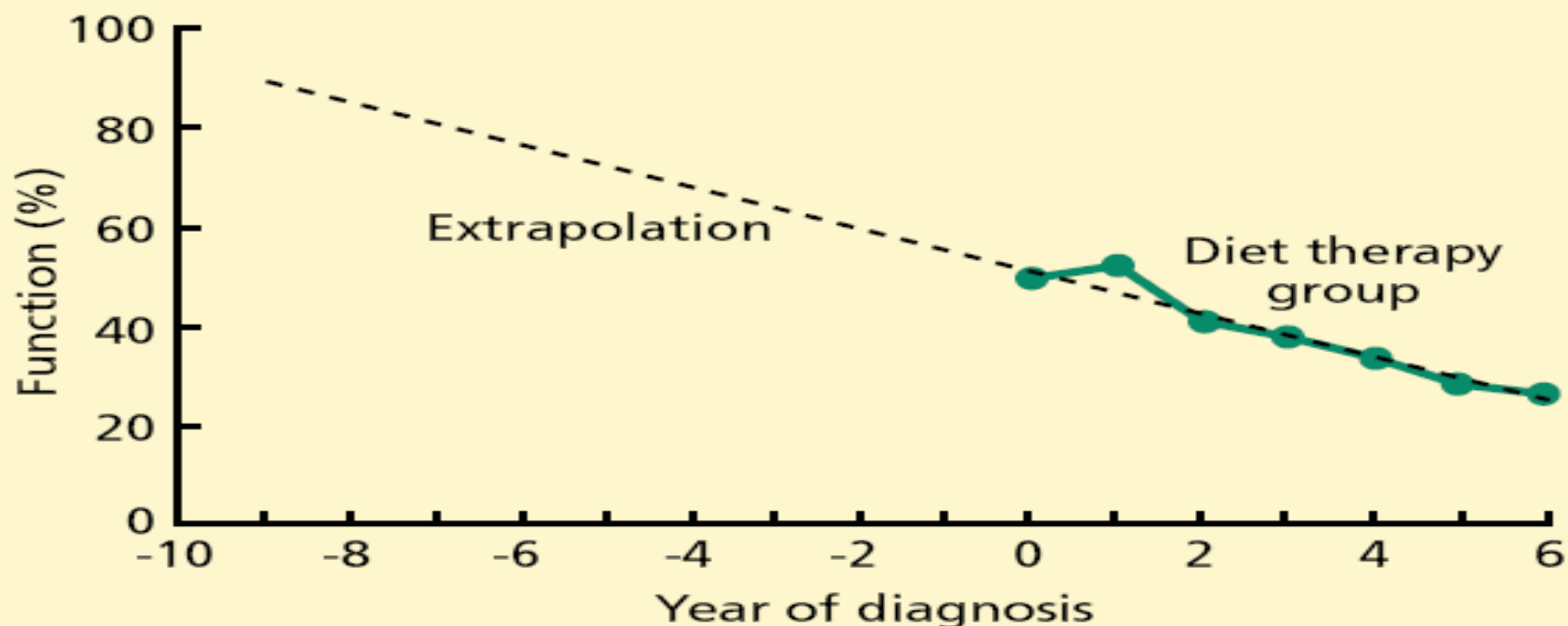
- Ideal basal insulin
- NPH vs Glargine and detemir
- Glargine vs Detemir
- Glargin 100U/ml vs Glargine 300U/ml
- Conclusion

- **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

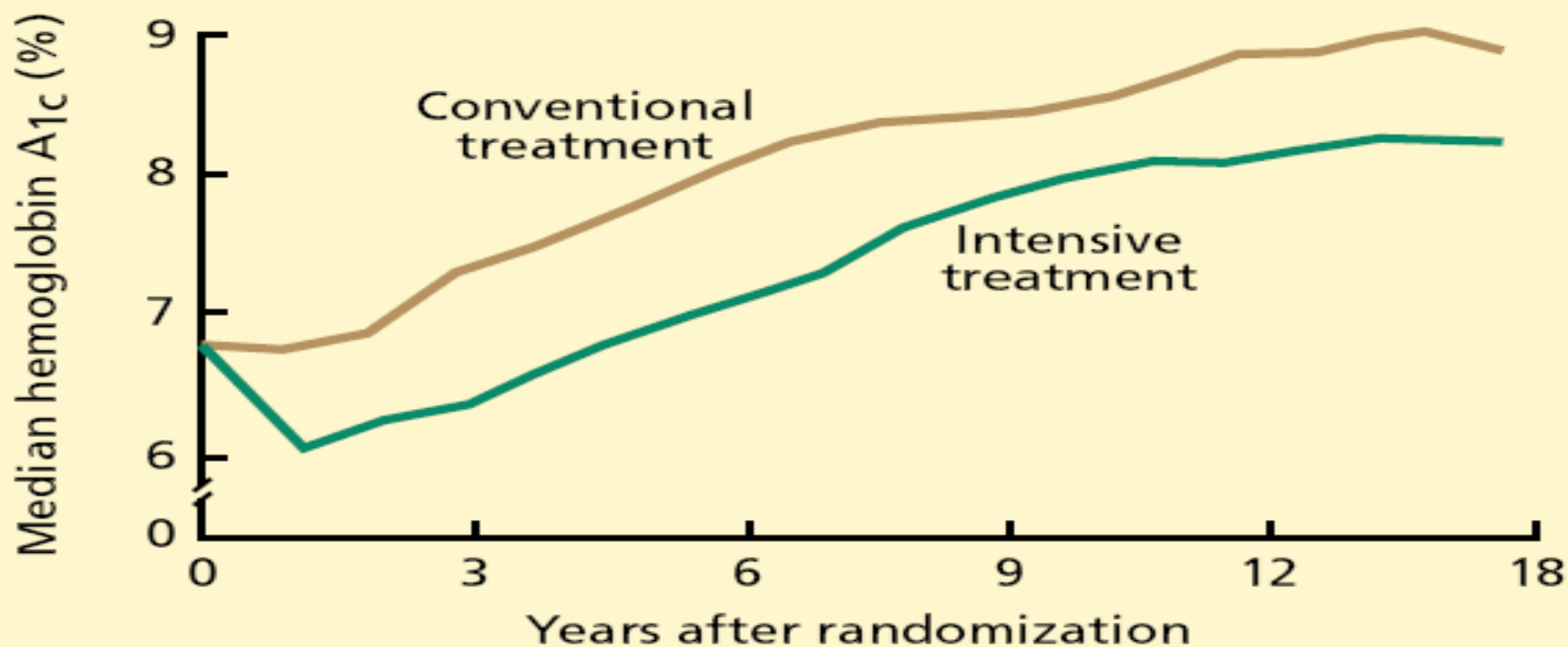
## Beta-cell loss starts long before diagnosis



**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<sub>1c</sub> 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

<b>Intervention</b>	<b>Expected ↓ in HbA<sub>1c</sub></b>
<b>Insulin</b>	<b>No upper limit</b>
<b>Metformin</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Sulfonylureas</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Glinides</b>	<b>1 to 1.5%<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>TZDs</b>	<b>0.5 to 1.4%</b>
<b>α-Glucosidase inhibitors</b>	<b>0.5 to 0.8%</b>
<b>GLP-1 agonist</b>	<b>0.5 to 1.0%</b>
<b>Pramlintide</b>	<b>0.5 to 1.0%</b>
<b>DPP-IV inhibitors</b>	<b>~0.8%</b>

<sup>a</sup> Repaglinide is more effective than nateglinide

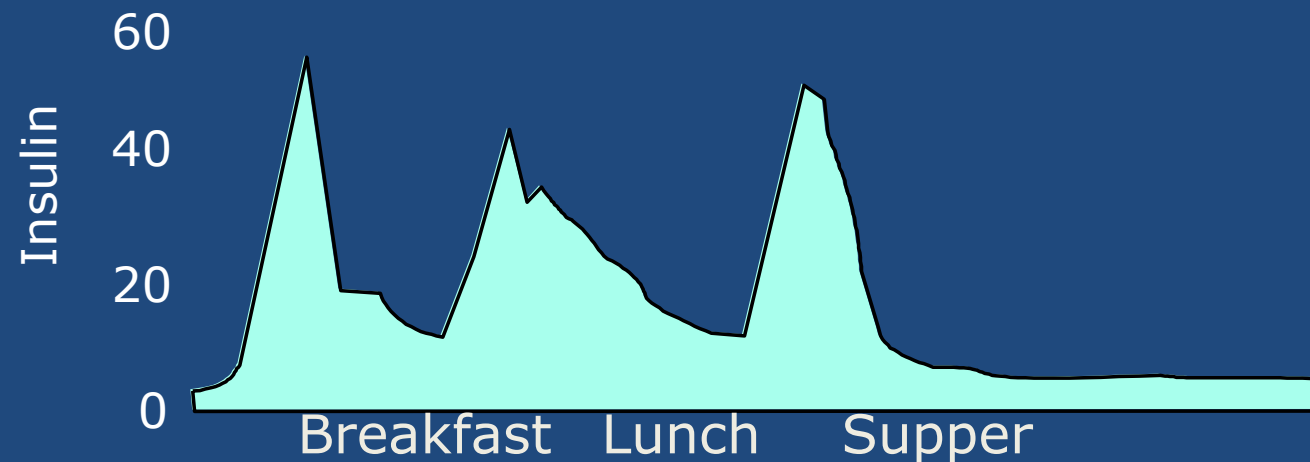


# Goal achievement?

- 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

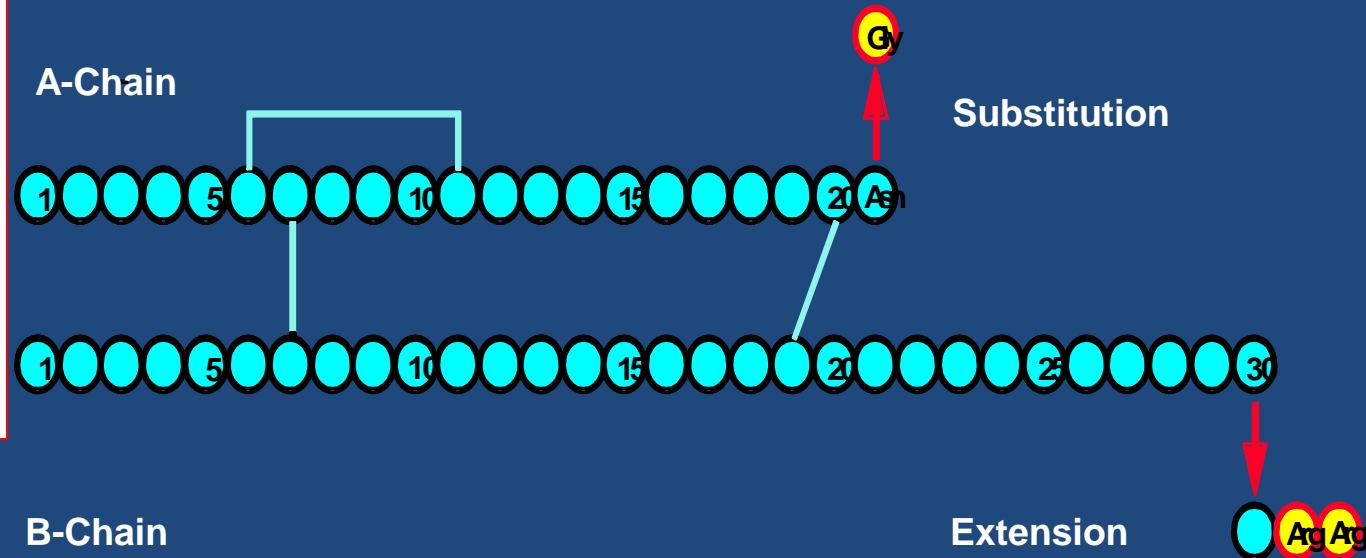
- Closely mimic normal pancreatic basal insulin secretion
- No distinct peak effect
- Continued effect over 24 hours
- Once-daily administration for patient compliance
- Good glycemic control
- Low incidence of hypoglycemia
- Less weight gain
- Predictable
- Safe

# Insulin Preparations

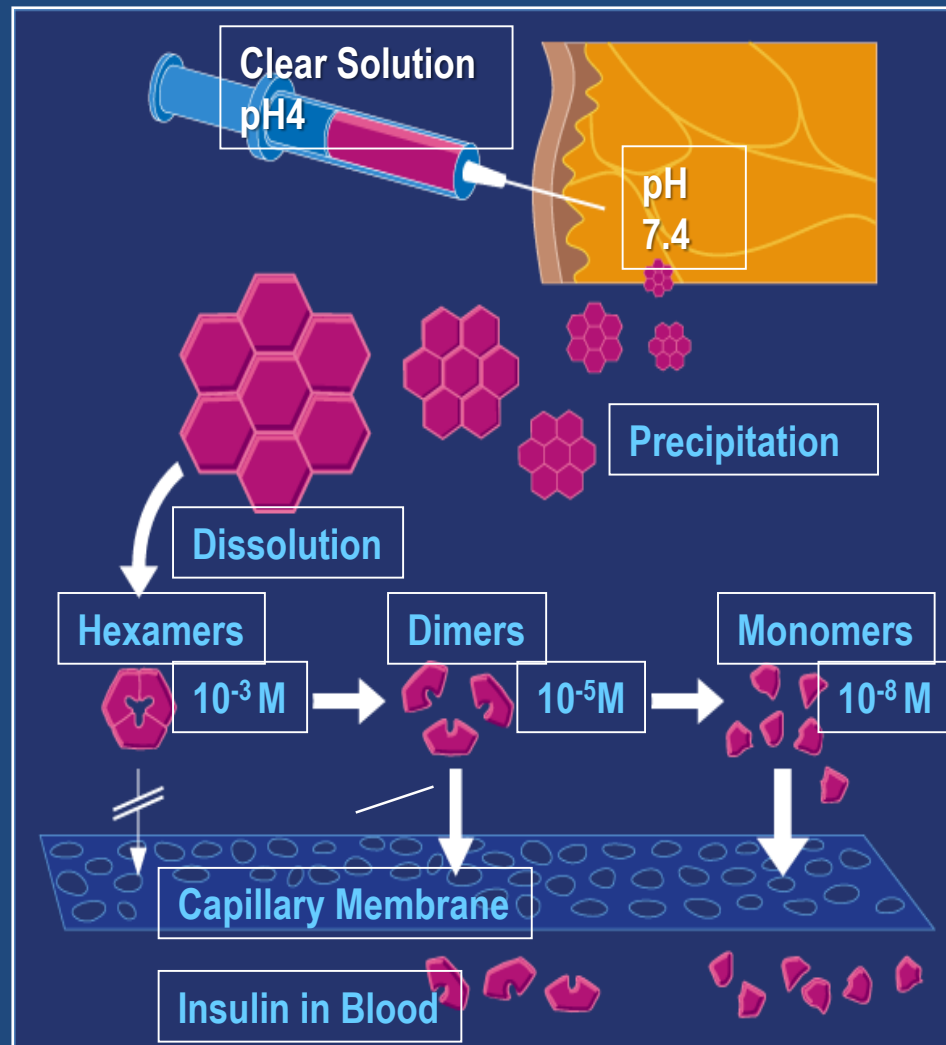
Insulin	Onset (hr)	Peak (hr)	Duration (hr)
Lispro, Aspart, Glulisine	<0.25	1-2	3-4
Regular	0.5-1	2-3	3-6
NPH	2-4	4-10	10-16
Glargine	1-2	Flat	24
Detemir	1-2	Flat	12-24

