

A Paradigm Shift

Using CGM to Dose Physical Activity to Optimize Time in Range



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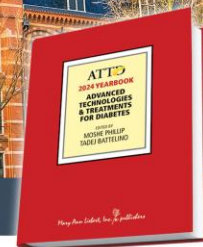
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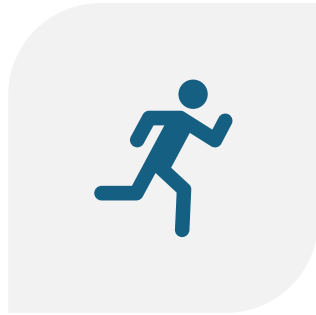
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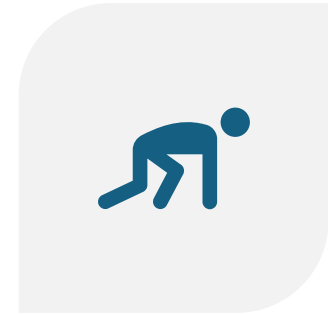
Agenda



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
RECOMMENDATIONS AND
BARRIERS



HOW CLOSE DO CURRENT
THERAPIES GET TO ACHIEVING
GLUCOSE TARGETS?



PARADIGM SHIFT: USING
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TO
OPTIMIZE TIME IN RANGE

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LIMIT sedentary

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active Everyone Everywhere Everyday

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Barriers to Physical Activity



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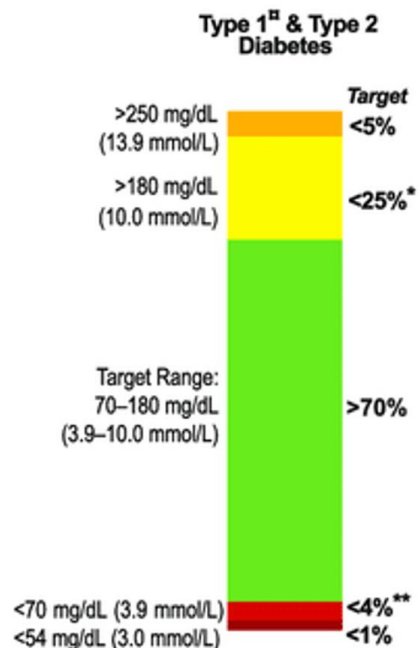
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How many people with T1D achieve 70% TIR?



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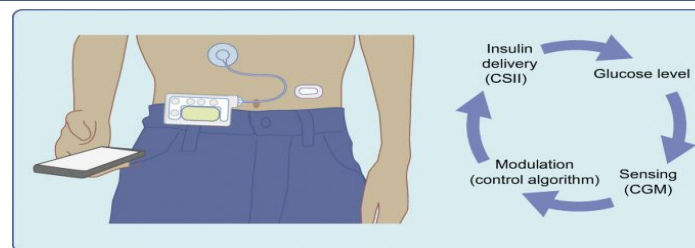
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Real world data 20-36%

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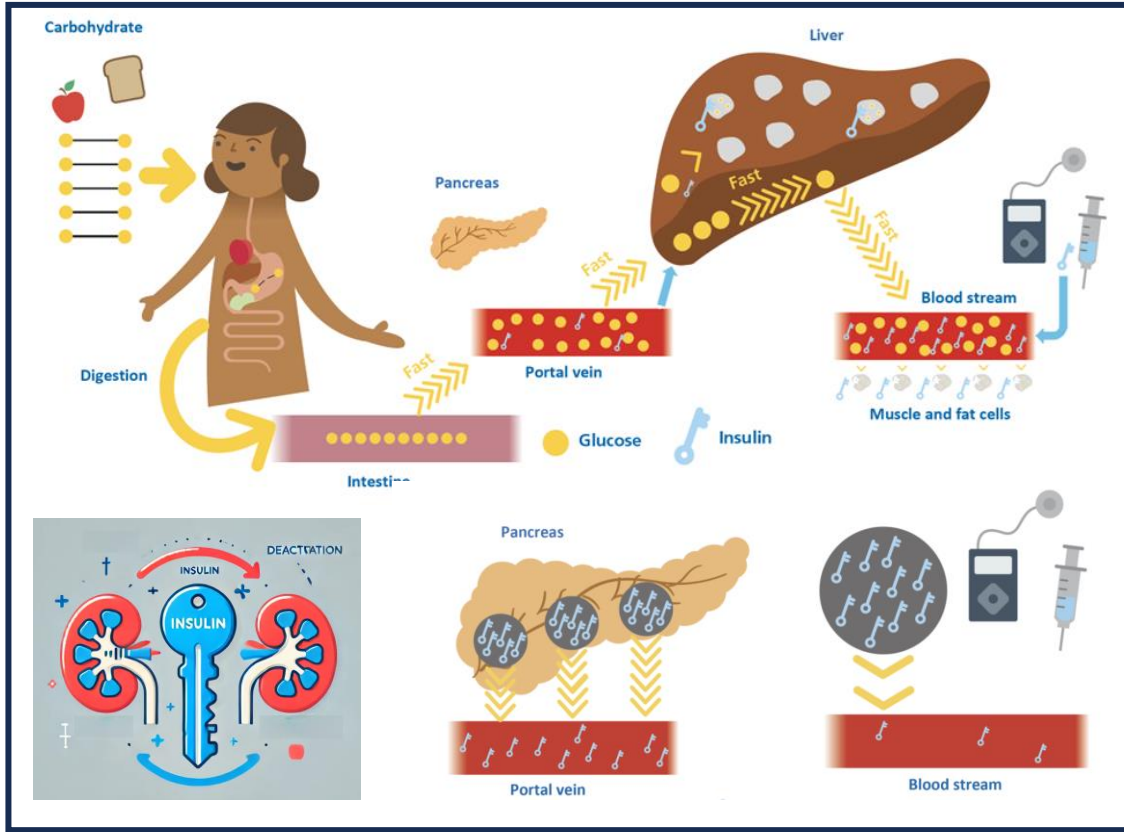


