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International Comparisons in Diabetes Outcomes: Lessons from Abroad

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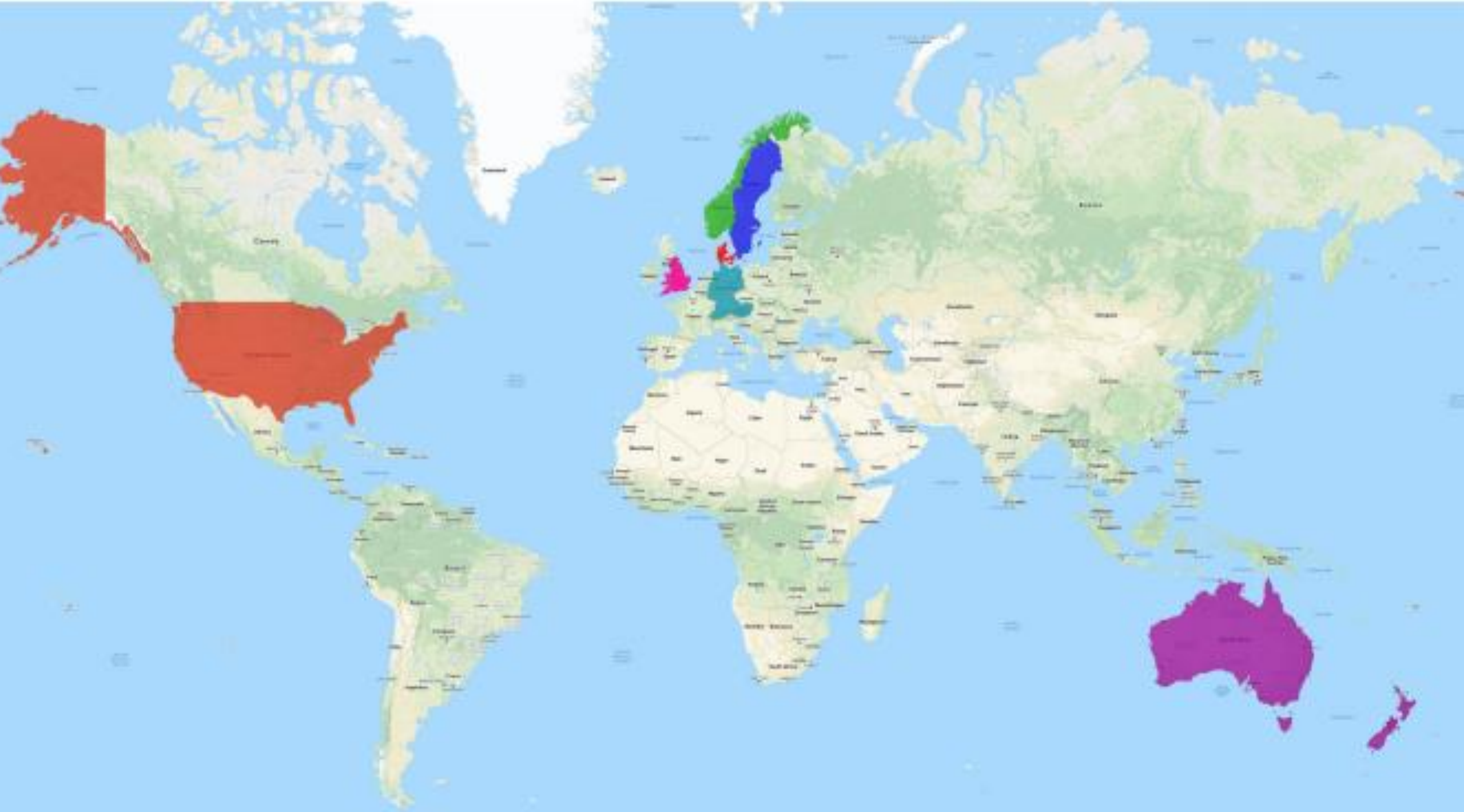
- At the end of this session, members will be able to identify and summarize health conditions for diabetes populations in Europe, Australia, and the UK.

Outline

- Where are we now?
- What opportunities exist for future collaboration?
- Overview of selected past papers.
- What to do if you are interested?

