

I JORNADA d'Actualització en Risc Cardiovascular de la VOCALIA DE TARRAGONA de la CAMFiC

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Jesús Vizcaíno: Novetats en el maneig farmacològic de la diabetis.



Inside Guidelines

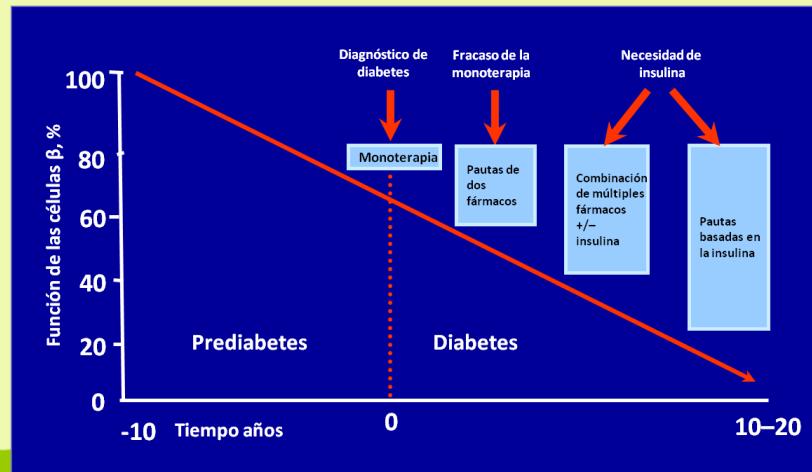
Comparative analysis of recommendations and evidence in diabetes guidelines from 13 countries

Diabetes Care 25:1933–1939, 2002

Country (ID code)	Organization responsible for guideline development	Title in English	Year of publication
Australia (AU)	NSW (New South Wales) Health Department	Improving diabetes care and outcomes. Principles of care and guidelines for the clinical management of diabetes mellitus	1996
Canada (CA)	Canadian Medical Association	Clinical practice guidelines for the management of diabetes in Canada	1998
Denmark (DK)	Danish College of General Practitioners	Non insulin demanding diabetes - NIDDM. A practical guidance for therapists	1998
England (EN)	East London Clinical Guidelines Project. Department of General Practice and Primary Care	Clinical guidelines for the management of diabetes in East London	1996
Finland (FI)	Finnish Diabetes League	Type II diabetes clinical guideline	1994
France (FR)	Agence Nationale d'Accréditation et d'Evaluation en Santé (ANAES)	a. Strategy for monitoring of type 2 diabetics, excluding monitoring of complications b. Strategy for management of type 2 diabetics, excluding management of complications	1999 2000
Italy (IT)	Italian Society for Diabetology	Diabetes mellitus. Practical guide for diagnosis and treatment	1997
The Netherlands (NL1)	Dutch Institute for Healthcare Improvement CBO	Guidelines diabetic nephropathy and cardiovascular diseases with diabetes mellitus	1998
The Netherlands (NL2)	Dutch College of General Practitioners (NHG)	Practice guideline diabetes mellitus	1999
New Zealand (NZ)	New Zealand Guidelines Group	Guidelines for the management of core aspects of diabetes care	1999
Scotland (SC)	Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines	Management of diabetic cardiovascular disease	2007
Spain (SP)	Catalan Society of Primary Care	Guideline on treatment of diabetes mellitus type 2 in primary care	1996
Switzerland (SW)	University Hospital of Geneva	Detection of diabetes mellitus. Guidelines for the outpatient's clinic	1996
USA (US1)	American Diabetes Association	Standards of medical care for patients with diabetes mellitus	2000
USA (US2)	Institute for Clinical System Improvements	Management of type 2 diabetes mellitus	2000

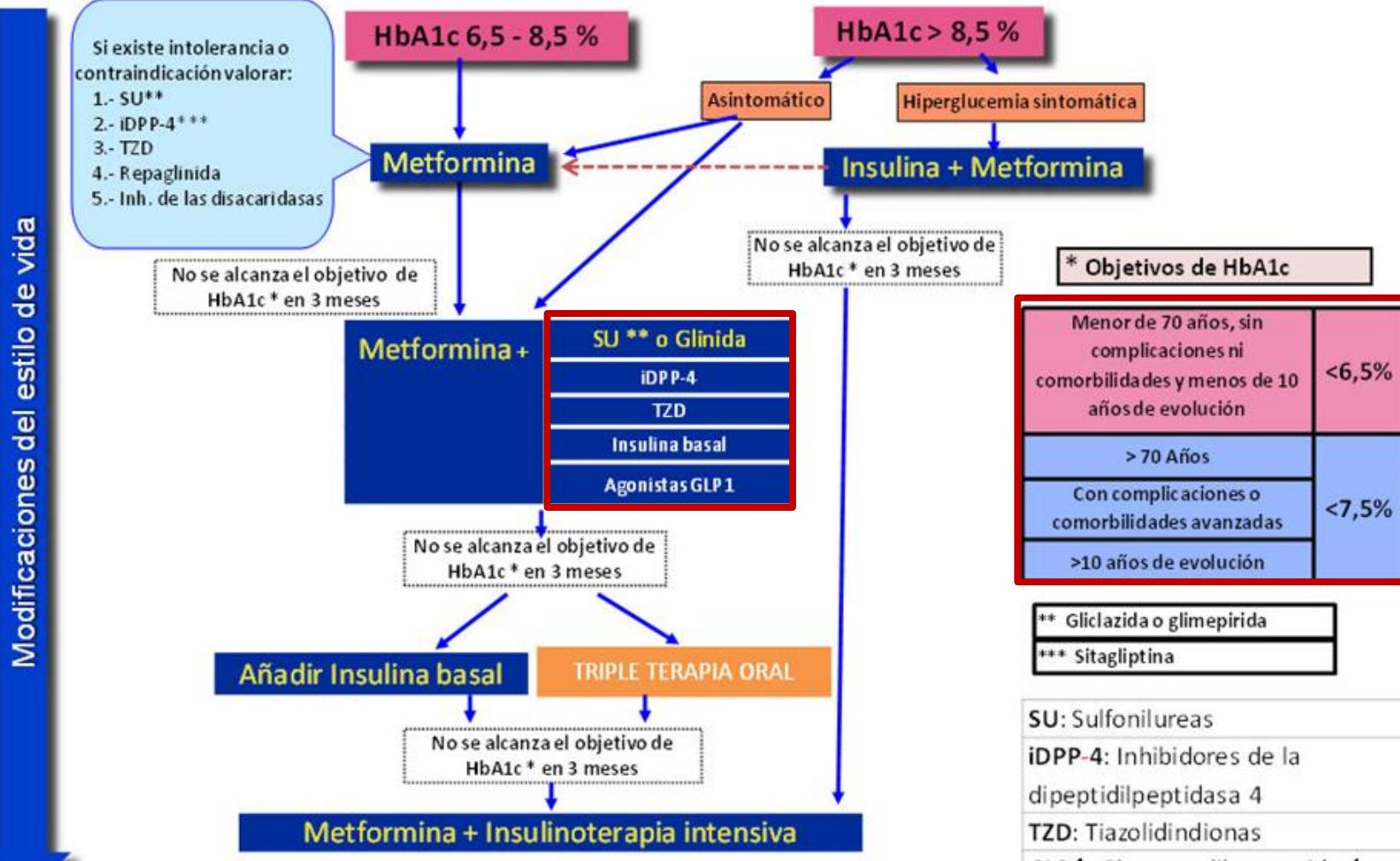


- 5) poor glycemic control should be tackled initially with diet alone, followed by oral medication and insulin if necessary, unless the patient is acutely unwell;
- 6) **sulfonylureas or biguanides** are recommended in patients with normal BMI, and **metformin** is recommended in obese patients;
- 7) a second oral agent should be added to maximum doses of an initial agent in case of poor glycemic control;
- 8) **HbA1c** is suitable for long-term monitoring and should be **8%**;
- 9) if on **insulin**, self-monitoring of blood glucose is recommended;