Real world data < 50%

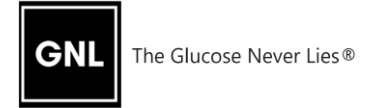
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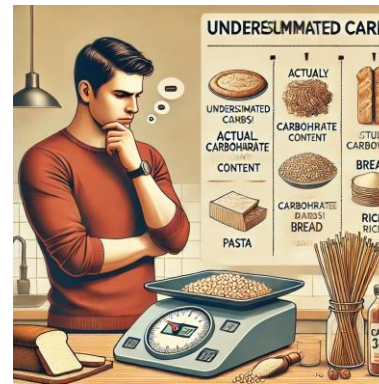
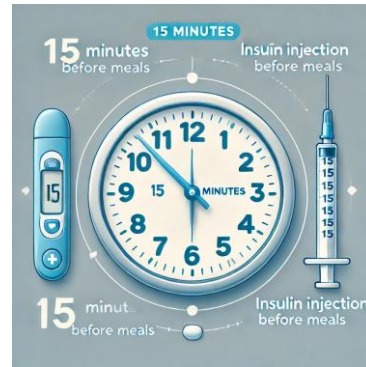
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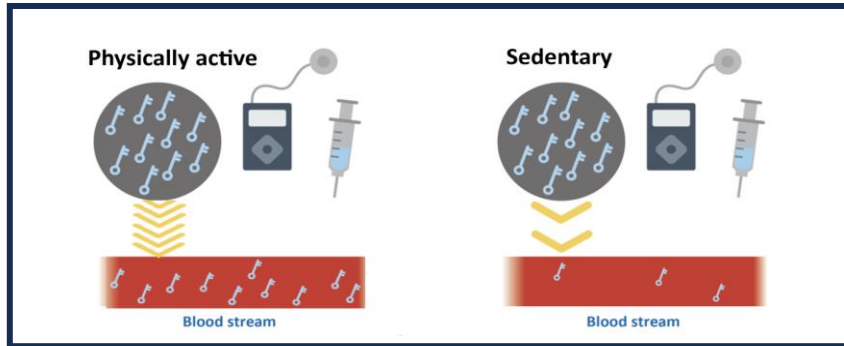
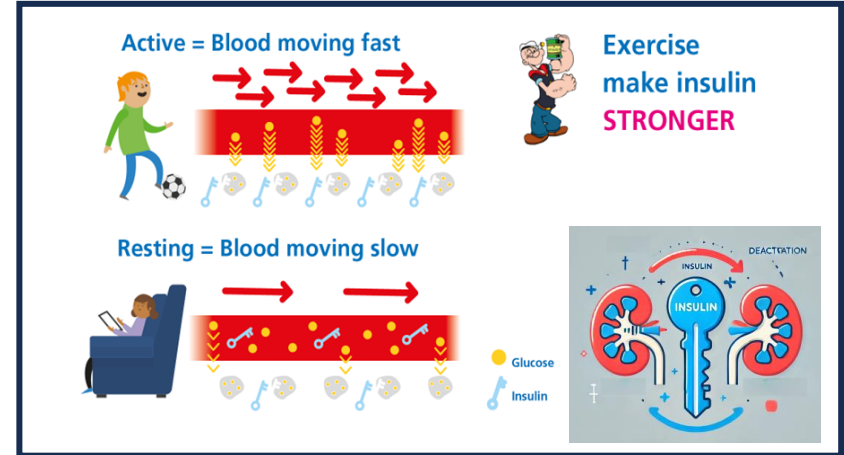
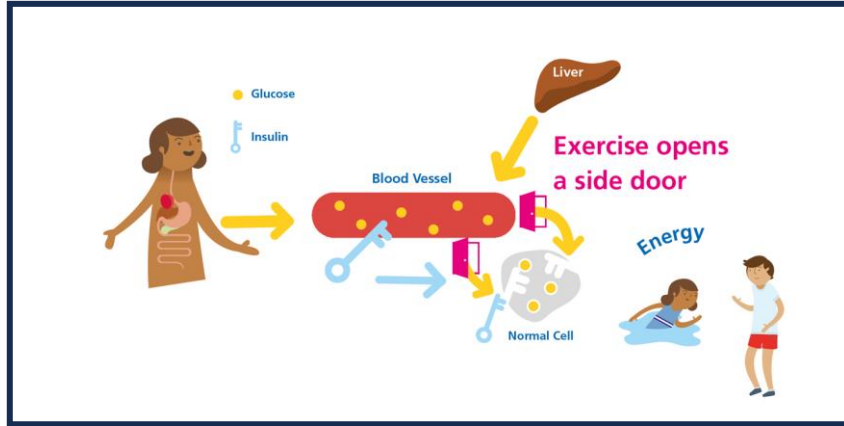
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Challenges