A collaborative comparison of international pediatric diabetes registries

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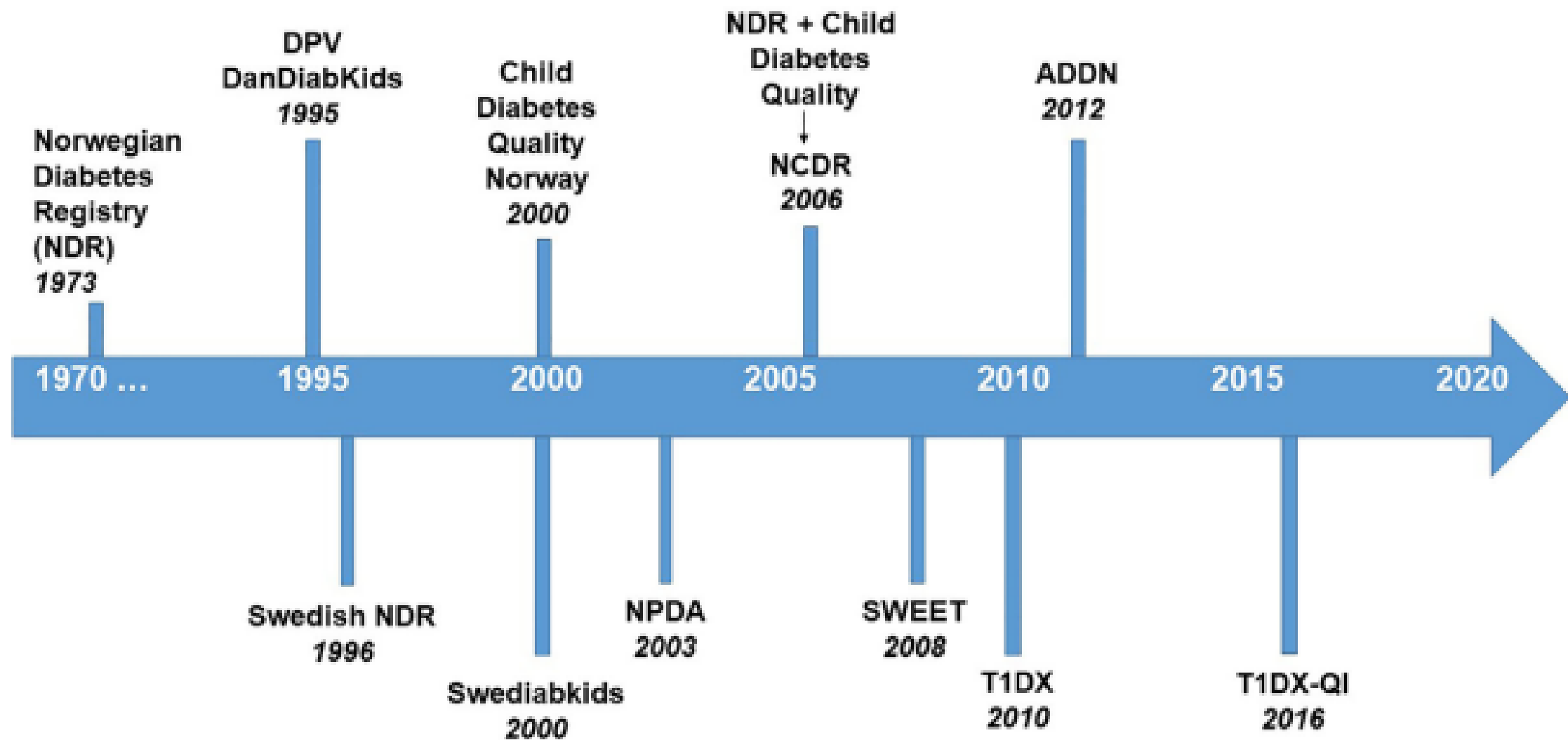


FIGURE 3 Timeline foundation of participating registries

Key Questions

- Do the data exist?
- Can we harmonize/compare the data?
- How can we share the data and perform the analysis?
- Authorship?
- Do we need funding or biostatistical support?
- What are the hypotheses?
- Is it novel?
- How would it advance the field?



Contrasting the clinical care and outcomes of 2,622 children with type 1 diabetes less than 6 years of age in the United States T1D Exchange and German/Austrian DPV registries

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A1c 7.4% DPV
8.2% in T1DX
p<0.001

