

# Using Flash/CGM in people with type 2 diabetes

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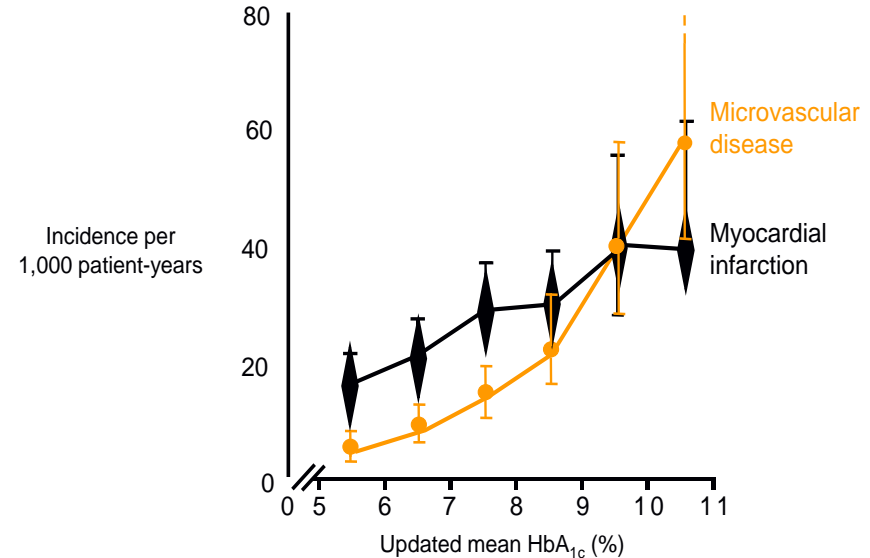
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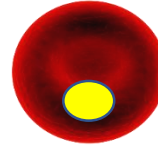
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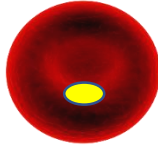
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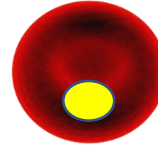


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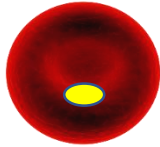
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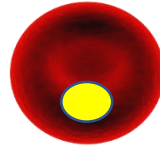


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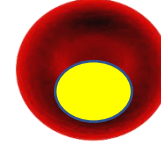
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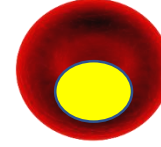
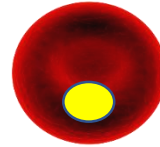
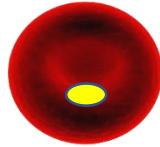
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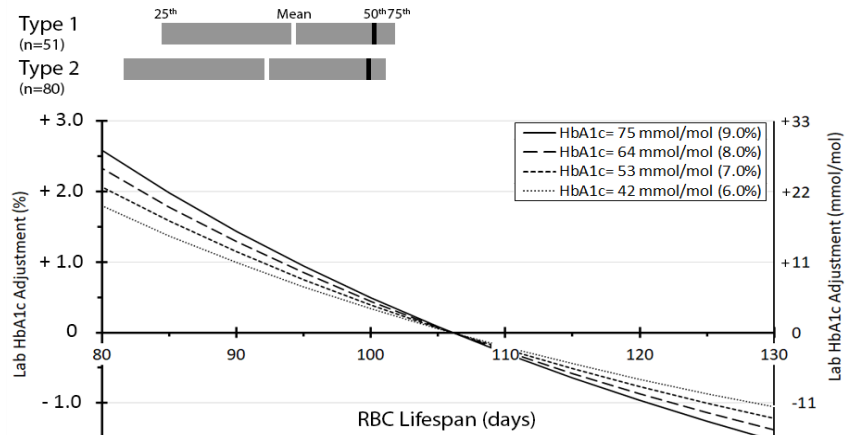
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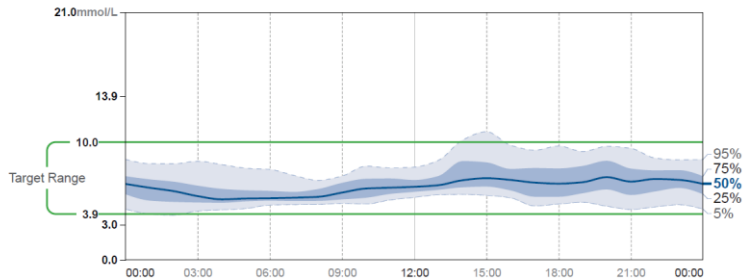


# Some of the Factors Modulating Accuracy of HbA<sub>1c</sub>

	Erythropoiesis	Hemolysis (erythrocytes lifespan)	Altered hemoglobin
 <b>Falsely low HbA<sub>1c</sub></b>	<b>Increased erythropoiesis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hemorrhage</li> <li>• Administration of erythropoietin</li> <li>• Pregnancy</li> <li>• High altitude</li> </ul>	<b>Decreased erythrocytes lifespan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic liver / kidney disease</li> <li>• Hemolytic anemia</li> <li>• Hemoglobinopathies</li> <li>• Antiretroviral treatment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hemoglobinopathies</li> <li>• Methemoglobin</li> </ul>
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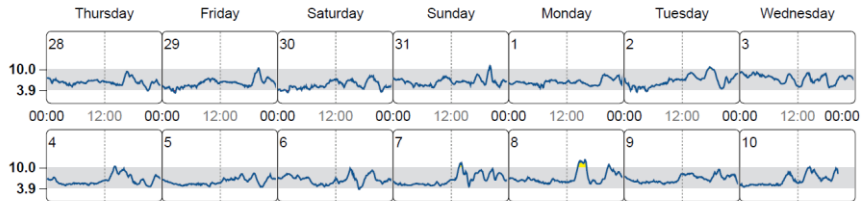
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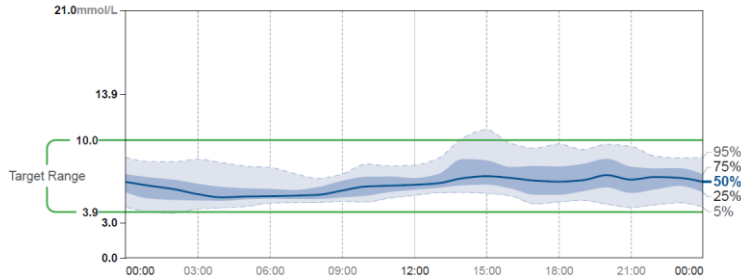
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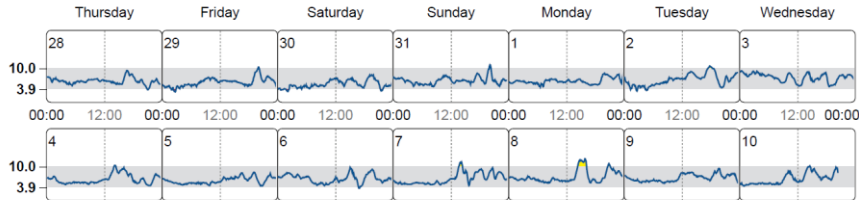
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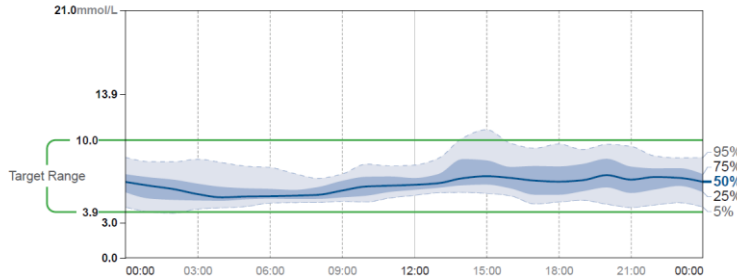
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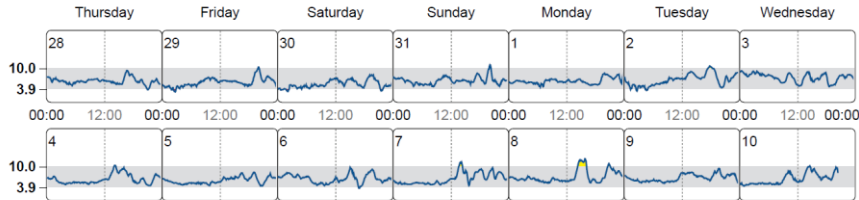
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MCV 70 fL (80-100)  
Ferritin 4 ng/mL (10-300)
- **Treated with ferrous sulphate**  
Repeat HbA1c 39 mmol/mol (5.7%)