Physical activity can tackle physiologic & behavioural challenges by Supercharging Insulin



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The Glucose Never Lies®

What we already know?

- Walking for 30-minutes after meals stops hyperglycaemia for T1D and non-T1D
 - Diabetes Care 35:2493–2499, 2012
- **Lauren Turner:** Walking for 20-minutes before meals improves post-meal glucose
 - Diabetes Obes Metab. 2024;26:2492–2496
- **3 every 30:**
 - 3 minutes of walking every 30 minutes improves 24hr time in range by ~14%
 - Diabetes Obes Metab. 2023 Dec;25(12):3589-3598. doi: 10.1111/dom.15254
- All with minimal impact on hypoglycaemia risk
- **But what if the glucose is already above 180 mg/dL (10 mmol/L)?**



N = 1

Individual glucose responses to prolonged moderate intensity aerobic exercise in adolescents with type 1 diabetes: The higher they start, the harder they fall

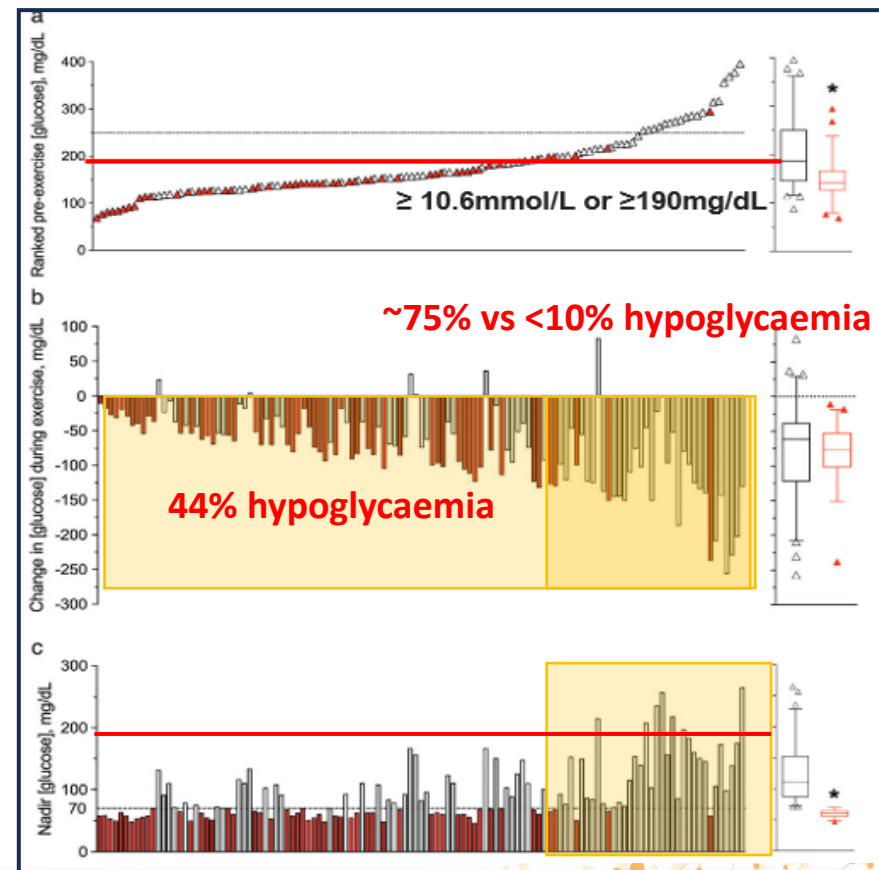
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45 minutes drops by:

110 mg/dL or 6.1 mmol/L

15 minutes drops by:

~40 mg/dL or ~2 mmol/L



An effective and cost-saving structured education program teaching dynamic glucose management strategies to a socio-economically deprived cohort with type 1 diabetes in a VIRTUAL setting

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**15 mins drops glucose by
~2.0 mmol/L (40 mg/dL)**





M = Mode of exercise that can be done
E = Exercise when high alert sounds

Glucose mmol/L mg/dL	Trend arrow			How many minutes
	Libre	Dexcom	Medtronic	
8.0 - 9.9 145 - 179	↗	●	↑	5
	↑	●	↑↑	10
		●	↑↑↑	15
10.0 - 14.0 180 - 250	→	●		15
	↗	●	↑	20
	↑	●	↑↑	25
		●	↑↑↑	30
More than 14.0 250	↓	●	↓↓	15
	↘	●	↓	20
	→	●		25
	↗	●	↑	30
	↑	●	↑↑	40



Integrating Physical Activity Strategies to Lower Hyperglycaemia in Structured Education Programmes for Children and Young People with Type 1 Diabetes Improves Glycaemic Control without Augmenting the Risk of Hypoglycaemia

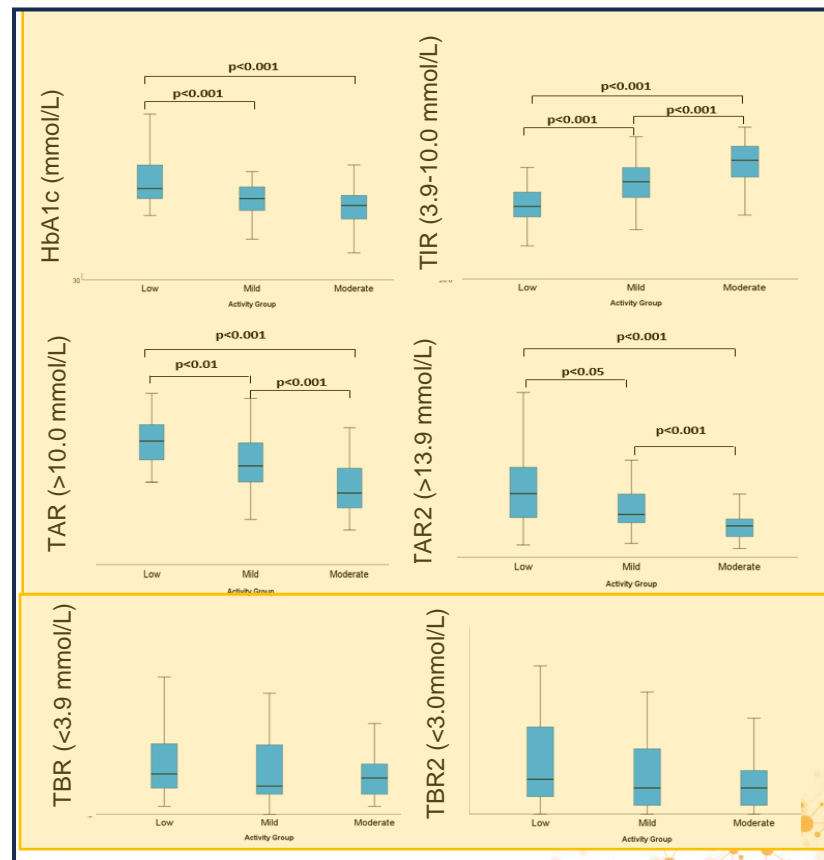
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125 paediatrics: Use of GAME?

- Low (30%)
- Mild (34%)
- Moderate (36%)
- No difference in HbA1c at baseline

Limitations:

- Self-report
- Intensity not verified
- Association not causation



N = 120

Diabetes Care



Examining the Acute Glycemic Effects of Different Types of Structured Exercise Sessions in Type 1 Diabetes in a Real-World Setting: The Type 1 Diabetes and Exercise Initiative (T1DEXI)

Michael C. Riddell, Zoey Li, Robin L. Gal, Peter Calhoun, Peter G. Jacobs, Mark A. Clements, Corby K. Martin, Francis J. Doyle III, Susana R. Patton, Jessica R. Castle, Melanie B. Gillingham, Roy W. Beck, and Michael R. Rickels, for the T1DEXI Study Group

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>8,000 sessions

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The Acute Effects of Real-World Physical Activity on Glycemia in Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes: The Type 1 Diabetes Exercise Initiative Pediatric (T1DEXIP) Study

Michael C. Riddell, Robin L. Gal, Simon Bergford, Susana R. Patton, Mark A. Clements, Peter Calhoun, Lindsey C. Beaulieu, and Jennifer L. Sherr

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>3,500 sessions





Sorry Mike

Duration of physical activity required to Ameliorate hyperglycemia without causing hypoglycemia in type 1 diabetes: A T1DEXI adults and pediatric cohort analyses

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Aims:

- Estimate activity duration to lower glucose from above target range (>180 mg/dL) to within target range (TIR: 70–180 mg/dL) in individuals with type 1 diabetes (T1D).

