



Total Nutrition Therapy for Diabetes

Medical nutrition therapy and the science and innovation in diabetes nutrition



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WHAT IS MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY (MNT)?



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What is Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)?

- **MNT** is an **evidence-based** application of the nutrition care process.
- Nutrition therapy is defined as **“the treatment of a disease or condition”** through the modification of nutrient or whole-food intake.



Goals of MNT for adults with diabetes¹

The ADA states:

“ **For many individuals with diabetes, the most challenging part of the treatment plan is determining what to eat. There is not a one-size-fits-all eating pattern.** ”

- 1. To promote and support healthful eating patterns,** emphasizing a variety of nutrient-dense foods in appropriate portion sizes in order to improve overall health
- 2. To address individual nutrition needs** based on personal and cultural preferences, health literacy and numeracy, access to healthful foods, willingness and ability to make behavioral changes, and barriers to change
- 3. To maintain the pleasure of eating** by providing nonjudgmental messages about food choices while limiting food choices only when indicated by scientific evidence
- 4. To provide and individual with diabetes the practical tools** for developing healthy eating patterns rather than focusing on individual macronutrients, micronutrients or single foods

1. American Diabetes Association Professional Practice Committee. *Diabetes Care*. 2022;45(Suppl. 1):S60–S82.

Role of medical nutrition therapy (MNT)¹



“MNT can **reduce A1C by up to 2%**, making it an essential component of initial and ongoing diabetes care.”

“MNT is integral to quality diabetes care and should be incorporated into the overall care plan, medication plan, and Diabetes Self- Management Education and Support (DSMES) plan on an ongoing basis”

- 1. Powers M, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2020; dci200023

Guideline recommendations



5. Facilitating behaviour change and well-being to improve health outcomes
Standards of medical care in diabetes (2022)

“Studies have demonstrated that a variety of eating plans, varying in macronutrient composition, can be used effectively and safely in the short term (1-2 years) to achieve weight loss in people with diabetes. These plans include **structured low-calorie meal plans with meal replacements...**”



European Association
for the Study of Diabetes

“**Diabetes medical nutrition therapy** can result in cost savings and improved outcomes (e.g., A1c reduction, reduced weight, decrease in cholesterol.”



Consensus statement on the comprehensive type 2 diabetes management algorithm (2020)

“Structured counselling and **meal replacement** programs have been shown to be more effective than standard in-office counselling.”



Evidence-based nutrition guidelines for the prevention and management of diabetes (2018)

“There is good evidence that approaches where **food is replaced by nutritionally complete liquid formula, providing 800-1200 kcal/day** are effective for weight loss in Type 2 Diabetes.”

“Studies using total diet replacement have reported mean weight losses of about 15 kg and **remission of Type 2 diabetes.**”



Carbohydrates and insulin resistance in clinical nutrition: Recommendations from the ESPEN expert group (2017)

“[T]he ESPEN expert group endorses the utilization of **diabetes-specific formulas** for nutritional support of people with obesity and diabetes.”



MNT IN DM PATIENTS



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What should I eat?






Dilemma between nutritional adequacy and glycemic control



Nutrition Refresh

Diabetes Care 1



Nutrition Therapy for Adults With Diabetes or Prediabetes: A Consensus Report

<https://doi.org/10.2337/dci19-0014>

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EVOLUTION OF NUTRITIONAL THERAPY

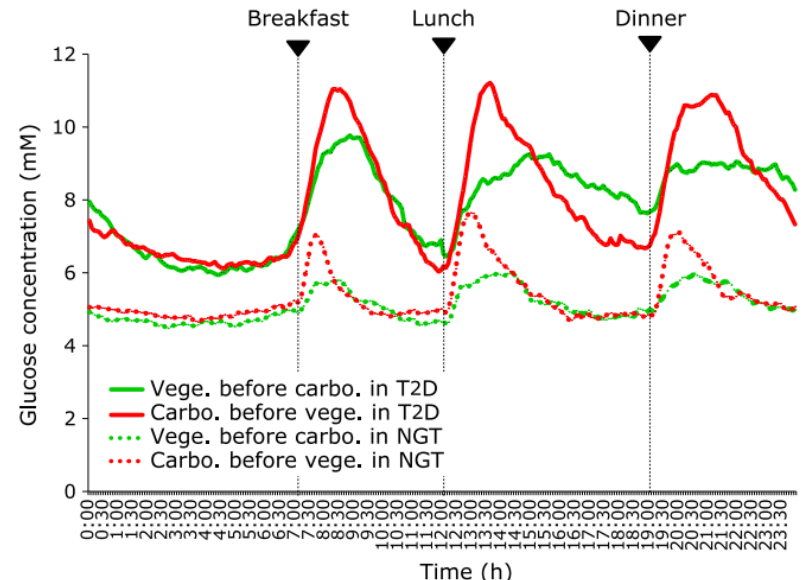
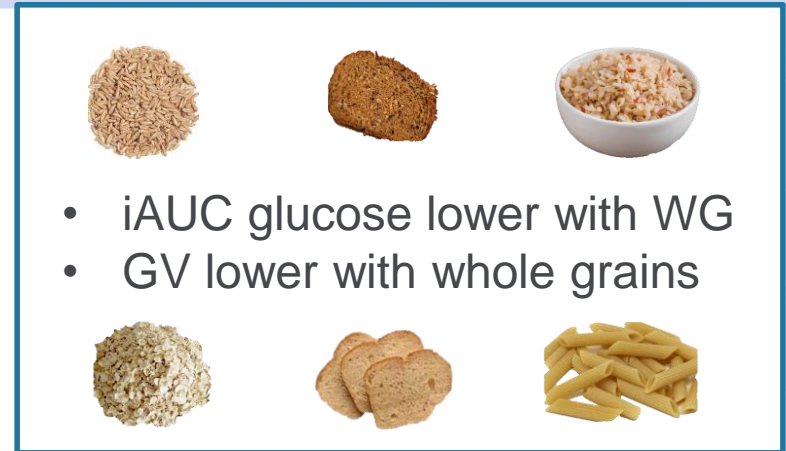
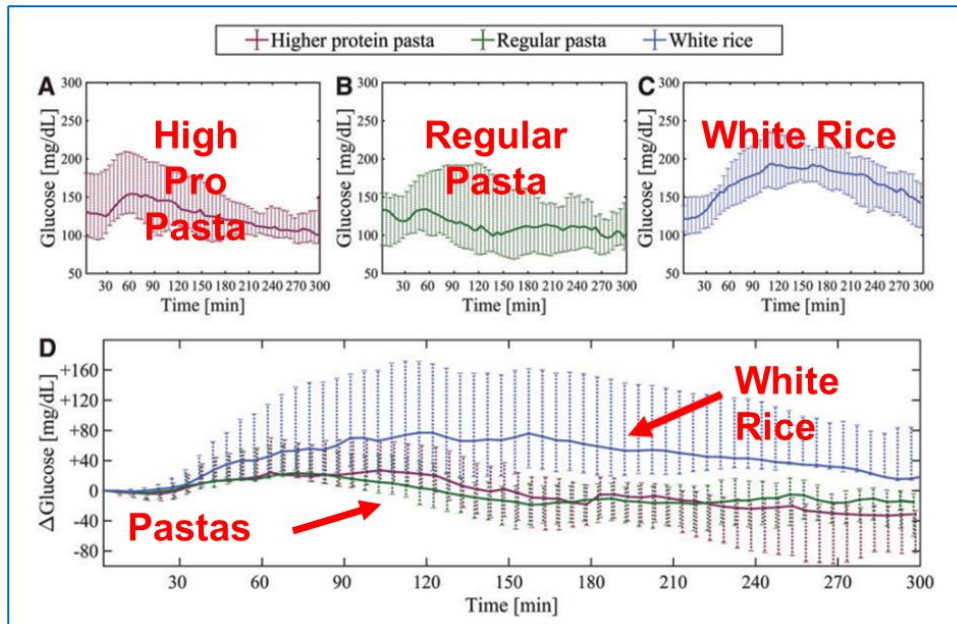
- Whole food over highly processed food
- Emphasize non-starchy vegetables (1/2 plate)
- Limit added sugars and refined grains
- Eliminate sugar-sweetened beverages

- No one-size-fits all diet for PWD
- Many eating patterns ↓ HbA1c 1-2% (someday we will say ↑ TIR)

PWD- People With Diabetes

Retrospective Review: Carbs are not Equal

- CGM shows equal carbohydrate amounts produce different glucose responses



Åberg S, et al. *Diabetes Care*. 2020;43(8):1717-1723; Zavitsanou S, et al. *Diabetes Technol Ther*. 2019;21(9):485-492; Imai S, et al. *J Clin Biochem Nutr*. 2014;54(1):7-11.

iAUC - Mean Incremental Area Under the Glucose Curve; GV- Glycemic Variability ; WG- Whole Grains; VEGE- Vegetable; CARBO- Carbohydrate; NGT- Normal Glucose Tolerance

Micronutrient Deficiencies in T2D

Micronutrient	Deficiency Prevalence	
	Obesity	T2D
B1 Thiamine	15% – 29%	17% – 79%
B6 Pyridoxine	0% – 11%	58% – 63%
B9 Folic acid	3% – 4%	22%
B12 Cobalamin	3% – 8%	22%
B7 Biotin	No data	No data
Chromium	No data	20-40%
Selenium	58%	No data
Vitamin A	17%	No data
Vitamin C	35% – 45%	13% – 55%
Vitamin D (< 30 mg/dL)	80% – 90%	85% – 91%
Vitamin E	0%	0%
Zinc	14% – 30%	19%

MNT Should Be Applied in All DM Patients

Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes – 2020

An **individualized MNT program** as needed to achieve treatment goals, preferably provided by a RDN, is recommended **for all people** with type 1 or type 2 DM, prediabetes, and gestational DM¹



2022糖尿病臨床照護指引

每一位糖尿病人在衛教過程中，都應該接受**個人化的醫療營養治療**，包括醣類份數計算，並由合格的營養師給予相關飲食的知識與技能。

醫療營養治療降低糖化血色素的效果，第 1 型糖尿病人可降低 1.0-1.9%，第 2 型糖尿病人可降低 0.3-2.0%



DM, diabetes mellitus; MNT, medical nutrition therapy; RDN, registered dietitian nutritionist.

