## L'innovazione farmacologica: quanto può migliorare gli outcome di salute e di cura?

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## Summary

- Do we need new treatments for diabetes?
- Is there an inexorable decline in β-cell function?
- Which are the new antidiabetic agents in development?

### ARE DIABETES MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES APPLICABLE IN THE REAL WORLD?

• One-year, open-label, interventional study

- Primary care unit
- 90 consecutive patients with type 2 diabetes
- •ADA-EASD guidelines
- •Usual resources available (Met, SU, NPH Ins)

Verçosa et al. 2010



## HbA<sub>1c</sub> Change



## Conclusion

Despite the efforts to obtain and maintain HbA1c <7% with the addition of the medication available in the primary care unit, there was a deterioration in diabetes control during this 1-year study.

## Do we need new treatments for diabetes?

Yes. We do need new tools for the treatment of type 2 diabetes

### Antidiabetic drugs in use



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#### Addition of Sitagliptin to Rosiglitazone and Metformin Study: HbA<sub>1c</sub> Change From Baseline at 18 Weeks



## Initial Combination Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus: Is It Ready for Prime Time?

**Bernard Zinman, MD** 

The American Journal of Medicine (2011) 124, S19–S34

## **The New IDF Therapeutic Algorithm**

## NOTE: The start with a prefixed combination of Metformin plus a DPPVI Inhibitor can be considered.

# Is the progressive decline in $\beta$ - cell function inexorable ?

#### **Progressive Deterioration of** β**-cell function**



Adapted from UKPDS Group. Diabetes. 1995;44:1249–1258.

## **Incretin Based Therapy**

is still effective even in patients with long duration of disease



## **New Incretins**

### **DPP-IV** inhibitors

- Sitagliptin
- Vildagliptin
- Saxagliptin
- Alogliptin
- Linagliptin
- Dutogliptin

#### **GLP-1** agonists

- Exenatide
- Liraglutide
- Exenatide LAR
- Albiglutide

Glucose control mediated by exenatide once-weekly (EQW)



DeYoung MB et al. Diabetes Technology & Therapeutics 2011; Kim et al. Diabetes Care 2007; Drucker et al. Lancet 2008; Bergenstal et al. Lancet 2010; Diamant et al. Lancet 2010



Masbad et al. Diabetes Obesity & Metabolism 2011

Change in HbA1c and bodyweight from baseline over 30 weeks



7-point self-monitored blood glucose profiles at baseline and week 30



Drucker et al. Lancet 372 October 4, 2008

## **New Classes of Antihyperglycemic Agents**

- Dual Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor- $\alpha/\gamma$  Agonists (PPAR  $\alpha/\gamma$  Agonists )
- Inhibitor of 11- $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase
- Inhibitors of sodium-dependent glucose transporter 2
- Ultra long acting insulins

### Effects of α/γ PPAR activation



plasma lipid profile

Primary  $\gamma$  effect is to improve insulin sensitivity

### **Dual PPAR agonists**

#### A Promising Approach

- Both dyslipidemia and insulin resistance appear to promote atherosclerosis in diabetics
- Likewise, improving lipid profile and insulin resistance both promise to improve clinical outcomes

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## Dual Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor-α/γ Agonists

- MK 767
- Ragaglitazar<sup>NN</sup>
- Tesaglitazar<sup>AZ</sup>
- Naveglitazar<sup>Lilly</sup>
- Muraglitazar<sup>BMS</sup>

- Malignant tumours in mice
- Tumors in rats and mice
- Subcutaneous fibrosarcomas
- Cardiotoxicity, sarcomas
- MI, stroke, TIA

## Dual PPAR agonists: muraglitazar & tesaglitazar

#### – Muraglitazar

- Higher incidence of edema vs placebo<sup>1</sup>
- Body weight increased up to 2.5 kg with 5 mg dose vs 1.5 kg with pioglitazone 30 mg<sup>2</sup>
- Increased heart failure (0.55% with 5 mg dose vs 0.07% with pioglitazone)<sup>3</sup>
- Elevated risk of CV death<sup>3</sup>