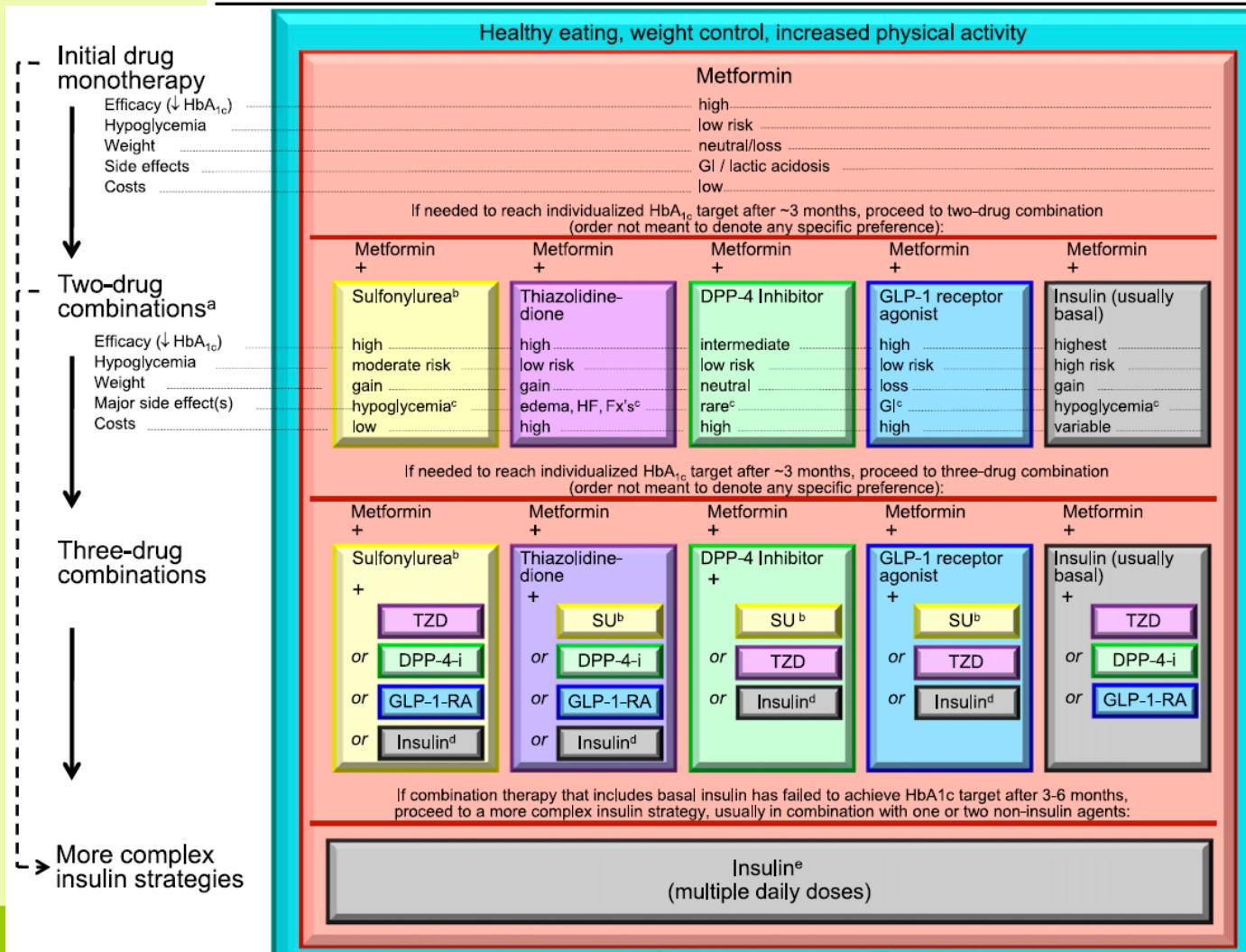
Seo

Modificaciones del estilo de vida (Terapia nutricional y ejercicio)



Management of Hyperglycemia in Type 2 Diabetes: A Patient-Centered Approach

Position Statement of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)



LIFESTYLE MODIFICATION*(Including Medically Assisted Weight Loss)*

ENTRY A1c < 7.5%

ENTRY A1c ≥ 7.5%

ENTRY A1c > 9.0%

MONOTHERAPY*

Metformin

GLP-1 RA

DPP4-i

AG-i

SGLT-2 **

TZD

SU/GLN

If A1c > 6.5%
in 3 months add
second drug
(Dual Therapy)

**DUAL THERAPY***

MET or other first-line agent	GLP-1 RA	✓
	DPP4-i	✓
	TZD	⚠
	** SGLT-2	⚠
	Basal insulin	⚠
	Colesevelam	✓
	Bromocriptine QR	✓

If not at goal in 3
months proceed
to triple therapy

**TRIPLE THERAPY***

MET or other first-line agent	GLP-1 RA	✓
	TZD	⚠
	** SGLT-2	⚠
	Basal insulin	⚠
	DPP4-i	✓
	Colesevelam	✓
	Bromocriptine QR	✓

