



# **Metabolic Karma**

## **- Essential Solution in Type2 DM -**

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# KARMA ?

## What goes around, comes around

“the intent and actions of an individual (with respect to metabolic control) influence the future health of that individual”

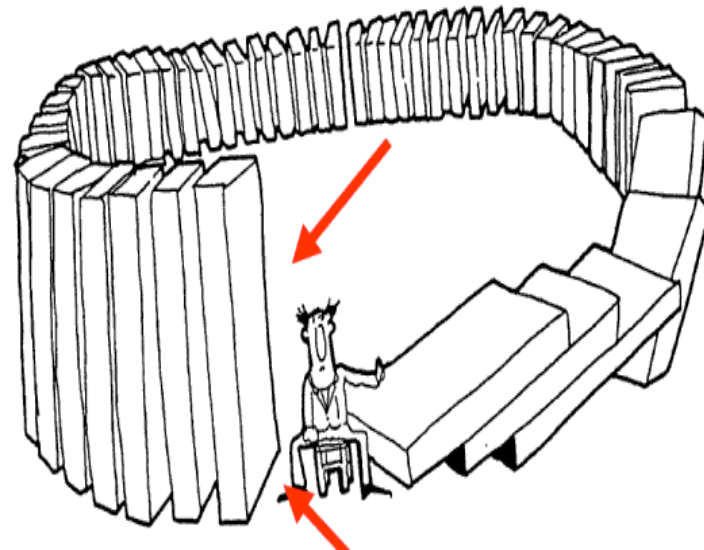
### Karma , the Legacy Effect

#### Metabolic Karma = Legacy effect

Early glycemic control to minimize exposure to hyperglycemia will return as better quality of life in later in life.

#### In other words..

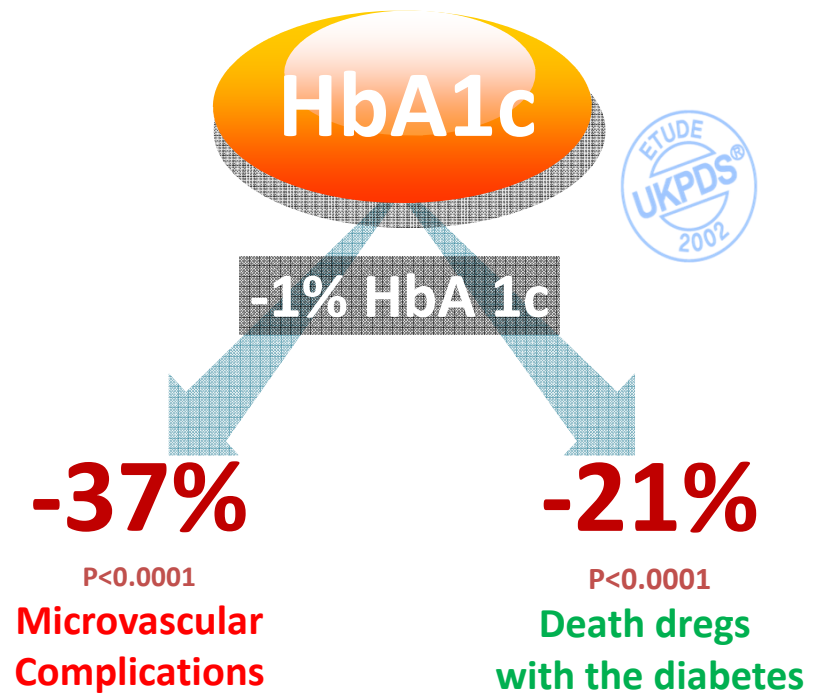
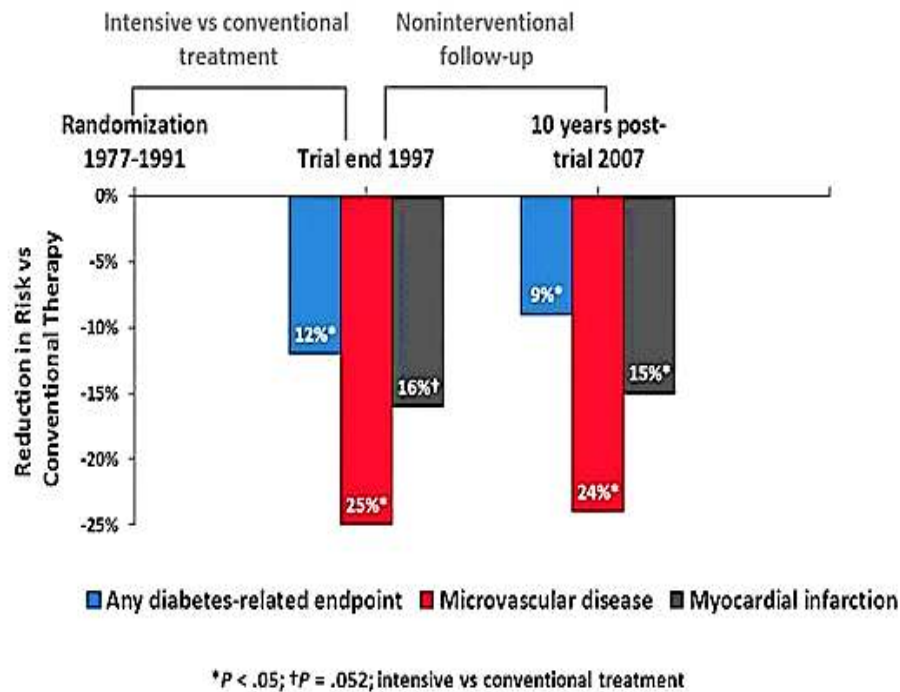
The longer diabetes patients are exposed to hyperglycemia, the chance of suffering from diabetic complication increases.



# Metabolic Karma in diabetic complications

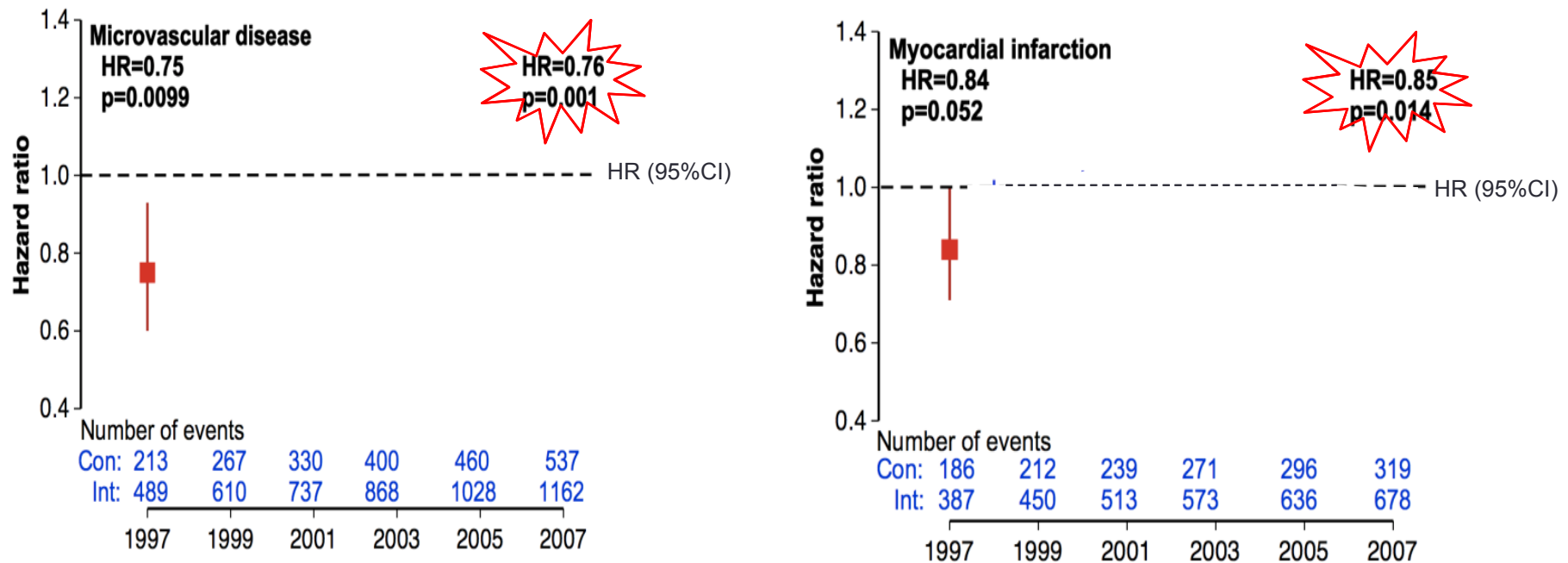
## UKPDS

Intensive glycemic control returns as long lasting benefit



# Legacy effect of glycemic control never disappears?

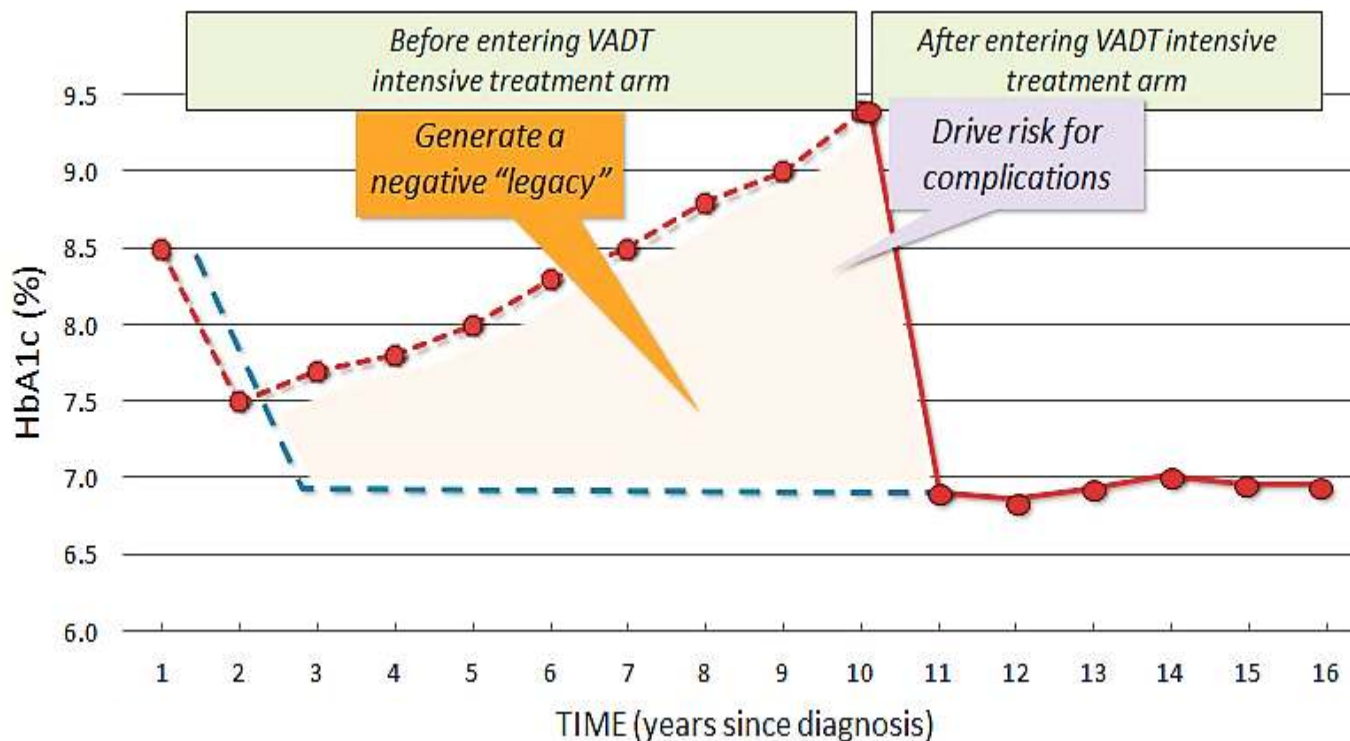
## Intensive (SU/Ins) vs. Conventional glucose control



The more interesting findings were observed after UKPDS. 10 years of non-interventional F/U of post trial was conducted. During that period, the risk of all microvascular complications and MI was continuously low in the previous intensive treatment patient group.