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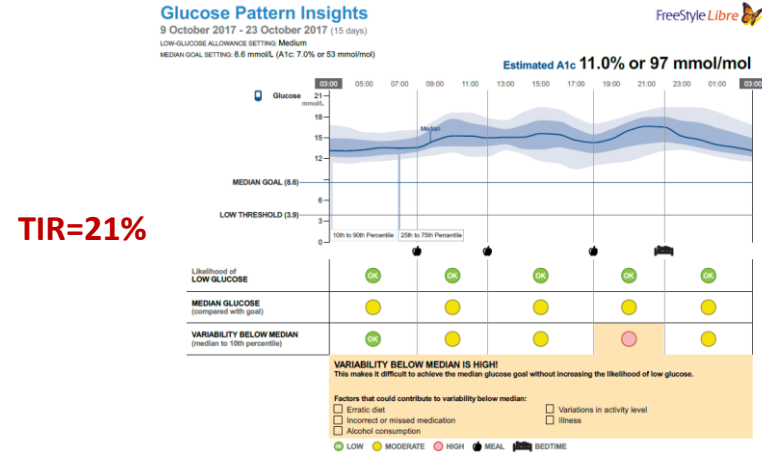
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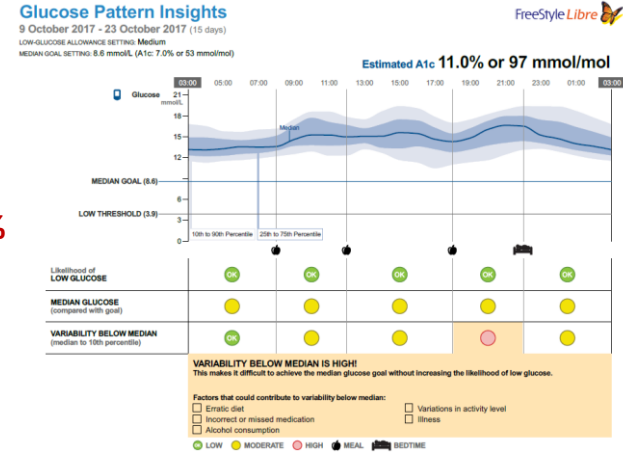
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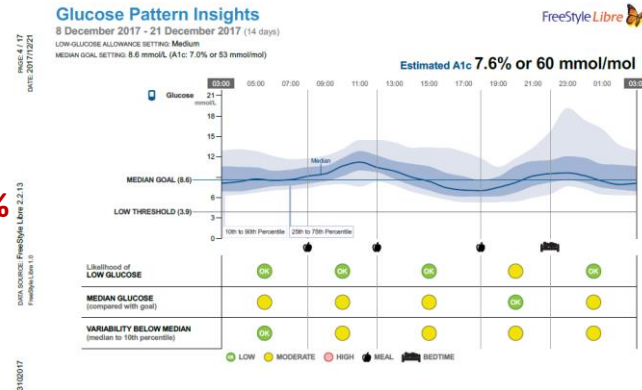
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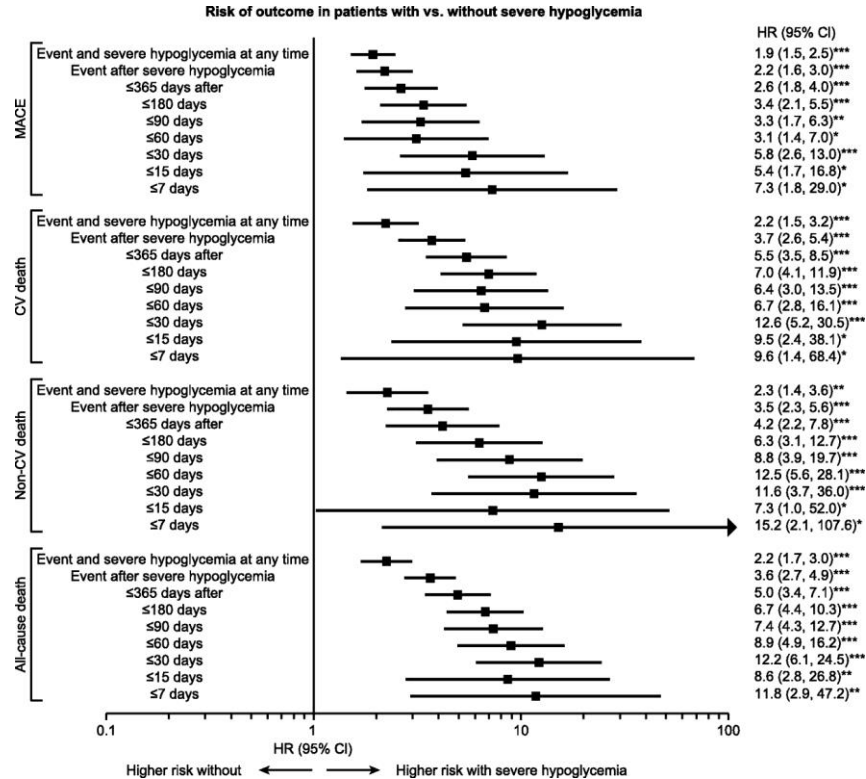
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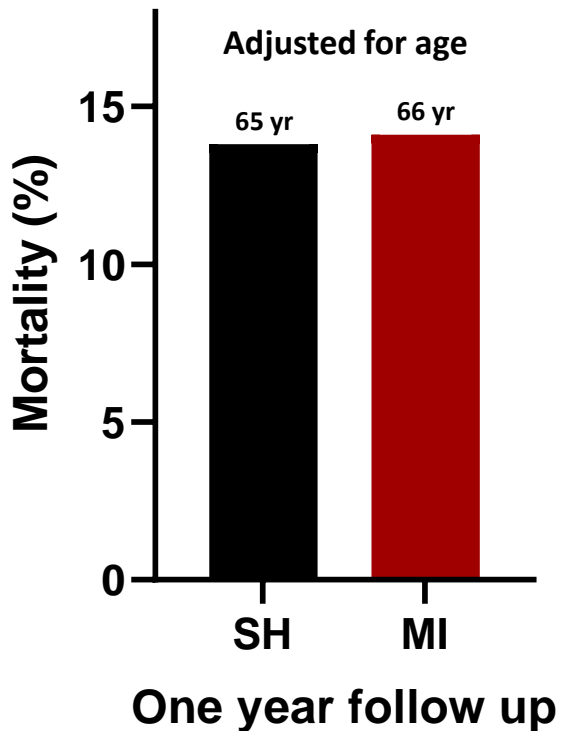
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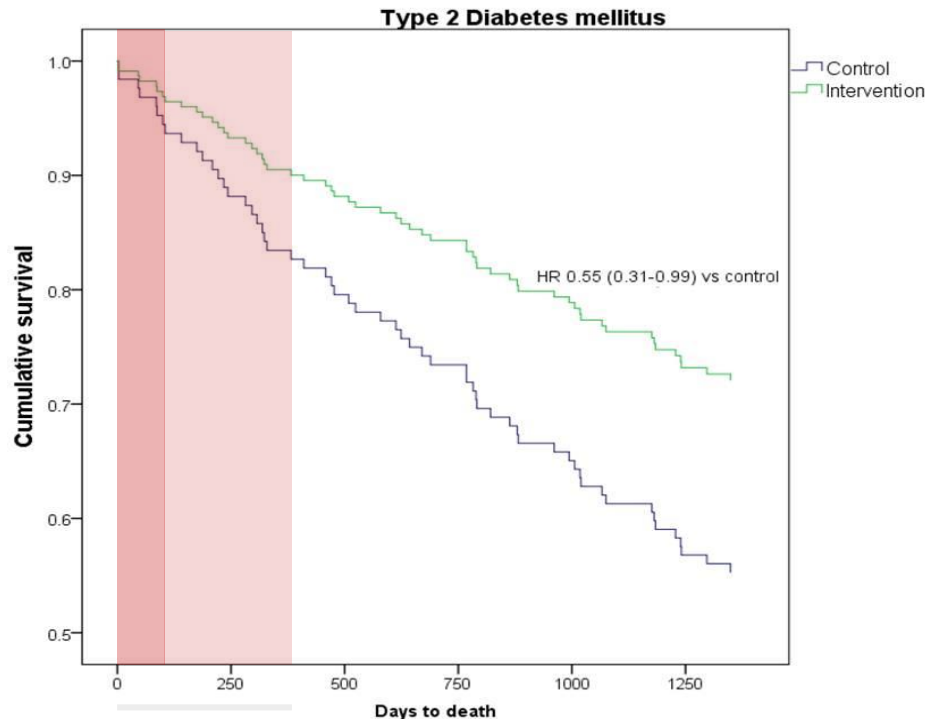
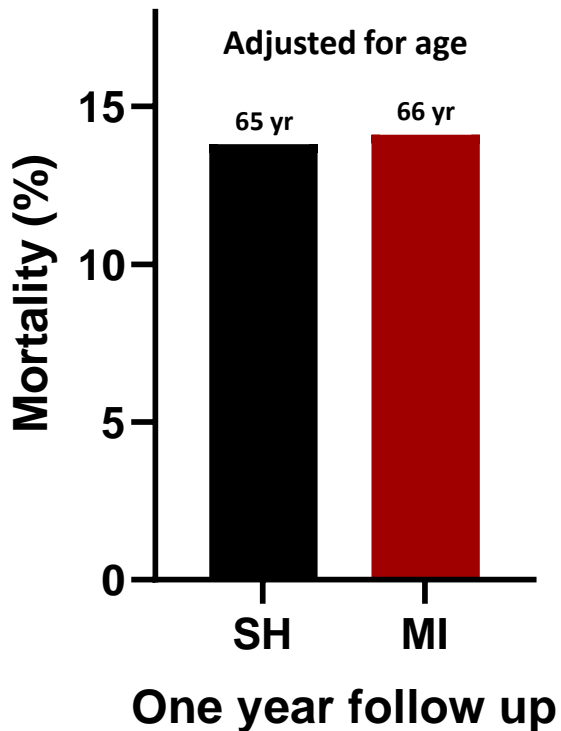