# 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

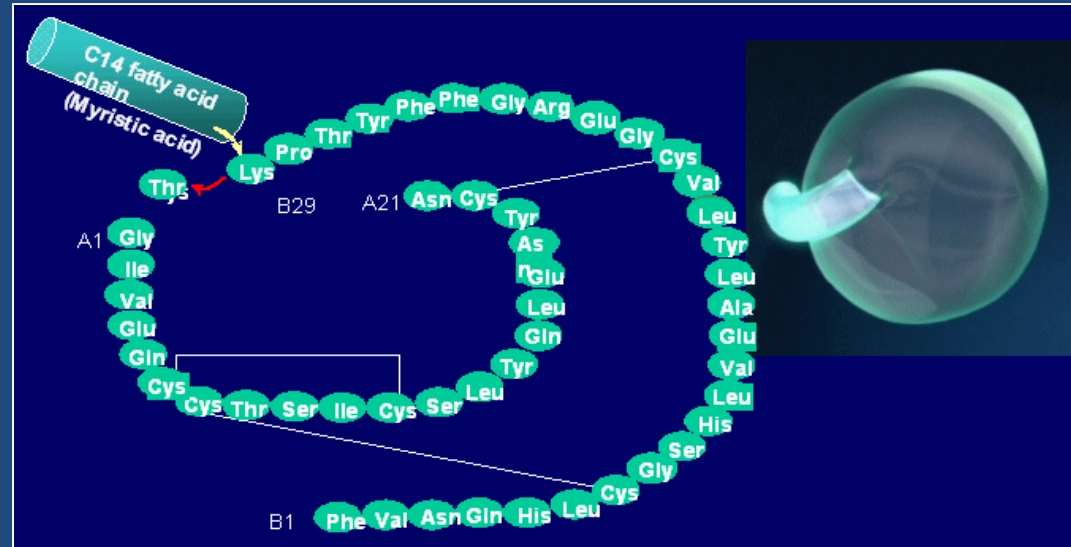


# GLARGINE: Mechanism of Action



- 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

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

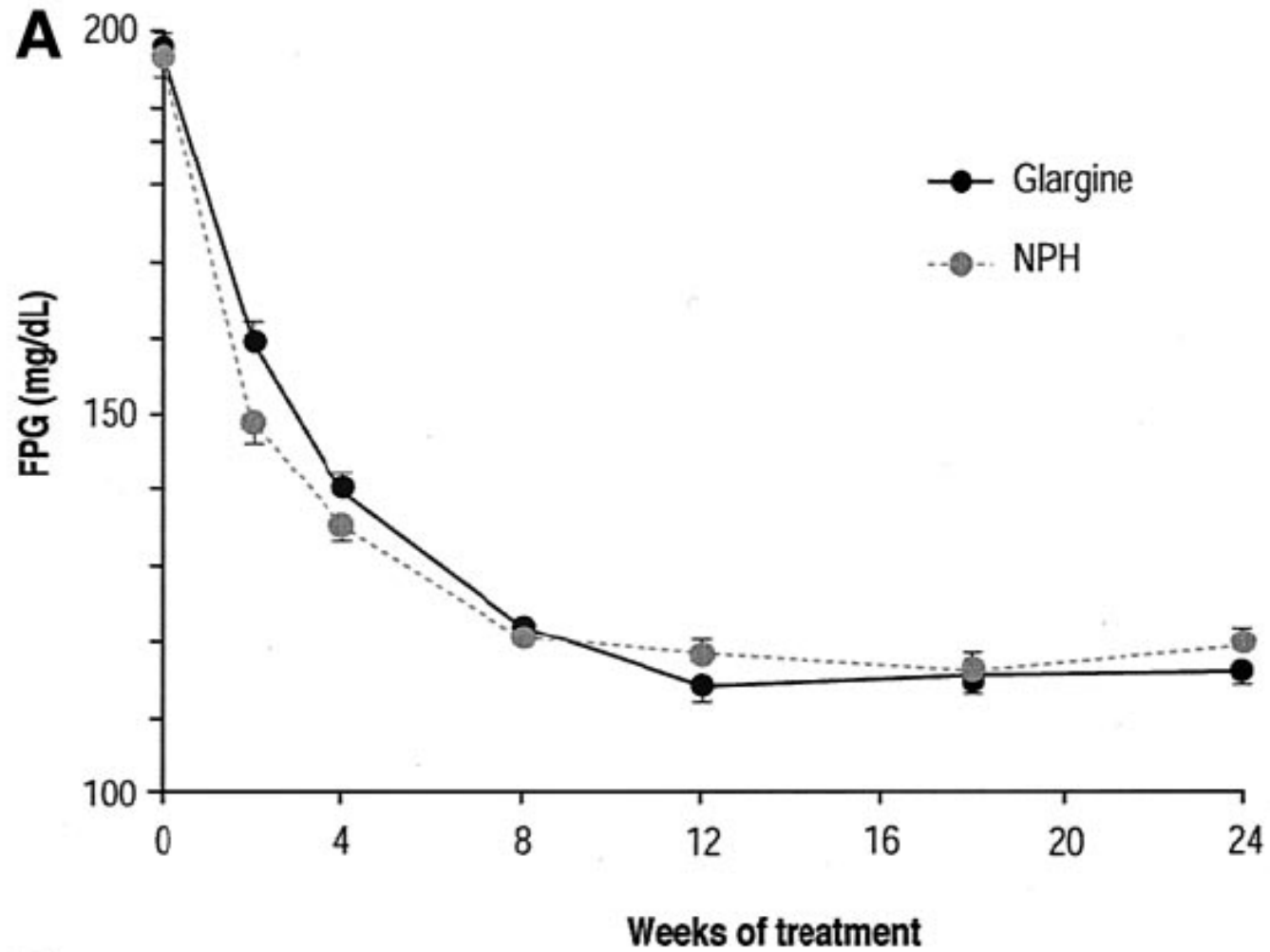
**OBJECTIVE** — To compare the abilities and associated hypoglycemia risks of insulin glargine and human NPH insulin added to oral therapy of type 2 diabetes to achieve 7% HbA<sub>1c</sub>.

**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 <sup>2</sup> )	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 <sub>1c</sub> (%)	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

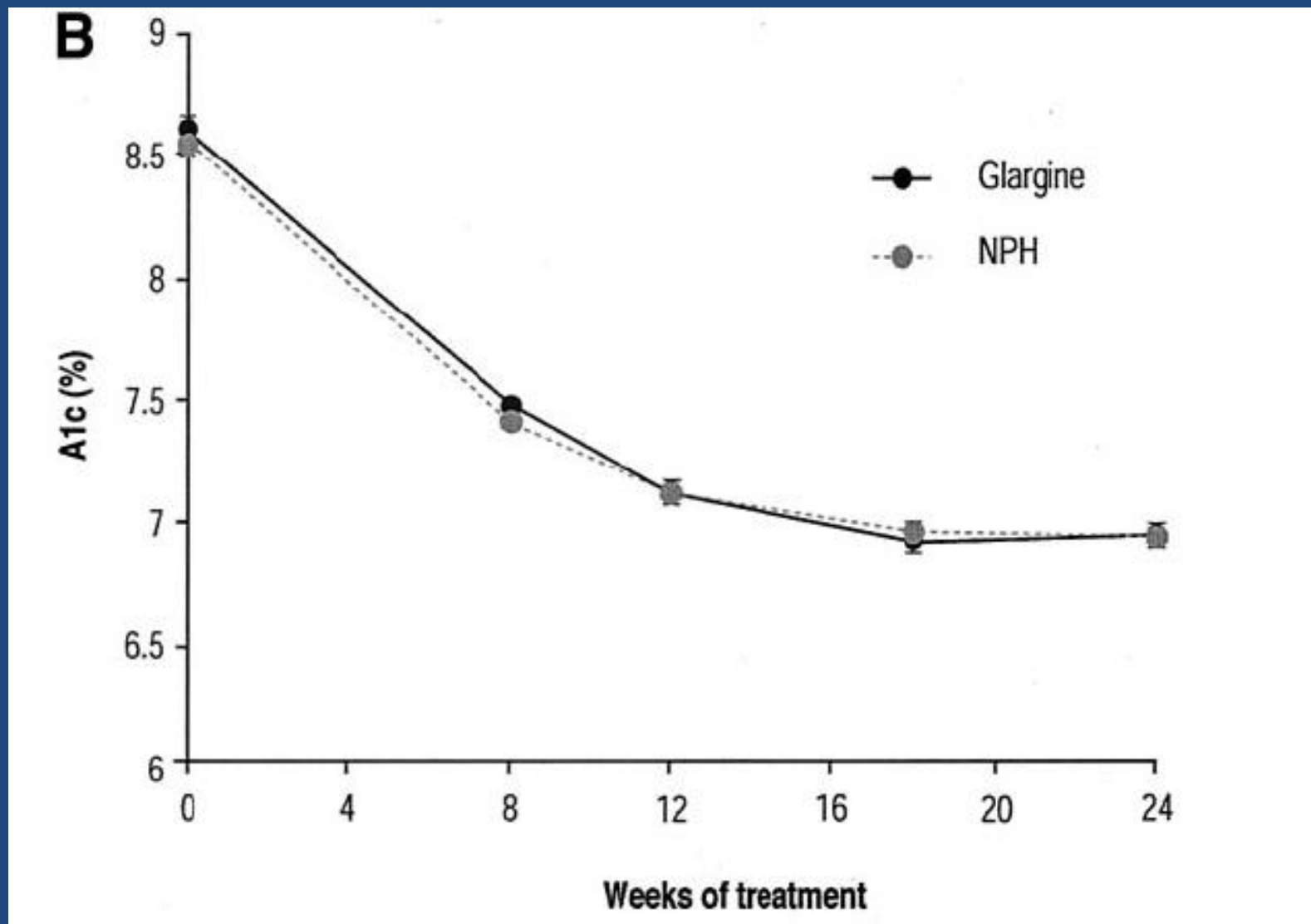
Data are means ± SD, unless otherwise noted. SU, sulfonylurea; TZD, thiazolidinedione.

