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Recent advances in diabetes

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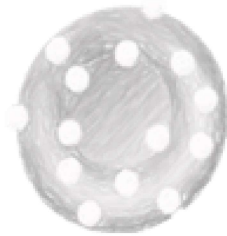
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Types of diabetes

Why it matters

HbA1c



Blood test in clinic

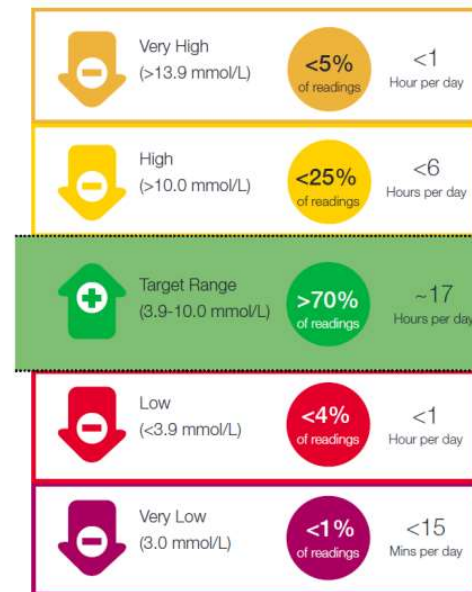
Amount of glucose attached to haemoglobin

Gives a measure of glucose control over the past 2 – 3 months

HbA1c <53 mmol/mol (7%) as a typical target

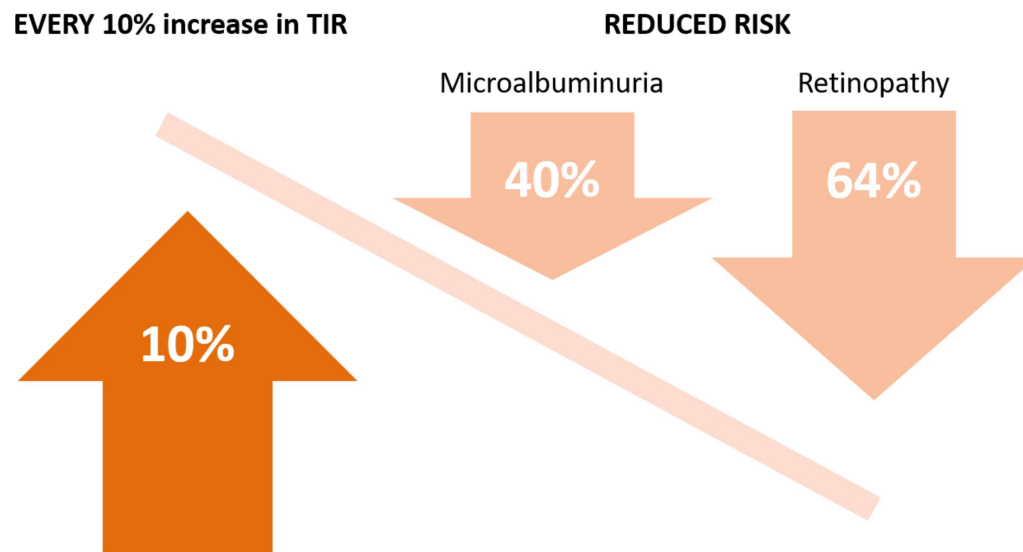
Doesn't take into account low glucose or variability

CGM metrics

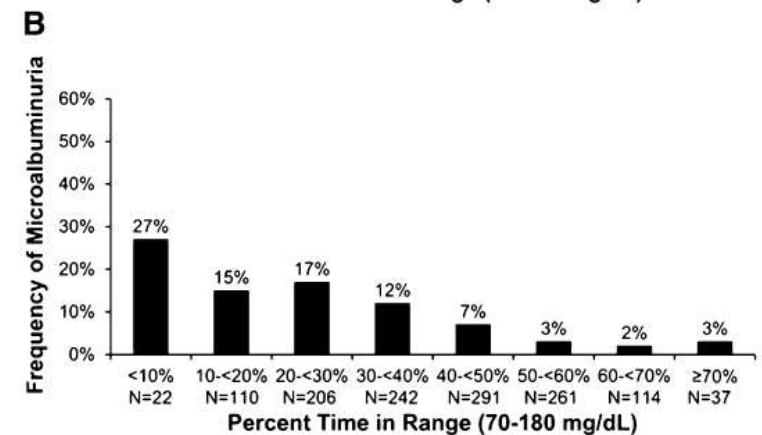
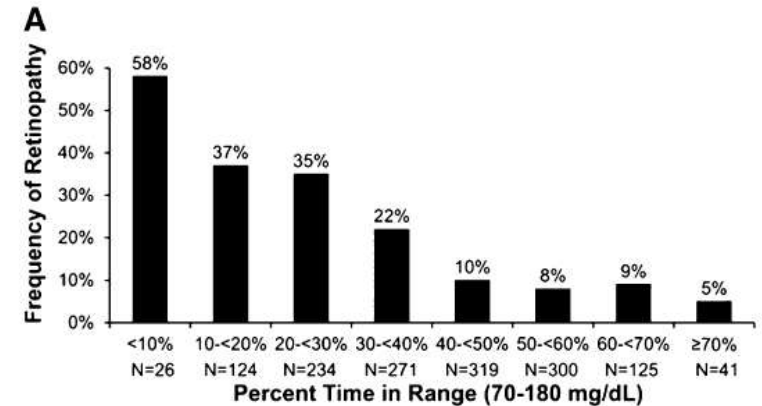


Time in range

Relationship to microvascular complications

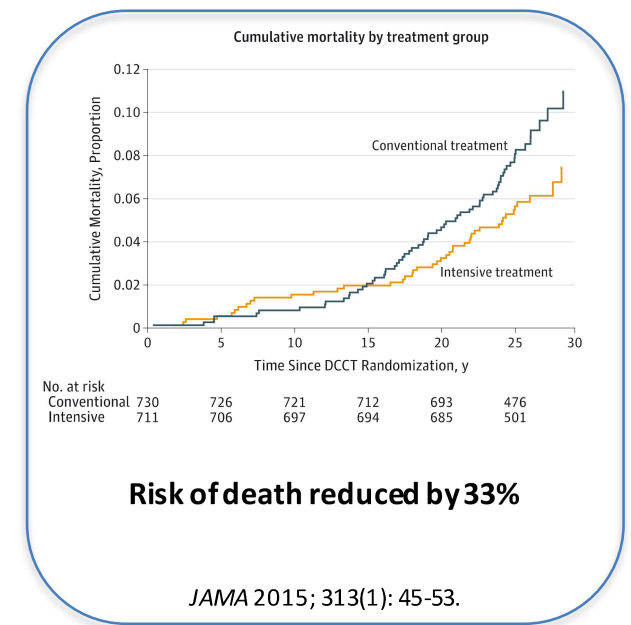
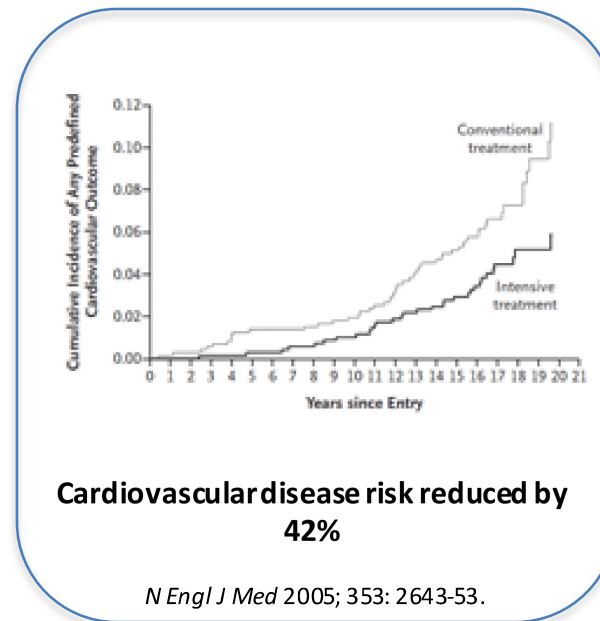
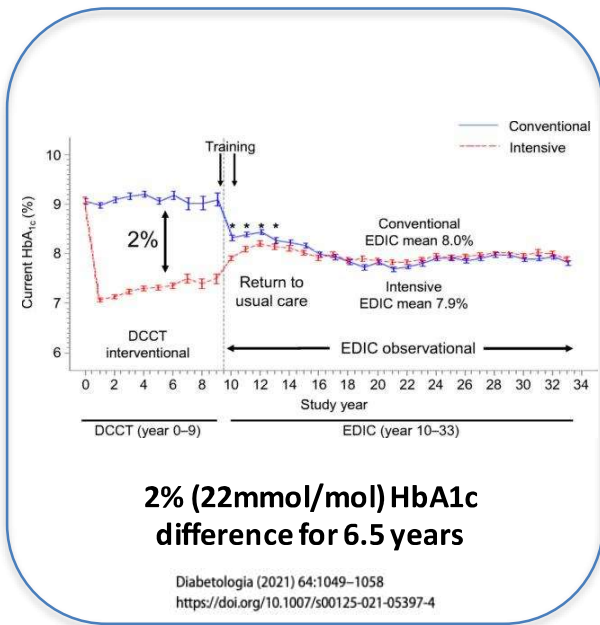


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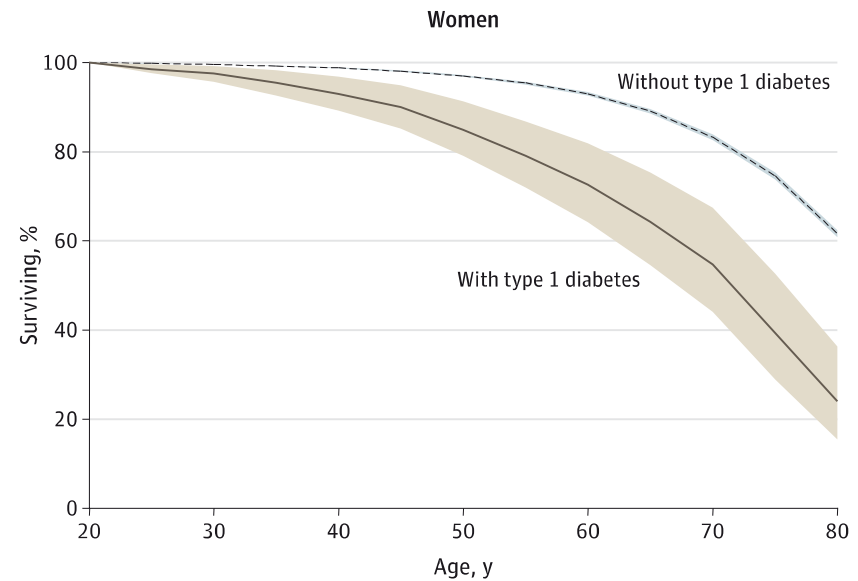
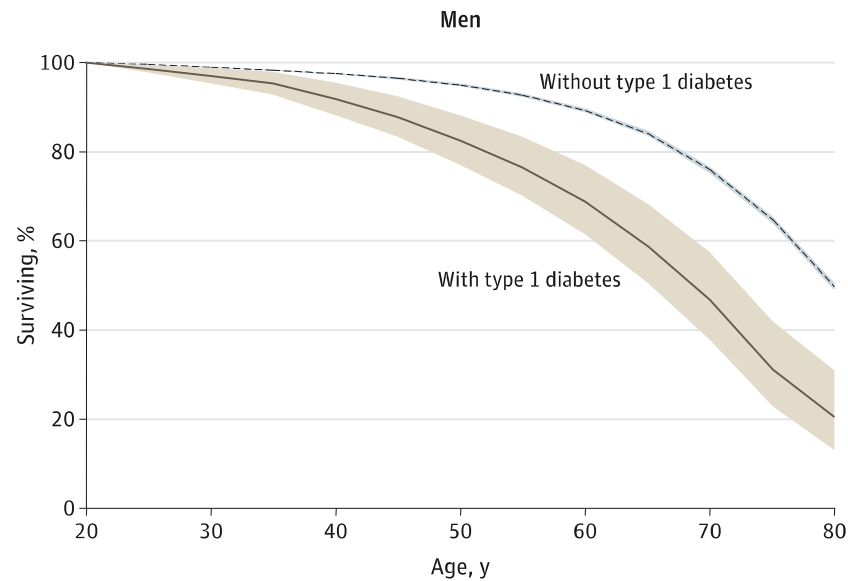
The importance of effective treatment

2020s diabetes – 1980s outcomes?



Type 1 diabetes excess mortality

Significant loss of life – an average of 12 years in Scotland



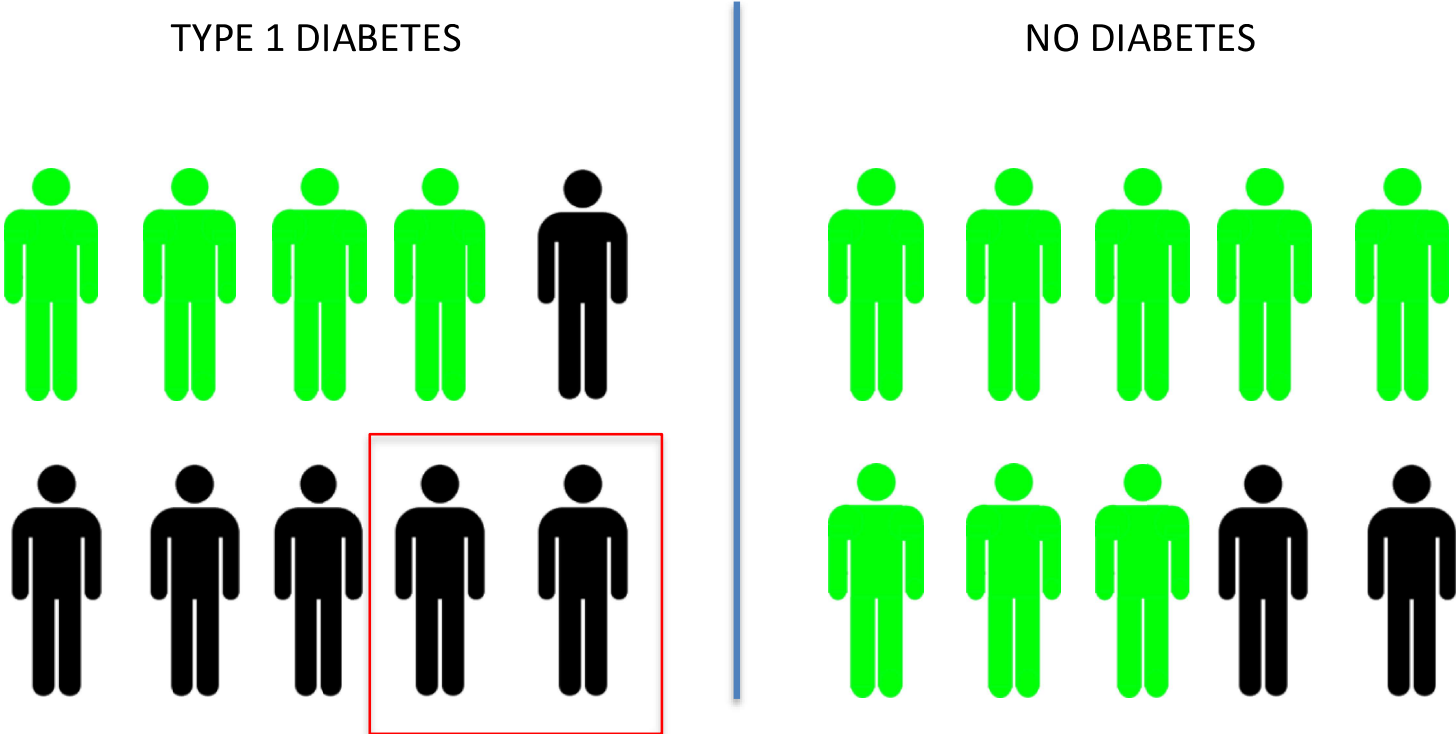
Estimated Life Expectancy in a Scottish Cohort With Type 1 Diabetes, 2008-2010

Shona J. Livingstone, MSc; Daniel Levin, MSc; Helen C. Looker, MBBS; Robert S. Lindsay, FRCP; Sarah H. Wild, FRCP; Nicola Joss, MD; Graham Leese, MD; Peter Leslie, MD; Rory J. McCrimmon, FRCP; Wendy Metcalfe, MD; John A. McKnight, FRCP; Andrew D. Morris, FRCP; Donald W. M. Pearson, FRCP; John R. Petrie, MD; Sam Philip, MD; Naveed A. Sattar, FRCP; Jamie P. Traynor, MD; Helen M. Colhoun, MD; for the Scottish Diabetes Research Network epidemiology group and the Scottish Renal Registry

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Expected loss of life at age 70