# Legacy effect of bad glycemic control never disappears?

Exposure to hyperglycemia returns as **negative** legacy effect (VADT).  
Mean duration of diabetes in this study population was over 10 years  
and the prevalence of CVD was also high.



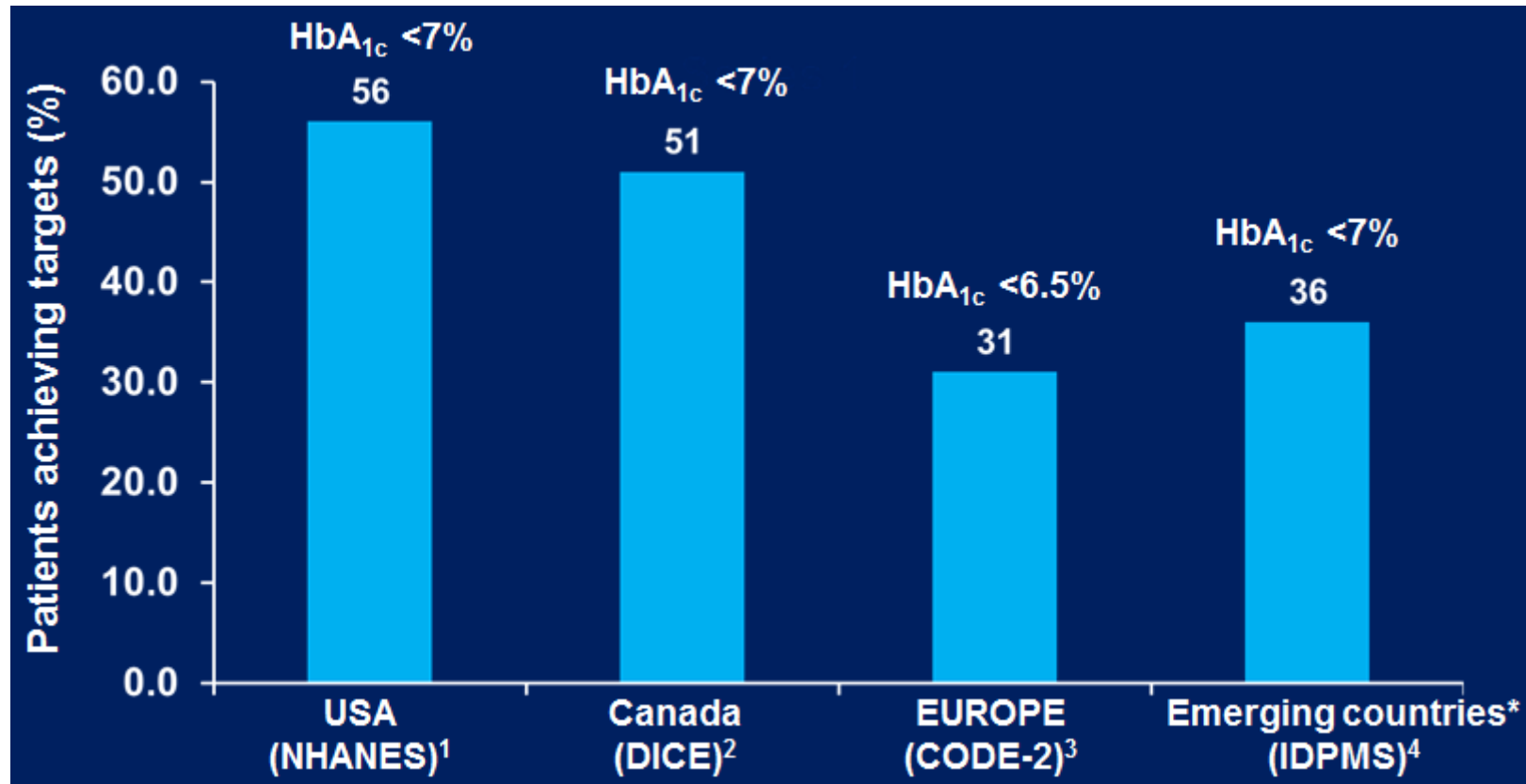
Therefore, the intensive glycemic control in the patients with high risk of CVD  
can not reduce the potential risk of complications

# Essential Solution in Type 2 DM

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# Uncontrolled Hyperglycemia is a **Global** problem in clinical practice



\*Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East and Africa

It is well known that the early intensive glycemc control is very important for the good legacy effect. However, the percentage of patient achieving target is very low.

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# Reaching Target Goal is not EASY

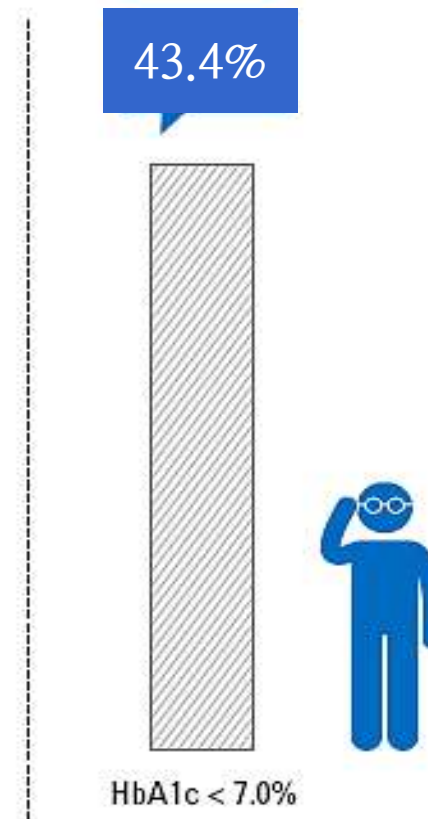
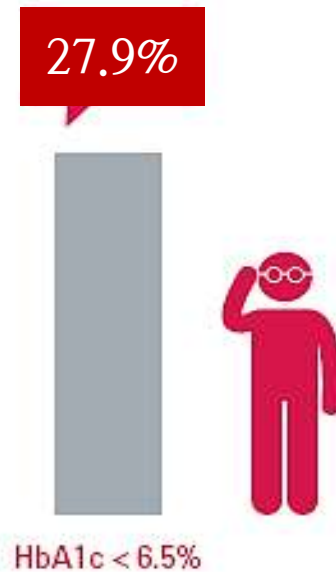
- Target Goal achievement rate in **Korean** Diabetes patients

< 30%

## Glycemic Control

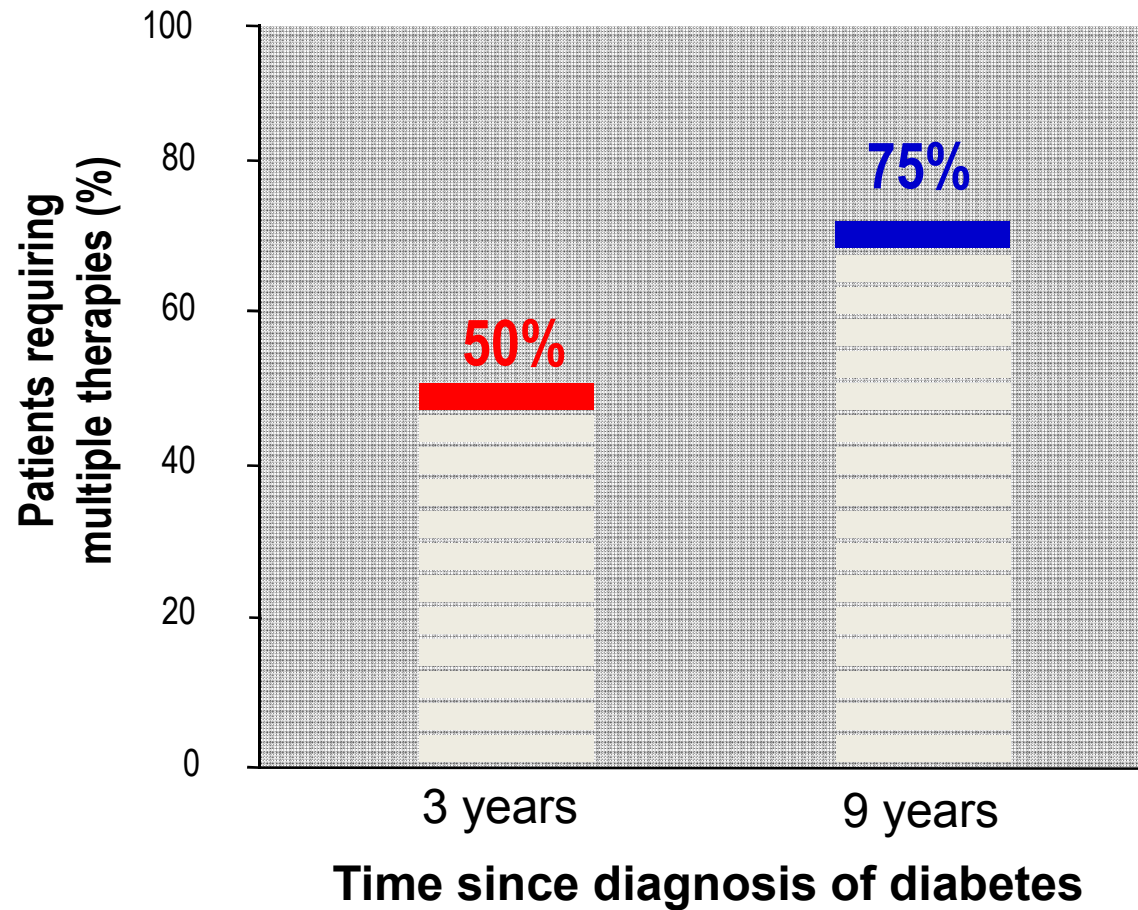
**KDA** HbA1c < 6.5%

**ADA** HbA1C < 7.0%



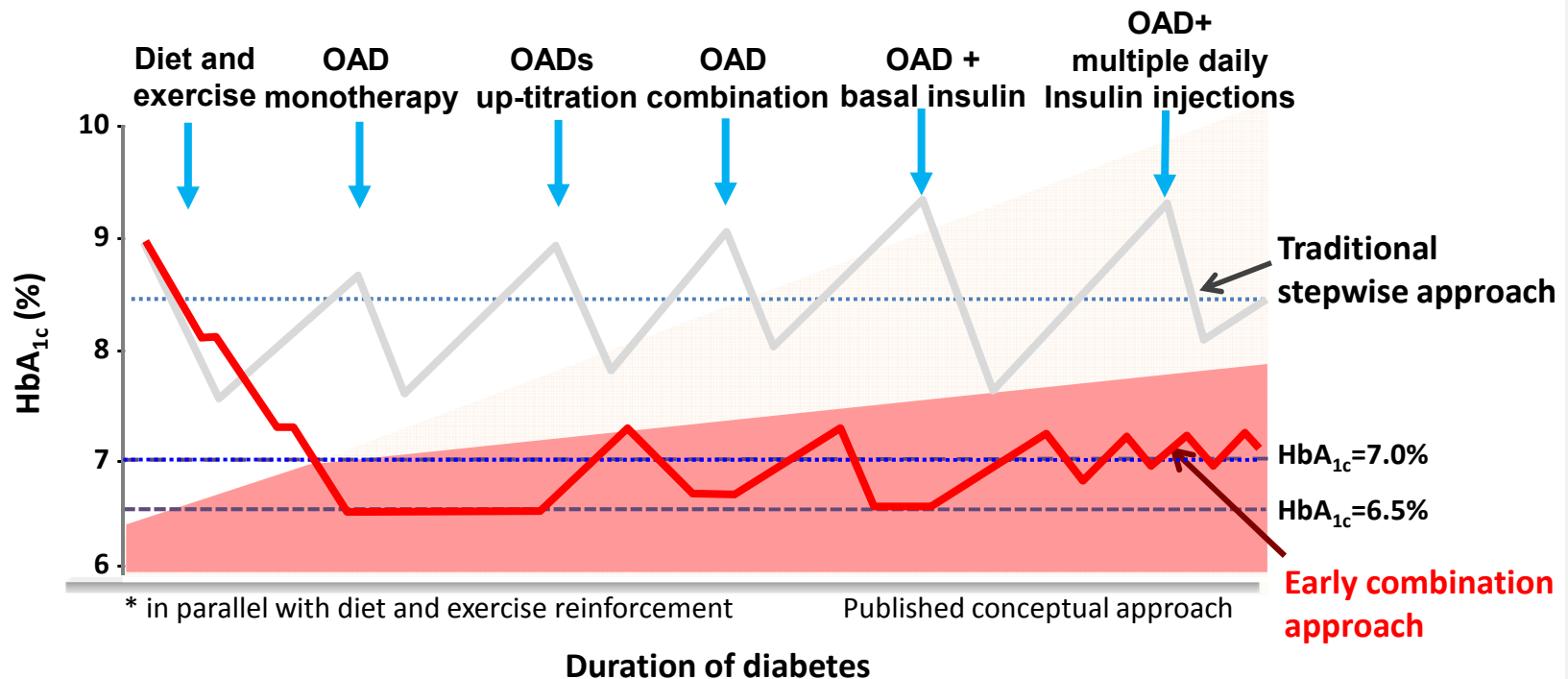
# UKPDS:

Loss of glycemic control leads to the need for combination therapy



# Early combination therapy may achieve target goal

## Move from REACTIVE Stepwise Treatment to a More PROACTIVE Approach

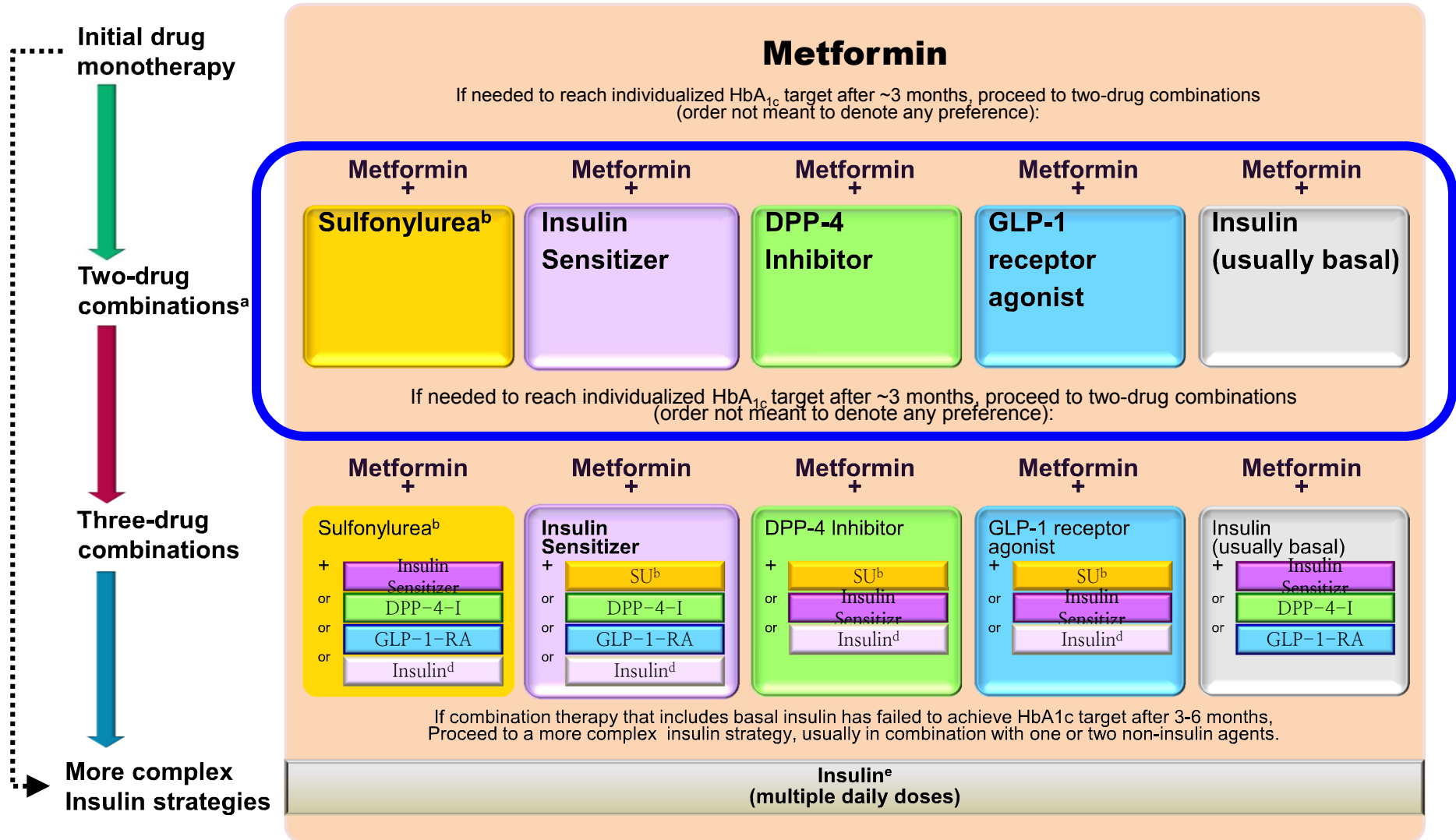


\* The Stepwise approach (grey line) often leads to unacceptable delays in both achieving and maintaining glycaemic goals. The Early combination approach (red line) represents the same sequence of events of treatment for the individual, but with each stage brought forward, to provide better and more rapid glycaemic control and therefore improve the patient's glycaemic profile.

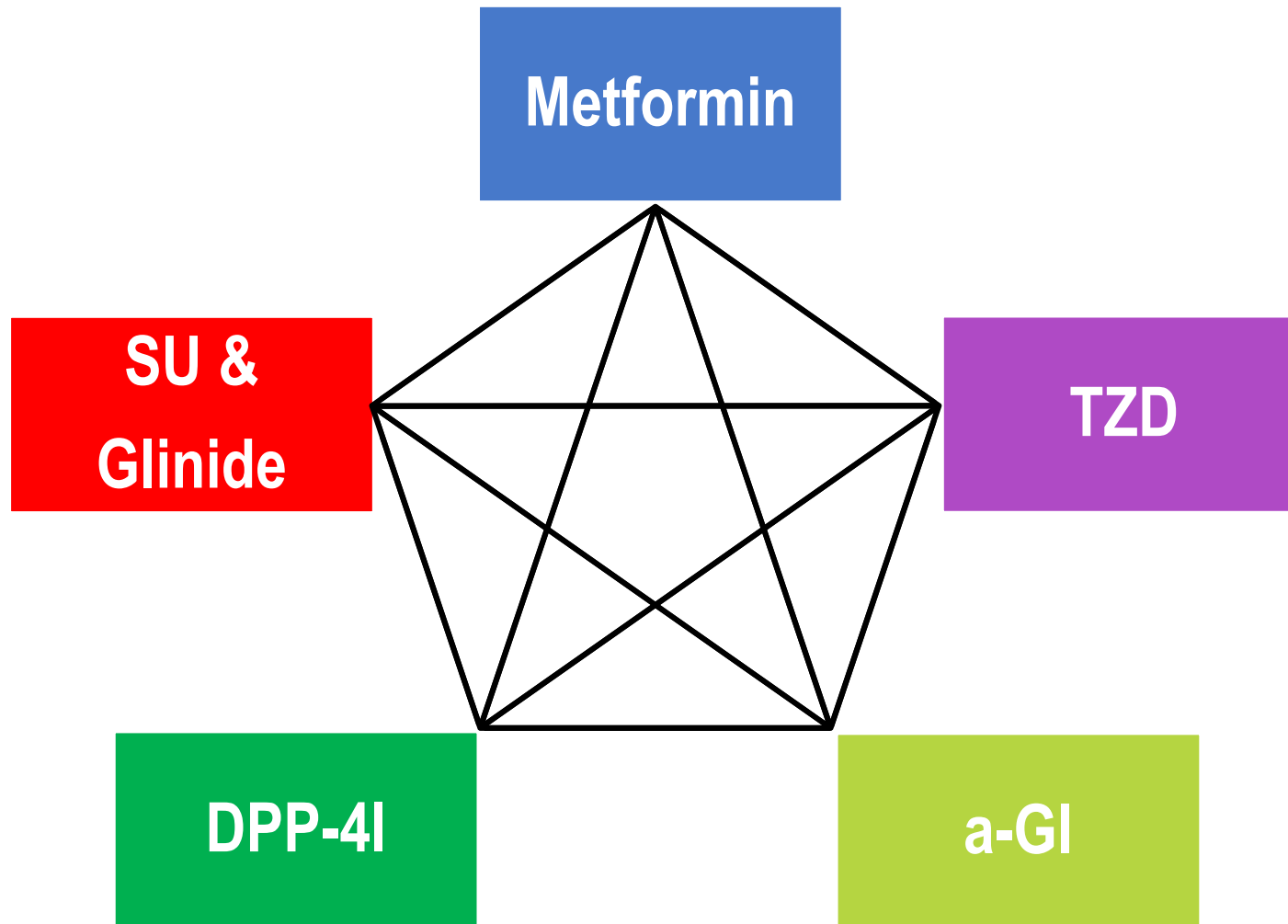
OAD=oral antihyperglycemic agent

# ADA Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes 2014

ADA also recommended early combination therapy with second line regimen after metformin



# What is your choice for the early intensive treatment strategy?



# What next after metformin?

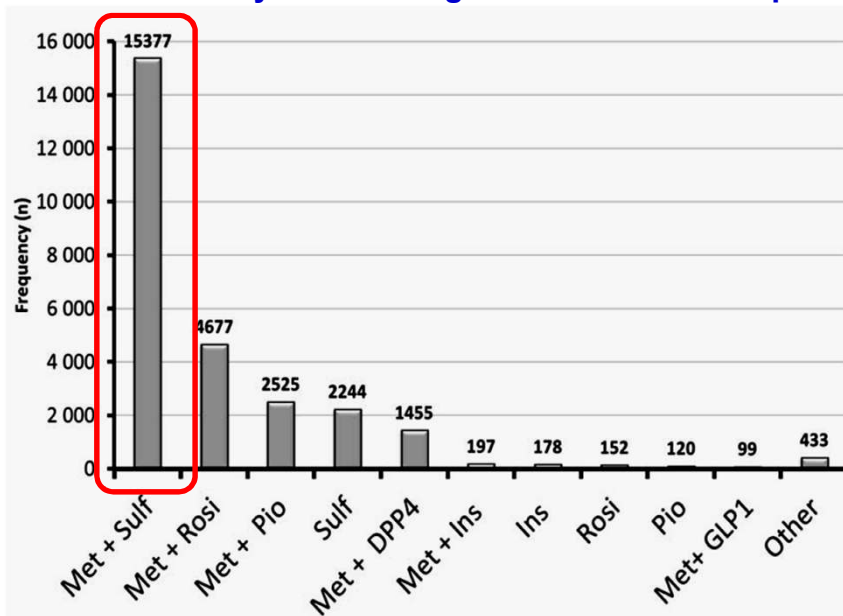
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Endocrine Research

What Next after Metformin? A Retrospective Evaluation of the Outcome of Second-Line, Glucose-Lowering Therapies in People with Type 2 Diabetes

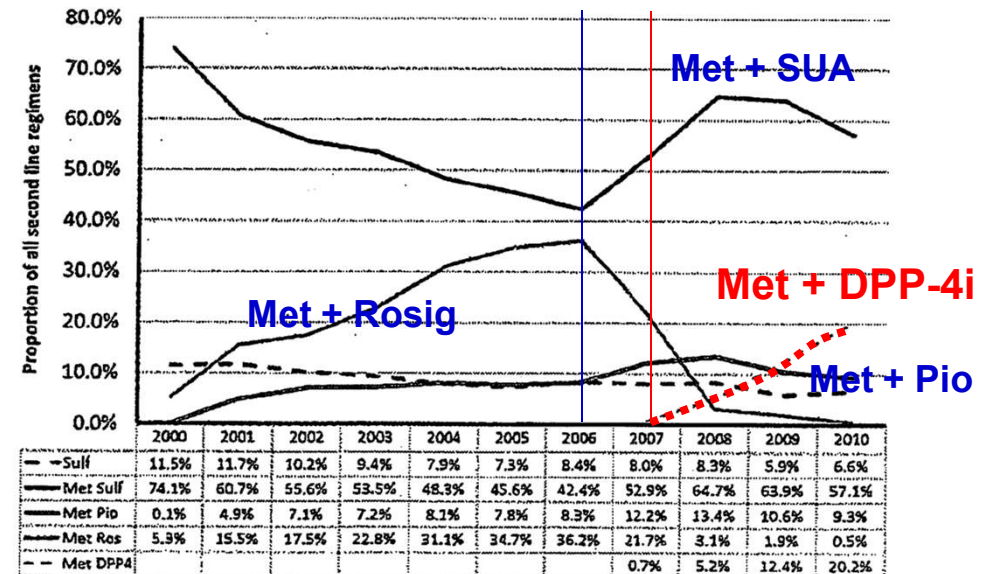
❖ Retrospective data from the UK General Practice Research Database was used.