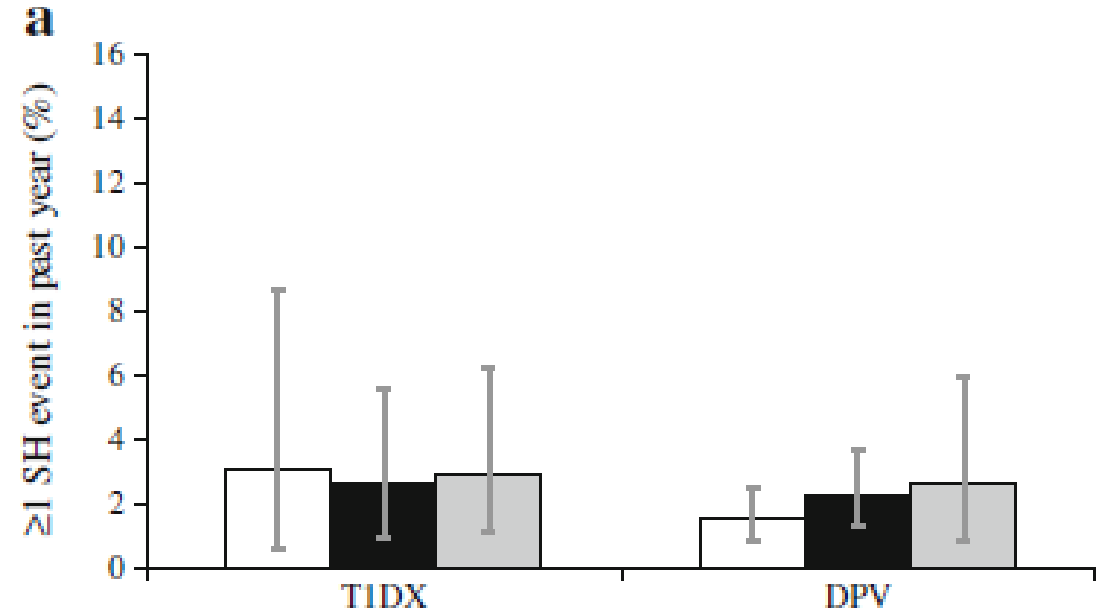
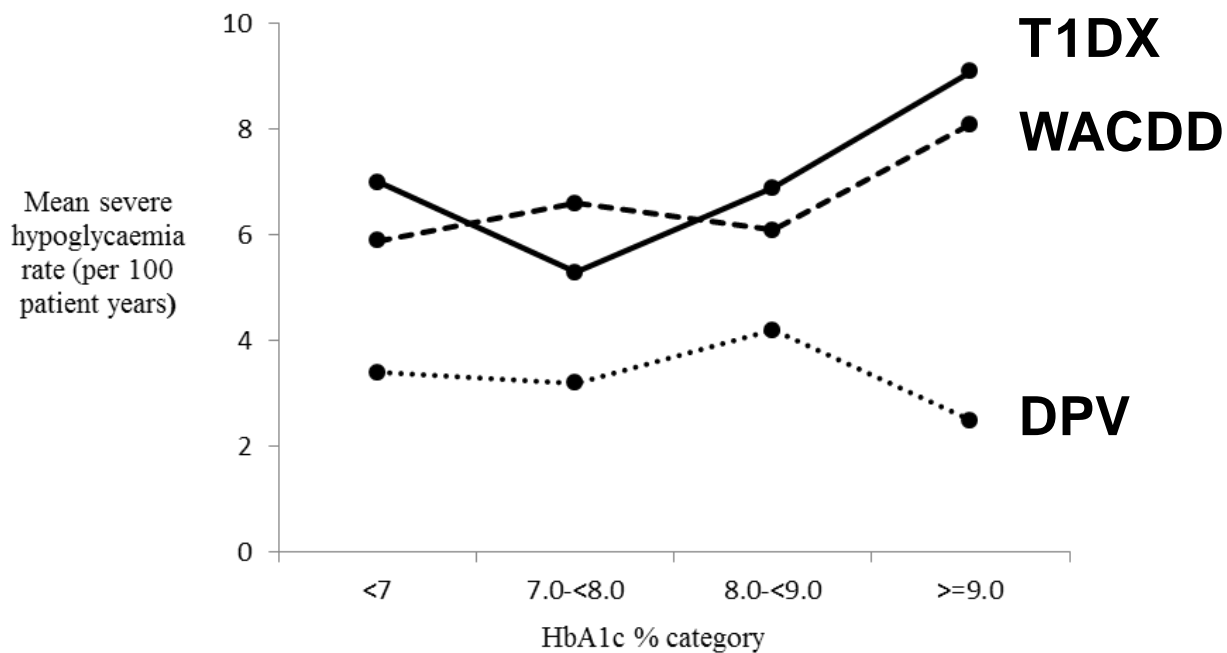
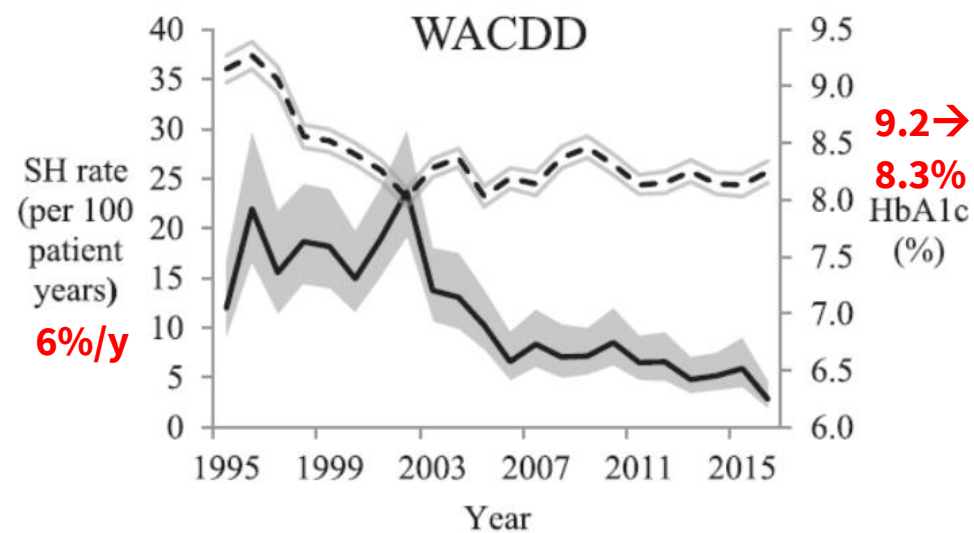
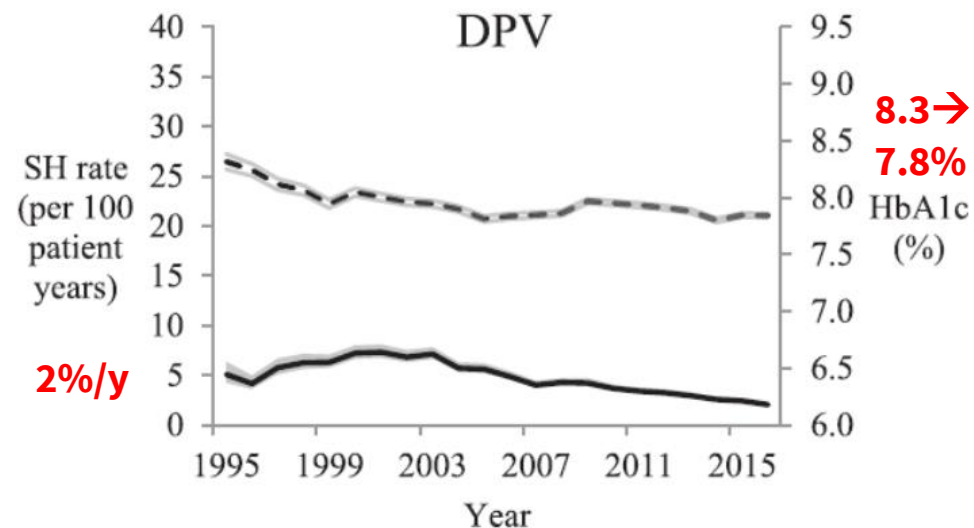