1. American Diabetes Association. Diabetes Care. 2020;43(Suppl. 1):S48-S65; 2. 中華民國糖尿病學會 / 2022 糖尿病臨床照護指引 /

The Effect of MNT in T1DM Patients

T1DM

- 256 T1DM subjects to a nutritional education program (group A) or not (group B).

Comparison between group A and group B

Group A vs Group B
Reduction in
HbA1C
(%)

-0.4%

$P < 0.01$

Group A vs Group B
Less
hypoglycaemic events
(%)

-3%

$P < 0.05$

Group A vs Group B
Reduction in dose of
rapid insulin analogues
(IU/24 hr)

-4.2 IU/24hr

$P = 0.03$

A structured and multi-professional educational team, focusing on **MNT** can help patients to **improve glycaemic control**.

The Effect of MNT in T2DM Patients

T2DM

- ◆ Retrospective analysis: 100 T2DM patients completing **diabetes self-management education (DSME)** and **individualized MNT** from June 2013 to 2014 were analyzed.

Compared to baseline

Reduction in
HbA1C (%)

-1.92%

$P < 0.001$

Compared to baseline

Weight loss
(kg)

-1.6 kg

$P < 0.001$

72%

patients

**Achieve HbA1c
target ($\leq 7\%$)**

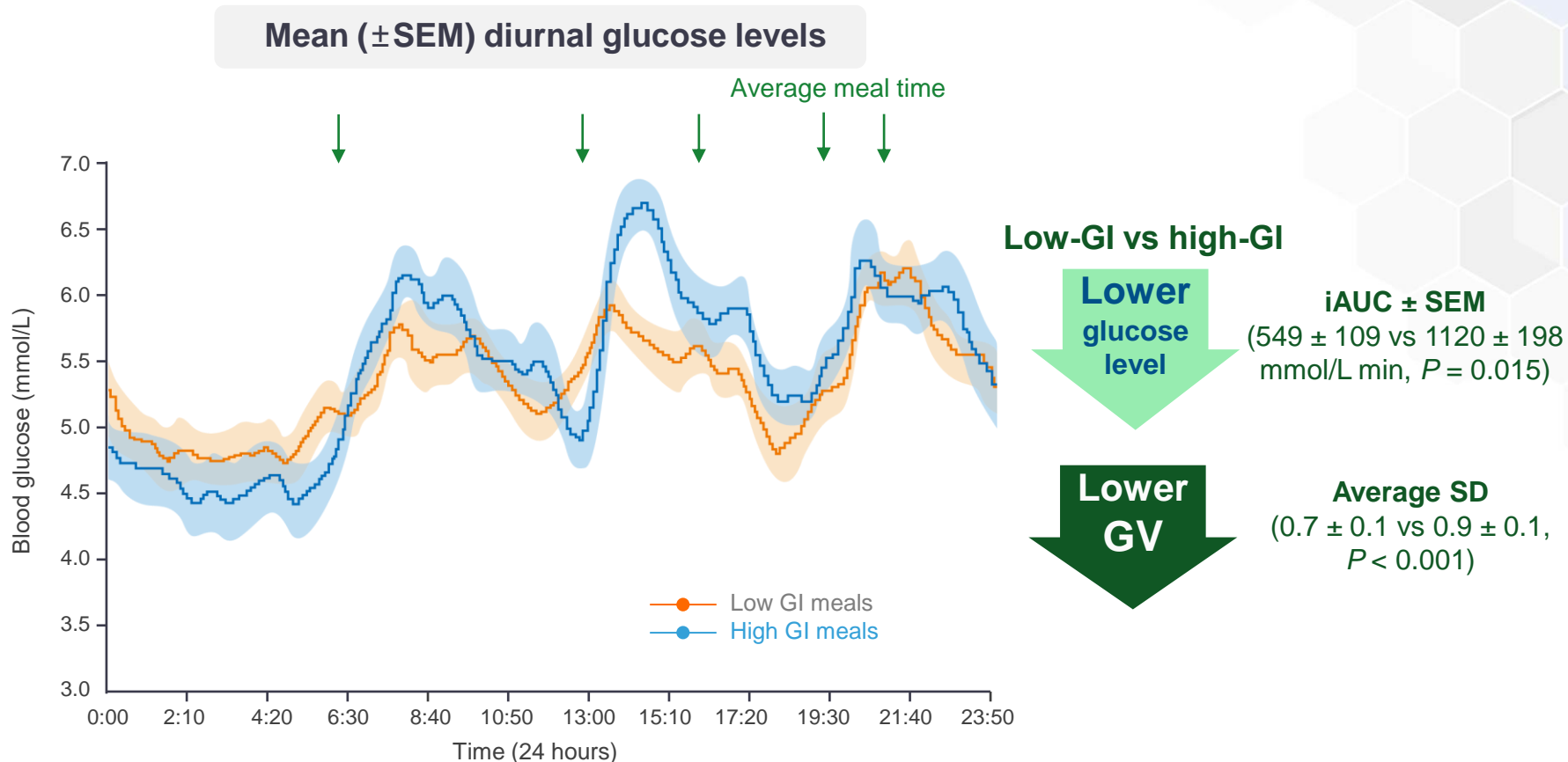
(compare to 27% at baseline,
 $P = 0.008$)

This retrospective chart review of 88 patients who received ADA-recognized education program reports positive outcomes for all end points (**weight, BMI, HbA1c**, and lipids*).

*Follow-up lipids were available from a small subset of the sample (n = 9).

Lower GI Meals Reduce Diurnal Glycemic Oscillations in Pregnant Woman

- A crossover study of 17 pregnant women between 26 and 32 weeks of gestation at higher risk of GDM who consumed a low-GI or a high-GI diet in random order.



Goals of Nutrition Therapy for Adults with Diabetes

1

To promote and support **healthful eating patterns**, emphasizing a variety of nutrient-dense foods in appropriate portion sizes.

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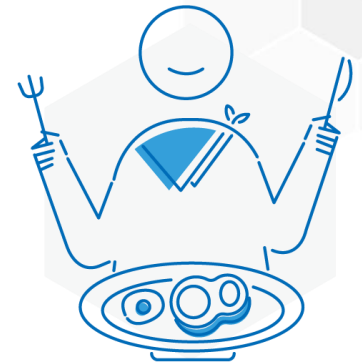
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4

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QUIZ TIME

- What is the purpose of medical nutrition therapy in individuals with diabetes?
 - A. To achieve and maintain body weight goals
 - B. To attain individualized glycemic, blood pressure, and lipid goals
 - C. To delay or prevent complications of diabetes
 - D. To reduce rapid and extensive loss of muscle mass
 - E. A, B & C

Answer: E (To reduce body weight, blood glucose, blood pressure, blood lipids, and complications)




INNOVATION IN DIABETES NUTRITION



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Meta-analysis: Diabetes-specific formulas¹



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Meta-analyses

Diabetes-specific formulas high in monounsaturated fatty acids and metabolic outcomes in patients with diabetes or hyperglycaemia. A systematic review and meta-analysis

