



# **1° CORSO NAZIONALE DI AGGIORNAMENTO AME**

## **ROMA 9 - 10 - 11 NOVEMBRE 2012**



Le nuove insuline: cosa cambia per il medico e per il paziente?

**Quali insuline all' orizzonte ?**

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# Agenda

## PASSATO

- terapia insulinica

## PRESENTE

- Analoghi dell'insulina

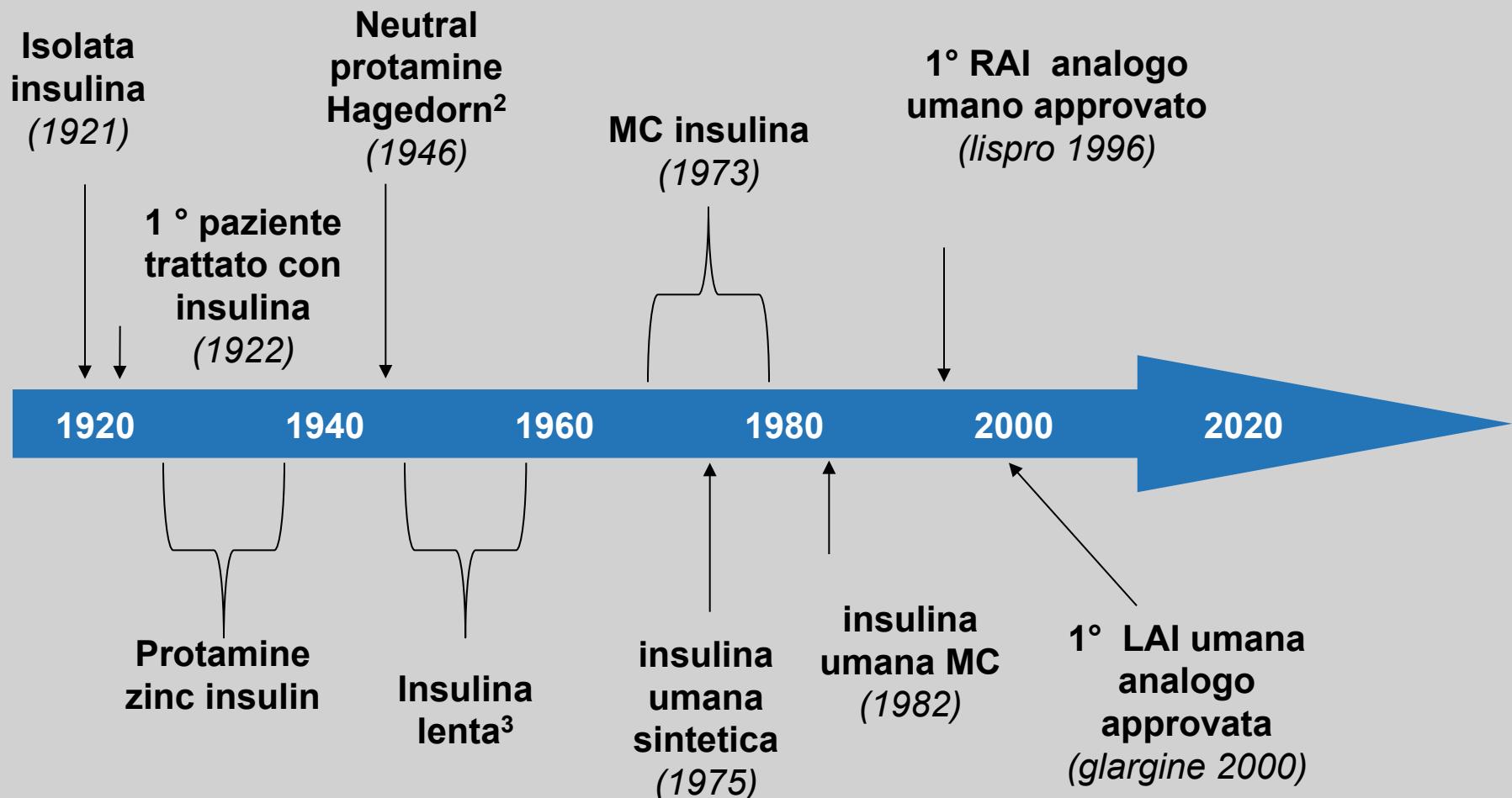
## FUTURO

- La prossima generazione
  - ▶ Efficacia
  - ▶ Sicurezza
- Opportunità
- Conclusioni

- La rotta che ha portato agli analoghi dell'insulina

# PASSATO

# Evoluzione farmacologica dell'insulina



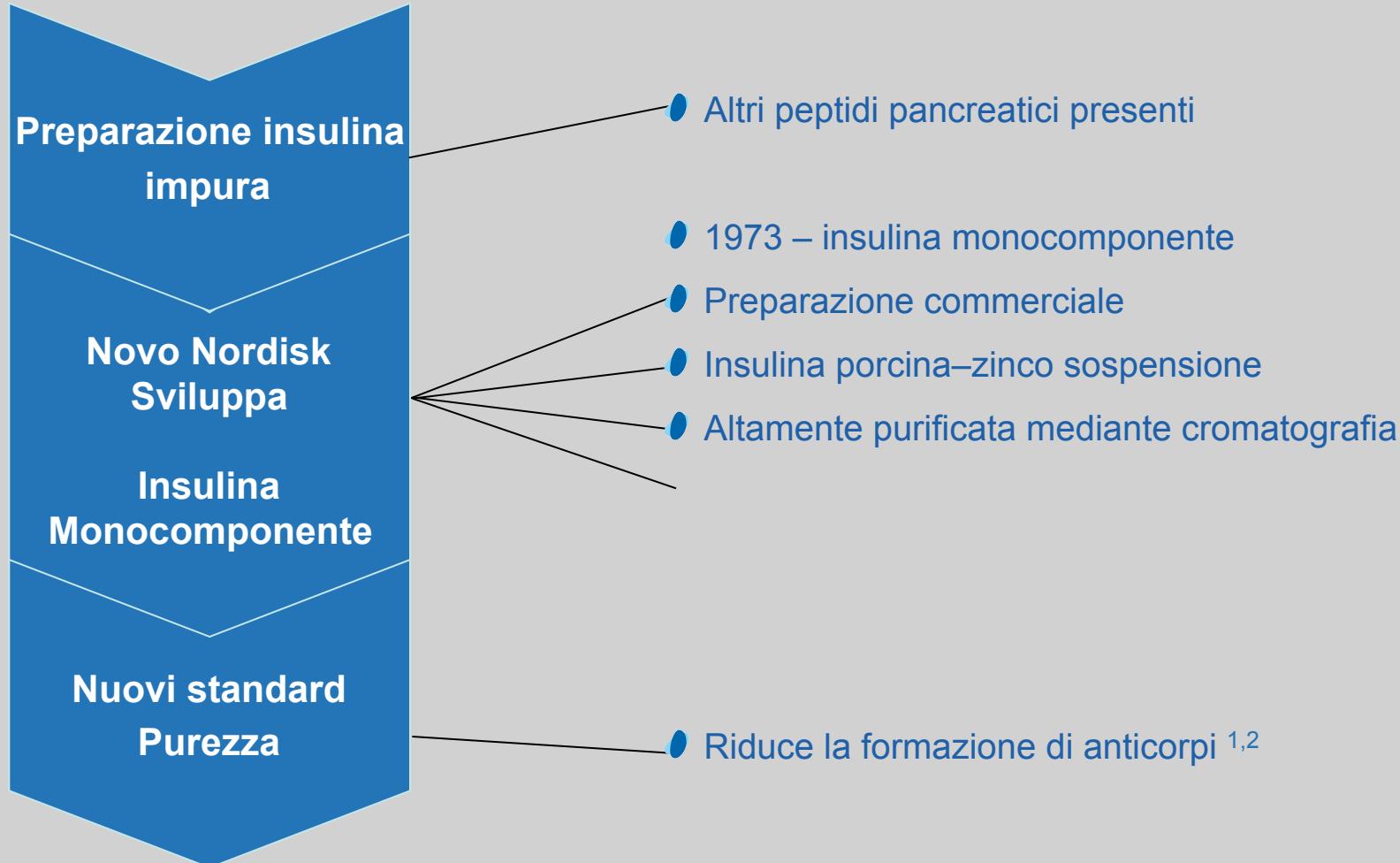
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3. Whitehouse FW et al. *Ann Intern Med* 1961;55:894–902

MC=monocomponent; RAI=rapid-acting insulin; LAI=long-acting insulin

# 1° step verso l'insulina umana



1. Bruni B et al. *Diabetologia* 1978;14:165–169; 2. Kawazu S et al. *Acta Diabetol Lat* 1979;16:339–351.

- 1970 – aumento del fabbisogno della domanda di insulina <sup>1</sup>
- 1973 –sviluppata la tecnica del DNA Ricombinante <sup>2</sup>
- 1976 – work congress che ha discusso della possibilità di sviluppare insulina umana con la tecnica del DNA ricombinante
- 1980 – primi test su soggetti sani volontari testati con insulina sintetizzata mediante la terapia del DNA ricombinante

ELI LILLY – US	NOVO NORDISK – EUROPE
<b>Genentech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Synthesized a laboratory strain of <i>Escherichia coli</i> bacteria, genetically altered to produce human insulin – ‘fully human’</li> <li>• Signed a production agreement with Eli Lilly in 1978</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initially, enzymatic conversion reaction to substitute the B30 alanine of porcine insulin with threonine to manufacture human insulin</li> <li>• 1975: changed manufacturing process to direct biosynthesis using genetically engineered yeast cells</li> </ul>
<b>1982: Humulin R (rapid) and Humulin N (NPH) launched</b>	<b>1982: Actrapid and Monotard launched</b>

1. Brandenburger A, et al. *Harvard Business Review* 1992, Available at <http://hbr.org/product/race-to-develop-human-insulin/an/191121-PDF-ENG>; 2. Cohen SN et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 1973;70:3240–3244; 3. Keen H, et al. *Lancet* 1980;2(8191):398–401

- Attualmente abbiamo a disposizione analoghi dell'insulina a rapida e a lenta durata d'azione

# PRESENTE

# Analoghi dell'Insulina

- 3 analoghi dell'insulina sono ad oggi approvati per la cura del diabete

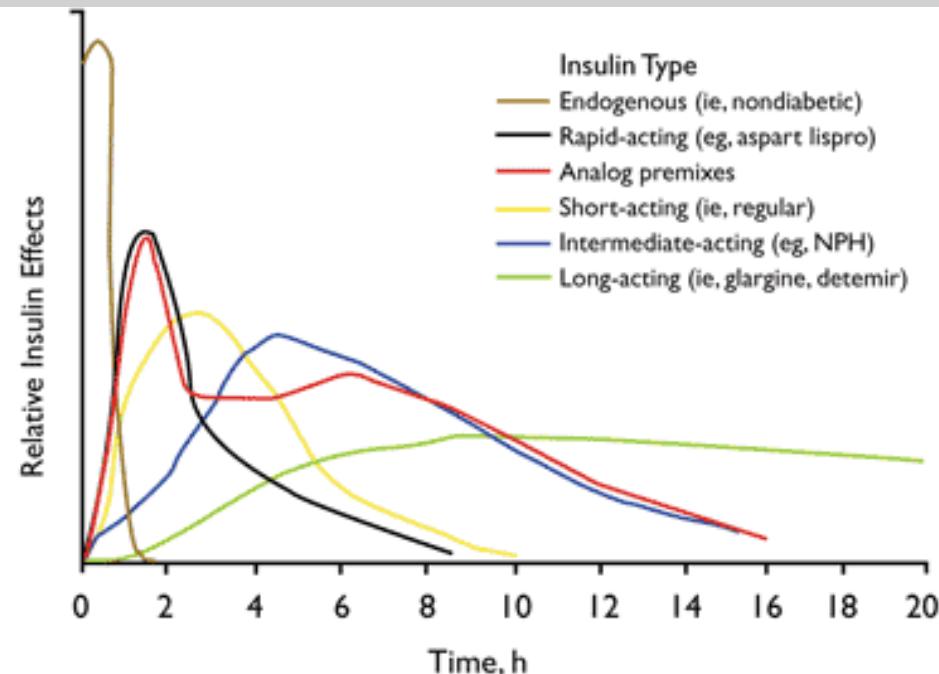
ANALOGO	INDUSTRIA FARM.	ZINC-FREE	STRUTTURA
Insulina lispro	Eli Lilly & Co	✗	<p><b>Pro<sup>B28</sup>/Lys<sup>B29</sup> switched</b></p>
Insulina aspart	Novo Nordisk	✗	<p><b>Asp replaces Pro<sup>B28</sup></b></p>
Insulina glulisina	sanofi-aventis	✓	<p><b>Asp<sup>B3</sup> replaced by Lys; Lys<sup>B29</sup> replaced by Glu</b></p>

# Insulina – farmacodinamica, flessibilità di trattamento

- Differenze nell'inizio, nel picco, durata d'azione

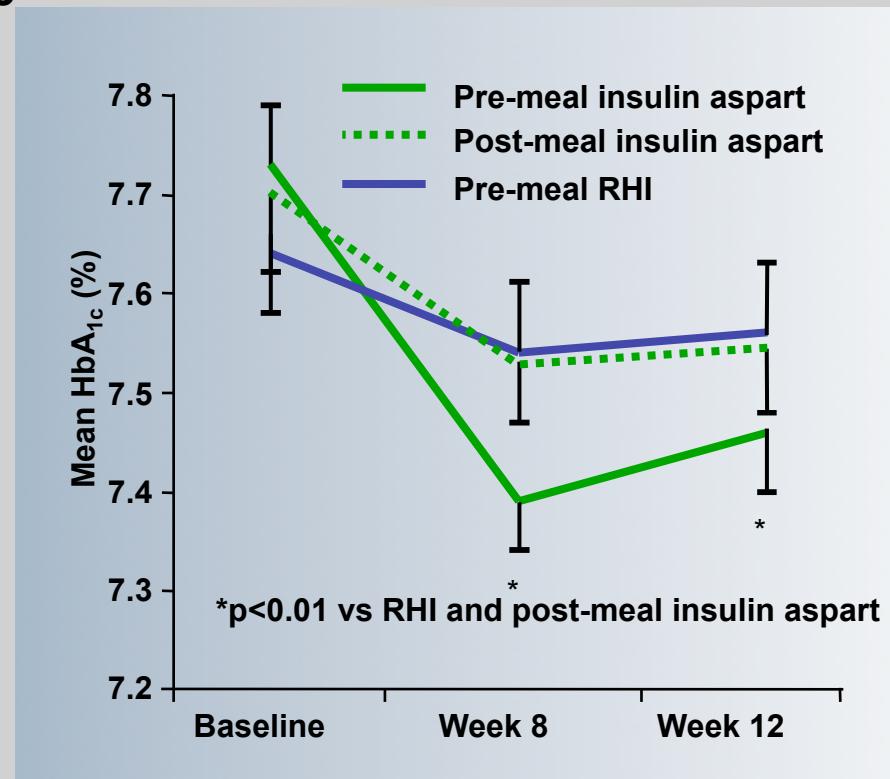
Profilo farmadocinamico - insulina umana e analoghi rapidi

	inizio (h)	Picco (h)	Durata (h)
<b>Rapida</b>			
RHI	0.5–1	2.5–5	8–12
Lispro	0.25– 0.5	0.5–1.5	2–5
Aspart	0.17– 0.33	1–3	3–5
Glulisine	0.25	0.5–1.5	1–2.5
<b>Intermedia</b>			
NPH	1–1.5	6–14	16–24
<b>Lenta</b>			
Glargine	1.1	–	24
Detemir	0.8–2	–	up to 24



