

# INSULINA DEGLUDEC

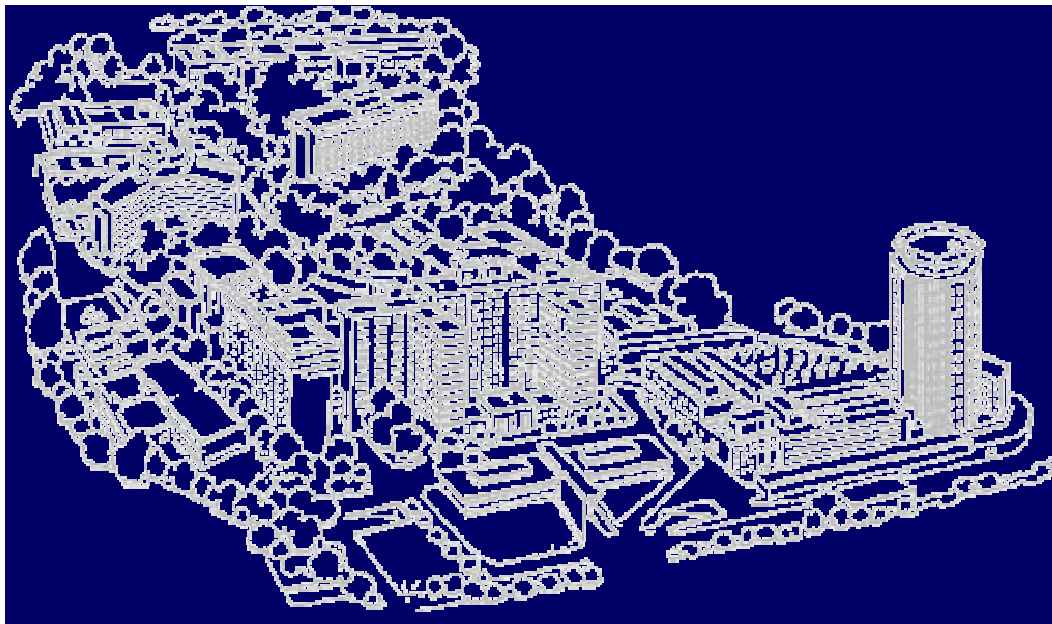
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## ¿Cuál sería la insulina de acción lenta ideal?

- Efectiva y con larga duración de acción → Control de glucemia basal con una sola inyección
- Seguridad → Baja tasa de hipoglucemias
- Poca variabilidad → Niveles de glucosa estables
- Adaptabilidad al estilo de vida del paciente
- Dispositivo de administración de fácil manejo

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insulina degludec

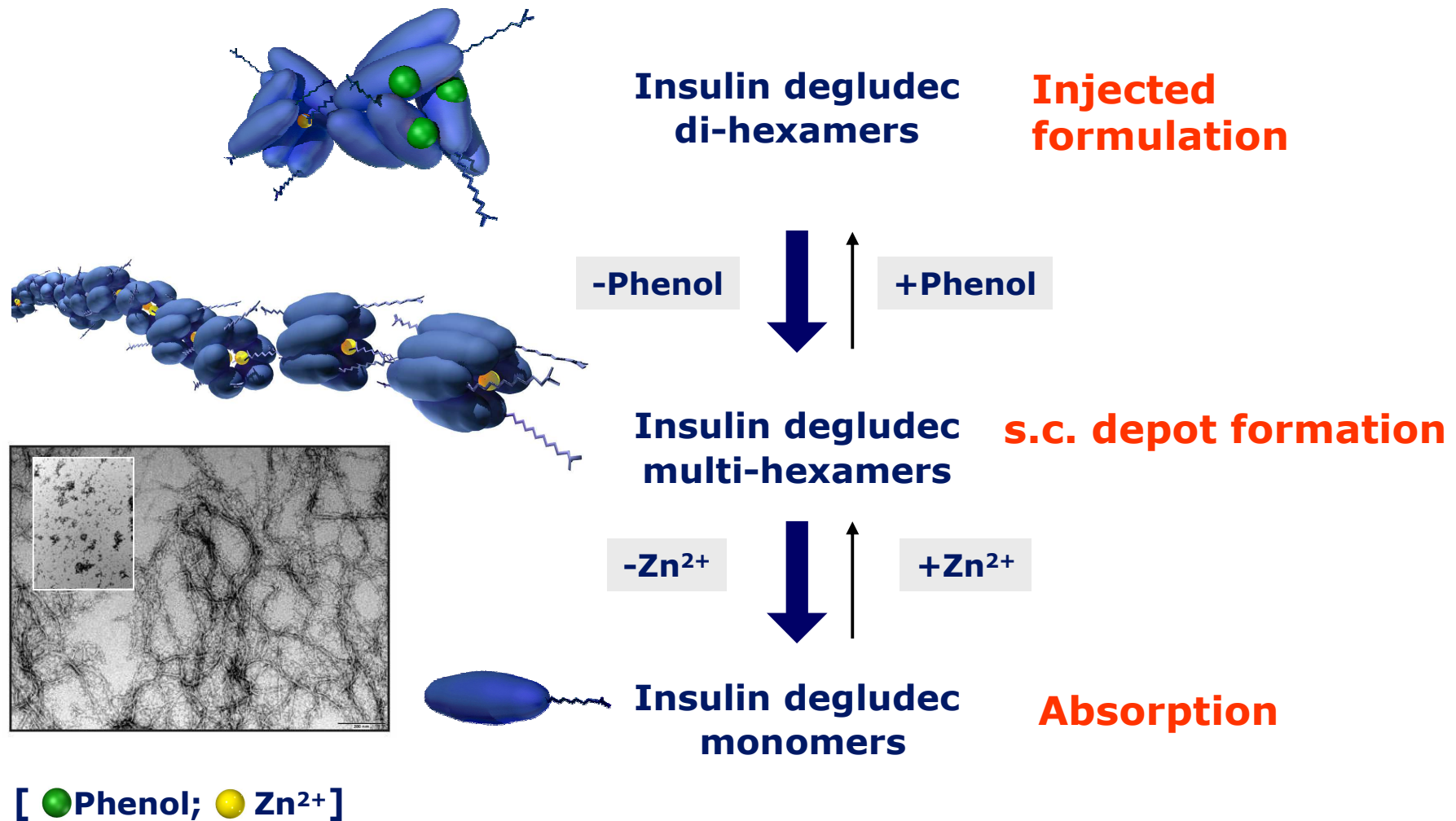


The diagram illustrates the structure of desB30 Insulin, a synthetic insulin analog. It consists of two polypeptide chains, the A chain and the B chain, connected by disulfide bonds (S-S). The A chain is represented by a sequence of 21 amino acids: G, I, V, E, Q, C, C, T, S, I, C, S, L, Y, Q, L, E, N, Y, C, N. The B chain is represented by a sequence of 30 amino acids: F, V, N, Q, H, L, C, G, S, H, L, V, E, A, L, Y, L, V, C, G, E, R, G, F, F, Y, T, P, K. The A chain is shown in blue, and the B chain is shown in green. The disulfide bonds are indicated by orange lines connecting the Cysteine (C) residues. The B chain is modified with a hexadecandioyl group (a long-chain fatty acid) attached to the Cysteine (C) residue at position 29. The hexadecandioyl group is shown as a long, zigzag line representing the hydrocarbon chain, with a carboxylic acid group (HO-C=O) at one end and an amide group (-NH-) at the other. The L-γ-Glu residue is also shown, attached to the hexadecandioyl group via an amide bond. The overall structure is labeled "desB30 Insulin".

**Jonassen et al. Diabetes 2010; 59 (Suppl. 1): A11 (39-OR)**  
**Jonassen et al. Diabetologia 2010;53 (Suppl 1): S388 (Poster 972)**