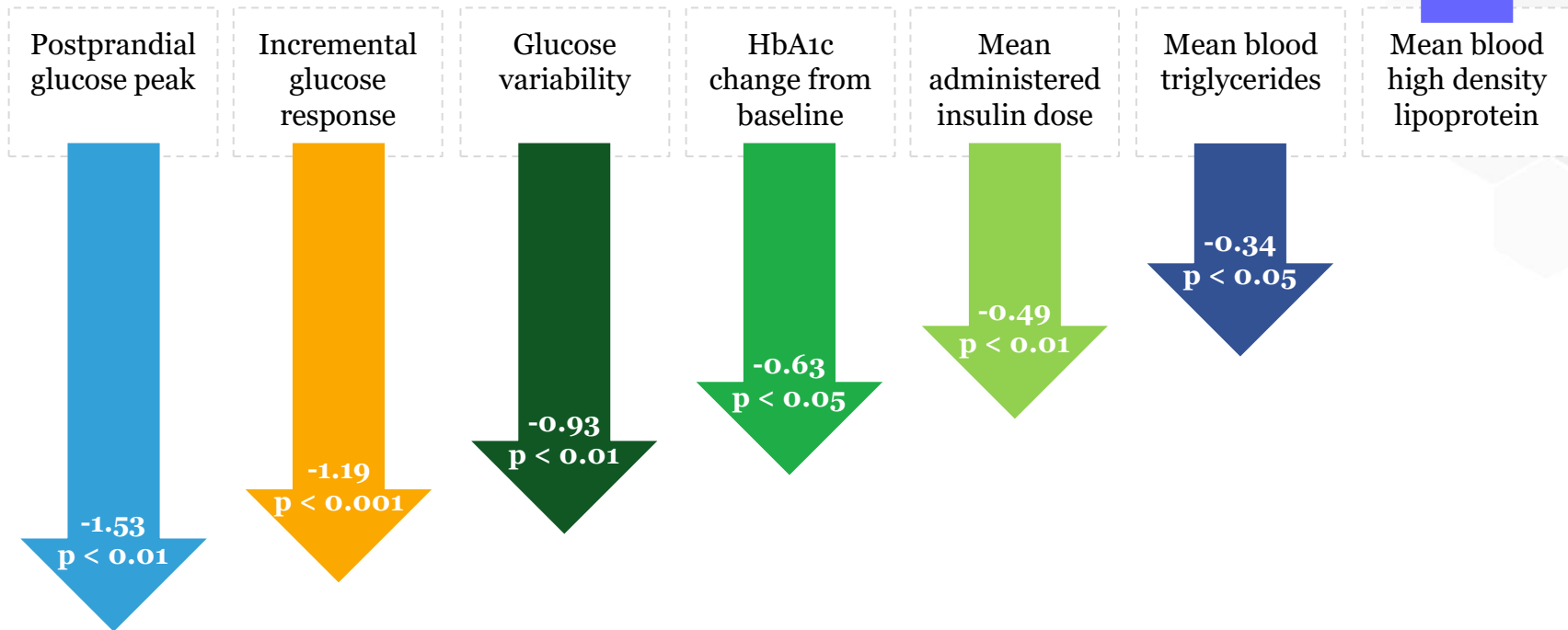
Alejandro Sanz-París ^{a, b, *}, Pilar Matía-Martín ^{c, d, e}, Ángela Martín-Palmero ^f, Carmen Gómez-Candela ^g, Maria Camprubi Robles ^h

- To compare the metabolic benefits of diabetes-specific formulas (DSF) high in monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), with standard formulas (STDF) in adult patients with type 1, type 2 diabetes or stress-induced hyperglycemia

1. Sanz-París A, et al. *Clin Nutr.* 2020;39:3273-3282

DSFs showed better glucose management and improved lipid metabolism¹

DSFs vs. non-DSFs in seven key endpoints



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Diabetic-specific Formulas (DSF) and Standard Nutrition Formulas

- DSF contains a lesser proportion of **carbohydrate** than standard nutrition formulas.

Standard nutrition formulas vs DSF

Composition	Standard nutrition formulas	DSF
Amount of carbohydrate	Higher (> 50% TE)	Lower (< 50% TE)
Type of carbohydrate	Simple	Complex slowly digestible blend
Glycemic load/index	Higher	Lower
Amount of fat	Lower (~30% TE)	Higher (> 30% TE)
Type of fat	LCT	MUFAs, n-3
Amount of fiber	Low or no	Higher
Type of fiber	-	Soluble, prebiotic
Amount of protein	15-20%	15-25%

Fact check!

MYTH

People with diabetes should avoid carbohydrates at all costs.

FACT

Carbohydrates are a main source of energy essential for metabolism and well-being. Instead of actively avoiding carbohydrates to control blood sugar levels, people living with diabetes should be more careful about the type and amount of carbohydrates they consume, as well as the time of consumption.



EVIDENCE OF MEAL REPLACEMENT



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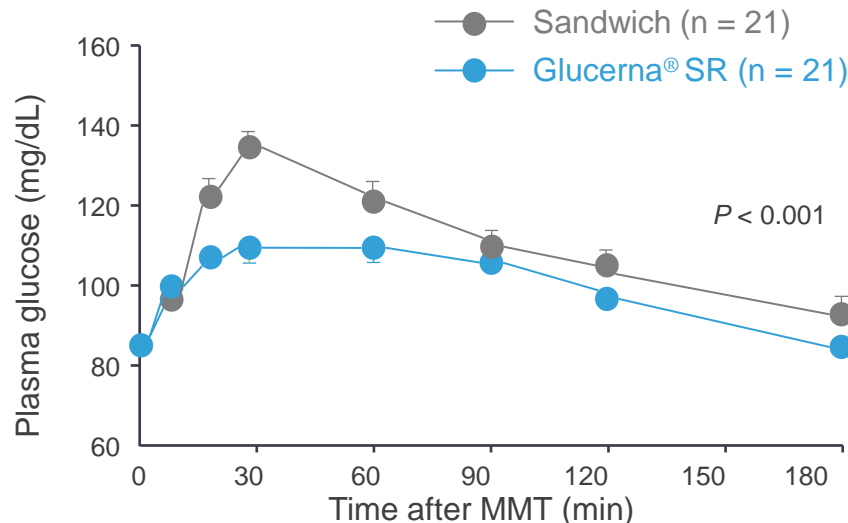


The Effect of DSF in Healthy Humans

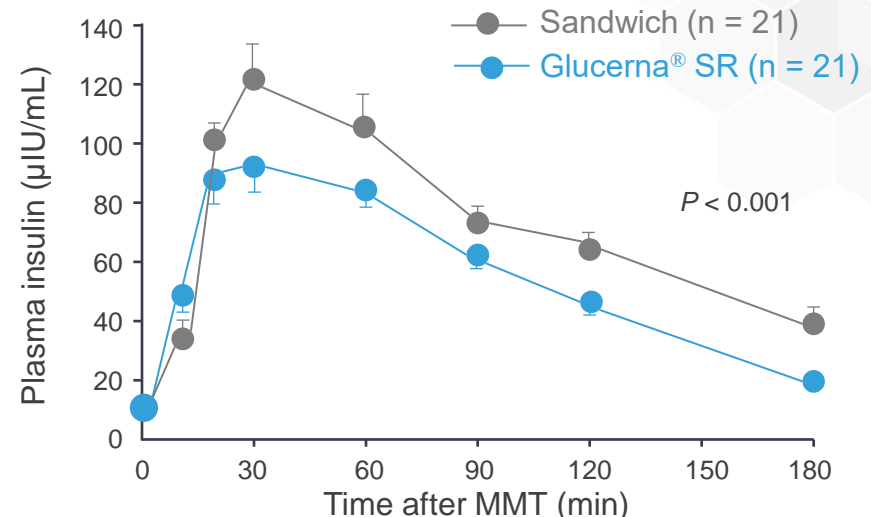
- Non-obese people were recruited to examine the postprandial changes of plasma glucose, insulin in a mixed meal test (MMT) of Glucerna® SR* and an ordinary meal (sandwich).

* Nutritional supplement designed for DM patients.

Plasma glucose



Plasma insulin



Glucerna® SR ingestion resulted in lower glucose and insulin responses.

The Effect of DSF in T2DM Patients

T2DM

- ◆ A randomized, controlled, cross-over trial to investigate the effect of isoenergetic breakfast replacement by a low-GI liquid formula in T2DM patients.

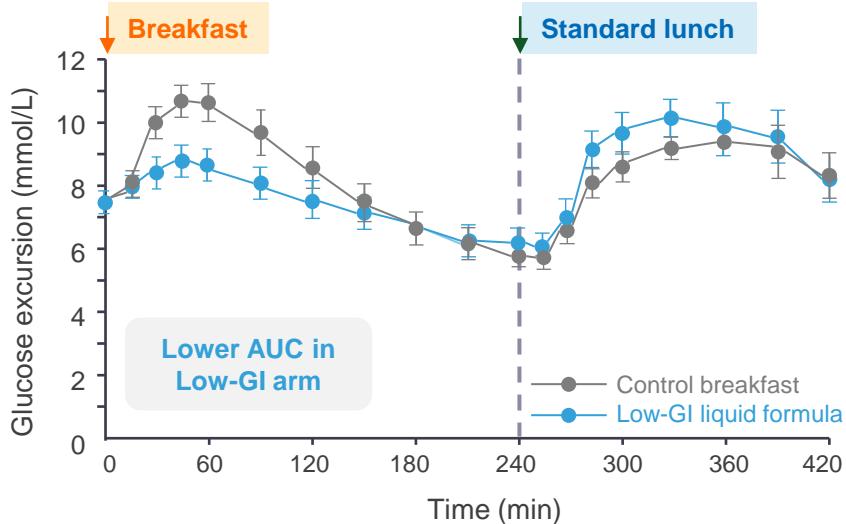
Glucose AUC (mmol x min/L)		
	Control	Low GI
Median	253	97
25 th -75 th percentile	162-386	60-188

$P < 0.001$

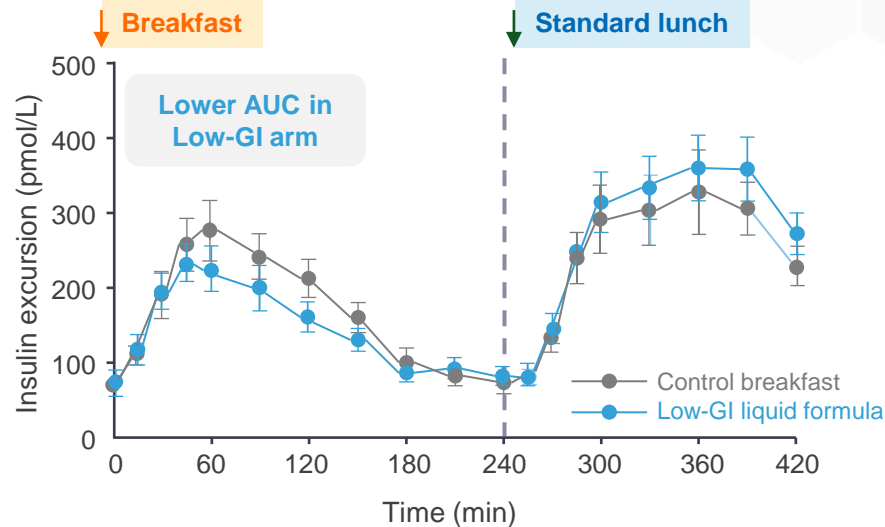
Insulin AUC (pmol x min/L)		
	Control	Low GI
Median	19939	14670
25 th -75 th percentile	10709 -33396	7328-19611

$P = 0.048$

Postprandial glucose



Insulin excursions



Physiological Effect of GLP-1 in Peripheral Tissues

- ◆ Absorbed nutrients in the small intestine induce GLP-1 secretion from L cells in the intestinal ileum. Interaction between GLP-1 and GLP-1 receptor cause majority of the effect of GLP-1.