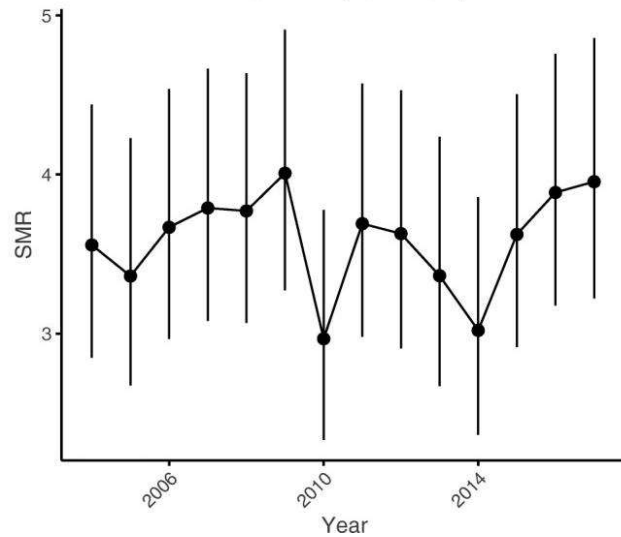
The effect of type 1 diabetes



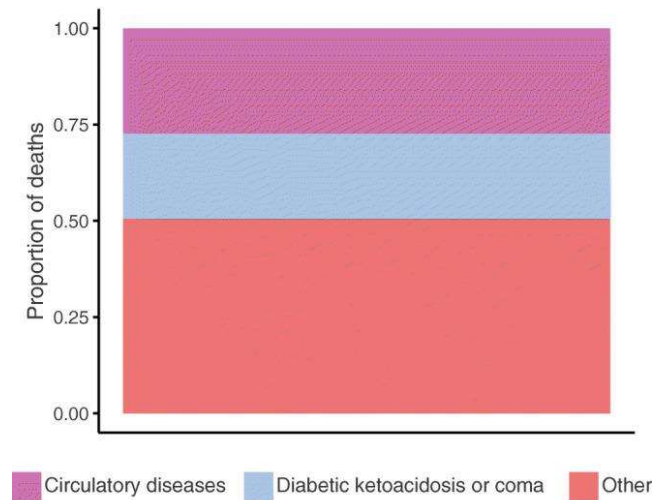
Mortality in T1 diabetes

In people under 50 years of age

All-cause standardised mortality ratio (SMR) in people with type 1 diabetes under the age of 50 in Scotland (2004–2017)

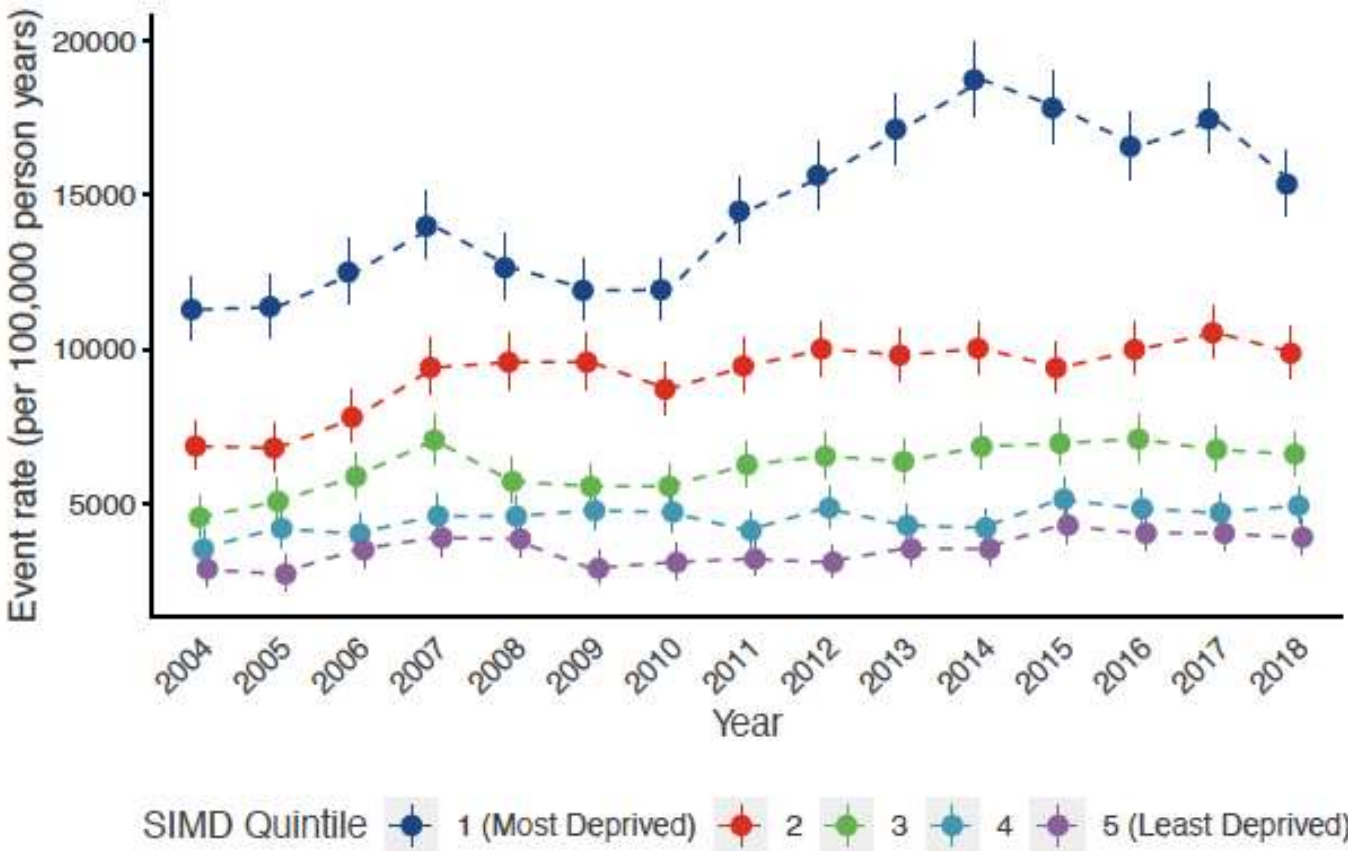


Contribution of selected specific causes to all-cause mortality in people with type 1 diabetes under the age of 50 in Scotland (2004–2016)



DKA trends in Scotland

Widening socioeconomic disparity

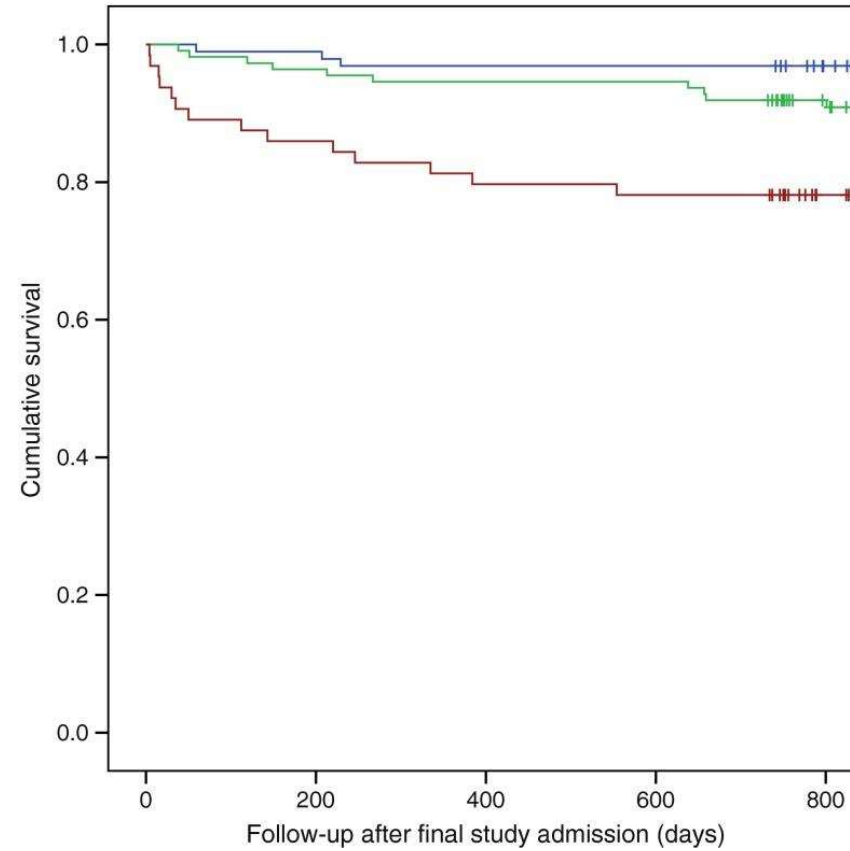


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Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Association with subsequent mortality



Diabetes timeline

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1920s

Frederick Grant

Banting

1891-1941



Banting developed the research idea and in collaboration with Best made most of the experiments and surgeries.

Charles Herbert

Best

1899-1978

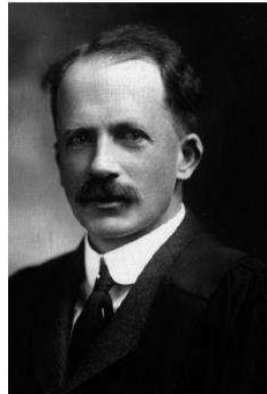


Best collaborated with Banting on most of the experiments and surgeries that led to the discovery of insulin.

John James Rickard

MacLeod

1876-1935



MacLeod provided the laboratory and scientific guidance through all research steps. He had an active role in the final steps of isolating and purifying of insulin.

James Bertram

Collip

1892-1965



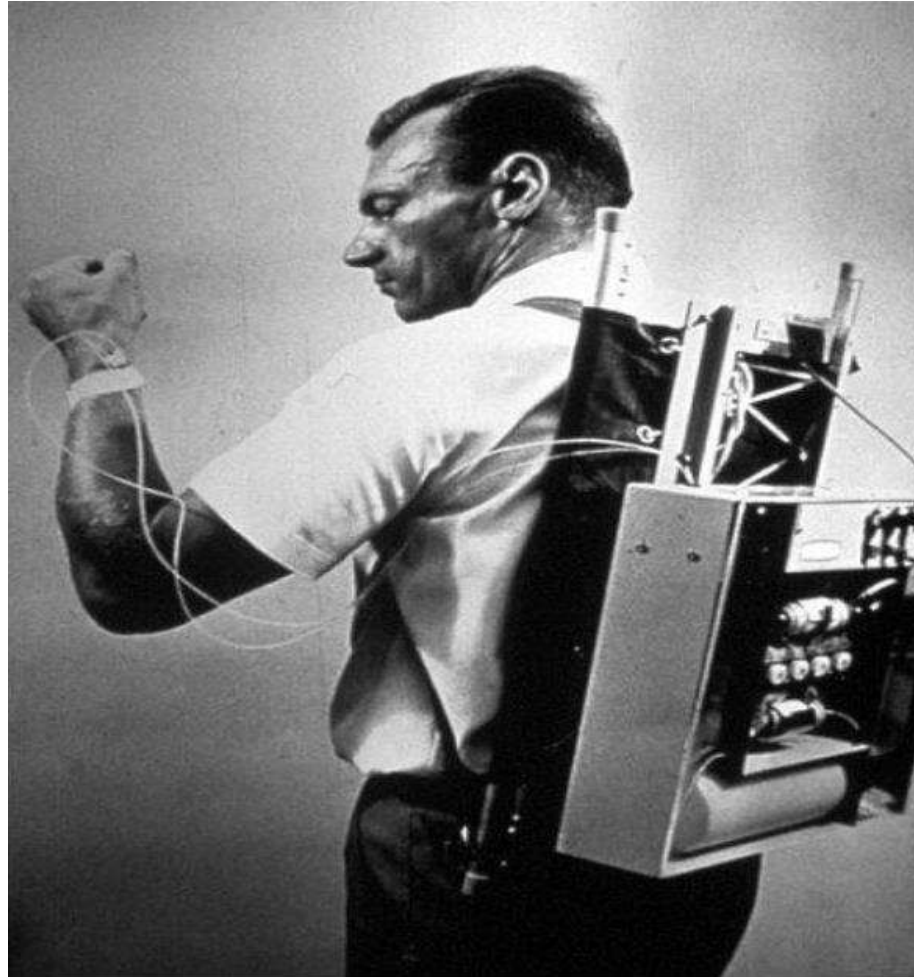
Collip played a central role isolating and purifying insulin.