**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.



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# Dosage of Insulin

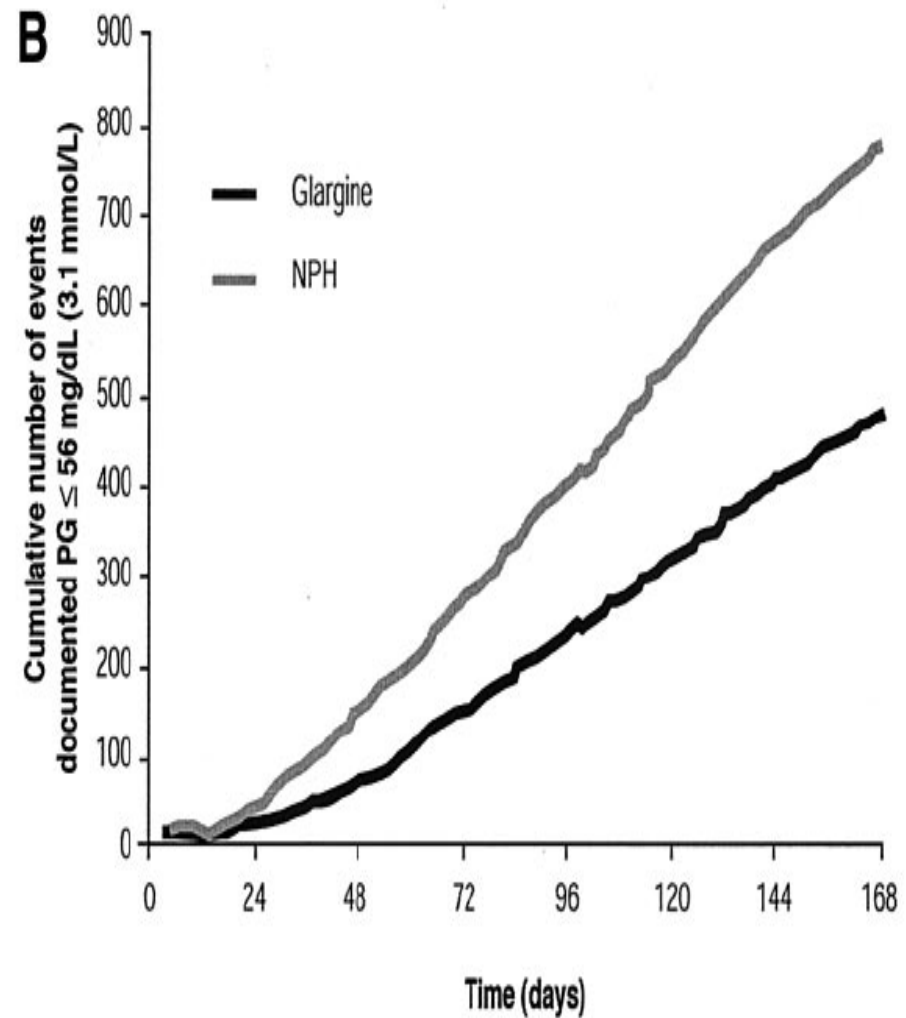
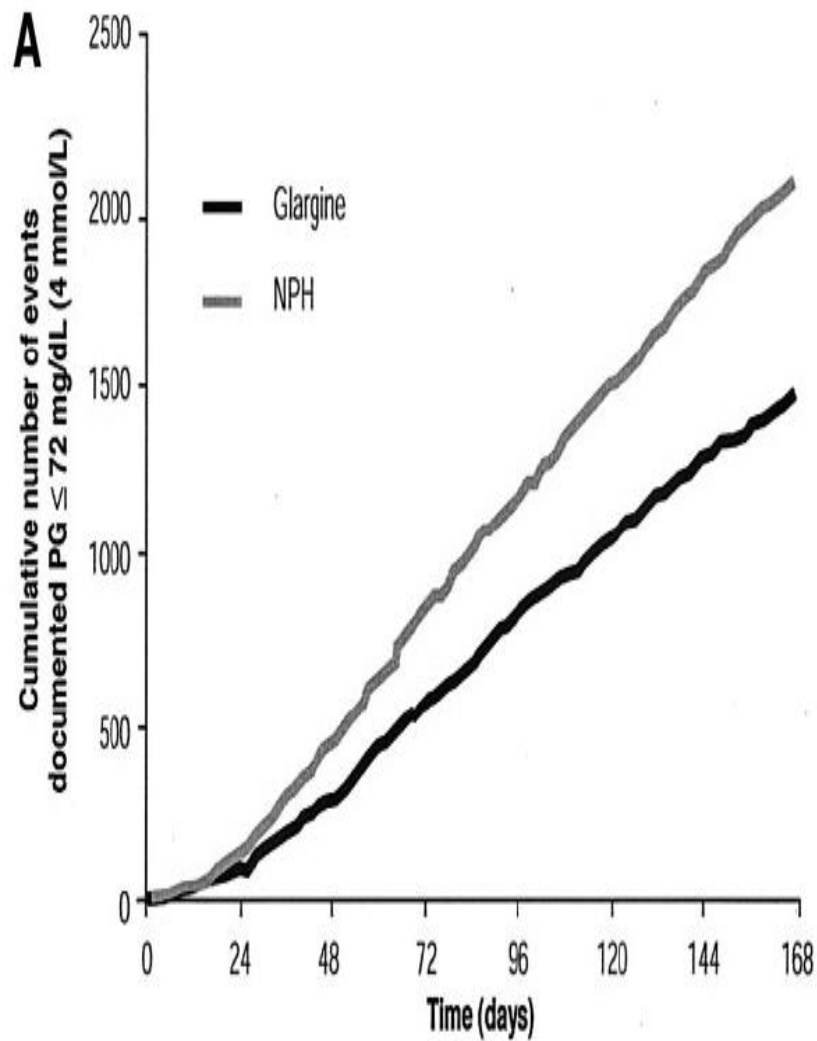
- At wk 24, mean insulin glargine dose was higher than mean NPH insulin dose:

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

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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



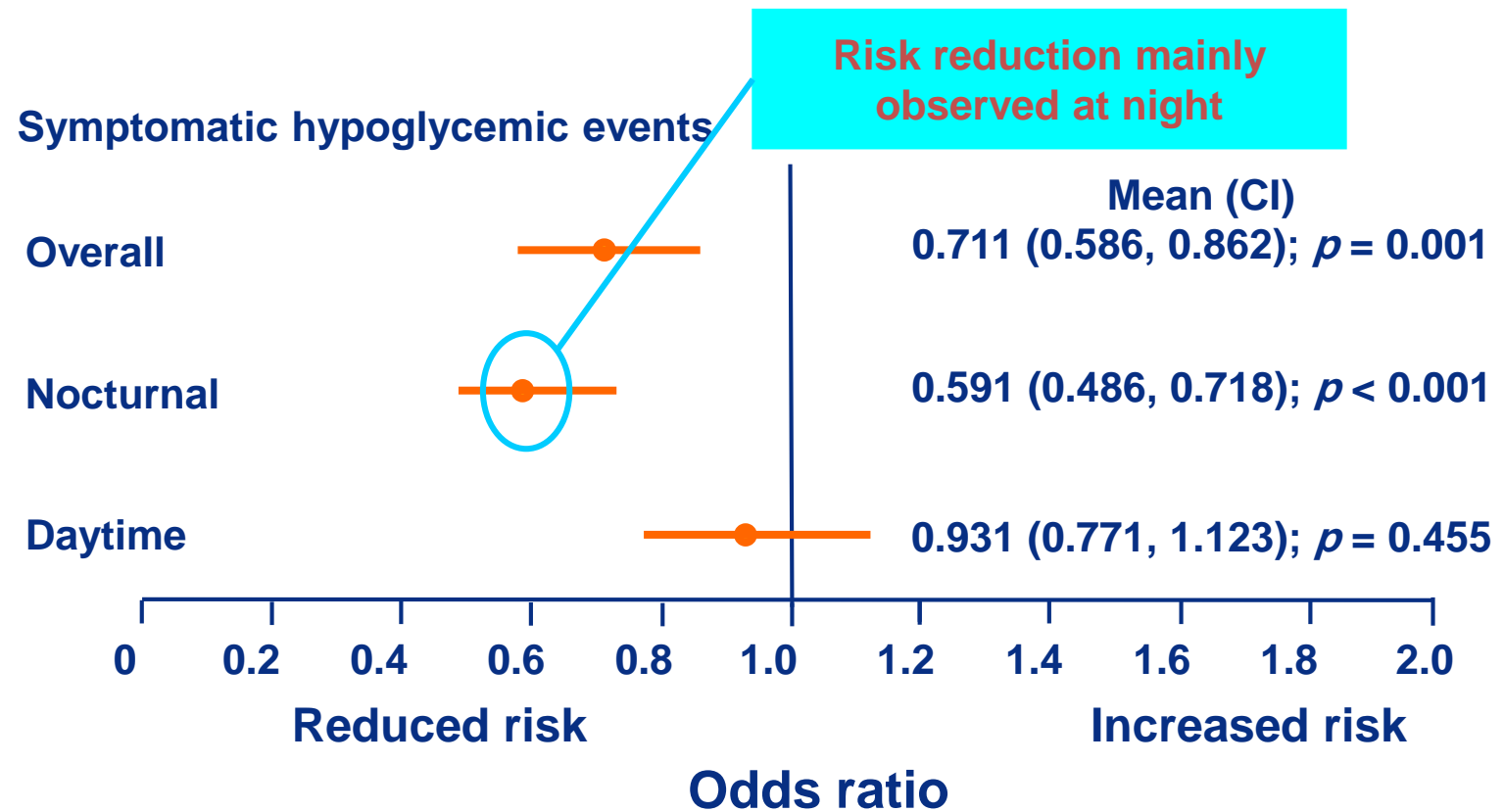
Table 1—*Studies included in the integrated analysis*

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)

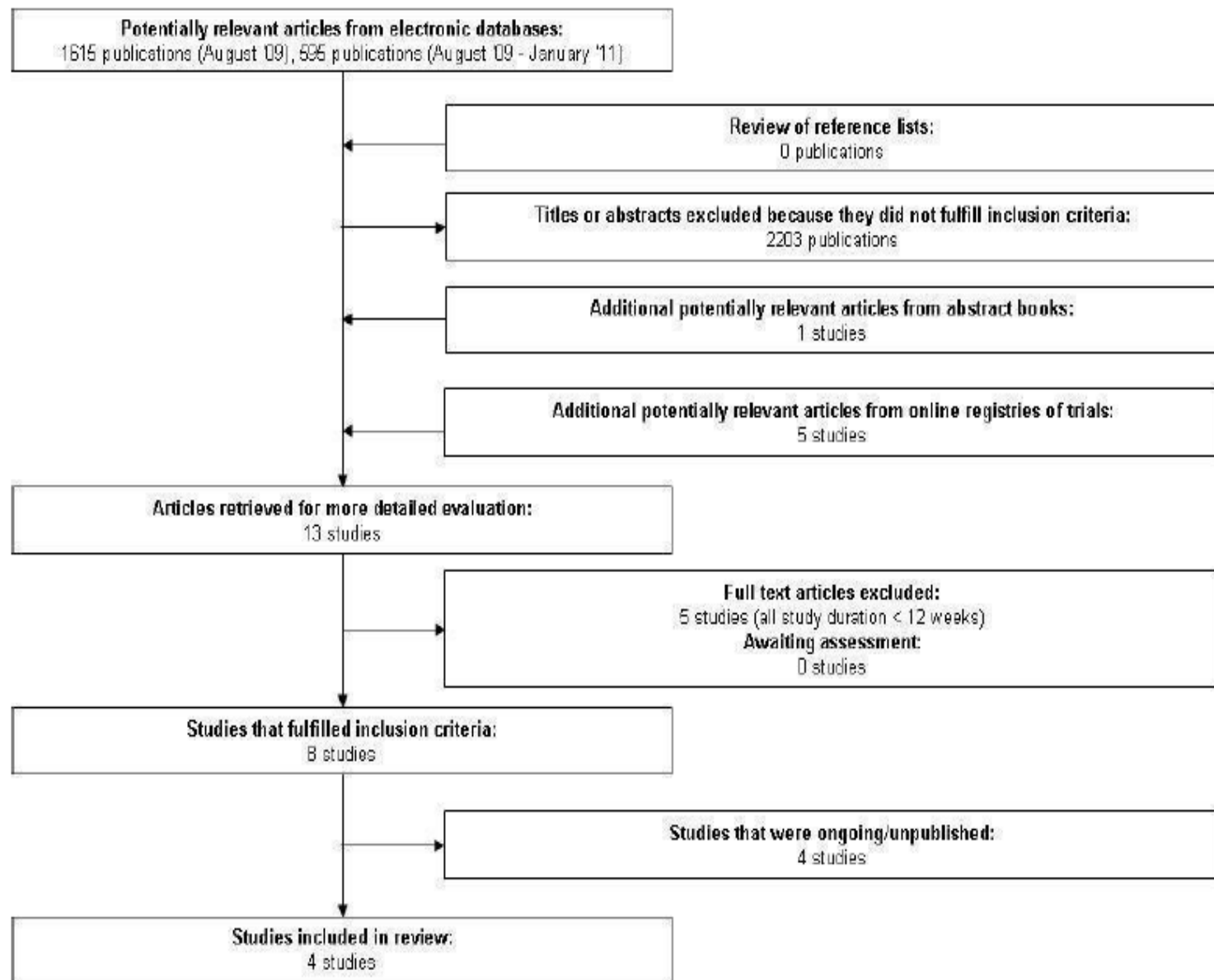
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# Methods

- **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-naive 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