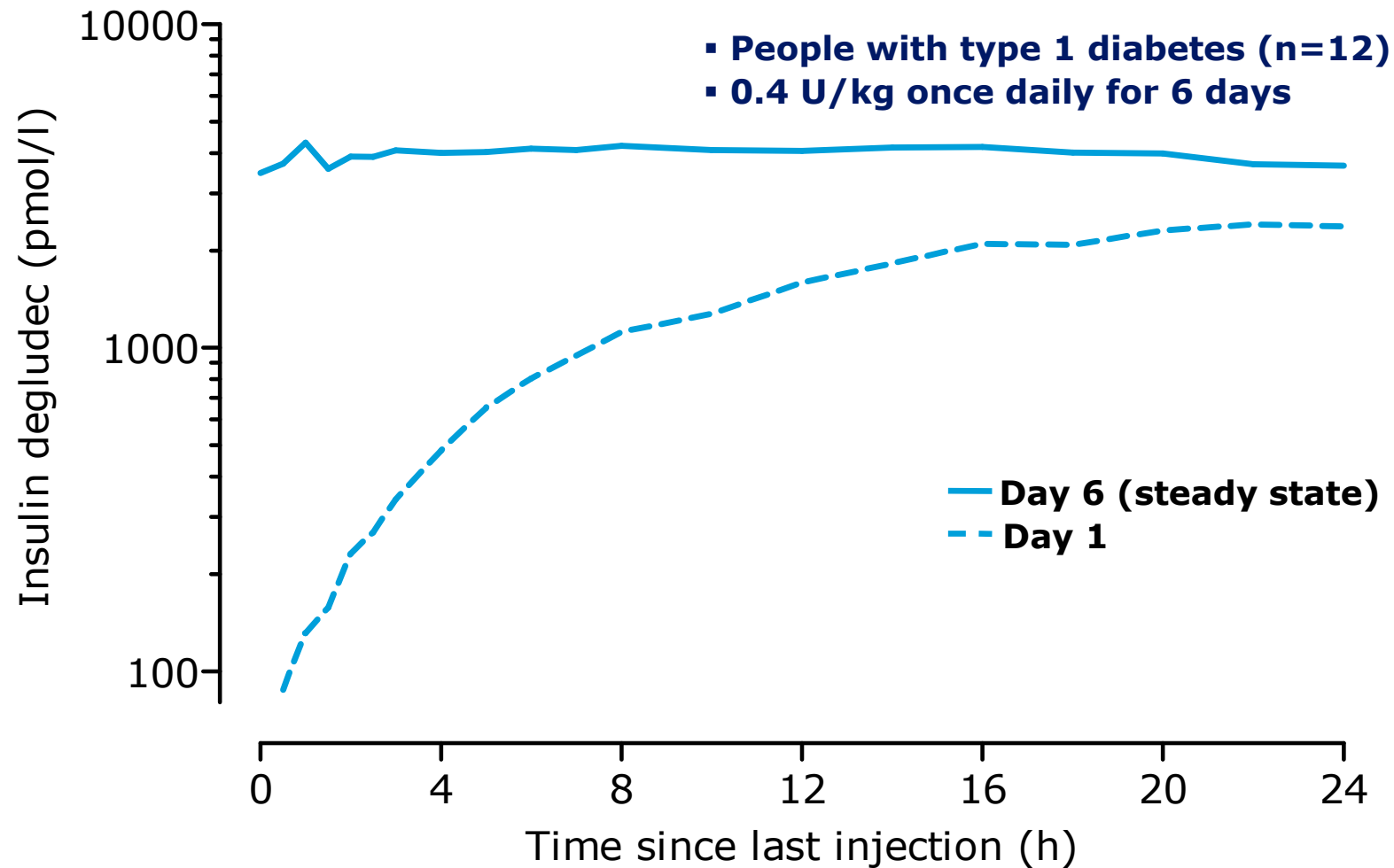
# Insulin degludec association

## Proposed steps from injection to absorption



# Insulin degludec: pharmacokinetic profile

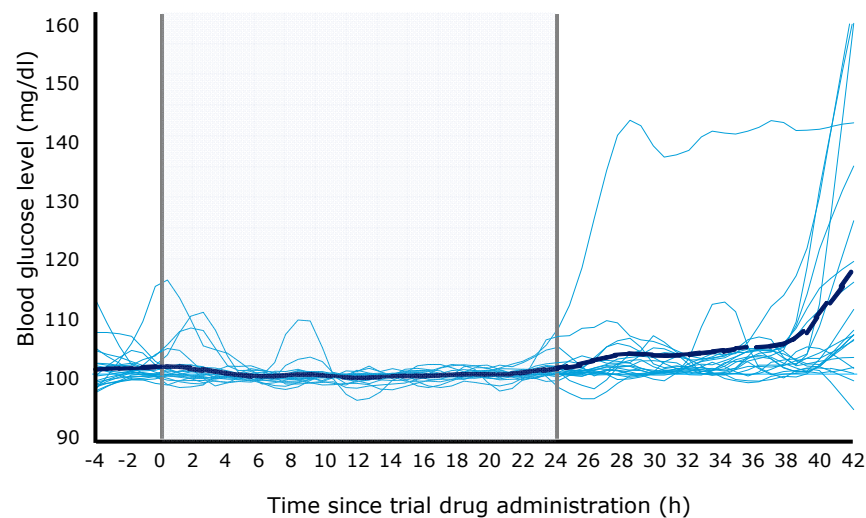
## Single dose and steady state



# Degludec shows longer duration of action

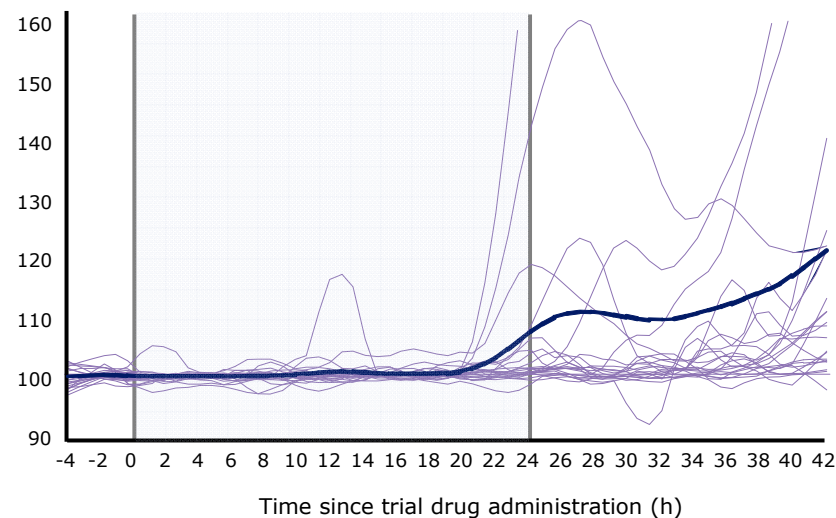
Earlier glucose escape with glargine

IDeg  
0.57 U/kg



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dose

IGlar  
0.60 U/kg

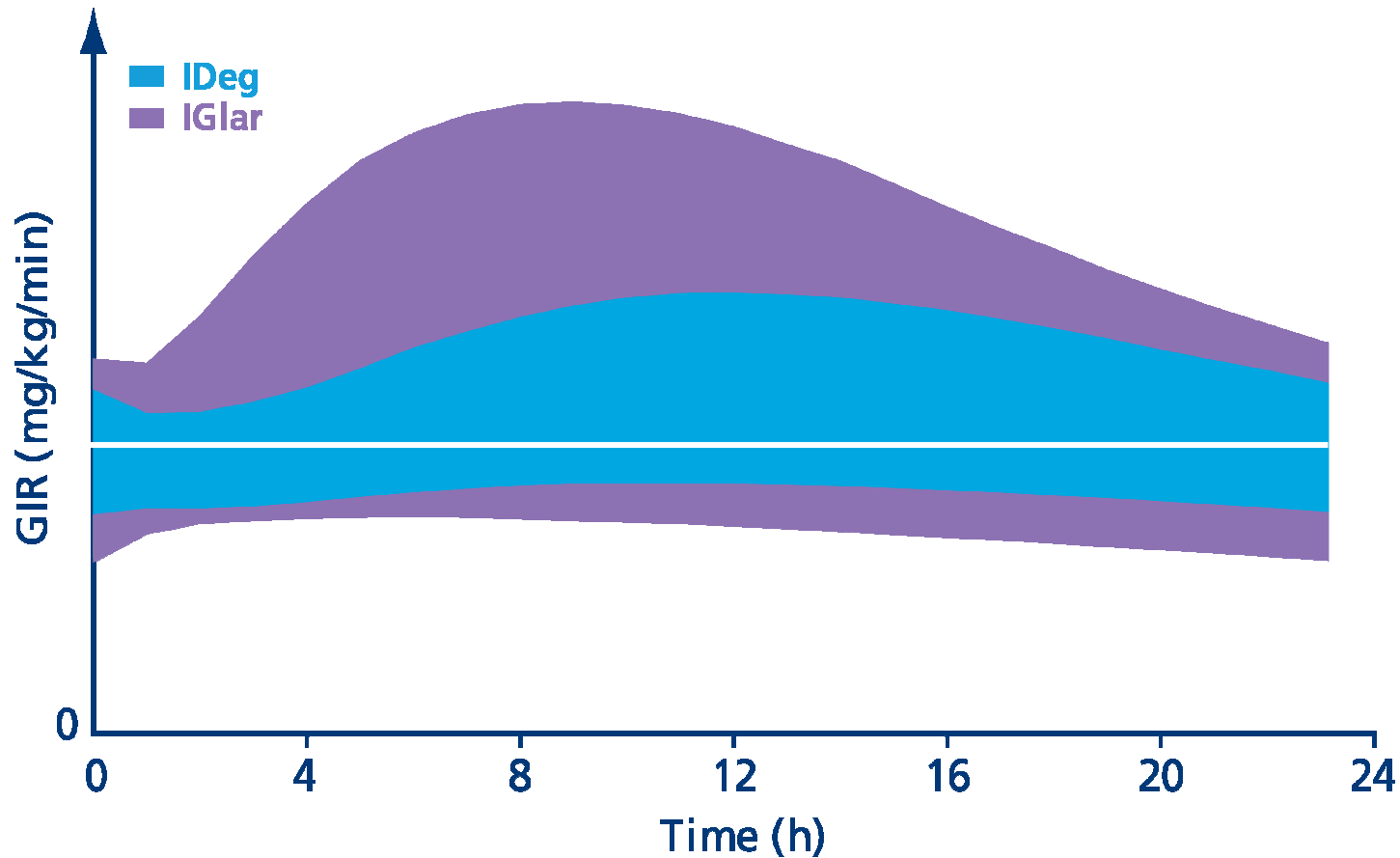


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Heise *et al.* IDF 2011:P-1444; *Diabetologia* 2011;54(Suppl. 1):S425; *Diabetes* 2011;60(Suppl. 1A):LB11