If not at goal in 3
months proceed
to or intensify
insulin therapy

**NO SYMPTOMS**

DUAL
THERAPY
OR
TRIPLE
THERAPY

SYMPTOMS

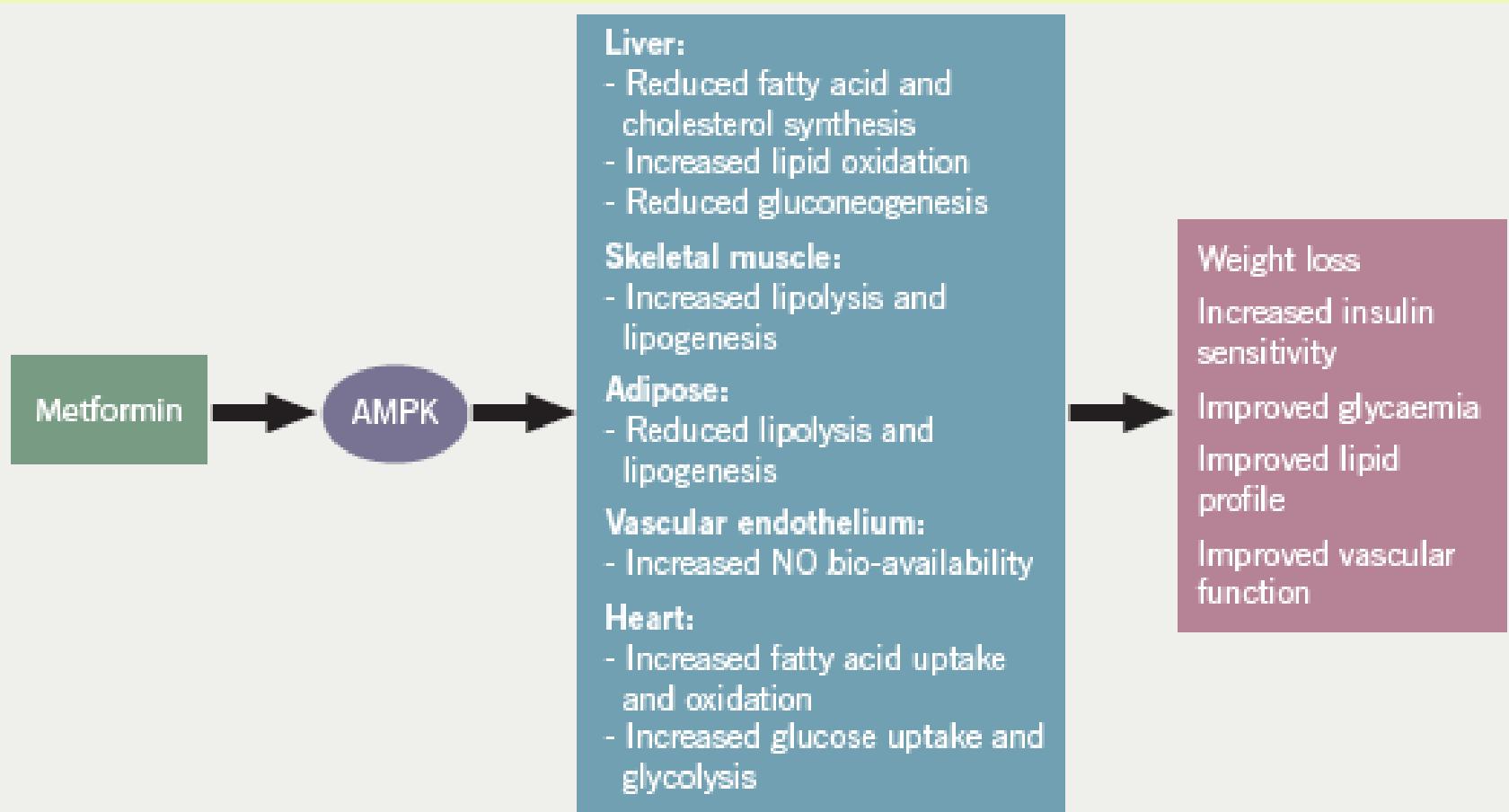
INSULIN
± OTHER
AGENTS

ADD OR INTENSIFY INSULIN

LEGEND

✓ = Few adverse events
or possible benefits ⚠ = Use with caution

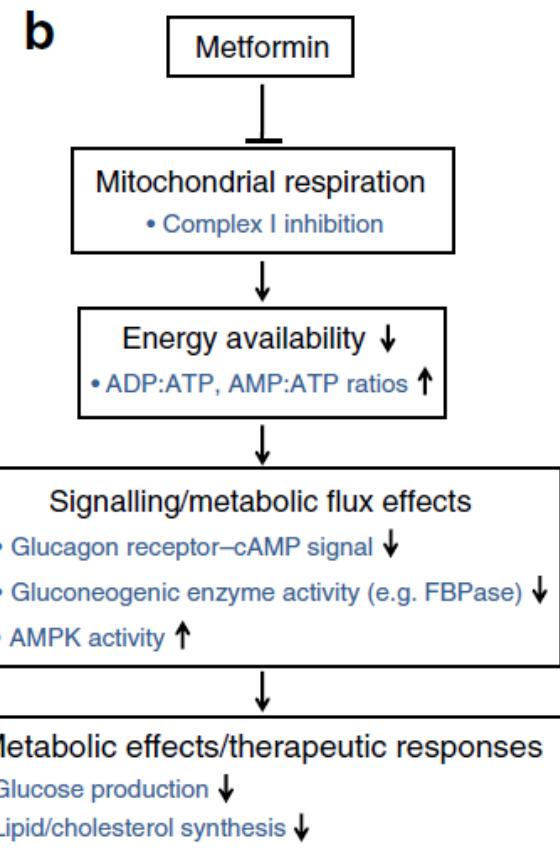
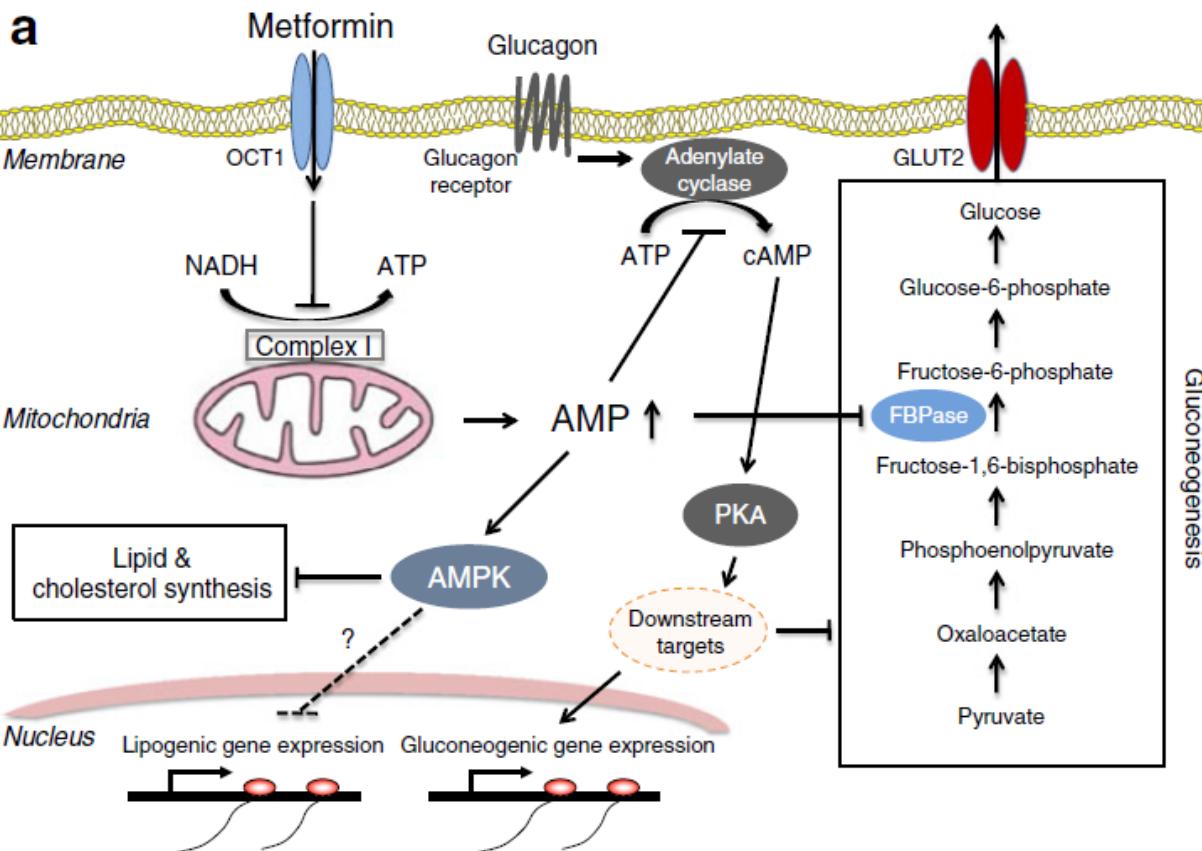
METFORMINA



Key: AMPK = adenosine monophosphate activated protein kinase; NO = nitric oxide

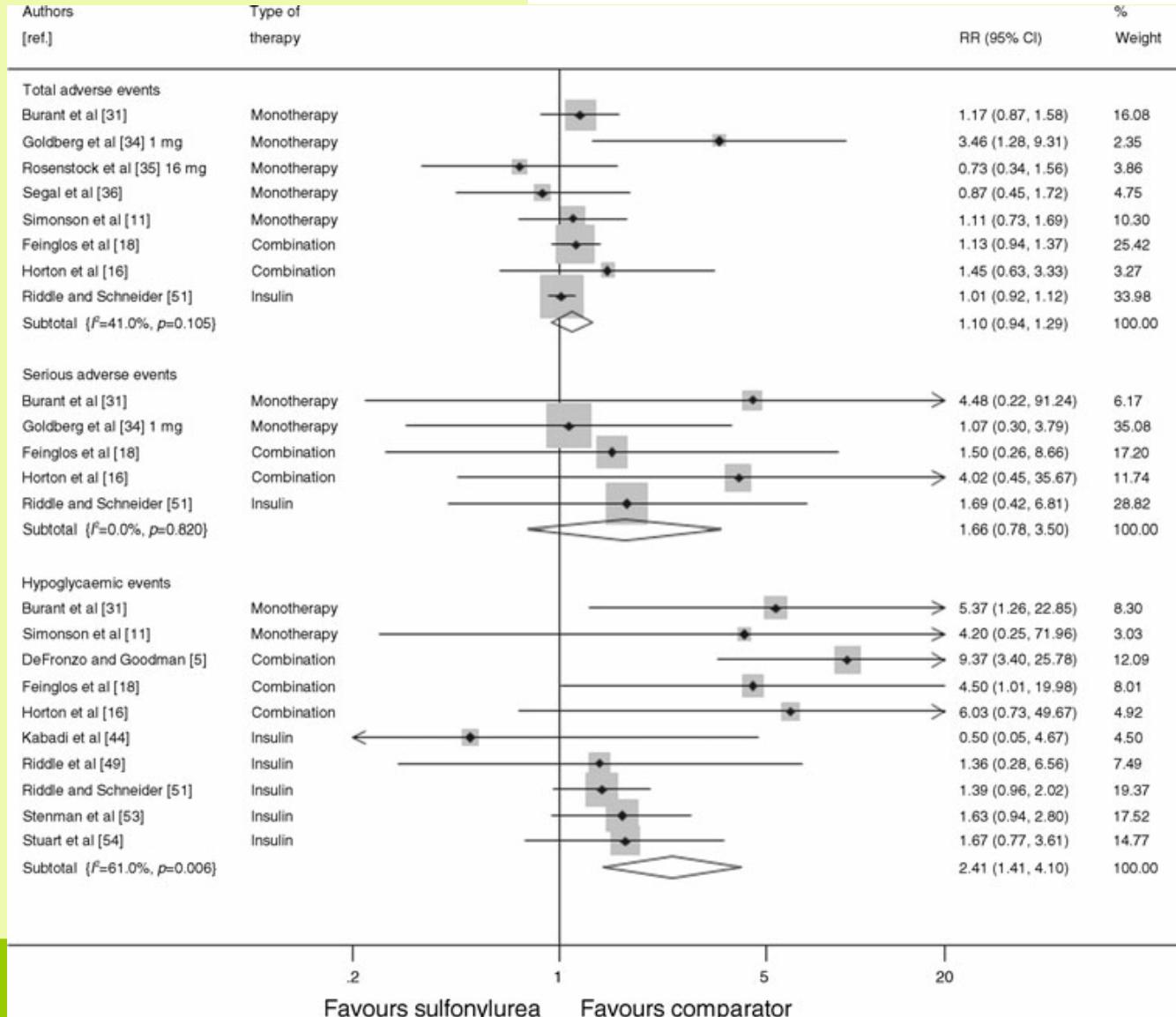
Molecular mechanism of action of metformin: old or new insights?

Graham Rena · Ewan R. Pearson · Kei Sakamoto



Estimating the effect of sulfonylurea on HbA_{1c} in diabetes: a systematic review and meta-analysis