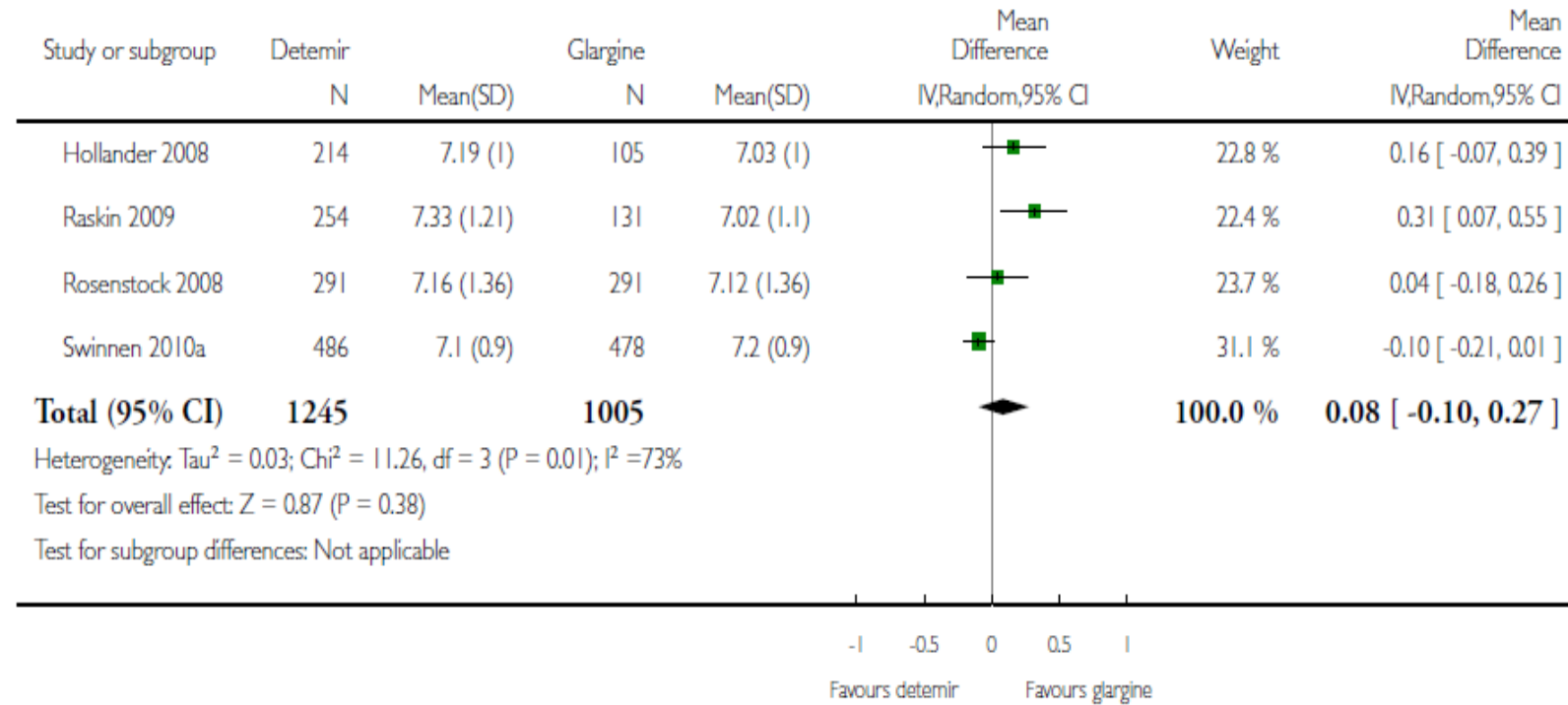


### Analysis 1.1. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 1 HbA1c at study endpoint.

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

Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 1 HbA1c at study endpoint

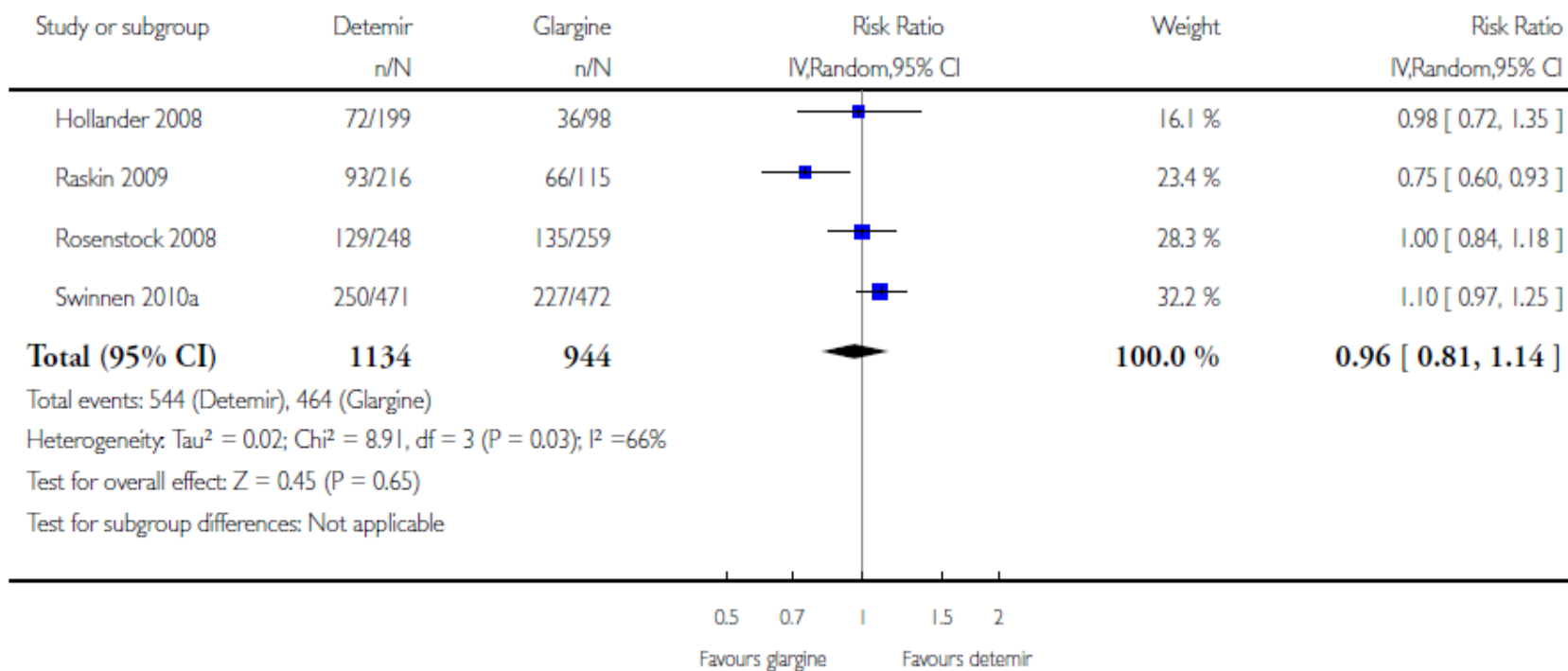


### Analysis 1.3. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 3 Percentage of participants achieving HbA1c $\leq 7\%$ .

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

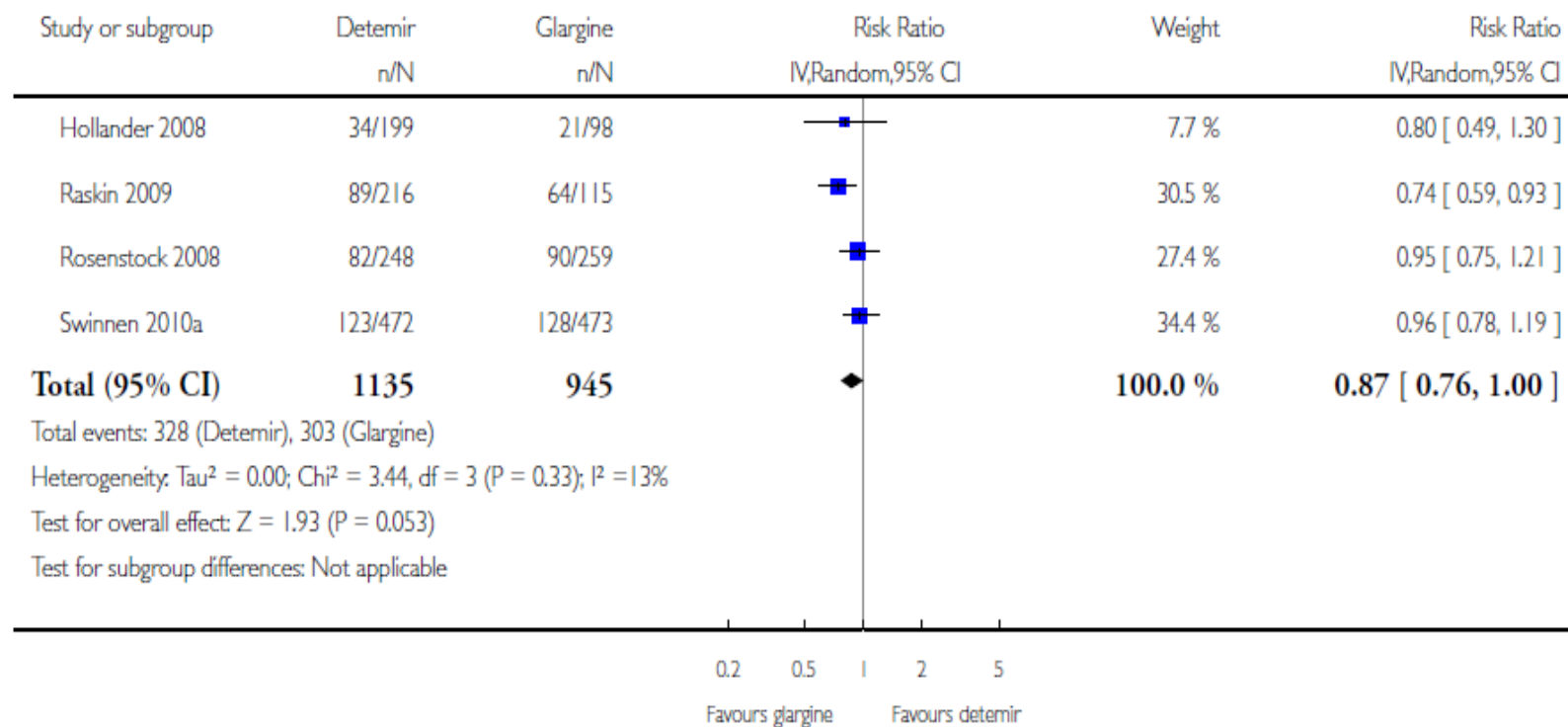


### Analysis 1.4. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 4 Percentage of participants achieving HbA1c $\leq$ 7% without hypoglycaemia.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

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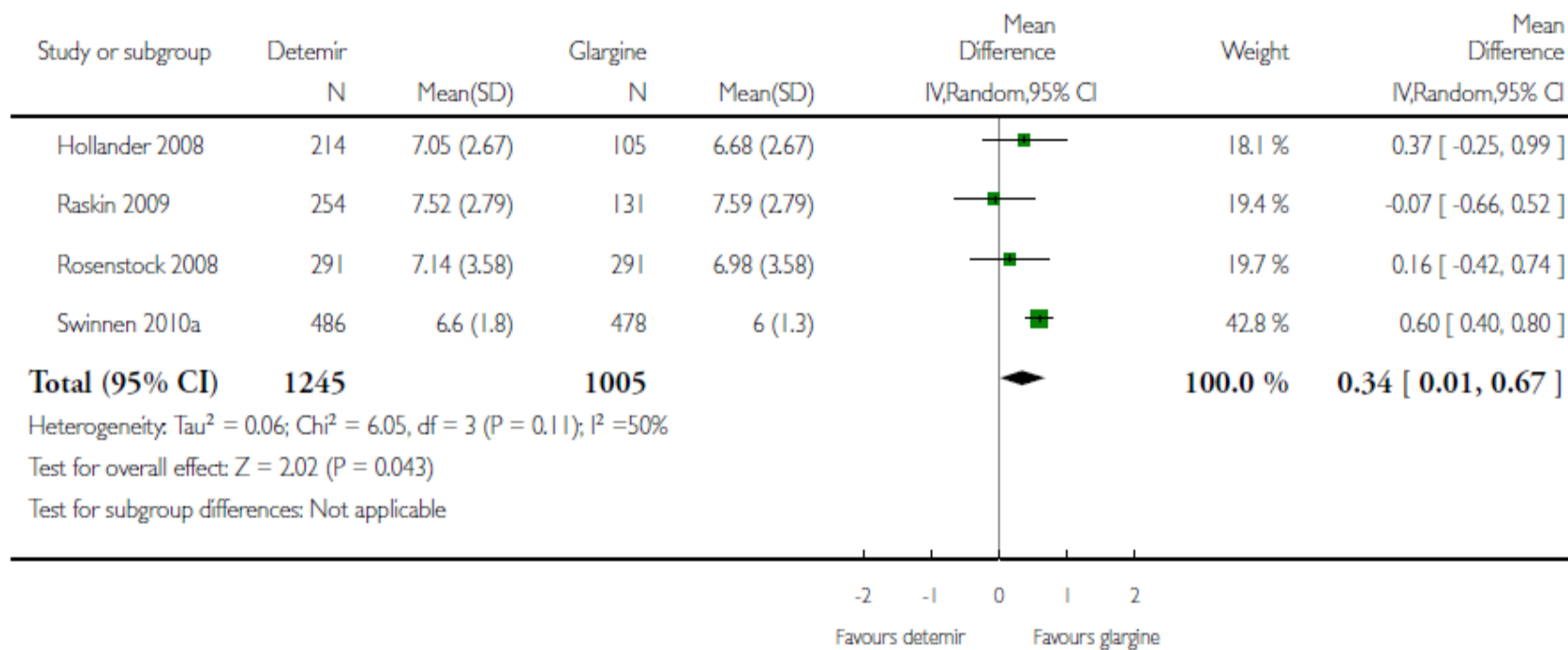


### Analysis 1.5. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 5 Fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 5 Fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint

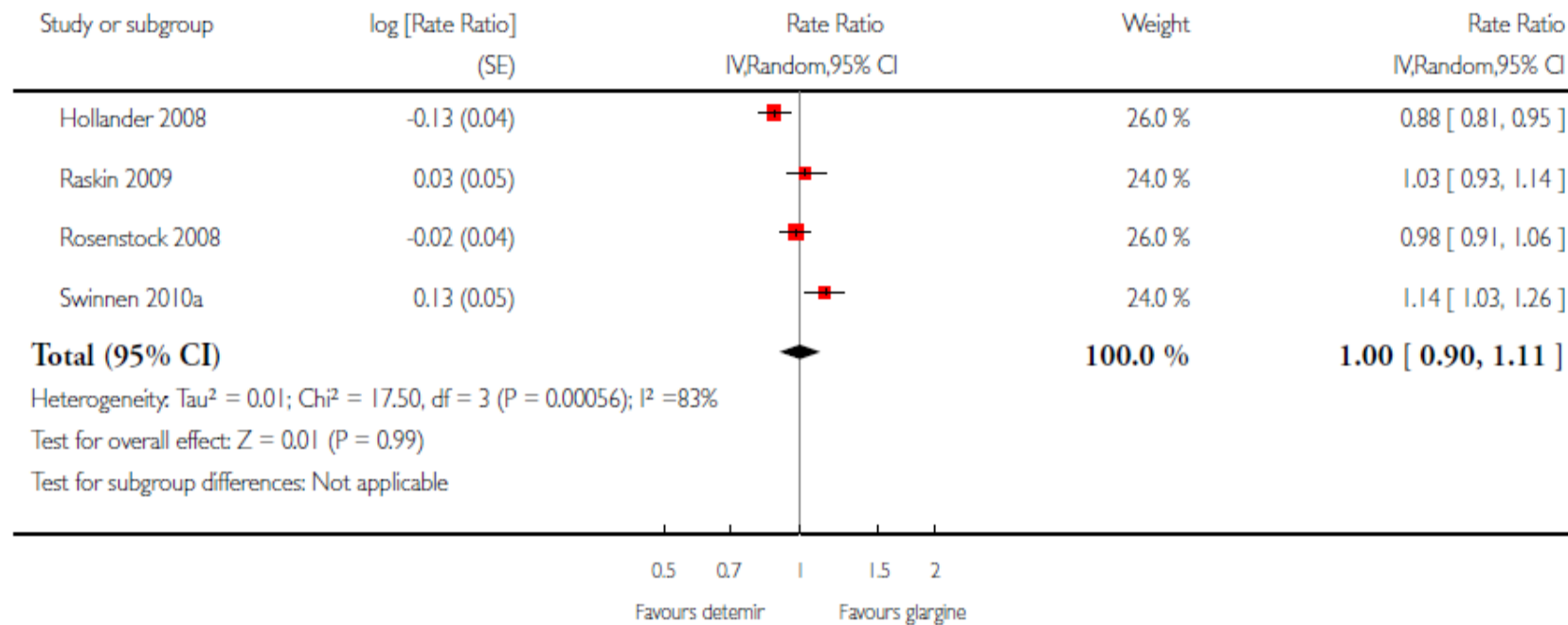


### Analysis 1.8. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 8 Event rate for overall hypoglycaemia per patient-year.