# Un Sicuro Analogo Rapido

- Una breve durata d'azione
- Basso rischio di ipoglicemie
- Dose flessibile
- Bassa immunogenicità

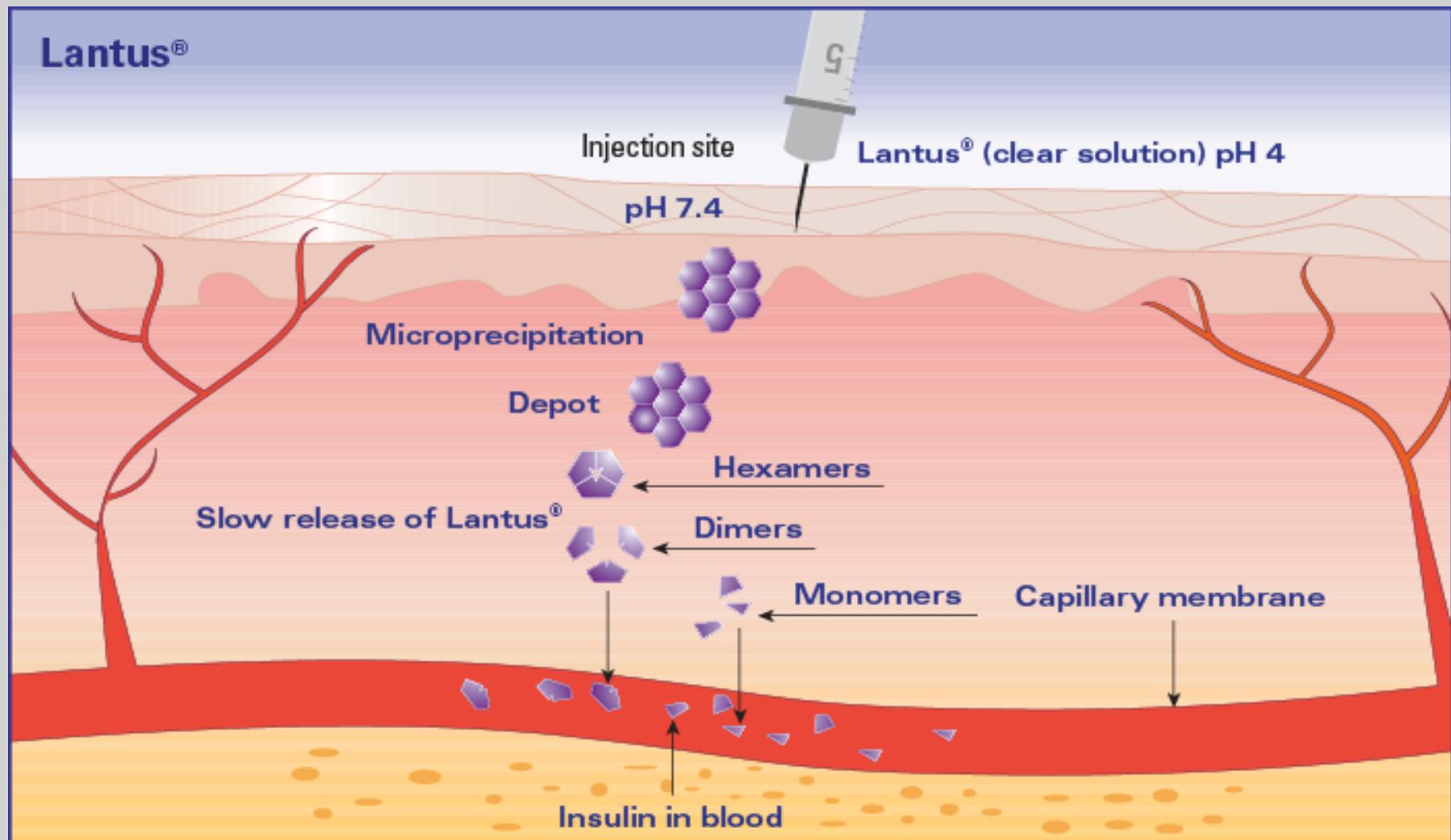


## 2 Analoghi dell'insulina a lenta durata d'azione

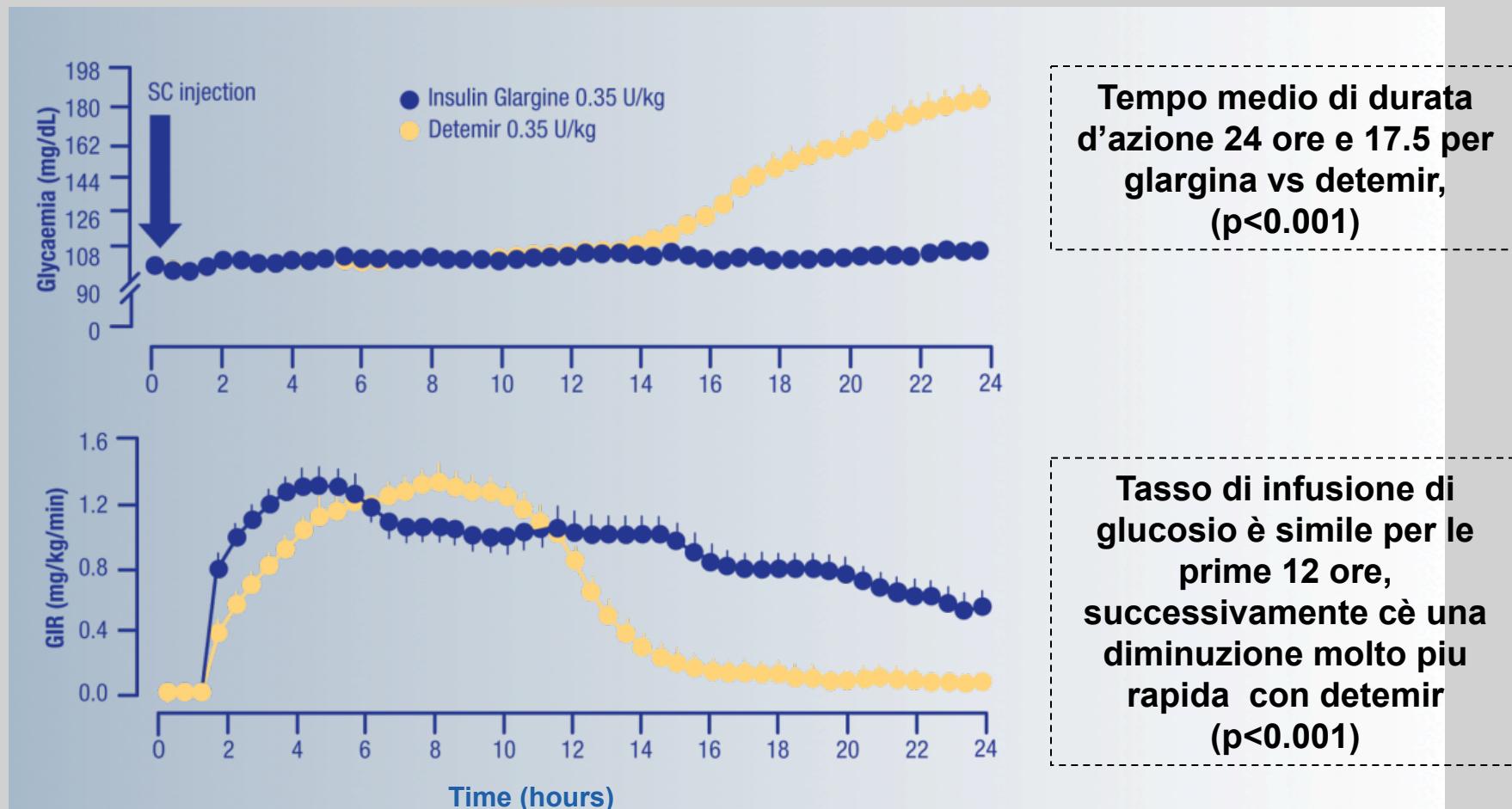
INSULINA GLARGINE	INSULINA DETEMIR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precipita nel tessuto sottocutaneo, forma un deposito locale con lenta dissoluzione, una volta al giorno</li> <li>Asp<sup>A21</sup> replaced by Gly; two Arg added to C-terminus of B-chain</li> </ul> <p>The diagram shows the primary structure of Insulin Glargine. The A-chain (top) starts with Gly and ends at Asn (position 21). The B-chain (bottom) starts with Phe and ends at Glu (position 21). Two inter-chain disulfide bonds connect cysteine residues at positions 6 and 10. An intra-chain disulfide bond connects cysteine 12 to cysteine 19. At position A21, the aspartate residue is replaced by glycine. Two arginine residues are added to the C-terminus of the B-chain (positions 22 and 23).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Si lega all'albumina sierica umana che ne riduce la biodisponibilità</li> <li>Una o due volte al giorno</li> <li>Thr<sup>B30</sup> omitted; C14 fatty acid chain added at B29</li> </ul> <p>The diagram shows the primary structure of Insulin Detemir. The A-chain (A1) starts with Gly and ends at Asn (position 21). The B-chain (B1) starts with Phe and ends at Glu (position 21). An intra-chain disulfide bond connects cysteine 12 to cysteine 19. At position B29, the threonine residue is omitted. A C14 fatty acid chain is attached to the B-chain at position 29, starting with a wavy line representing the hydrocarbon chain and ending with a terminal amide group (-CONH2).</p>

● La differenza strutturale degli analoghi basali dell'insulina conferisce unicità d'azione

# Meccanismo d' azione



# FARMACODINAMICA – CONFRONTO insulina glargina and detemir



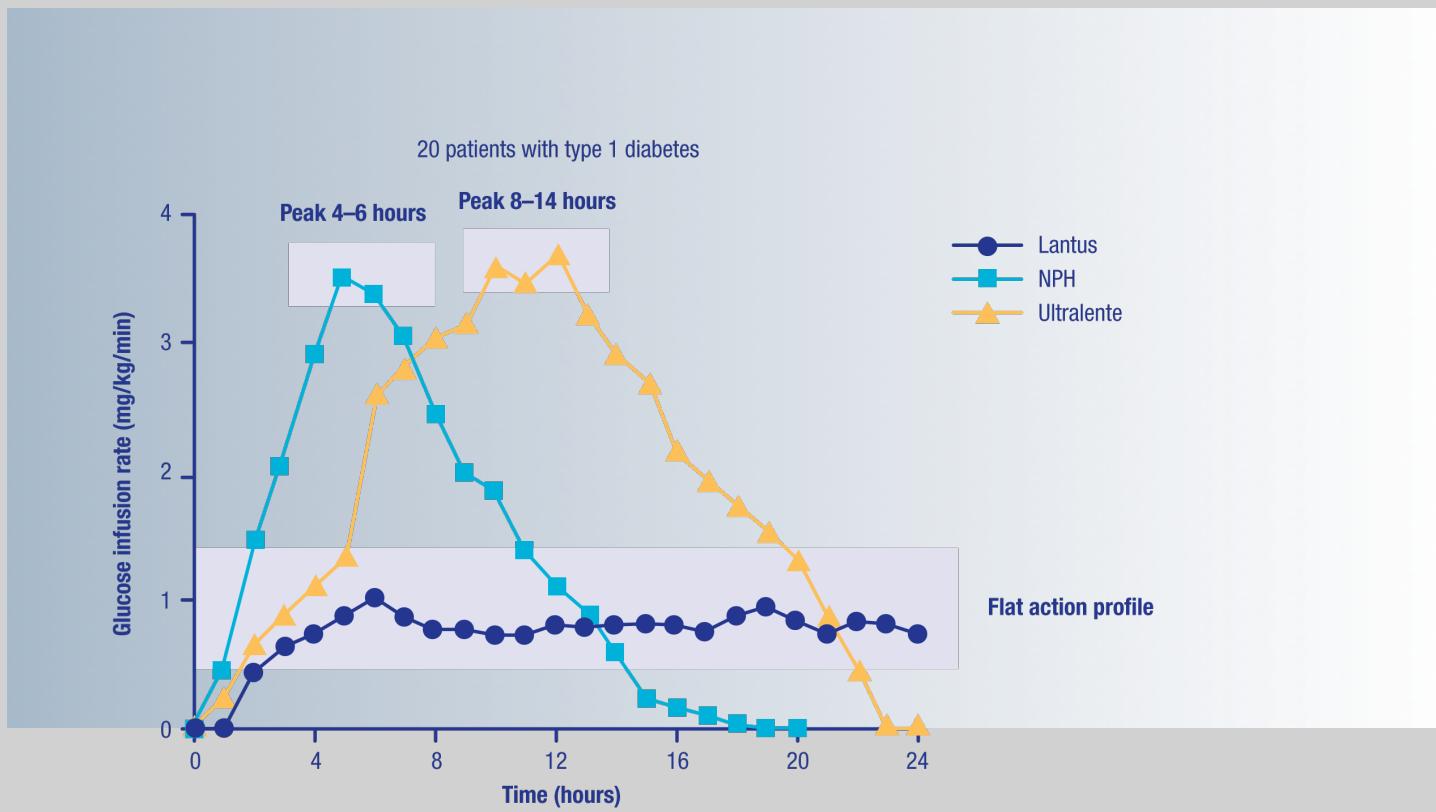
**Tempo medio di durata d'azione 24 ore e 17.5 per glargin vs detemir, ( $p<0.001$ )**

**Tasso di infusione di glucosio è simile per le prime 12 ore, successivamente c'è una diminuzione molto più rapida con detemir ( $p<0.001$ )**

Porcellati F et al. *Diabetes Care* 2007;30:2447–2452

# Insulina glargine profilo piatto e lunga durata d'azione

- Glarginha ha un profilo senza picchi e una durata d'azione di 24 ore ed una bassa inter variabilità