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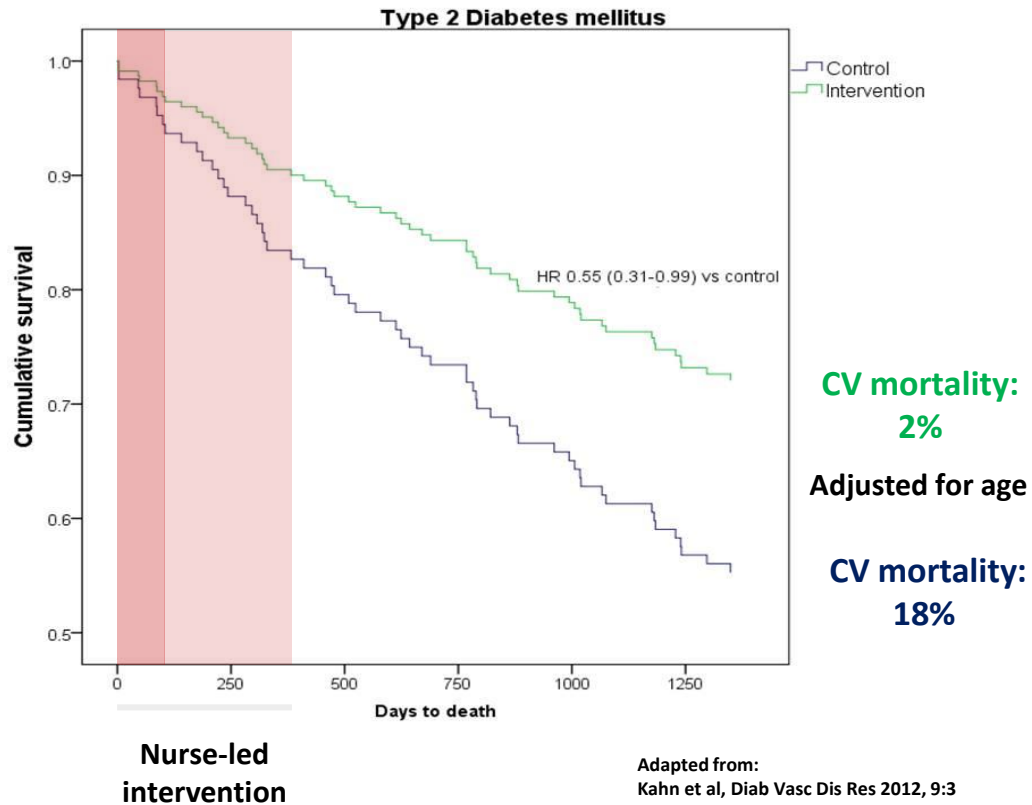
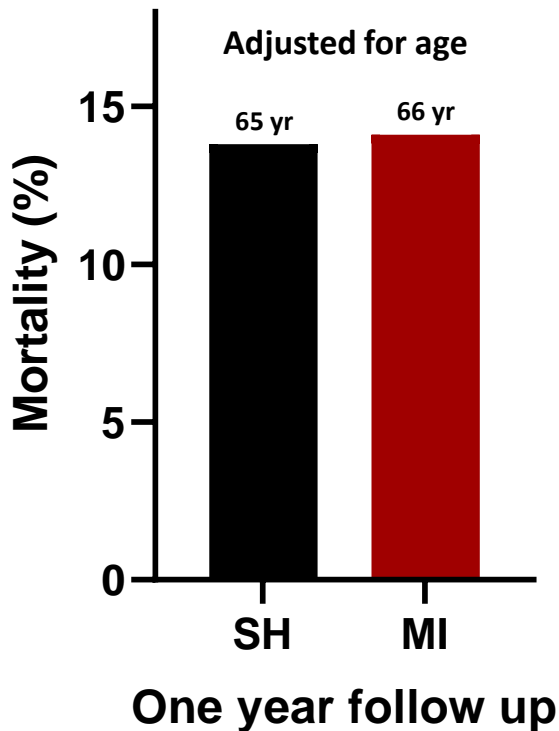


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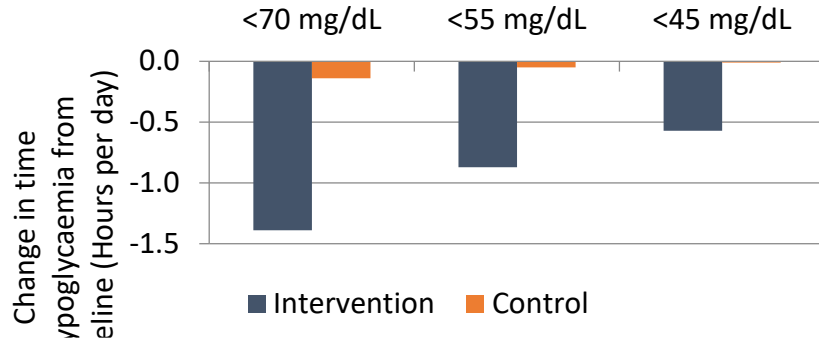
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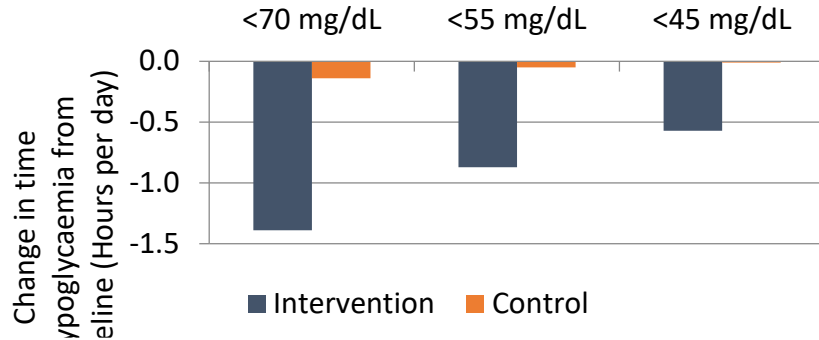