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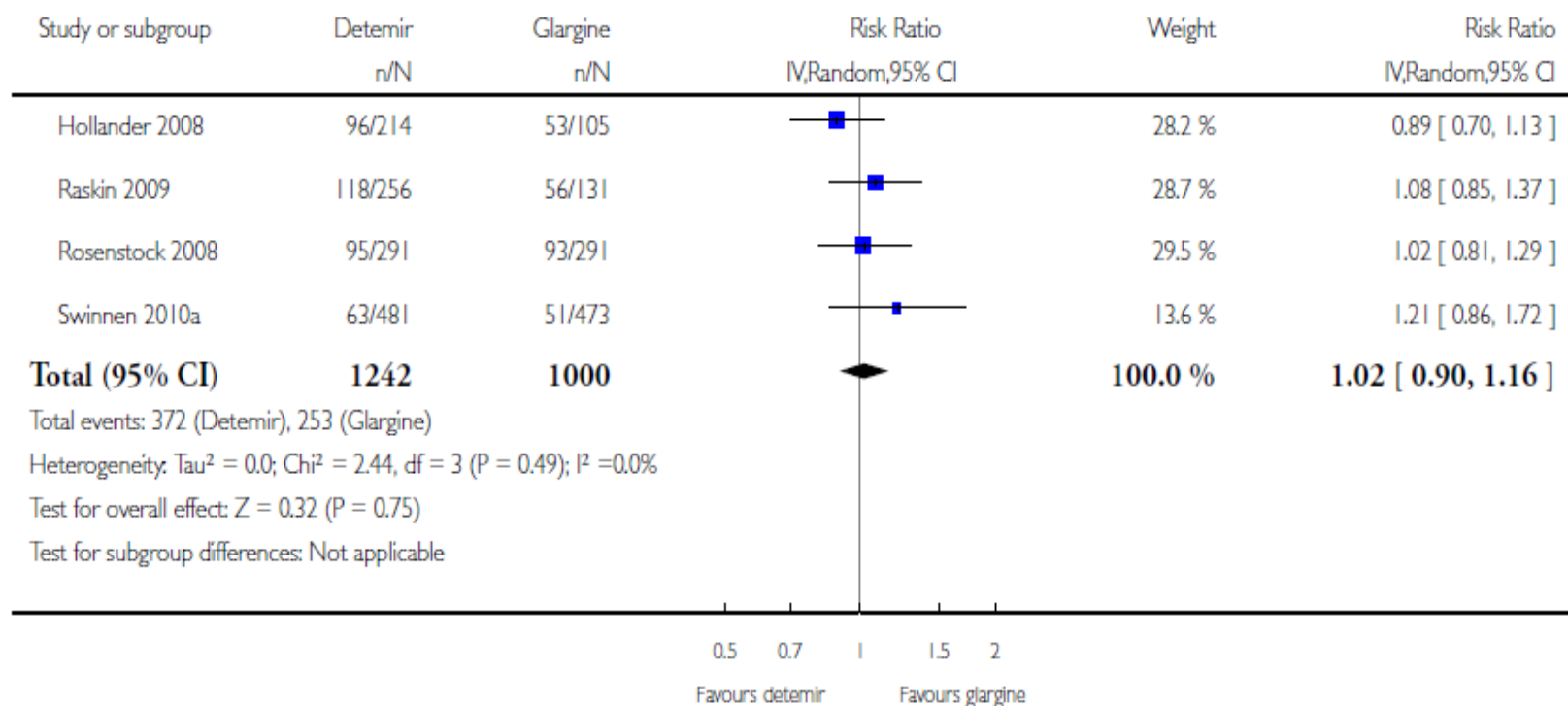


### Analysis 1.9. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 9 Percentage of participants having at least one nocturnal hypoglycaemic event.

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

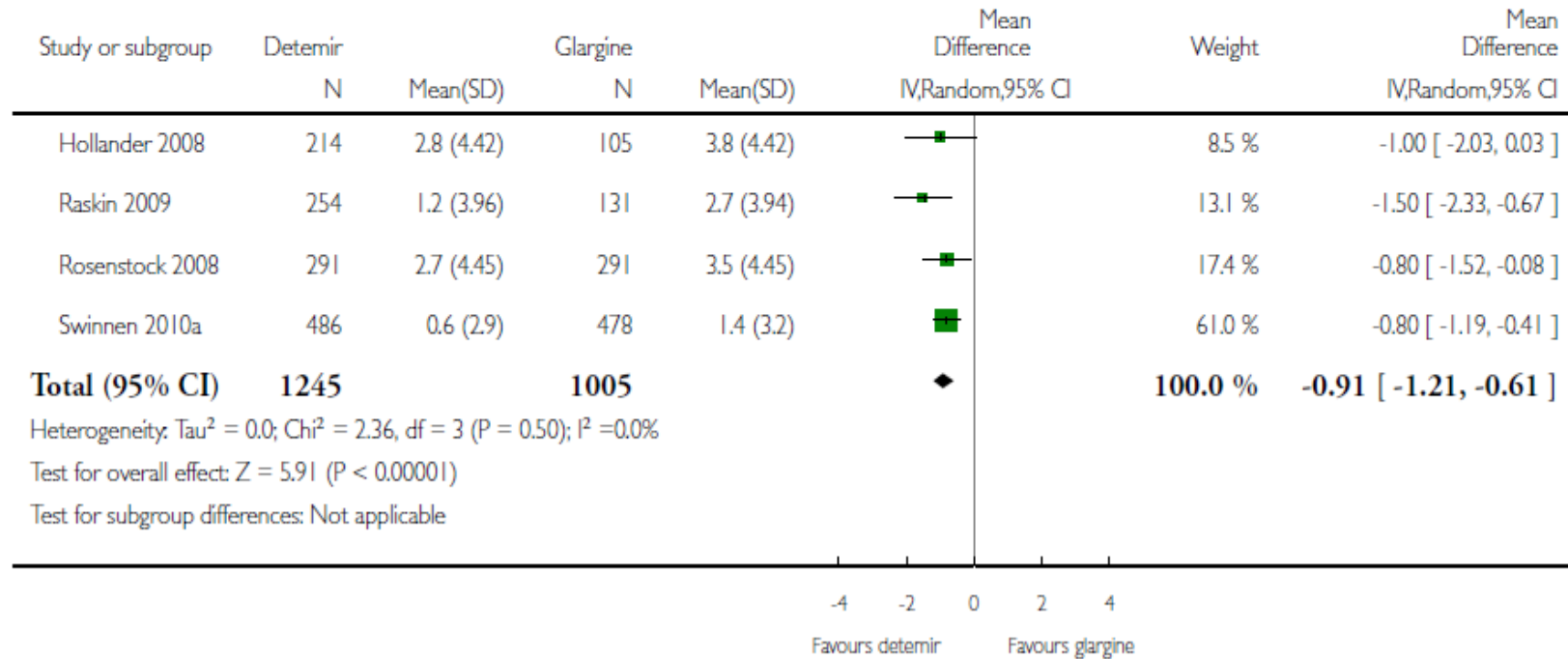


### Analysis 1.13. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 13 Weight gain.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

Outcome: 13 Weight gain

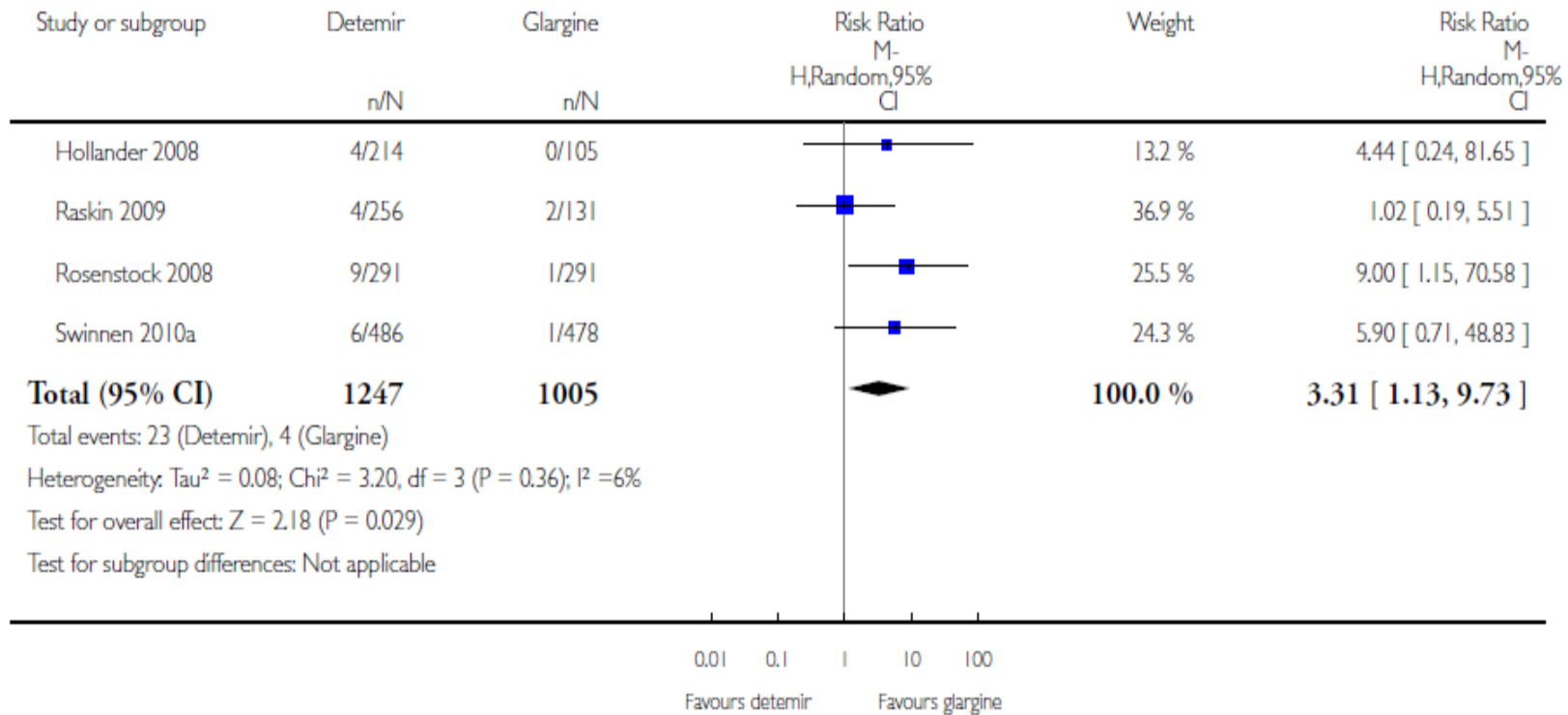


### Analysis 1.14. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 14 Percentage of participants having at least one injection site reaction.

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Comparison: 1 Detemir versus Glargine

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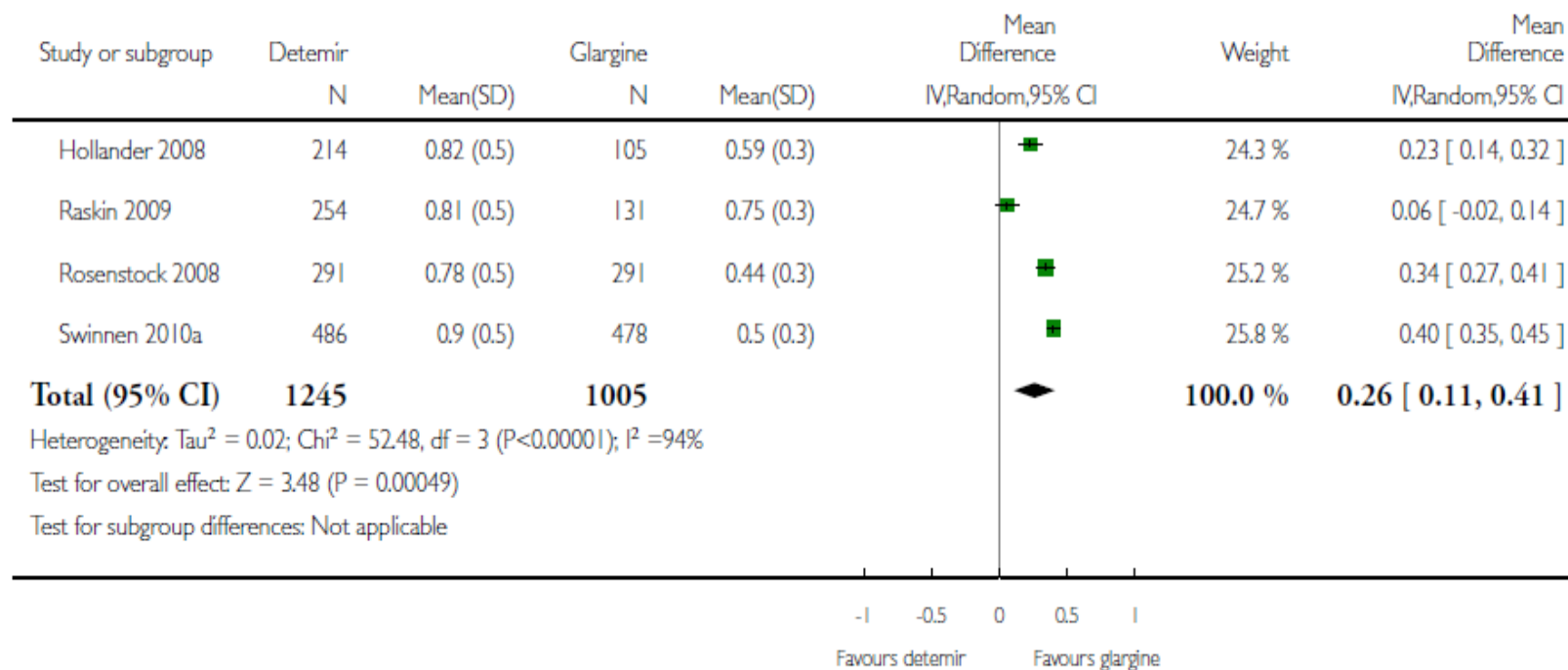


