Contribution to clinicians of the last revision of the UKPDS study



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Risks of complications in type 2 diabetes

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- Glycaemia
- Hypertension
- Dyslipidaemia
- Smoking
- Obesity

- Age
- Sex
 - Race
 - Genes (within race)
 - Competing risks



The problem

- We utilise glucose as our main metabolic fuel
- Glucose can be stored and mobilised in seconds
- A fit person can run on glucose energy for about 15miles

BUT

- Glucose is very osmotically active
- Even 8mmol/I will damage vessels
- If we could survive with glucose at just 12mmol/l most diabetes would be irrelevant





How do we know that high glucose is dangerous?

- Rats and mice run a higher blood glucose than man – typically 8mmol/l
 - Evolutionary pressure is not about 70-year survival but 3 year survival
 - Fuel more important than glucose risk
- In man we have trial evidence of the risk



Trials relating to glycaemia and outcomes

- UGDP
- UKPDS
- PROactive
- (ADOPT)
- (Nissen et al meta-analysis)
- RECORD
- ACCORD
- ADVANCE
- UKDPS PTM
- VADT

Glycaemic outcome trials





Glycaemic outcome trials







Problems in trials



UGDP – perhaps tolbutamide was dangerous?

More people died in the tolbutamide group

Leibel B. An analysis of the UGDP. Can Med Assoc J. 1971 Aug 7;105(3):292-4.



UGDP



UKPDS

- Primary intervention randomised controlled outcome trial
- Used sulphonylureas
 - mainly glibenclamide and chlorpropamide
 - small number of patients used gliclazide and acarbose (not formally part of the trial)
- Used metformin in the overweight (120% Ideal body weight)
- Used insulin as primary intervention
- Recruited patients with fasting glucose greater than 6mmol/l



UKPDS assessment design (end-point counting)

Randomised trial



20 years

UKPDS design



Mortality in the UKPDS (1997)



1/2 of all the patients had died (30y)



cohort, median data 9 Conventional Insulin Chlorpropamide Glibenclamide HbA1c 8 % 6 10 0 2 6 8 4 Years from randomisation

UKPDS: Any Diabetes Related endpoints



Epidemiology vs trial

- Trials randomise patients and examine the outcome on the basis of the randomised intervention.
- Epidemiological analyses examine a surrogate marker within the trial (e.g. the glucose or the blood pressure) and examine the outcome based on *what was achieved rather than what was administered*.







Diabetes related deaths



Any Diabetes Related endpoints



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Microvascular endpoints



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PROactive



PROactive

Pioglitazone

- Secondary prevention in type 2 diabetes and macrovascular disease
- N=5238 Duration 34.5 months
- Primary outcome: composite of all-cause mortality, non-fatal MI (including silent MI), non-fatal stroke, major leg amputation, ACS, cardiac intervention (bypass graft or percutaneous coronary intervention), and leg revascularization



Proactive composite outcome









ProActive





Pioglitazone meta-anlyses





Rosiglitazone Meta-analysis

42 trials study duration of more than 24 weeks mean age 56 years; baseline HbA1c 8.2%





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EDIC (DCCT post trial monitoring)



Distribution of HbA1c Concentration by Randomized Treatment Group at the End of the DCCT and in Each Year of the EDIC Study





JAMA 2003;290:2159-2167.





Prevalence and Cumulative Incidence of Microalbuminuria

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JAMA 2003;290:2159-2167.






RECORD

- An outcome trial of Rosiglitazone: interim results
- The interim results for the primary end point were inconclusive
- a hazard ratio of 1.08 (95% CI, 0.89 to 1.31) on the basis of events adjudicated by the committee reviewing clinical end points.
- In any interim trial report, there are inevitably some potential primary events pending adjudication.
 Adding in these pending events increased the hazard ratio to 1.11 (95% CI, 0.93 to 1.32).