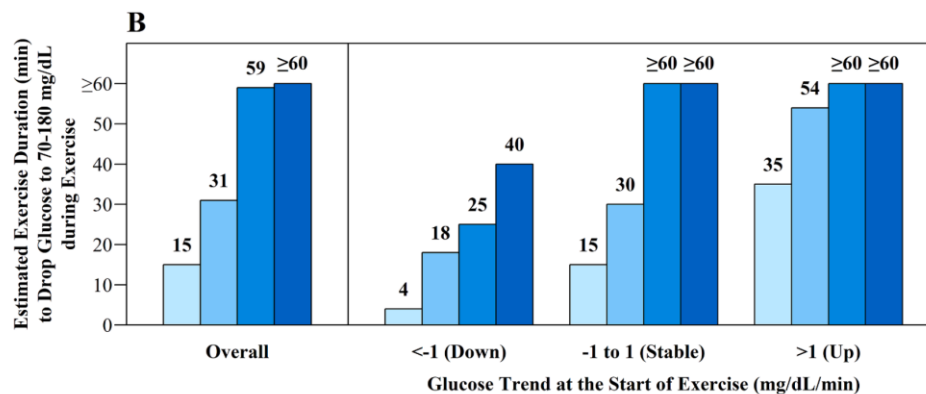
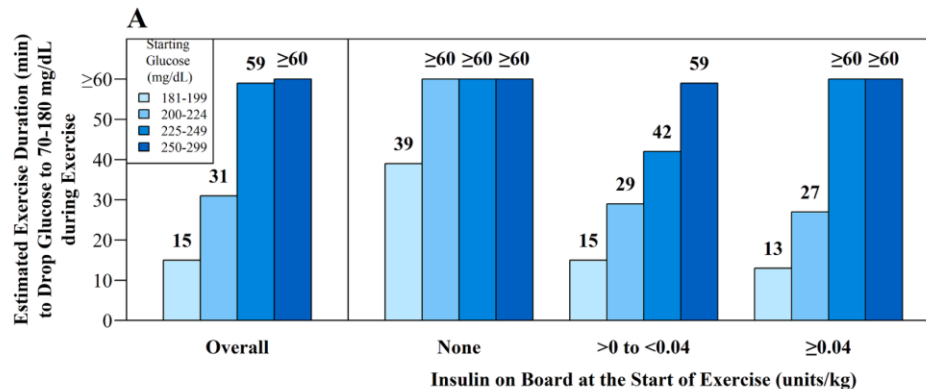
Methods:

- 404 adults and 149 adolescents with T1D.
- Activities (**N = 1902, Adults = 1599, Adolescent = 303**)
- Starting glucose between **181–300 mg/dL**,
- Duration **10–60 min** with **no reported meals** during activity

N = 2,000

Result categories:

- Starting glucose level (181–199, 200–224, 225–249, and 250–300 mg/dL)
- Insulin on board (None, >0 to <0.04, ≥0.04 u/kg – **four-hour linear decay model**)
- Rate of change (Falling: <-1 mg/dL/min, Stable -1 to 1 mg/dL/min, Rising >1 mg/dL/min)



Other key findings

No differences by:

- Therapy type (49% HCL, 35% CSII, 16% MDI)
- Age (Adults vs Adolescent)
- Activity type (Aerobic, Interval, Resistance)



Longer duration required for female adults starting between 225-249 mg/dL

0-11% risk of hypoglycaemia overall, up to 30 minutes a maximum 7% risk with fast falling ROC

Chance of glucose increasing during activity

- >0 units/kg insulin on board: 11-31%
- Zero insulin on board: up to 54%

Key take home messages



10–30 minutes of activity effective when 181 to 249 mg/dL (10.0-13.9 mmol/L)

Low risk of hypoglycaemia.

If bolus insulin within 4 hours



For glucose levels above 250 mg/dL (13.9 mmol/L), check for ketones:

If ketones >0.6 mmol/L, only use insulin to correct

If ketones <0.6 mmol/L, provide a 50% correction before physical activity.



This strategy should be used at the **discretion** of the individual with type 1 diabetes,

Would the glucose have dropped without the activity?