Fig. 3 (a) Percentage with ≥1 SH event in past year by HbA_{1c}. (b) Percentage with ≥1 DKA event in past year by HbA_{1c}. White bars, mean HbA_{1c} <7.5% (<58 mmol/l); black bars, mean HbA_{1c} 7.5 to <8.5% (58 to <69 mmol/l); grey bars, mean HbA_{1c} ≥8.5% (≥69 mmol/l). ***p*=0.004; ****p*<0.001; *p* values unadjusted and testing whether the frequency of SH/DKA differs by HbA_{1c} group, within each registry

SH/100 pt yrs by 1) HbA1c & 2) registry x 20 years



Haynes, Miller, et al, PDiab '16



Haynes, Diabetes Care '19

Mean & 95% CI BMIZ (Compared to WHO norms)

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22.1%

Overweight

12.6%

Obese

Liu, PDiab, '10

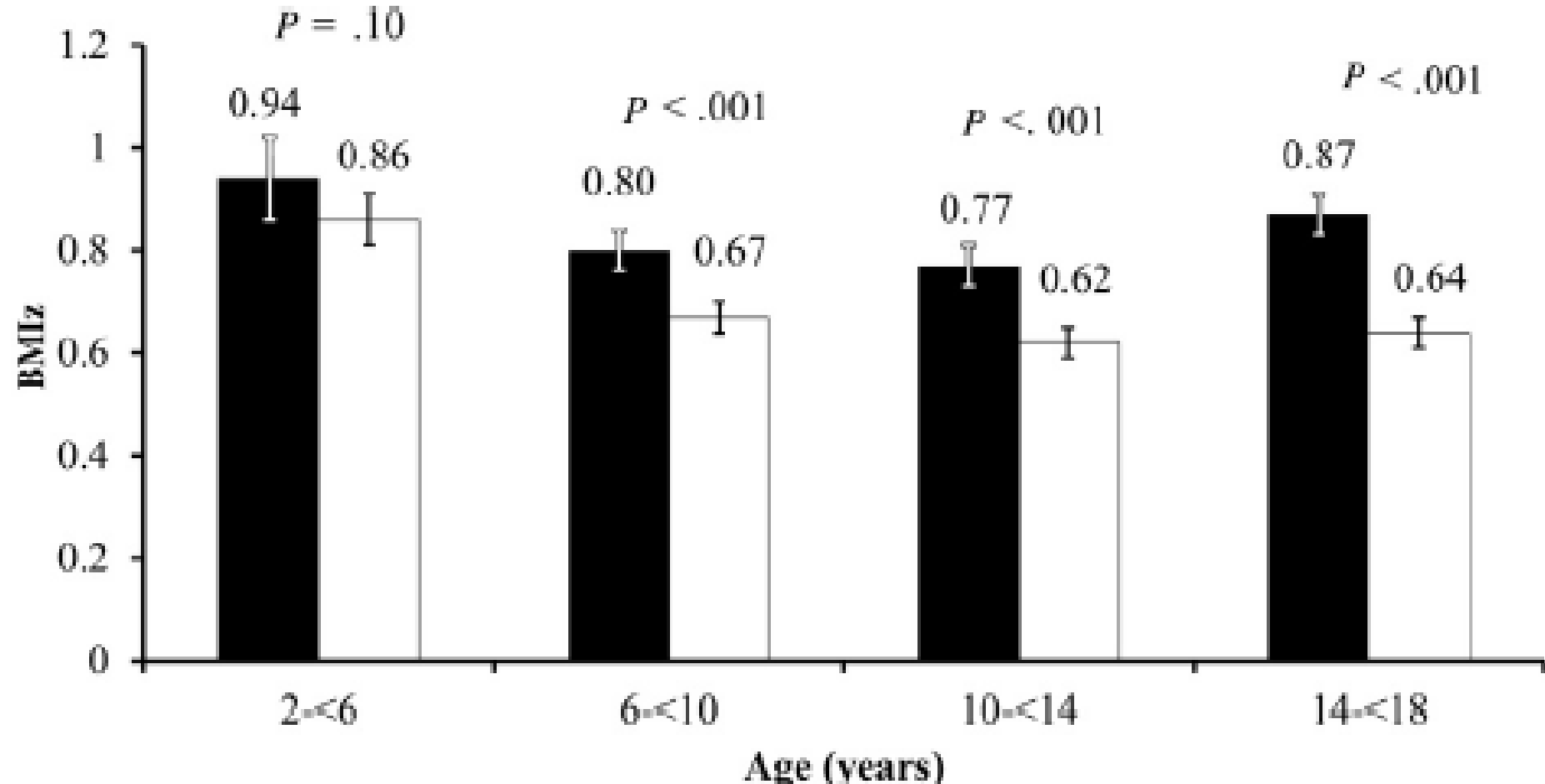
Australia:

BMI SD Score

0.47 to 0.82 SD

over 10 years

Downie, DC '11



T1DX Black Bars/DPV White Bars; Dubose, *JPeds*, '15



Use of Adjuvant Pharmacotherapy in Type 1 Diabetes: International Comparison of 49,996 Individuals in the Prospective Diabetes Follow-up and T1D Exchange Registries

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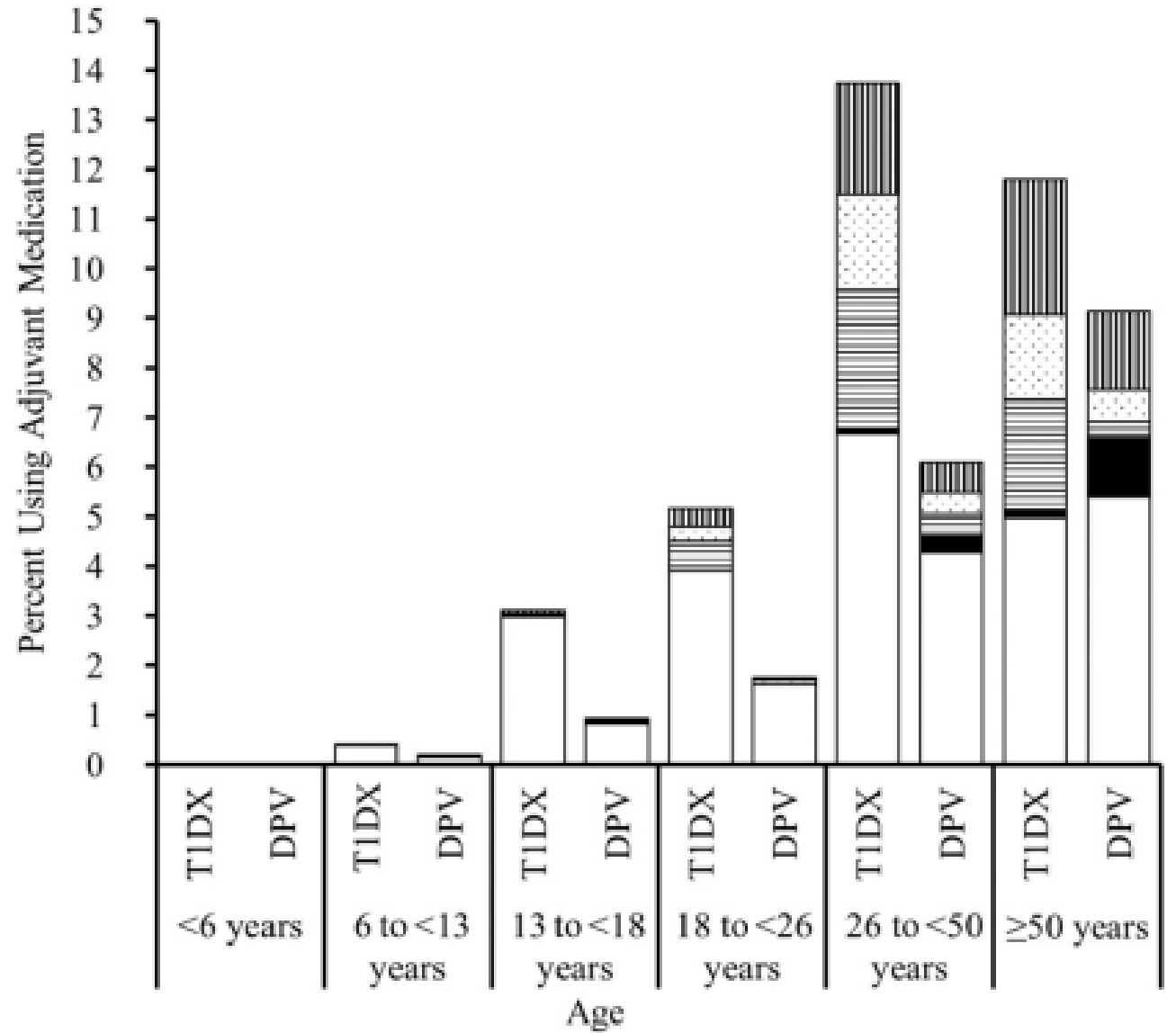