J. A. Hirst • A. J. Farmer • A. Dyar • T. W. C. Lung •
R. J. Stevens



Diabetologia
(2013)
56:973–984

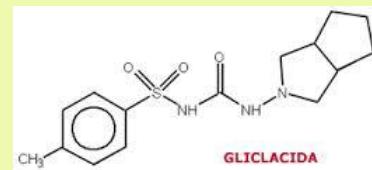
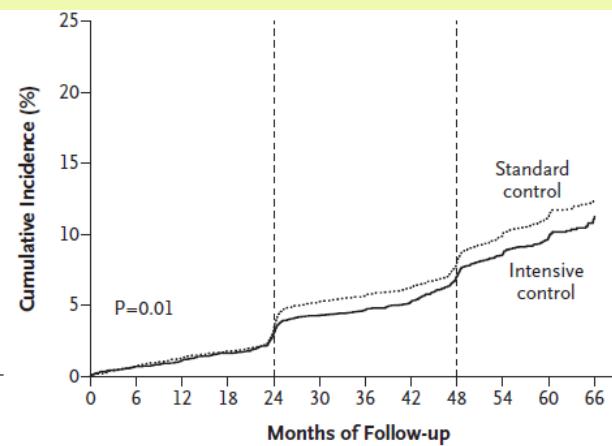
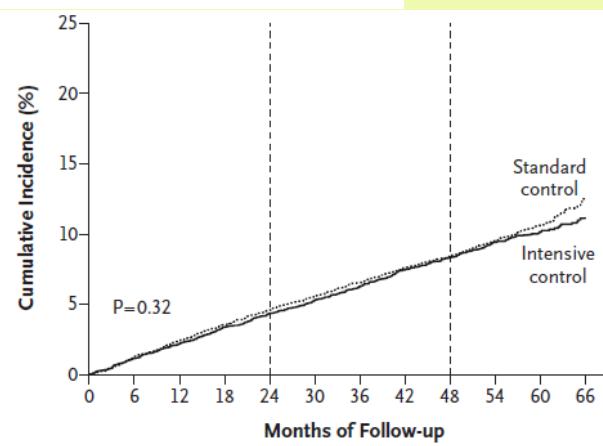
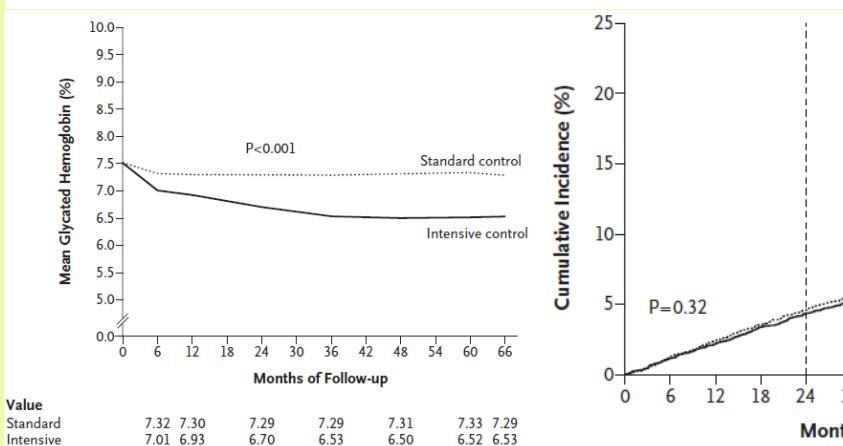




La Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS) ha catalogado la **gliclazida, como medicamento esencial en el tratamiento de diabetes tipo 2 al ser incluido en la nueva **Lista de Medicamentos Esenciales****

Intensive Blood Glucose Control and Vascular Outcomes in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

The ADVANCE Collaborative Group*



TIAZOLINDINDIONAS

Safety Announcement

[15-6-2011] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is informing the public that use of the diabetes medication **Actos (pioglitazone)** for more than one year **may be associated with an increased risk of bladder cancer**. Information about this risk will be added to the *Warnings and Precautions* section of the label for pioglitazone-containing medicines. The patient Medication Guide for these medicines will also be revised to include information on the risk of bladder cancer.

FDA Drug Safety Communication: Ongoing Safety Review of Actos (pioglitazone) and Potential Increased Risk of Bladder Cancer After Two Years Exposure

17-09-2010 Bladder cancer is estimated to occur in 20 per 100,000 persons per year in the United States and is thought to be higher in diabetics.



TIAZOLINDINDIONAS

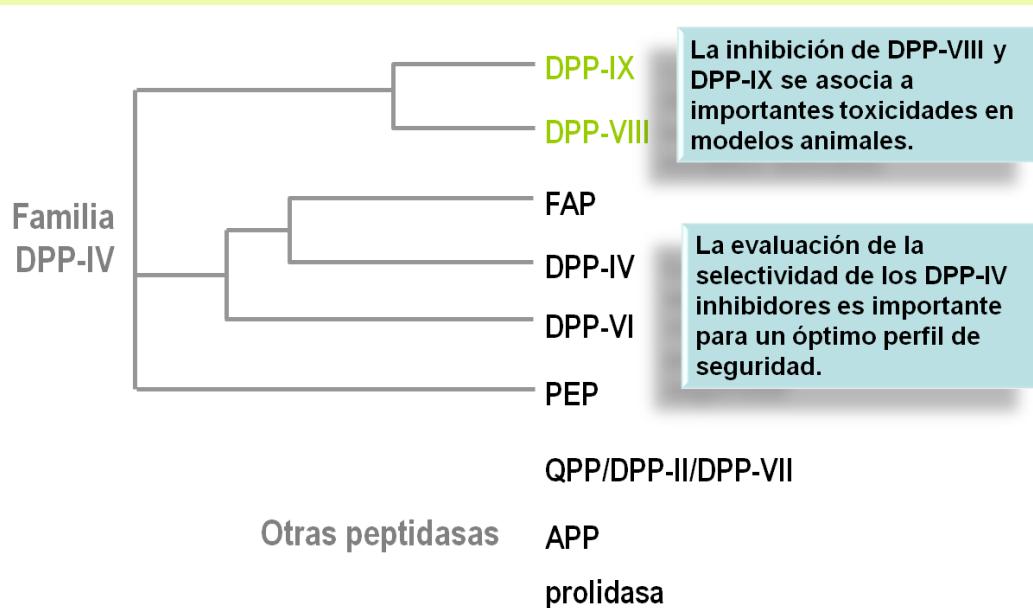
Safety Announcement

[18-5-2011] The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is informing the public of new **restrictions to the prescribing and use of rosiglitazone**-containing medicines. These medicines to treat type II diabetes are sold under the names Avandia, Avandamet, and Avandaryl. Healthcare providers and patients must enroll in a special program in order to prescribe and receive these drugs.

The new restrictions are part of a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS)—a program FDA may require to manage serious risks of marketed drugs. The restrictions are based on data that suggested an **elevated risk of heart attacks** in patients treated with **rosiglitazone**. The decision to restrict access to rosiglitazone medicines was made on September 23, 2010.



ESPECIFICIDAD



DPP-IV: dipeptidil peptidasa-IV;
 FAP: proteína activadora de los fibroblastos;
 PEP: prolil endopeptidasa;
 QPP: *quiescent cell proline dipeptidase*;
 APP: aminopeptidasa P.

Lankas GR, et al. *Diabetes*. 2005; 54: 2988-2994.

Fármaco	Selectividad	QPP /DPP-II	PEP	FAP α	DPP-VIII	DPP-IX
Sitagliptina	Alta	> 5.550	> 5.550	> 5.550	> 2.660	> 5.550
Vildagliptina	Moderada	> 100.000	60.000	285	270	32
Saxagliptina	Moderada	> 50.000	No comunicado	> 4.000	390	77
Linagliptina	Moderada	> 100.000	> 100.000	89	40.000	> 10.000

INDICACIONES Y ASOCIACIONES

Modo de administración:

	Sitagliptina	Vildagliptina	Saxagliptina	Linagliptina
	1 al día	2 al día 1 x día (con SU reducción de dosis)	1 al día	1 al día
Monoterapia	*	*		**
Asociado a metformina	✓	✓	✗	✓
Asociado a sulfonilurea	✓	✓	✓	✓
Asociado a glitazonas	✓	✓	✓	✗
Triple terapia con metformina + sulfonilurea	✓	✗	✗	✓
Triple terapia con metformina + glitazonas	✓	✗	✗	✗
Añadido a insulina	✓	✗	✓	✗

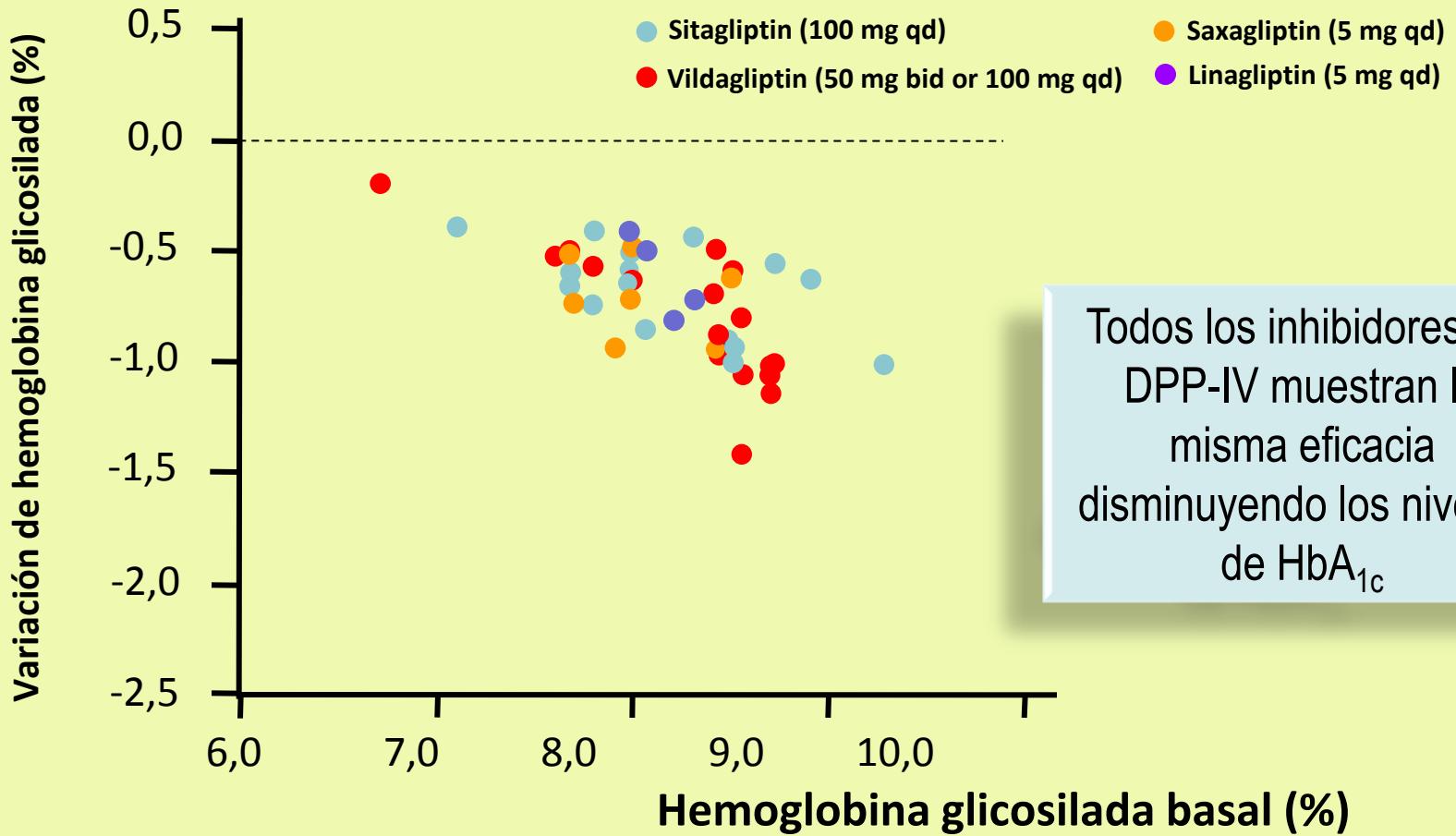
* En caso de contraindicación o intolerancia a metformina