1940s



1960s



1970s



1980s

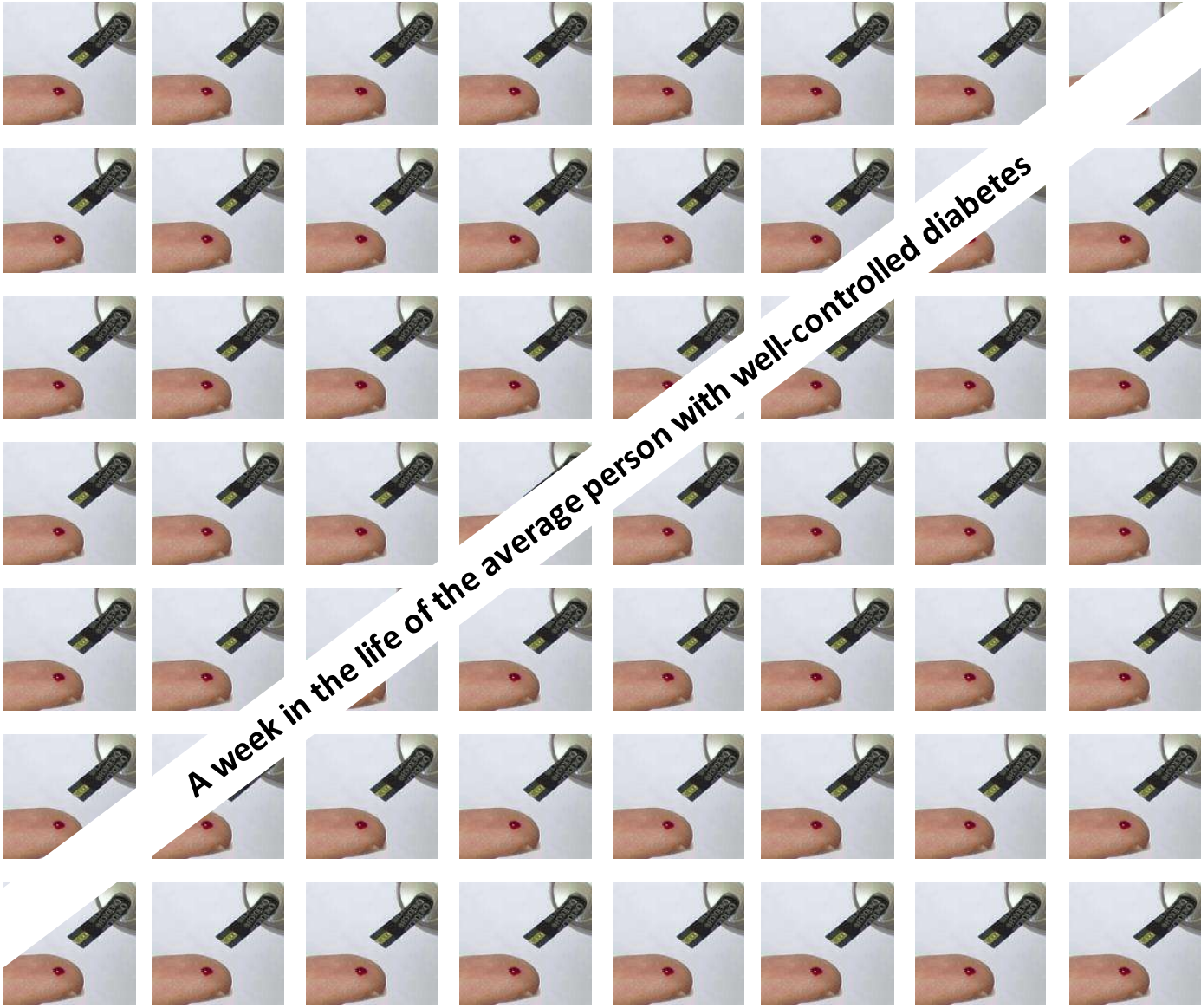


1990s



2000s





A week in the life of the average person with well-controlled diabetes

2010s



2020s



Optimising glycaemic control

Three key components



Glucose data

rtCGM
isCGM
HBGM

Action

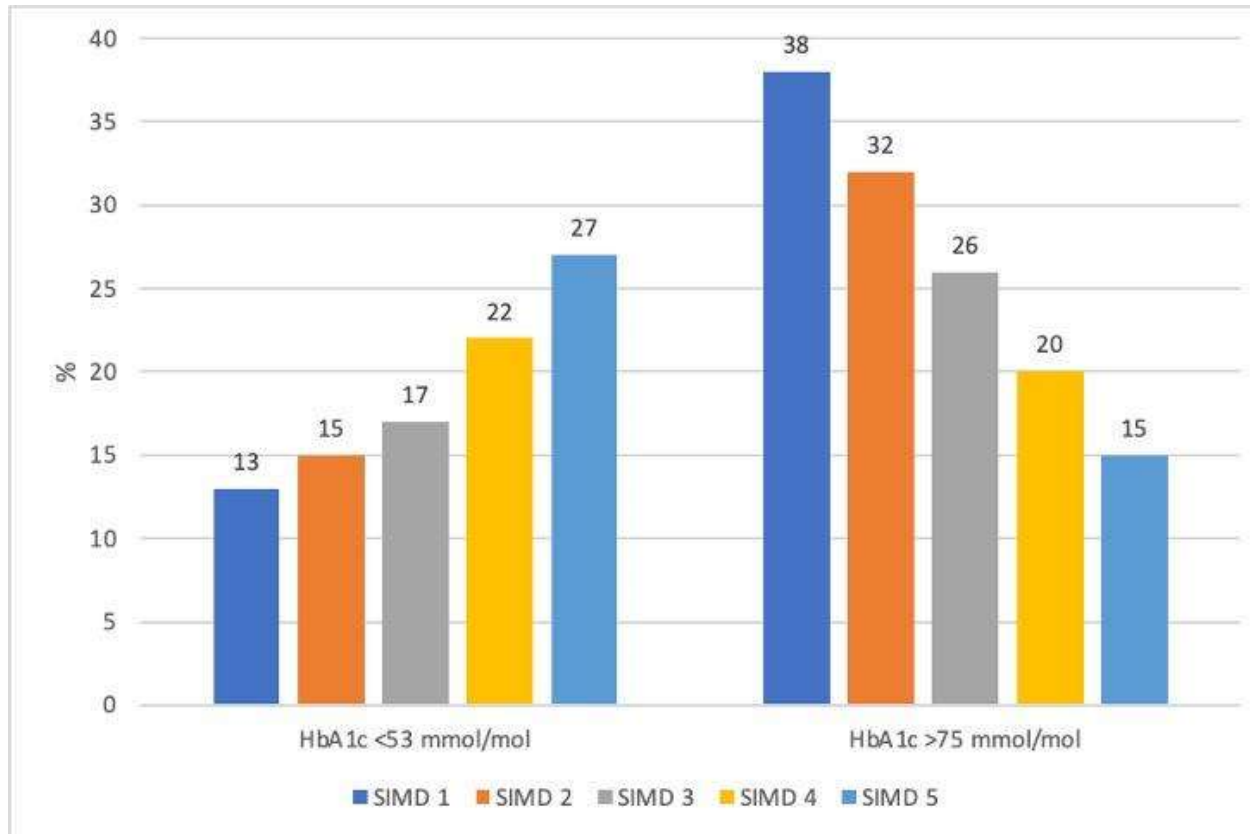
CL Algorithms
Carb counting
Fixed doses

Insulin
delivery

CSII
MDI
BD insulin

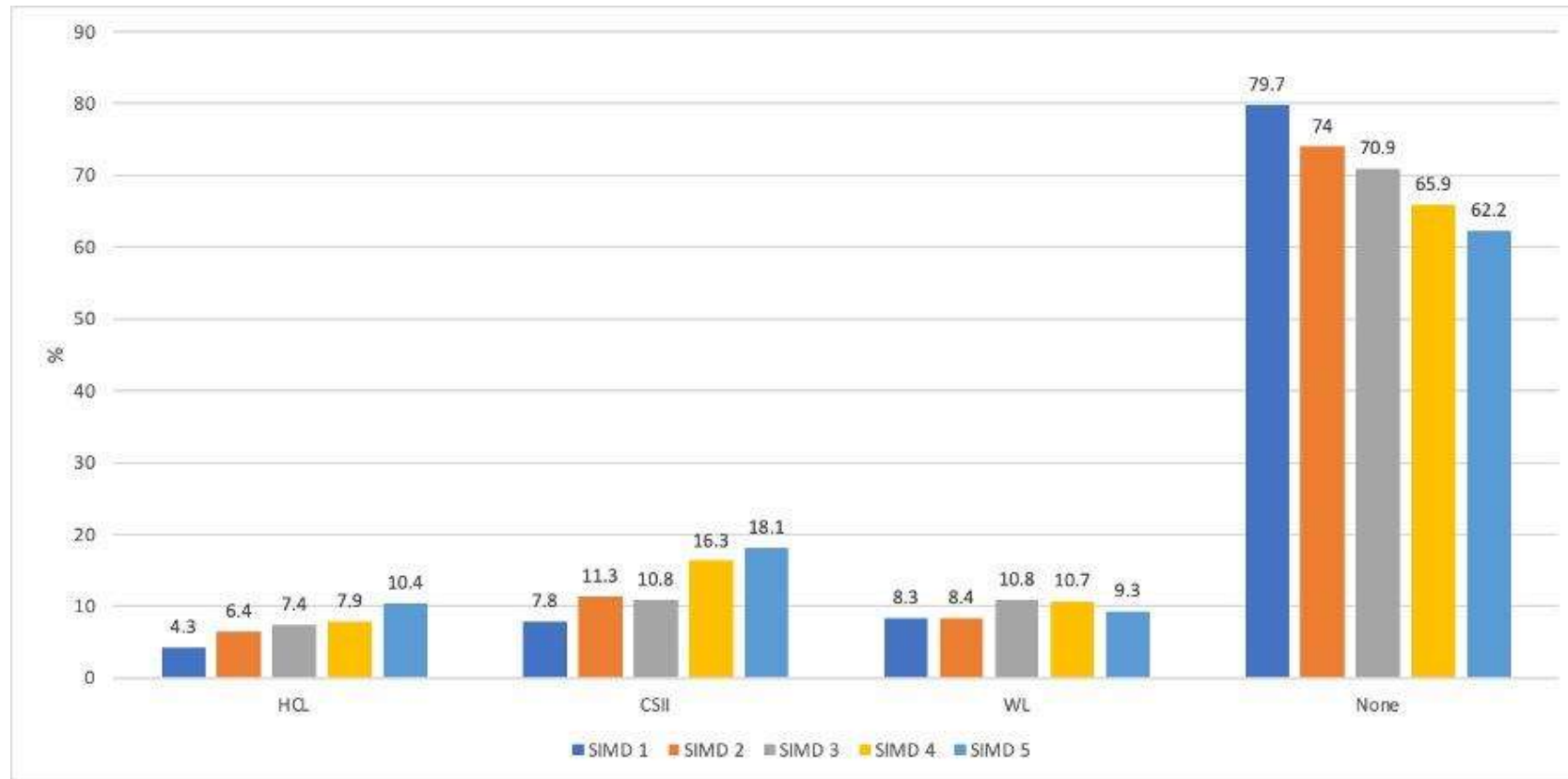
Deprivation and HbA1c

Clear socioeconomic gradient



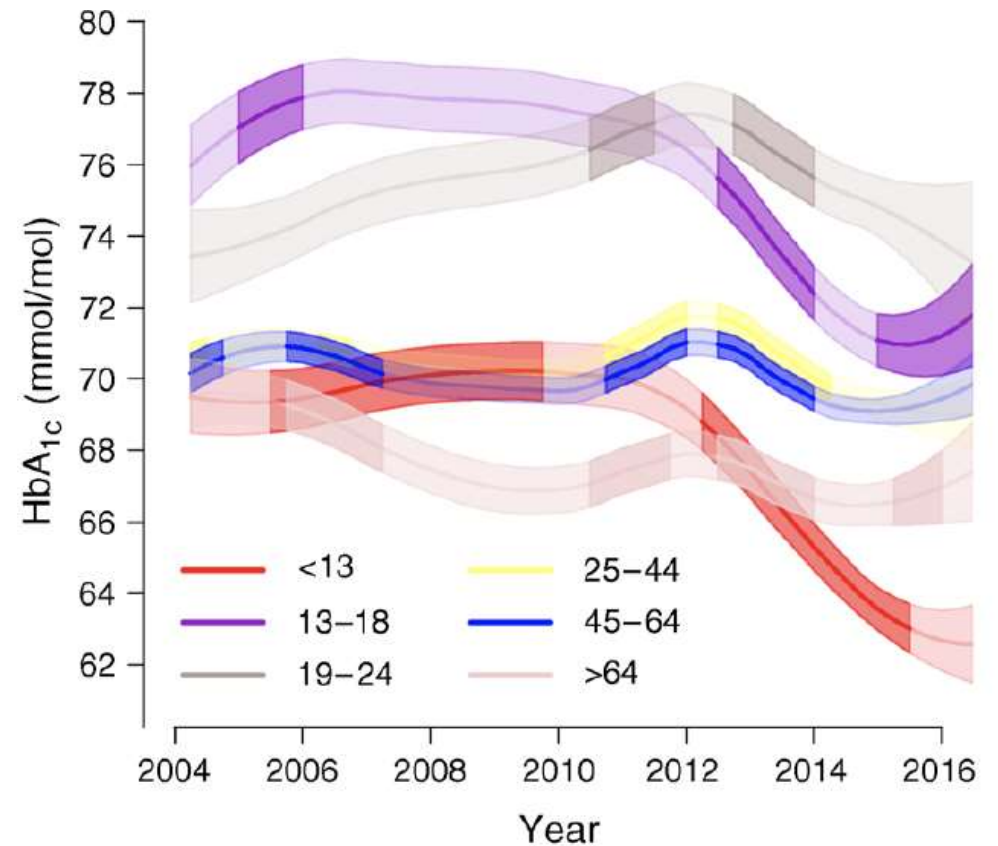
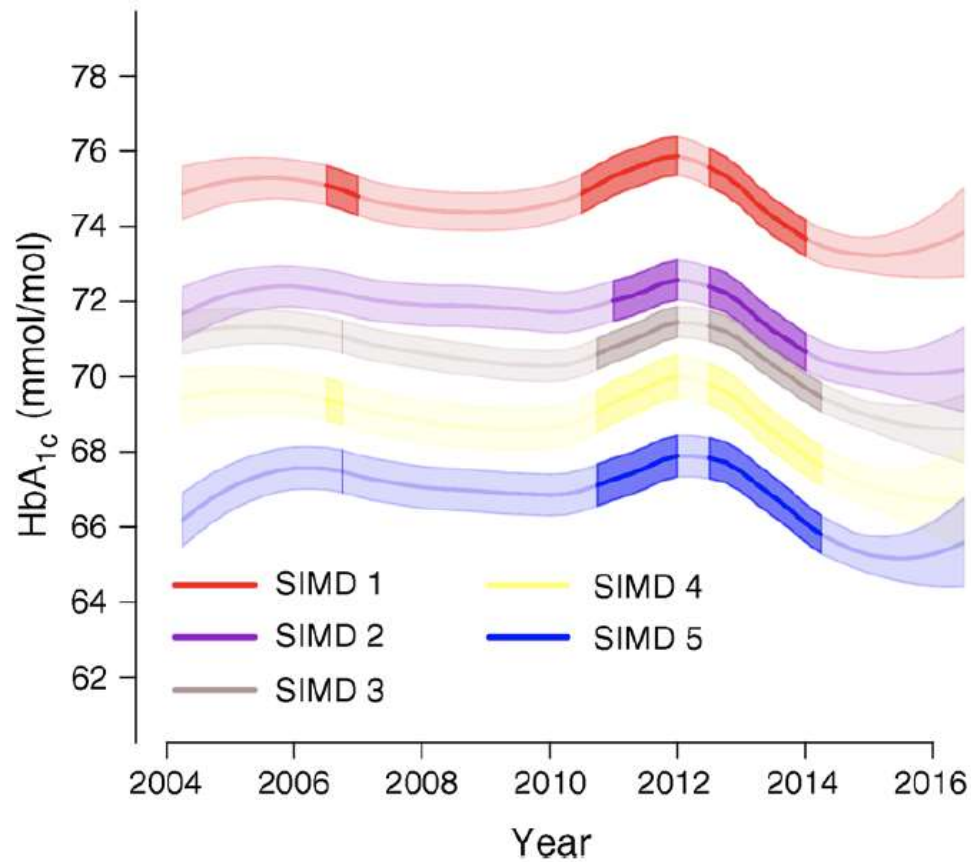
Deprivation and technology use

Clear socioeconomic gradient



Trends in HbA_{1c} in Scotland

By SIMD quintile and age



Technology

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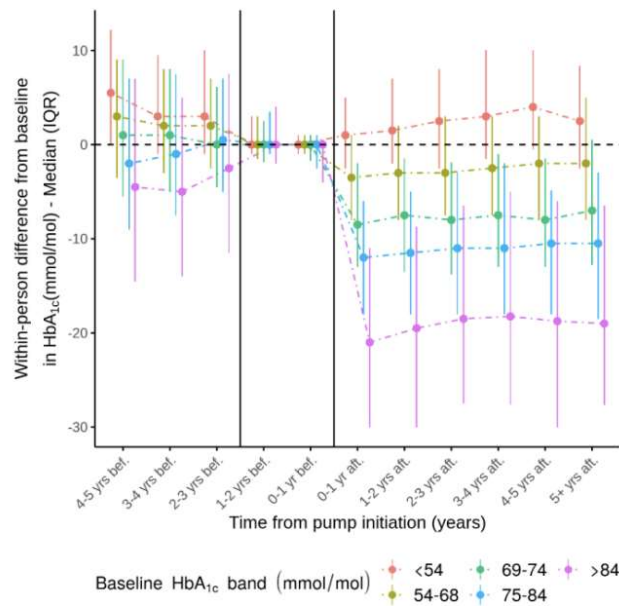
Insulin pump data from Scotland

Large HbA_{1c} benefit and reduced DKA & severe hypo

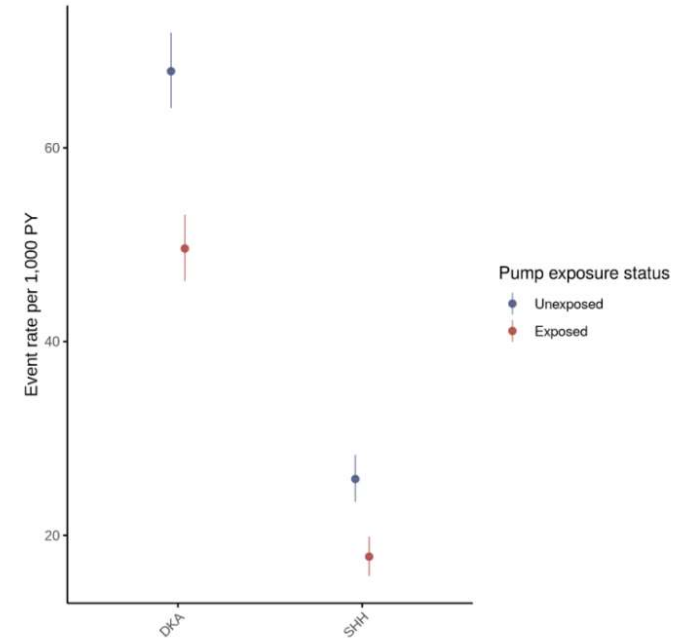


Nationwide Scottish study – N=4,684 pump-users (2004-2019)