### Analysis 1.15. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 15 Daily basal insulin dose in units per kg.

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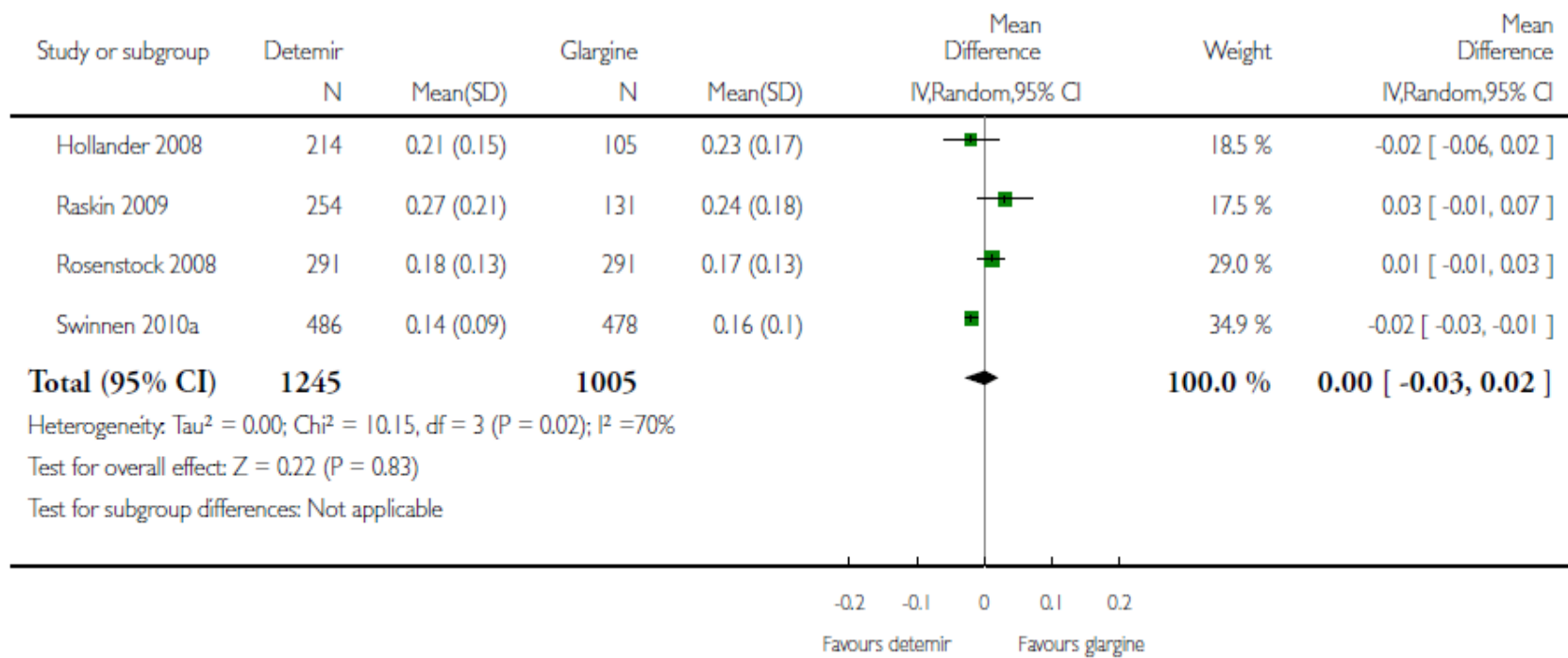


### Analysis 1.16. Comparison 1 Detemir versus Glargine, Outcome 16 Variability of fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint.

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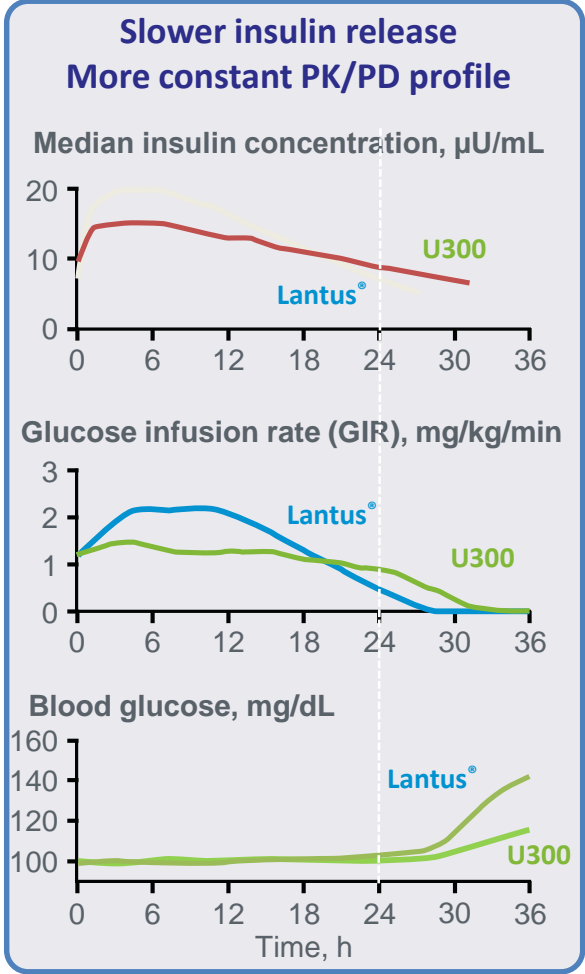
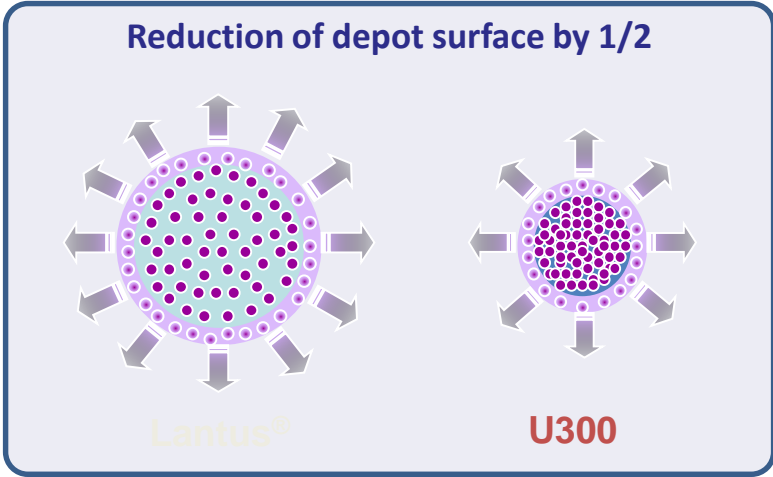
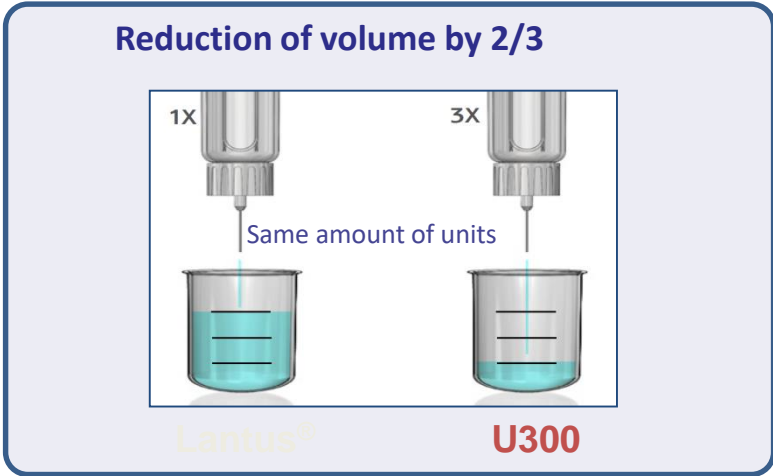
Outcome: 16 Variability of fasting plasma glucose at study endpoint



# 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.

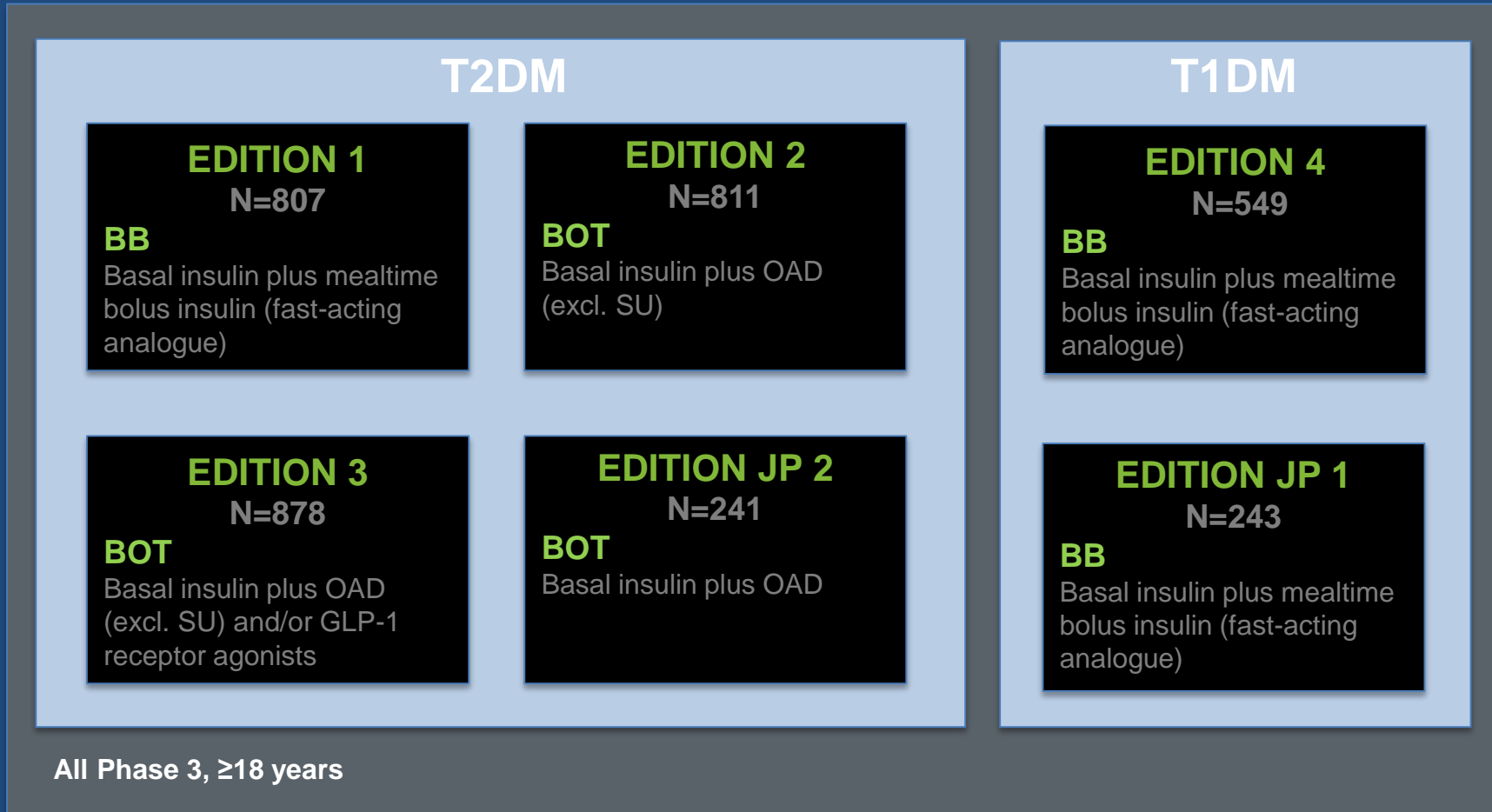
# U300 is a new long-acting basal insulin with a more constant and prolonged PK/PD profile vs Lantus®



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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)

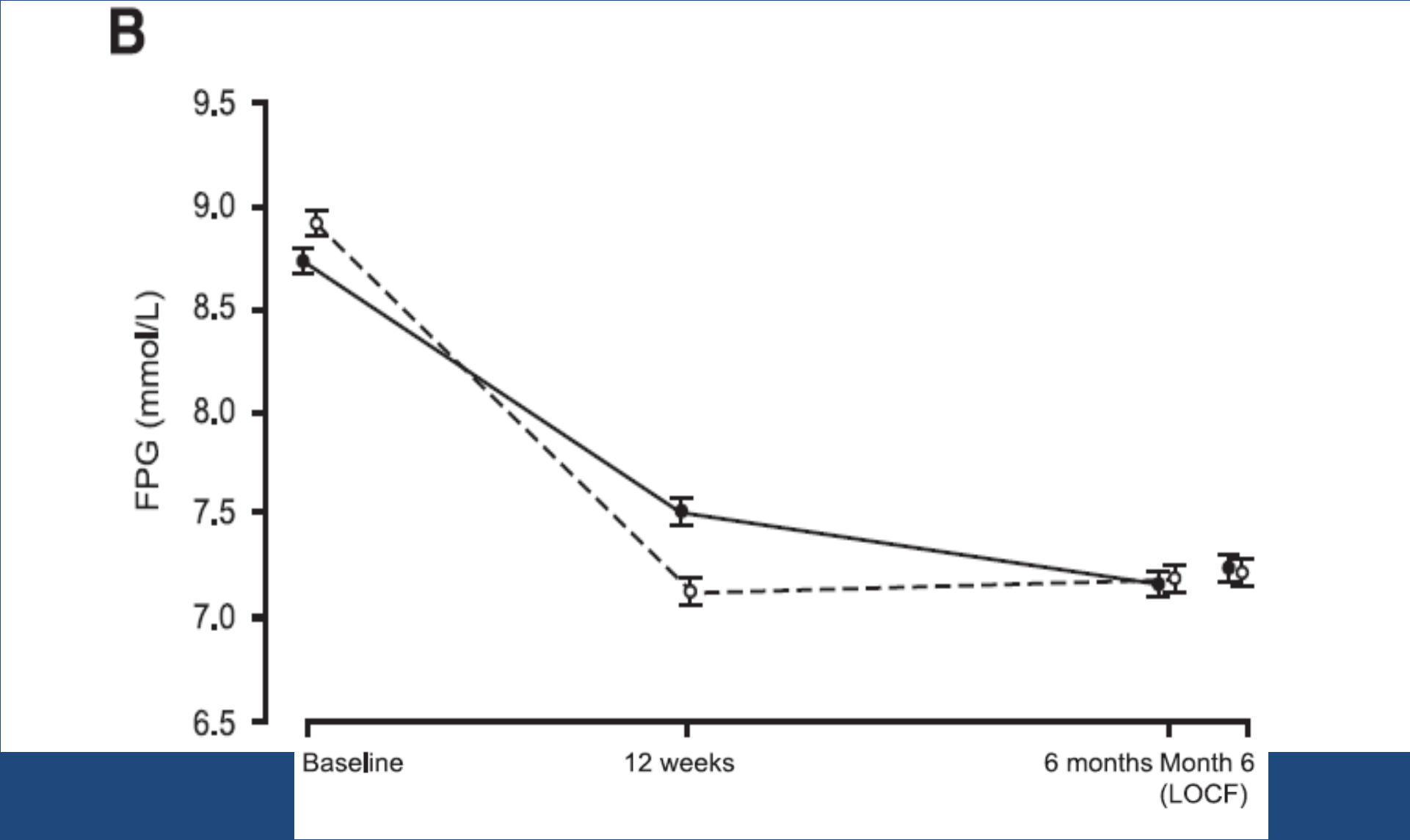
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**Objective:** To compare the efficacy and safety of new insulin glargine 300 units/mL (Gla-300) with glargine 100 units/mL (Gla-100) in people with type 2 diabetes on basal insulin ( $\geq 42$  units/day) plus mealtime insulin