Short Bouts of Physical Activity as a Strategy to Reduce Post-Meal Hyperglycaemia in Type 1 Diabetes

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Study design

• Retrospective cohort:

- T1-DEXI: Structured 30-minute activity sessions (six sessions over 30 days), with additional free-living activity data included.
- T1-DEXIP: Free-living activity recorded over 10 days in young people (12-18yrs)

• Exercise Bouts: selected 10–30 minutes, starting glucose >10 mmol/L.

• Outcome: Glucose change from start to 20 minutes post-exercise (accounting for CGM lag).

Matched-Pairs Design

- **Matching Method:** Novel *weighted Mahalanobis distance* algorithm.
- **Matching Variables:** Starting glucose, rate of change, IOB, and glycaemic variability.
- **Balance Check:** Confirmed that all variables had a standardised mean difference (SMD) < 0.1 between activity and matched pairs.

Statistical Analysis

- **Dataset:** 1837 matched bouts from 531 participants
- **Model:** Linear Mixed-Effects Model (random intercepts & slopes).
- **Adjusted Covariates:** Age, BMI, HbA1c starting glucose, rate of change, IOB, glycaemic variability,

**SMD <0.1 is needed and
our model was <0.01?**

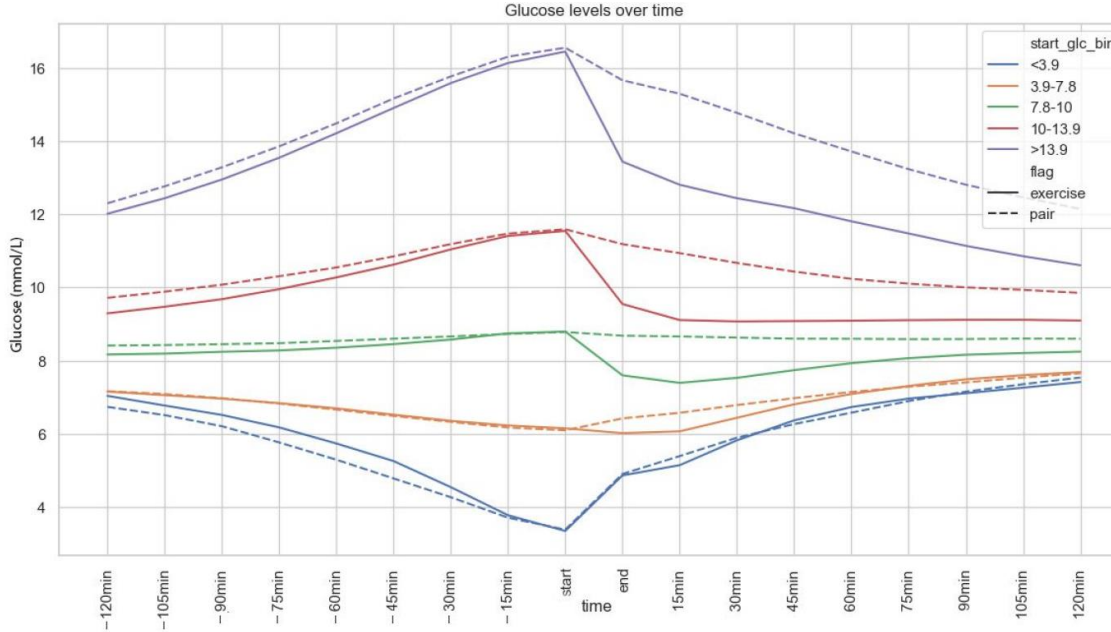
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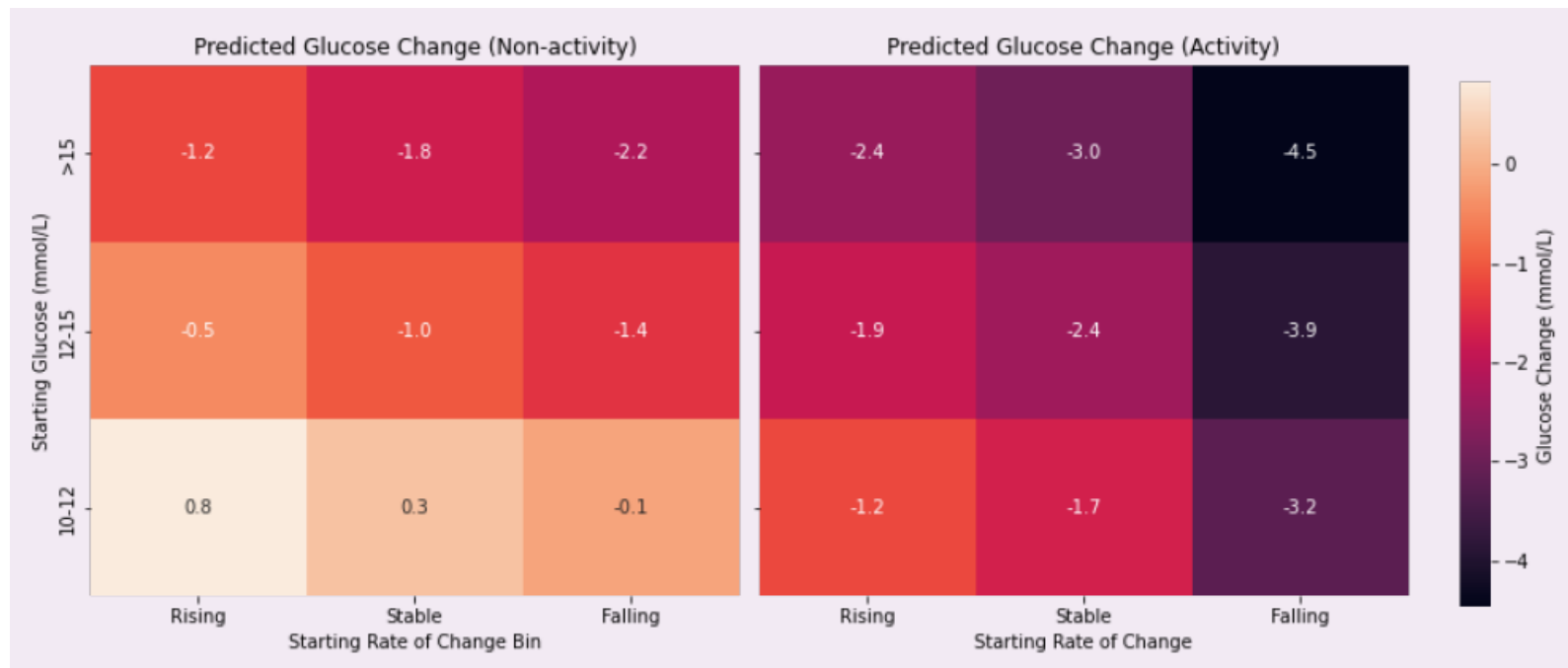
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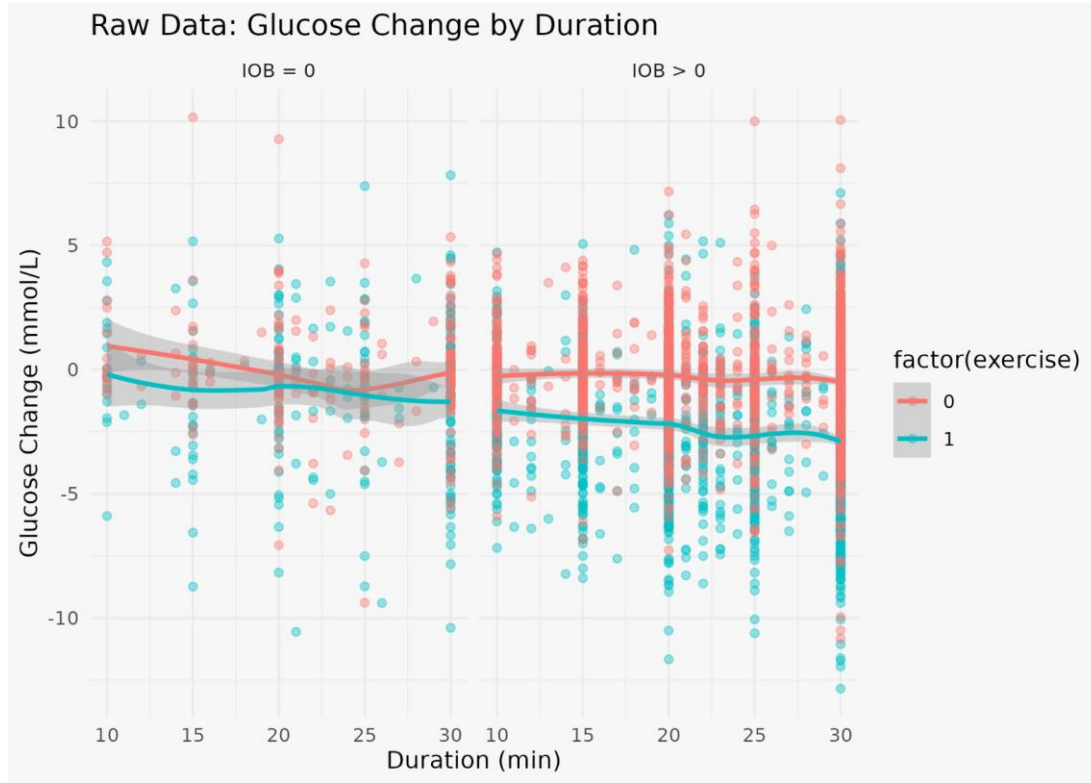