Substantial drop in HbA_{1c} among those with high starting HbA_{1c}

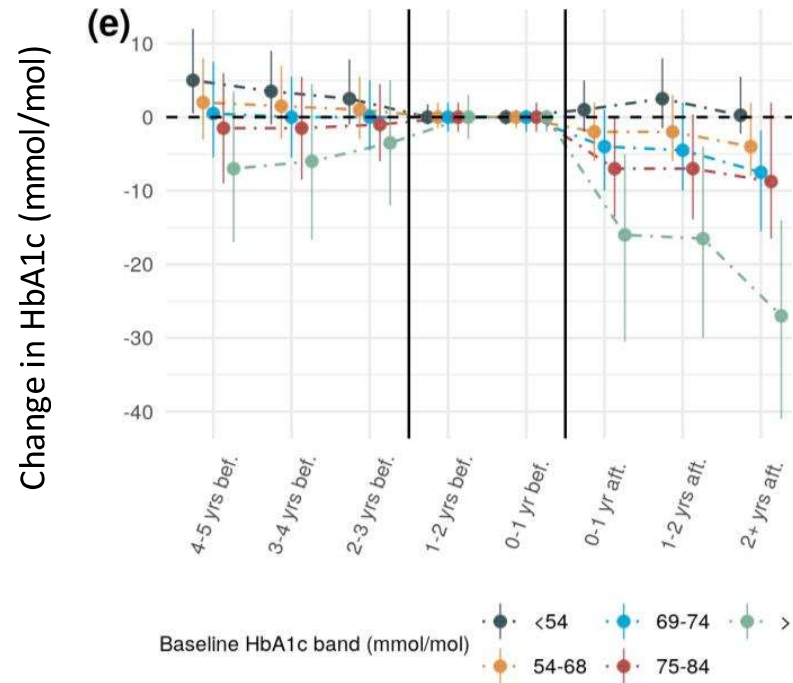
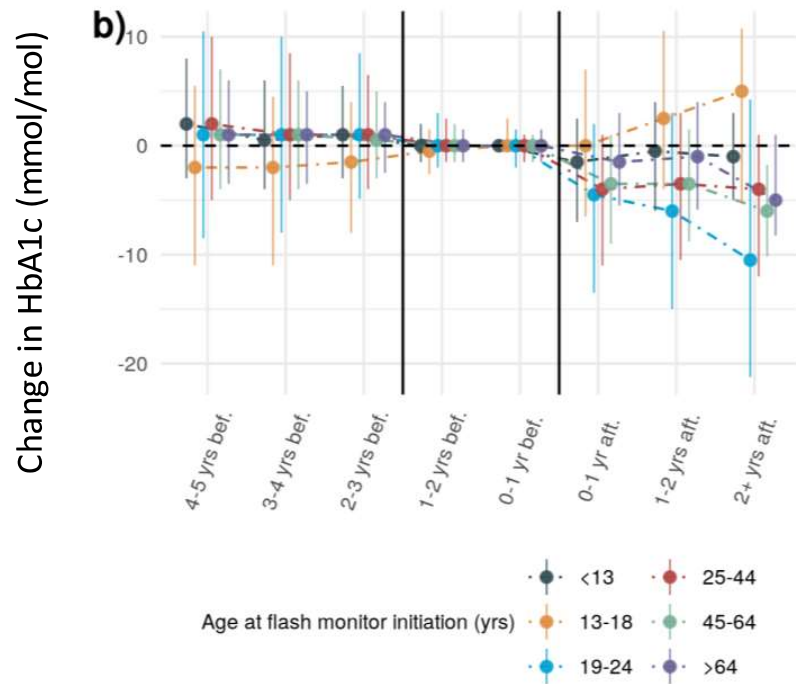


Marked decrease overall in DKA and SHH rates post-pump initiation



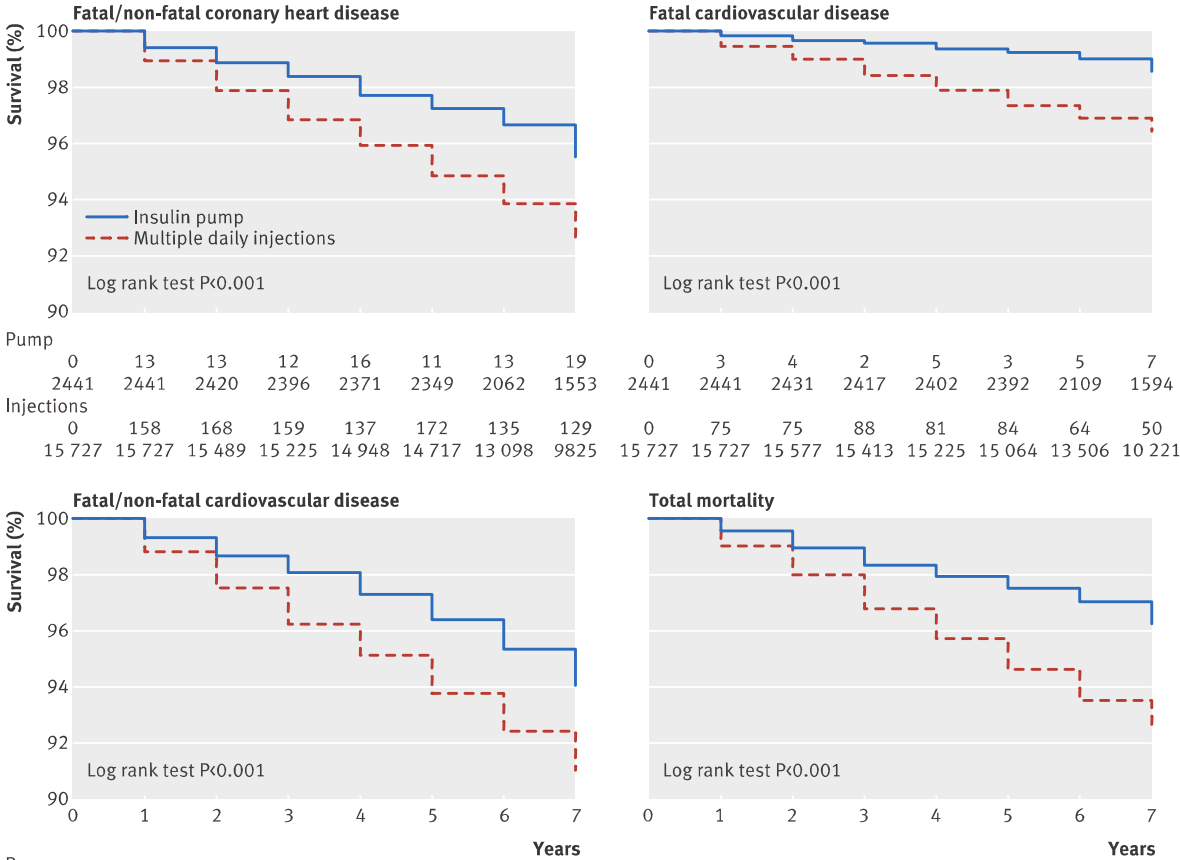
Flash monitoring in Scotland

Data from 9,500 flash monitoring users



Possible mortality benefit

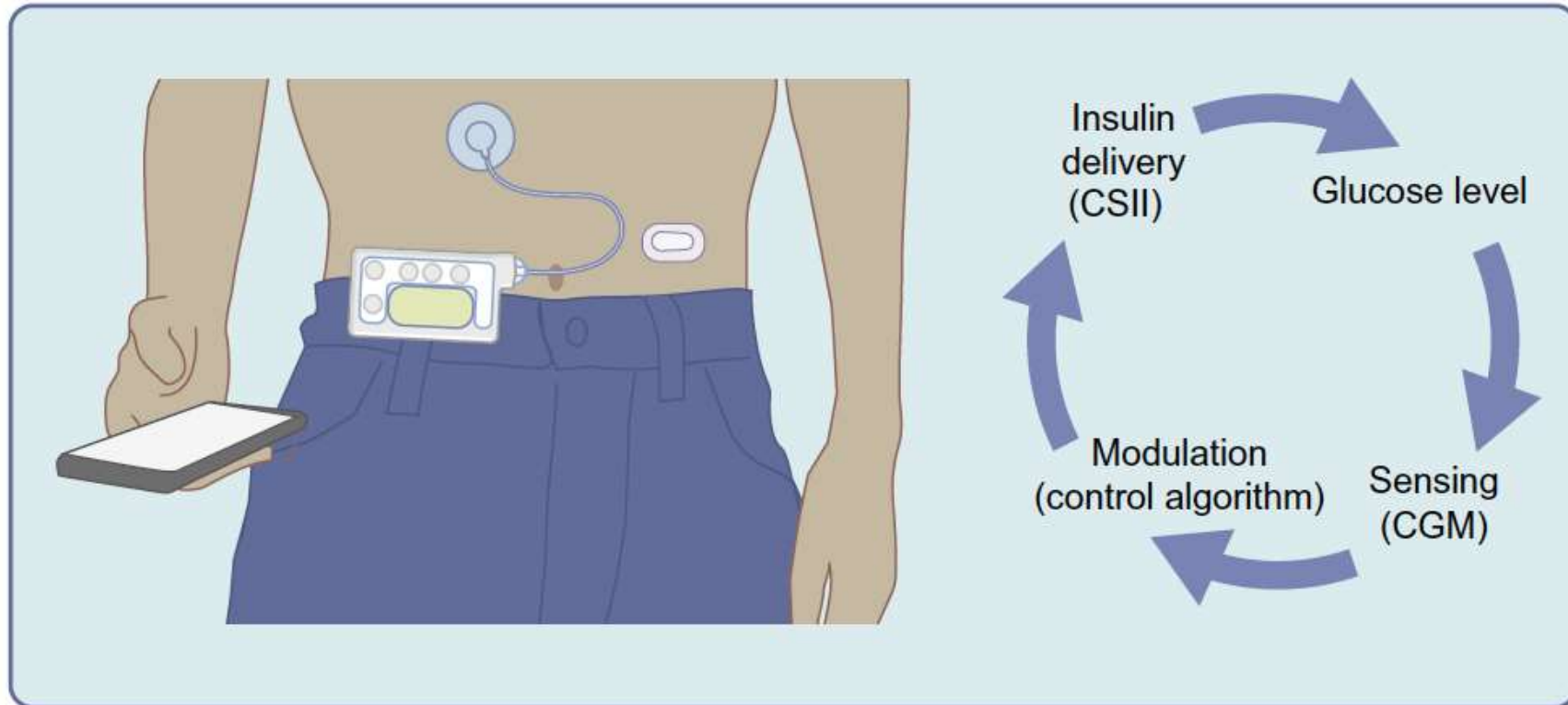
Swedish database observational study



Insulin pump therapy, multiple daily injections, and cardiovascular mortality in 18 168 people with type 1 diabetes: observational study

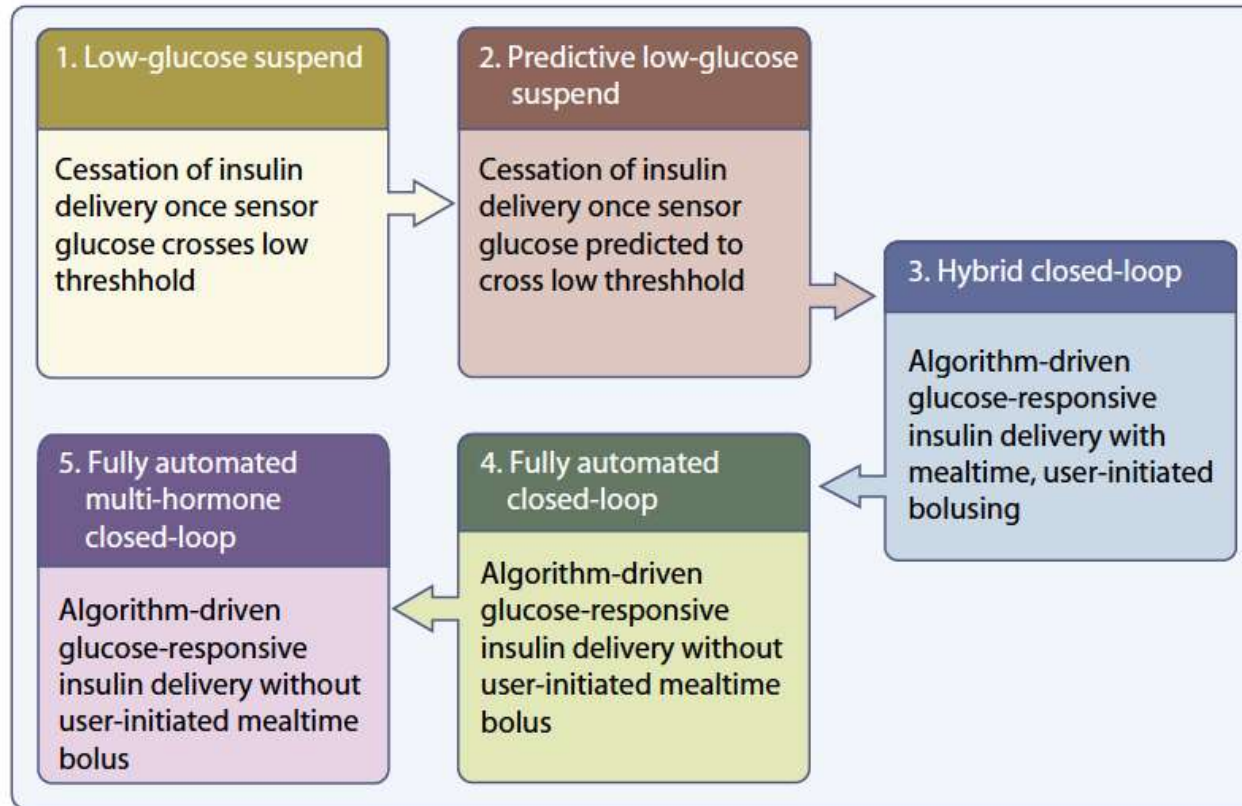
Closed loop systems

The basics



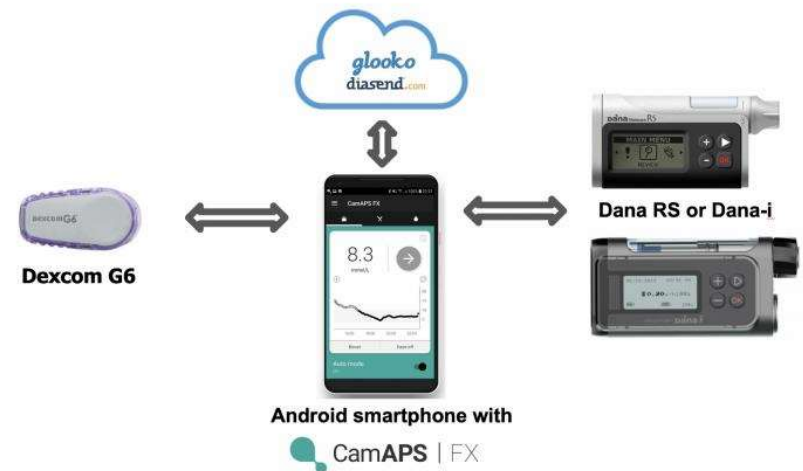
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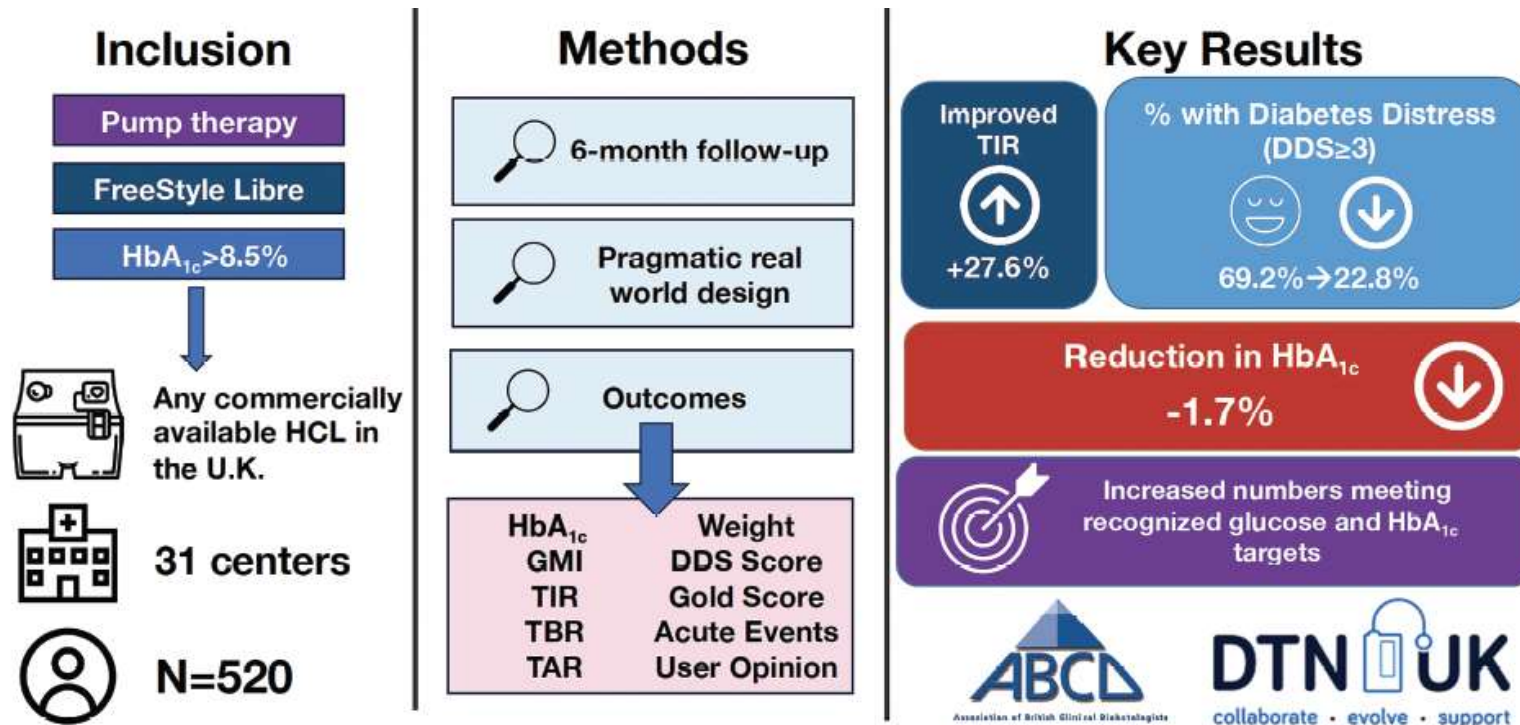
Hybrid closed-loop systems