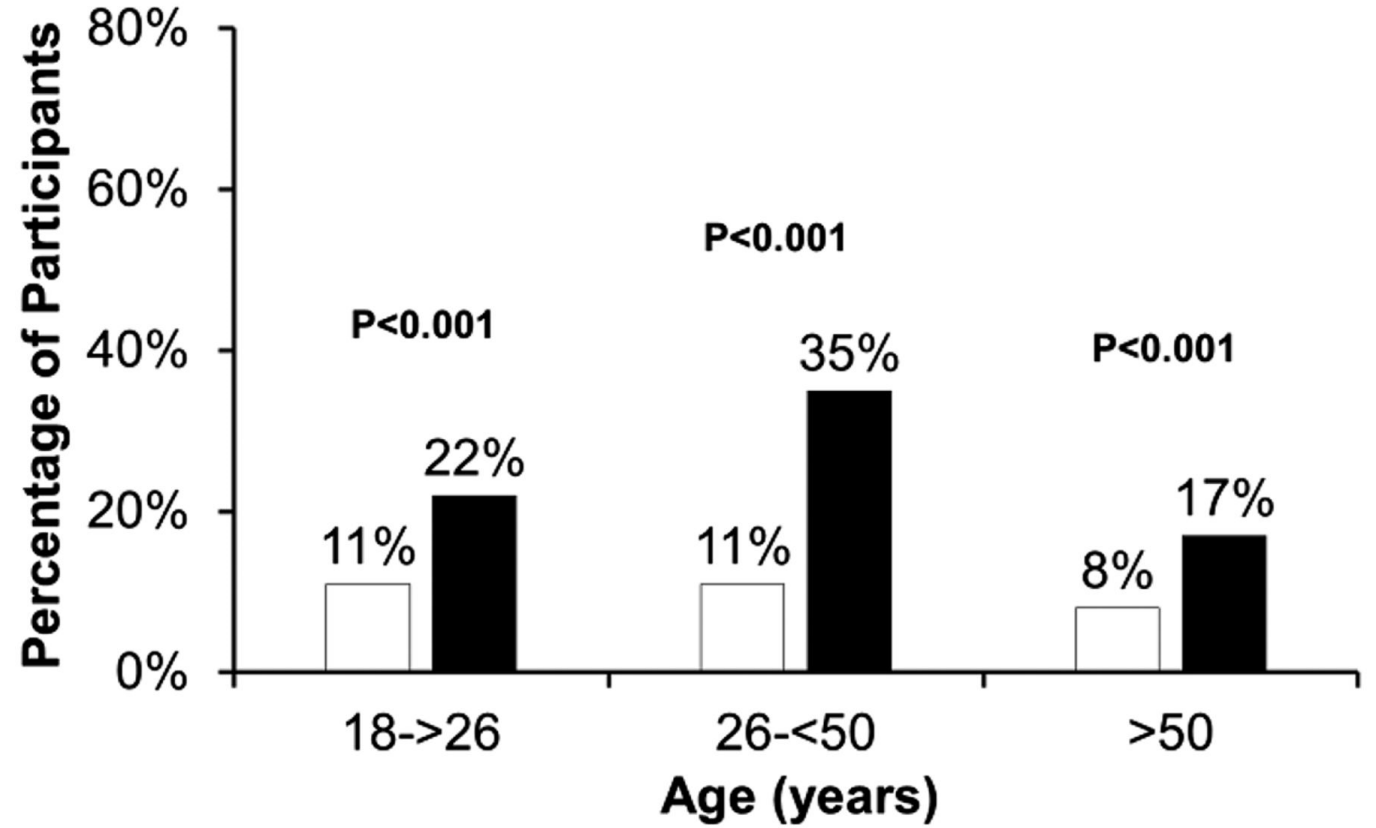
Figure 1—Use of adjuvant noninsulin medication by registry, stratified by age range. Solid white bar, metformin; solid black bar, DPP-4 inhibitor; horizontal striped bar, GLP-1 agonist; dotted bar, SGLT2 inhibitor; vertical striped bar, other.