RECORD 18-Rosiglitazone Active control 16-HR 0.99 (95% CI 0.85-1.16) 14 -12 -Cumulative (%) 10-8-6-4-2-0 5 2 3 6 0 1 4 Time (years) Number at risk Rosiglitazone 2220 2086 1981 1883 1795 1720 918 Active control 2227 2101 1895 1798 1697 908 1995

Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier plots of time to the primary endpoint (cardiovascular death or cardiovascular

- The hospitalisation)
 - HR=hazard ratio.







ACCORD (Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes) Design

to determine whether intensively lowering blood sugar would reduce the risk of cardiovascular events such as heart attack, stroke, or death from cardiovascular disease, specifically in people with type 2 diabetes who are at particularly high risk for a cardiovascular event



Accord Study design

- 77 sites USA and Canada,
- includes adults
- ages of 40 82y at enrolment
- type 2 diabetes,
- PLUS:
 - -two or more other risk factors for heart disease
 - —or had been diagnosed with heart disease before entering the study.



Enrolment

- average diabetes duration of 10 years at enrolment,
- randomly assigned to either standard (n=5,123 participants) or intensive (n=5,128) blood sugar treatment goals.
- also enrolled in one of two other ACCORD randomized clinical trials examining effects of treatments for blood pressure or blood lipids.



ACCORD: Patient Characteristics

Table 1. Characteristics of the Patients at Baseline.*		
Variable	Intensive Therapy (N=5128)	Standard Therapy (N=5123)
Age (yr)	62.2±6.8	62.2±6.8
Median duration of diabetes (yr)	10	10
Previous cardiovascular event (%)	35.6	34.8
Previous congestive heart failure (%)	4.9	4.8



Glucose control in ACCORD





N Engl J Med 2008;358:2545-59

UKPDS and ACCORD

cohort, median data





ACCORD

Primary outcome

The first occurrence of nonfatal myocardial infarction or nonfatal stroke or death from cardiovascular causes.

The latter included death from myocardial infarction, heart failure, arrhythmia, invasive cardiovascular interventions, cardiovascular causes after noncardiovascular surgery, stroke, unexpected death presumed to be from ischaemic cardiovascular disease occurring within 24 hours after the onset of symptoms, and death from other vascular diseases.





ACCORD





Figure 2. Kaplan–Meier Curves for the Primary Outcome and Death from Any Cause.

Risk profile high

Participants were included in the ACCORD trial because they were at especially high risk—more risk than is associated with diabetes alone—for having a heart attack, stroke, or of dying from cardiovascular disease.



HbA1c

- intensive treatment group participants achieved, on average, A1C values lower than standard treatment group participants.
- half of the participants in the intensive treatment group achieved an A1C of less than 6.4 percent
- half of the participants in the standard treatment group achieved an A1C of less than 7.5 percent.
- The average blood sugar levels for both groups were lower than when they entered the study



ACCORD Primary outcome

A Primary Outcome

Subgroup	No. of Patients	No. of Events	Hazard Ratio	P Value
Total	10,251	723		
Previous cardiovascular event				0.04
No	6,643	330		
Yes	3,608	393		
Sex				0.74
Female	3,952	212		
Male	6,299	511		
Age at baseline				0.65
<65 yr	6,779	383		
≥65 yr	3,472	340		
Glycated hemoglobin at baseline				0.03
≤8.0%	4,868	284		
>8.0%	5,360	438		
Race				0.29
Nonwhite	3,647	222		
White	6,604	501		
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ACCORD death from any cause

B Death from Any Cause



ACCORD

Table 3. Adverse Events, Clinical Measures,	Tobacco Use, and Use of Nonglycemic Medication after Randomizat	ion.*
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Variable	Intensive Therapy (N=5128)	Standard Therapy (N=5123)	P Value†
Adverse events			
Hypoglycemia — no. (%)			
Requiring medical assistance	538 (10.5)	179 (3.5)	<0.001
Requiring any assistance	830 (16.2)	261 (5.1)	<0.001



The problem

(14 deaths per 1000 patients

per year versus 11 per 1000

- enrolled
- Of thes patients per year in the standard treatment program; a difference of 0.3 deaths per 100 patients
- This is a difference per year).
 participants each year, over an average of almost four years of treatment.
- Participants had been followed for 2 years to 7 years at the time the intensive blood sugar control treatment was stopped
- The death rates in both groups were lower than seen in similar populations in other studies.