** En pacientes controlados inadecuadamente con dieta y ejercicio por sí solos y en los que la metformina no es adecuada por intolerancia o está contraindicada debido a I. Renal

EMEA: Agencia Europea de Medicinas. AGEMED: Agencia Española del Medicamento y Productos Sanitarios

EFICACIA IDPP-IV

Estudios de ≥ 12 semanas de duración



POBLACIONES ESPECIALES

	I. Renal			I. Hepática	
	Leve (Acl Cr ≥ 50 ml/min)	Moderada (Acl Cr ≥ 30- < 50 mg/ml)	Grave/terminal (Acl Cr < 30 ml/min)	Leve/moderada Child-Pugh 5-9	Grave Child-Pugh ≥ 10
Sitagliptina	✓	½ dosis 50mg	¼dosis 25mg	✓	No se dispone de experiencia clínica
Vildagliptina	✓	½ dosis	½ dosis	No recomendado	No recomendado
Saxagliptina	✓	½ dosis	½ dosis/No recomendado*	Leve: ✓ Moderada: Precaución	No recomendado
Linagliptina	✓	✓	✓	✓	No se dispone de experiencia clínica
Alogliptina	✓	½ dosis	½ dosis	✓	No se dispone de experiencia clínica

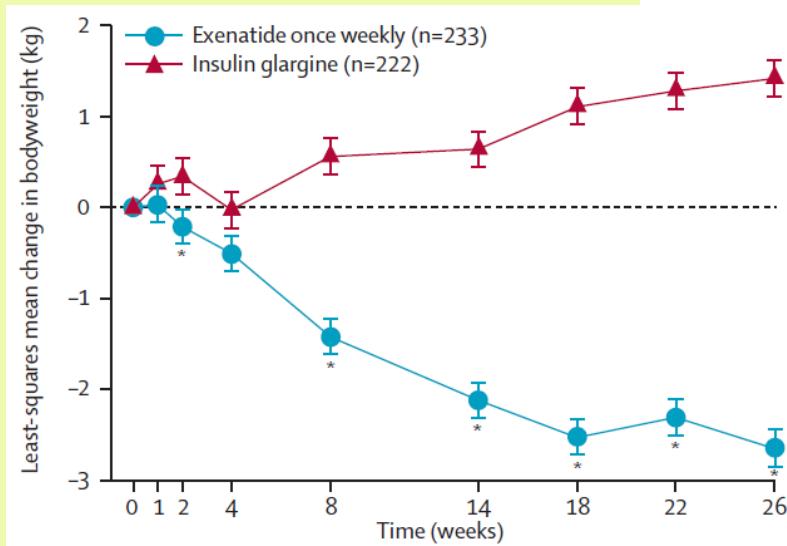
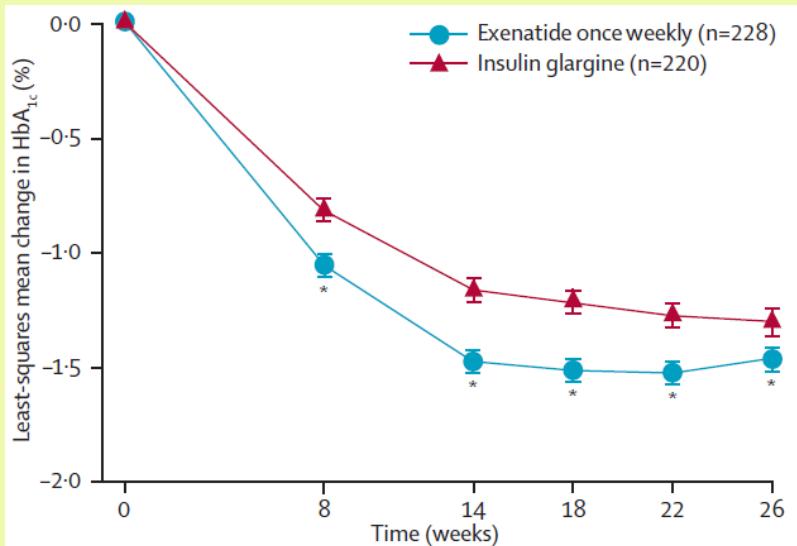
***No recomendado si enfermedad renal terminal con diálisis.**

Vildagliptina precisa monitorización hepática .

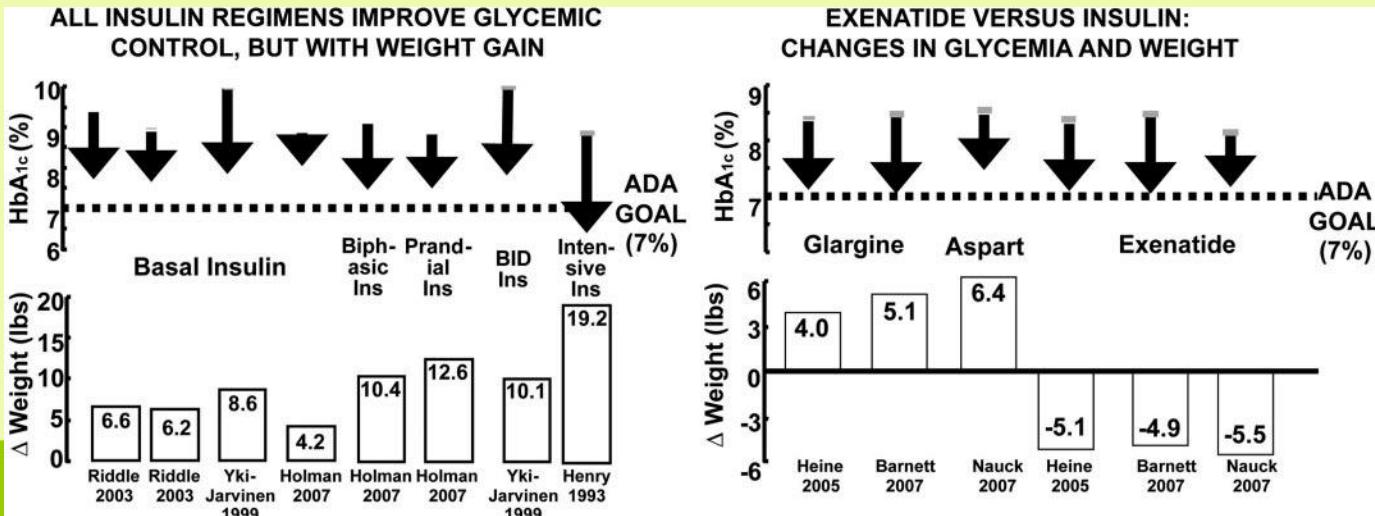
Once weekly exenatide compared with insulin glargine titrated to target in patients with type 2 diabetes (DURATION-3): an open-label randomised trial