Try to find out which drug was used of 2<sup>nd</sup>-line regimens following 1<sup>st</sup>-line metformin therapy (2000–2011). For all that, SUA was the most commonly used during the whole research periods.



A total of 27,457 patients were identified as switching to an eligible 2<sup>nd</sup>-line therapy during the selected time period.

Trend for selected 2<sup>nd</sup>-line regimens as a proportion of all 2<sup>nd</sup>-line regimens, by year

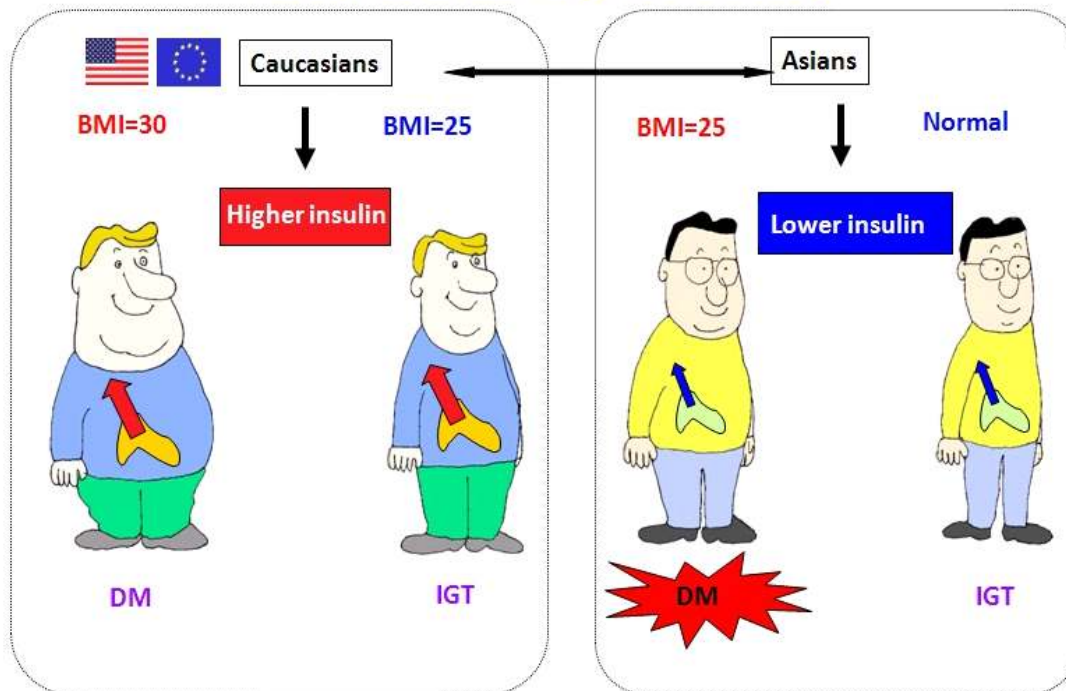


Sulf, sulfonylurea; Met Sulf, metformin+sulfonylurea; Met Pio, metformin+pioglitazone; Met Ros, metformin+ rosiglitazone; Met DPP4, metformin+ DPP4 inhibitor

# What is your intensive strategy?

There are many reasons why SUA is still the most commonly used. One of the most important reason is the direct stimulatory effect of pancreatic beta-cells.

## Asians are susceptible to T2DM Despite mild degree obesity

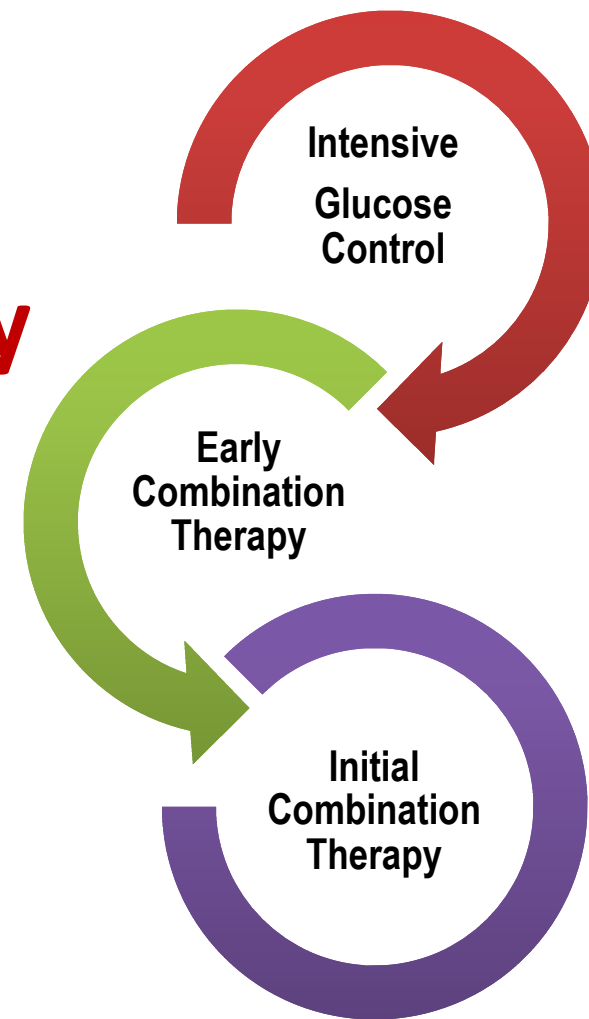


Sulfonylureas help  
pancreas make  
extra insulin



**Beta cell failure is the more dominant pathophysiology in Asian. So, we usually start with SUA for the rapid and intensive glycemic control..**

# Clinical Evidences of Early Intensive Combination Therapy with Sulfonylurea





# Glimepiride + Met FDC vs. Met Up-titration - A study design to compare

## Efficacy of glimepiride/metformin fixed-dose combination vs metformin uptitration in type 2 diabetic patients inadequately controlled on low-dose metformin monotherapy: A randomized, open label, parallel group, multicenter study in Korea

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- **Design:** Randomized, open label, parallel group, multicenter study in KOREA
- **Subject:** Patients have been on metformin 500~1000mg/day for at least 4weeks (HbA1c level 7.0~10.0%)
- **Primary end point:** Change in HbA1c
- **Secondary end point:** Change in FPG/PPG, Rate reaching HbA1c <7% & FPG <140mg/dL

# Glimepiride + Met FDC vs. Met Up-titration

## - Efficacy

• **HbA1c <7%**  
 G/M FDC: 74.7%  
 MET UP: 46.6%

• **FPG <140mg/dL**  
 G/M FDC: 84.7%  
 MET UP: 65.1%

A1c and FPG were more decreased in FDC than Met up titration

**Table 2** | Adjusted mean changes in glycated hemoglobin, fasting plasma glucose and 2-h postprandial plasma glucose

Group	<i>n</i>	Baseline Mean ± SD	End of study Mean ± SD	Adjusted mean change from baseline (95% CI)	Change G/M FDC vs Met UP (95% CI)	<i>P</i> -value
<b>HbA1c (%)</b>						
G/M FDC	99	7.9 ± 0.8	6.6 ± 0.7	-1.2 (-1.3 to -1.1)	-0.4 (-0.6 to -0.3)	<0.0001
Met UP	103	7.8 ± 0.7	7.0 ± 0.7	-0.8 (-0.9 to -0.6)		
<b>FPG (mg/dL)</b>						
G/M FDC	98	156.7 ± 33.2	117.3 ± 21.0	-35.7 (-39.7 to -31.7)	-17.1 (-22.8 to -11.5)	<0.0001
Met UP	103	148.1 ± 26.9	133.0 ± 20.3	-18.6 (-22.5 to -14.6)		
<b>PPG (mg/dL)</b>						
G/M FDC	97	233.6 ± 66.7	180.9 ± 57.3	-50.6 (-60.8 to -40.3)	-8.1 (-22.4 to 6.3)	0.2681
Met UP	102	228.0 ± 69.0	187.4 ± 52.1	-42.5 (-52.5 to -32.5)		

CI, confidence interval; G/M FDC, glimepiride/metformin fixed-dose combination; Met Up, metformin uptitration treatment; SD, standard deviation.

# Glimepiride + Met FDC vs. Met Up-titration

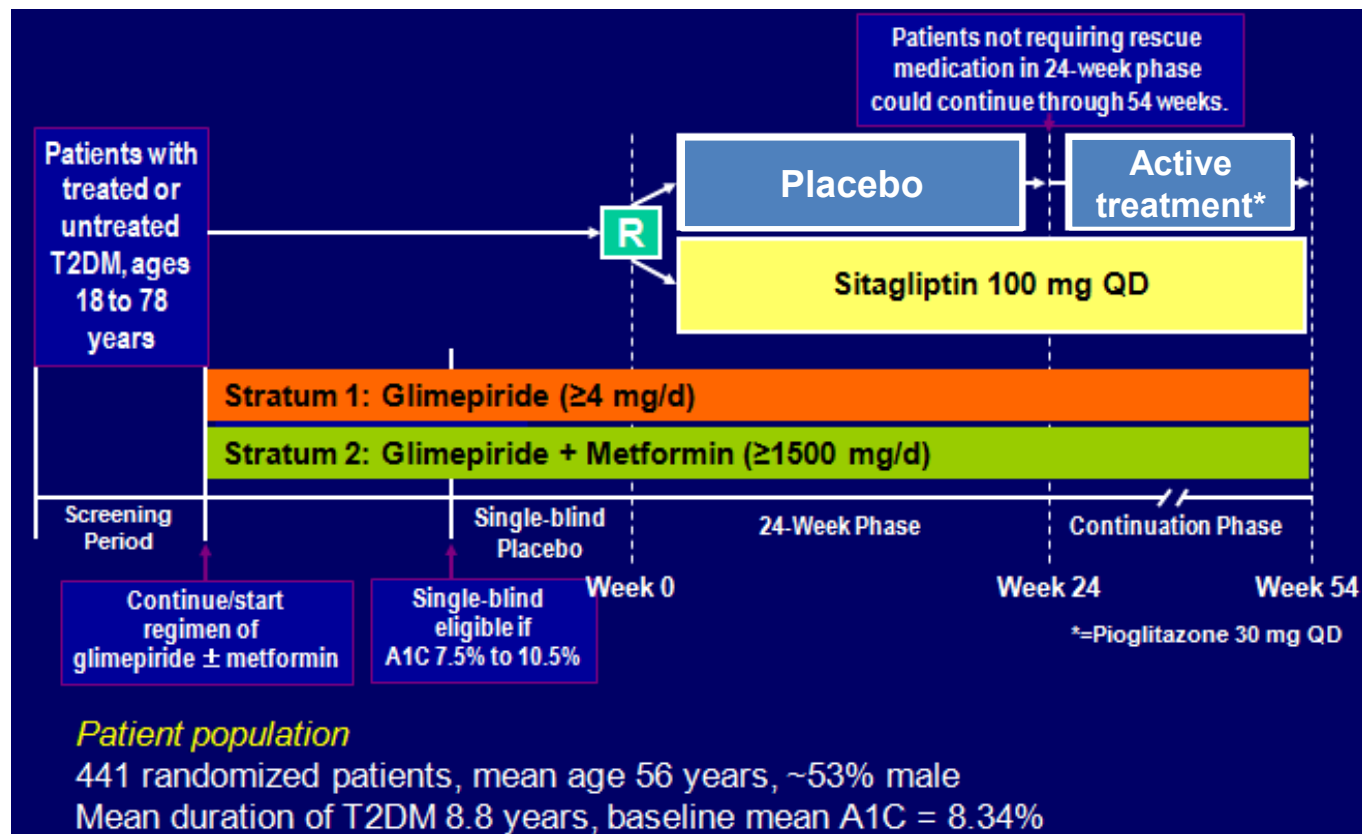
## - Safety rate

	G/M FDC (n = 100)	Met UP (n = 108)
AEs*, n (%)		
≥1 AE	34 (34.0)	34 (31.5)
≥1 possibly drug-related AEs	5 (5.0)	8 (7.4)
≥1 Serious AEs	1 (1.0)	3 (2.8)
Discontinuations due to AEs	0	3 (2.8)
AEs ≥ 2% in either treatment groups, n (%)		
Abdominal pain upper	4 (4.0)	1 (0.9)
Diarrhea	1 (1.0)	5 (4.6)
Chest pain	2 (2.0)	2 (1.9)
Nasopharyngitis	7 (7.0)	5 (4.6)
Upper respiratory tract infection	0	5 (4.6)
Headache	3 (3.0)	0
Hypoglycemia, n (%) / event		
Any hypoglycemia	41 (41.0) / 100	6 (5.6) / 6
Titration period	19 (19.0) / 31	3 (2.8) / 3
Maintenance period	29 (29.0) / 68	2 (1.9) / 2
Symptomatic hypoglycemia	39 (39.0) / 96	4 (3.7) / 4
Nocturnal hypoglycemia	2 (2.0) / 2	0 / 0
Severe hypoglycemia	0 / 0	0 / 0
Hypoglycemia checked with SMBG, no. events (%)		
Hypoglycemia checked with SMBG	81 (100)	4 (100)
<50 mg/dL	1 (1.2)	0 (0.0)
50–60 mg/dL	9 (11.1)	1 (25.0)
60–70 mg/dL	24 (29.6)	1 (25.0)
≥70 mg/dL	47 (58.0)	2 (50.0)