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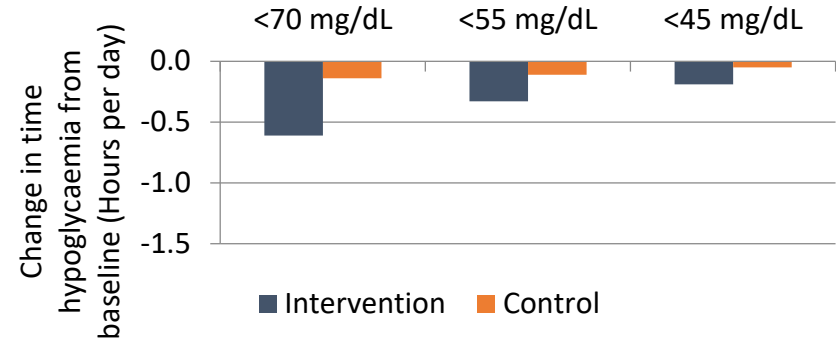
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# Clinical Case 3

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**Yasmin is a 69 year old lady T2D for 19 years and has been on insulin for 6 years.**

**Treatment:**

- Insulin glargine 60 units/day
- Insulin aspart 24–34 units with meals
- Metformin 1 gram twice daily (intolerant to GLP1-RA and SGLT2i)
- Ramipril, amlodipine, aspirin, atorvastatin, ibuprofen, paracetamol

**Feels great and the only complaint in morning headaches on/off, which she feels is stress-related**

**Results:**

- HbA<sub>1c</sub> 48 mmol/mol (6.5%)





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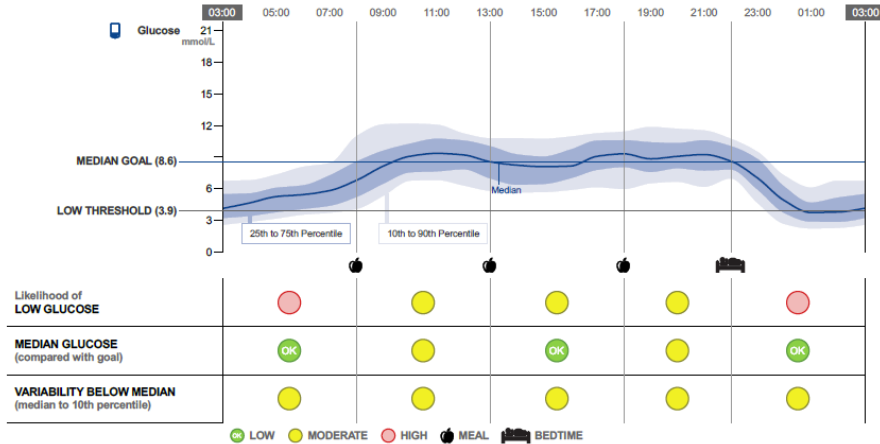
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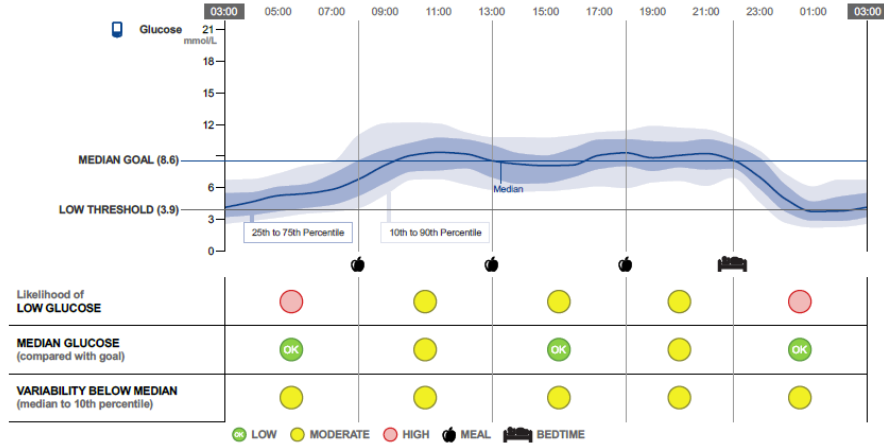
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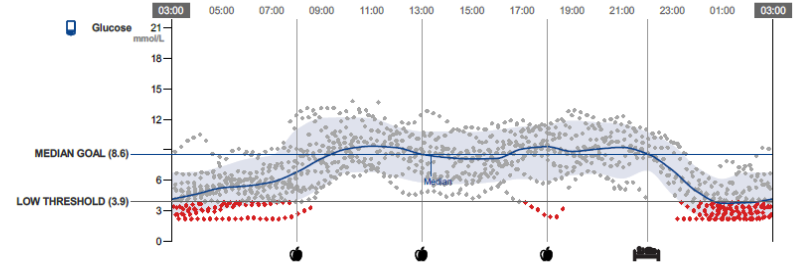


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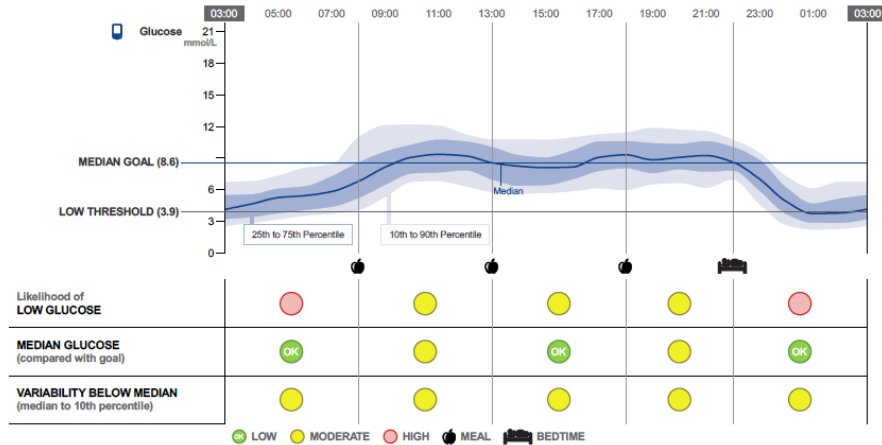
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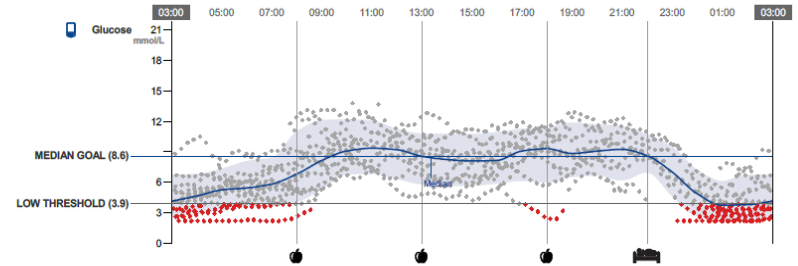


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**Reason for morning headaches is becoming more obvious**

# Is it time to say goodbye to our old friend?

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**No** (or at least not yet!)