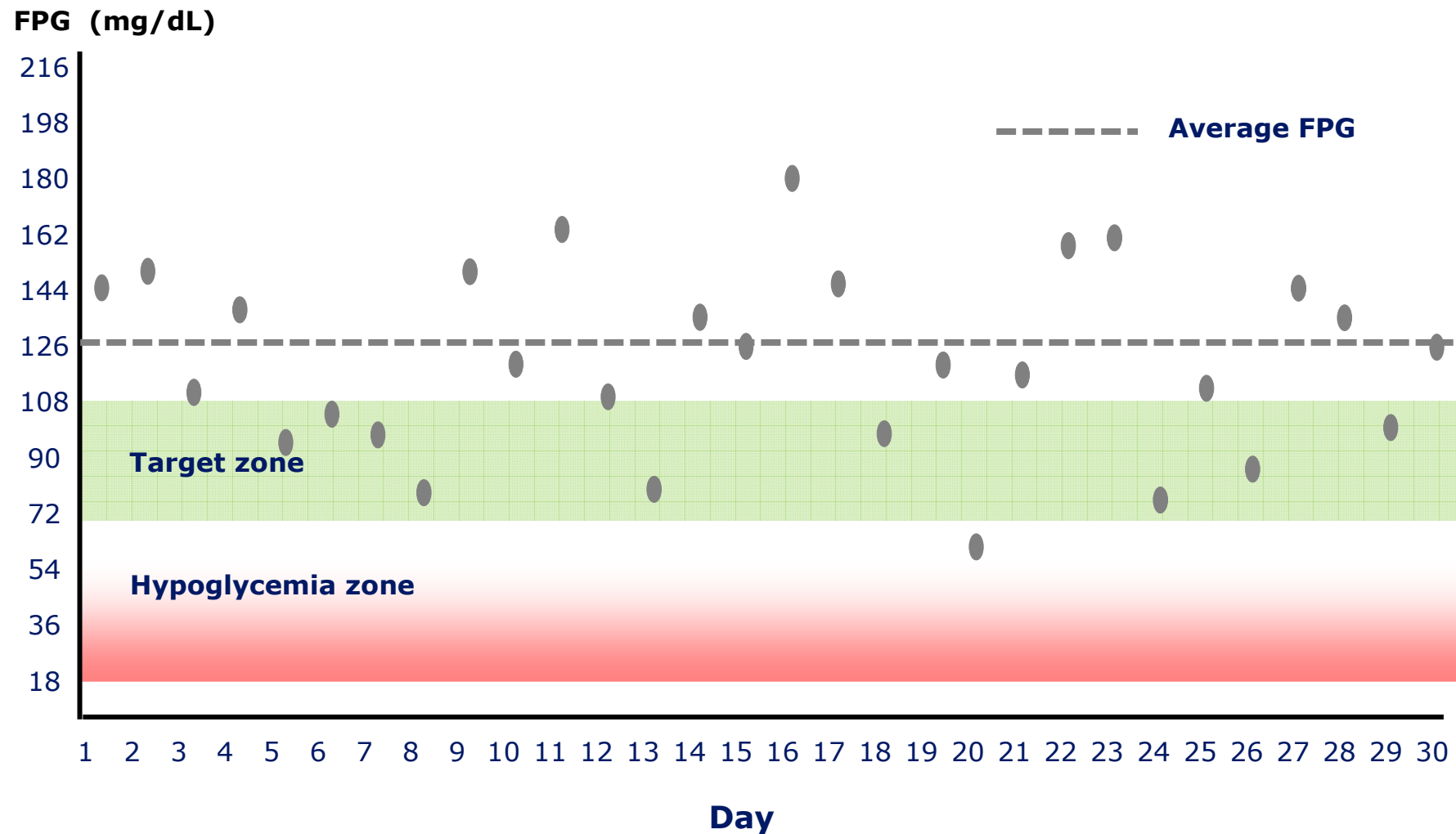
# Insulin degludec: Less variability

Potential to decrease hypo- and hyperglycaemia

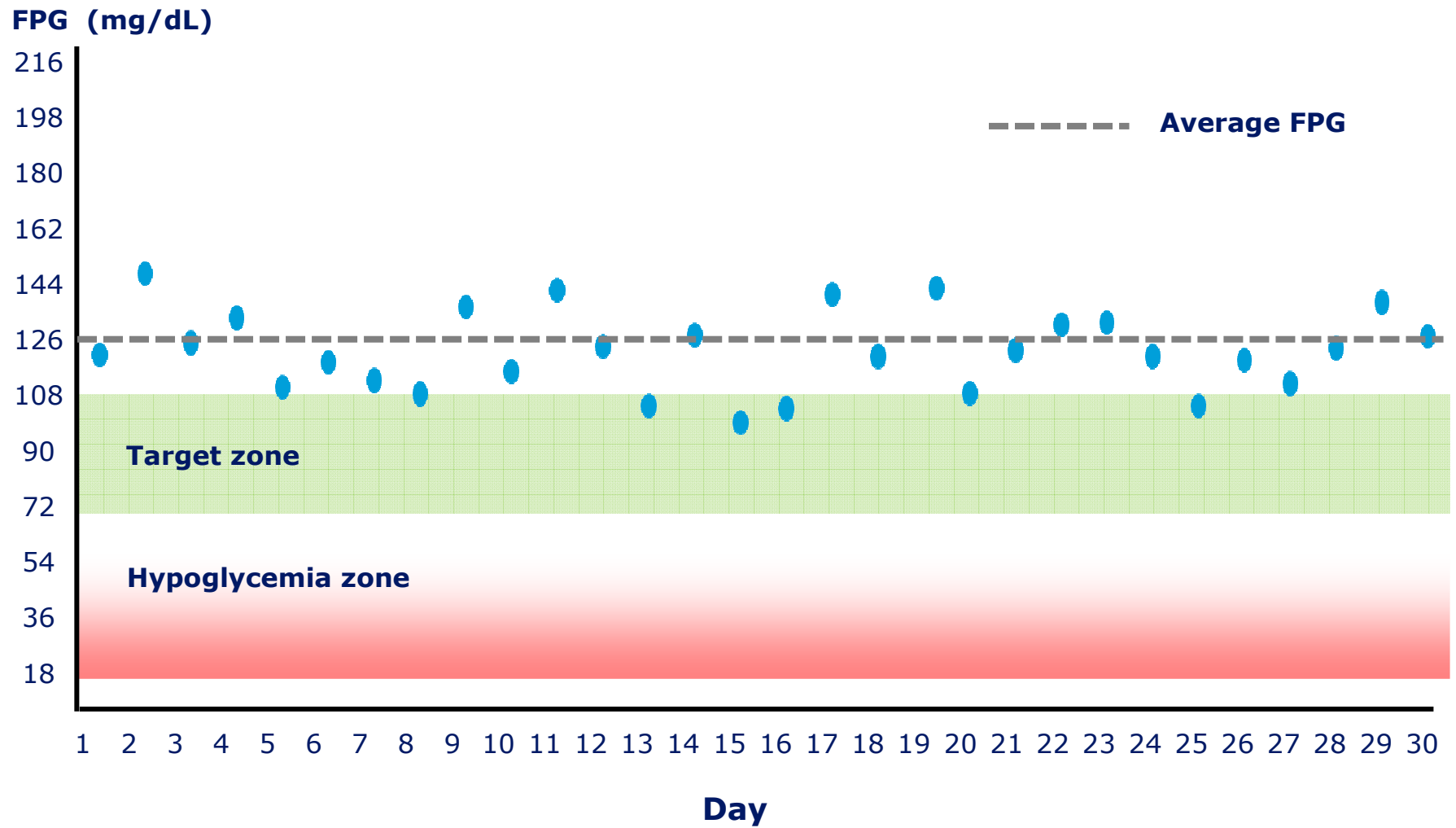




# Targeting fasting plasma glucose: currently available insulins



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# Insulin degludec has lower relative affinity for the IGF-1 receptor compared to human insulin.

| Parameter                         | Human Insulin | B10Asp (X10)<br>(% relative to Human Insulin) | Insulin Degludec<br>(% relative to Human Insulin) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Insulin receptor binding          | 100           | 205                                           | 15                                                |
| IGF-1 receptor binding            | 100           | 587                                           | 2                                                 |
| Insulin receptor binding off-rate | 100           | 14                                            | ~100                                              |
| Cellular metabolic potency        | 100           | 207                                           | 8-21 <sup>*</sup>                                 |
| Cellular mitogenic potency        | 100           | 975                                           | 5-9 <sup>#</sup>                                  |
| Mitogenic/metabolic potency       | 1             | ~5                                            | ≤1                                                |

\* Range from various cell types: Rat liver cells & MCF-7 tested with no added albumin