\*Adverse events (AEs) excluding hypoglycemia. G/M FDC, glimepiride/metformin fixed-dose combination; Met Up, metformin uptitration treatment, SMBG, self-monitored blood glucose.

# SU ± Met+DPP-4I vs. SU ± Met+Placebo

## - A study design to compare

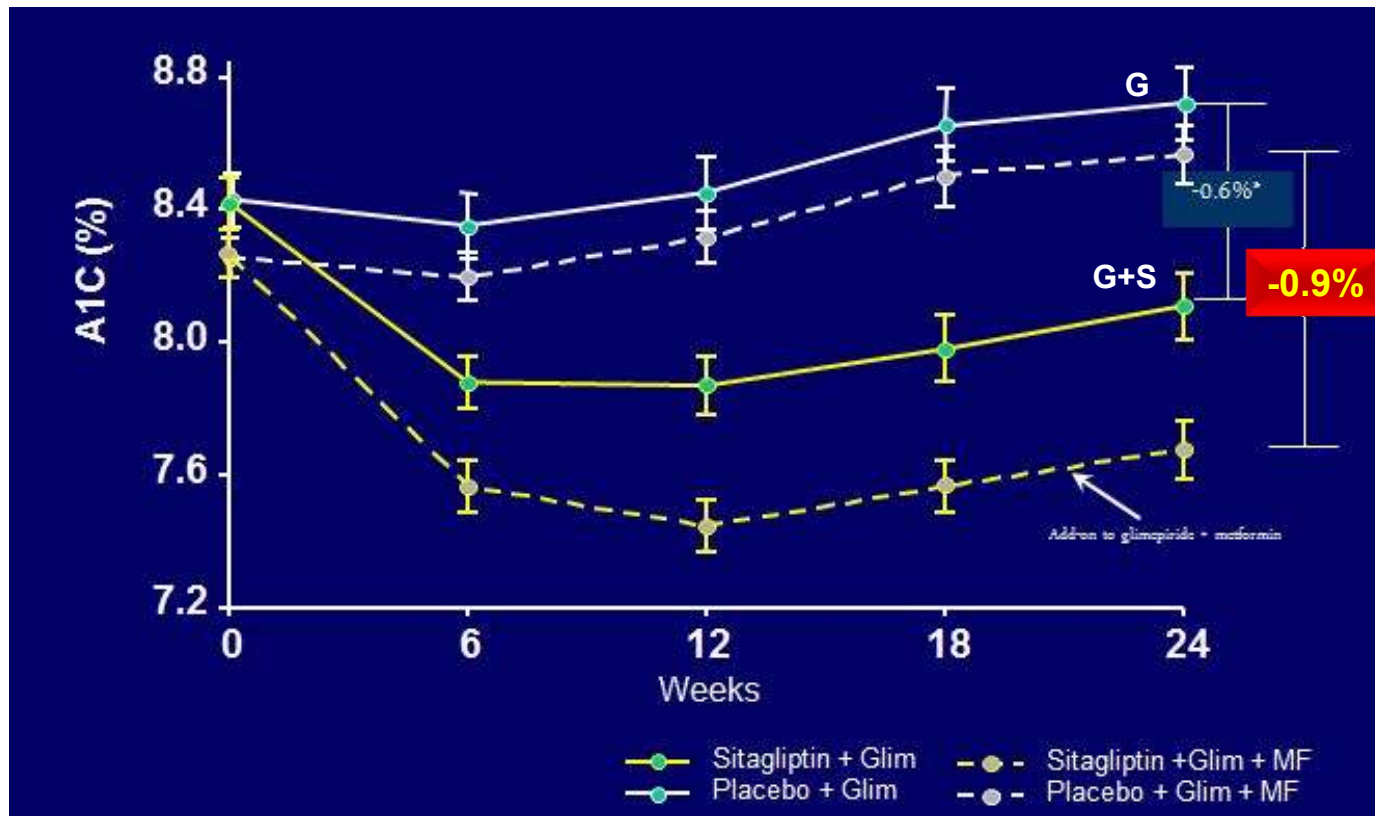


Another study was tried to compare the efficacy between intensive triple combination and dual combination therapy

- **Primary Endpoint:** Change in HbA<sub>1c</sub> from baseline to Week 24
- **Secondary endpoint:** FPG, 2-h post-meal glucose and lipid measurements

# SU ± Met+DPP-4I vs. SU ± Met+Placebo - Efficacy

A1C change from Baseline – By Stratum  
Placebo-controlled Add-on to Glimpiride (+/- metformin) Study



A1c difference between G/G+S was 0.6%. By the way, initial intensive triple combination showed more decreased A1c compare to dual combination.



# SU ± Met+DPP-4I vs. SU ± Met+Placebo

## - Safety rate

n (%)	Sitagliptin 100 mg q.d.			Placebo		
	Entire cohort (n = 222)	Glimepiride (n = 106)	Glimepiride + metformin (n = 116)	Entire cohort (n = 219)	Glimepiride (n = 106)	Glimepiride + metformin (n = 113)
One or more AEs	132 (59.5)	59 (55.7)	73 (62.9)	103 (47.0)	43 (40.6)	60 (53.1)
Drug-related AEs†	33 (14.9)	12 (11.3)	21 (18.1)	15 (6.8)	7 (6.6)	8 (7.1)
Serious AEs (SAEs)	12 (5.4)	5 (4.7)	7 (6.0)	8 (3.7)	6 (5.7)	2 (1.8)
Drug-related SAEs‡	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Death	1 (0.5)‡	0 (0.0)	1 (0.9)‡	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Discontinuations because of AEs	5 (2.3)	3 (2.8)	2 (1.7)	3 (1.4)	1 (0.9)	2 (1.8)
Discontinuations because of drug-related AEs†	1 (0.5)	1 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.9)
Discontinuations because of SAEs	3 (1.4)	2 (1.9)	1 (0.9)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.9)	0 (0.0)
Discontinuations because of drug-related SAEs‡	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Clinical AEs of special interest						
Hypoglycaemia	27 (12.2)	8 (7.5)	19 (16.4)	4 (1.8)	3 (2.8)	1 (0.9)
Overall gastrointestinal AEs	11 (5.0)	6 (5.7)	5 (4.3)	10 (4.6)	2 (1.9)	8 (7.1)
Selected gastrointestinal AEs						
Abdominal pain	5 (2.3)	3 (2.8)	2 (1.7)	2 (0.9)	0 (0.0)	2 (1.8)
Diarrhoea	3 (1.4)	2 (1.9)	1 (0.9)	6 (2.7)	2 (1.9)	4 (3.5)
Nausea	1 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.9)	1 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.9)
Vomiting	3 (1.4)	1 (0.9)	2 (1.7)	1 (0.5)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.9)

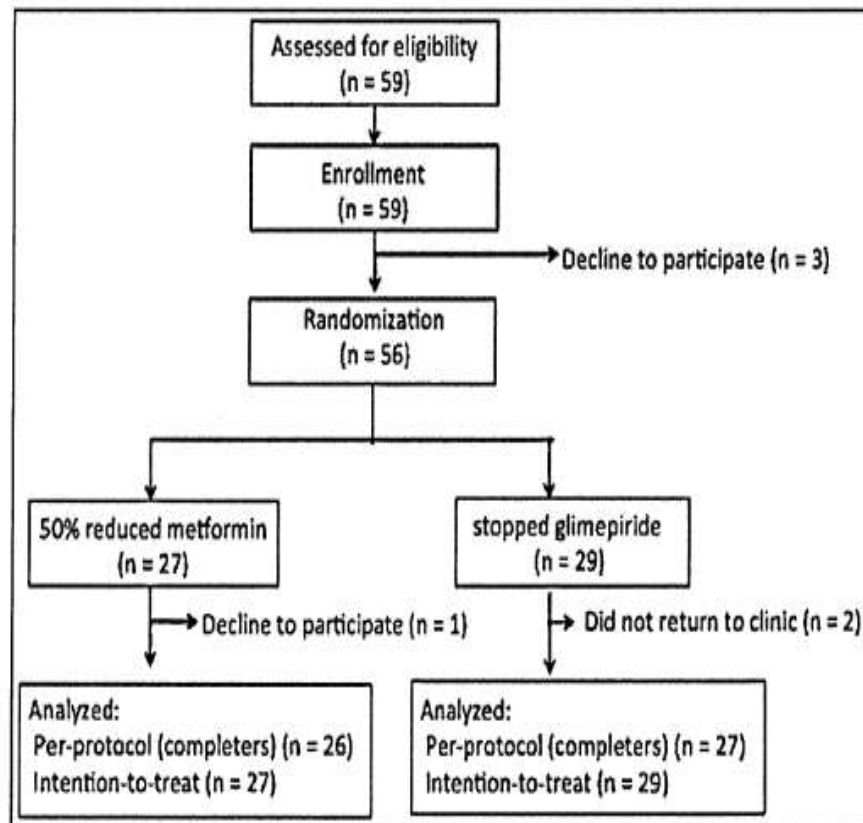
AE, adverse experience.