Lepore M et al. *Diabetes* 2000;49:2142–2148

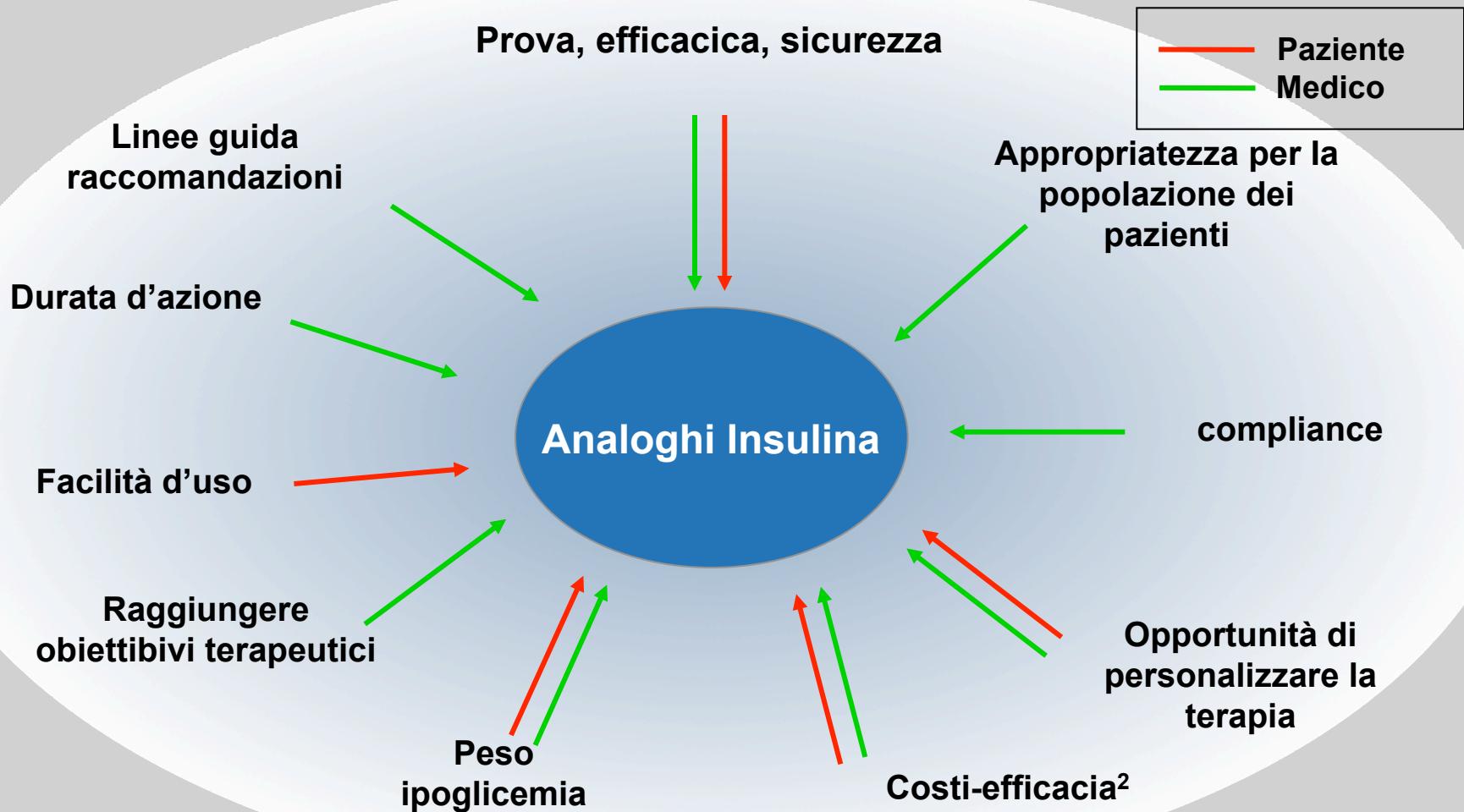
• La prossima generazione di analoghi  
dell'insulina

FUTURO

# Cosa guida la scelta dell'analogo



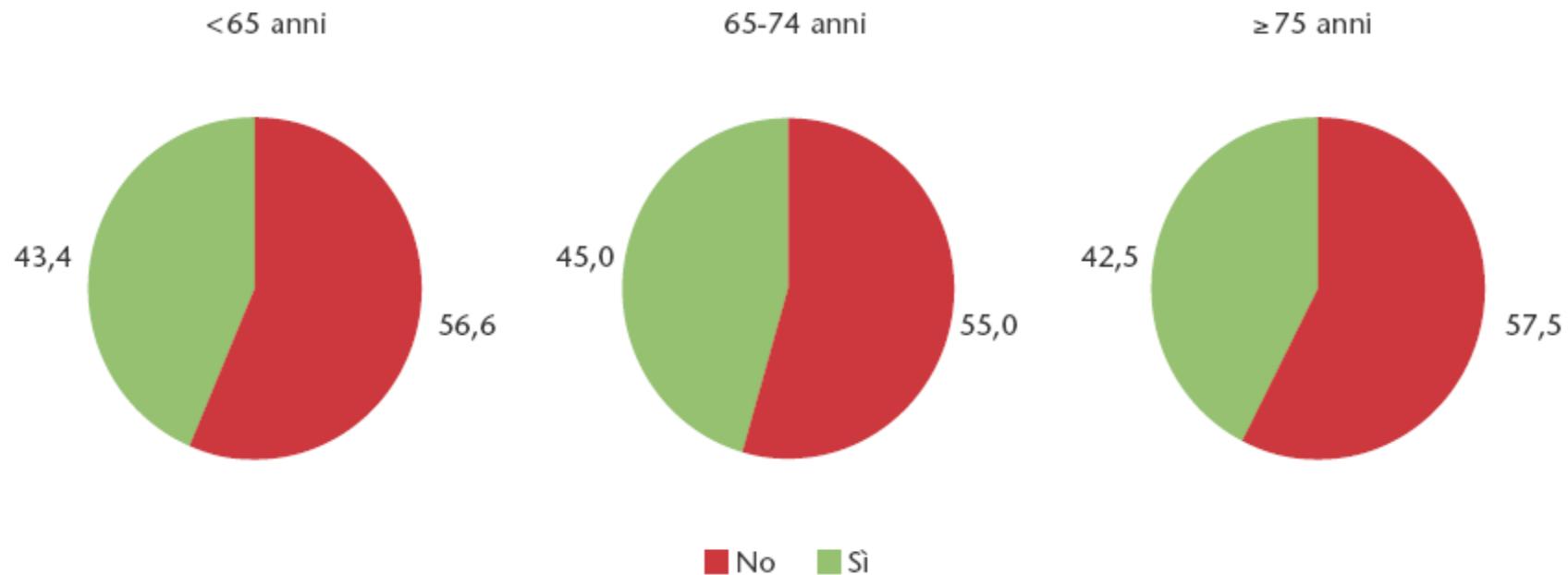
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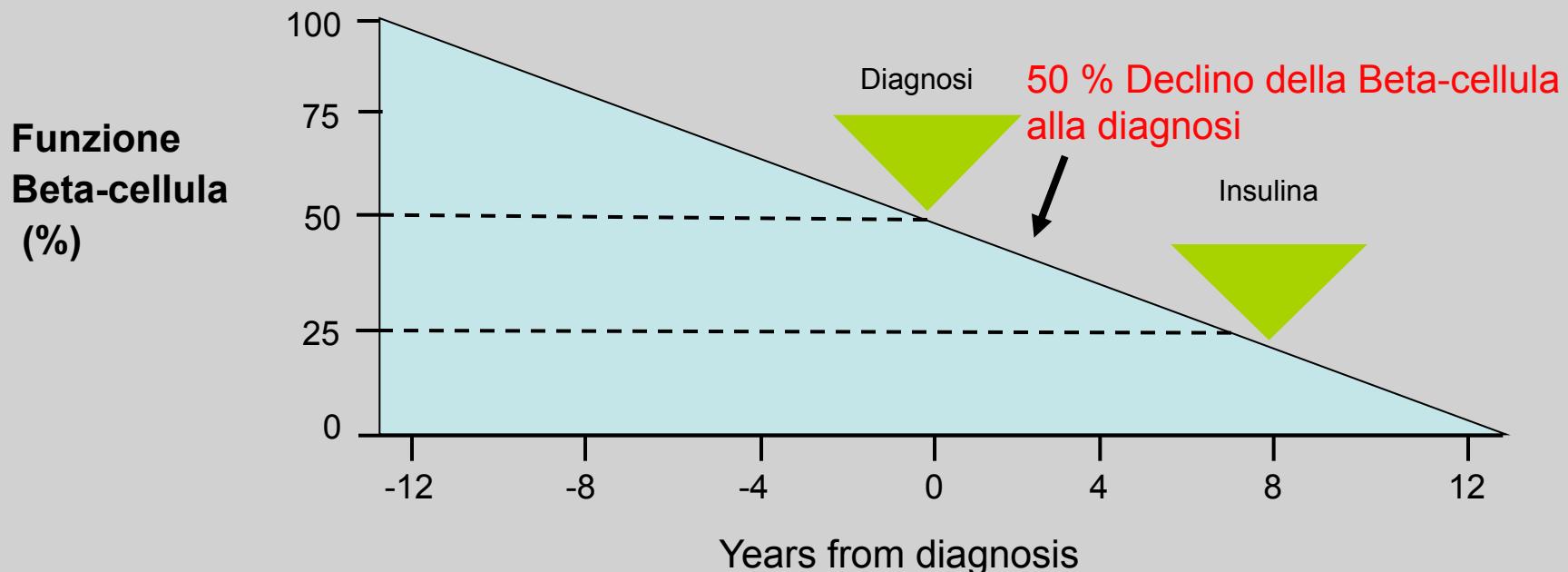
## Un controllo metabolico adeguato è raggiunto in poco più del 40% dei pazienti con DMT2, a prescindere dalla fascia di età considerata.

Percentuale di soggetti con HbA1c ≤7,0%



# Terapia intensiva

## Declino della funzione della Beta-cellula Nella progressione di malattia DMT2



Lebovitz H. Diabetes Rev 1999;7:139-153.

Tutti I pazienti con DMT2 richiedono insulina:  
-7 - 10 anni dopo la diagnosi  
-HbA1c >9%

# Colpa Del Farmaco?

- Concentrazione costante
- Priva di picchi
- Continua per 24 ore
- Bassa variabilità
- No aumento di peso
- No ipoglicemia
- No induzione mitogenica con i recettori non insulinici

# Limiti Glargina:

- Aumento di peso
- Aumento di incidenza di neoplasia (?)
  - Aumento di affinità per il recettore IGF-I
  - Variabilità inter individuale

# Colpa Del Diabetologo?

- L' Esperienza
- L' Abitudine
- L' Inerzia  
Clinica

# perché?

- In combinazione con ipo orali
- Analoghe caratteristiche
  - **Efficacia**
  - **Sicurezza**
  - **Tollerabilità**
    - **DMT1, DMT2**

# La chiave di lettura dell'efficacia long-acting insulin analogue

**Livelli di  
insulina**

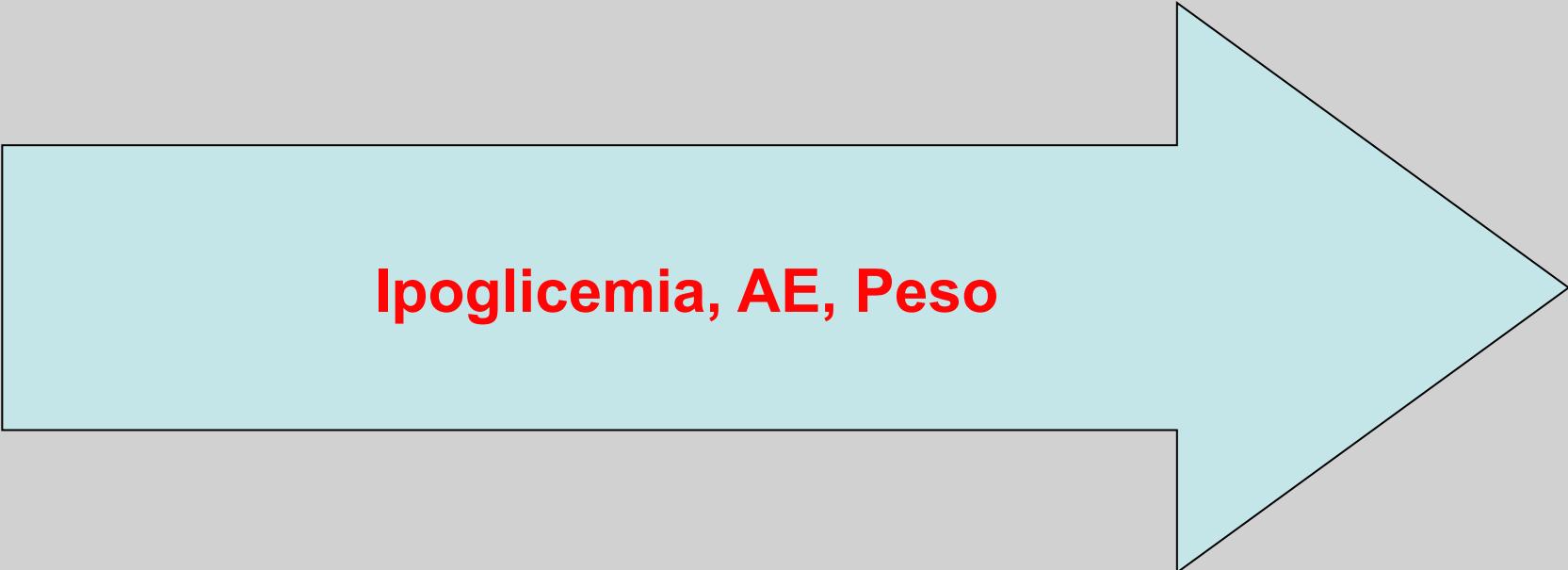
**Variabilità**

**titolazione**

**Target  
glicemici**

1. Russell-Jones D. *Int J Obese Relat Metab Disord* 2004;28(Suppl 2):S29–34

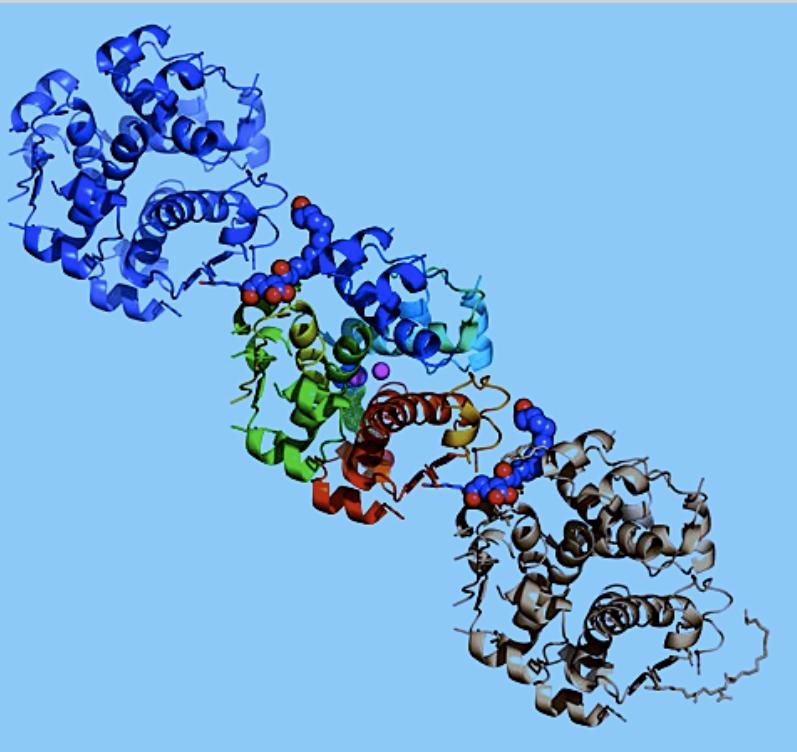
# Sicurezza long-acting insulina analoghi



**Ipoglicemia, AE, Peso**

AE=adverse events

# Tresiba® (insulin degludec)



**Insulin  
degludec**

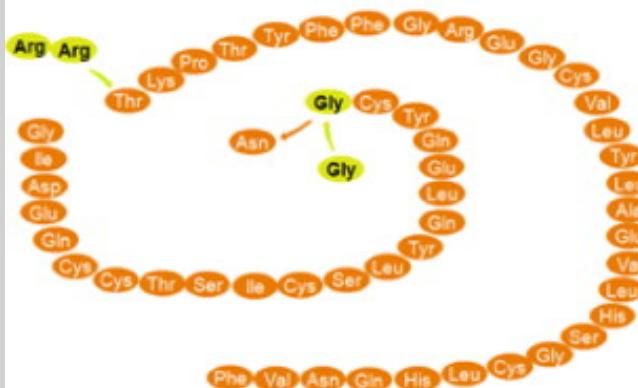
A new-generation  
ultra-long-acting  
basal insulin