Non-aggressive



ADVANCE



ADVANCE Inclusion criteria

- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Age 55 years or older
- Additional risk of vascular event Age ≥ 65 years History of major macrovascular disease History of major microvascular disease First diagnosis of diabetes >10 years prior to entry Other major risk factor
- Any level of blood pressure
- Any level of glucose control but no definite indication for long-term insulin

ADVANCE: Patient Characteristics

Randomised treatment

	Active (n=5569)	Placebo (n=5571)	
Age (years), mean (SD)	66 (6)	66 (7)	
	8 3	> 8 Years	
Age when diabetes first diagnosed (years), mean (SD)	58 (9)	58 (9)	
Previous vascular disease			
History of major macrovascular disease, n (%)	1798 (32%)	1792 (32%)	
History of myocardial infarction, n (%)	678 (12%)	656 (12%)	
History of stroke, n (%)	502 (9%)	520 (9%)	
History of major microvascular disease, n (%)	568 (10%)	584 (10%)	
History of macroalbuminuria†, n (%)	197 (4%)	204 (4%)	
History of microvascular eye disease‡, n (%)	389 (7%)	404 (7%)	
Blood pressure control			
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg), mean (SD)	145 (22)	145 (21)	
Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg), mean (SD)	81 (11)	81 (11)	
History of currently treated hypertension, n (%)	3802 (68%)	3853 (69%)	



ADVANCE

Intensive glucose control strategy

- More frequent visits
- Emphasis on lifestyle management
- Drug titration at physician's discretion based on HbA_{1c} and FBG levels:
 - Maximize gliclazide MR dose
 - Add other oral agents
 - Add long-acting insulin
 - Use multiple insulin injection therapy



ADVANCE Hemoglobin A_{1c}





ADVANCE Major macrovascular events





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†P=0.01

‡P=0.006



ADVANCE











VADT

- 20 centres
- 1791 patients
- Major CVD events
- 97% male
- Duration 7.5 years
- median f-up 6 years
- Median 7% vs 8.4% HbA1c in groups
- No difference in cardiovascular outcome

Underpowered trial



VADT





Did being in Group A or B years ago make a difference to what is happening now?

UKPDS Post Trial Monitoring



UK Prospective Diabetes Study

20-year Interventional Trial from 1977 to 1997

- 5,102 patients with newly-diagnosed type 2 diabetes recruited between 1977 and 1991
- Median follow-up 10.0 years, range 6 to 20 years
- Results presented at the 1998 EASD Barcelona meeting

10-year Post-Trial Monitoring from 1997 to 2007

- Annual follow-up of the survivor cohort
- Clinic-based for first five years
- Questionnaire-based for last five years

Median overall follow-up 17.0 years, range 16 to 30 years



Post-Trial Monitoring: Aims

- To observe HbA_{1c} levels after cessation of the intervention trial
- To observe glucose therapy regimens after cessation of the intervention trial
- To determine the longer-term impact of earlier improved glucose control on microvascular and on macrovascular outcomes
- To evaluate the health economic implications with a projected 50% mortality at ten years post trial


Glucose Interventional Trial



UKPDS 8. Diabetologia 1991; 34: 877-89

Post-Trial Monitoring: Patients





Therapy for Glycaemia at 5 Years





Post-Trial Changes in HbA_{1c}





Any Diabetes-related Endpoint

A "legacy effect" of prior improved glucose control





Any Diabetes Related Endpoint Hazard Ratio

Intensive (SU/Ins) vs. Conventional glucose control





Microvascular Disease Hazard Ratio

(photocoagulation, vitreous haemorrhage, renal failure)