Stomach

- Gastric emptying ↓
- Gastric motility ↓

Brain

- Food uptake ↓
- Body weight ↓

Colon

- Food transit time ↓

Adipose tissue

- Thermogenesis of BAT ↑
- Browning of white adipose tissue ↑
- Energy expenditure ↑

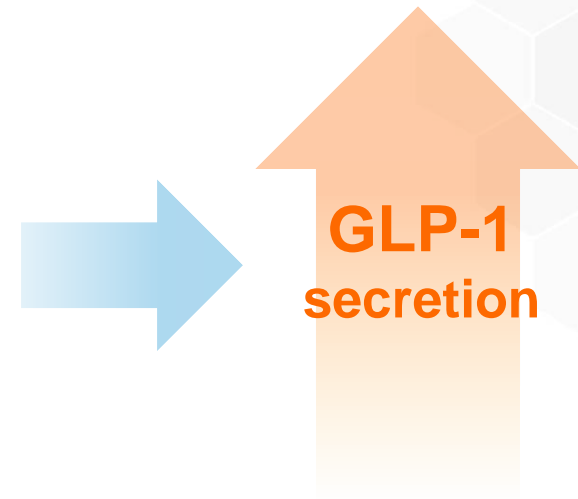
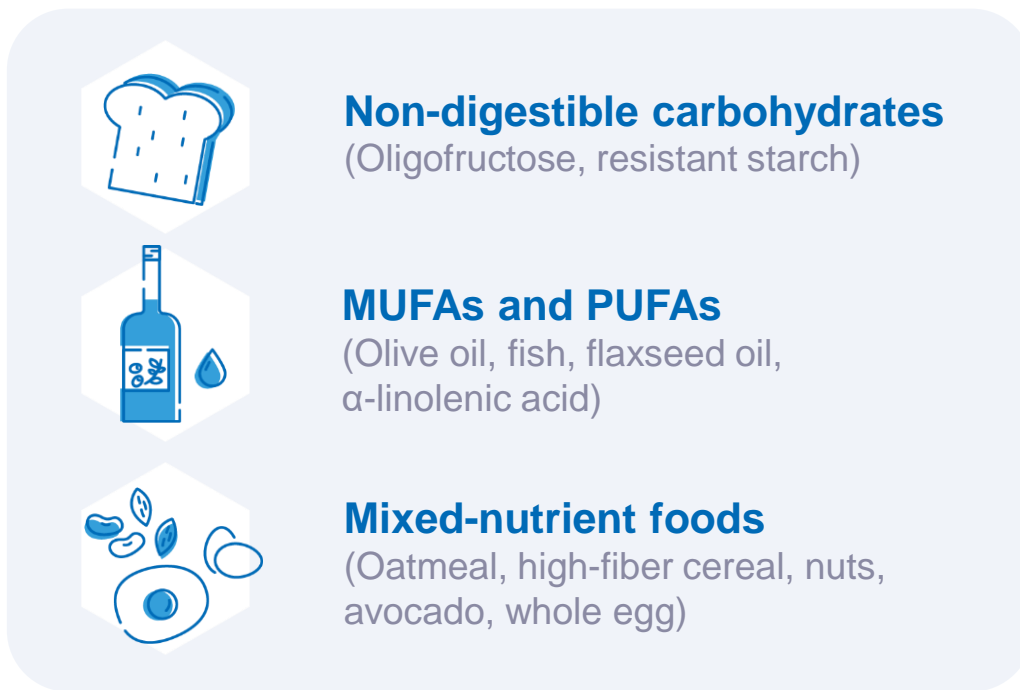
Pancreas

- Insulin biosynthesis ↑
- Glucagon secretion ↓
- β -cell apoptosis ↓
- β -cell survival ↑
- Glucose transporter gene ↑

The postprandial **GLP-1 response is decreased in T2DM**.
This impairment alone could contribute to the pathogenesis of diabetes.

Food May Influence GLP-1 Secretion

- GLP-1 secretion is partially mediated by receptors bind to **monosaccharides, peptides and amino-acids, MUFAs** and **PUFAs** as well as to **short chain fatty acids**.



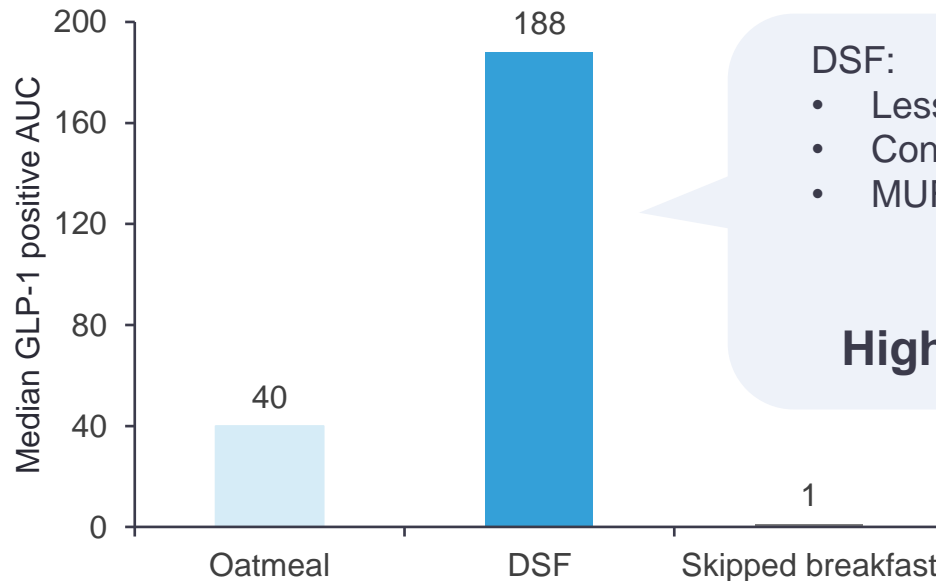
The stimulation of endogenous GLP-1 secretion by **manipulating the composition of the diet** may be a relevant strategy for obesity and T2DM management.

DSF Improves GLP-1 Expression in Patients Having T2DM

T2DM

- 32 T2DM patients were randomized into 3 groups to evaluate the impact of breakfast choices on metabolic benefits.

Median adjusted plasma GLP-1 values



DSF:

- Less CHO
- Containing slowly digesting CHO
- MUFAs



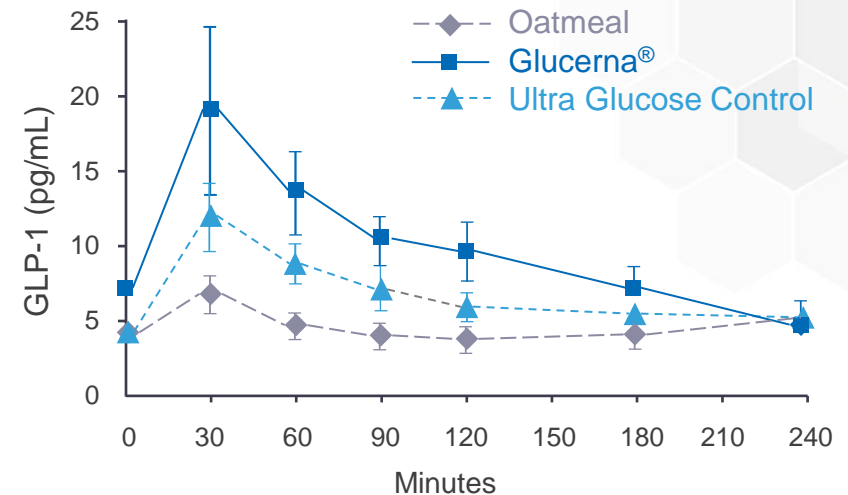
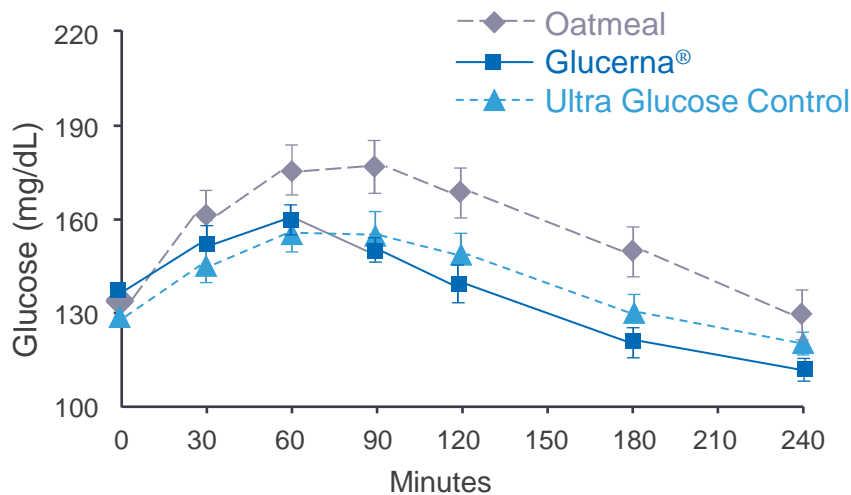
Higher GLP-1 response

DSF Improves Postprandial Glucose in Comparison to Oatmeal (1/2)

T2DM

- 22 overweight/obese patients with T2DM were given 200 kcal of each of the 3 meals as breakfast on 3 separate days in random order.