#### Tesaglitazar

- Higher incidence of edema and weight gain vs placebo<sup>4</sup>
- Increased serum creatinine by up to ~17%, which stabilized by 12 weeks but was not reversed fully upon discontinuation<sup>4</sup>
- Considered not to provide adequate benefit vs risk<sup>4</sup>

## Aleglitazar: structurally distinct from TZDs & fibrates

Aleglitazar (a balanced PPAR- $\alpha/\gamma$  agonist)

Thiazolidinediones (PPAR-γ agonists)

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Fibrates (PPAR- $\alpha$  agonists)

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## Aleglitazar

- Potent and balanced activity of PPAR- $\alpha$  versus PPAR- $\gamma^{1}$
- Structurally distinct from TZDs<sup>1</sup>
- Unique gene signature profile compared with pioglitazone + fenofibrate in human cardiac myocytes and hepatocytes<sup>2,3</sup>
- Evidence for desired impact on genes involved in lipid synthesis<sup>3</sup> and inflammatory pathways<sup>2</sup>
  - Reduced expression of genes in LDL synthesis
  - Increased expression of genes in HDL pathway
  - Suppression of genes involved in tissue damage and inflammation in human cardiac myocytes

### Effect of the dual peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-α/γ agonist aleglitazar on risk of cardiovascular disease in patients with type 2 diabetes (SYNCHRONY): a phase II, randomised, dose-ranging study

Robert R Henry, A Michael Lincoff, Sunder Mudaliar, Michael Rabbia, Cathy Chognot, Matthias Herz

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### SYNCHRONY: Effects on HbA1c and Lipids

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No statistical comparisons were made between aleglitazar 150  $\mu$ g and pioglitazone 45 mg Henry R et al. *Lancet* 2009;374:126

### Aleglitazar Clinical Development Program

Study	Objectives
SYNCHRONY trial <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>Dose finding, determine efficacy, safety, and tolerability</li> <li>Primary Endpoint: HbA1c change from baseline at week 16</li> </ul>
SESTA-R trial <sup>2</sup>	- Evaluate effect (at 4x therapeutic dose, 600 $\mu\text{g})$ on GFR, renal plasma flow, and serum creatinine
ALECARDIO trial <sup>3</sup>	<ul> <li>To determine whether aleglitazar reduces CV mortality and morbidity in patients with a recent ACS event and T2DM</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Evaluate the effects of aleglitazar on other clinical endpoints of CV risk</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Evaluate the effects of aleglitazar on glycemic control, the lipoprotein profile, blood pressure, and biomarkers of CV risk</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Evaluate the tolerability and long-term safety profile of aleglitazar (e.g. fluid retention, heart failure, fractures, renal function, musculoskeletal adverse events and liver enzyme elevation)</li> </ul>
ALENEPHRO trial <sup>4</sup>	- Long-term safety data (52-weeks) and reversibility (8-weeks) with aleglitazar at therapeutic dose (150 $\mu g)$
<b>Drug-drug interaction studies</b> (ACE-I, ARBs, ASA, NSAIDs)	<ul> <li>PK/PD effects of concomitant treatment of aleglitazar and another agent on renal function in controlled setting</li> </ul>
Renal Mechanistic Study	<ul> <li>Examination of renal effects in comparison to fibrate and pioglitazone</li> </ul>

## 11-β-hydoxysteroid-dehydrogenase type 1 inhibitor

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cortisone

cortisol

## The 11-β-Hydroxysteroid Dehydrogenase Type 1 Inhibitor INCB13739 Improves Hyperglycemia in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Inadequately Controlled by Metformin Monotherapy

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Diabetes Care 33:1516–1522, 2010