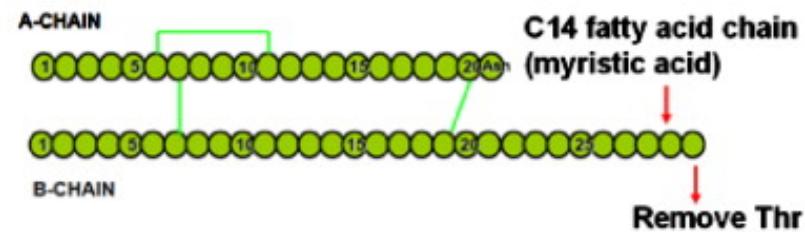
# Schema Riassuntivo Insuline Basali

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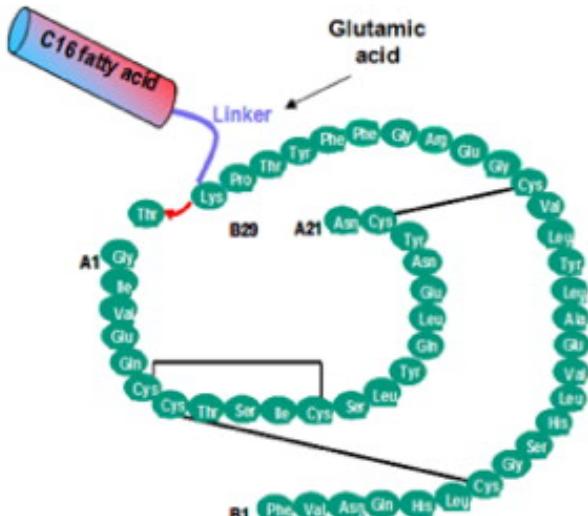
## (a) Insulin Glargine



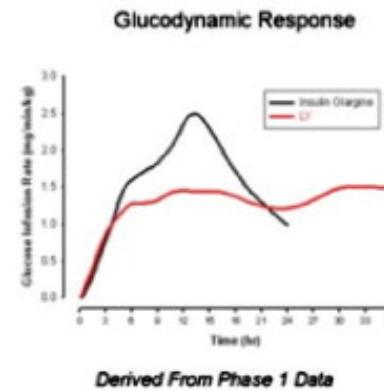
## (b) Insulin Detemir



## (c) Insulin Degludec



## (d) Lilly's Basal Insulin: LY2605541



Novel engineered insulin goals:

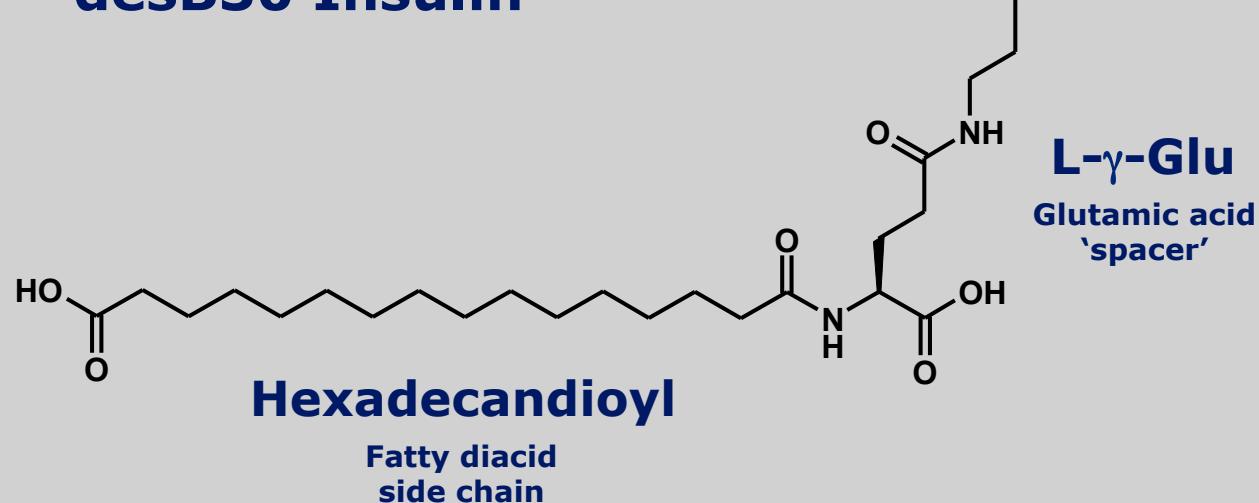
- Less patient variability
- Less hypoglycemia risk
- Better patient control

Status: Phase 1 studies

(b)

# Struttura molecolare dell'insulina Degludec

**LysB29( $N\epsilon$ -hexadecandioyl- $\gamma$ -Glu) des(B30) human insulin**



# Insulin Degludec, The New Generation Basal Insulin or Just another Basal Insulin?

Sami N. Nasrallah and L. Raymond Reynolds

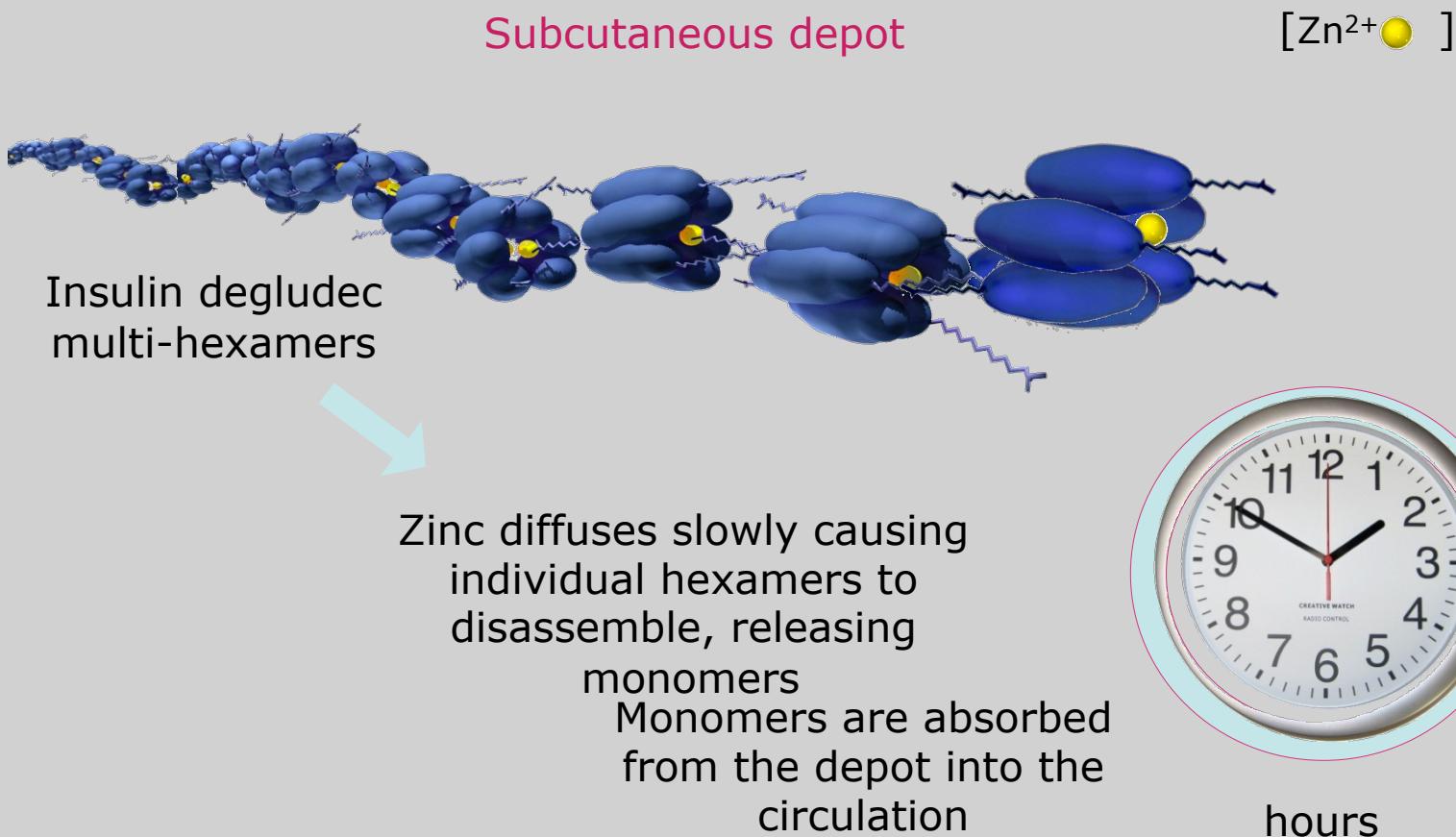
University of Kentucky. Corresponding author email: sami.nasrallah@uky.edu

**Table 1.** Comparison of insulin degludec and other insulin analogs.

Basal insulin	Onset	Peak	Duration	Comments
NPH Glargin	1–2 hours 30–60 minutes	4–8 hours No peak	8–12 hours 16–24 hours	Greatest risk for hypoglycemia – Greatest potential for weight gain. – Possible mitogenicity
Detemir Degludec	30–60 minutes 30–90 minutes	No peak No peak	16–24 hours Over 24 hours	May need twice daily injections. – Least risk of hypoglycemia – No mitogenicity
Degludec plus	5–15 minutes	30–60 minutes	Over 24 hours	Same as degludec with advantage of added prandial coverage.

Abbreviation: NPH, neutral protamine hagedorn.

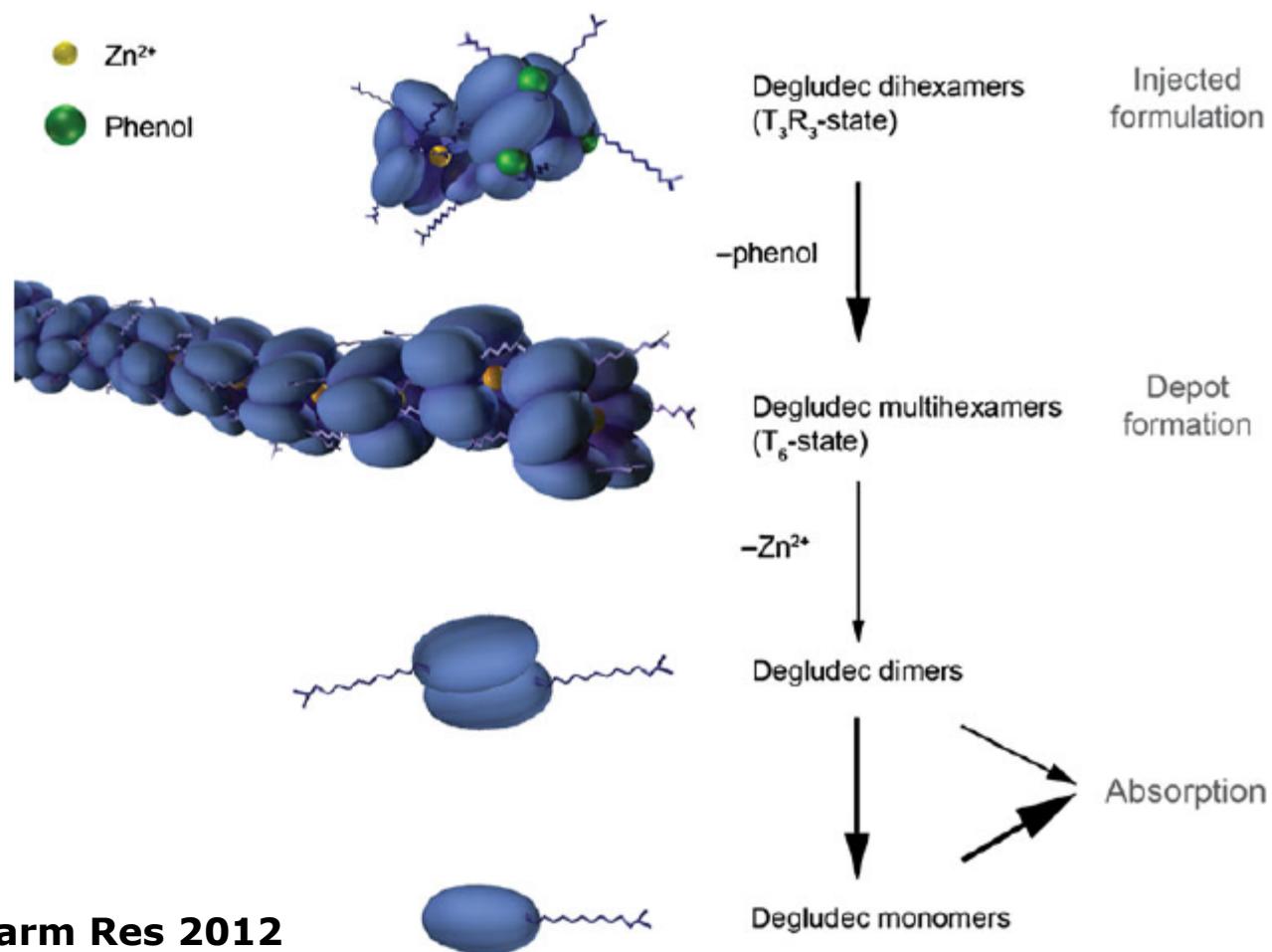
# Meccanismo di protrazione



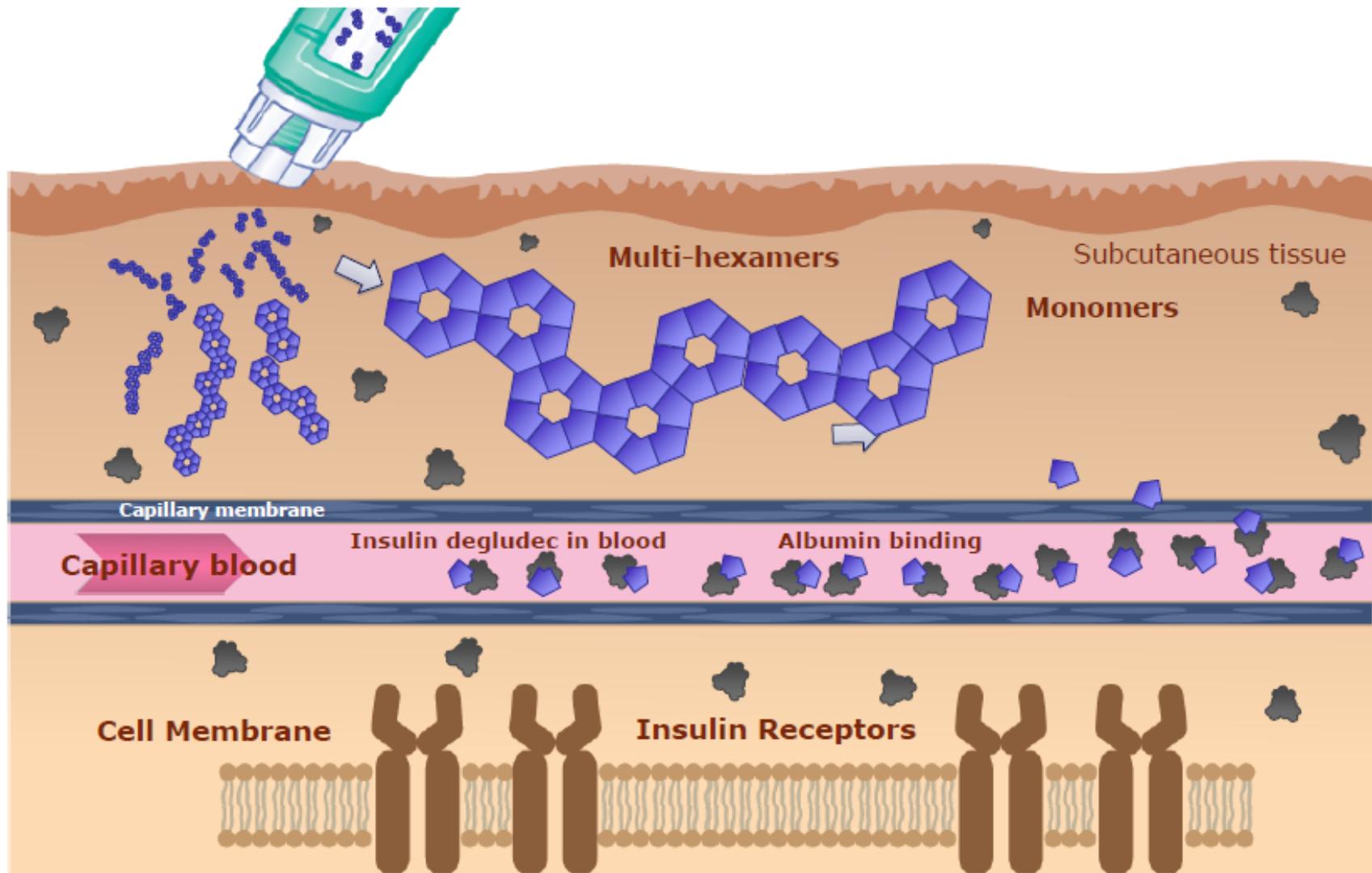
# Design of the Novel Protraction Mechanism of Insulin Degludec, an Ultra-long-Acting Basal Insulin