Postprandial glucose and GLP-1 levels



AUC_{0-240 mins}

**P* < 0.001 compared to oatmeal.

	Oatmeal	Glucerna®		Ultra glucose control
Glucose (mg • min/dL)	37828.6 ± 1678.7	32747.0 ± 1287.7*	Lowest	33538.6 ± 1266.5*
Active GLP-1 (pg • min/mL)	1055.5 ± 187.3	2347.7 ± 464.2*	Highest	1631.5 ± 246.8*

AUC, area under the curve; DSF, diabetic-specific formulas; GLP-1, glucagon-like peptide-1; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Mottalib A, et al. *Nutrients*. 2016;8(7):443.

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DSF Improves Postprandial Glucose in Comparison to Oatmeal (2/2)

T2DM

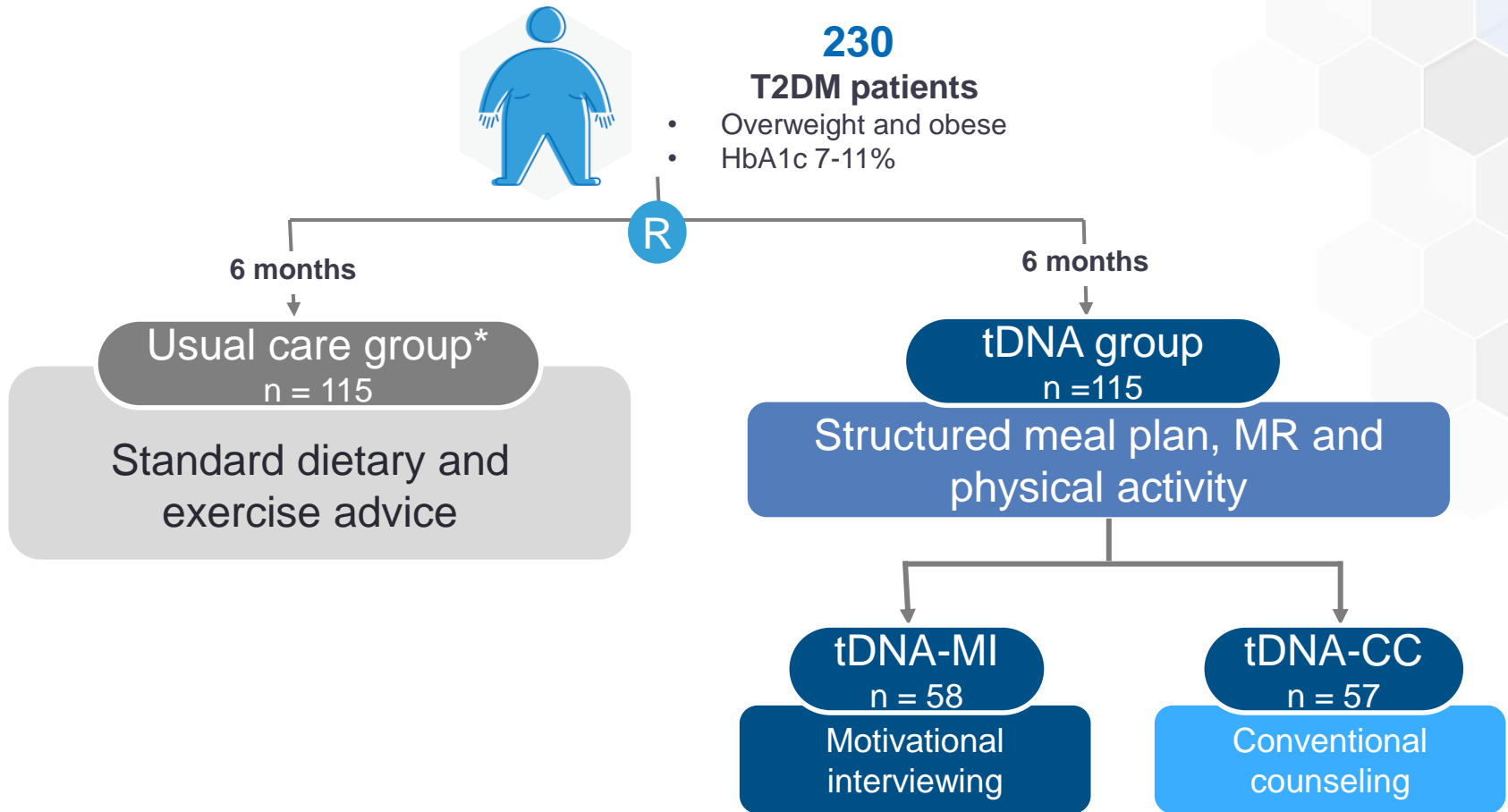
Nutrition information of the 3 breakfast meals

	Oatmeal		Glucerna®		Ultra Glucose Control	
	Amount	% DV	Amount	% DV	Amount	% DV
Serving size	53.3 (g)	NA	8 (fl oz)	NA	56 (g)	NA
Energy (kcal)	200	10	200	10	200	10
Total fat (g)	4	6.7	7	11	7	11
% energy	18	-	32	-	32	-
Saturated fat (g)	0	0	0.5	3	1	5
Monounsaturated fat (g)	1.3	-	5.2	-	4.5	-
Total Carbohydrates (g)	36	12	26	9	27	9
% energy	72	-	52	-	54	-
Dietary fiber (g)	5.3	20	3	12	3	12
Protein (g)	6.7	NA	10	20	15	30
% energy	13	-	20	-	30	-

% DV: percentage daily values were calculated based on a 2000 kcal diet.

The difference between effects of DFS are probably related to their unique blends of **amino acids, carbohydrates and fat.**

The Effect of Structured Lifestyle Intervention with DSF in T2DM Patients (1/2)



All patients were followed up at 3 and 6 months after termination of the intervention.
Primary endpoint: Changes in HbA1c.

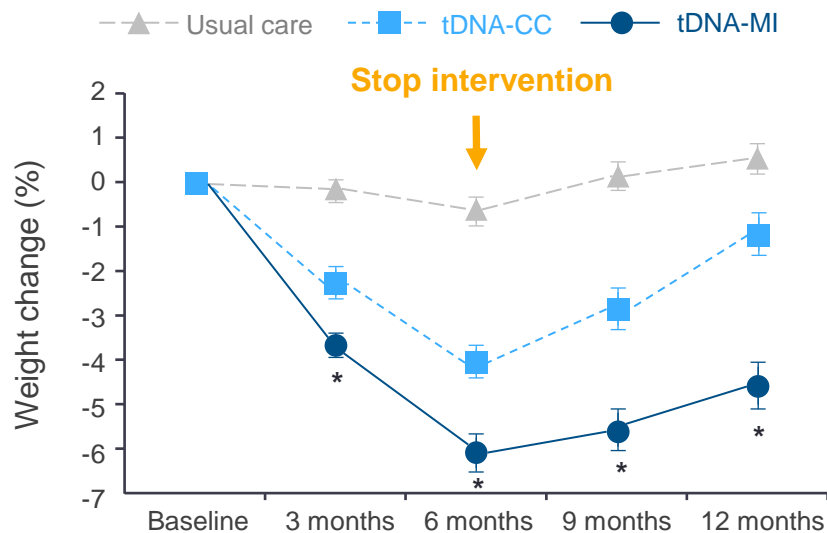
HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin; MR, meal replacement; R, randomized; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; tDNA, trans-cultural diabetes specific nutrition algorithm; tDNA-MI, tDNA-counseling with motivational interviewing; tDNA-CC, tDNA-conventional counseling; R, randomized.

Chee WSS, et al. BMJ Open Diabetes Res Care. 2017;5(1):e000384.