# 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 <sup>2</sup> )	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)	0.67 (0.26)	0.67 (0.24)
(units/day)	70.0 (30.4)	70.3 (28.5)
Mealtime insulin dose		
(units/kg/day)	0.54 (0.34)	0.54 (0.32)
(units/day)	57.1 (36.5)	58.4 (37.9)
Total insulin dose		
(units/kg/day)	1.19 (0.48)	1.20 (0.45)
(units/day)	126.3 (56.7)	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)	8.8 (2.9)	8.9 (2.9)
(mg/dL)	158.3 (51.8)	160.7 (52.8)
HbA <sub>1c</sub>		
(%)	8.15 (0.78)	8.16 (0.77)
(mmol/mol)	65.6 (8.5)	65.7 (8.4)

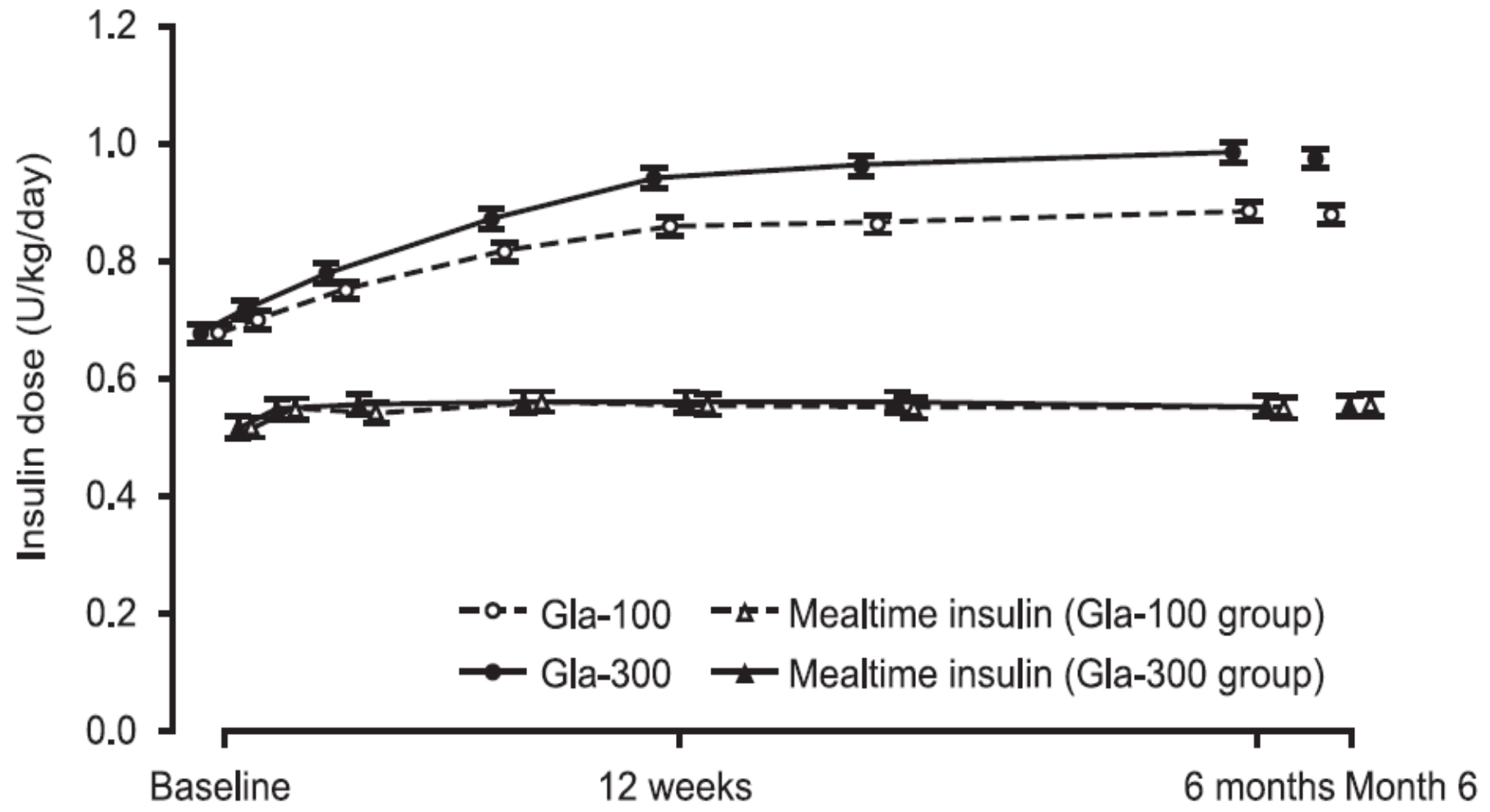
At the end of treatment, HbA1c was 7.25% ( 0.85) with Gla-300, and 7.28% (0.92)with Gla-100



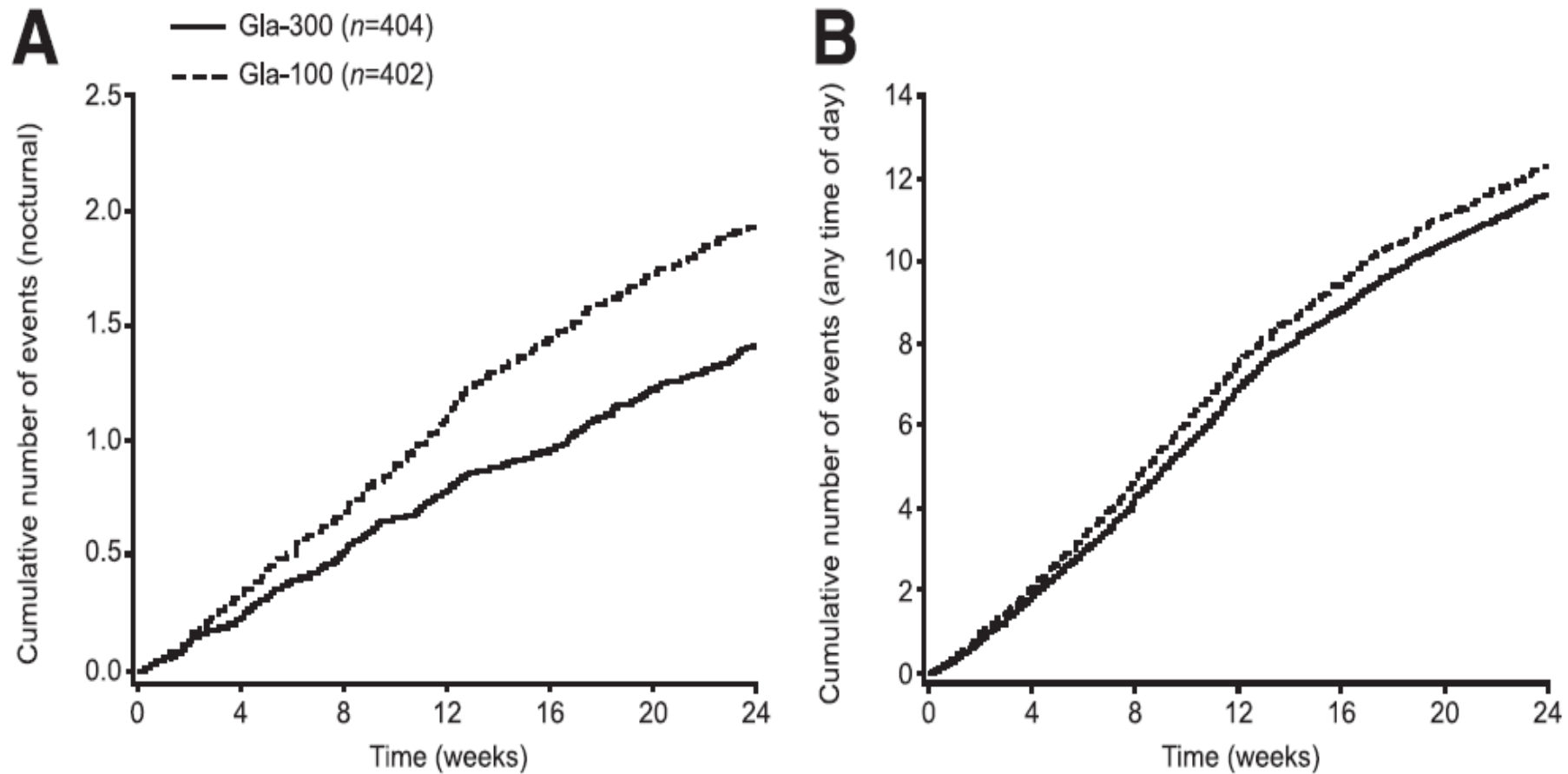


Final total daily dosage was 1.53 units/kg/day (0.61) with Gla-300 and 1.43 units/kg/day (0.60) with Gla-100

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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  $\leq 3.9$  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

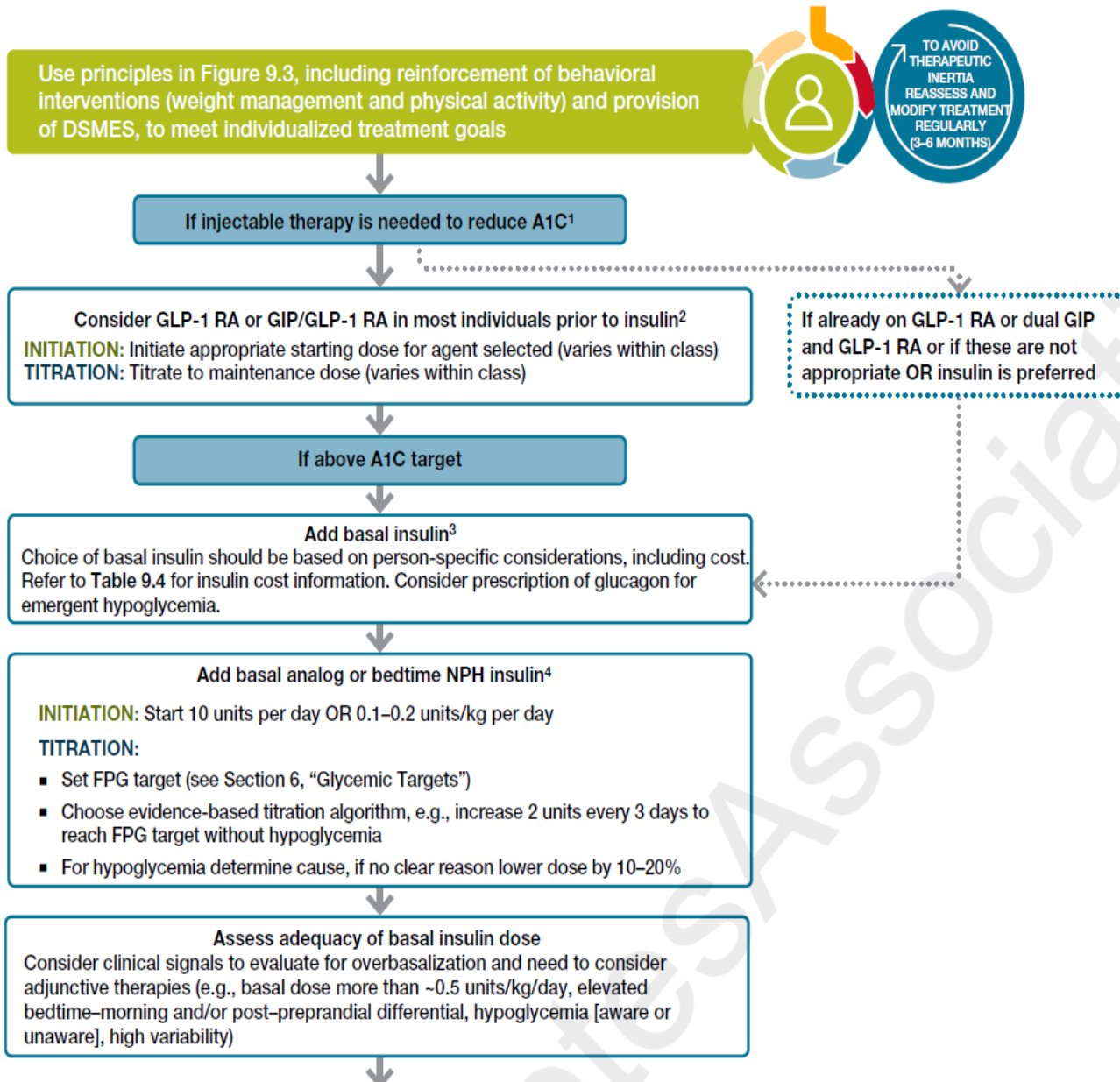
In the event of  
hypoglycemia or FPG  
level < 70 mg/dL