Evidence from the key clinical studies



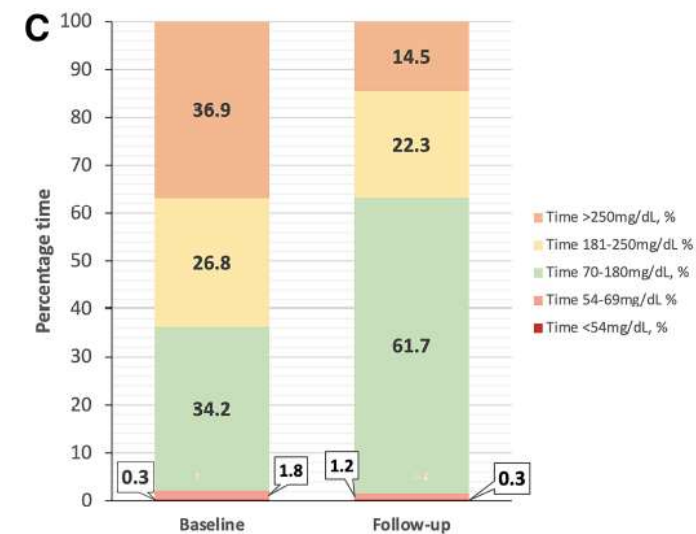
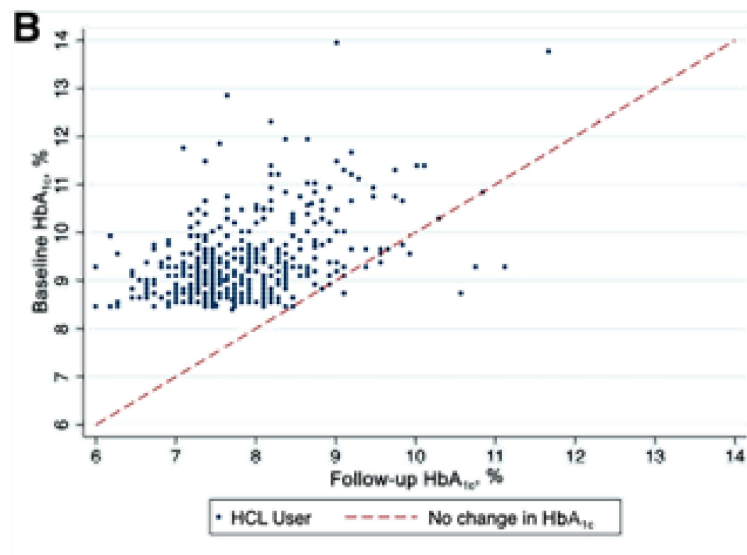
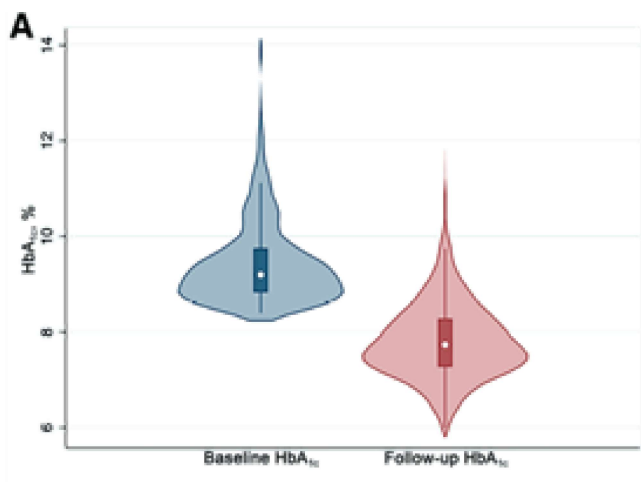
NHS England Adult Audit

521 adults (46% 780G / 37% CIQ)



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HbA1c and CGM changes



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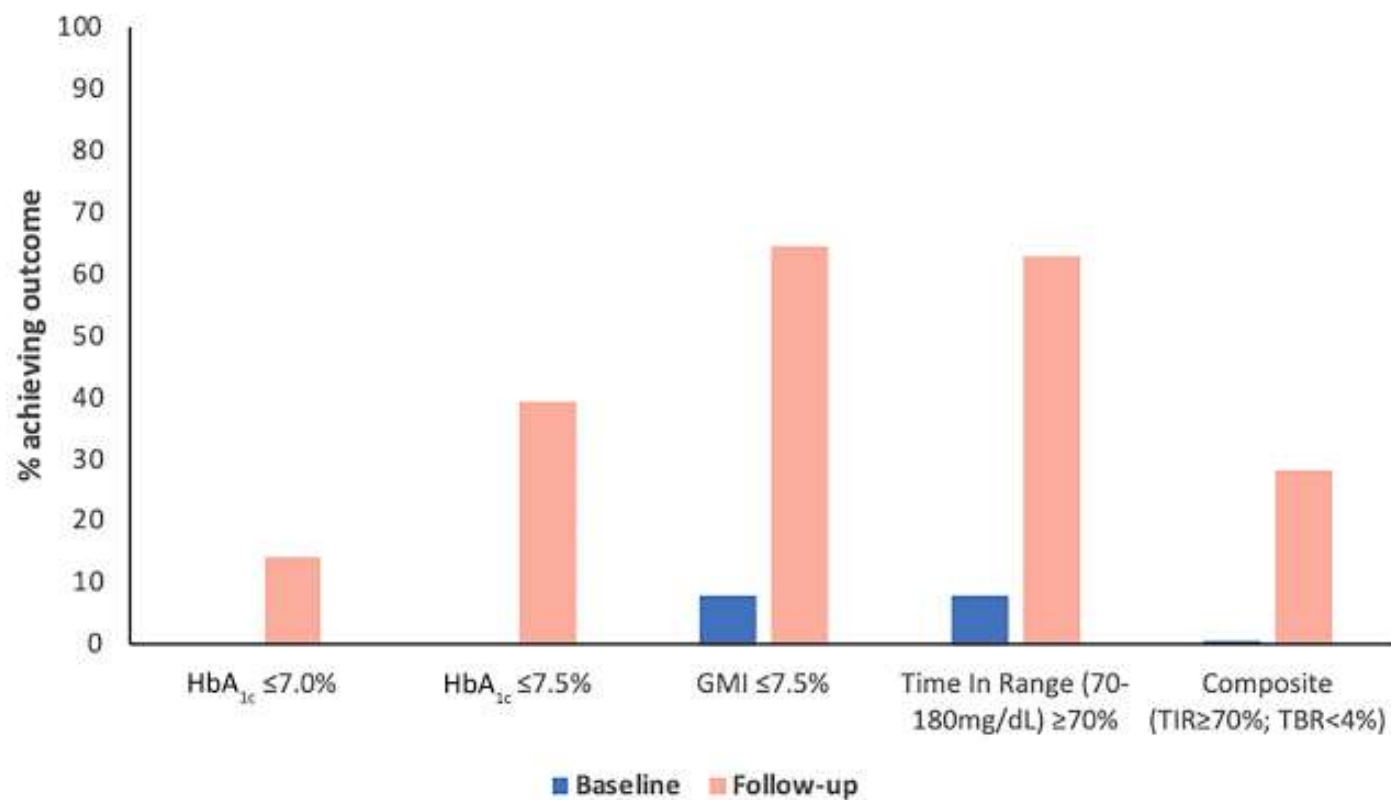
Summary of results

	<i>n</i> §	Baseline	Follow-up	Change (95% CI)	<i>P</i> *
HbA_{1c}					
mmol/mol	436	78.9 ± 9.1	62.1 ± 9.1	-16.7 (-15.8, -17.6)	<0.001
%	436	9.4 ± 0.8	7.8 ± 0.8	-1.5 (-1.4, -1.6)	<0.001
Glucose data					
TAR, level 2 (>250 mg/dL), %	407	37.2 ± 19.1	14.9 ± 11.8	-22.4 (-20.5, -24.2)	<0.001
TAR, level 1 (181–250 mg/dL),# %	381	26.8 ± 10.3	22.3 ± 11.7	-4.5 (-3.0, -6.1)	<0.001
TIR (70–180 mg/dL),# %	417	34.2 ± 14.5	61.9 ± 13.1	27.8 (26.2, 29.4)	<0.001
TBR (54–69 mg/dL),# %	411	1.8 ± 2.4	1.3 ± 1.6	-0.5 (0.2, 0.8)	<0.001
TBR (<54 mg/dL),# %	397	0.37 ± 1.00	0.35 ± 0.57	-0.03 (-0.13, 0.18)	0.729
Coefficient of variation#	325	38.0 ± 6.9	35.2 ± 6.7	-2.8 (-1.9, -3.6)	<0.001
Patient-reported outcome measures					
Gold score	415	2.3 ± 1.4	1.9 ± 1.2	-0.4 (-0.2, -0.5)	<0.001
Diabetes distress score	412	3.3 ± 1.3	2.2 ± 1.0	-1.1 (-1.0, -1.3)	<0.001
Diabetes distress score (average ≥3),† % (<i>n</i>)	412	69.2 (285)	22.8 (94)	-46.4 (-191)	<0.001
Impaired awareness of hypoglycemia (Gold score ≥4), % (<i>n</i>)	415	16.9 (70)	9.4 (39)	-7.5 (-31)	<0.001

Data are mean ± SD unless otherwise indicated. TAR, time above range. *Statistical significance calculated using unpaired *t* tests for all covariates included in this table, following assessment for skew. †Statistical significance calculated using Chi-squared tests. §Number with available paired data at baseline and follow-up included in analysis for a given outcome; total cohort = 520. #Data derived from isCGM at baseline and real-time CGM at follow-up.

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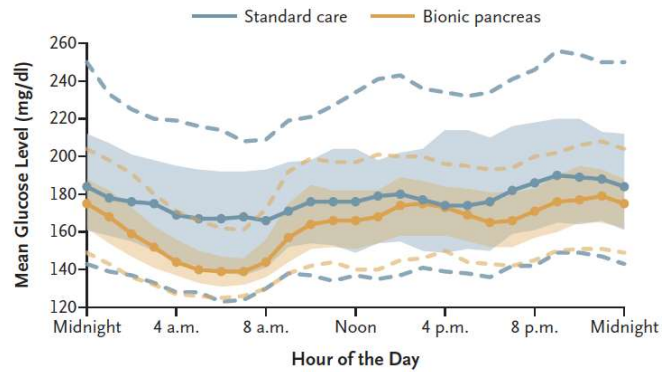
Meeting targets



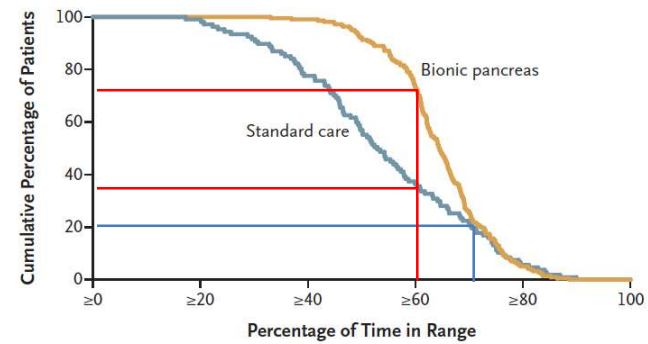
'Bionic' pancreas - iLet

13-week RCT in children and adults (6 to 79 years)

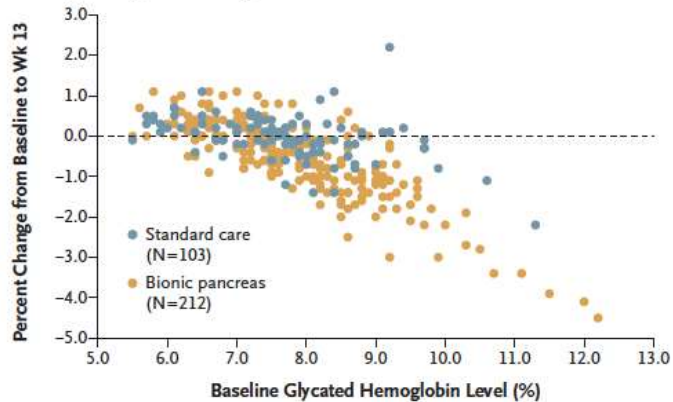
A Glucose Level over 13 Weeks



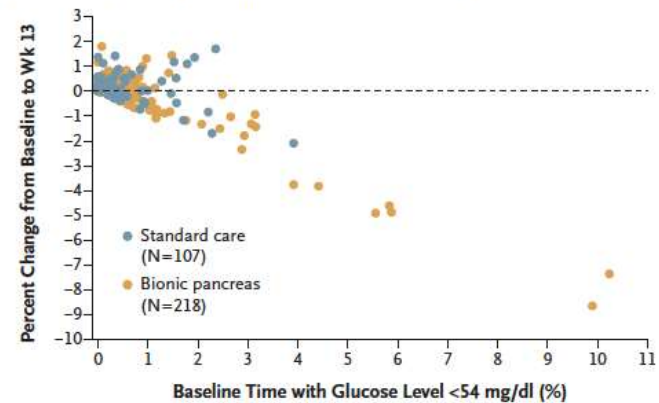
B Percentage of Time in Glucose Range of 70–180 mg/dl over 13 Weeks



A Change in Glycated Hemoglobin Level



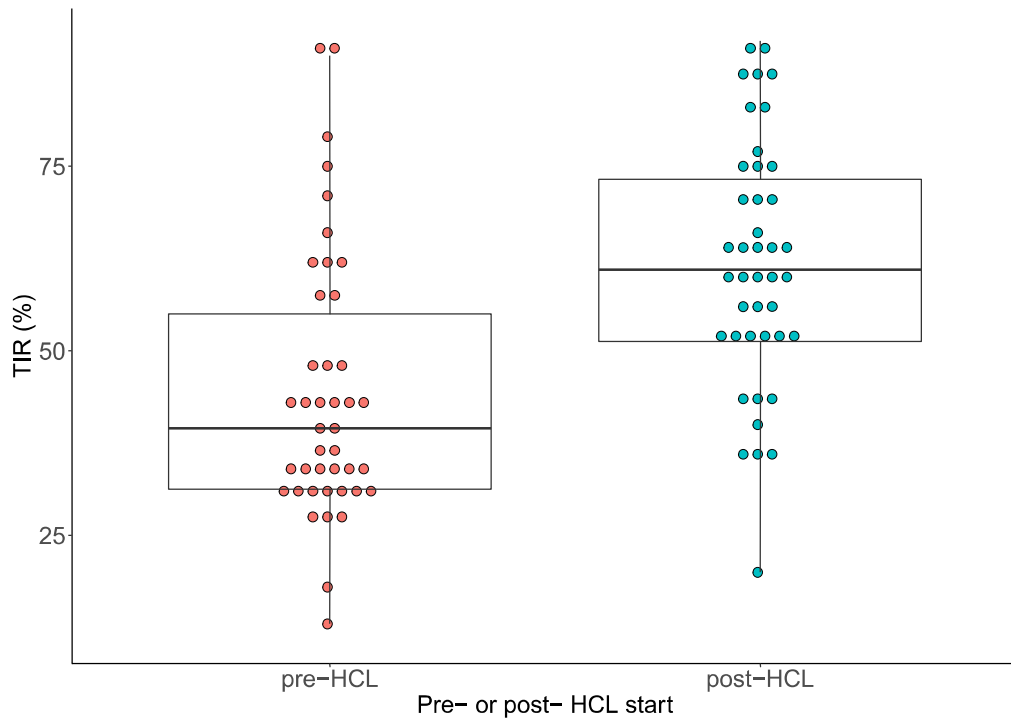
B Change in Percentage of Time with Glucose Level <54 mg/dl



Effect upon CGM metrics

Edinburgh data from pump to closed loop

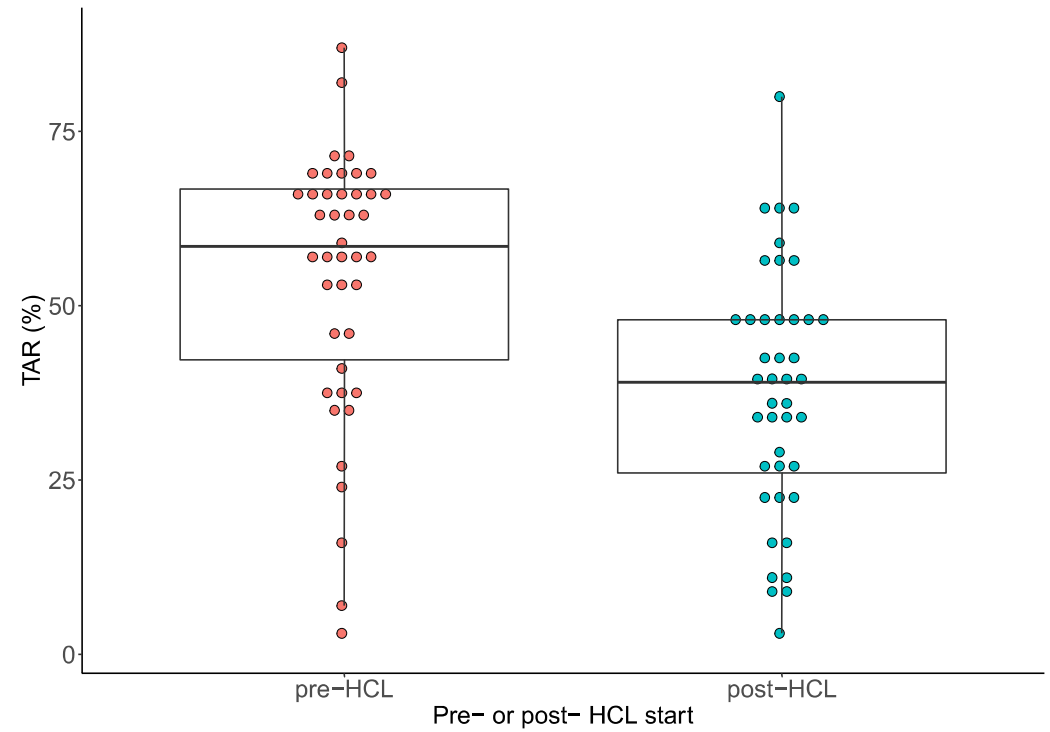
p < 0.001



40 (31 - 55) %

61 (51 - 73) %

p < 0.001



59 (42 - 67) %

39 (26 - 48) %

How far does £1m go over 4 years?