Intensive (SU/Ins) vs. Conventional glucose control





Myocardial Infarction Hazard Ratio

(fatal or non-fatal myocardial infarction or sudden death)

Intensive (SU/Ins) vs. Conventional glucose control



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Post-Trial Monitoring: Protocol

- At trial end, patients were returned to usual physician care for their diabetes management
- No attempt was made to maintain them in randomised groups, or to influence their therapy
- All endpoints were adjudicated in an identical manner by the same Adjudication Committee as during the trial

From 1997 to 2002:

 Patients were seen annually in UKPDS clinics for standardised collection of clinical and biochemical data

From 2002 to 2007:

 Clinical outcomes were ascertained remotely by questionnaires sent to patients and GPs



All-cause Mortality Hazard Ratio

Intensive (SU/Ins) vs. Conventional glucose control





Post-Trial Changes in HbA_{1c}





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Are there Blood Pressure Therapy Legacy Effects?

Hypertension in Diabetes Study (HDS)

10-year Intervention Trial 1987-1997

- 1,148 patients with blood pressure ≥160/90 mm Hg, or ≥150/85 mm Hg if receiving antihypertensive treatment, enrolled over four years from 1987
- Median follow-up 8.4 years, range 6 to 10 years
- Results presented at the 1998 EASD Barcelona meeting

10-year Post-trial Monitoring 1997-2007

- Annual follow-up of the survivor cohort
- Clinic-based for first five years
- Questionnaire-based for last five years

Median overall follow-up 14.6 years, range 16 to 20 years



Blood Pressure Interventional Trial





UKPDS 8. Diabetologia 1991; 34: 877-89

Post-Trial Monitoring: Patients





Antihypertensive Therapy at 5 years





Post-Trials Changes in Blood Pressure





Any Diabetes Related Endpoint Hazard Ratio

Less-tight vs. Tight blood pressure control





Microvascular Disease Hazard Ratio

(photocoagulation, vitreous haemorrhage, renal failure)

Less-tight vs. Tight blood pressure control





Myocardial Infarction Hazard Ratios

(fatal or non-fatal myocardial infarction or sudden death)

Less-tight vs. Tight blood pressure control





All-cause Mortality Hazard Ratios





Legacy Effect of Earlier Glucose Control

After median 8.5 years post-trial follow-up

Aggregate Endpoint		1997	2007
Any diabetes related endpoint	RRR:	12%	
	<i>P:</i>	0.029	
Microvascular disease	RRR:	25%	
	P:	0.0099	
Myocardial infarction	RRR:	16%	
	P:	0.052	
All-cause mortality	RRR:	6%	
	P:	0.44	

RRR = *Relative Risk Reduction, P* = *Log Rank*



Legacy Effect of Earlier Metformin Therapy

After median 8.8 years post-trial follow-up

Aggregate Endpoint		1997	2007
Any diabetes related endpoint	RRR: P:	32% 0.0023	
Microvascular disease	RRR: P:	29% 0.19	
Myocardial infarction	RRR: P:	39% 0.010	
All-cause mortality	RRR: P:	36% 0.011	

RRR = *Relative Risk Reduction, P* = *Log Rank*



The Benefits of Early Tight Control- UKPDS 10 year Post-Trial Follow-Up



 Holman RR, Paul SK, Bethel MA, Matthews DR, Neil HA. 10-year follow-up of intensive glucose control in type 2 diabetes. N Engl J Med. 2008 Oct 9;359(15):1577-89.
UKPDS 33. Lancet, 1998: 352; 837

No Legacy Effect of Earlier BP Control

After median 8.0 years post-trial follow-up

Aggregate Endpoint		1997	2007
Any diabetes related endpoint	RRR:	24%	
	<i>P:</i>	0.0046	
Microvascular disease	RRR:	37%	
	<i>P:</i>	0.0092	
Myocardial infarction	RRR:	21%	
	<i>P:</i>	0.13	
All-cause mortality	RRR:	18%	
	P:	0.17	

RRR = *Relative Risk Reduction, P* = *Log Rank*



Legacy effects

- Legacy: "something handed on by or left unfinished by a predecessor or previous owner"*
- More likely to be gradually developing pathology than "metabolic memory"





The performance of this machine may depend on its previous history as well as standards of care today.