- ▶ HbA1c still has a role for many years to come

**However,** HbA1c is getting old and needs help from CGM-generated glycaemic markers, including:

- ▶ Ambulatory glucose profile (AGP): identification of glycaemic patterns
- ▶ Time below range (TBR): avoidance of hypoglycaemia is important
- ▶ Glycaemic variability (GV): there is a reason why people without diabetes keep glucose levels in a tight range

# **CGM for T1D**

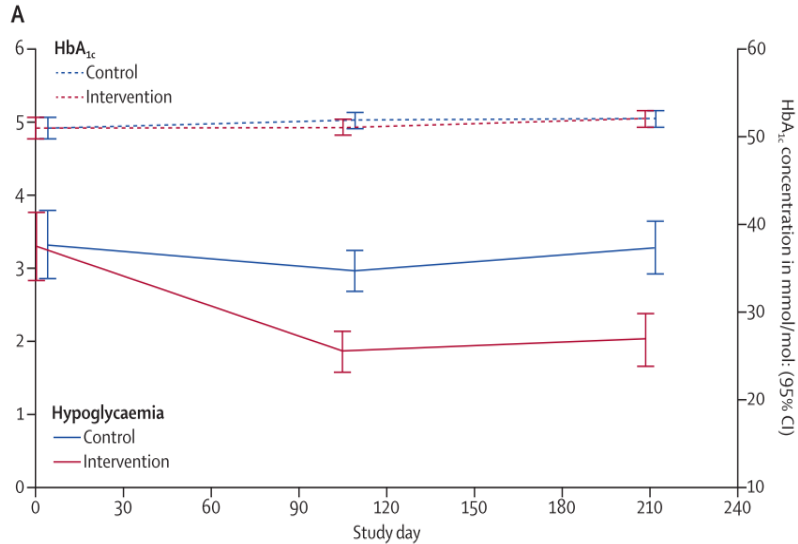
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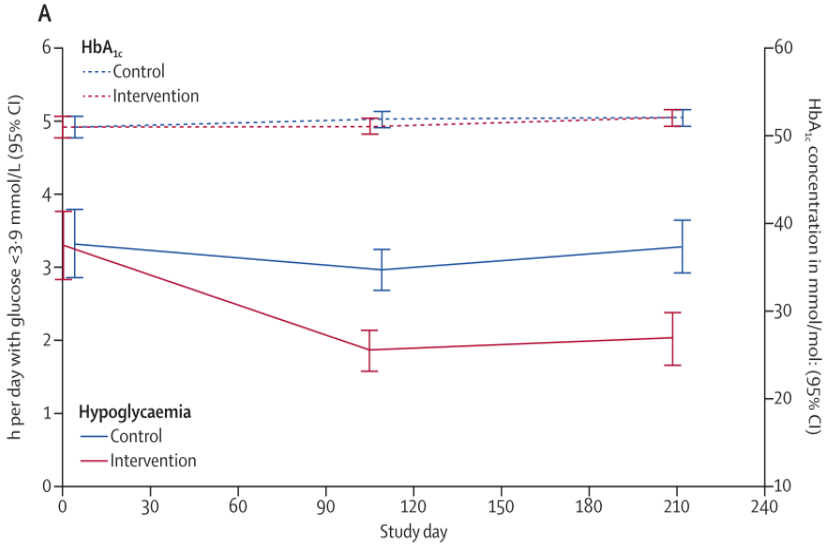
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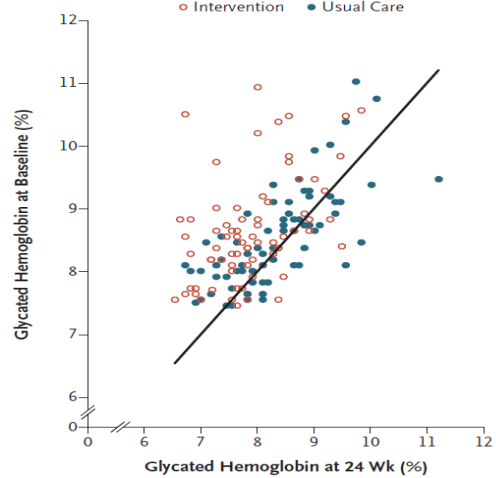
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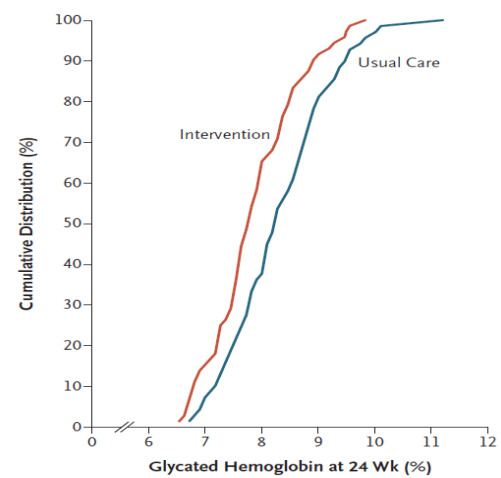


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**A** Glycated Hemoglobin Level at Baseline as Compared with 24 Weeks



**B** Cumulative Distribution of Glycated Hemoglobin Level at 24 Weeks



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# **CGM for T2D**

**(do we have any studies in T2D)?**

# CGM in T2D MDI - DIAMOND

- USA, n=158(MDI)
- Age 60 yrs, A1c 8.5%
- Primary outcome: A1c

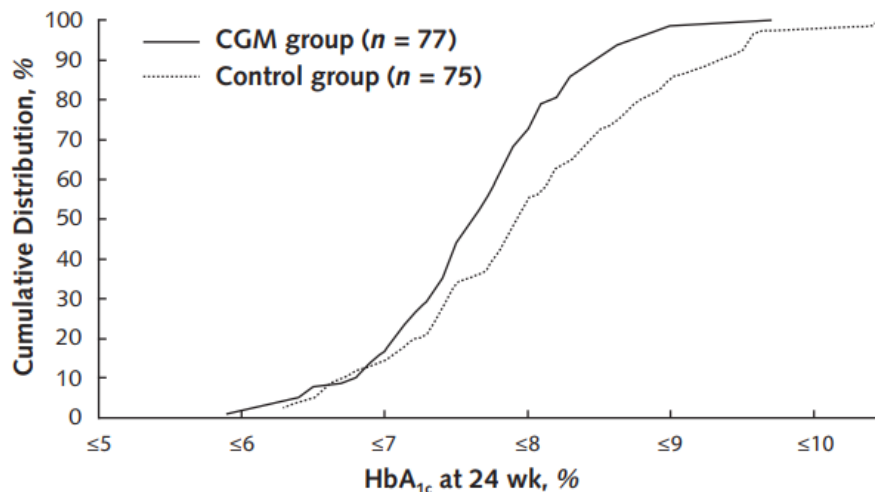


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Mean change in HbA <sub>1c</sub> level from baseline (95% CI), %	-1.0 (-1.2 to -0.8)	-0.6 (-0.8 to -0.4)	-0.3 (-0.6 to -0.1); 0.005	-0.8 (-1.0 to -0.7)	-0.5 (-0.7 to -0.3)	-0.3 (-0.5 to 0.0); 0.022

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Time with glucose 3.9–10.0 mmol/L (70–180 mg/dL) (h)	13.9 (4.5)	13.5 (5.2)	13.6 (4.6)	13.2 (4.9)	0.2 (0.58)	1.1	0.7925
Glucose <3.9 mmol/L (70 mg/dL) within 24 h							
Events	0.64 (0.63)	0.63 (0.66)	0.38 (0.45)	0.53 (0.59)	−0.16 (0.065)	−27.7	0.0164
Time (h)	1.30 (1.78)	1.08 (1.58)	0.59 (0.82)	0.99 (1.29)	−0.47 (0.134)	−43.1	0.0006
AUC (h × mg/dL)	20.15 (35.21)	14.05 (26.35)	7.23 (12.35)	13.59 (22.31)	−7.80 (2.20)	−51.1	0.0005