Ib Jonassen • Svend Havelund • Thomas Hoeg-Jensen • Dorte Bjerre Steensgaard • Per-Olof Wahlund • Ulla Ribel

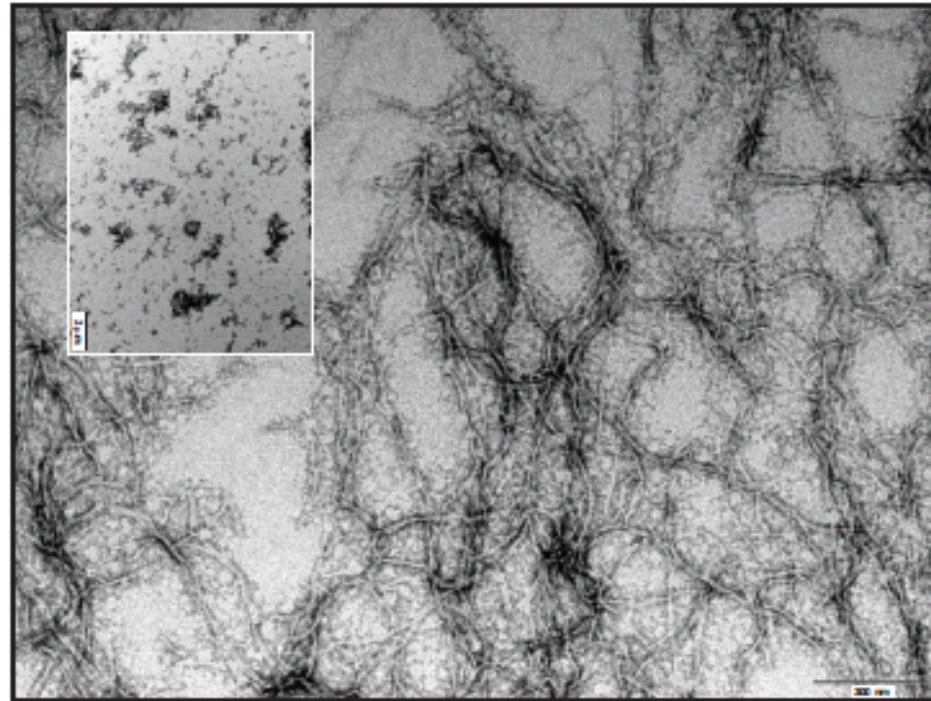
**Fig. 5** Schematic representation of the hypothesis for the mode of retarded absorption of insulin degludec: Insulin degludec is injected subcutaneously as a zinc phenol formulation containing insulin degludec dihexamer in the  $T_3R_3$  conformation. Rapid loss of phenol changes the degludec hexamers to  $T_6$  configuration and multi-hexameric chains form. With slow diffusion of zinc, these chains break down into dimers, which quickly dissociate into readily-absorbed monomers.



# Protraction mechanism for Degludec



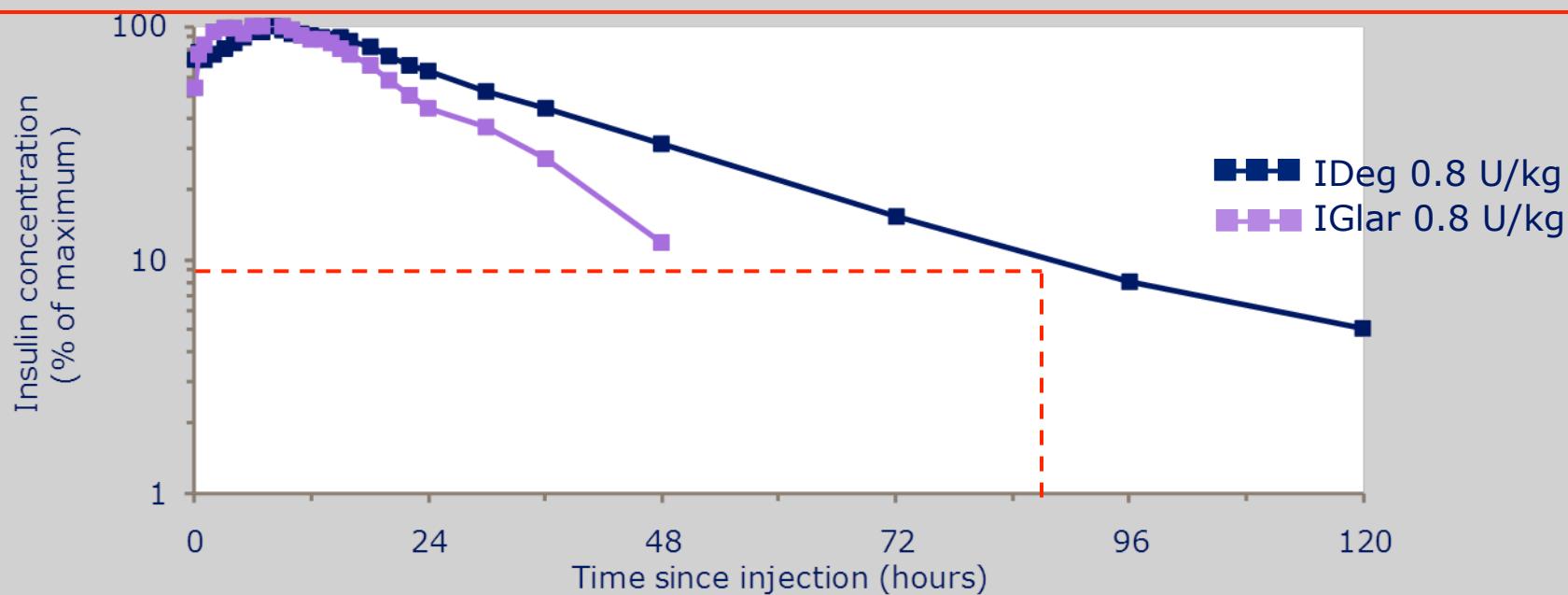
# Visualizzazione TEM\* dei multiesameri di degludec



Main picture shows elongated IDeg structures in absence of phenol; inset (white box) shows absence of elongated IDeg structures in presence of phenol.

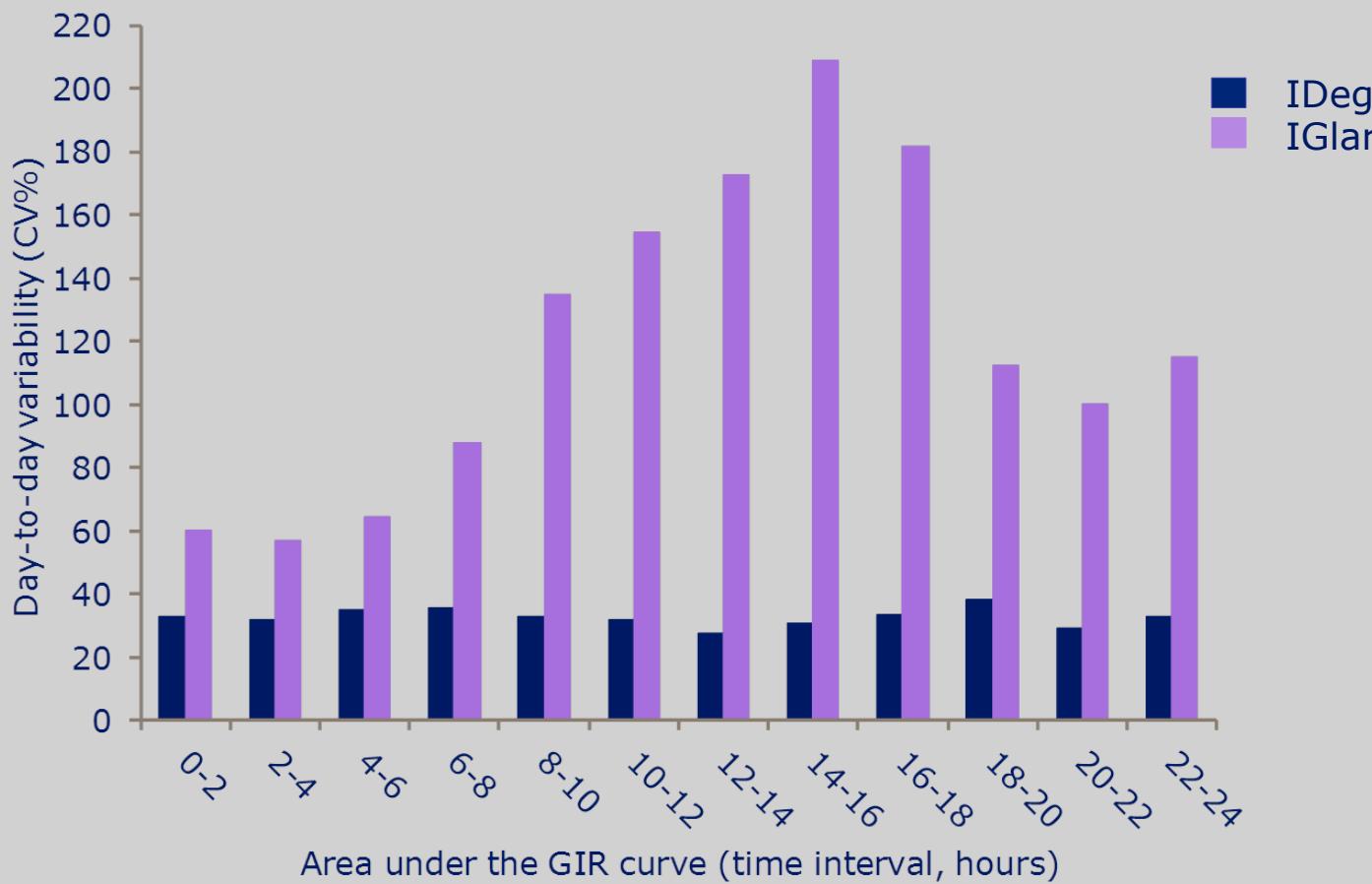
**\*TEM: Transmission Electron Microscope**

# Concentrazione ematica ed emivita



	IDeg			IGlar		
	0.4 U/kg	0.6 U/kg	0.8 U/kg	0.4 U/kg	0.6 U/kg	0.8 U/kg
<b>Half-life (hours)</b>	25.9	27.0	23.9	11.8	14.0	11.9
<b>Mean half-life</b>	<b>25.4</b>			<b>12.5</b>		

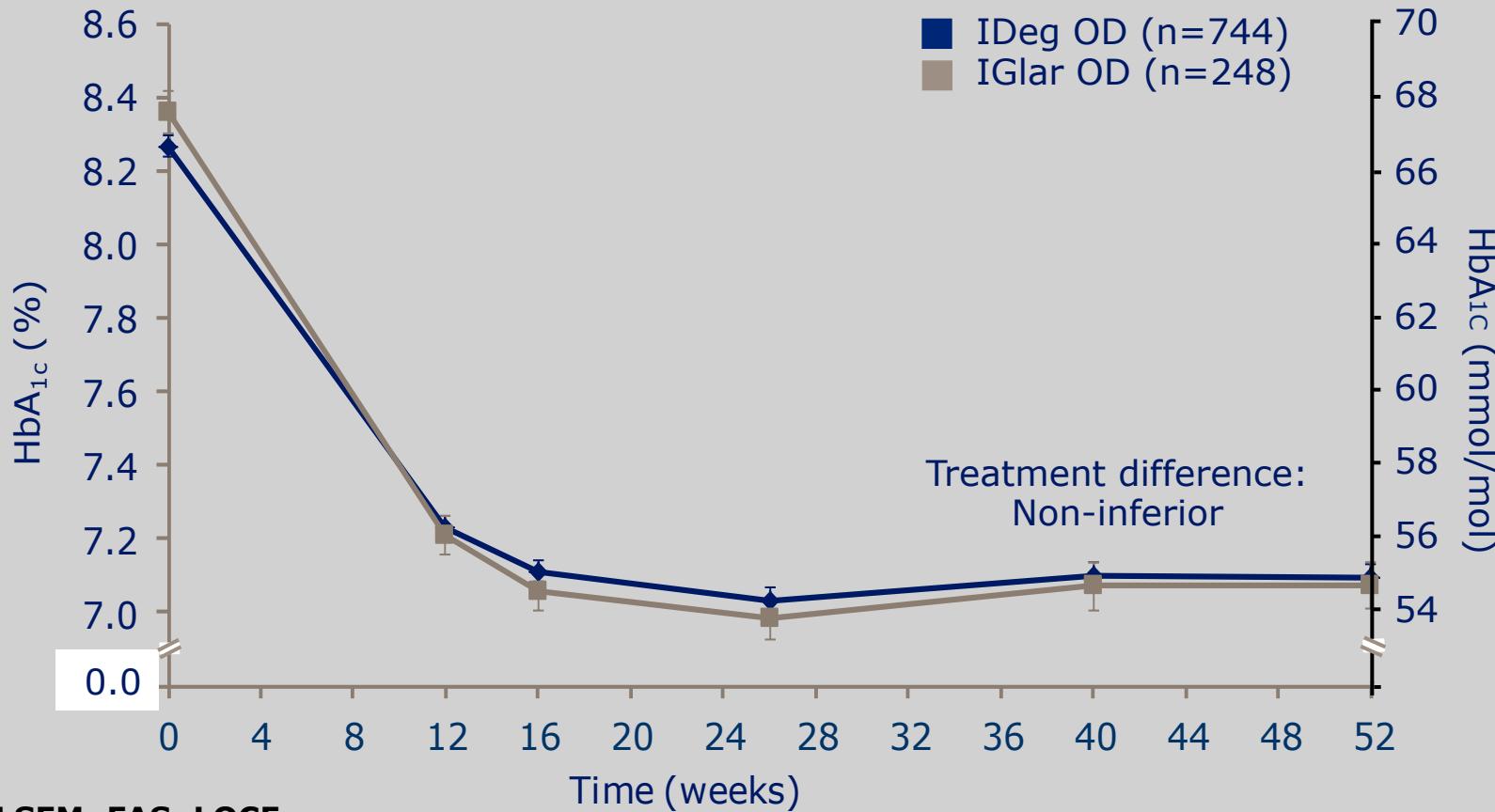
# Variabilità individuale



- **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, et al.**
- **Lancet. 2012 Apr 21;379(9825):1498-507.**