And the rate of all drug-related SAE was not different in all study patient just except hypoglycemia, that is more prevalent in triple combination therapy

# Glimepiride + Met + DPP-4 inhibitor - Study Design

**Study design** : 3 month, single-center, open-label, randomized study

**Subjects** : T2DM patients who had been treated with **50mg of sitagliptin,  $\geq 1,000$ mg of metformin, and  $\leq 1$ mg of glimepiride** with an HbA1c level of  $< 7.4\%$  during at least 3 months



This study also aimed

To see if

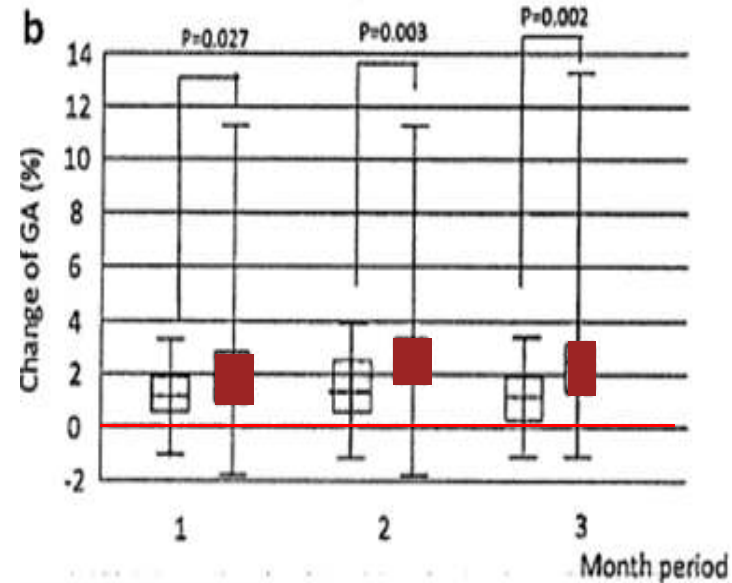
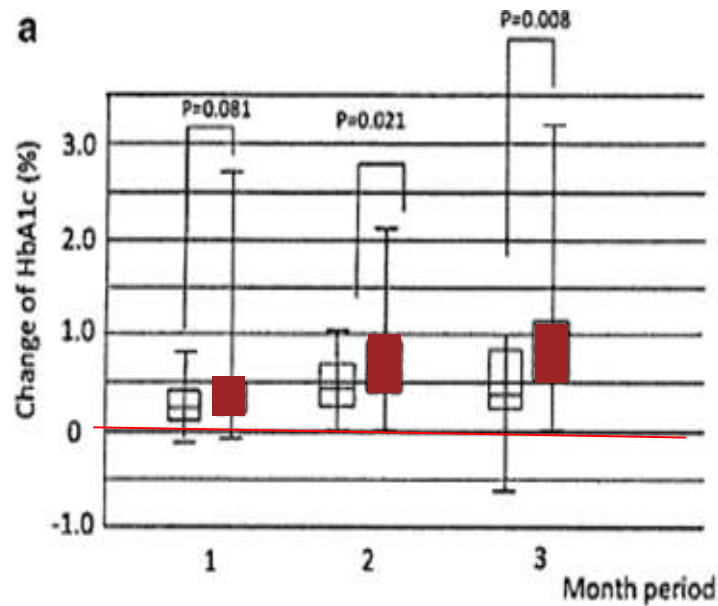
1) the dose of metformin can be decreased

**or**

2) sulfonylurea treatment can be stopped

after achieving satisfactory glycemic control with triple OAD therapy

# Glimepiride + Met + DPP-4 inhibitor - Conclusion



□ 50% metformin reduced

■ Stopped glimepiride

Significantly greater changes were observed in **HbA1c** and **glycated albumin** levels in patients **who discontinued glimepiride** than in patients with a **50% reduced metformin dose**.



In spite of the powerful efficacy data,

# Unsolved issue, **Safety & Durability**

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# Glimepiride: the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Sulfonylurea

Many SUAs are available now.

We continue to generalize about SUs, but the safety profiles are **different**

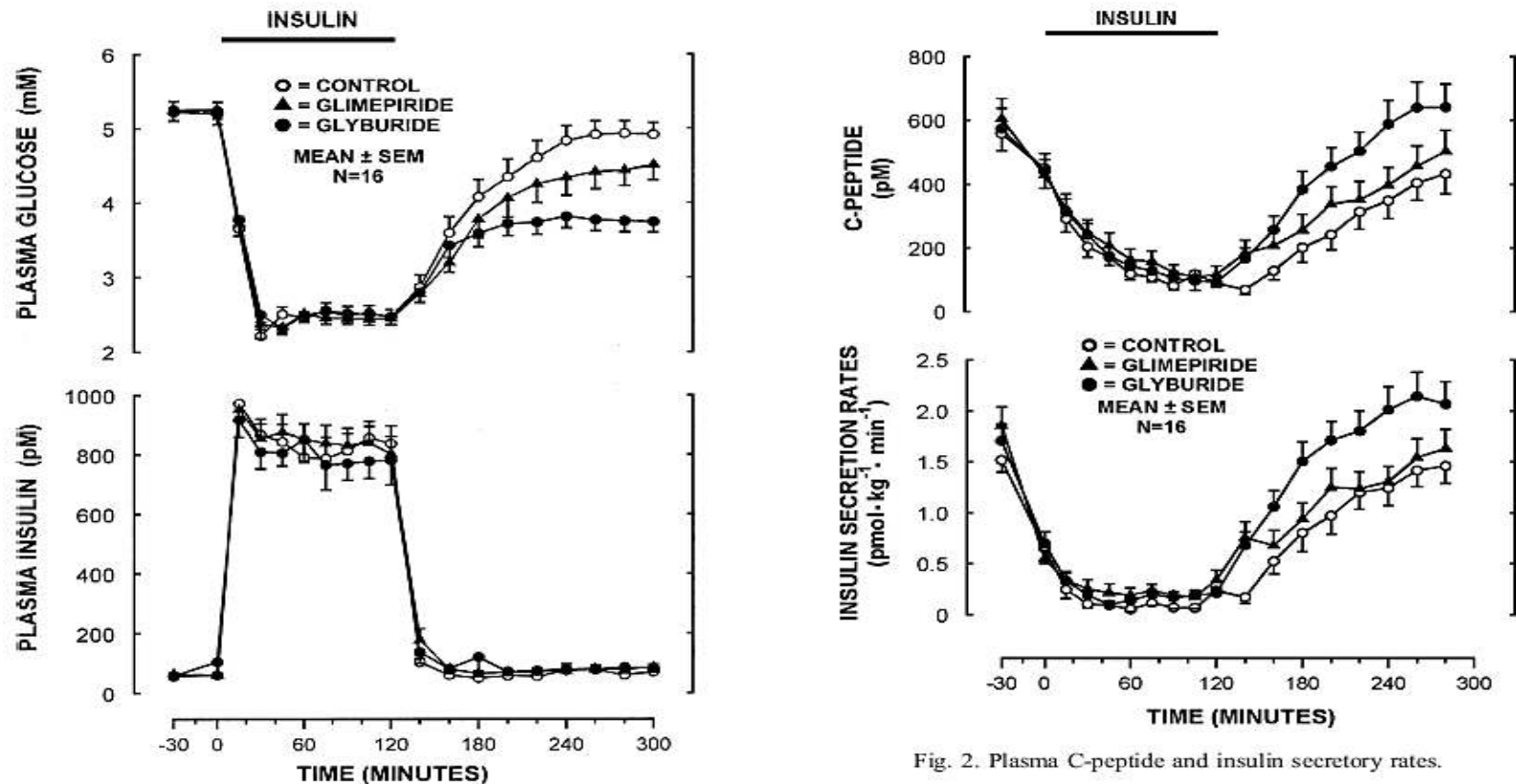
## The incidence of severe hypoglycemia with various SUs

Duration	Population	Number of diabetic patients requiring a hypoglycaemia-associated hospital admission/emergency call out per drug	Incidence of severe hypoglycaemia/1000 person-years	Mortality(%) of patients experiencing hypoglycaemic episodes
5 Years	190,000	49 / chlorpropamide 14 / glibenclamide	5.8 chlorpropamide 16.0 glibenclamide	1.4
7 Years	76,000	79 / glibenclamide	6.8 glibenclamide	10
2 Years	76,000	26 / glibenclamide	Not stated	5.9
12 Years	200,000	15 / glibenclamide 1 / chlorpropamide 10 / glibornuride 2 / gliclazide	2.24 long-acting SU 0.75 short-acting SU	0
4 Years	200,000	38 / glibenclamide 1 / glibenclamide + 6 / <b>glimepiride</b>	5.6 glibenclamide <b>0.86 glimepiride</b>	<b>0</b>

# Glimepiride: the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Sulfonylurea

We continue to generalize about SUs, but the safety profiles are **different**

In the comparison study between Glimepiride and Glyburide on recovery from hypoglycemia was more rapid in glimepiride

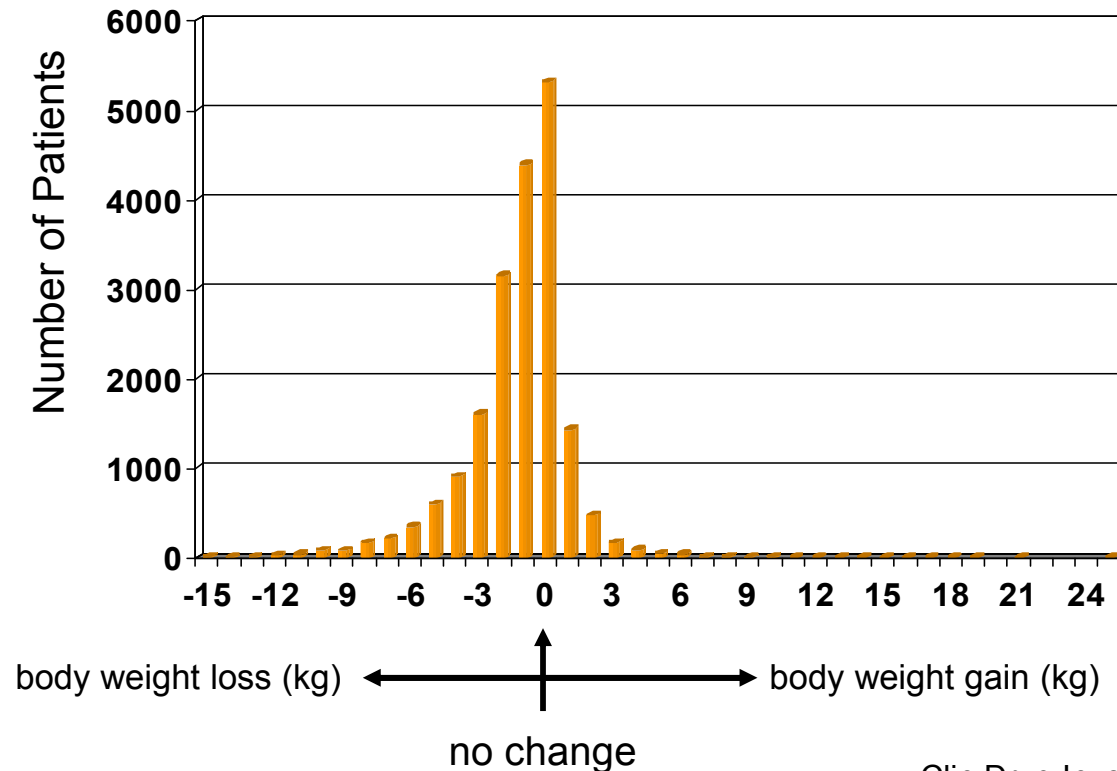


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**Glimepiride showed weight neutrality different from most of the other SUAS**

In Large-scale Surveillance Study (Germany): Change of body weight - individual data