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Lancet 2010; 375: 2234–43



**Effect of insulin (Ins)
and exenatide on
A1C and body
weight in type 2
diabetic subjects**



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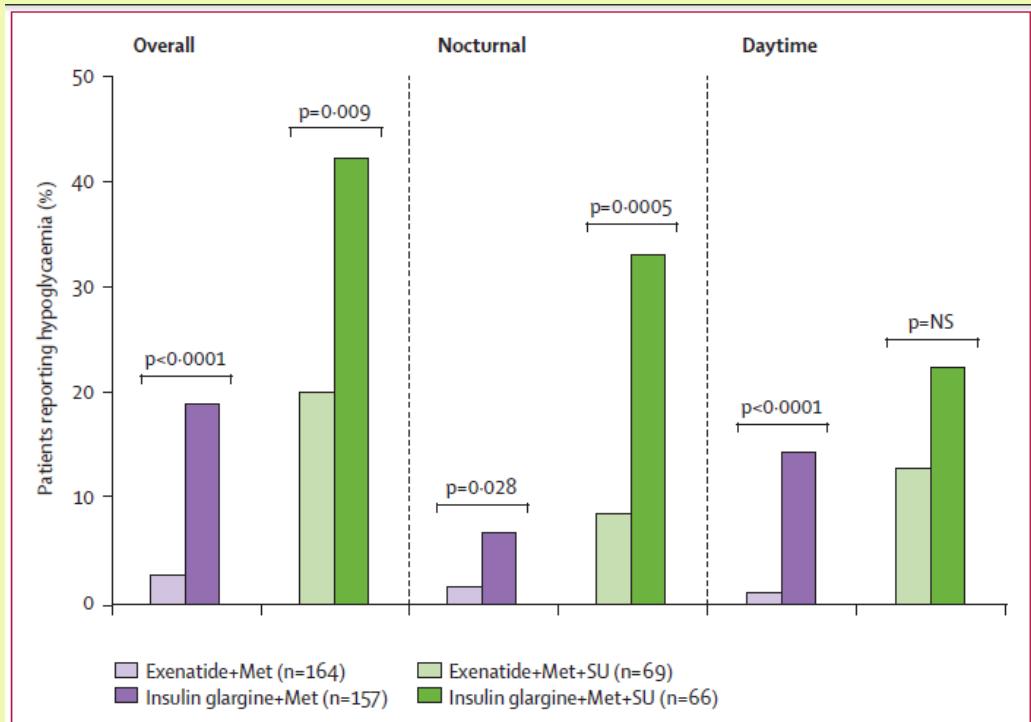
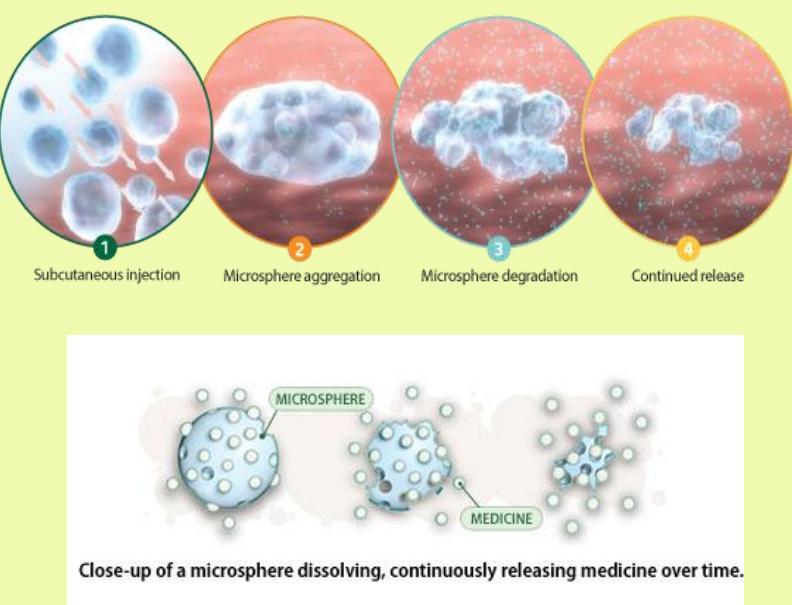
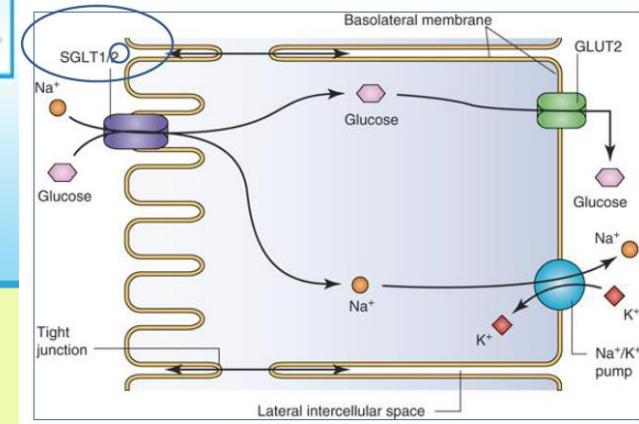
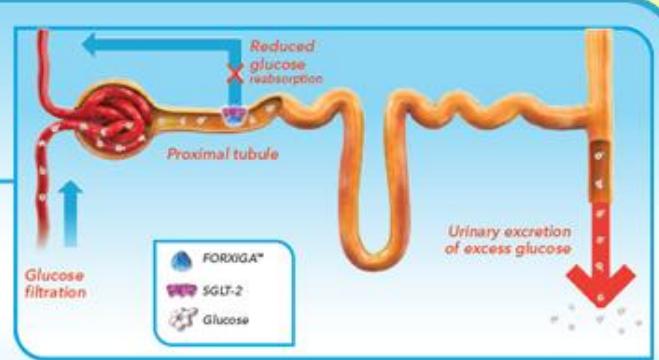
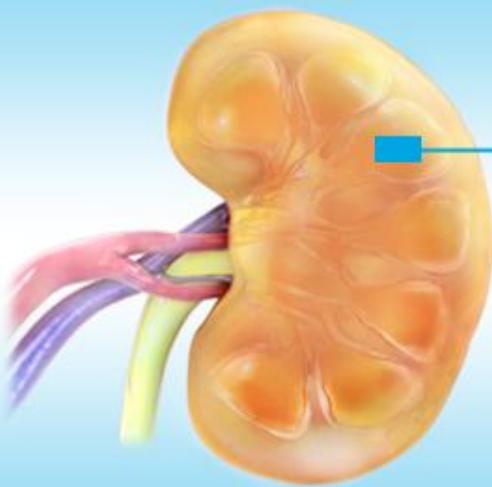


Figure 6: Rates of confirmed minor hypoglycaemia in patients taking exenatide once weekly or insulin glargine titrated to target, by oral blood-glucose-lowering treatment
Met=metformin. SU=sulphonylurea. NS=not significant.



INHIBIDORES SGLT2



SGLT1

Site	Intestine, kidney
Renal location	Late proximal straight tubule (S3 segment)
Sugar specificity	Glucose or galactose
Glucose affinity	High ($K_m = 0.4 \text{ mM}$)
Glucose transport capacity	Low
Renal glucose reabsorption (%)	~ 10%
Role	Dietary absorption of glucose and galactose, renal glucose reabsorption. Mutation in the gene for SGLT1 results in carbohydrate malabsorption and severe diarrhea

SGLT2

Kidney
Early proximal convoluted tubule (S1 segment)
Glucose
Low ($K_m = 2 \text{ mM}$)
High
~ 90%
Renal glucose reabsorption. Inhibition of SGLT2 as a rational target of therapy for T2DM is based on pathology of familial renal glycosuria

Inhibitors of type 2 sodium glucose co-transporters – a new strategy for diabetes treatment

Pharmacol Rep. 2009 Sep-Oct;61(5):778-84.

Aleksandra Bołdys, Bogusław Okopień

SGLT2 inhibitor	Clinical development	Clinical study	Dose of medication (mg)	Blood glucose reduction (mg%)
Dapagliflozin	III phase	12-weeks prospective, randomized parallel-group, double-blind, placebo- controlled (study from the II phase)	2.5, 5, 10, 20, 50	16–31
Remogliflozin	II phase	randomized, double-blind, parallel assignment, safety/efficacy study	no publication to date	no publication to date
Sergliflozin	II phase	double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study (evaluation weight loss, safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics in obese subjects following 12-week dosing*)	500, 1000 *	—
AVE - 2268	phase IIb	—	—	—
JNJ-28431754	II phase	double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-dummy, parallel group, multicenter, dose-ranging	50, 100, 200, 300	no publication up to date
ISIS 388626	Preclinical	—	—	—

Sodium Glucose Co-transporter Type 2 (SGLT2) Inhibitors: Targeting the Kidney to Improve Glycemic Control in Diabetes Mellitus

Diabetes Therapy 2013 Oct 19.

Table 2 SGLT2 inhibitors in clinical development

Compound	Sponsor	Development phase	Expected approval/launch date
Dapagliflozin	Bristol Myers Squibb, AstraZeneca	3	EMA approval given in November 2012; recent NDA resubmission to FDA
Canagliflozin	Janssen (Johnson & Johnson), Mitsubishi Tanabe	3	FDA approval given in March 2013; EMA decision awaited
Empagliflozin	Boehringer Ingelheim, Lilly	3	Applications filed with FDA (NDA) and with EMA (MAA) in March 2013
Ipragliflozin	Astellas, Kotobuki	3	Marketing approval filed with Japanese regulatory body in March 2013
Luseogliflozin	Taisho	3	Marketing approval filed with Japanese regulatory body in April 2013
Tofogliflozin	Chugai, Kowa, Sanofi	3	Marketing approval filed with Japanese regulatory body in June 2013
Ertugliflozin (PF04971729)	Pfizer, Merck & Co.	2	Not applicable
LX4211	Lexicon Pharmaceuticals	2	Not applicable
EGT0001442	Theracos	2	Not applicable

EMA European Medicines Agency, *FDA* Food and Drug Administration (United States), *MAA* marketing authorization application, *NDA* New Drug Application, *SGLT2* sodium glucose co-transporter

GLITAZARES

Am Heart J. 2013 Sep;166(3):429-34. doi: 10.1016/j.ahj.2013.05.013. Epub 2013 Jul 26.

Evaluation of the dual peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor α/γ agonist aleglitazar to reduce cardiovascular events in patients with acute coronary syndrome and type 2 diabetes mellitus: rationale and design of the AleCardio trial.