# Valori di HbA<sub>1c</sub> durante lo studio a 52 settimane

Garber A et al. Lancet 2012;379:1498-507

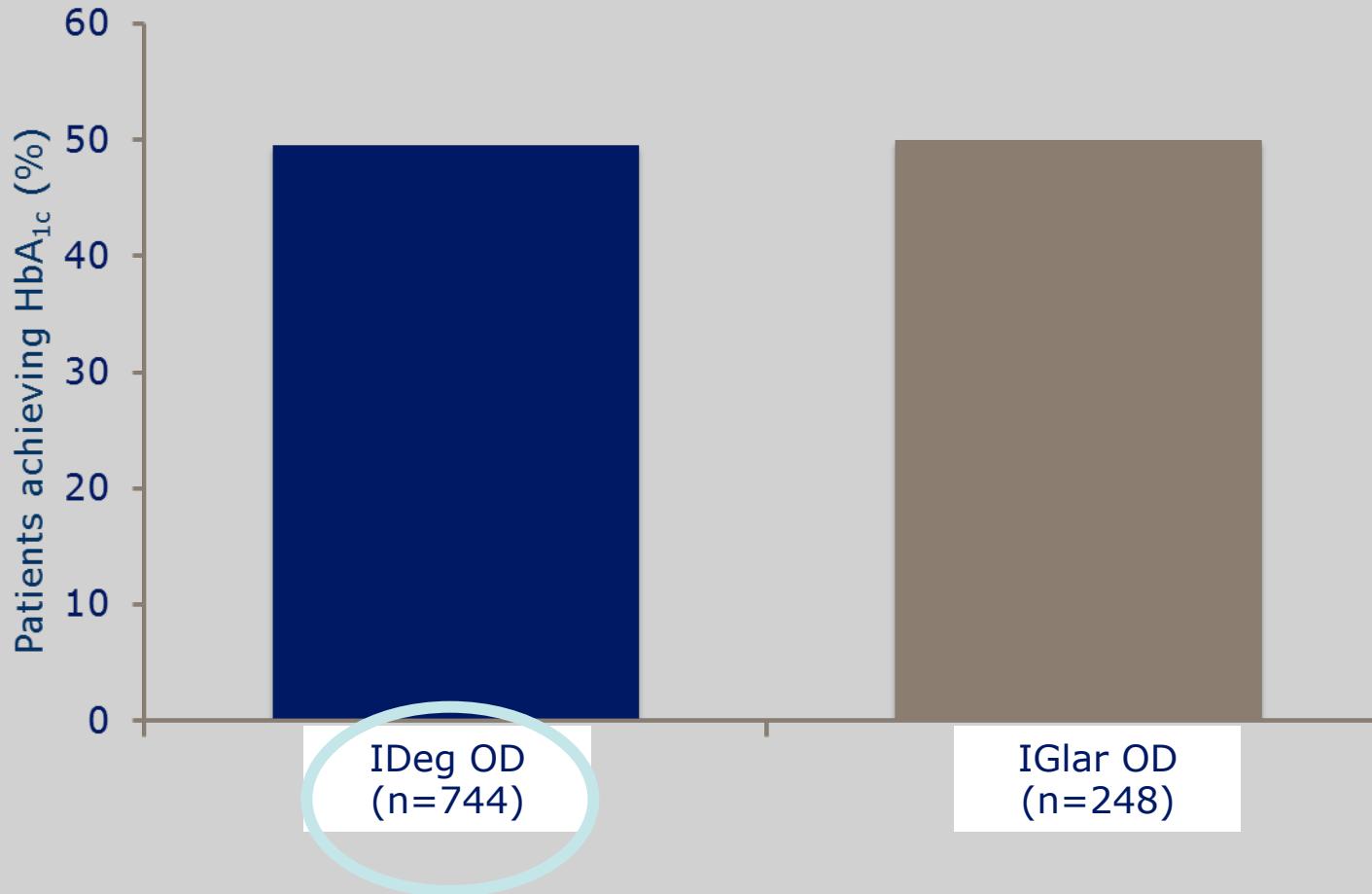


Mean  $\pm$  SEM; FAS; LOCF

Comparisons: Estimates adjusted for multiple covariates

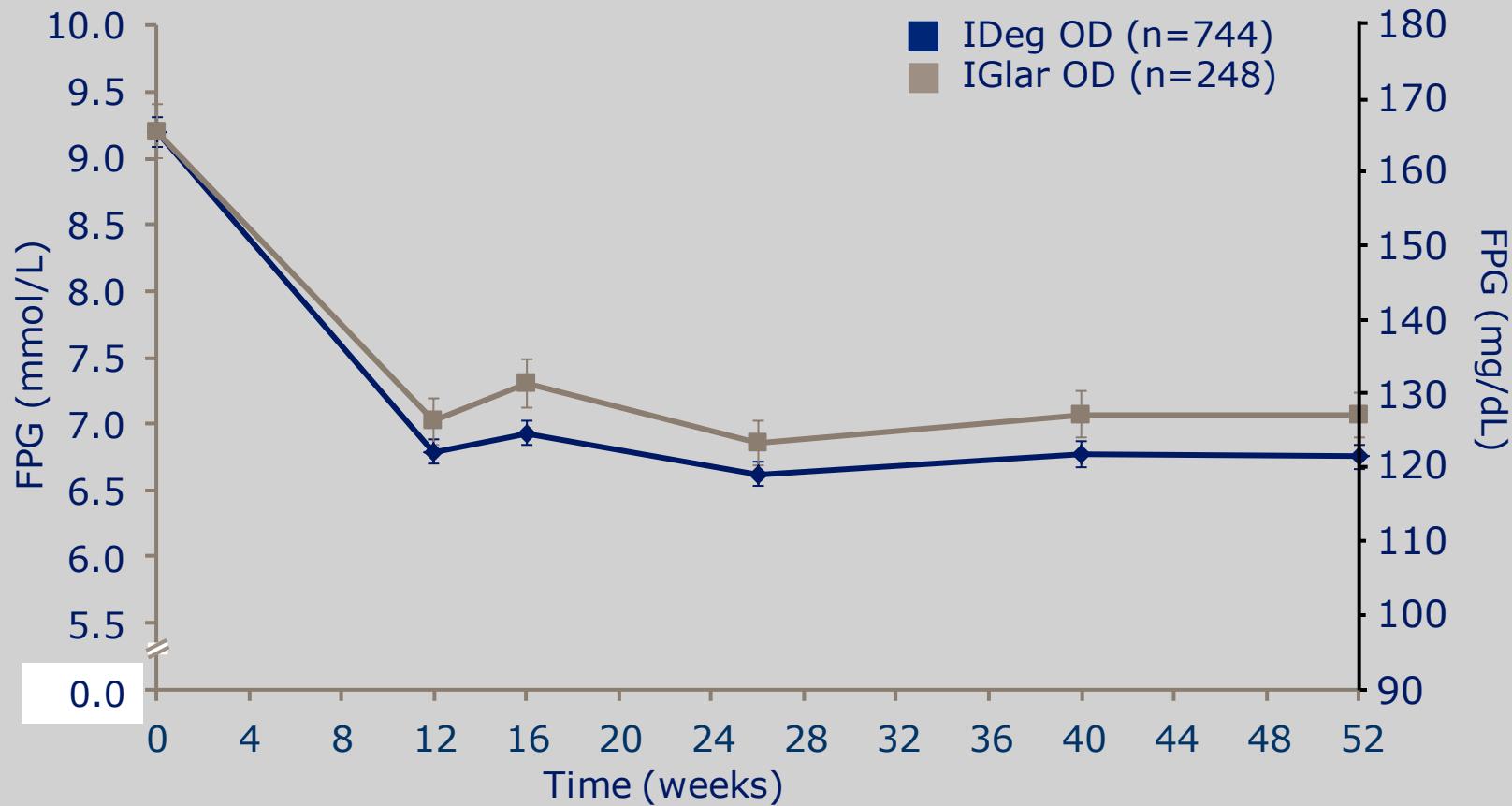
In the following results presentations, p-values are shown for results that show statistically significant differences, and not for results that are not statistically significant

# Pazienti che hanno raggiunto il target HbA<sub>1c</sub> <7.0%



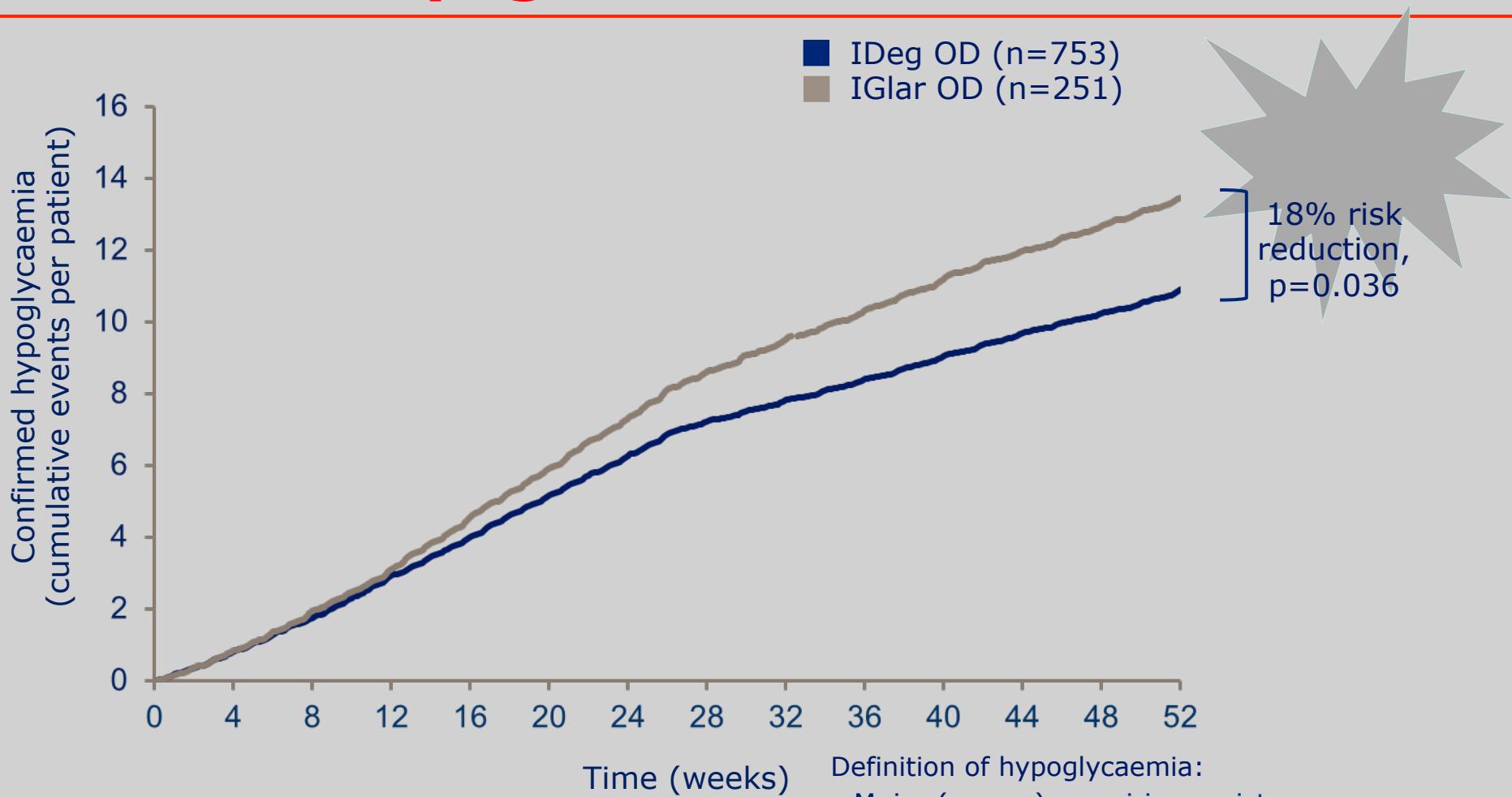
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# FPG durante lo studio a 52 settimane



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# Ipoglicemie

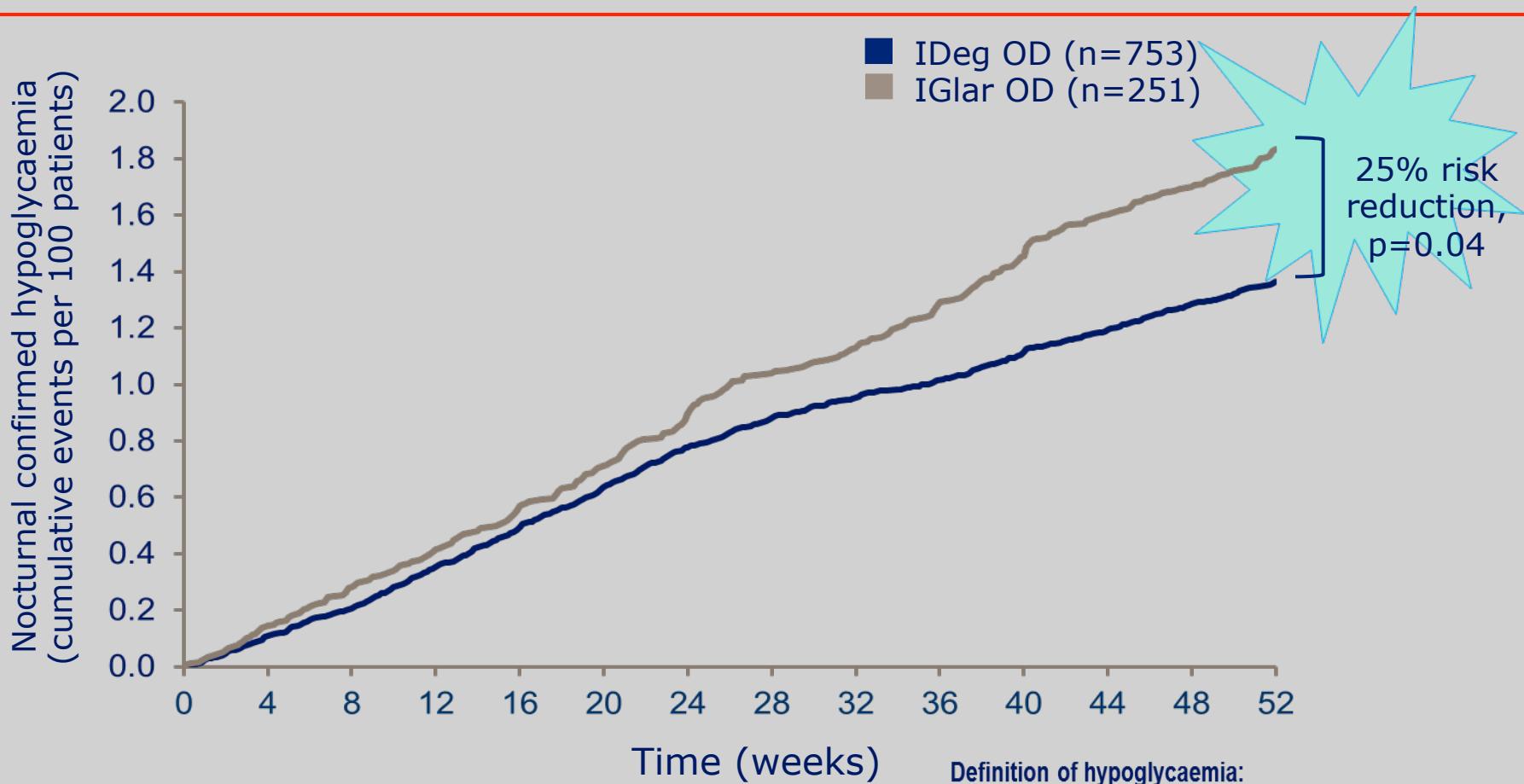


Definition of hypoglycaemia:

- Major (severe): requiring assistance
- Minor: plasma glucose <56 mg/dL (3.1 mmol/L) ± symptoms
- Symptoms only

Nocturnal: Episode with time of onset between 23:00 and 05:59 (inclusive)