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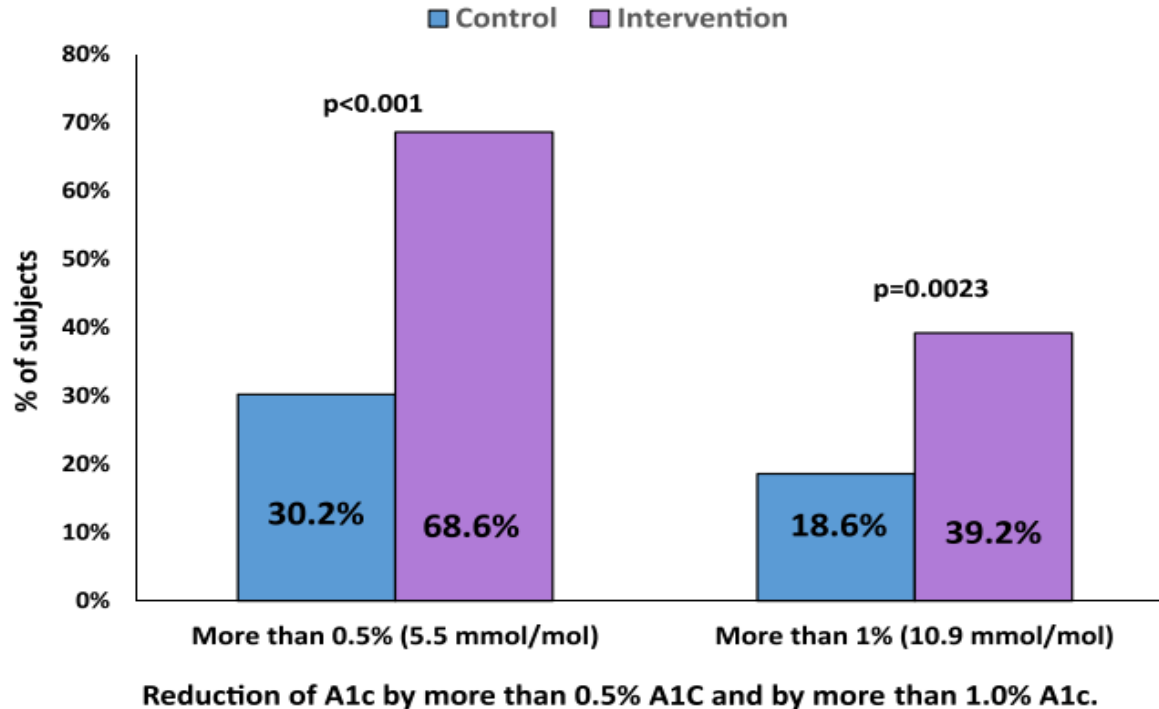
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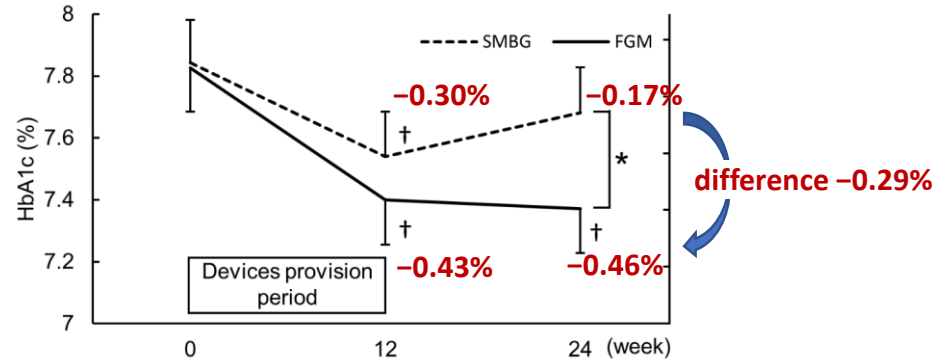
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- Israel, n=101 (Insulin treated)
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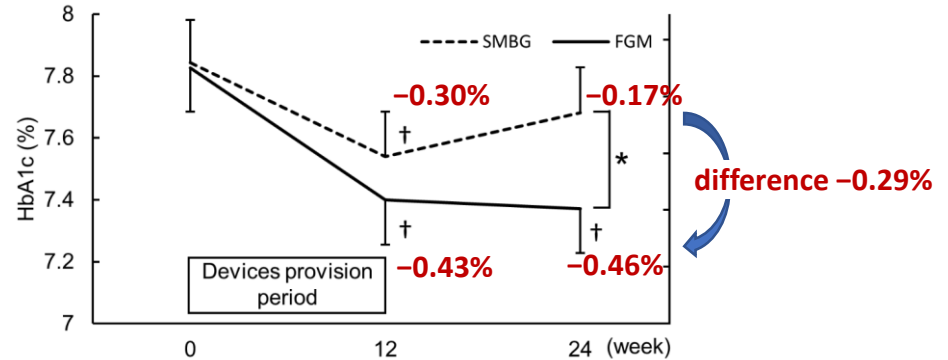