Closed loop options

62 people



56 people



89 people*



*with L2

77 people*



* L3 as extra cost

118 people*



*if L3 on prescription

Immunotherapy

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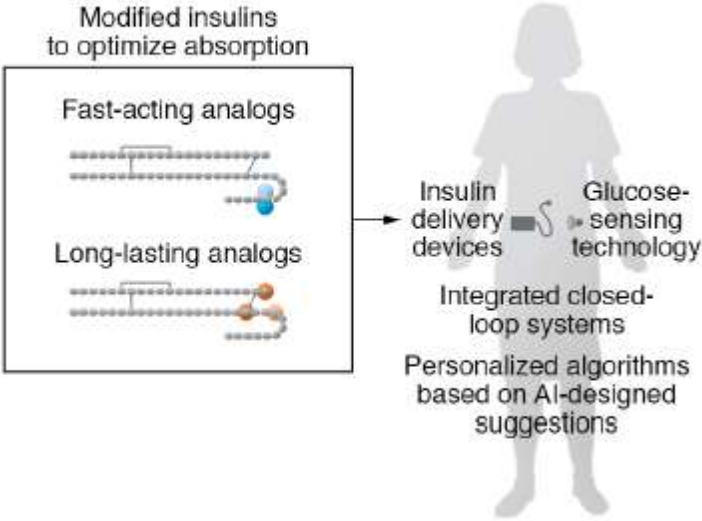
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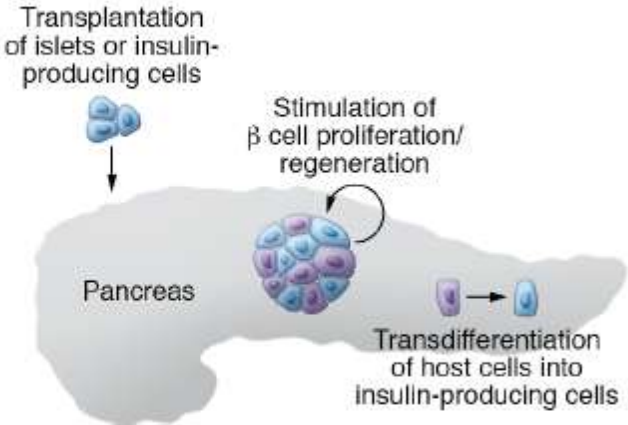
Strategies for treating T1 diabetes

Beyond exogenous insulin

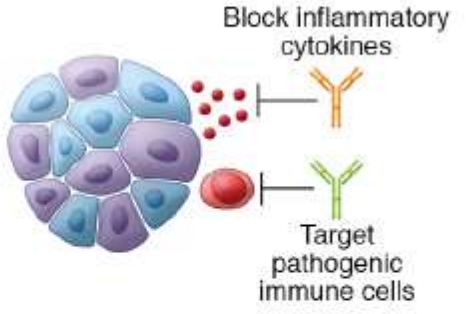
A Exogenous insulin replacement



B Cell-based insulin delivery

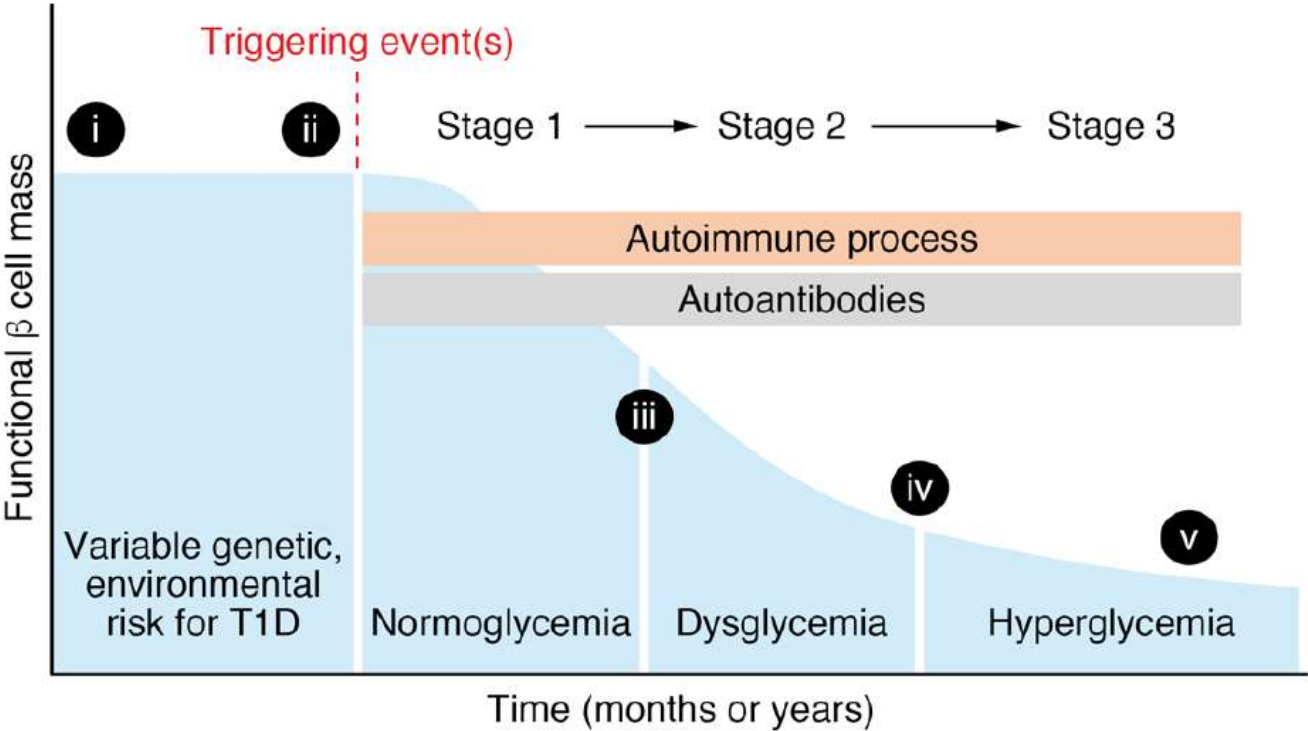


C Protection/immunomodulation



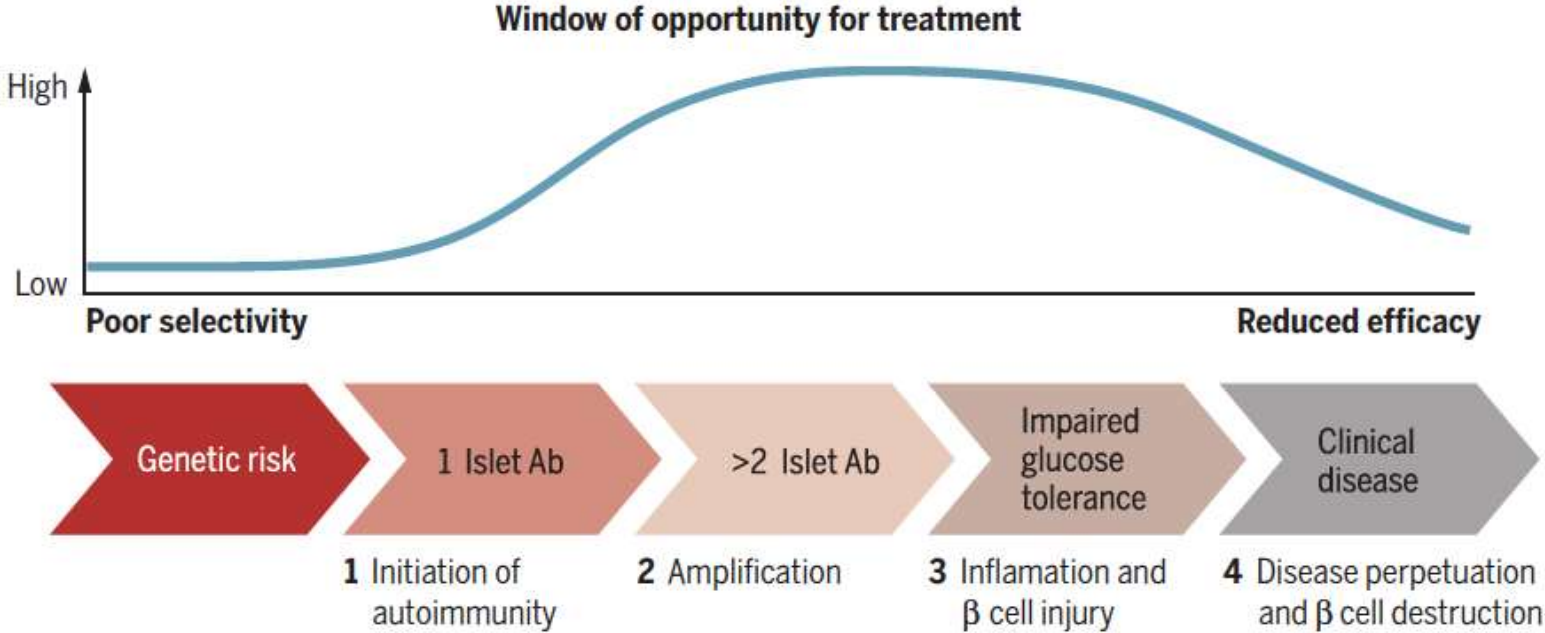
Stages of type 1 diabetes

Progression over time



Immunotherapy

Window of opportunity



FDA NEWS RELEASE

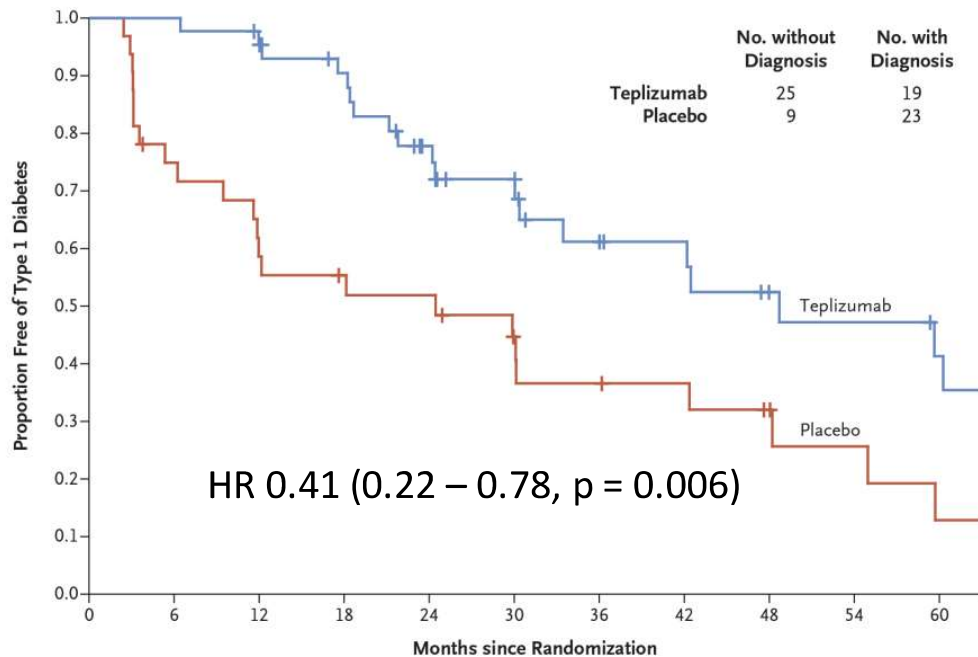
FDA Approves First Drug That Can Delay Onset of Type 1 Diabetes

For Immediate Release: November 17, 2022

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Tziel (teplizumab-mzwv) injection to delay the onset of stage 3 type 1 diabetes in adults and pediatric patients 8 years and older who currently have stage 2 type 1 diabetes.

Teplizumab

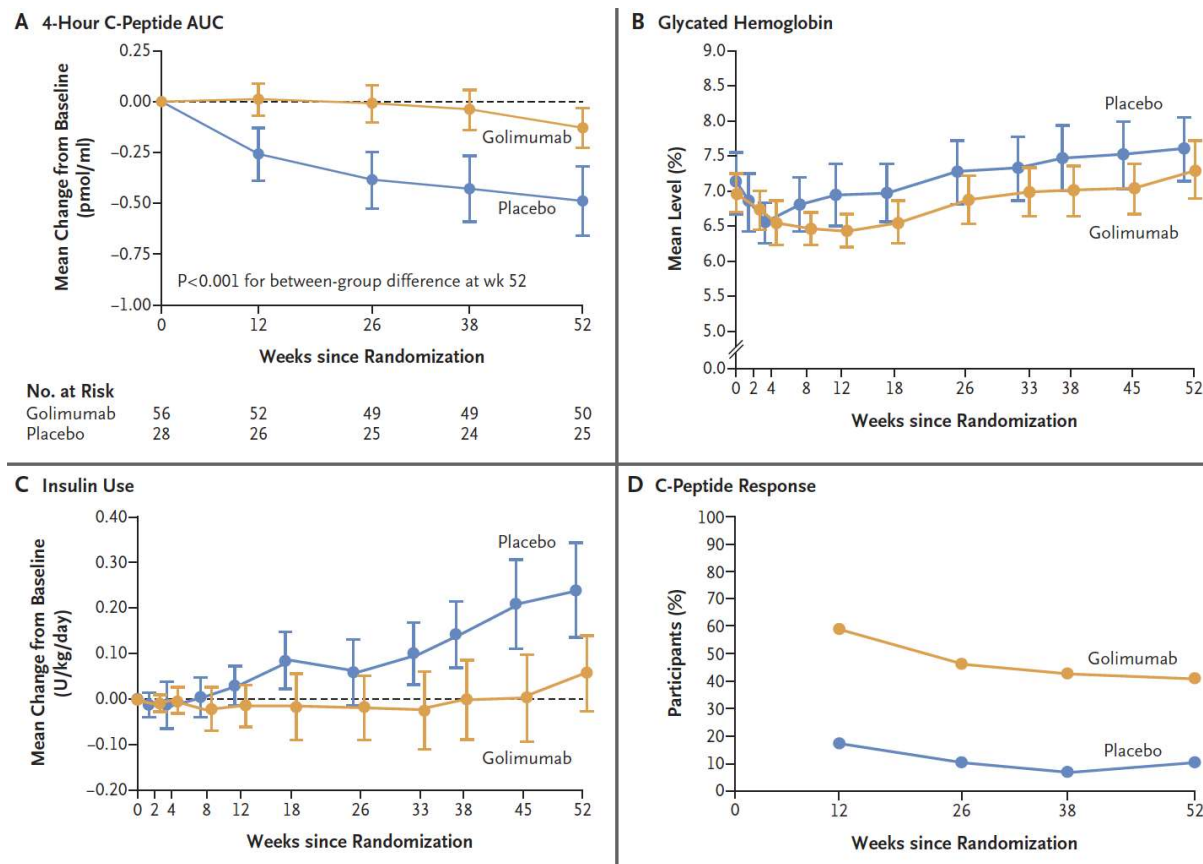
Key evidence



- 1st degree relative
- 2 or more diabetes Ab
- Dysglycaemia:
 - Fasting glucose 6.1 – 6.9mM *and/or*
 - 2hr PP glucose ≥ 7.8 mM and < 11.1 mM *and/or*
 - 30 / 60 / 90 minute OGTT glucose > 11.1 mM