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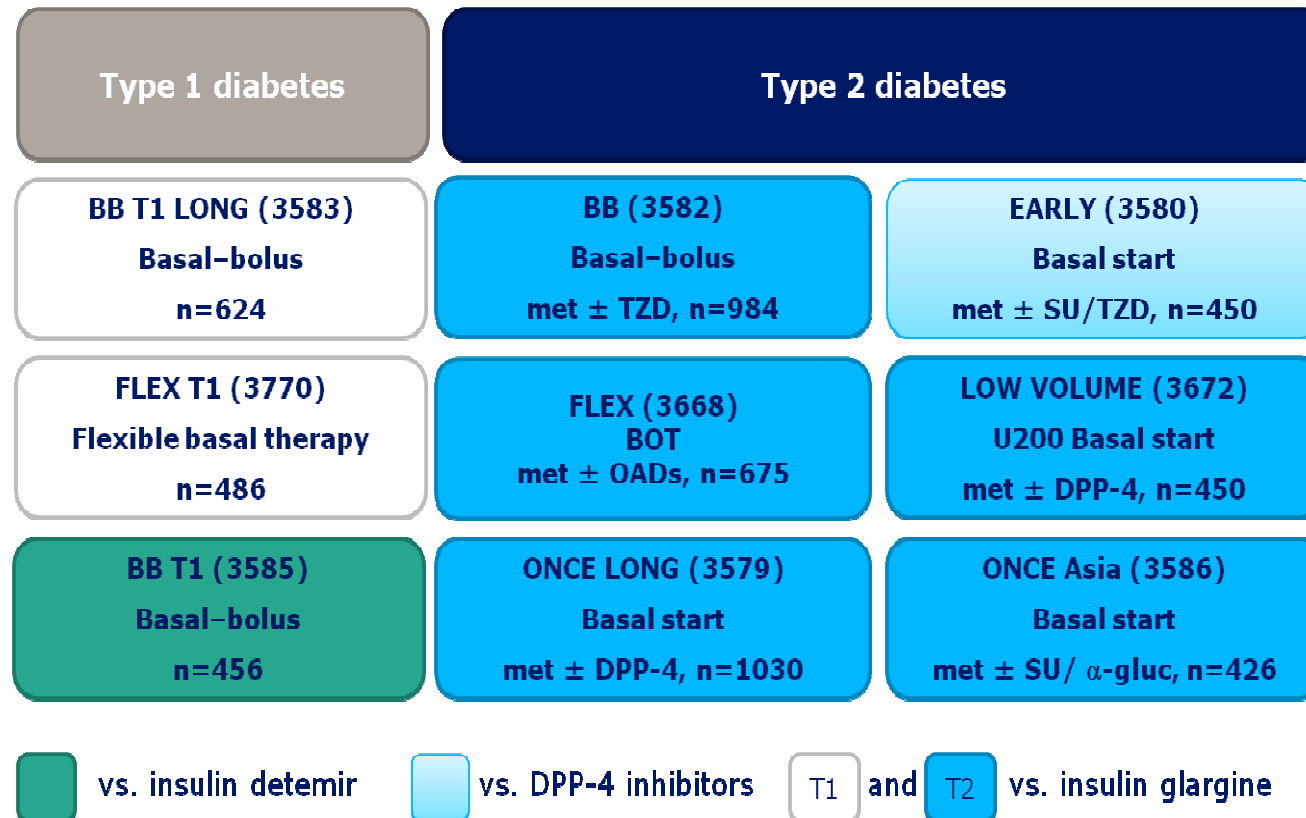
Data for X10 from Kurtzhals *et al. Diabetes* (2000) 49:999-1005

Nishimura *et al. Diabetes* 2010; 59 (Suppl. 1): A375 (1406-P)

Nishimura *et al. Diabetologia* 2010;53 (Suppl. 1):S388 (Poster 974)

# Degludec once-daily phase 3a

IDeg OD



# Phase 3a titration algorithm in T2D: insulin degludec and insulin glargine

| Pre-breakfast plasma glucose <sup>a</sup> |                    | Adjustment                             |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|
| mmol/L                                    | mg/dL              | U                                      |
| <3.1 <sup>b</sup>                         | <56 <sup>b</sup>   | -4<br>(If dose >45 U, reduce by 10%)   |
| 3.1–3.9 <sup>b</sup>                      | 56–70 <sup>b</sup> | -2<br>(If dose >45 U, reduce by of 5%) |
| 4.0–4.9                                   | 71–89              | 0                                      |
| 5.0–6.9                                   | 90–125             | +2                                     |
| 7.0–7.9                                   | 126–143            | +4                                     |
| 8.0–8.9                                   | 144–161            | +6                                     |
| ≥9.0                                      | ≥162               | +8                                     |

<sup>a</sup> Mean of 3 consecutive days' measurements for up titration

<sup>b</sup> Unless there is obvious explanation for the low value, such as a missed meal

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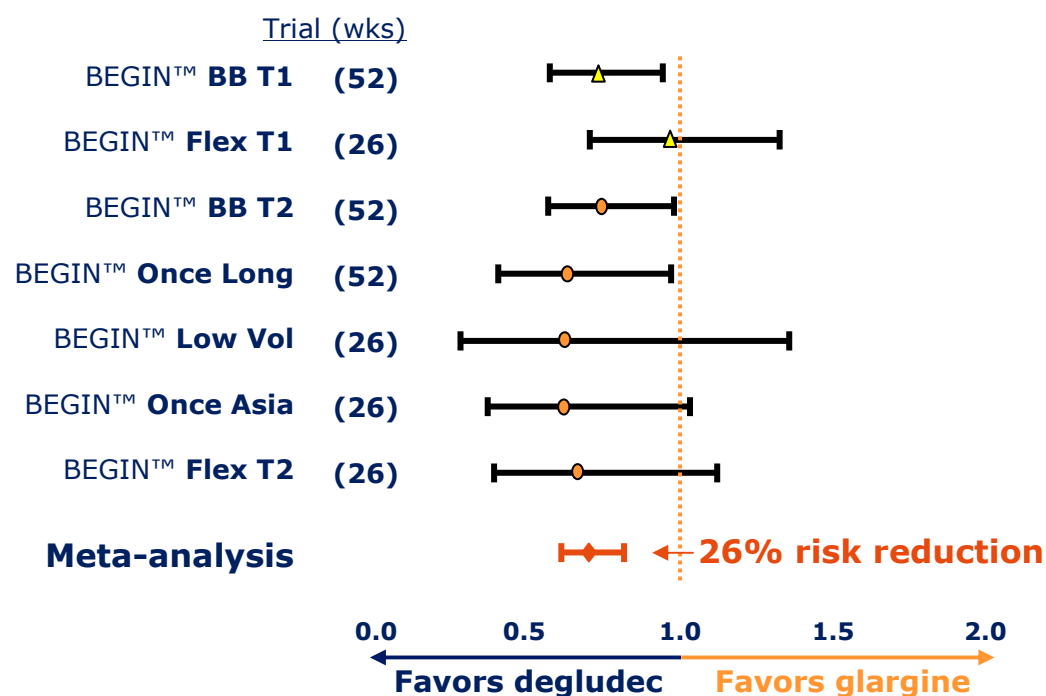
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# Hypoglycemia results consistent with BEGIN™ pre-specified meta-analyses

## Nocturnal hypoglycemia

(all degludec vs glargine studies, T1 and T2)



## Reduction in confirmed hypoglycemia with degludec

(all degludec vs glargine studies)

### Nocturnal

T1 and T2 **26%\***  
T2 basal only **36%\***

### Overall

T1 and T2 **9%\***  
T2 basal only **17%\***

\*: Statistically significant improvement

The **meta-analyses** were pre-specified as part of the BEGIN™ phase 3a trials for insulin degludec

Reference: [http://www.novonordisk.com/images/investors/investor\\_presentations/2011/CMD2011/04\\_Diabetes\\_treatment\\_tomorrow\\_CMD2011.pdf](http://www.novonordisk.com/images/investors/investor_presentations/2011/CMD2011/04_Diabetes_treatment_tomorrow_CMD2011.pdf)



# Hypoglycemia in T2DM

## The magnitude of the problem

- Hypoglycemia is less frequent in T2DM than in T1DM.
- Because the prevalence of T2DM is ~20-fold greater than that T1DM and because many patients ultimately require treatment with insulin, most episodes of hypoglycemia, including severe hypoglycemia, occur in persons with T2DM

*Cryer et al. JCEM 2009;94:709-728*

## The meaning of nocturnal hypoglycemia in T2DM

- Little is known about the frequency of and responses of nocturnal hypoglycemia in T2DM. However it seems clear that episodes of nocturnal hypoglycemia are particularly dangerous in older population

# Nocturnal hypoglycemia

Sympathoadrenal stimulation

Direct effect on the myocardium  
Indirect effect by reducing potassium

- Activation of myocyte  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$  ATP-ase
- Increase of aldosterone

Abnormal cardiac repolarization  
[QTc interval prolongation]

Cardiac arrhythmias

Sudden death (death-in-bed)  
Stroke

Hypotonia of upper airway muscles

Hypoxia

SAHS: more frequent in T2DM

PLoS One 2009;4:e4692  
Diabetologia 2010;53:1210-6

Other consequences

- Defective awakening
- Hypoglycemia unawareness
- Impairment of cognitive function