## **Inhibitors of SGLT2**

- Dapaglifozin
- Canaglifozin
- Seglifozin
- Remoglifozin
- ISIS 388626

## Renal Handling of Glucose, Non-Diabetic Individual

![](_page_34_Figure_1.jpeg)

Effect of dapagliflozin in patients with type 2 diabetes who have inadequate glycaemic control with metformin: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

Clifford J Bailey, Jorge L Gross, Anne Pieters, Arnaud Bastien, James F List

![](_page_35_Figure_2.jpeg)

## **Efficacy – HbA**<sub>1c</sub>

![](_page_36_Figure_1.jpeg)

Lancet 375:2223, 2010

## Efficacy – Weight

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

Lancet 375:2223, 2010

## Ultra Long Acting Insulins: Insulin Degludec

#### A 52-week treat-to-target trial comparing efficacy and safety of insulin degludec and insulin glargine both administered OD in a basal-bolus regimen with insulin aspart as mealtime insulin in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus

(BEGIN<sup>™</sup>)

Heller S, Diabetes July 2011; vol 60 (Supplement 1): OP-70

## Study design

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### Conclusions

- Insulin degludec effectively improved HbA1c and is non-inferior to insulin glargine in basal-bolus therapy in type 1 diabetes
- Titration targets were achieved faster for patients treated in the insulin degludec arm
  - On average, patients treated with insulin glargine used 9-10% more insulin than those treated with insulin degludec (0.75 vs 0.82 U/kg)
- Patients treated with insulin degludec had 25% less risk of nocturnal hypoglycaemia than with insulin glargine
- Insulin degludec demonstrated a good safety and tolerability profile

A 52-week treat-to-target trial comparing efficacy and safety of insulin degludec and glargine both administered OD in a basal-bolus regimen with insulin aspart ±metformin ±pioglitazone in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus previously treated with insulin

(BEGIN<sup>™</sup>: BB)

Garber AJ, Diabetes July 2011; vol 60 (Supplement 1): OP-74

### Study design

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pio: pioglitazone met: metformin IGlar: insulin glargine OD: once daily Garber AJ, Diabetes July 2011; vol 60 (Supplement 1): OP-74

### Conclusions

Insulin degludec effectively improved HbA1c and is non-inferior to insulin glargine in basal-bolus therapy with insulin aspart in type 2 diabetes Insulin degludec achieved a 1.2%-point HbA1c reduction to 7.1% Insulin degludec resulted in significantly less risk of hypoglycaemia than insulin glargine

18% less risk of overall confirmed hypoglycaemia

25% less risk of nocturnal hypoglycaemia

Overall, insulin degludec demonstrated a good safety and tolerability profile

#### 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

(BEGIN<sup>™</sup>: FLEX)

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

## Study design

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

OAD: oral antidiabetic drug met: metformin pio: pioglitazone SU: sulphonylurea OD: once-daily

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

### **IDeg vs IGlar in T2: flexible dosing**

![](_page_47_Figure_1.jpeg)

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

### Conclusions

- Insulin degludec can be dosed at any time of the day at a different time from day to day, while effectively improving glycaemic control in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus
  - FPG is reduced more with insulin degludec dosed flexibly than insulin glargine dosed OD
- The rate of overall hypoglycaemia is unchanged with flexible dosing and there is a trend towards a decrease in nocturnal hypoglycaemia compared with insulin glargine
- With injection intervals ranging from 8 to 40 hours, daily administration of insulin degludec is flexible to the daily life of patients with diabetes and provides 'forgiveness' with regard to delayed or even missed doses

## Conclusions

- Metabolic control is far from ideal in some countries
- New tools for the treatment of diabetes are very welcome
- Incretin-based therapy has the potential to restore  $\beta$ -cell function
- New classes are under development and may offer additional benefits

#### PERSONALIZING TREATMENT IN TYPE 2 DIABETES: AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH

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