Lincoff AM, Tardif JC, Neal B, Nicholls SJ, Rydén L, Schwartz GG, Malmberg K, Buse JB, Henry RR, Wedel H, Weichert A, Cannata R, Grobbee DE.

The safety concerns relate to 3 things: bone fractures, heart failure, and gastrointestinal bleeding

Conclusions: AleCardio will establish whether the PPAR- α/γ agonist aleglitazar improves cardiovascular outcomes in patients with diabetes and high-risk coronary disease.

Retirada de los otros glitazares en estudio en el 2006:

- **Muraglitazar (aumento del riesgo cardiovascular)**
- **Tesaglitazar (problemas renales)**



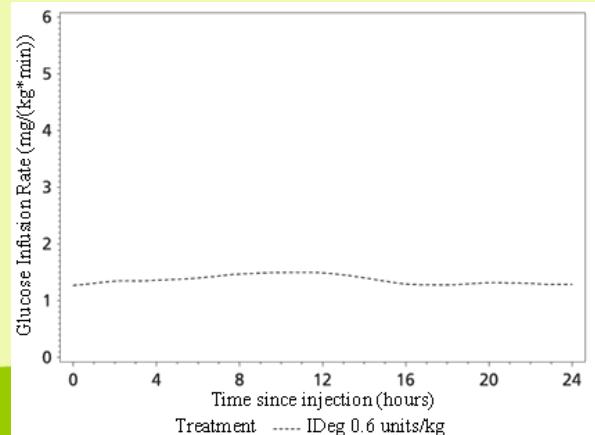
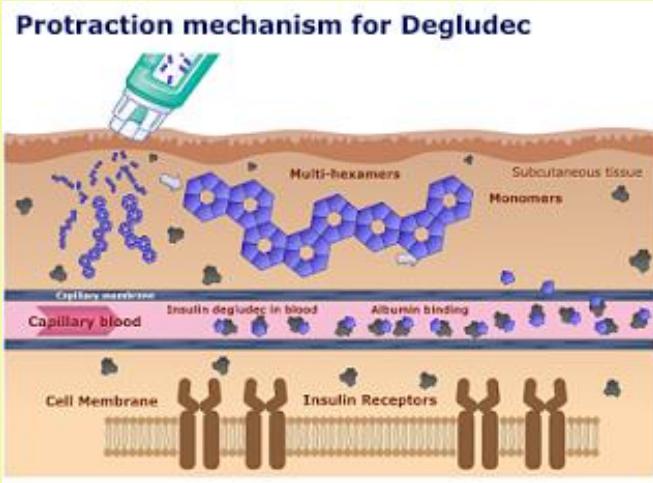
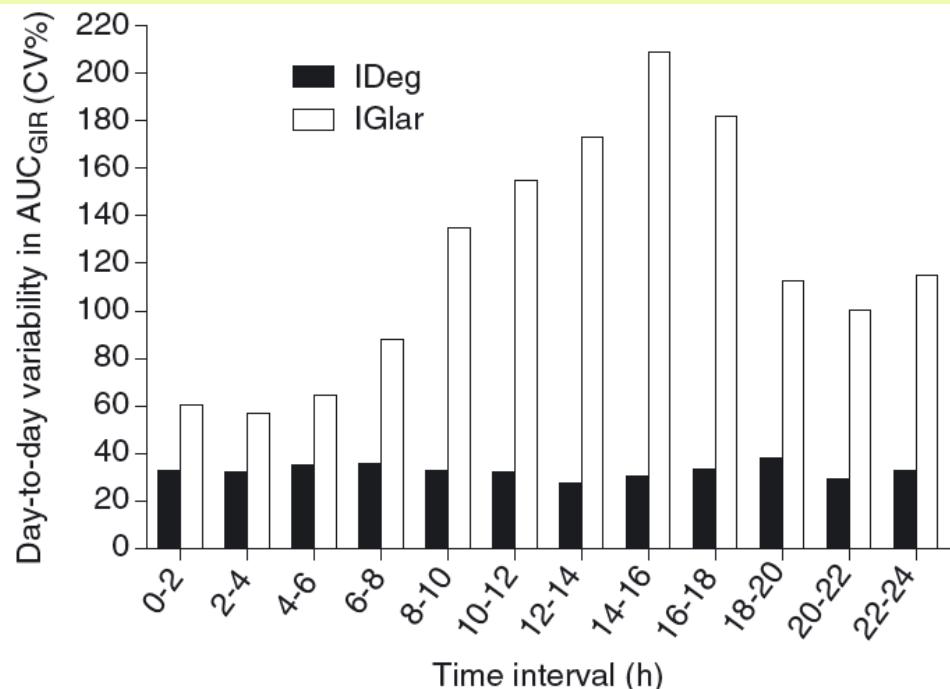
Insulin degludec, an ultra-longacting basal insulin, versus insulin glargine in basal-bolus treatment with mealtime insulin aspart in type 2 diabetes (BEGIN Basal-Bolus Type 2): a phase 3, randomised, open-label, treat-to-target non-inferiority trial.

Garber AJ, King AB, Del Prato S, Sreenan S, Balci MK, Muñoz-Torres M, Rosenstock J, Endahl LA, Francisco AM, Hollander P; NN1250-3582 (BEGIN BB T2D) Trial Investigators.

Tresiba® and Ryzodeg® receive marketing authorisations in Europe (21 January 2013)

[Read the full announcement in PDF format](#)

Bagsværd, Denmark, 21 January 2013 - Novo Nordisk today announced that the European Commission has granted marketing authorisations for Tresiba® (insulin degludec) and Ryzodeg® (insulin degludec/insulin aspart) for the treatment of diabetes in adults. The authorisations cover all 27 European Union member states.



INSULINAS ALTERNATIVAS

- Nasal
- Bucal
- Oral
- Inhalada
- Transdérmica



	Sensitizers	Biguanides	Metformin [#] · Buformin [‡] · Phenformin [‡]
		TZDs/"glitazones" (PPAR)	Pioglitazone · Rivoglitazone [†] · Rosiglitazone · Troglitazone [‡]
		Dual PPAR agonists	Aleglitazar [†] · Muraglitazar [§] · Saroglitazar · Tesaglitazar [§]
Insulin	Secretagogues	K ⁺ ATP	<p>Sulfonylureas</p> <p>1st generation: Acetohexamide · Carbutamide · Chlorpropamide · Metahexamide · Tolbutamide · Tolazamide</p> <p>2nd generation: Glibenclamide (Glyburide)[#] · Glibornuride · Glipizide · Gliquidone · Glisoxepide · Glycipyramide · Glimepiride · Gliclazide</p> <p>Meglitinides/"glinides"</p> <p>Nateglinide · Repaglinide · Mitiglinide</p>
		GLP-1 agonists	Exenatide · Liraglutide · Taspoglutide [†] · Albiglutide [†] · Lixisenatide
		DPP-4 inhibitors	Alogliptin · Anagliptin · Gemigliptin · Linagliptin · Saxagliptin · Sitagliptin · Teneligliptin · Vildagliptin
		GPR40 Free fatty acid receptor 1	Fasiglifam [†]
		Analogs/other insulins	fast-acting (Insulin lispro · Insulin aspart · Insulin glulisine) · short-acting (Regular insulin) · long-acting (Insulin glargine · Insulin detemir · NPH insulin) · ultra-long-acting (Insulin degludec [†]) · inhalable Exubera [‡]
	Alpha-glucosidase inhibitors	Acarbose · Miglitol · Voglibose	
	Amylin analog	Pramlintide	
Other	SGLT2 inhibitors	Canagliflozin · Dapagliflozin · Empagliflozin [†] · Remogliplozin [§] · Sergliflozin [§] · Tofogliflozin [†]	
	Other	Bromocriptine · Benfluorex [‡] · Tolrestat [‡]	

[#]WHO-EM · [‡]Withdrawn from market · Clinical trials: ([†]Phase III · [§]Never to phase III)



PROFILES OF ANTIDIABETIC MEDICATIONS



	MET	DPP-4i	GLP-1 RA	TZD	AGI	COLS VL	BCR-QR	SU GLN	INSULIN	SGLT-2	PRAML
HYPO	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate/ Severe Mild	Moderate to Severe	Neutral	Neutral
WEIGHT	Slight Loss	Neutral	Loss	Gain	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Gain	Gain	Loss	Loss
RENAL/ GU	Contra- indicated Stage 3B,4,5	Dose Adjustment May be Necessary (Except Linagliptin)	Exenatide Contra- indicated CrCl < 30	May Worsen Fluid Retention	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	More Hypo Risk	More Hypo Risk & Fluid Retention	Infections	Neutral
GI Sx	Moderate	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Moderate	Mild	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate
CHF	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
CVD	Benefit			Neutral			Safe	?			
BONE	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Moderate Bone Loss	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	?	Neutral



Few adverse events or possible benefits



Use with caution



Likelihood of adverse effects

INDIVIDUALIZAR

– “no hay enfermedades, sino enfermos”



DYSLIPIDEMIA

HYPERTENSION

THERAPEUTIC LIFESTYLE CHANGES (See Obesity Algorithm)

LIPID PANEL: Assess CVD Risk

Statin Therapy
If statin-intolerant

Try alternate statin, lower statin dose or frequency, or add nonstatin LDL-C-lowering therapies