## **SUBSTUDIES IN TYPE 2 DIABETIC POPULATION**

### **IDeg vs IGlax in T2DM requiring high doses (>60 UI of basal insulin)**

**Lower rates of both overall (21%) and nocturnal confirmed hypoglycaemia (52%) with IDeg vs. IGlax**

### **Diabetes duration > 10 years for IDeg vs IGlax in T2DM**

**21% lower rate of confirmed hypoglycaemia ( $p=0.004$ ) and 29% lower rate of nocturnal confirmed hypoglycaemia ( $p=0.0057$ ) with IDeg vs. IGlax**

### **BMI > 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> for IDeg vs IGlax in T2DM**

**22% lower rate of confirmed hypoglycaemia ( $p=0.0021$ ) and 37% lower rate of nocturnal hypoglycaemia ( $p=0.0003$ ) with IDeg vs. IGlax**

# Impact of severe hypoglycaemic event

**Cost of severe hypoglycaemic event in Spain: €2.882**

**After a major hypoglycaemic episode:**

**20,0% (T1) and 26,3% (T2) stayed home the next day**

**63,6% (T1) and 84,2% (T2) feared future hypoglycaemia**

**78,2% (T1) and 57,9% (T2) changed their dose**

# **Impact of non-severe hypoglycaemic event**

**Not as well-established as the severe hypoglycaemic events**

**88% of all hypoglycaemic events are non-severe**

**Impact assessed in a survey of 1,404 respondents**

***Brod et al. The Impact of Non-Severe Hypoglycaemic Events on Work Productivity and Diabetes Management Value in Health, 14(5) 2011, 665-671***

# Impact of NSHE on productivity per month

|                                                              | NSHE during work hrs | NSHE outside work hrs | Nocturnal NSHE |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>NSHE</b><br>(N)                                           | 963                  | 1,046                 | 612            |
| <b>Missed work time</b><br>(%)                               | 18.3%                | 14.3%                 | 22.7%          |
| <b>Missed work time</b><br>(mean hours)                      | 9.9 hours            | 12.6 hours            | 14.7 hours     |
| <b>Missed a meeting/<br/>appointment or<br/>deadline (%)</b> | 23.8%                | 16.4%                 | 31.8%          |

## Diabetes management after last NSHE

|                                                           |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Extra BG measurements<br/>7 days after NSHE</b> (mean) | 5.6       |
| <b>Contacted a health care<br/>professional</b> (%)       | 24.9%     |
| <b>Decrease in dose</b> (%)                               | 25.0%     |
| <b>Total decrease in dose</b><br>(mean)                   | 6.5 units |
| <b>Days decreased</b> (mean)                              | 3.6 days  |

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# Insulin omission/non-adherence

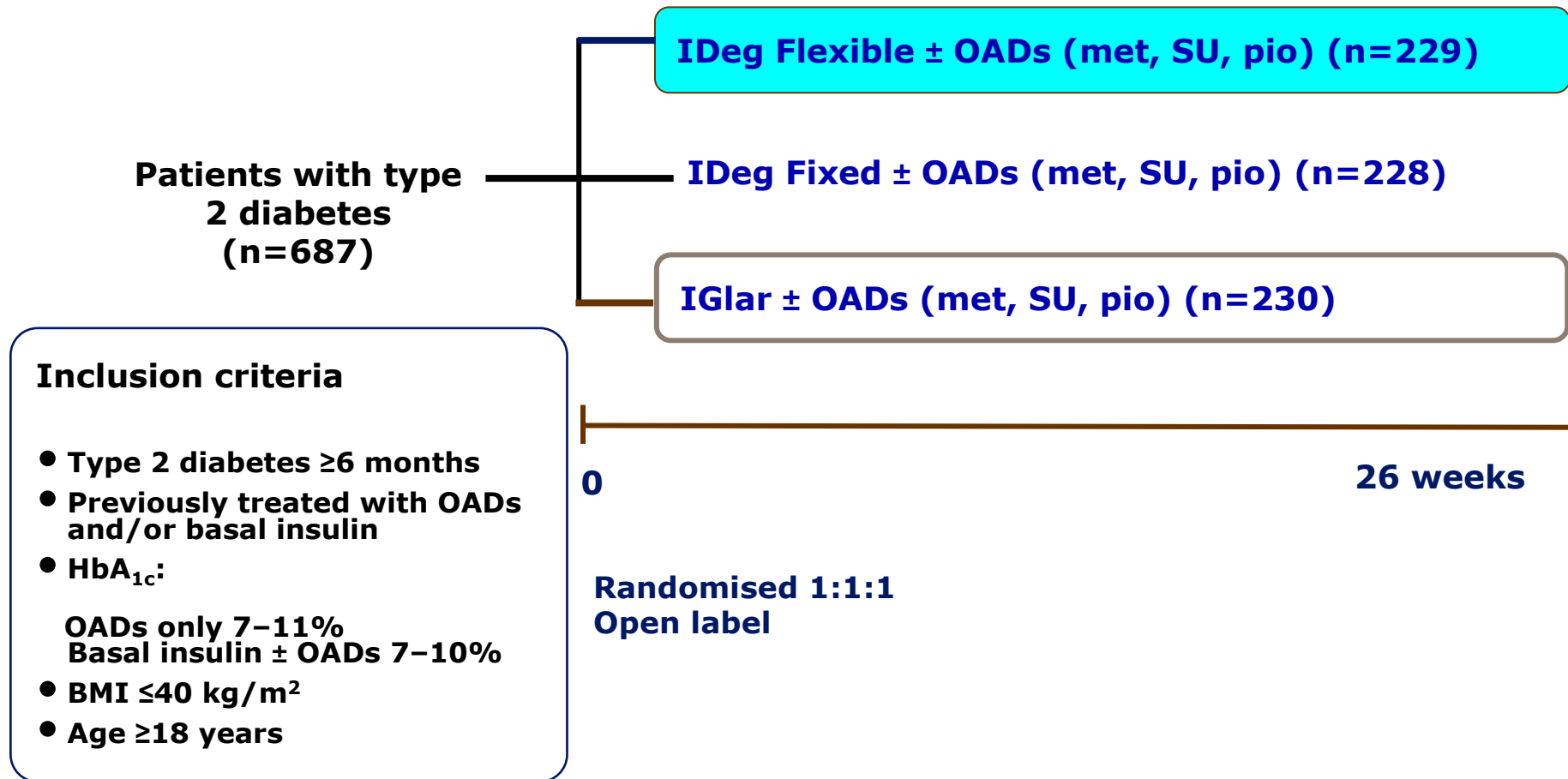
## Days per month by country

| Country | % with ≥1 day of insulin omission/non-adherence per month | Unadjusted days of insulin omission/non-adherence per month | Adjusted days of insulin omission/non-adherence per month <sup>†</sup> |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| China   | 33.5%                                                     | 1.35                                                        | 1.96                                                                   |
| France  | 19.9%                                                     | 0.62                                                        | 0.62                                                                   |
| Germany | 39.7%                                                     | 0.74                                                        | 1.34                                                                   |
| Japan   | 44.0%                                                     | 1.29                                                        | 2.30                                                                   |
| Spain   | 22.8%                                                     | 0.84                                                        | 0.87                                                                   |
| Turkey  | 23.9%                                                     | 1.36                                                        | 6.01*                                                                  |
| UK      | 41.5%                                                     | 1.18                                                        | 1.63                                                                   |
| USA     | 42.0%                                                     | 1.56                                                        | 2.34                                                                   |
| Overall | 34.6%                                                     | 1.18                                                        | –                                                                      |

<sup>†</sup>Adjusted for all patient characteristics; adjustment maintains lowest rate (France) and adjusts other countries relative to lowest \* $p < 0.05$