# Ipoglicemie notturne



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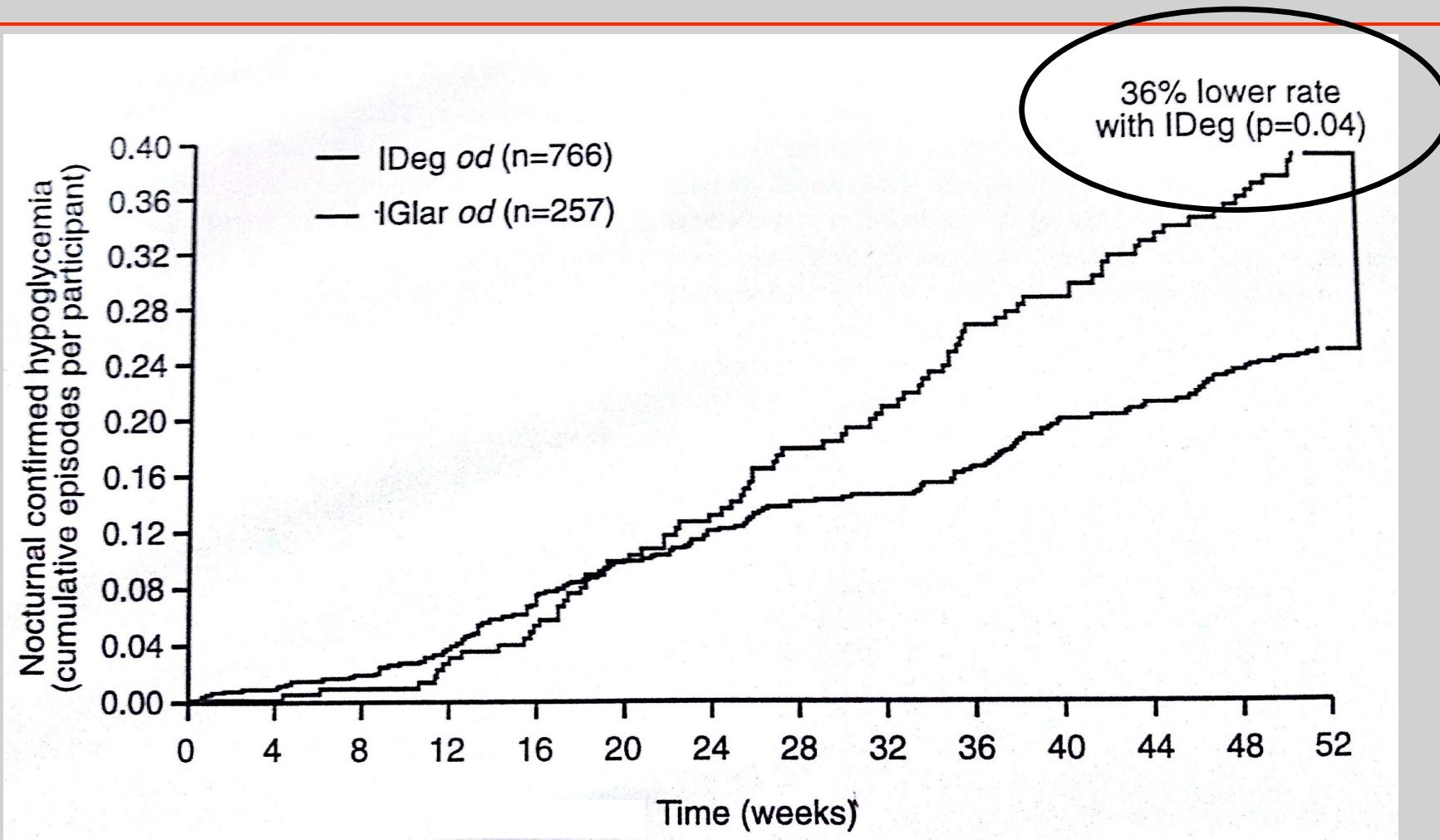
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# Insulin Degludec Versus Insulin Glargine in Insulin-Naive Patients With Type 2 Diabetes

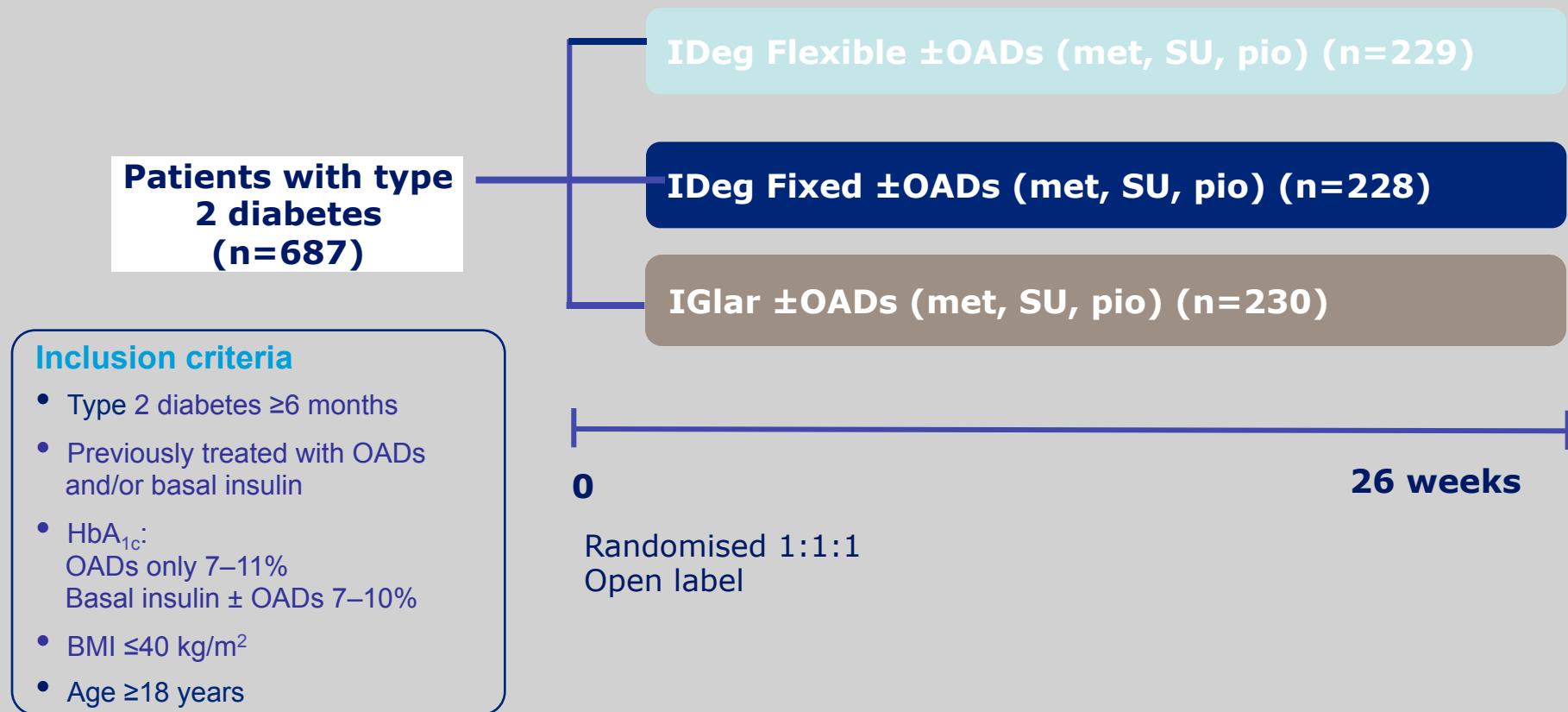


A 26-week, treat-to-target trial comparing efficacy and safety of a flexible insulin degludec dosing regimen with fixed insulin degludec dosing and insulin glargine, each given once daily  $\pm$  OAD therapy, in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus

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**Meneghini L, Diabetes July 2011; vol 60 (Supplement 1): 35-LB**