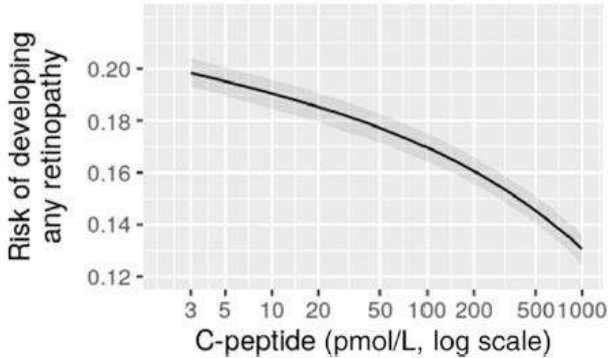
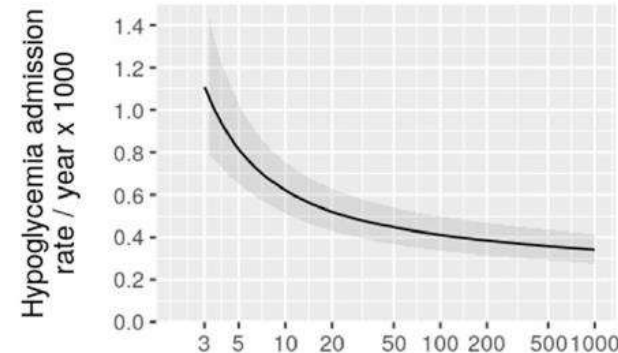
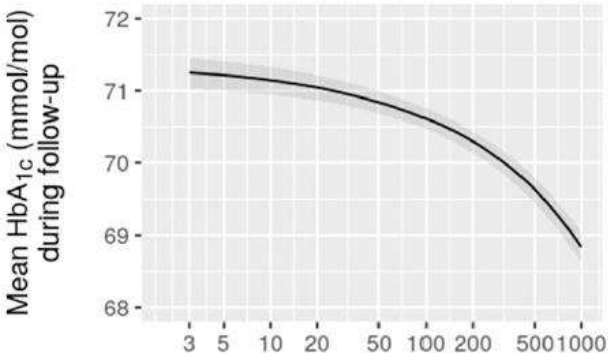
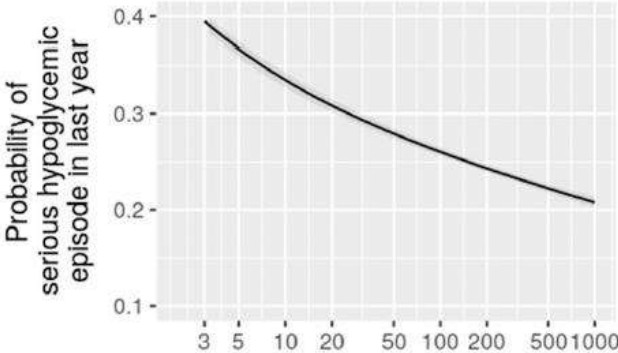
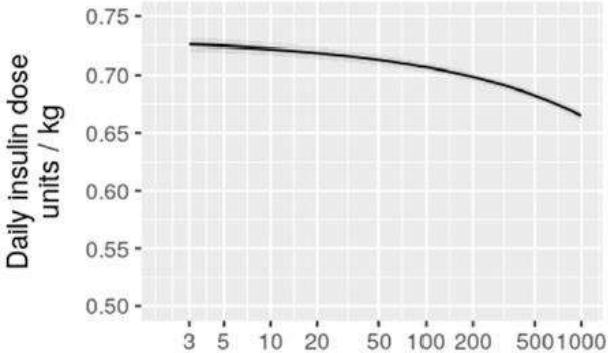
Golimumab (anti-TNF α Ab)

In newly diagnosed T1 diabetes in the young



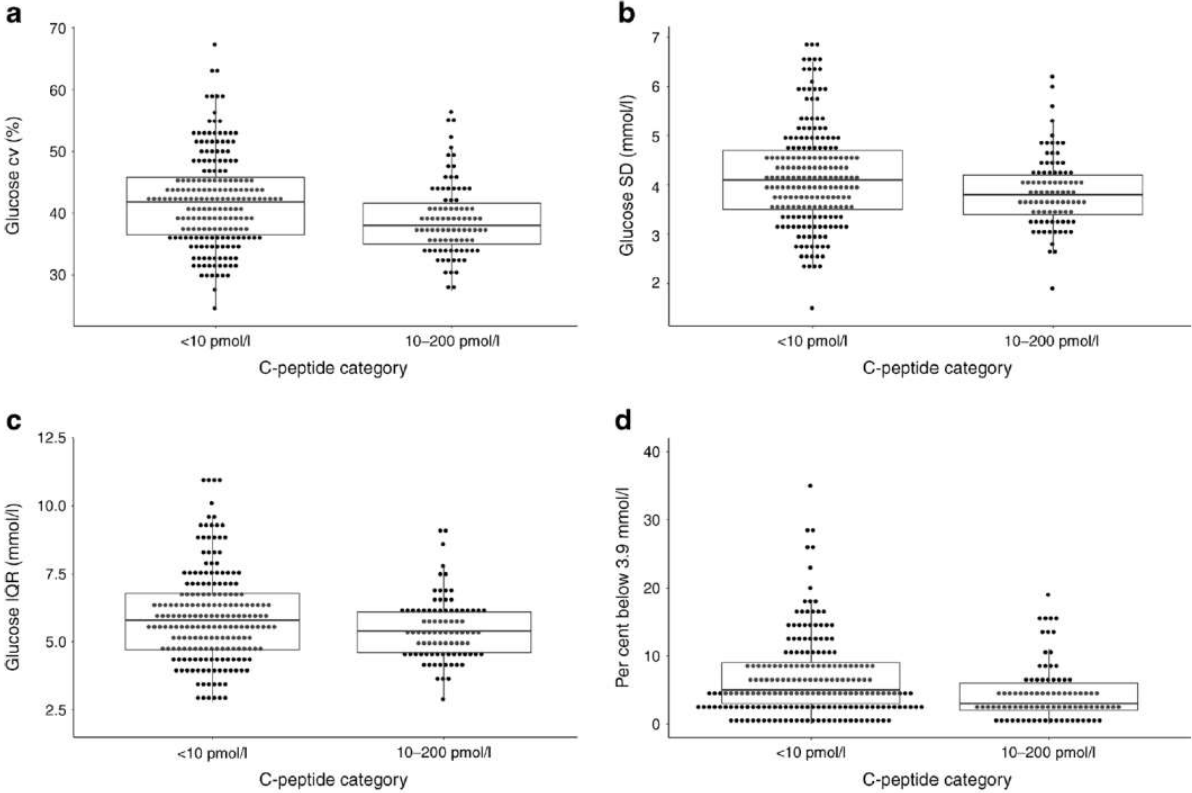
C-peptide is important

Even in established type 1 diabetes



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Immunotherapy

Multiple targets and studies

Target pathways	Examples	Strengths	Limitations	Clinical status	References, https://clinicaltrials.gov identifiers
Cytokine antagonists	Abs to IL-6, IL-1, IL-21, TNF, IL-12/23, IL-8	Some are approved therapies in other settings, specific to a given target	Target late stage of disease pathogenesis, not initiating nodes of disease; off-target effects; continuous treatment needed	Varies by target (e.g., TNF- α versus IL-1 β), several being tested in phase 1, 2 studies of stage 3 T1D patients	(57, 58), NCT02293837, NCT02443155, NCT02204397, NCT04628481
Cytokine agonists	IL-2, IL-10 cytokines	Induce dominant regulatory cells	Continuous therapy likely needed; off-target effects	Being tested in phase 1, 2 studies of stage 3 T1D patients	(61), NCT04279613, NCT01862120, NCT02772679
T _{eff} depletion and exhaustion (T _{ex})	Anti-CD3, ATG, anti-CD2	Target effector pathways, short course of therapy	Can be linked with adverse events and broad suppression	Being tested in phase 2, 3 studies in stage 2 and 3 T1D patients	(43–53), NCT00965458
Inhibition of T cell activation	CTLA-4/CD28, CD40/CD154, CD2 blockade	Both conditioning agents and tolerance promoting	Shown limited efficacy over time as single agents in new onset T1D	Testing in phase 2 studies in stage 2 and 3 T1D	(10, 55) NCT01773707, NCT03929601
Checkpoint agonists	Abs to PD-1, CTLA-4, β cell expressing PD-L1	Early experimental successes in shutting down autoreactive cells	May suppress immunity to cancers and infectious diseases; limited to a subset of Ag-specific T cells	Preclinical	
Regulatory cell-based therapies	CAR/TCR-T _{regs} , Tr1, MDSC, B _{reg} , FOXP3 ⁺ programmed cells, tolerogenic DCs	Dominant immune regulation across multiple T cell specificities and cell types	Difficult drug development process: living drug difficult to control function without means to regulate cells	Preclinical and early phase 1 trials underway	(63, 65–67), NCT02772679, NCT01947569, NCT04061746

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B cell antagonists	Anti-CD20	Strong efficacy in autoimmune diseases	Mechanism of action still unclear	Approved in multiple autoimmune diseases	(56), NCT00279305, NCT03929601
Autoantigen therapies	Peptides, nanoparticles, tolerogenic mRNAs and DNAs	Specific and safe; may require continuous dosing	May not achieve tolerance if mechanism is directly targeting effector cells due to epitope spreading	Early clinical trials	(64), NCT04590872, NCT01536431
Tissue microenvironment	IDO, adenosine agonists, tyrosine kinase inhibitors	Adaptive immunity; multiple pathways targeted	Off-target activities	Early clinical trials	NCT01781975
β cell regeneration	Verapamil, glp-1 agonists	Adaptive immunity; multiple pathways targeted	Do not induce immune tolerance as monotherapies	Being tested in combination with immunotherapies	NCT02443155, NCT04233034, NCT02372253
Microbiome	BCG, probiotics, coxsackie B vaccine	Focused on gut to pancreas linkage, immune reprogramming	Early studies underway with complex mechanistic understanding	Being tested as both vaccine for prevention and treatment	NCT02081326, NCT03423589, NCT04141761

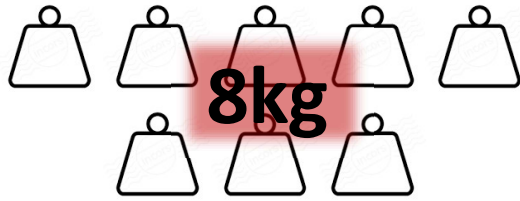
Weight loss

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Semaglutide

50mg oral dose – PIONEER PLUS



N = 1606

68 week follow up

T2 on 1 to 3 OHAs

58% male – weight 96kg – age 58 yrs

HbA1c reduction 22 mmol/mol

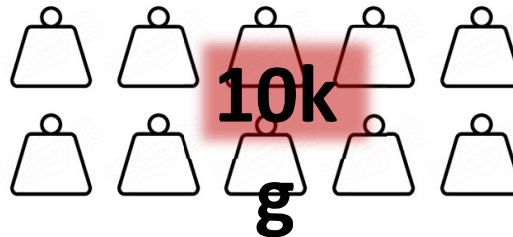
27% nausea / 18% vomiting

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Orforglipron

45mg oral dose



N = 383

26 week follow up

T2 +/- metformin

59% male – weight 100kg – age 59 yrs

HbA1c reduction 23 mmol/mol

25% nausea / 22% vomiting

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Orforglipron

45mg oral dose



N = 272

36 week follow up

Overweight and obesity

41% male – weight 109kg – age ~55 yrs

HbA1c reduction not assessed

37% nausea / 27% vomiting



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Tirzepatide

15mg weekly – SURMOUNT-2



N = 938

72 week follow up

T2 on OHAs

49% male – weight 101kg – age 54 yrs

HbA1c reduction 23 mmol/mol

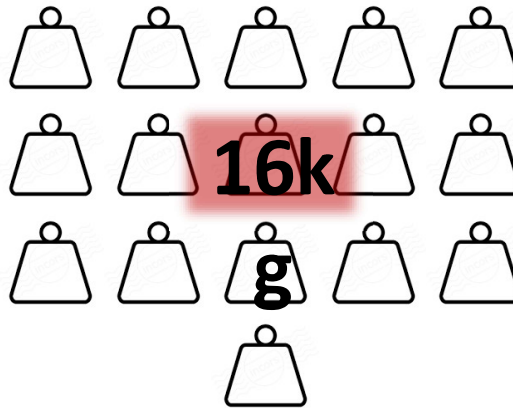
20% nausea / 11% vomiting

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Cagrilintide + Semaglutide

2.4mg weekly / 2.4 mg weekly



N = 92

32 week follow up

T2 on metformin +/- SGLTi

64% male – weight 106kg – age 58 yrs

HbA1c reduction 24 mmol/mol

29% nausea / 10% vomiting

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Semaglutide

Oral dose 50mg – OASIS 1



N = 667

68 week follow up

Overweight (8%) or obese

27% male – weight 105kg – age 50 yrs

HbA1c reduction 2 mmol/mol

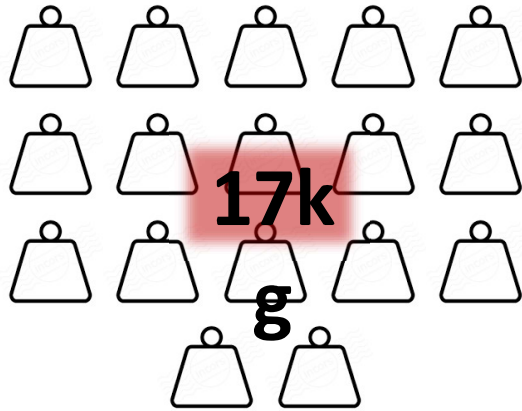
52% nausea / 24% vomiting

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Retatrutide

12mg weekly



N = 281

36 week follow up

T2 +/- metformin

44% male – weight 98 kg – age 56 yrs

HbA1c reduction 22 mmol/mol

20% nausea / 11% vomiting

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Retatrutide

12mg weekly



N = 338

48 week follow up

Overweight or obese

52% male – weight 107 kg – age 48 yrs

HbA1c reduction not assessed

45% nausea / 19% vomiting

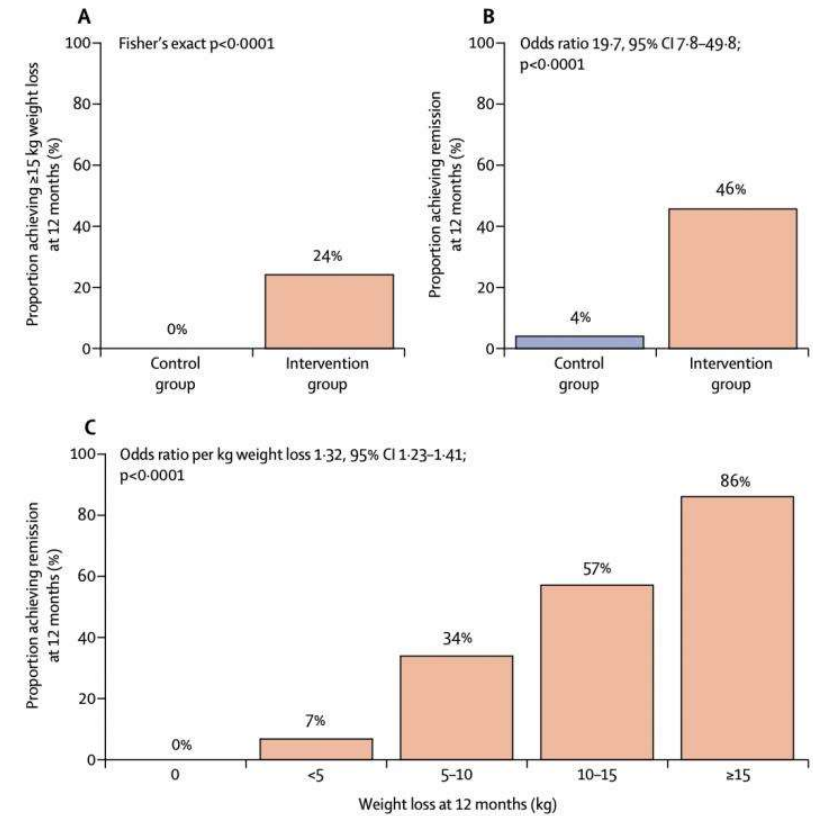
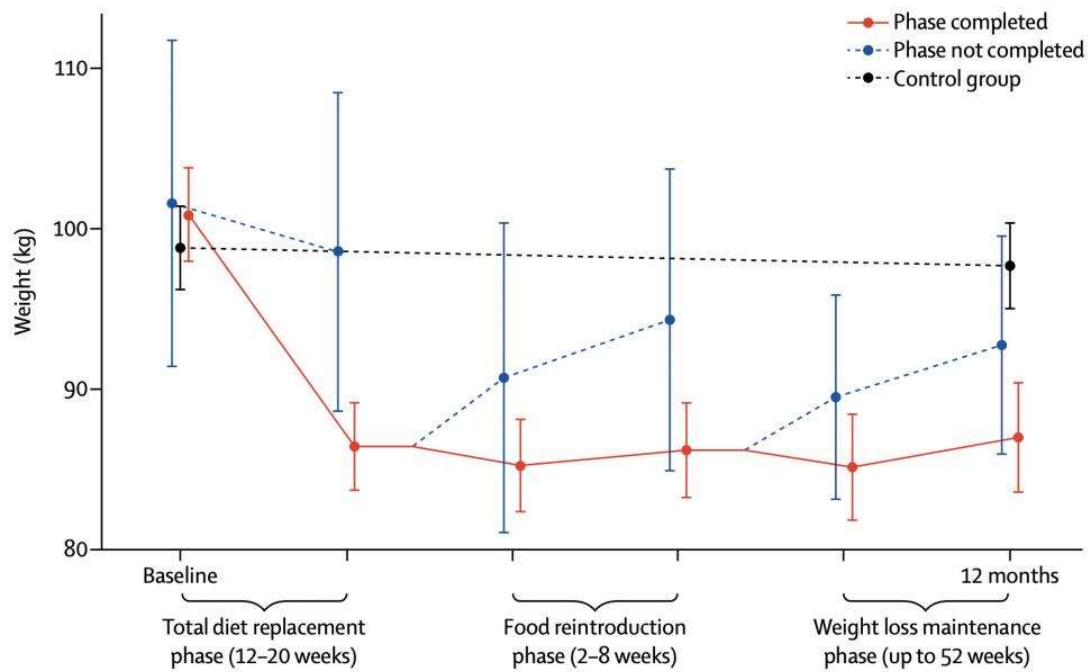