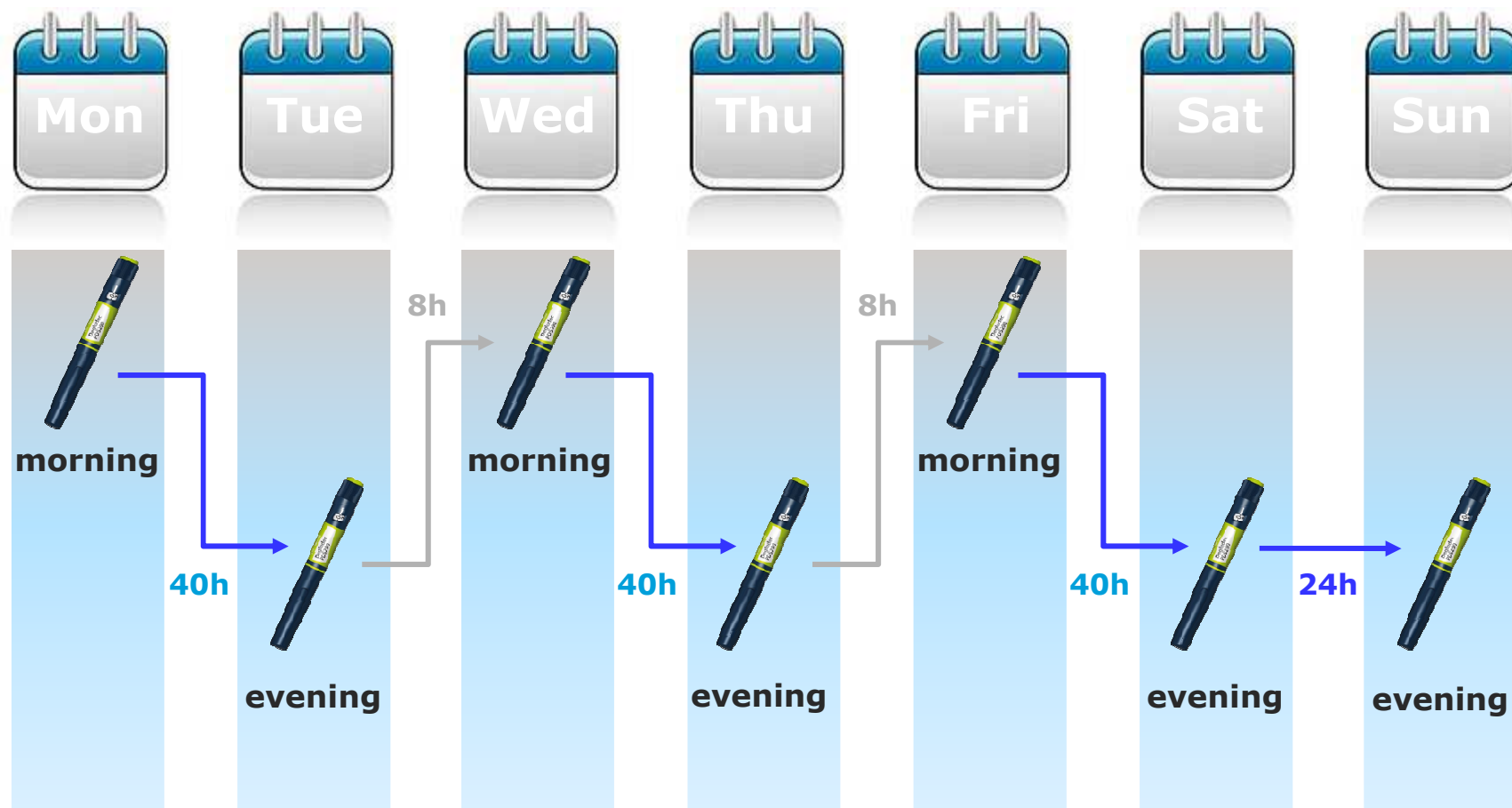
*Peyrot et al. ADA 2011; 830-P*

# Study design

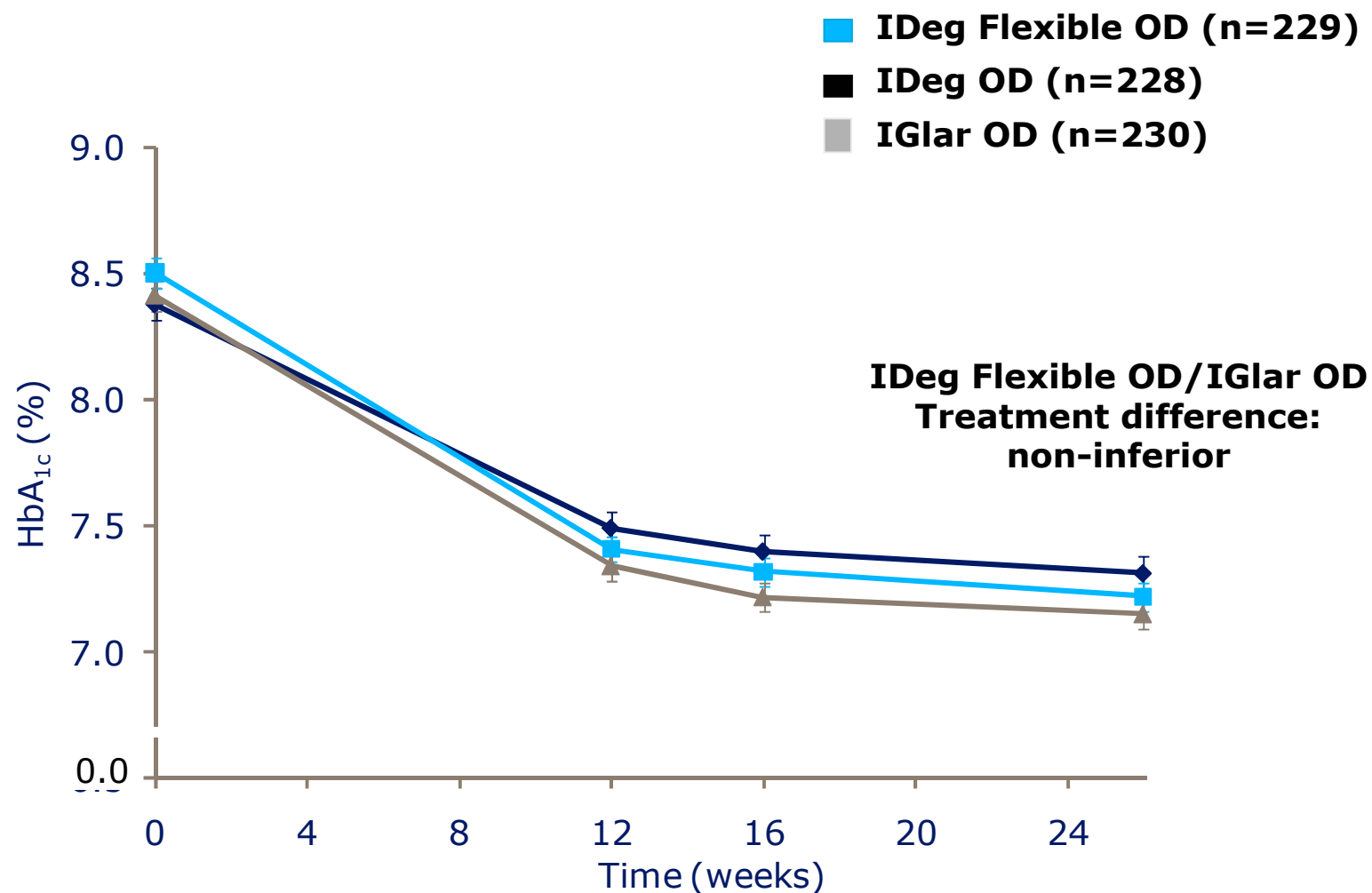


*Birkeland et al. IDF 2011:P-1443; Bain et al. IDF 2011:O-0508; Birkeland et al. Diabetologia 2011;54(Suppl. 1):S423; Atkin et al. Diabetologia 2011;54(Suppl. 1):S53; Meneghini et al. Diabetes 2011;60(Suppl. 1A):LB10*

# Dosing schedule for the IDeg Flexible arm



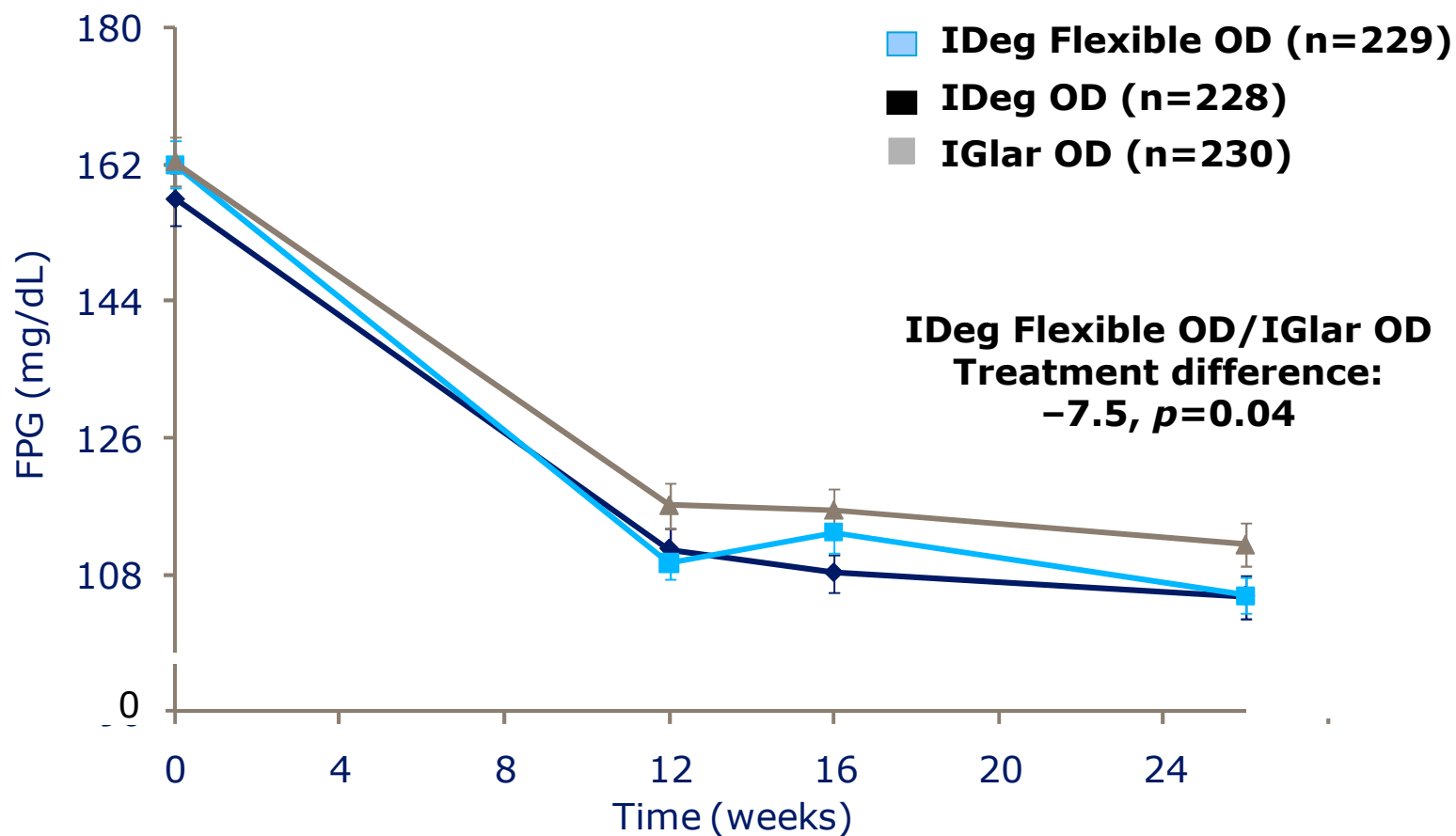
# HbA<sub>1c</sub> over time



Mean±SEM; FAS; LOCF  
Comparisons: Estimates adjusted for multiple covariates

Meneghini et al. ADA 2011; 35-P LB (NN1250-3668)