# Disegno dello studio



OAD: oral antidiabetic drug

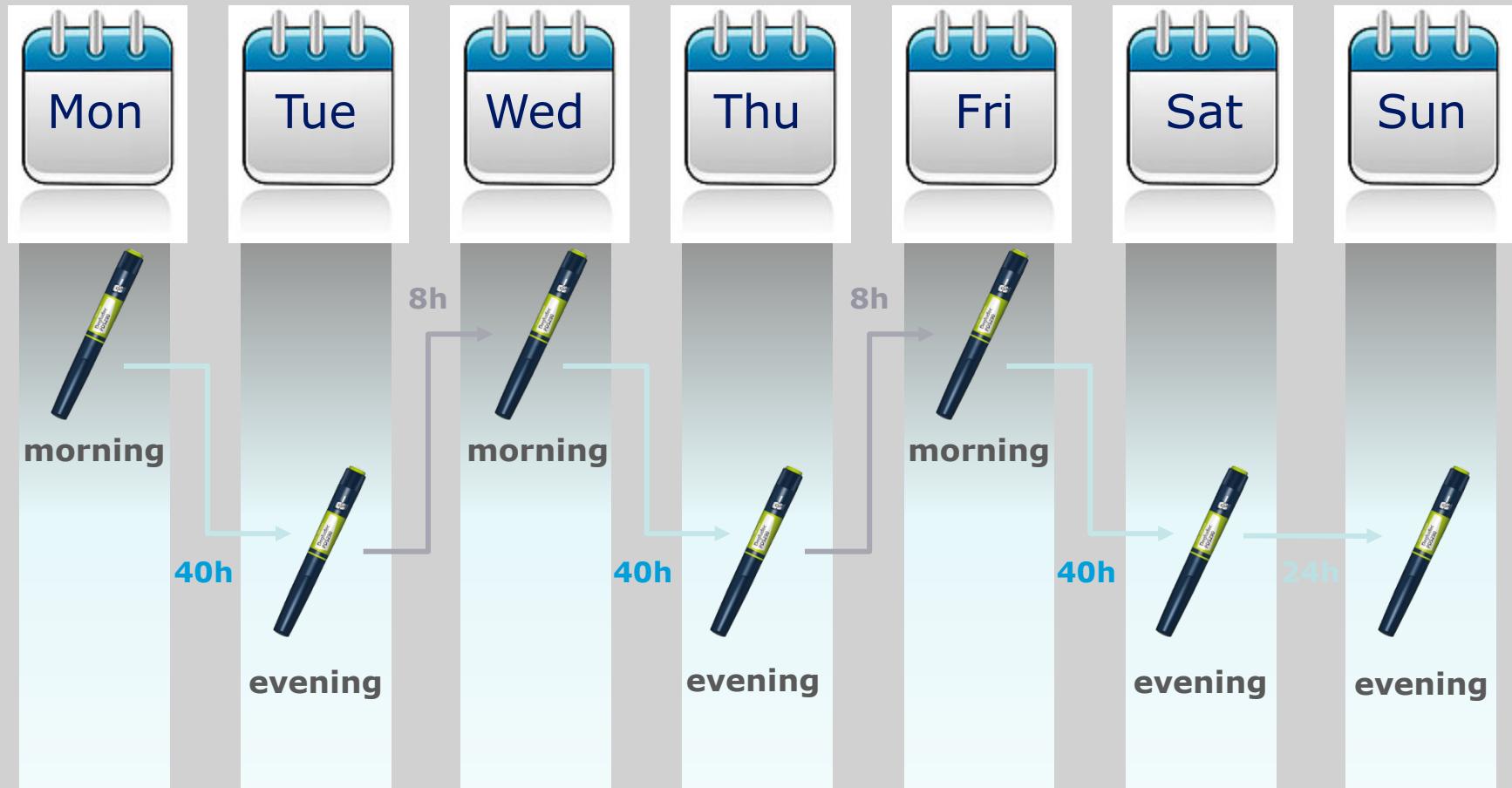
met; metformin

pio: pioglitazone

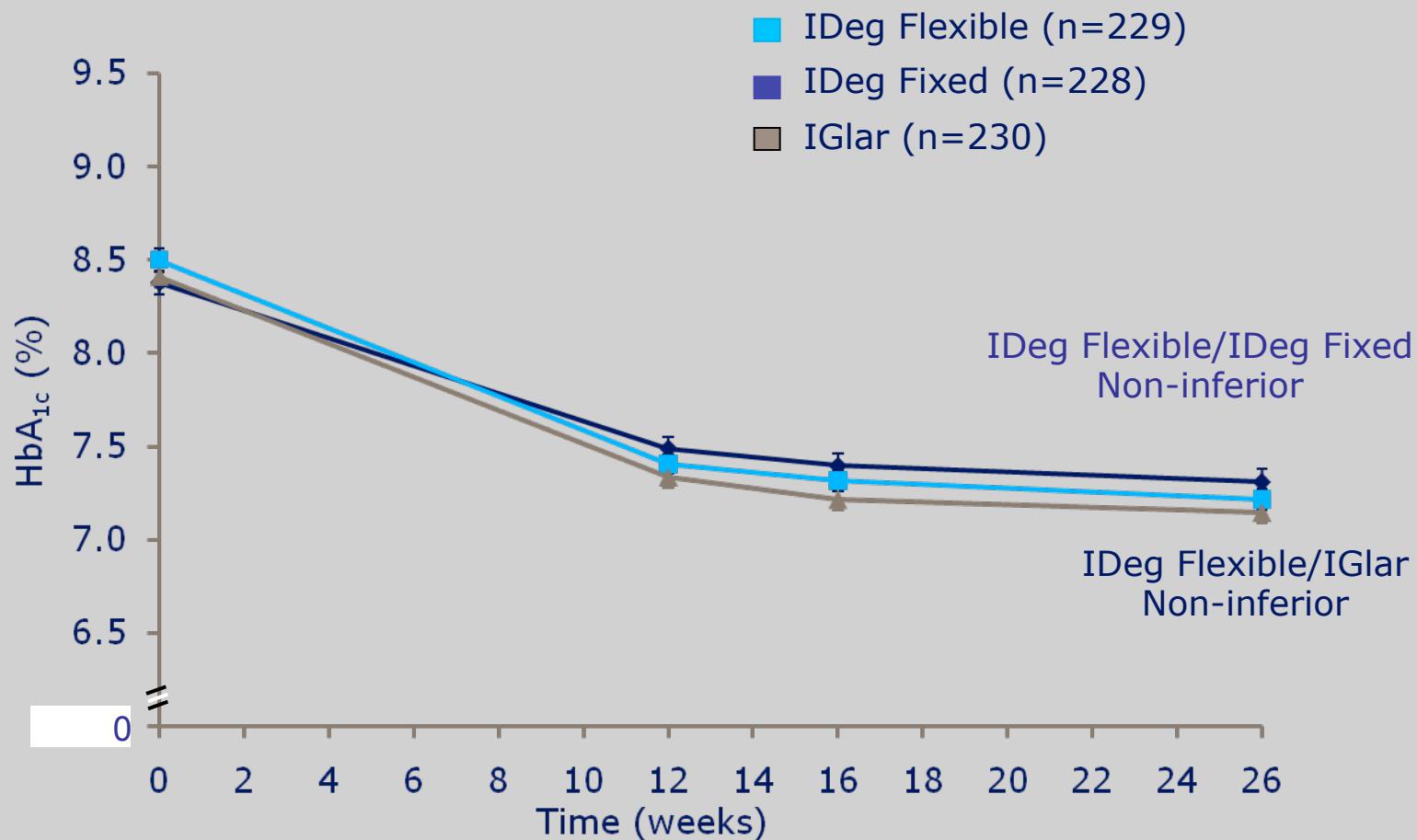
SU: sulphonylurea

SD: sulphonylurea  
OD: once-daily

# IDeg vs IGlar in T2: dose flessibile



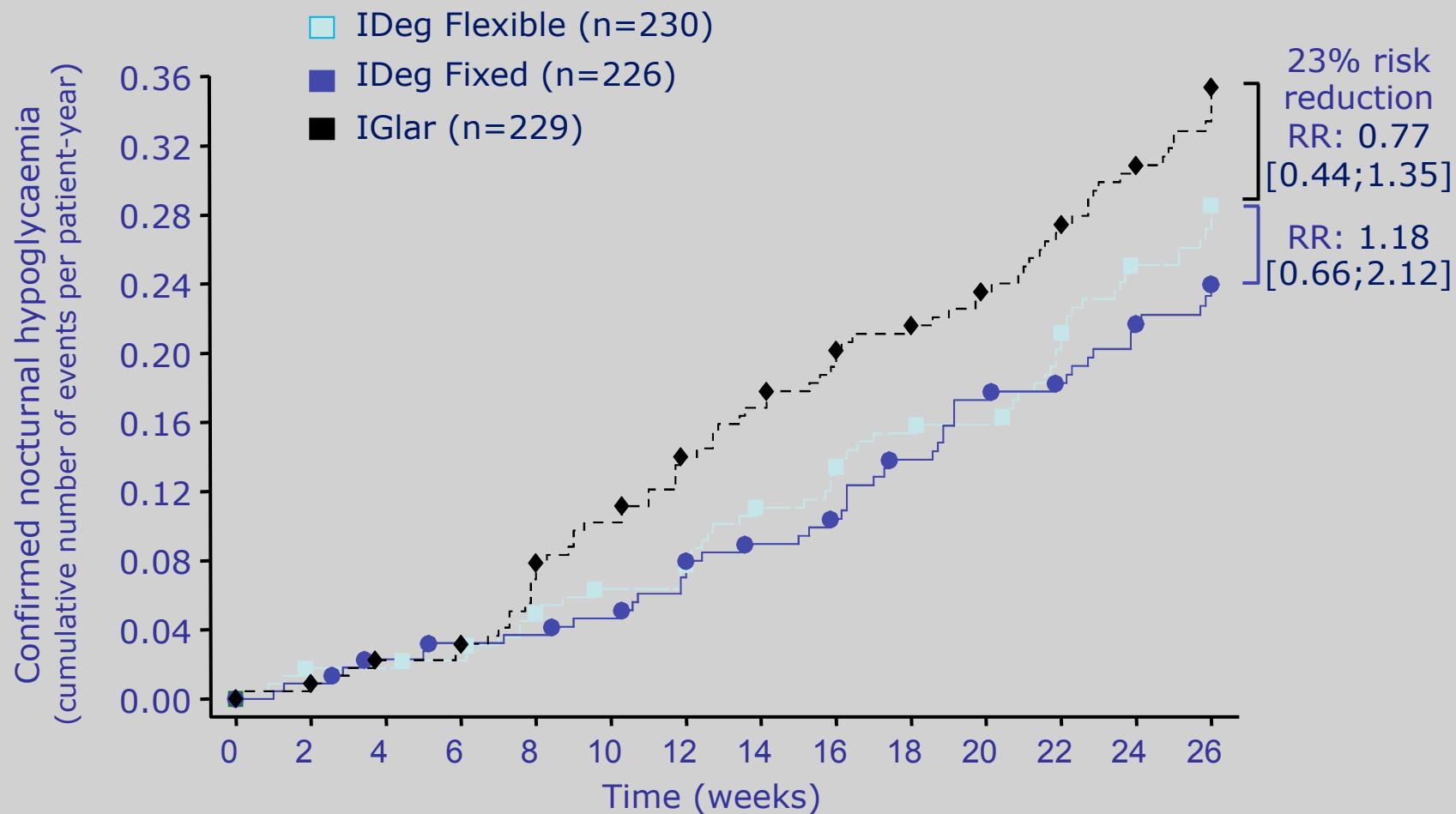
# HbA<sub>1c</sub>



FAS; LOCF

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# Ipoglicemie notturne



SAS

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# Colpa Del Farmaco

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# Diabete tipo 1

Table I Summary of clinical trials in patients with type 1 diabetes

Study	N	Duration (weeks)	Mean baseline values Age (years); BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ); HbA <sub>1c</sub> (%); FPG (mg/dL)	Comparators	Basal insulin target goals FPG (mg/dL)	HbA <sub>1c</sub> %		FPG, mg/dL (laboratory measured)	
						Change ( $\pm$ SD) from baseline to end of study	ETD (95% CI)	Change ( $\pm$ SD) from baseline to end of study	ETD (95% CI)
Birkeland et al <sup>23</sup> Phase II M, R, C, O	178	16	Age: 45.8; BMI: 26.9; HbA <sub>1c</sub> : 8.4; FPG: 178.2	IDeg <sup>†</sup> vs IGlar	72–108	IDeg (A): -0.57 ( $\pm$ 0.76)	IDeg (A) – IGlar: -0.10 (-0.1–0.3)	IDeg (A): -28.8 ( $\pm$ 83.88)	IDeg (A) vs IGlar: -10.08 (-33.1–13.1)
						IDeg (B): -0.54 ( $\pm$ 0.78)	-0.18 (-0.06–0.4)	IDeg (B): -37.08 ( $\pm$ 93.06)	-13.68 (-36.7–9.4)
						IGlar: -0.62 ( $\pm$ 0.68)	IDeg (B) – IGlar: -0.18 (-0.06–0.4)	IGlar: -9.72 ( $\pm$ 78.48)	IDeg (B) vs IGlar: -13.68 (-36.7–9.4)
Hirsch et al <sup>24,27</sup> Phase III O, R, treat-to-target	548	26	Age: 41; HbA <sub>1c</sub> : 8.3; FPG: 189	IDegAsp (70/30) vs detemir	Not reported	IDegAsp: -0.73	IDegAsp – detemir: -0.05 (-0.2–0.08)	IDegAsp: -28.8	IDegAsp vs detemir: 4.1 (-8.3–16.4)
						Detemir: -0.68	-0.05 (-0.2–0.08)	Detemir: -43.2	
Russell-Jones et al and Heller et al <sup>28,29</sup> Phase III O, R, treat-to-target	629	52	Age: 43; HbA <sub>1c</sub> : 7.7; FPG: not reported	IDeg vs IGlar	<90	IDeg: -0.4	IDeg – IGlar: -0.01 (-0.14–0.11)	IDeg: -23	IDeg vs IGlar: -5.94 (-18.6–6.5)
						IGlar: -0.4		IGlar: -25	

Notes: <sup>†</sup>Trials using two formulations of insulin degludec (IDeg (A), 600  $\mu$ mol/L, 1 unit/6 nmol; IDeg (B), 900  $\mu$ mol/L, 1 unit/9 nmol); IDeg (B) was discontinued following study (mean dose was decreased over the trial suggesting the starting dose for this higher strength was too high); <sup>†</sup>Abstract; <sup>\*</sup>Full publication.

Abbreviations: M, multicenter; R, randomized; C, controlled; P, parallel-group; O, open-label; BMI, body-mass index; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated hemoglobin; FPG, fasting plasma glucose; IDeg, insulin degludec; IGlar, insulin glargin; IDegAsp is a soluble co-formulation of IDeg (70%) and insulin aspart (IASp; 30%); ETD, estimated mean treatment difference.

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**Table 3** Incidence of hypoglycemia in type I diabetes

Study	Weeks	Confirmed hypoglycemia < 56 mg/dL (3.0 mmol/L)		Nocturnal hypoglycemia <sup>a</sup>	
		Events/patient-year	vs IDGlar (ERR (95% CI))	Events/patient-year	vs IDGlar (ERR (95% CI))
Birkeland et al <sup>12</sup>	16	47.9, 59.5, 66.2	IDeg (A): -28% (0.72 (0.52–1.00)) <sup>b</sup> IDeg (A), IDeg (B), IDGlar IDeg (B): -10% (0.90 (0.65–1.24))	5.1, 8.8, 12.3	-58% (0.42 (0.25–0.69)) <sup>b</sup> IDeg (A), IDeg (B), IDGlar -29% (0.71 (0.44–1.16))
Russell-Jones et al. Heller et al <sup>24,25</sup>	52	42.5 vs 40.2	No Change (1.07 (0.89–1.28))	4.4 vs 5.9	-25% (0.75 (0.59–0.96)) <sup>b</sup>
Hirsch et al <sup>2,26,27</sup>	26	39 vs 44	vs insulin detemir IDegAsp vs detemir	3.7 vs 5.7	-37% (0.63 (0.49–0.81)) <sup>b</sup>

Notes: <sup>a</sup>Statistically significant ( $P < 0.05$ ); <sup>b</sup>Trials using two formulations of insulin degludec (IDeg (A), 600  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 1 unit/6 nmol; IDeg (B), 900  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ , 1 unit/9 nmol);

<sup>c</sup>IDegAsp (IDeg 70%; IAsp 30%); ERR, estimated rate ratio; IDGlar, insulin glargin; <sup>d</sup>Nocturnal hypoglycemic episodes was defined as confirmed hypoglycemia < 56 mg/dL occurring between 2300 and 0559 hours (inclusive)<sup>11,14,17</sup> and not defined in the following studies.<sup>16,31</sup>

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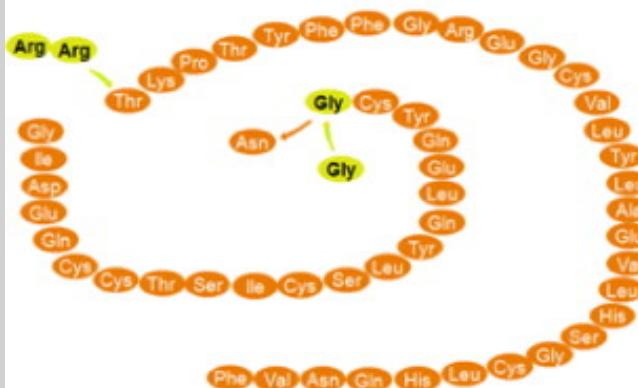
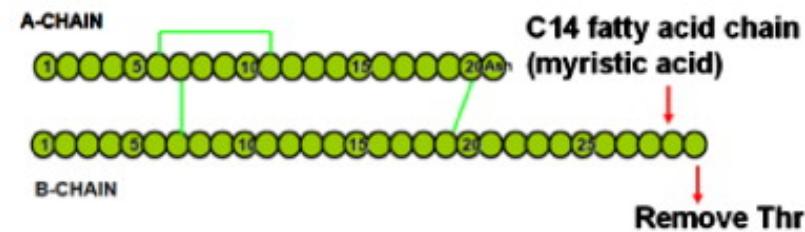
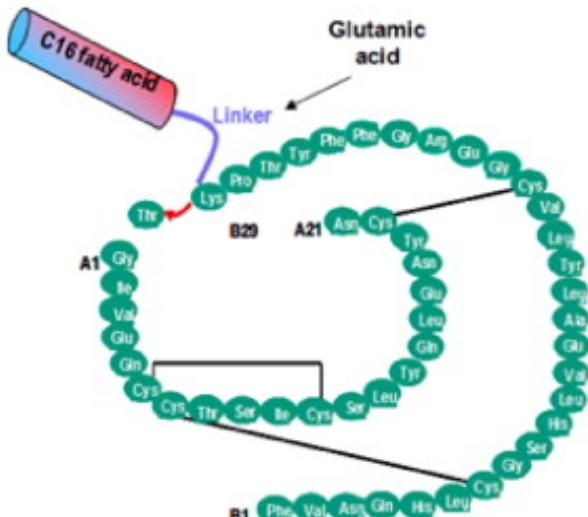
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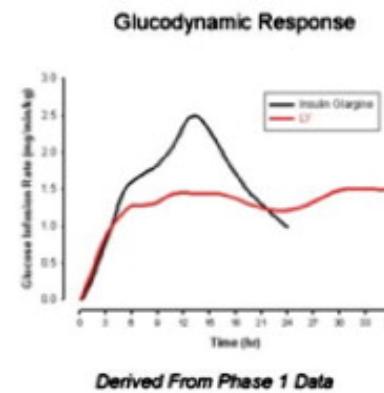
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- L'Insulina degludec può essere dosata ad ogni ora del giorno ed a differente orario,
- Migliora il controllo glicemico dei pazienti con diabete mellito
- FPG è ridotta in misura maggiore con insulina deglutec a dose fissa rispetto all'insulina glargine
- Il tasso di ipoglicemia non cambia sia con il dosaggio flessibile che con la dose fissa, vi è inoltre una diminuzione delle ipoglicemie notturne rispetto a glargine.
- L'intervallo di somministrazione può essere dalle 8 alle 40 ore, evitando che il paziente possa dimenticare o saltare una dose.

(a)

**(a) Insulin Glargine****(b) Insulin Detemir****(c) Insulin Degludec**

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**(d) Lilly's Basal Insulin: LY2605541**

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A Randomized, Controlled Study of LY2605541, a Novel Long-Acting Basal Insulin, Versus Insulin Glargine in Basal Insulin-Treated Patients With Type 2 Diabetes.

Bergenstal RM, Rosenstock J, Arakaki RF, Prince MJ, Qu Y, Sinha VP, Howey DC, Jacober SJ.  
International Diabetes Center at Park Nicollet, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

**Abstract**

**OBJECTIVE** To evaluate whether LY2605541 results in lower fasting blood glucose (FBG) versus insulin glargine (GL).

**RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS** This 12-week, randomized, open-label, Phase 2 study enrolled patients with type 2 diabetes (hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub> [A<sub>1C</sub>] ≤ 10.5%), taking metformin and/or sulfonylurea with GL or NPH insulin once daily. Patients converted to morning insulin administration during lead-in were randomized 2:1 from GL (n = 248) or NPH insulin (n = 39) to LY2605541 (n = 195) or GL (n = 95) once daily in the morning.

**RESULTS** At 12 weeks, FBG (mean ± SE) was similar with LY2605541 and GL (118.2 ± 2.0 mg/dL [6.6 ± 0.1 mmol/L] vs. 116.9 ± 2.7 mg/dL [6.5 ± 0.2 mmol/L], P = 0.433) as was A<sub>1C</sub> (7.0 ± 0.1 vs. 7.2 ± 0.1%, P = 0.279). Intraday blood glucose variability was reduced with LY2605541 (34.4 vs. 39.1 mg/dL [1.9 vs. 2.2 mmol/L], P = 0.031). LY2605541 patients had weight loss (-0.6 ± 0.2 kg, P = 0.007), whereas GL patients gained weight (0.3 ± 0.2 kg, P = 0.662; treatment difference: -0.8 kg, P = 0.001). The incidence and rate of both total hypoglycemia and nocturnal hypoglycemia were comparable between LY2605541 and GL, although, LY2605541 had a 48% reduction in nocturnal hypoglycemia after adjusting for baseline hypoglycemia (P = 0.021). Adverse events were similar across treatments. Alanine aminotransferase and aspartate aminotransferase remained within normal range but were significantly higher with LY2605541 (P ≤ 0.001).

**CONCLUSIONS** In patients with type 2 diabetes, LY2605541 and GL had comparable glucose control and total hypoglycemia rates, but LY2605541 showed reduced intraday variability, lower nocturnal hypoglycemia, and weight loss relative to GL.



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# Conclusioni

- Gli analoghi attuali sono efficaci ma avremo a disposizione ulteriori analoghi.
- I potenziali miglioramenti includono:
  - un nuovo analogo che avrà un profilo flat
  - minima variabilità interindividuale
  - La chiave di svolta del prossimo futuro dipende dal corretto utilizzo degli analoghi attuali con le nuove insuline,
  - che hanno il vantaggio di essere dosate
    - » in maniera flessibile
    - » riducono il rischio di ipoglicemia.