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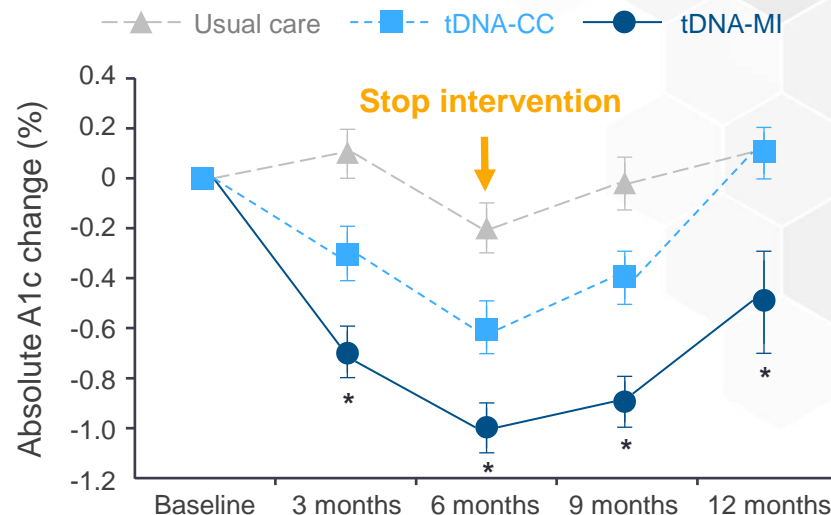
The Effect of Structured Lifestyle Intervention with DSF in T2DM Patients (2/2)

Weight change



* $P < 0.001$ for comparisons between groups at all time points.

HbA1c change



* $P < 0.001$ for comparisons between groups at 3, 6, 9 months.
 $P = 0.007$ at 12 months.

Structured lifestyle intervention and **motivational interviewing** significantly improved diabetes control and body weight in primary care setting.

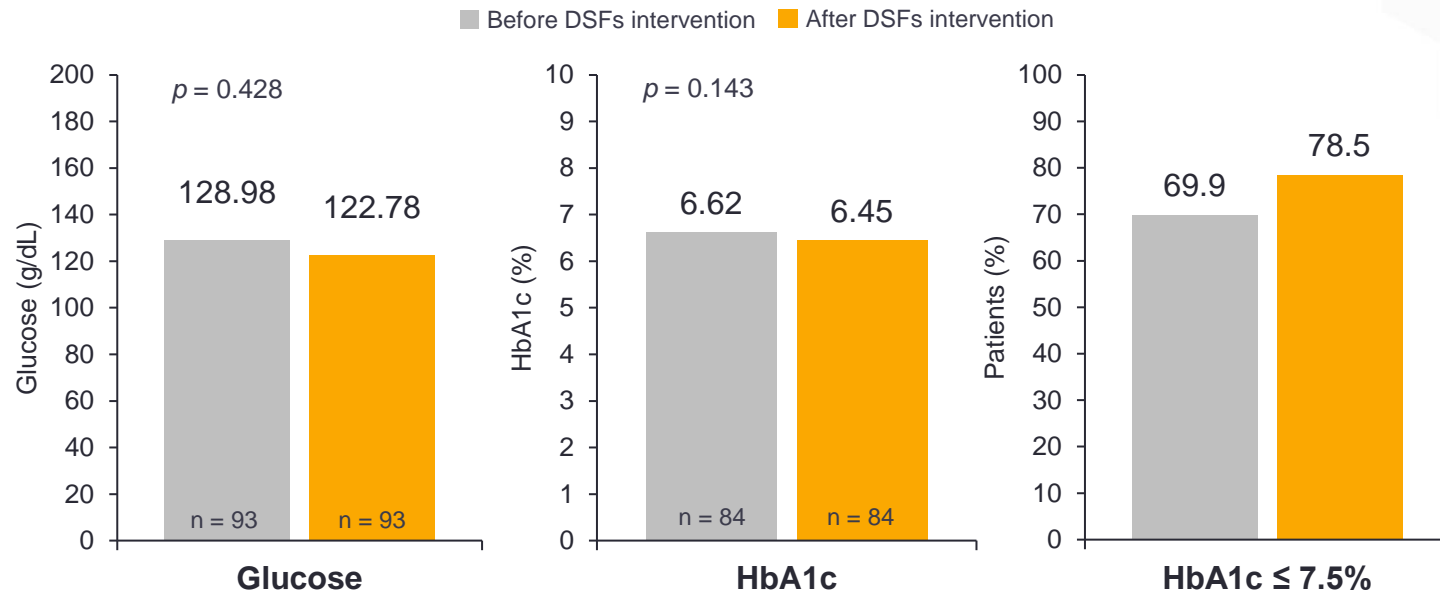
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DSFs Maintained Glucose Control while Increased Energy Intake

- ◆ The average **intake of energy increased** up to 660 kcal/day

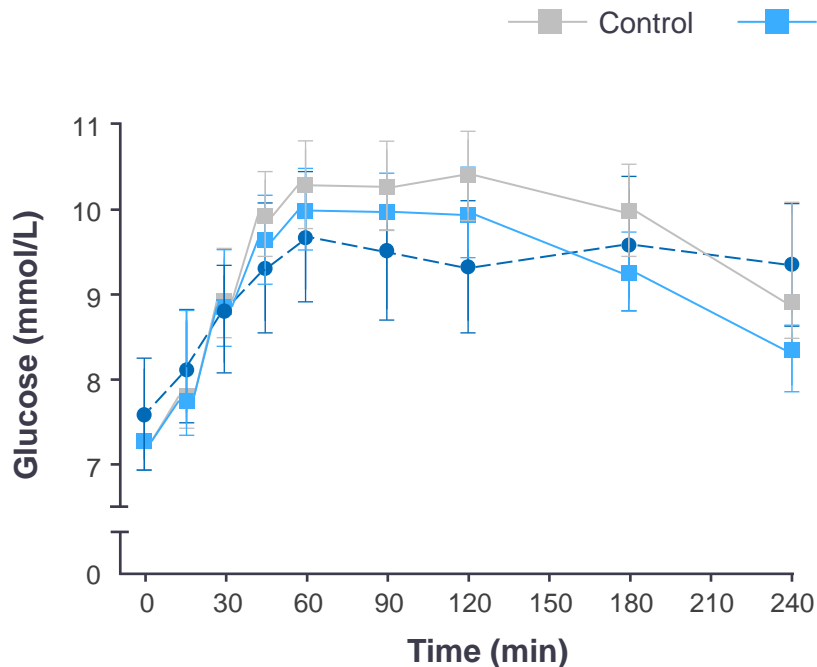
Glucose control status before and after intervention of DSFs



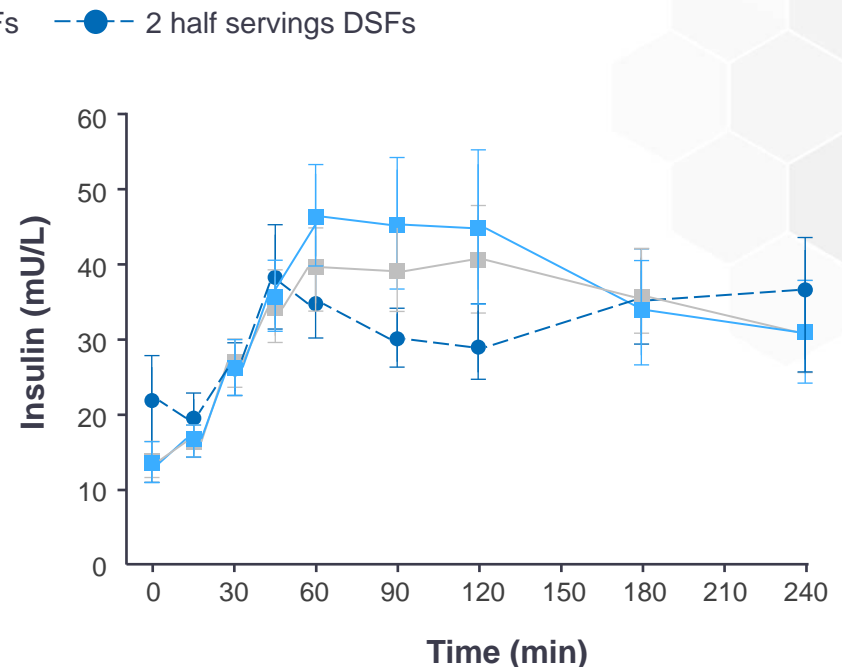
DSFs, diabetes-specific formulas; HbA1c, glycated hemoglobin.

Consumption of a High Energy, High Protein DSF Resulted in a Lower PPG Response in Elderly Patient

PPG



Postprandial insulin



DSF, diabetes-specific formula; PPG, postprandial glucose.

Laksir H, et al. Clin Nutr. 2018;37(6 Pt A):2084-2090.

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HOW TO REDUCE GV?