If TG > 500 mg/dL, fibrates, omega-3 ethyl esters, niacin

Repeat lipid panel; assess adequacy, tolerance of therapy

Intensify therapies to attain goals according to risk levels

RISK LEVELS	MODERATE	DM but no other major risk and/or age <40	HIGH	DM + major CVD risk(s) (HTN, Fam Hx, low HDL-C, smoking) or CVD*
	DESIRABLE LEVELS		DESIRABLE LEVELS	
LDL-C (mg/dL)	<100		<70	
Non-HDL-C (mg/dL)	<130		<100	
TG (mg/dL)	<150		<150	
TC/HDL-C	<3.5		<3.0	
Apo B (mg/dL)	<90		<80	
LDL-P (nmol/L)	<1200		<1000	

If not at desirable levels:

Intensify TLC (weight loss, physical activity, dietary changes) and glycemic control; Consider additional therapy

To lower LDL-C:

To lower Non-HDL-C, TG:

To lower Apo B, LDL-P:

Intensify statin, add ezetimibe &/or coleselam &/or niacin

Intensify statin &/or add OM3EE &/or fibrates &/or niacin

Intensify statin &/or ezetimibe &/or coleselam &/or niacin

Assess adequacy & tolerance of therapy with focused laboratory evaluations and patient follow-up

* even more intensive therapy might be warranted

GOAL: SYSTOLIC ~130,
DIASTOLIC ~80 mm Hg

ACEi
or
ARB

For initial blood pressure >150/100 mm Hg: Dual therapy

ACEi or ARB	+	Thiazide <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Calcium Channel Blocker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		B-blocker <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If not at goal (2-3 months)

Add B-blocker or calcium channel blocker or thiazide diuretic

If not at goal (2-3 months)

Add next agent from the above group, repeat

If not at goal (2-3 months)

Additional choices (a-blockers, central agents, vasodilators, spironolactone)

Achievement of target blood pressure is critical

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Patient Characteristics/ Health Status	Rationale	Reasonable A1C Goal (A Lower Goal May Be Set for an Individual if Achievable without Recurrent or Severe Hypoglycemia or Undue Treatment Burden)	Fasting or Preprandial Glucose (mg/dL)	Bedtime Glucose (mg/dL)	Blood Pressure (mmHg)	Lipids
Healthy (Few coexisting chronic illnesses, intact cognitive and functional status)	Longer remaining life expectancy	<7.5%	90–130	90–150	<140/80	Statin unless contraindicated or not tolerated
Complex/intermediate (Multiple coexisting chronic illnesses ^a or 2+ instrumental ADL impairments or mild to moderate cognitive impairment)	Intermediate remaining life expectancy, high treatment burden, hypoglycemia vulnerability, fall risk	<8.0%	90–150	100–180	<140/80	Statin unless contraindicated or not tolerated
Very complex/poor health (Long-term care or end-stage chronic illnesses ^b or moderate to severe cognitive impairment or 2+ ADL dependencies)	Limited remaining life expectancy makes benefit uncertain	<8.5% ^c	100–180	110–200	<150/90	Consider likelihood of benefit with statin (secondary prevention more so than primary)

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Pharmacotherapy

- **Considering polypharmacy. Avoid glyburide.** Metformin can be used safely and is the preferred initial therapy in many older adults with type 2 diabetes, but at reduced dose in those with stage III chronic kidney disease, and avoid in those with stage IV or worse. **Assess renal function using eGFR**, not serum creatinine alone.
- **Assess patients for hypoglycemia** regularly by asking the patient and caregiver about symptoms or signs and reviewing blood glucose logs. In type 2 diabetic patients, hypoglycemia risk is linked more to treatment strategies than to achieved lower A1C.
- If recurrent or severe hypoglycemia occurs, strongly consider changing therapy and/or targets.
- Assess the burden of treatment on older adult patients (caregivers), consider patient/caregiver preferences, and attempt to **reduce treatment complexity**.

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Ann Intern Med. 2004;141(6):421-431

Association of HbA_{1c} levels with vascular complications and death in patients with type 2 diabetes: evidence of glycaemic thresholds

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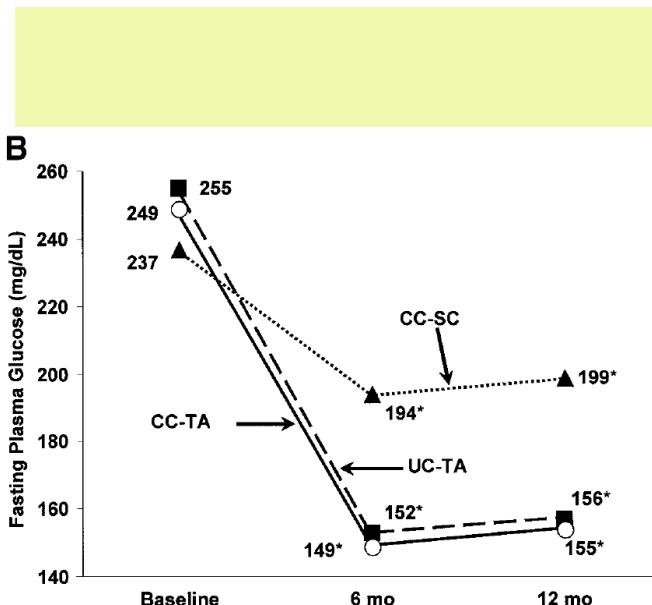
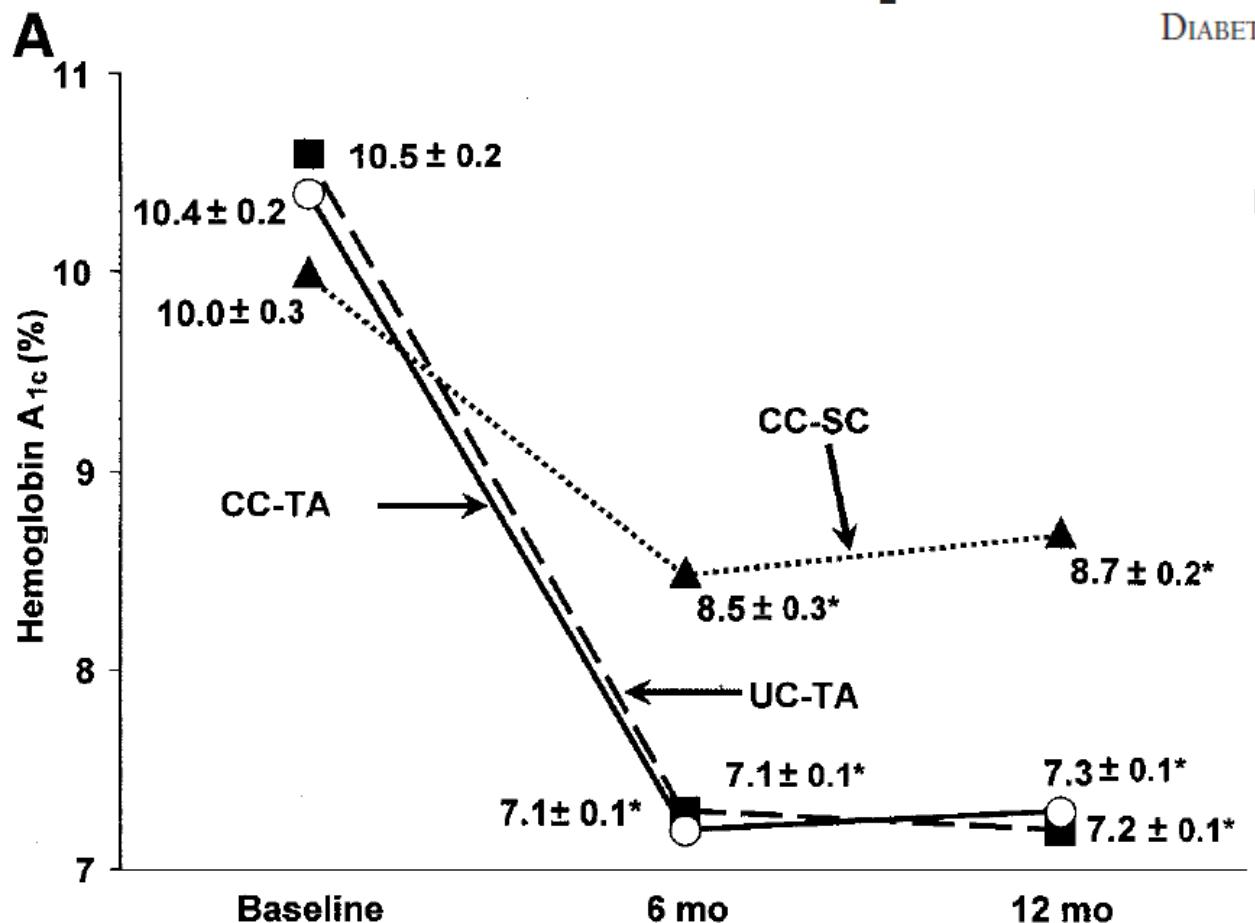


Figure 2—Effect of treatment on HbA_{1c} (A) and FPG concentration (B). Decremnts in HbA_{1c} and FPG at 6 and 12 months were greater (* $P < 0.0001$) in the UC-TA and CC-TA groups compared with the CC-SC group.