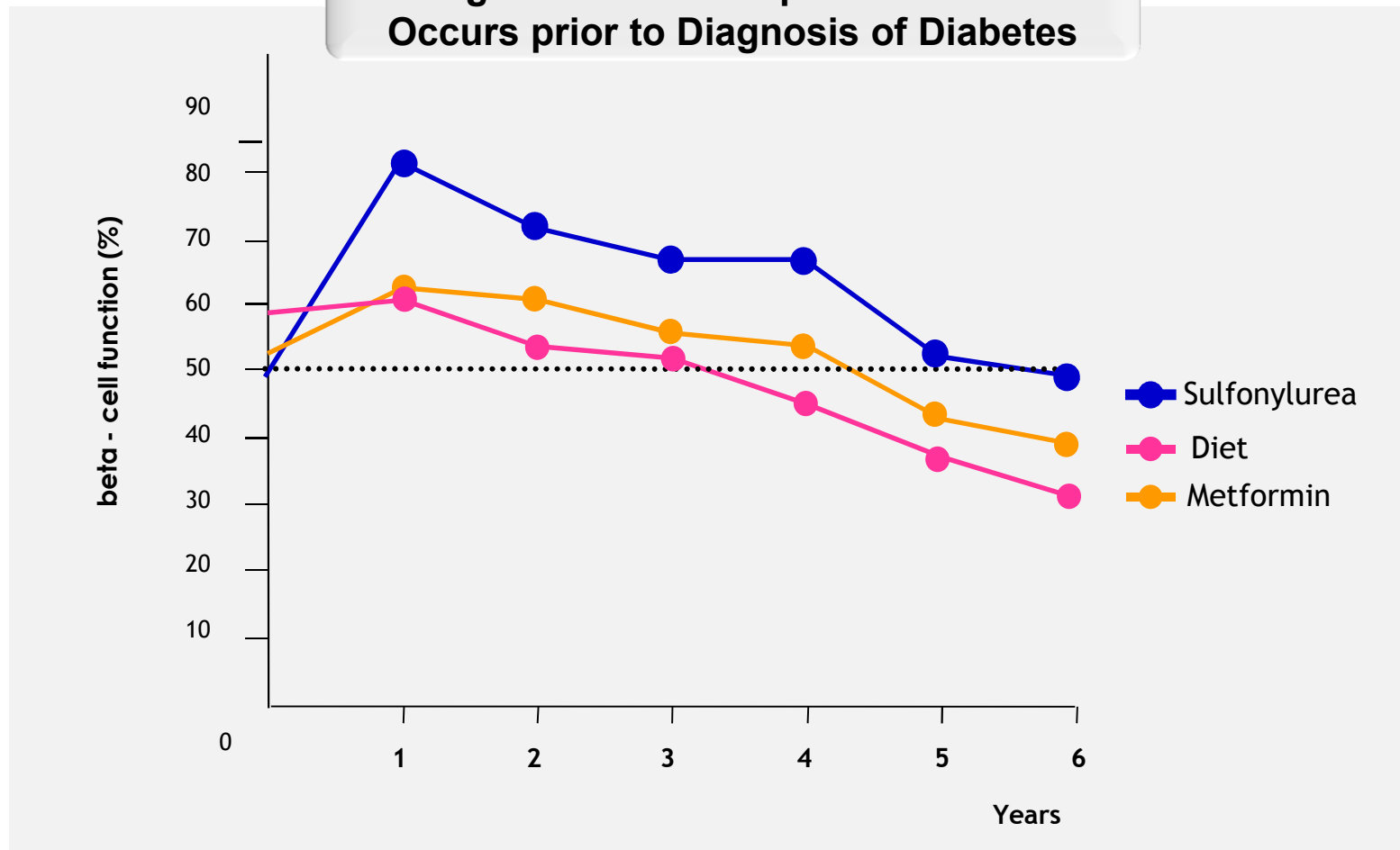


## **Sulfonylurea is really facing a **CRISIS?****

**There has been debate about Sulfonylureas and possibly associated  **$\beta$ -cell function decline****

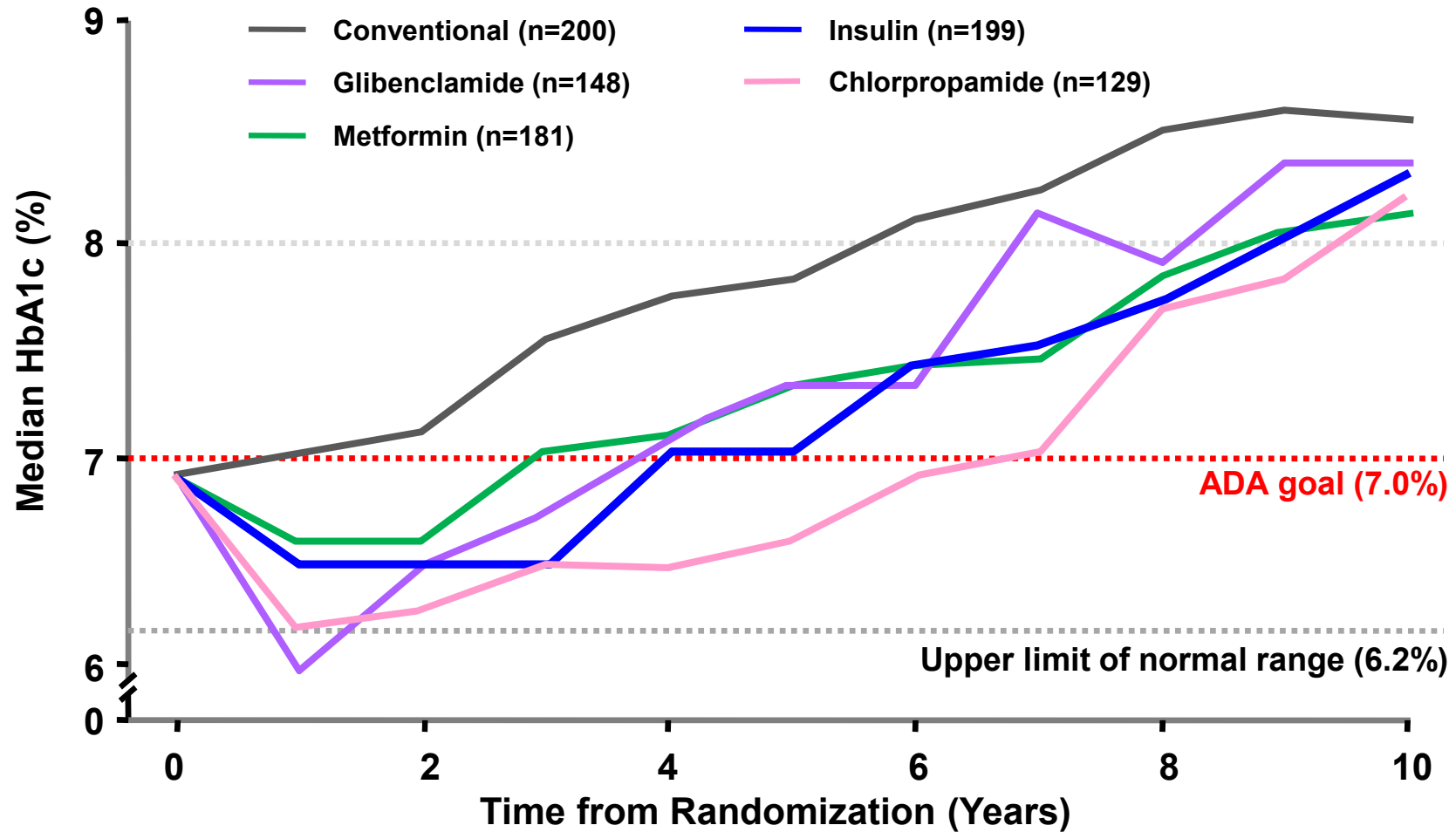
# $\beta$ -cell function progressively declines as a natural course of diabetes progression (UKPDS)

Progressive Loss of  $\beta$ -cell Function Occurs prior to Diagnosis of Diabetes



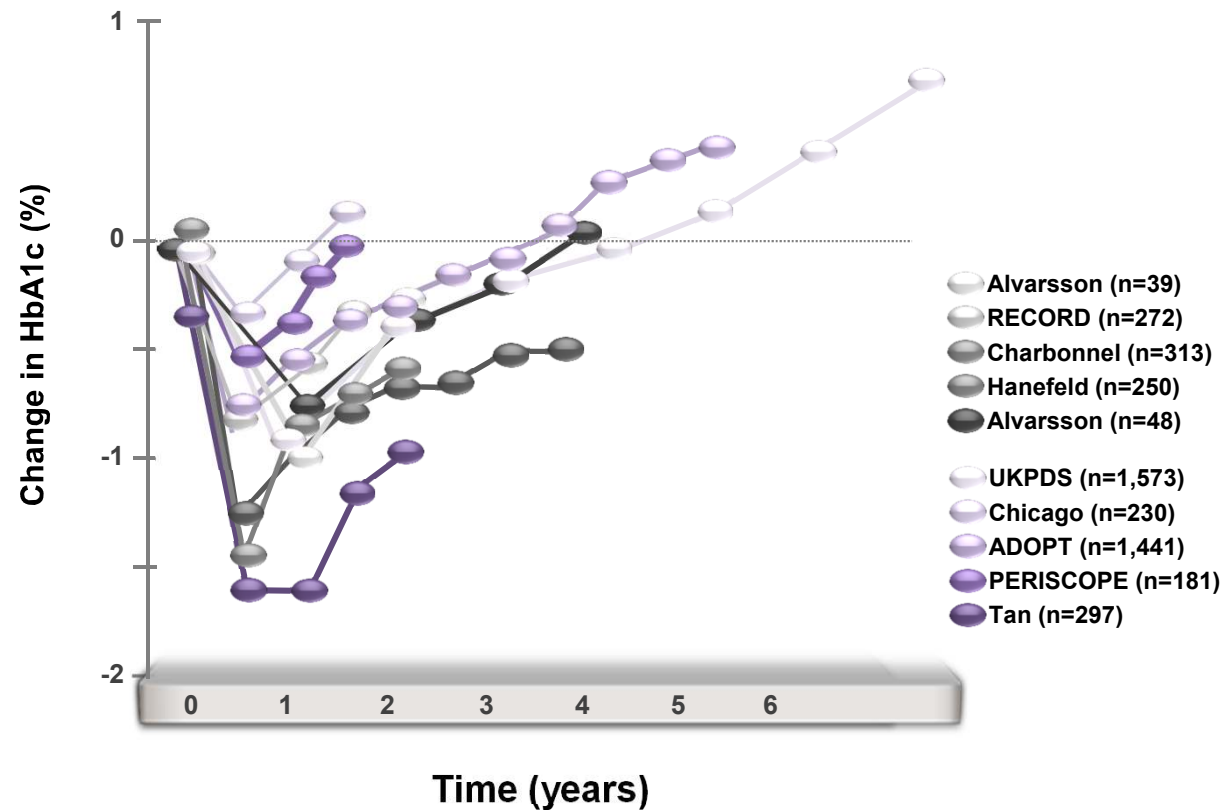
consequently,

# UKPDS: Glycemic Control Worsens over Time



ADA=American Diabetes Association; HbA1c=hemoglobin A1c.  
Adapted from UK Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) Group. *Lancet*. 1998; 352: 854–865.

# Do all **sulfonylurea** show failure to glycemic control over time?



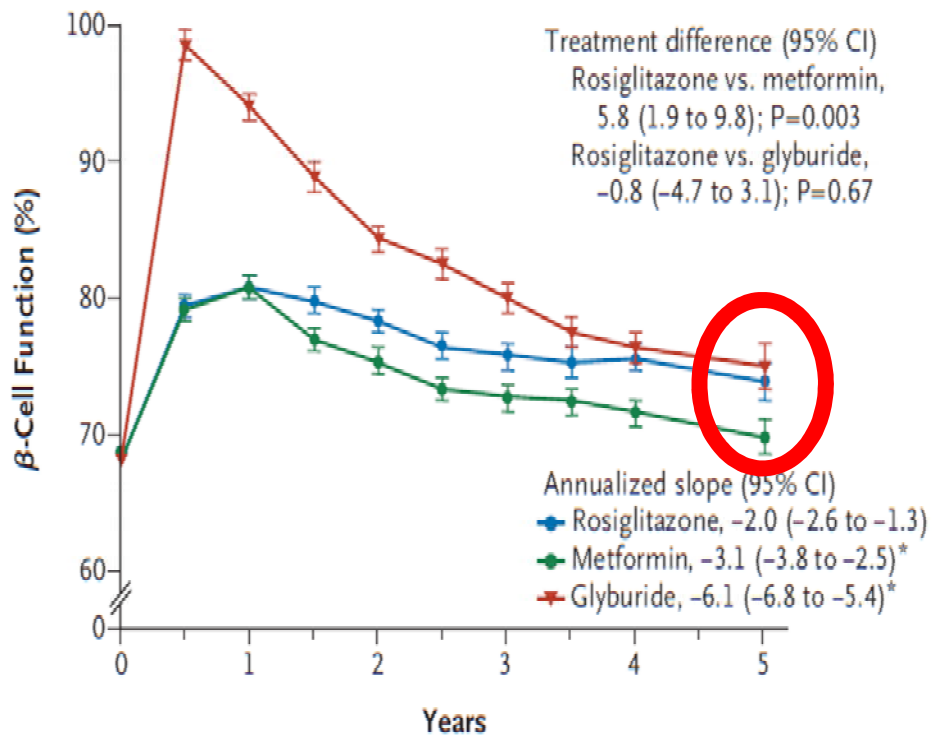
Many clinical study have shown the similar change of A1c curve like **big drop at the beginning, and then it goes up significantly**