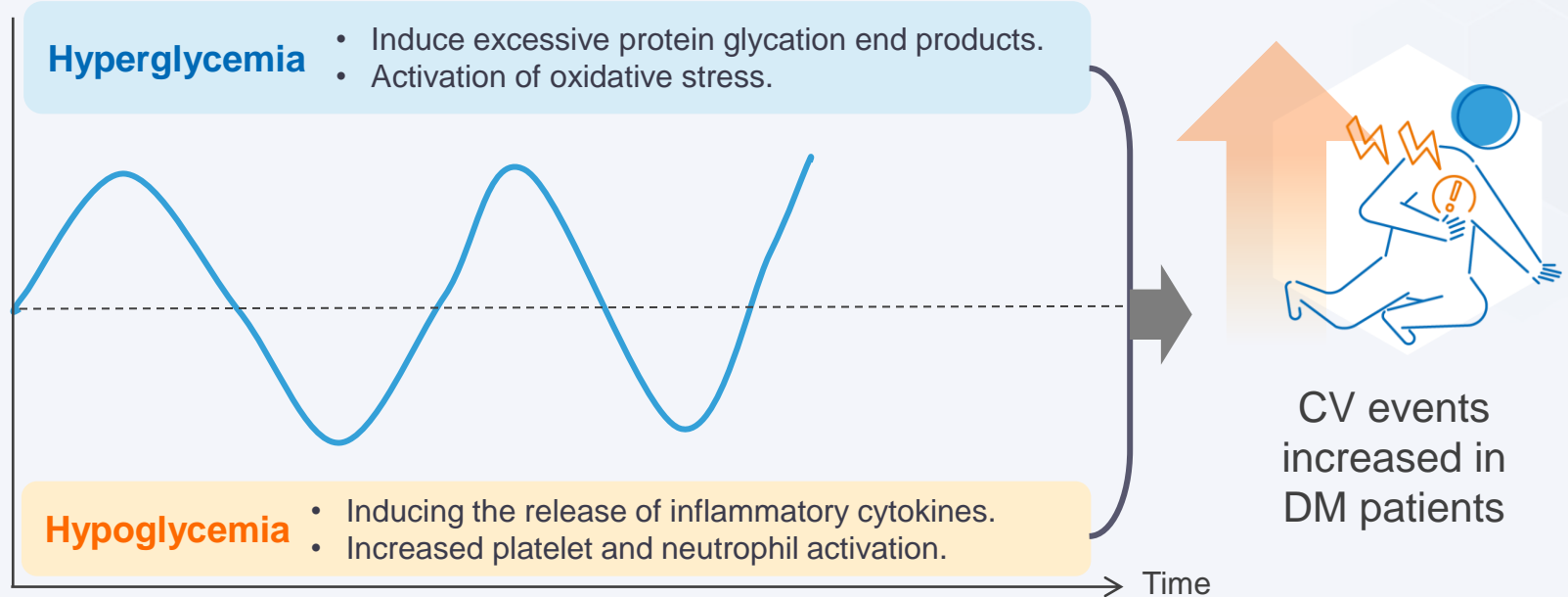
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Glycemic Variability (GV) Increases DM-related Complications

- ◆ Frequent or large glucose fluctuations may independently contribute to diabetes-related complications.

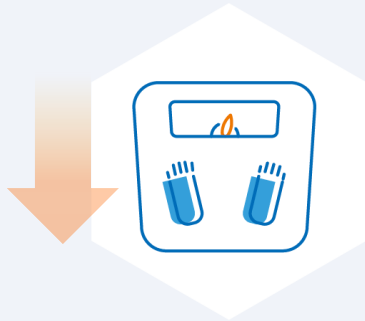
Glycemic variability



Postprandial spikes in blood glucose, as well as hypoglycemic events, are blamed for increased CV events in DM. **Minimizing GV** can prevent future **CV events**.

How to Reduce GV?

First therapeutic instrument



**Weight
reduction**



**Diet
change**

Pharmacological therapy



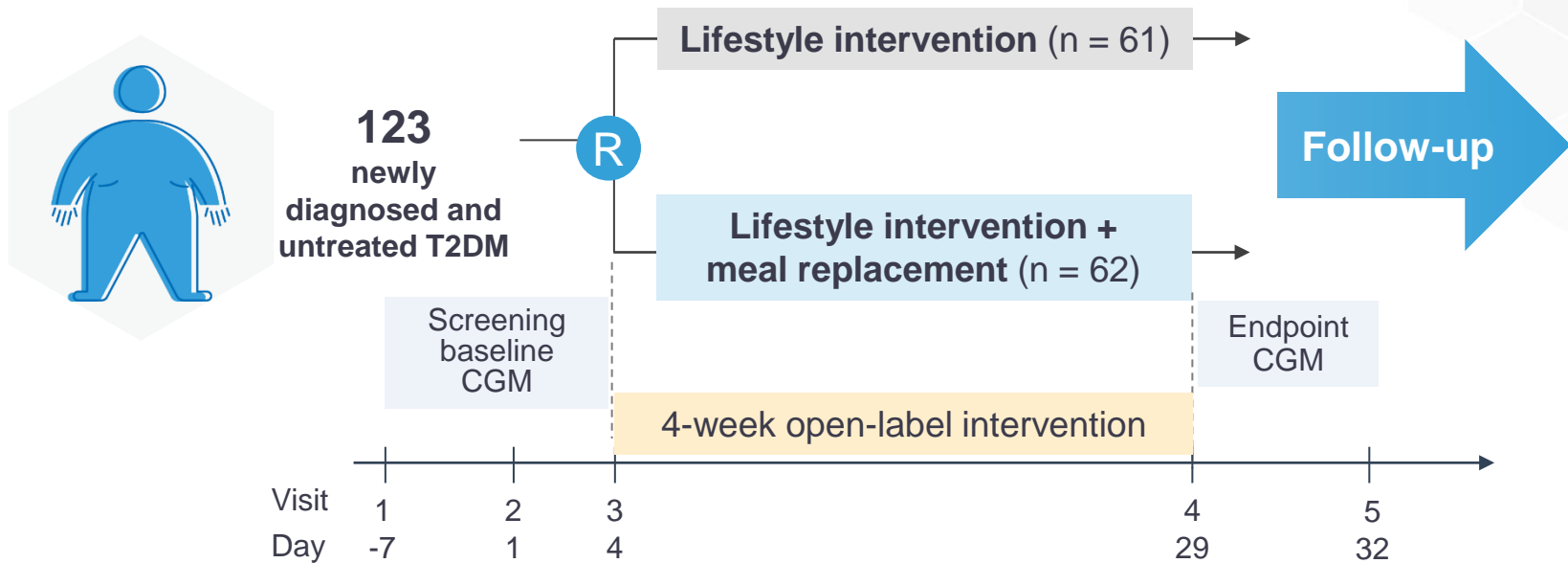
**Fast-acting and
long-acting insulin**

**GLP-1 analogs,
DPP-4 inhibitors**

DSF Minimized GV in T2DM patients (1/2)

T2DM

- A randomized clinical trial evaluated the effects of lifestyle intervention with or without breakfast replacement on the indices of GV.



CGM, continuous glucose monitoring; DSF, diabetes-specific formulas; GV, glycemic variability ; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus.

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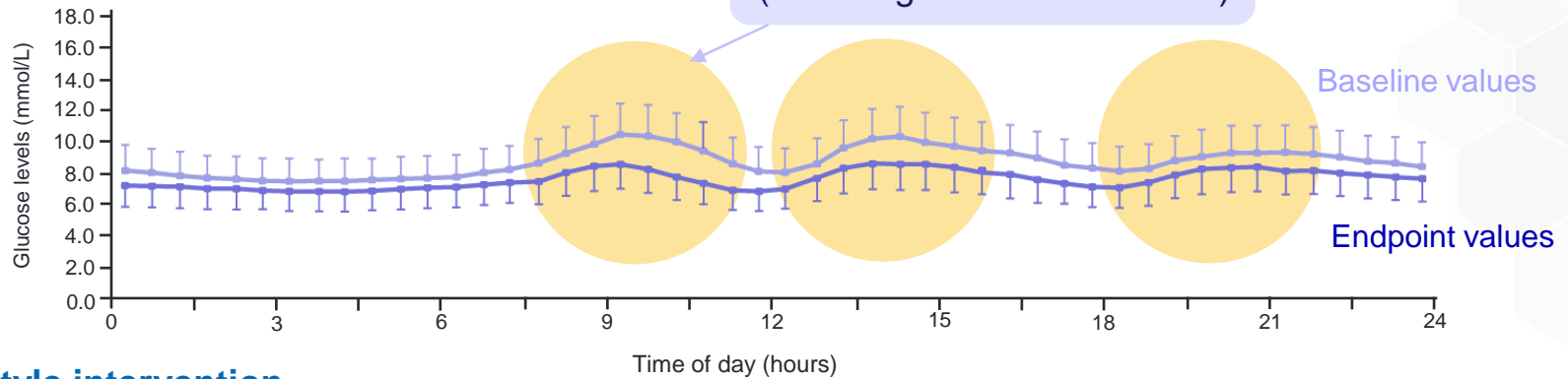
DSF Improves GV in T2DM Patients (2/2)

T2DM

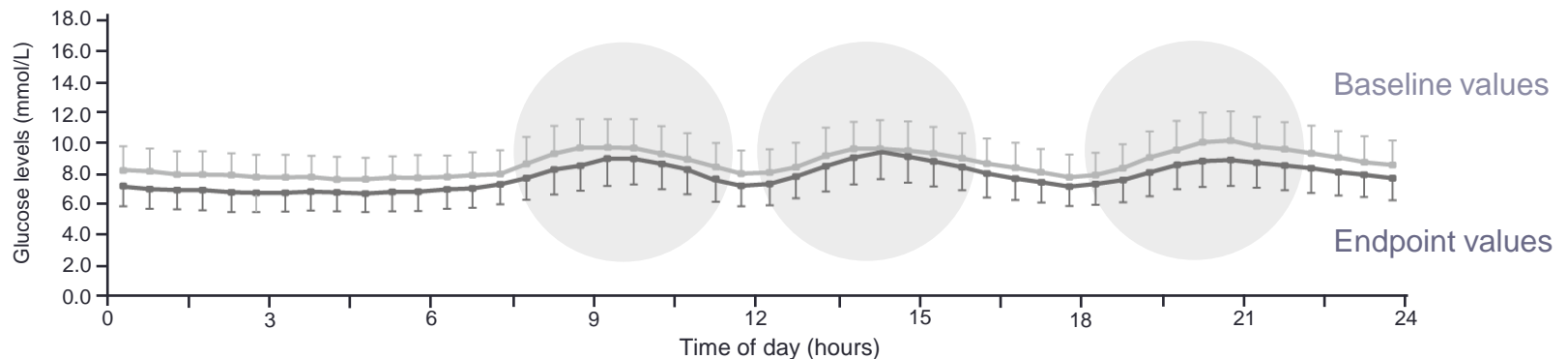
Comparison of average CGM tracings between groups

Lifestyle intervention + Meal replacement

Better GV metrics
(including SDBG and MAGE)



Lifestyle intervention



CGM, continuous glucose monitoring; DSF, diabetes-specific formulas; GV, glycemic variability; MAGE, mean amplitude of glycaemic excursions; SDBG, standard deviation of blood glucose.