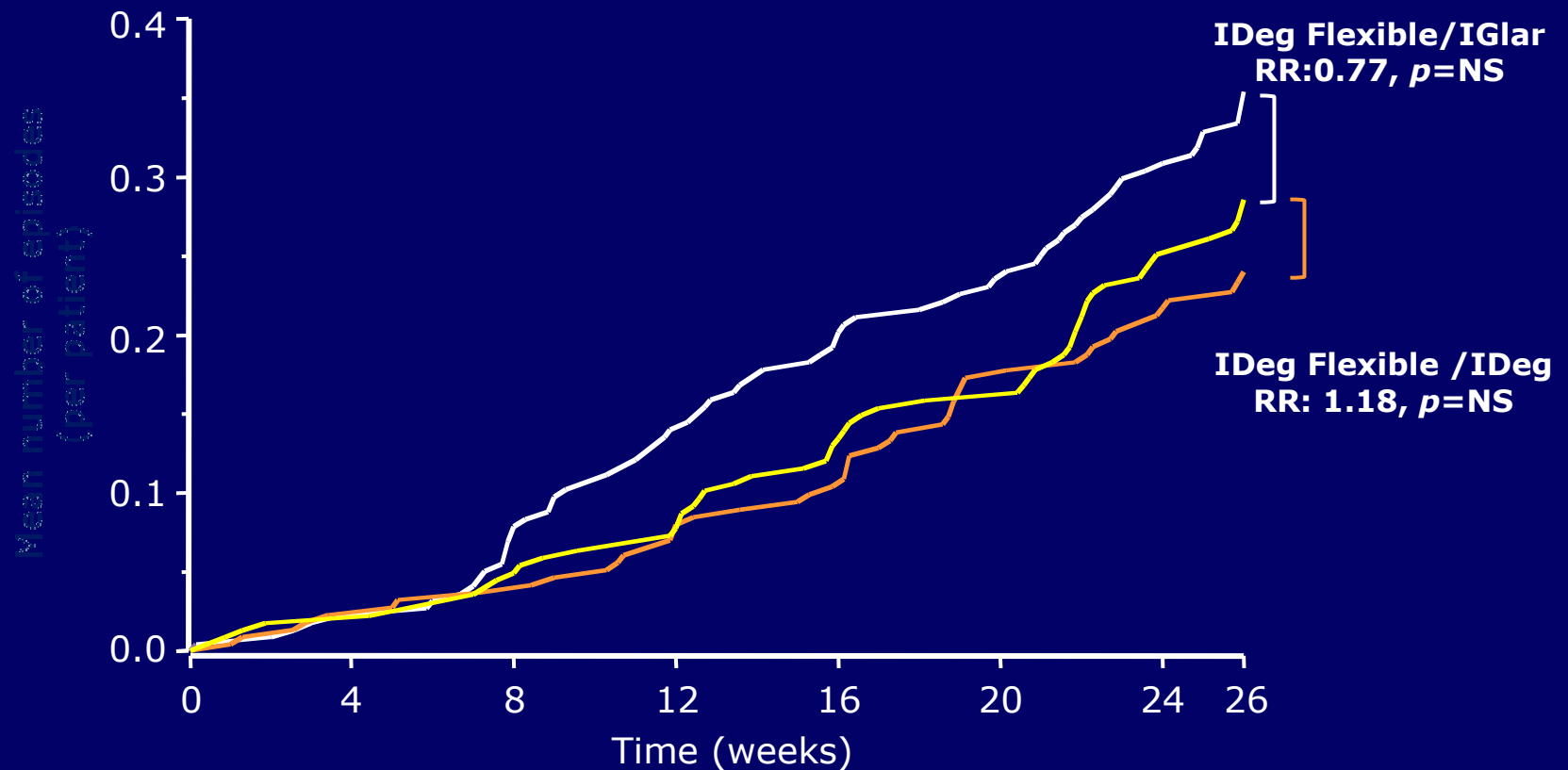
# Fasting plasma glucose over time



Mean $\pm$ SEM; FAS; LOCF  
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# Nocturnal hypoglycemia

- IDeg Flexible OD (n=230)
- IDeg Fixed OD (n=226)
- IGLar OD (n=229)



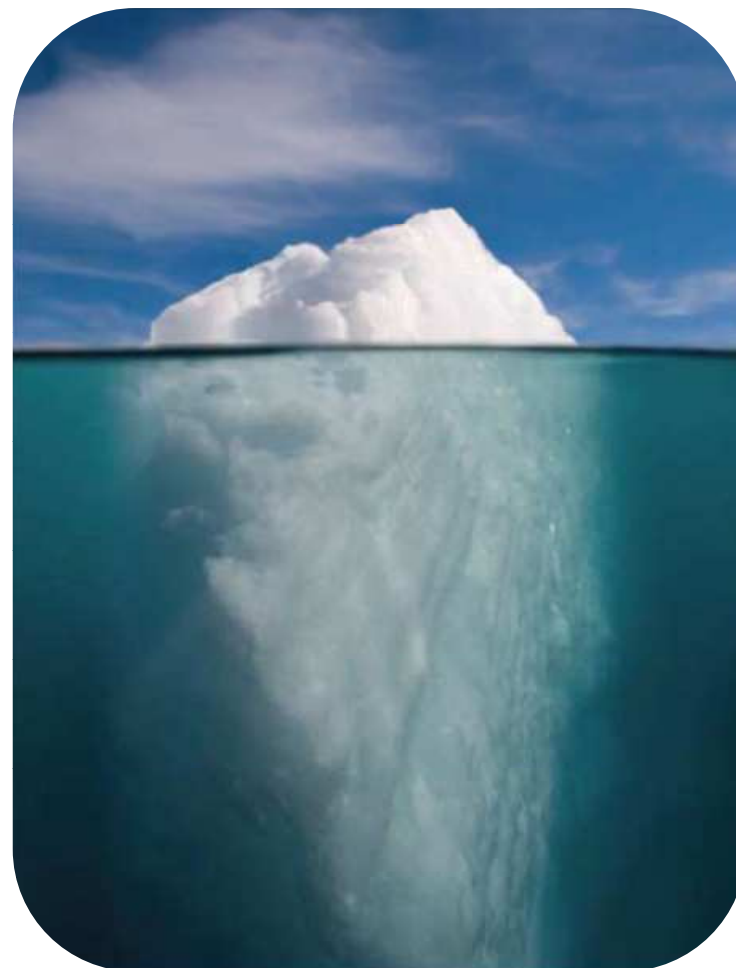
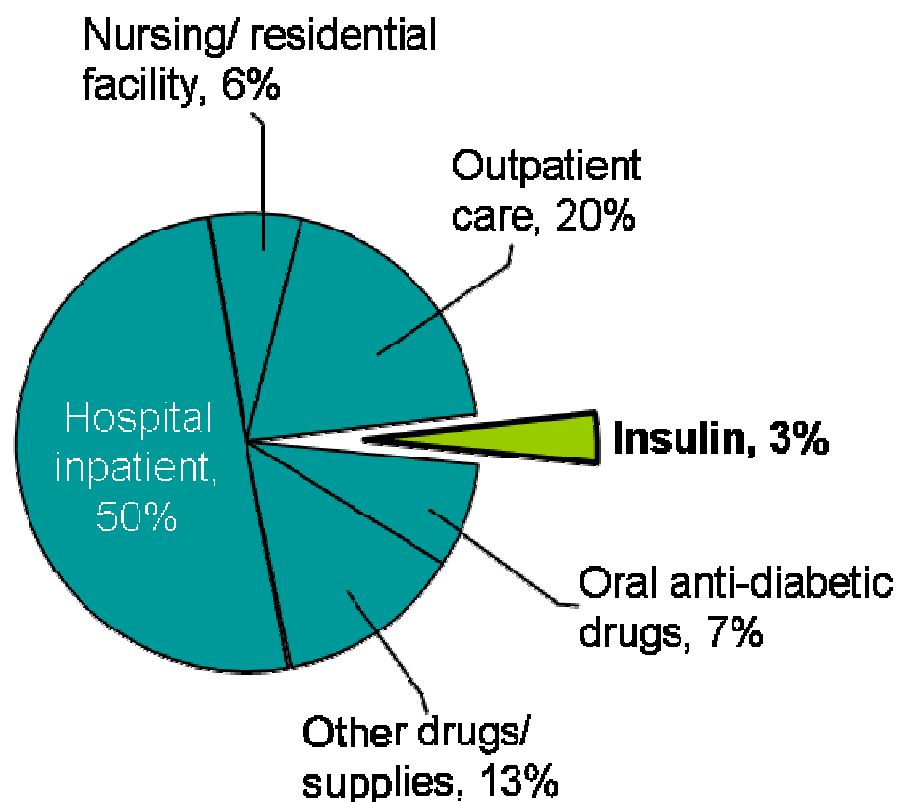
SAS