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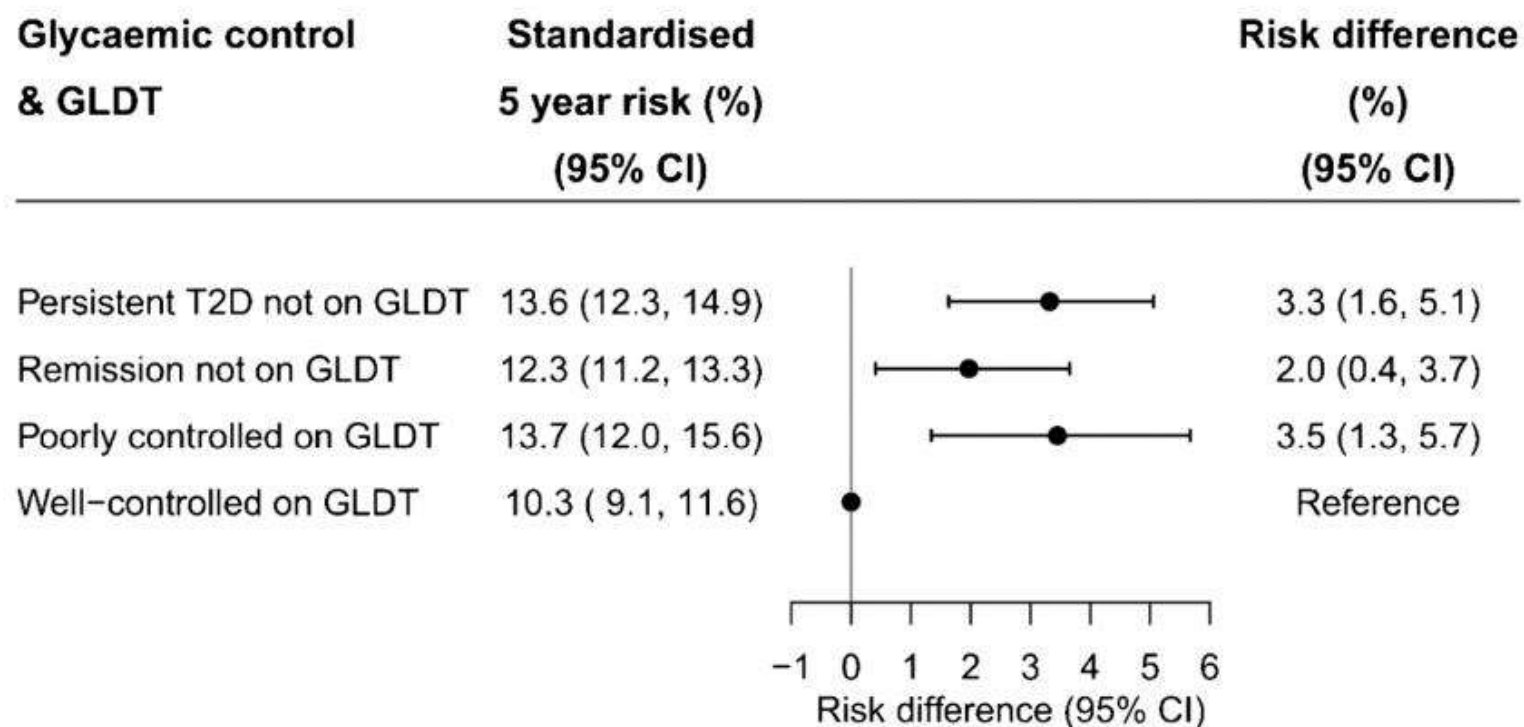
Diabetes remission

800 calorie meal-replacement diet



Diabetes remission

Note of caution



Cardiovascular risk in type 2 diabetes

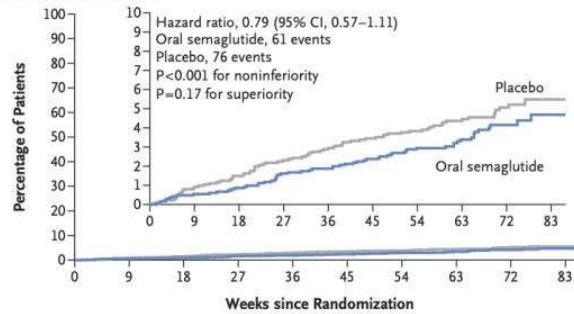
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Oral semaglutide

Cardiovascular outcomes

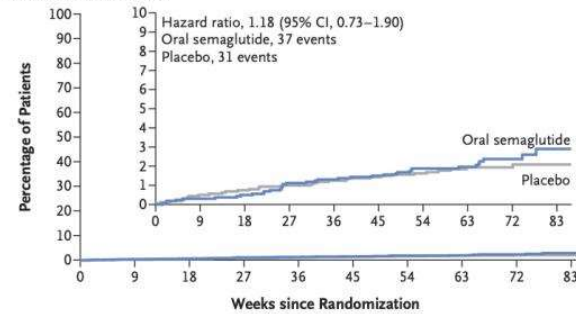
A Composite Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

Oral semaglutide	1591	1583	1575	1564	1557	1547	1512	1062	735	16
Placebo	1592	1577	1565	1551	1538	1528	1489	1032	713	11

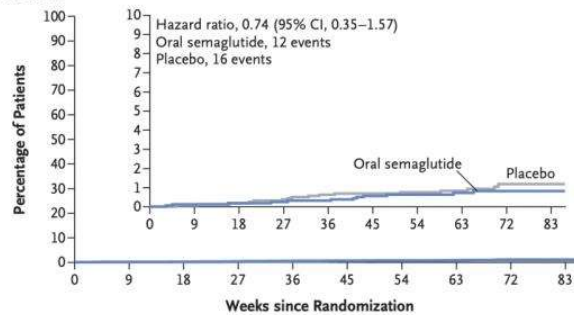
B Nonfatal Myocardial Infarction



No. at Risk

Oral semaglutide	1591	1585	1578	1568	1562	1555	1520	1068	739	16
Placebo	1592	1578	1568	1556	1548	1539	1500	1041	723	11

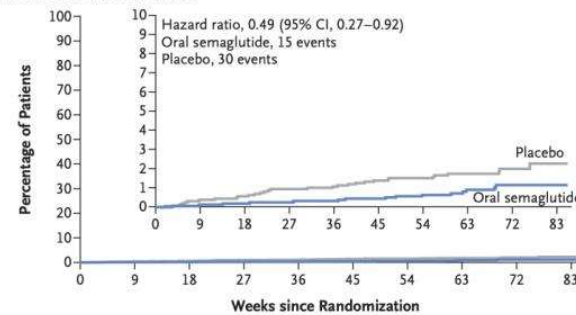
C Nonfatal Stroke



No. at Risk

Oral semaglutide	1591	1588	1583	1581	1577	1569	1540	1085	753	18
Placebo	1592	1585	1577	1567	1558	1550	1514	1054	729	11

D Death from Cardiovascular Causes



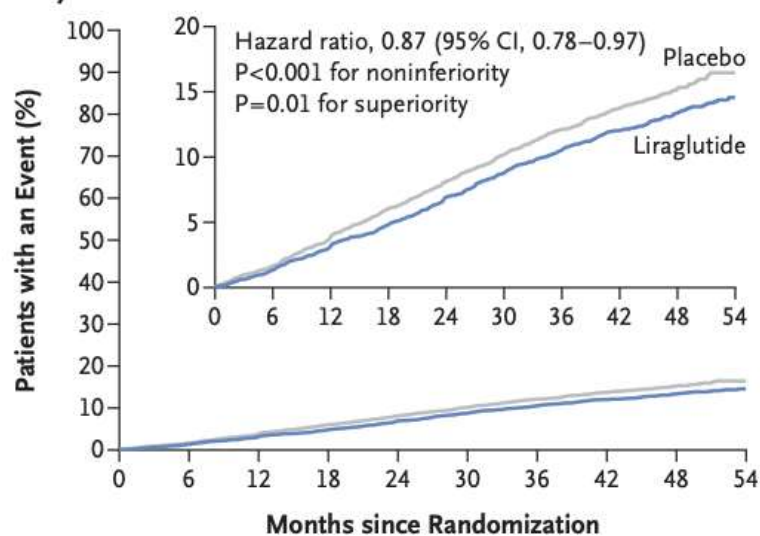
No. at Risk

Oral semaglutide	1591	1590	1586	1585	1582	1578	1548	1091	757	18
Placebo	1592	1586	1580	1572	1568	1561	1525	1063	739	11

Liraglutide

Cardiovascular outcomes

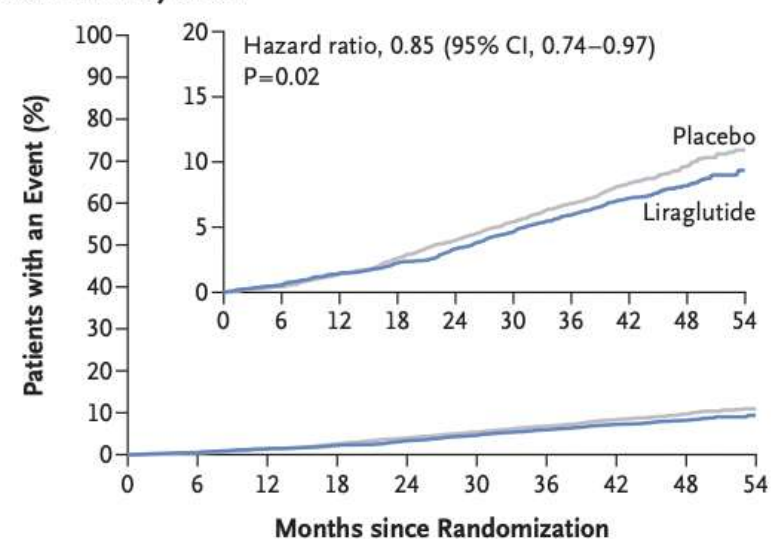
A Primary Outcome



No. at Risk

Liraglutide	4668	4593	4496	4400	4280	4172	4072	3982	1562	424
Placebo	4672	4588	4473	4352	4237	4123	4010	3914	1543	407

E Death from Any Cause

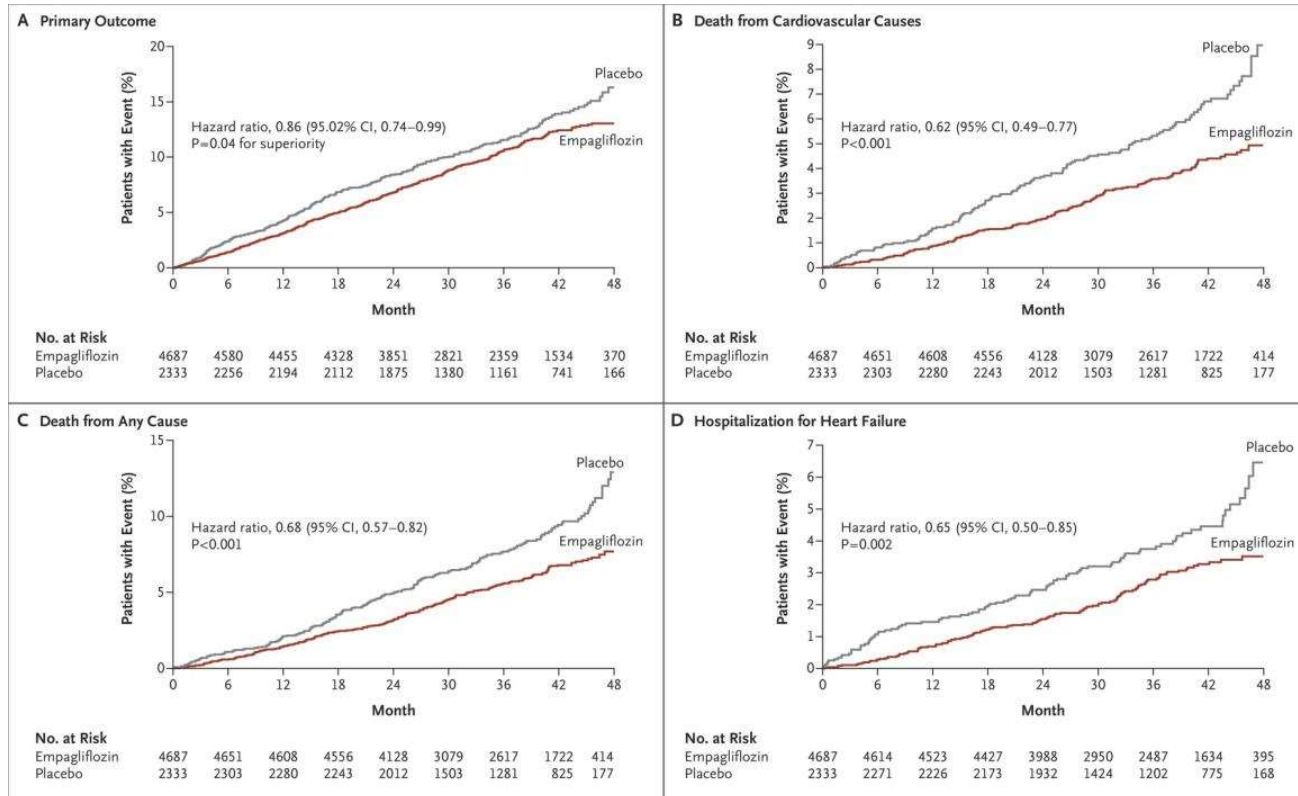


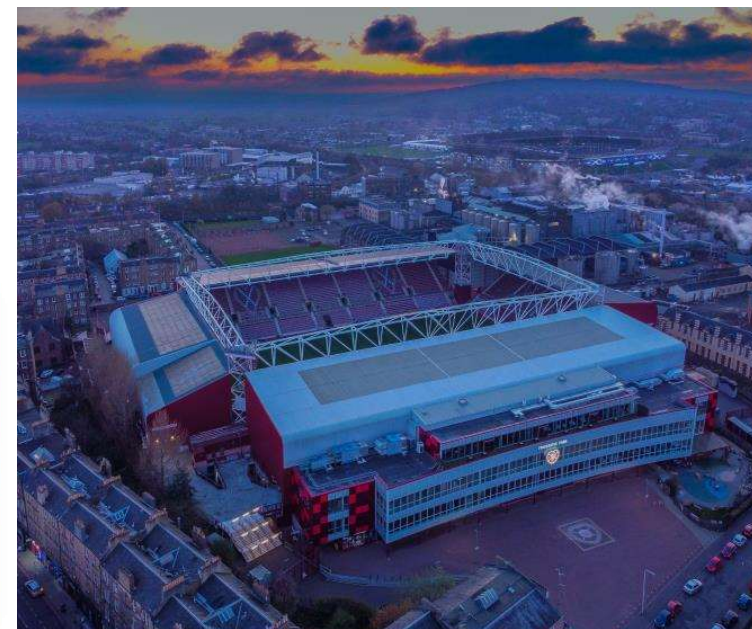
No. at Risk

Liraglutide	4668	4641	4599	4558	4505	4445	4382	4322	1723	484
Placebo	4672	4648	4601	4546	4479	4407	4338	4268	1709	465

Empagliflozin

Cardiovascular outcomes





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