- Reduce bedtime insulin dose by  $\geq 4$  units, or by 10% if >60 units

## MONITOR

Continue regimen and  
check HbA<sub>1c</sub> every 3 months

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# How to Switch Between Insulin Products

Clinical Scenario	Recommendation/Comments
<b>NPH to Long-acting</b>	
NPH to insulin detemir ( <i>Levemir</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convert unit-per-unit.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Some patients on basal-bolus insulin may require more <i>Levemir</i> than NPH.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Give <i>Levemir</i> once daily, or divided twice daily if necessary for control.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>• Do not mix <i>Levemir</i> with other insulins.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>
NPH to insulin glargine ( <i>Lantus</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NPH once daily: convert unit-per-unit and give once daily.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• NPH twice daily: reduce daily dose by 20% and give once daily.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Do not mix <i>Lantus</i> with other insulins.<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
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# 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*





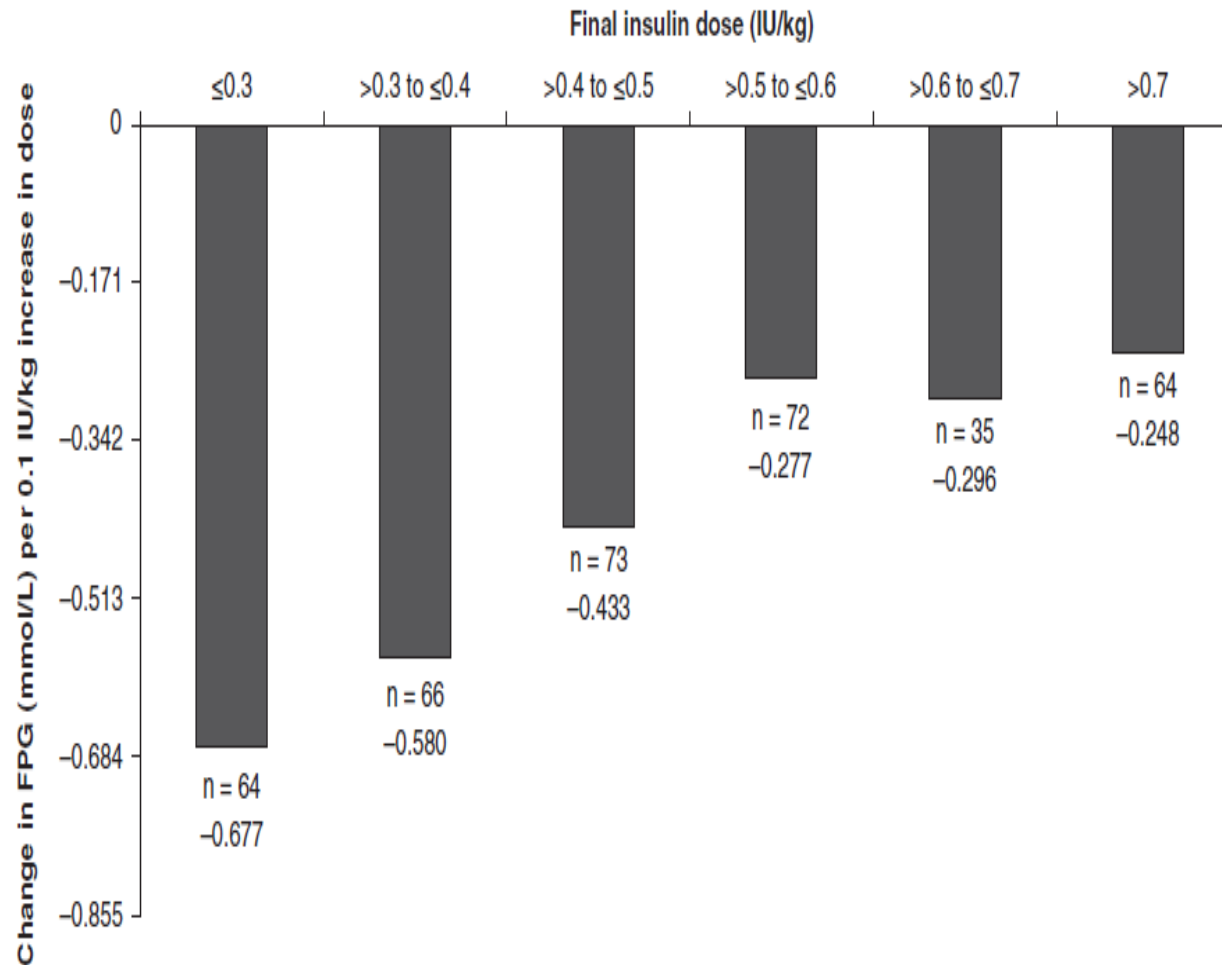
# Overbasalization

- Titration of basal insulin beyond an appropriate dose in an attempt to achieve glycemic targets.
- It can be identified by a basal insulin dose  $>0.5$  units/kg/day, postmeal blood glucose levels  $>180$  mg/dL, A1C not at goal despite attainment of the fasting blood glucose target, or a Bedtime-AM differential  $\geq 50$  mg/dL

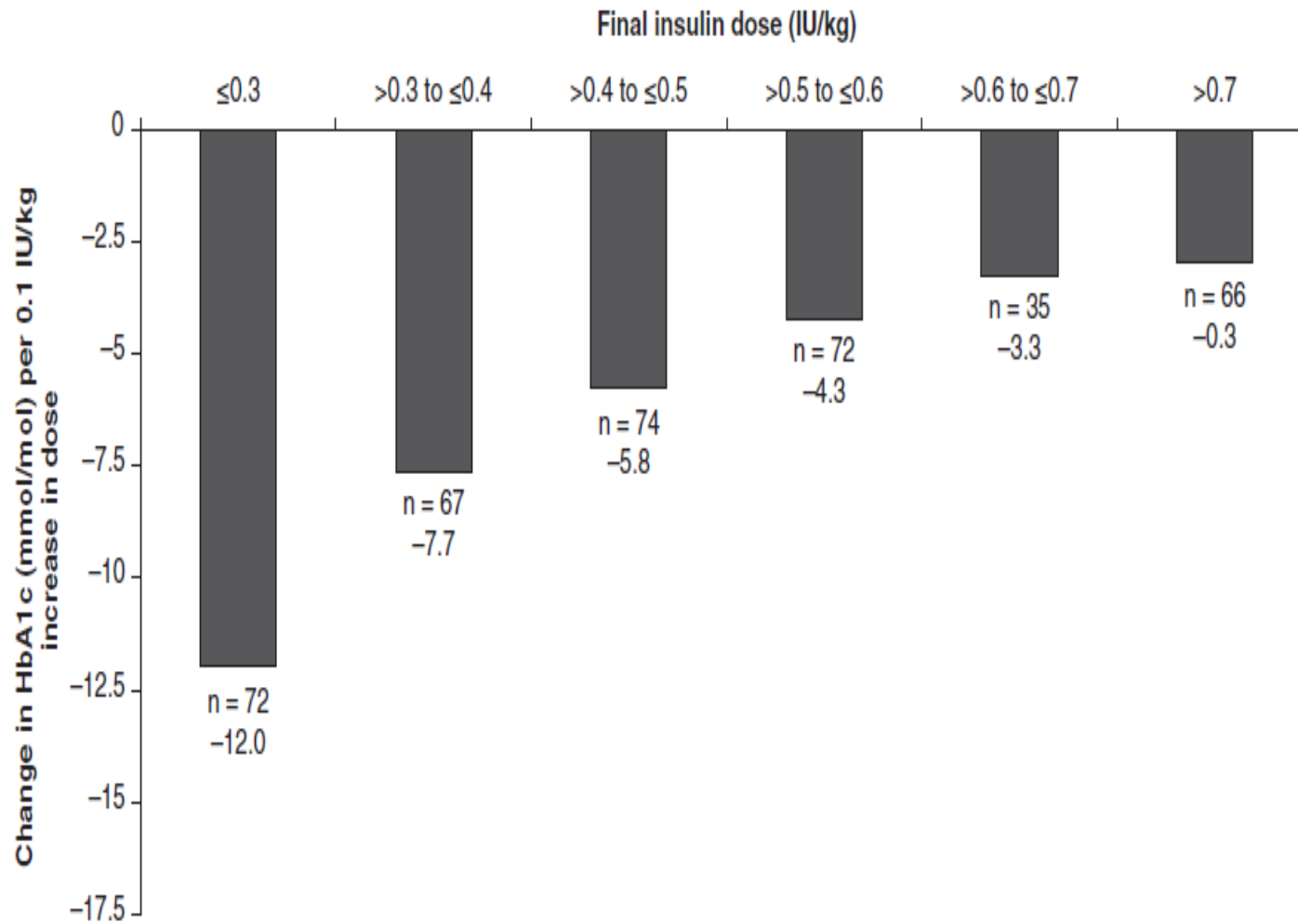
## **When basal insulin is not enough: A dose–response relationship between insulin glargine 100 units/mL and glycaemic control**

- Aim: A post-hoc analysis to assess the impact in people with type 2 diabetes, of increasing doses of basal insulin on glycemic measures, body weight and hypoglycemia
- Data from prospective, randomized controlled treat-to-target trials of  $\geq 24$  weeks' duration in people with type 2 diabetes, uncontrolled on metformin and sulphonylureas, and treated with insulin glargine 100 units/mL (U100), who had at least six fasting plasma glucose measurements were included
- The impact of insulin dose on HbA1c values, FPG, hypoglycemia incidence  $\geq 70$  mg/dl, and body weight was analyzed.
- A total of 458 participants from three eligible trials were included

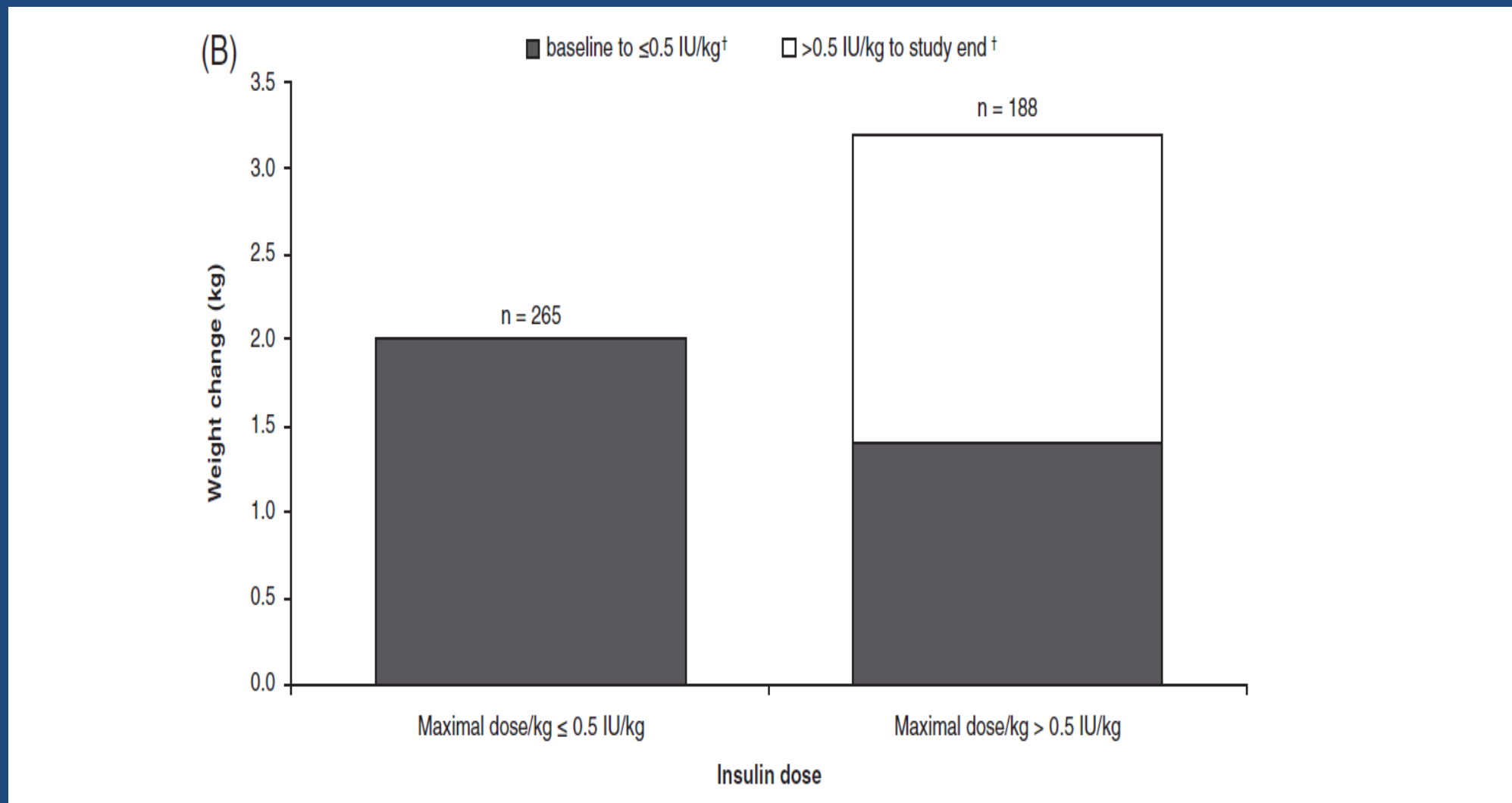
# Effect of 0.1-IU/kg/d increases in daily insulin dose on the change in fasting plasma glucose



# Effect of 0.1-IU/kg/d increases in insulin dose on the change in glycated HbA1c



# Weight change from baseline to study end by daily basal insulin dose (maximal dose/kg/day)



# Key messages

- This study indicates a non-linear clinical response curve for basal insulin, with diminishing glycemic efficacy for doses of insulin  $>0.3$  to  $0.5$  IU/kg/d and a plateauing glycemic effect with doses  $>0.5$  IU/kg/d
- This is associated with the disadvantage of additional weight gain. Clinicians should consider anti-hyperglycemic treatment intensification at doses approaching  $0.5$  IU/kg/d