On average: for 20 mins after activity
non-activity vs 20 mins of activity
0.6 mmol/L vs 2.4 mmol/L in 20 mins
11 mg/dL vs 44 mg/dL in 20 mins



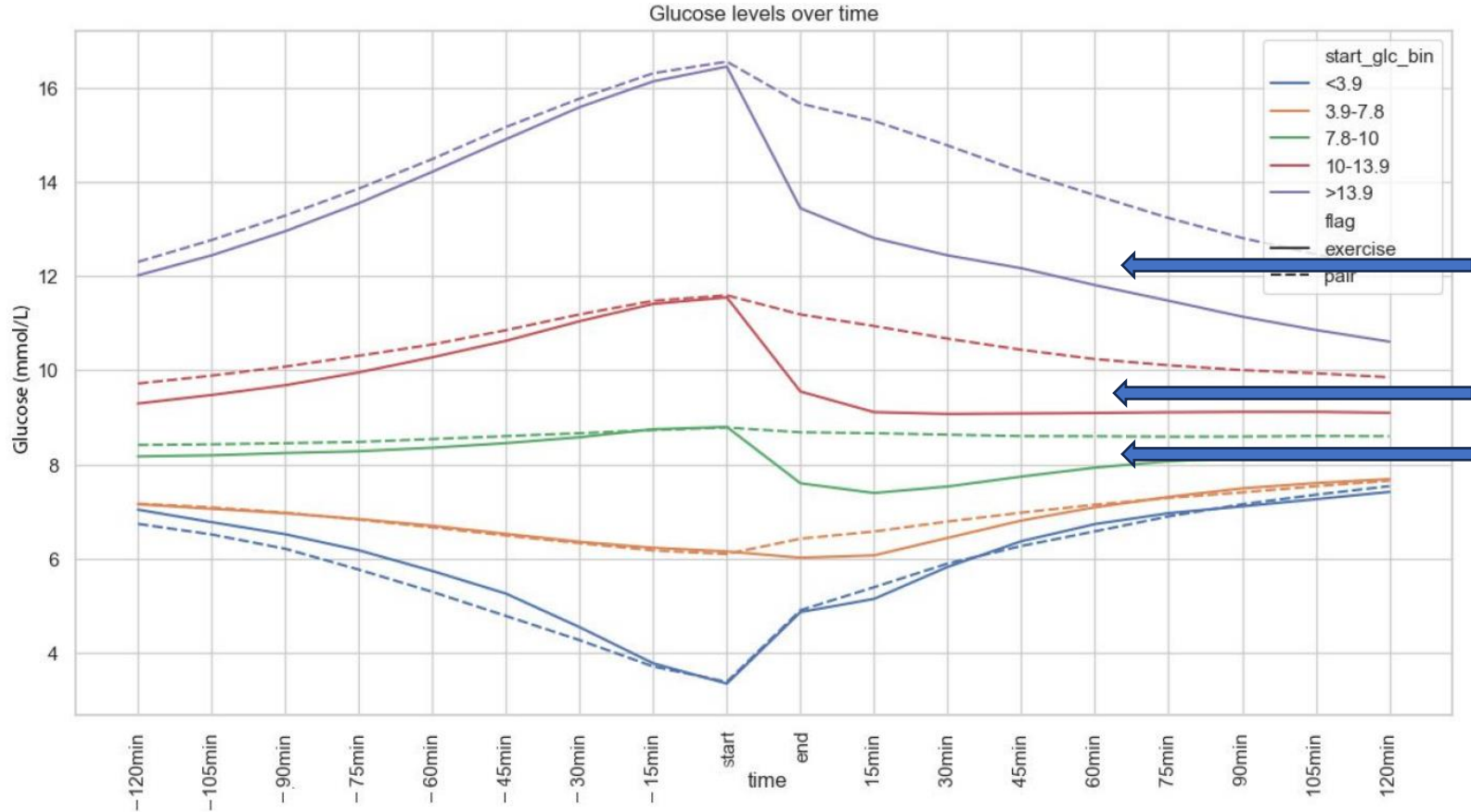






Bolus insulin within
4 hours for hours





**What about
2-hour area
under the
curve
reductions?**



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Summary



3 every 30: 3-minute activity snacks throughout the day to optimise time in range
(3.9-10.0 mmol/L or 70-180 mg/dL)



Before meals: 20 minutes walking to sensitise the body to insulin
After-meals: 15-30 mins walking to stay in range (tight range)



15 by 2 or 15 by 40: After-meals: >10.0 mmol/L (180 mg/dL):



Activity Supercharges Bolus Insulin by 4X

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99 Problems

But High Glucose Aint One

Podcast

*Activity Snacking to
increase TIR*

Download 99 Problems ...



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Resources

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“Google Drive”