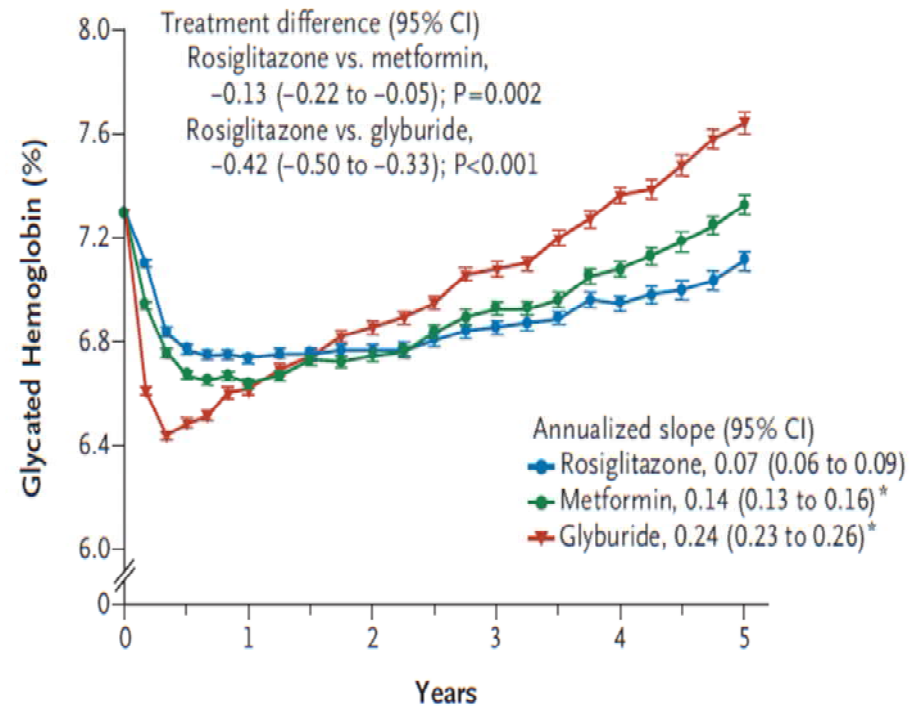
# $\beta$ -cell function declines as a natural course of diabetes progression (SU vs. Metformin vs. TZD)

Similar result was observed in ADOPT study. However, the beta-cell function at the end of trial in SUA was still higher than Rosig and Mef

### Changes of $\beta$ -cell function

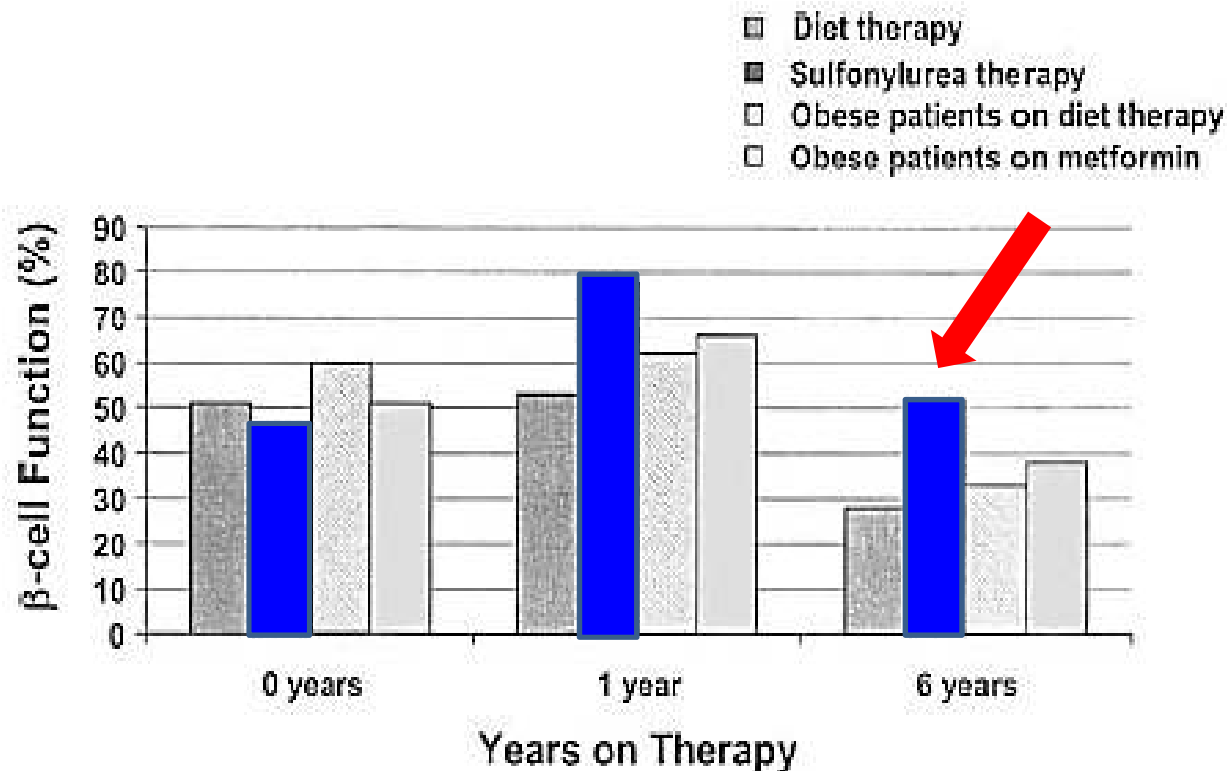


### Changes of HbA1c



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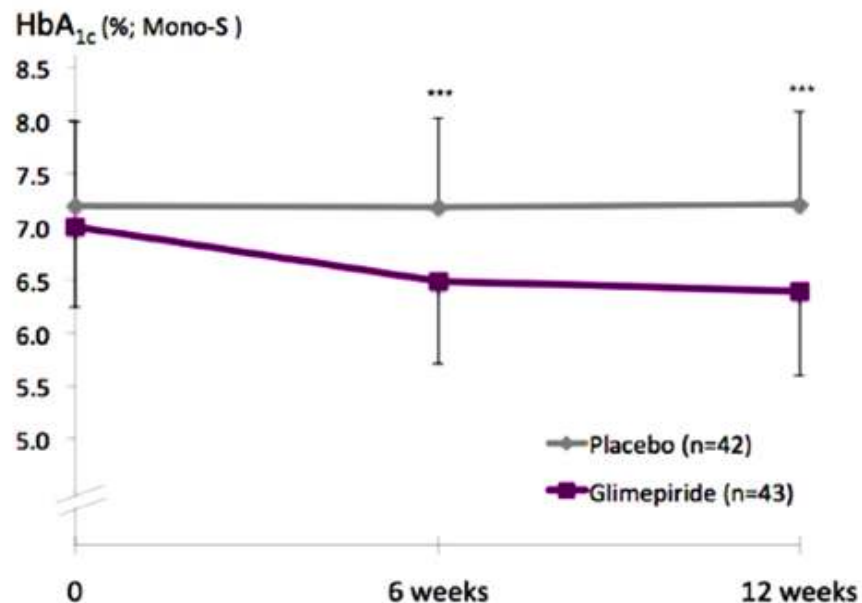
After 6 years of sulfonylurea therapy, Pancreatic function was **greater than** after diet therapy or treatment with **metformin**



## Glimepiride is effective in T2DM with declined $\beta$ -cell function - 10+yrs on diabetes -

**Design:** A randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, cross-over study

**Patients:** Type 2 diabetes  $\geq$  10 years who had been treated with metformin (median 1700 mg) and insulin (all regimens) for at least 1 year.



**$\beta$ -cells still remain responsive to SU even after many years of diabetes leading to significant HbA<sub>1c</sub> lowering and reducing the need for exogenous insulin**

**At the end of the study, placebo group showed no change in HbA<sub>1c</sub>, while a decrease of 0.6% (P < 0.001) was observed with glimepiride.**

# To summarize the role of **Sulfonylurea** for **Metabolic Karma!**

## Benefits

- Fast/Powerful efficacy
- Long history of use
- Well known safety profile

## Limitations

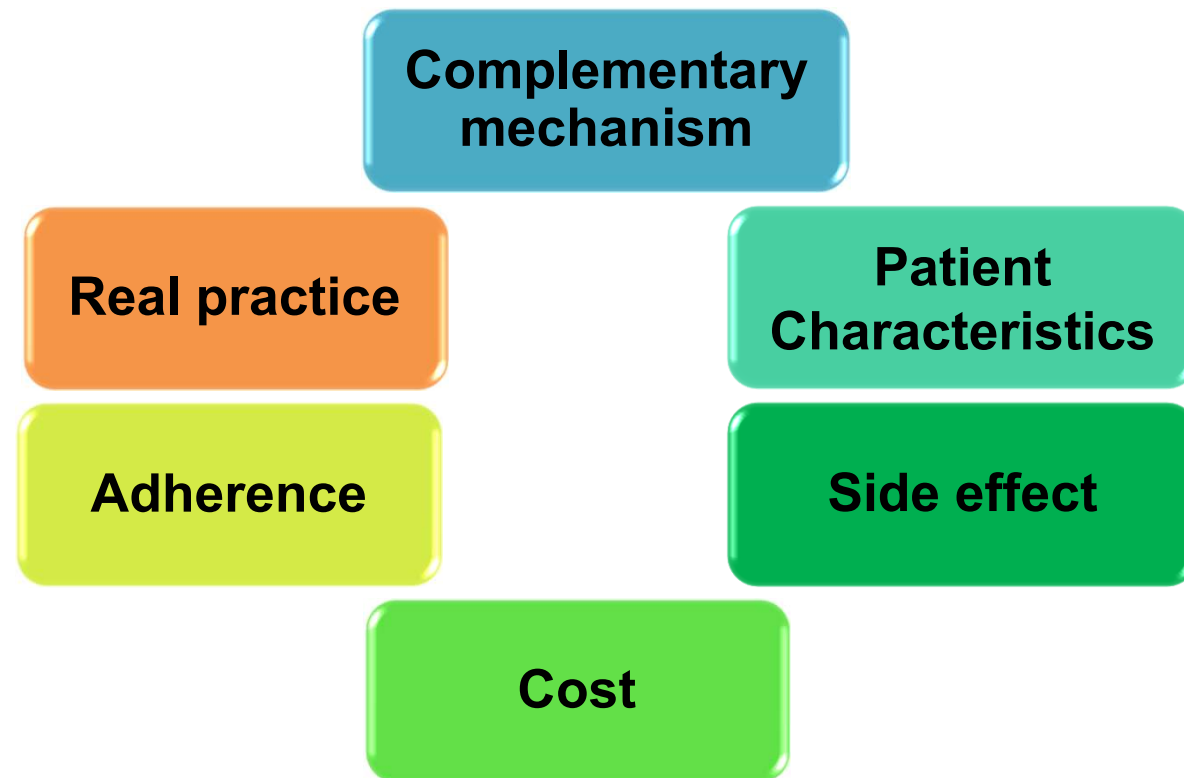
- Hypoglycemia
- Weigh gain
- Limited durability

**OLD & Brand NEW classes of anti-diabetic agent have more uncertain safety issues compare to sulfonylurea**

## Hypoglycemia, Weight gain

Congestive heart failure	Pancreatitis	Breast Cancer
Edema	Thyroid cancer	Genital Infection
Fracture	Pancreas cancer	Urinary tract infection
Myocardial infarction	Infection	Hepatic issue
Bladder cancer	Vomiting, Nausea	Volume depletion

# What is your most important concern for the choice of anti-diabetics?



# Clinicians must select from these features to develop **individualized** therapy regimens

**Beyond Metformin: Safety Considerations in the Decision-Making Process for Selecting a Second Medication for Type 2 Diabetes Management Reflections From a Diabetes Care Editors' Expert Forum**

**Recently an important paper reviewed the safety evidence for six major diabetes drug classes was published :**

Insulin, SUs, TZDs, GLP-1 RA, DPP4-i, and SGLT2-i.

Those about which we know the most-MET, SUs, insulin, and TZDs-are efficacious in most patients and can be placed into a basic initial algorithm.

However, these agents leave some clinical needs unmet.

Selecting next steps is a more formidable process involving newer agents that are understood less well and for which there are unresolved questions regarding risk versus benefit in certain populations.

The most important message of this study is that

“Choosing a specific agent is not as important as implementing some form of early intervention and advancing rapidly to some form of combination therapy as needed”

for the successful treatment and good glycemic legacy.

# Conclusion

- **What goes around?**
  - **Intensive early glycemic control**
- **What comes around?**
  - **Reduced diabetic complication risk**

Glimepiride is the 3<sup>rd</sup> class SU with low side effect. It can provide **intensive glucose control** with relatively **safer (and known) profile** as a option of add-on therapy



**Thank You  
for your attention!**