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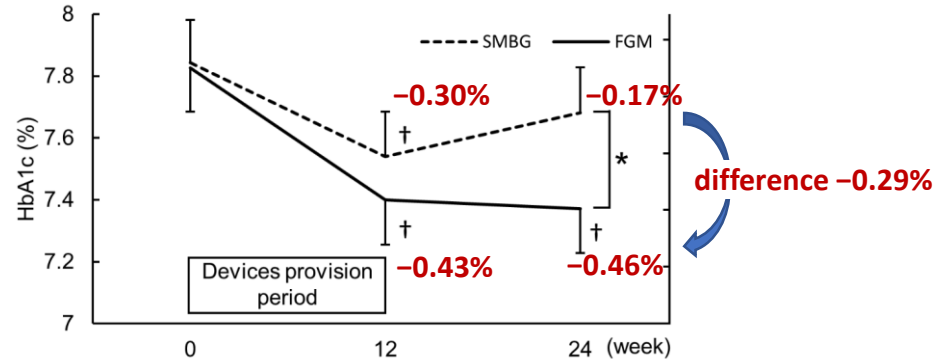
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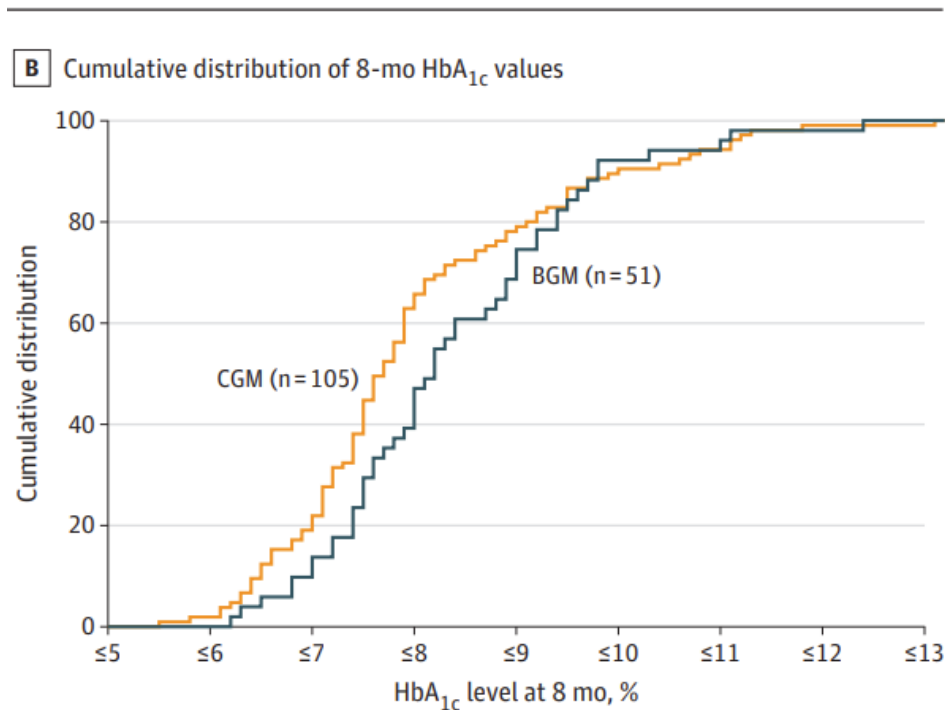
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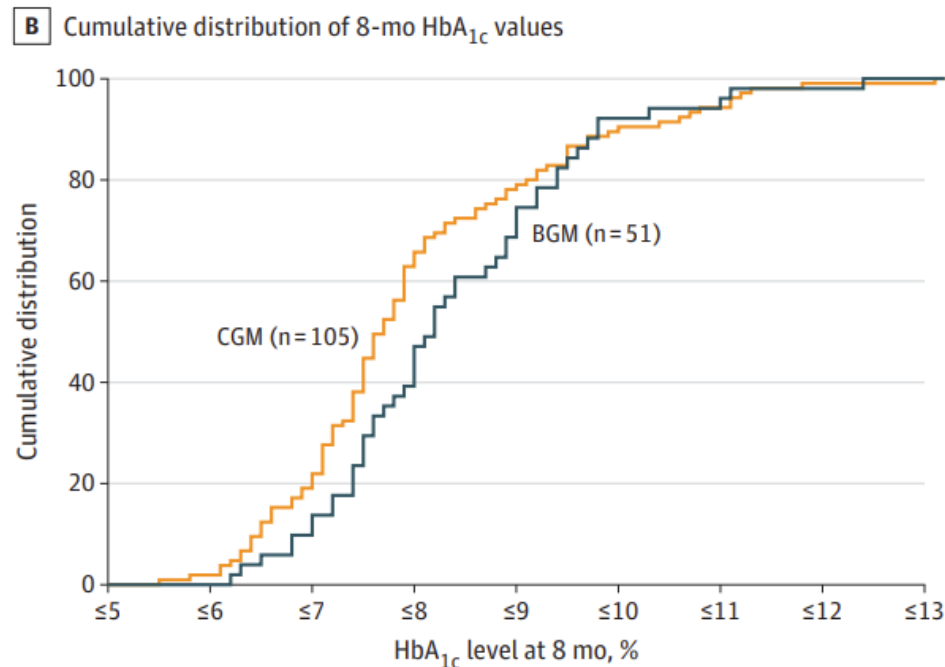
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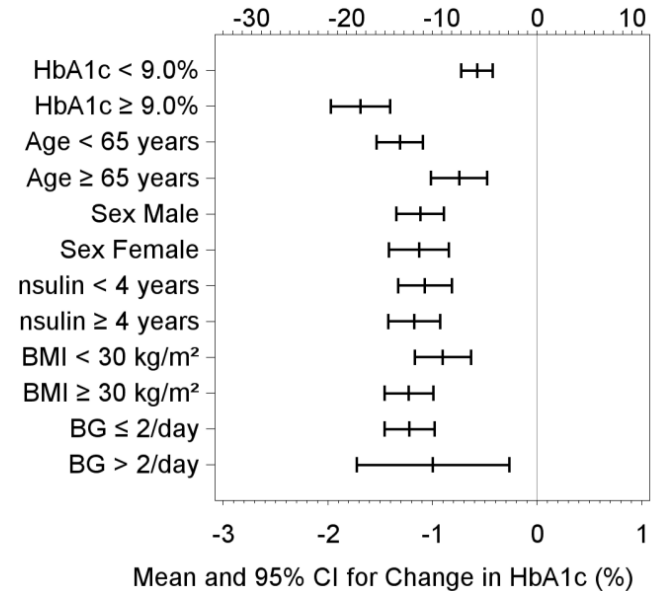
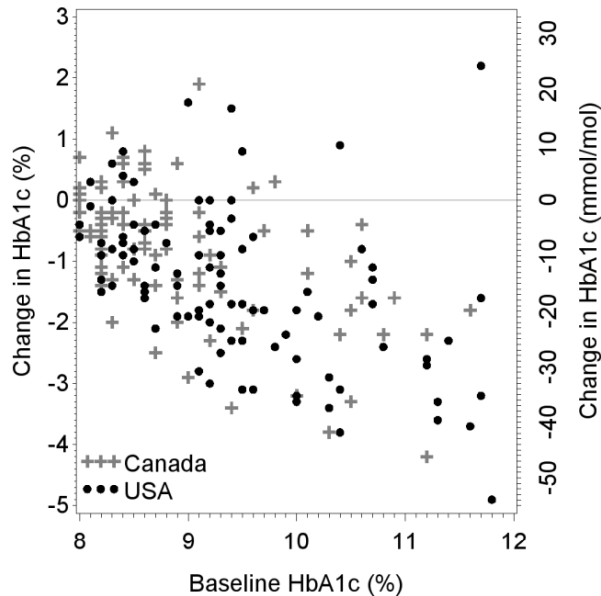
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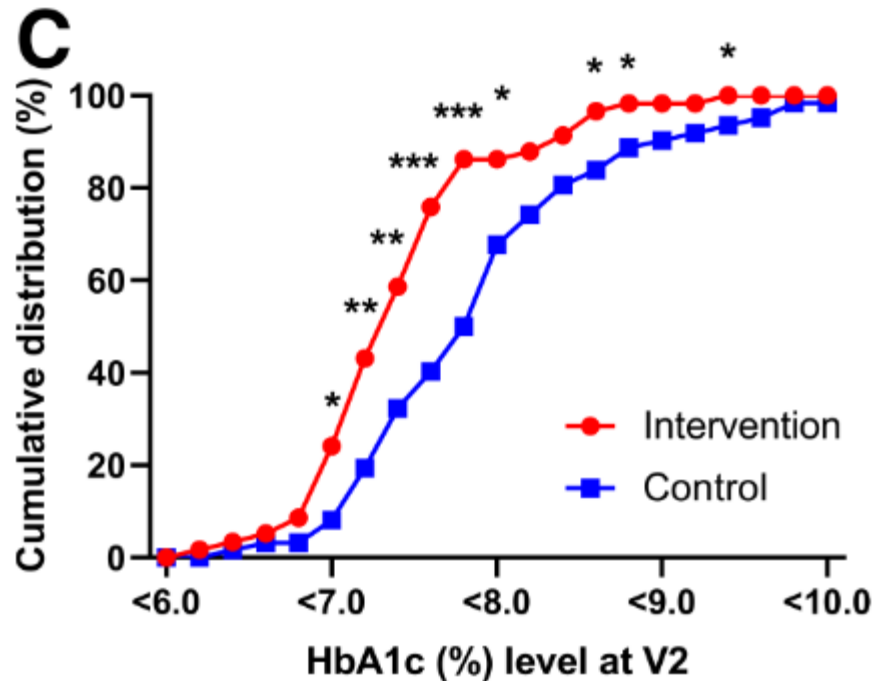
# FSL in T2D with Basal Insulin (Retrospective Study)