Accidents likely to happen

The rust on this machine today is the result of what I has happened in the distant past



The air pressure in the tyres of this machine is the result of what has happened in the recent past

Glycaemic control in the distant past reduces the risks of events today Blood pressure control in the recent past reduces the risks of events today



What do we change in clinical practice?

- Evidence is strongly in favour of intensive treatment for glycaemia early in T2DM
- Evidence suggests that in those with established CVD that a rapid lowering of glycaemia to aggressive targets may cause excess mortality.
- Rosiglitazone needs further evidence for its safety in established T2DM
- Sulphonylureas may be appropriate for preventing microvascular disease (nephropathy)



With thanks to...



...Robert Turner died August 1999



...Carole Cull died June 2007



1998 EASD Investigator Meeting in Barcelona

Aberdeen **Belfast City Belfast Royal** Birmingham Carshalton Derby Dundee Exeter Hammersmith **Ipswich** Leicester Manchester Northampton Norwich Oxford Peterborough Salford Scarborough St George's Stevenage Torbay Whittington

John Stowers, Lilian **Randal Hayes** David Hadden **David Wright** Steve Hyer, Memo S Ian Peacock Ray Newton, Roland Kenneth McLeod, Jc Anne Dornhorst, Eva John Day Felix Burden Andrew Boulton **Charles Fox Richard Greenwood** Robert Turner, Rury Jonathan Roland Tim Dornan, Martin Phil Brown Nigel Oakley, Arshia Les Borthwick Stoke on Trent John Scarpell, Lione **Richard Paisey** John Yudkin



Funding

1997 to 2002

- UK Medical Research Council
- UK Department of Health
- Diabetes UK
- British Heart Foundation
- National Institutes for Health (NEI, NIDDK)

2002 to 2007

- Bristol-Myers Squibb
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Merck Serono
- Novartis
- Novo Nordisk
- Pfizer



MEGA-trials

(No cardiovascular outcomes assessable in diabetes without mega-trials)

Defined (by me) as a randomised interventive trial with outcomes where greater than about 5,000,000 patient days are reported

(e.g. 1,000 patients for 3 years...or greater)

AND they need to last longer than 5 years AND the glycaemic difference needs to be >0.5% Hba1c.


What do we change in clinical practice (1)?

- Evidence is strongly in favour of intensive treatment for glycaemia early in T2DM
- Evidence suggests that in those with established CVD that a rapid lowering of glycaemia to aggressive targets may cause excess mortality.
- Rosiglitazone needs further evidence for its safety in established T2DM
- Gliclazide MR use may be appropriate for preventing microvascular disease (nephropathy)



What do we change in clinical practice (2)?

- Evidence suggests that recent blood pressure control is protective, while a past history of good control is less significant.
- Evidence suggests that MULTIPLE risk-factor intervention is important.
 - (Steno studies not reviewed today, but suggest that a well-delivered package of intervention has beneficial outcome)





"You might as well fall flat on your face, as lean over too far backwards"

James Thurber. Fl. 1945



UGDP



Enthusiasm













































Time

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Some cautions

 There will be those who say that glucose lowering is not cost effective



 There will be those who say that the target of 7.5% is adequate, without saying for whom



 There will be those who say that we should just lower cholesterol and blood pressure



 There will be those who will become famous for saying almost anything, but loudly



Summary of evidence





If you have been...

...thank you for listening