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DSF Improves Glycemic Responses in T2DM patients (1/3)

T2DM

- ◆ A randomized clinical pilot study revealed that a diabetes-specific nutritional shake to replace a daily breakfast and afternoon snack improves glycemic responses, traced by CGM.

Days 0 – 6

Days 7 – 14



81

T2DM on oral medication
HbA1C: 7% - 10%
≥ 30 yrs

Excluded:

- Active disease (cardiovascular, renal, hepatic, cancer)
- During pregnancy
- Night shift workers or following atypical eating pattern other than three main meals and snacks

Self-selected diets

Maintaining usual diabetes management behaviors (eg, medications, exercise) and typical diet with 3 main meals + 2 daily snacks (mid-morning and mid-afternoon).

Maintaining typical diet and eating patterns



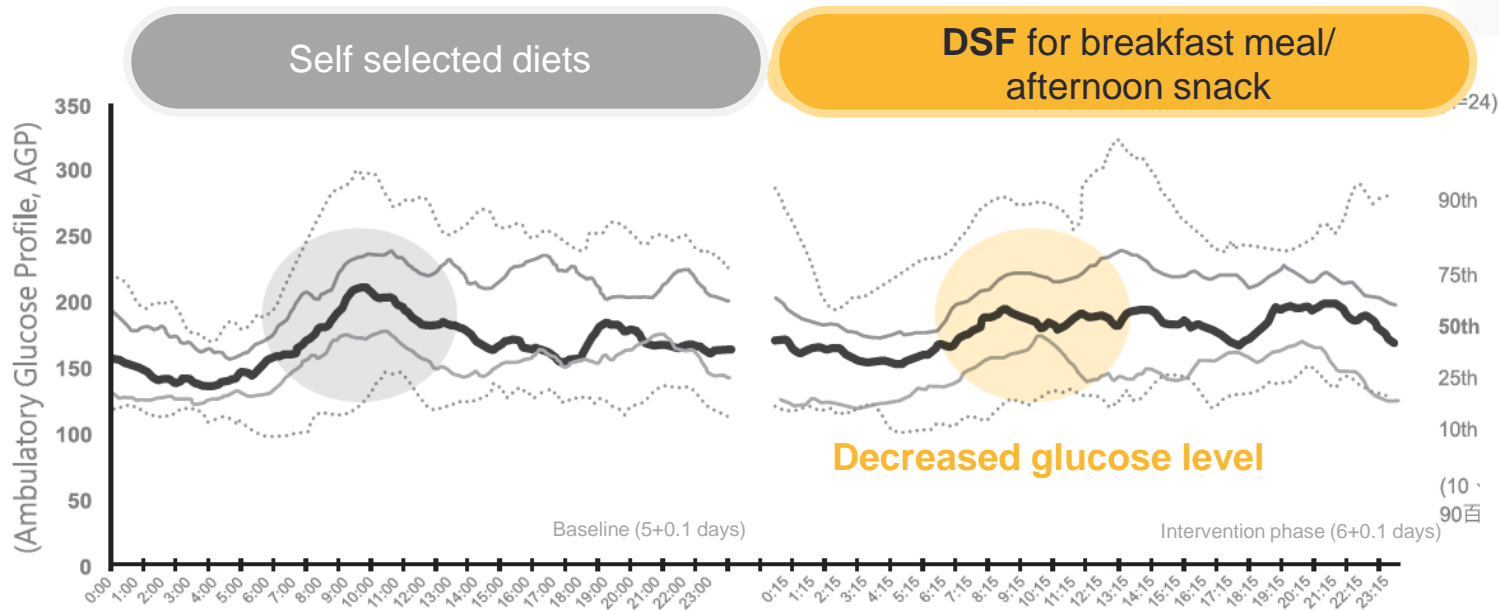
DSF as breakfast meal + mid-afternoon snack replacement

DSF as breakfast meal + bedtime snack replacement

DSF Improves Glycemic Responses in T2DM patients (2/3)

T2DM

Using DSF for **breakfast meal & afternoon snack** decreases late-morning evaluation in glucose levels.



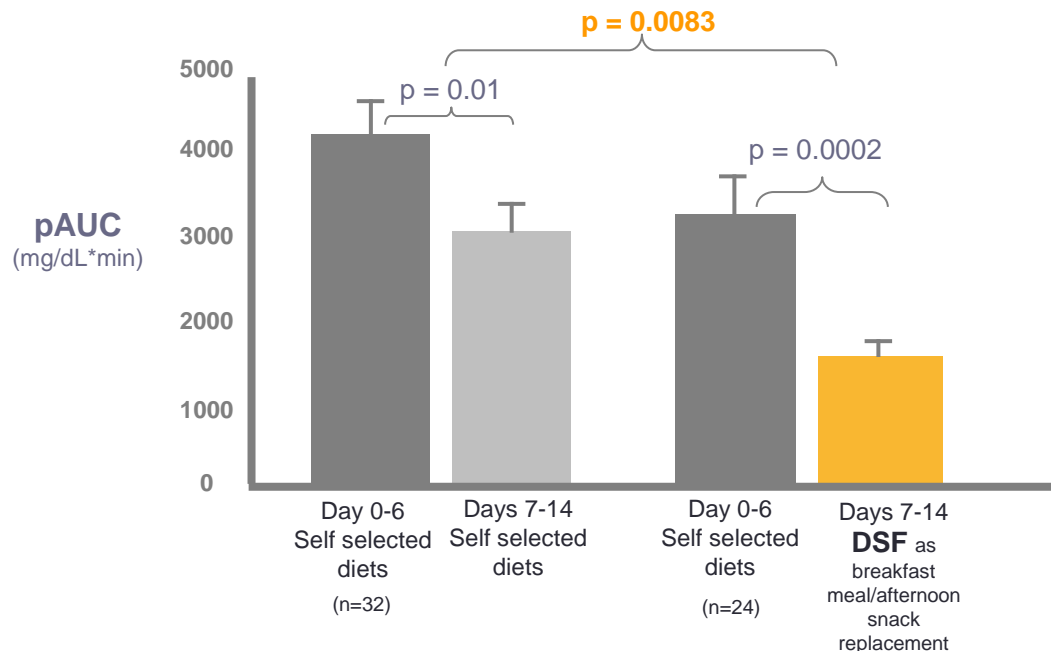
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Mustad VA, et al. BMJ Open Diab Res Care 2020;8:e001258. doi:10.1136/bmjdr-2020-001258

DSF Improves Glycemic Responses in T2DM patients (3/3)

T2DM

Using DSF for **breakfast meal & afternoon snack**, significantly decreases 120 min postprandial glycemic response (positive AUC)**



**Begins with the first time point collected after meal and continues until 120 min after meal.

DSF, diabetes-specific formulas; T2DM, type 2 diabetes mellitus; pAUC, positive area under the curve

Mustad VA, et al. BMJ Open Diab Res Care 2020;8:e001258. doi:10.1136/bmjdr-2020-001258

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PRESCRIBE DSF BASED ON CLINICAL EVIDENCE



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Diabetes-specific formulas: an important tool in medical nutrition therapy

Advantages



Portion control



Convenience



Predefined calories



Takes the guesswork
out of meal choice

Prescribe based on weight status and degree of diabetes control

Overweight/ obese

Use 2–3 diabetes-specific formulas per day as part of a reduced-calorie meal plan, as a calorie replacement for a meal, partial meal or snack

Women 1500 calories
Men 1800 calories

Calories from diabetes-specific formulas and other healthy dietary sources

Normal weight

**Uncontrolled
diabetes**
HbA1c >7%

1–2 diabetes-specific formulas per day incorporated into a meal plan as a calorie replacement for a meal, partial meal or snack

**Controlled
diabetes**

Use based on clinical judgment and individual assessment

Underweight

Use 1–3 diabetes-specific formulas per day per clinical judgement, based on desired rate of weight gain and clinical tolerance

Working within each patient's schedule and lifestyle

Diabetes-specific formulas

A low-calorie meal replacement...

for
breakfast



or
lunch



...or a healthy snack alternative

afternoon
or
evening



Scientifically formulated for the nutritional challenges of diabetes

Low-glycemic carbohydrates

- Slow digestion and absorption
- Reduce glycemic response

Blood glucose

Monounsaturated fatty acids

- Replace saturated fats
- Support lipid management

Heart health

Prebiotics/Fibersol-2

- Bowel health
- Reduce glycemic response

GI health

Postprandial glycemic response



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