- USA and Canada, n=191 (Basal insulin),
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- Korea, n=126, 3m
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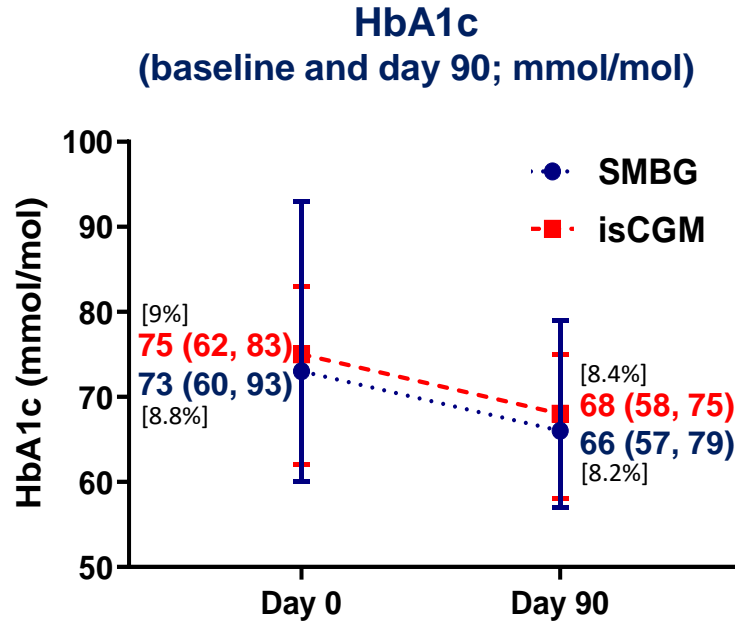
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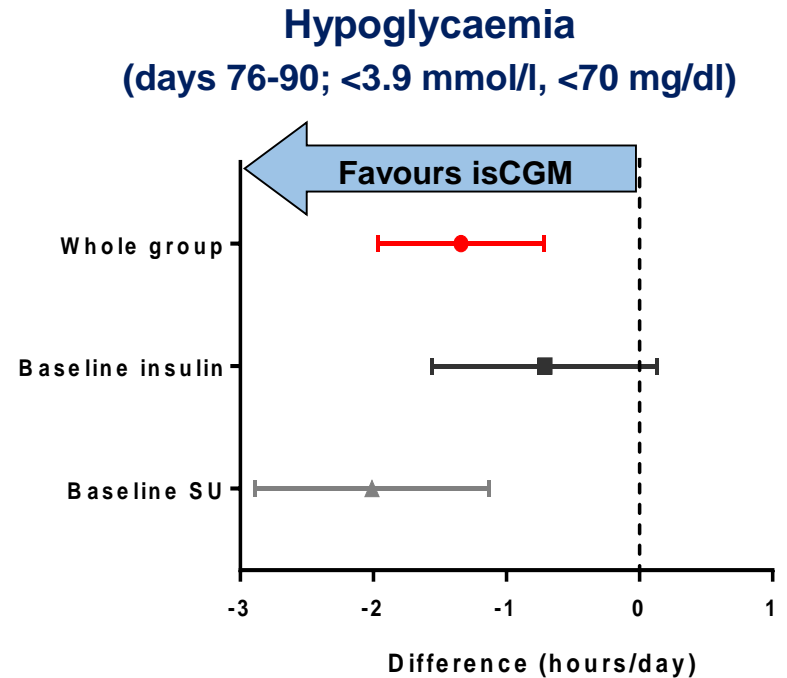
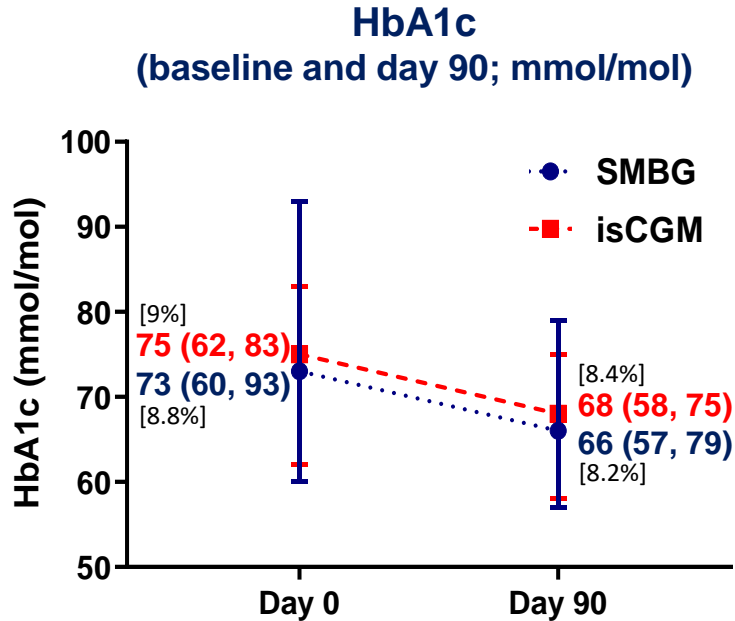


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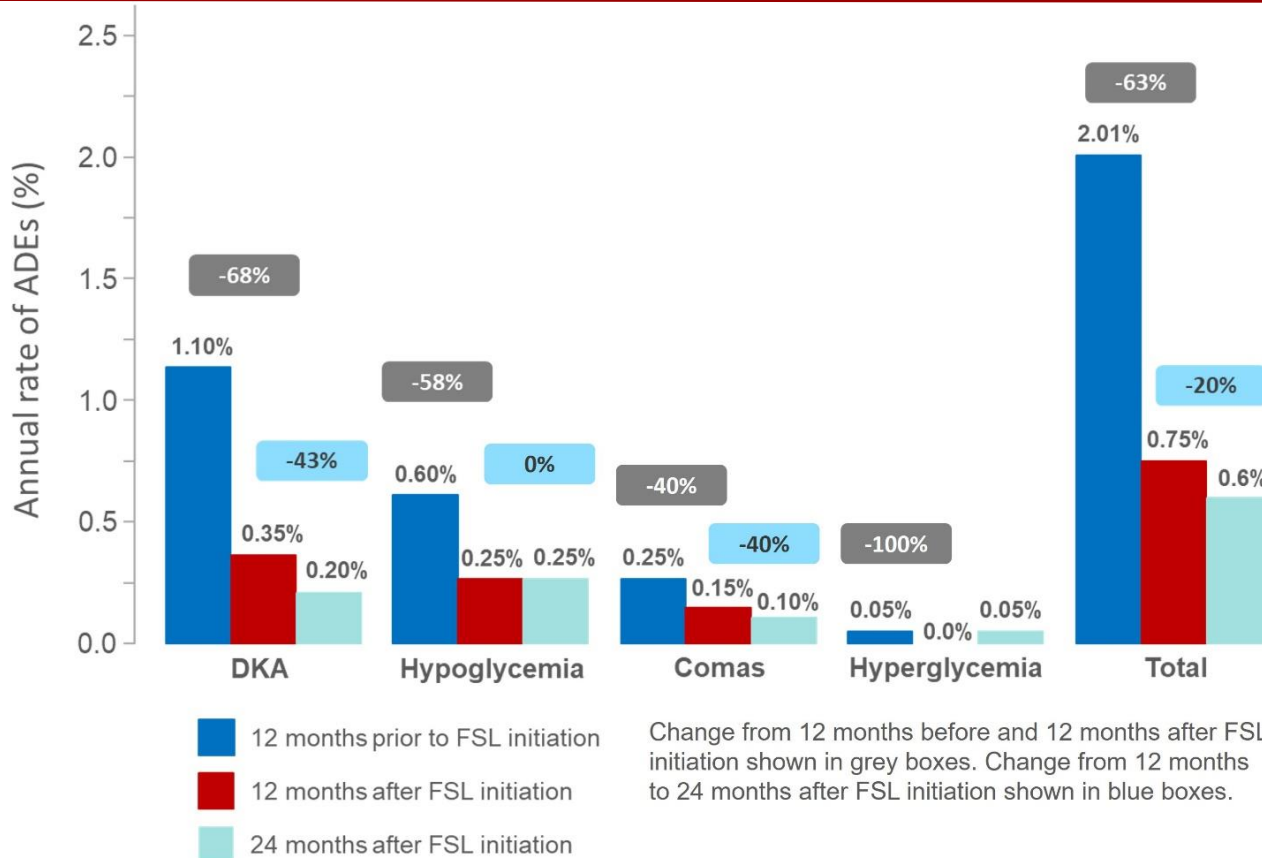
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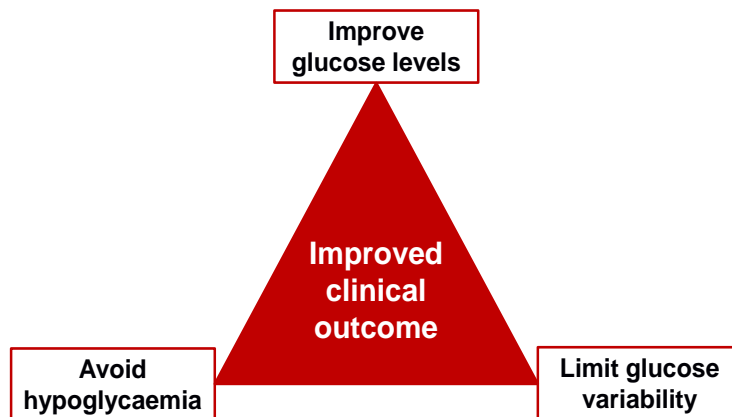
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