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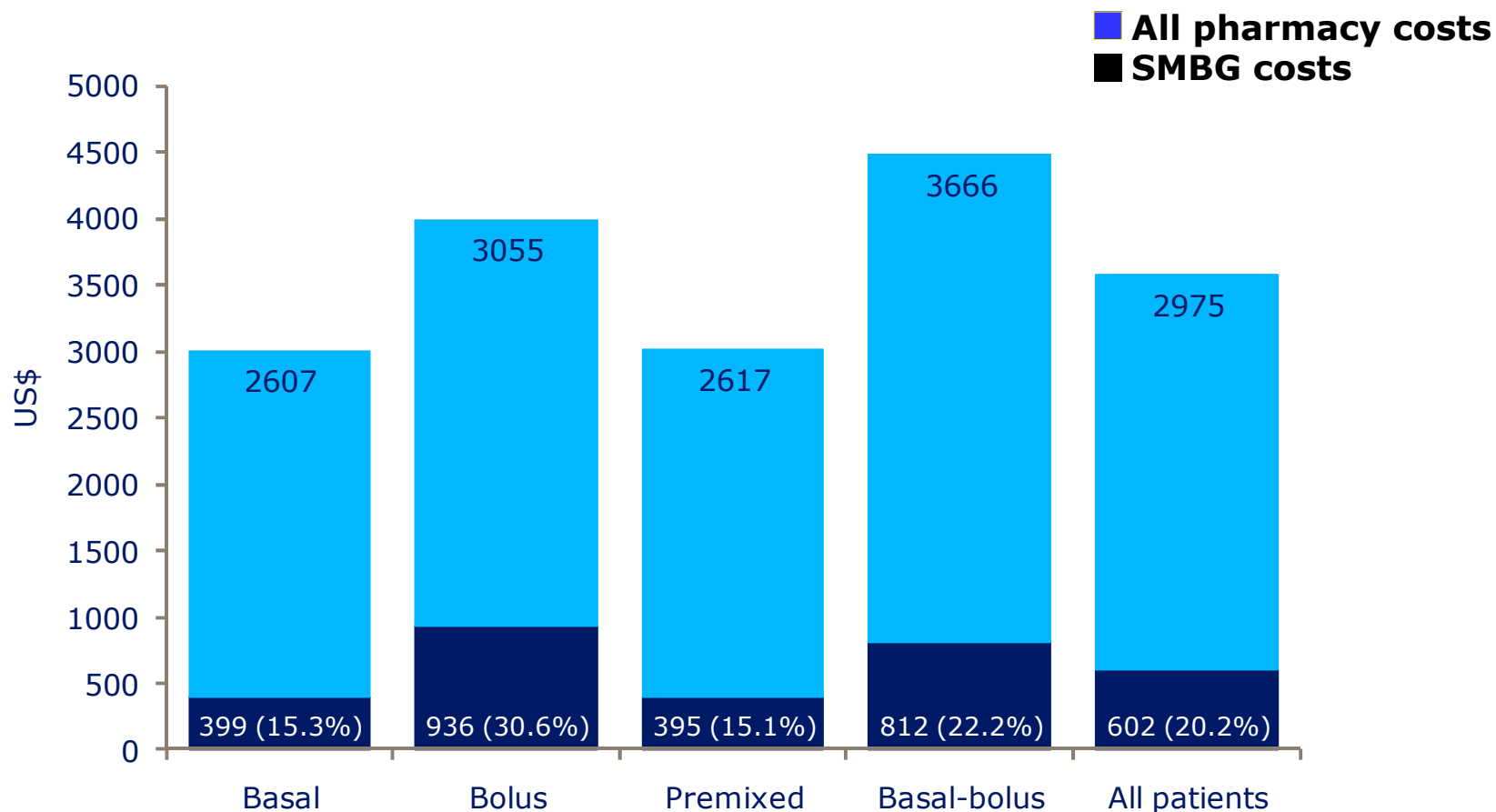
RR: relative risk for IDeg Flexible OD/IGlar OD [CI: 95% confidence interval]

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# Cost of insulin is the "tip of the iceberg"



# SMBG testing costs relative to diabetes-related pharmacy costs



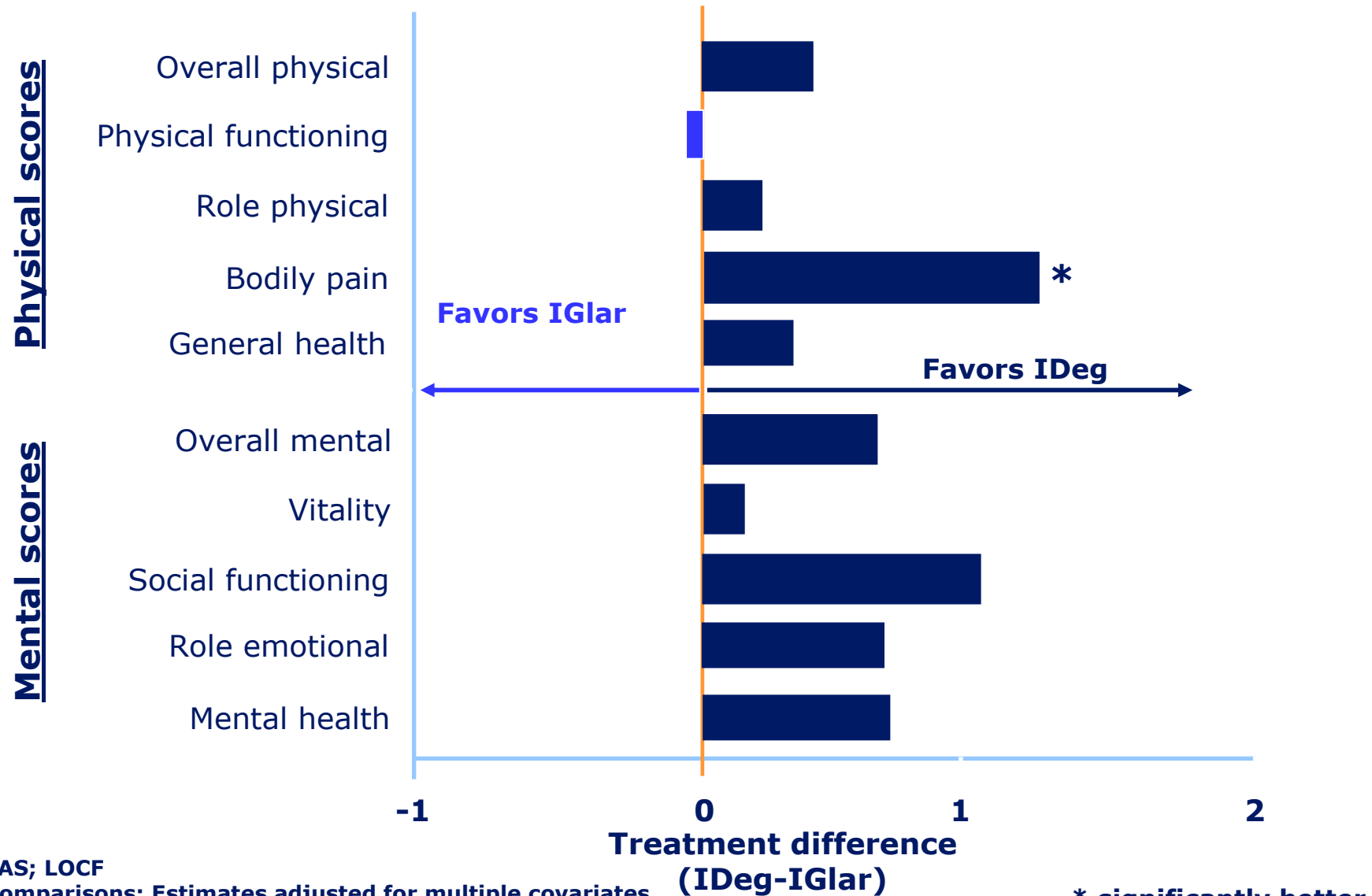
**SMBG: self-measured blood glucose**

**Yeaw et al. ADA 2011; 1183-P**



# Quality of life

## SF-36 Physical and Mental scores



FAS; LOCF

Comparisons: Estimates adjusted for multiple covariates

Garber et al. ADA 2011; 74-OR (NN1250-3582)

# CONCLUSION

El nuevo análogo de acción lenta (Insulina Degludec) es eficaz en una sola dosis y ofrece una gran seguridad. Además, permite una mayor flexibilidad de horario en su administración.



*Facilita el inicio del tratamiento insulínico.*



**Thank you for your attention !**