International Comparison of Smoking and Metabolic Control in Patients With Type 1 Diabetes

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Prevalence of Celiac Disease in 52,721 Youth With Type 1 Diabetes: International Comparison Across Three Continents

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RESULTS

Biopsy-confirmed CD was present in 1,835 youths (3.5%) and was diagnosed at a median age of 8.1 years (interquartile range 5.3–11.2 years). Diabetes duration at CD diagnosis was <1 year in 37% of youths, >1–2 years in 18% of youths, >3–5 years in 23% of youths, and >5 years in 17% of youths. CD prevalence ranged from 1.9% in the T1DX to 7.7% in the ADDN and was higher in girls than boys (4.3% vs. 2.7%, $P < 0.001$). Children with coexisting CD were younger at diabetes diagnosis compared with those with type 1 diabetes only (5.4 vs. 7.0 years of age, $P < 0.001$) and fewer were non-white (15 vs. 18%, $P < 0.001$). Height SDS was lower in those with CD (0.36 vs. 0.48, adjusted $P < 0.001$) and fewer were overweight/obese (34 vs. 37%, adjusted $P < 0.001$), whereas mean HbA_{1c} values were comparable: $8.3 \pm 1.5\%$ (67 ± 17 mmol/mol) versus $8.4 \pm 1.6\%$ (68 ± 17 mmol/mol).

CONCLUSIONS

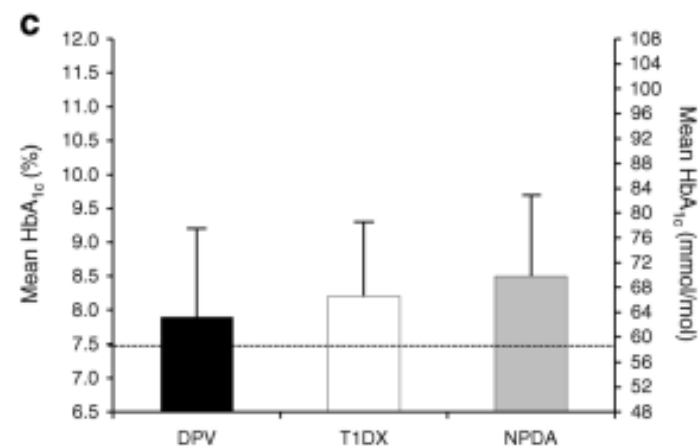
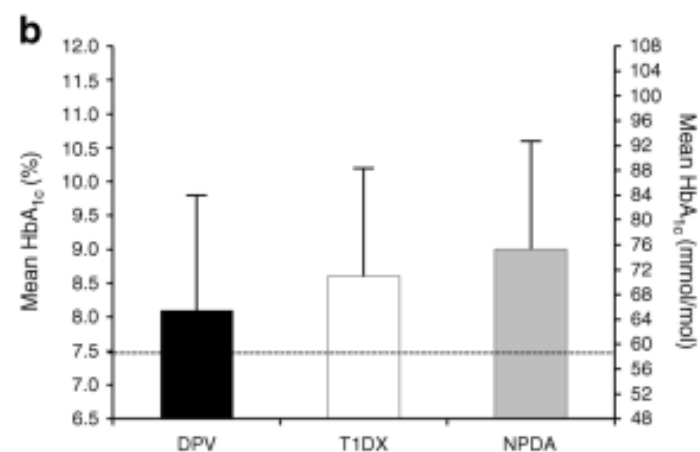
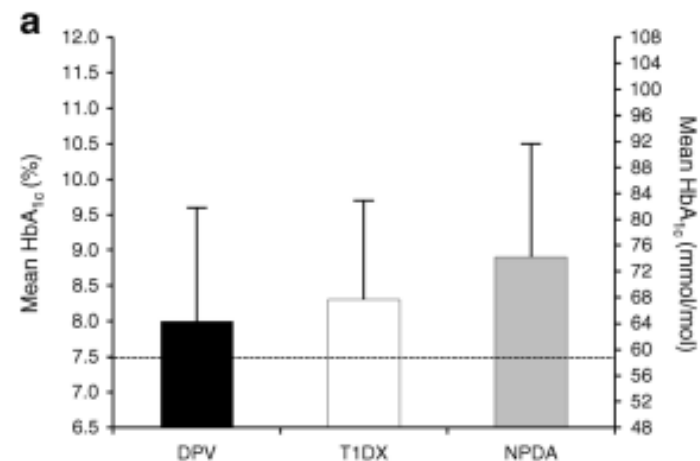
CD is a common comorbidity in youth with type 1 diabetes. Differences in CD prevalence may reflect international variation in screening and diagnostic practices, and/or CD risk. Although glycemic control was not different, the lower height SDS supports close monitoring of growth and nutrition in this population.



SHORT COMMUNICATION

Use of insulin pump therapy in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes and its impact on metabolic control: comparison of results from three large, transatlantic paediatric registries

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Exploring Variation in Glycemic Control Across and Within Eight High-Income Countries: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of 64,666 Children and Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes

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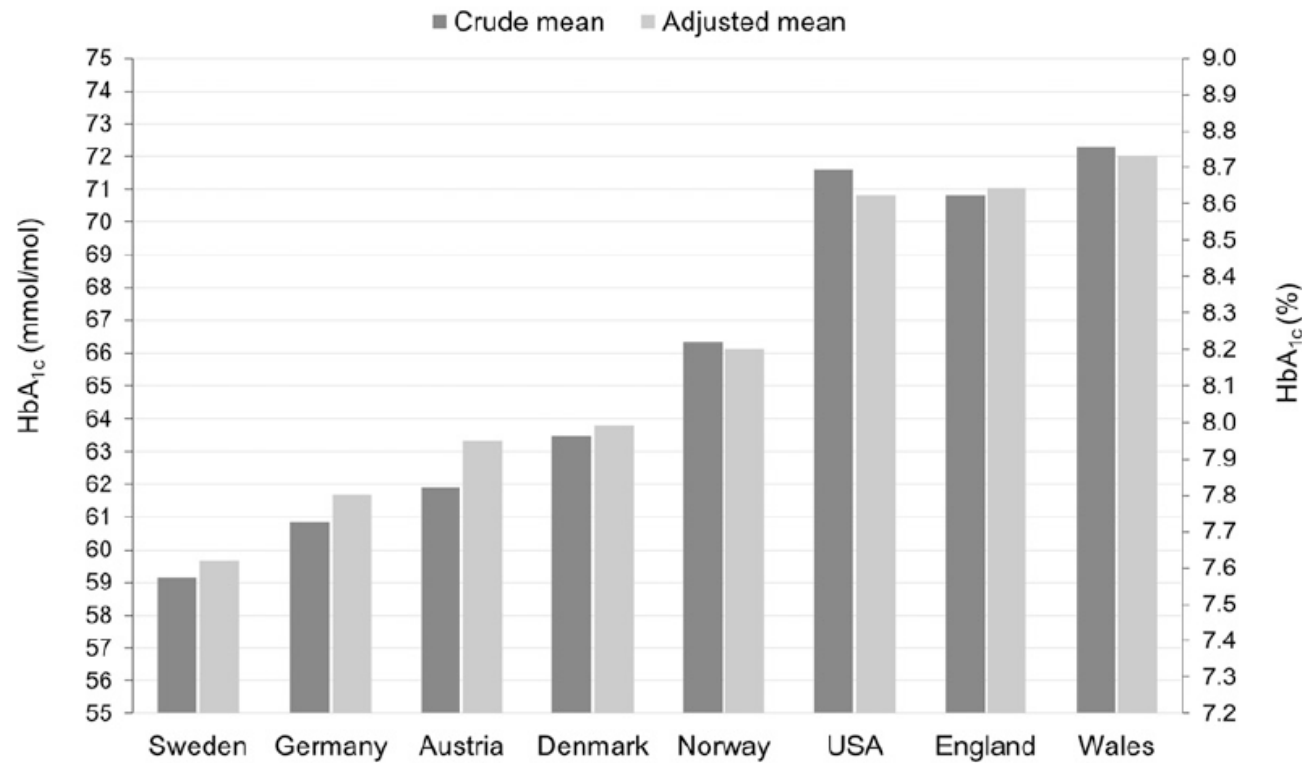
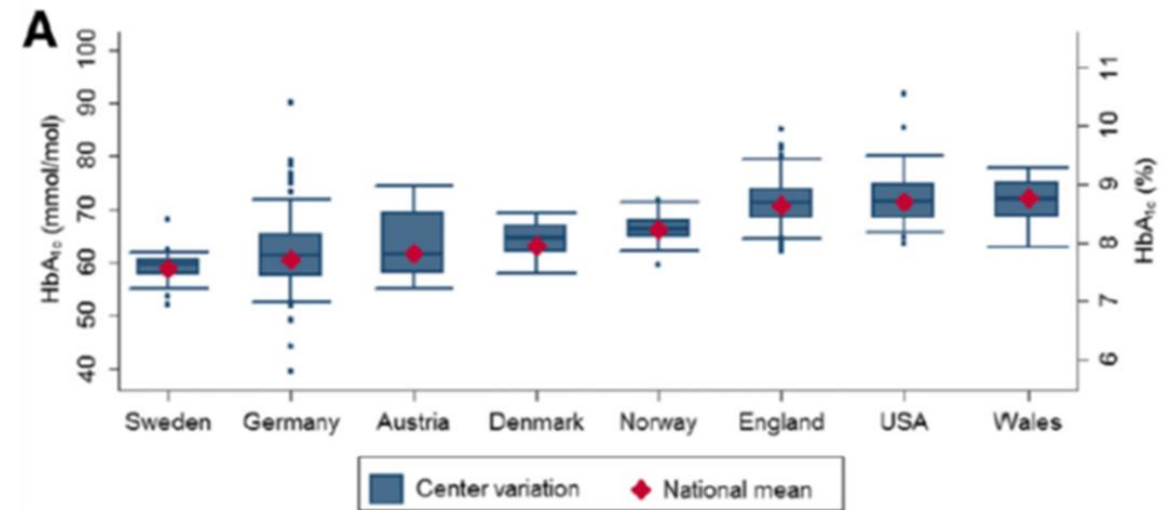


Figure 2—Country mean HbA_{1c} before and after adjustment for cross-country differences in the characteristics of children (age, sex, diabetes duration, and minority status) and center effects. Estimates of adjusted country means derived from a two-level model with a random effect for center including data from all eight countries.



International benchmarking in type 1 diabetes: Large difference in childhood HbA1c between eight high-income countries but similar rise during adolescence—A quality registry study

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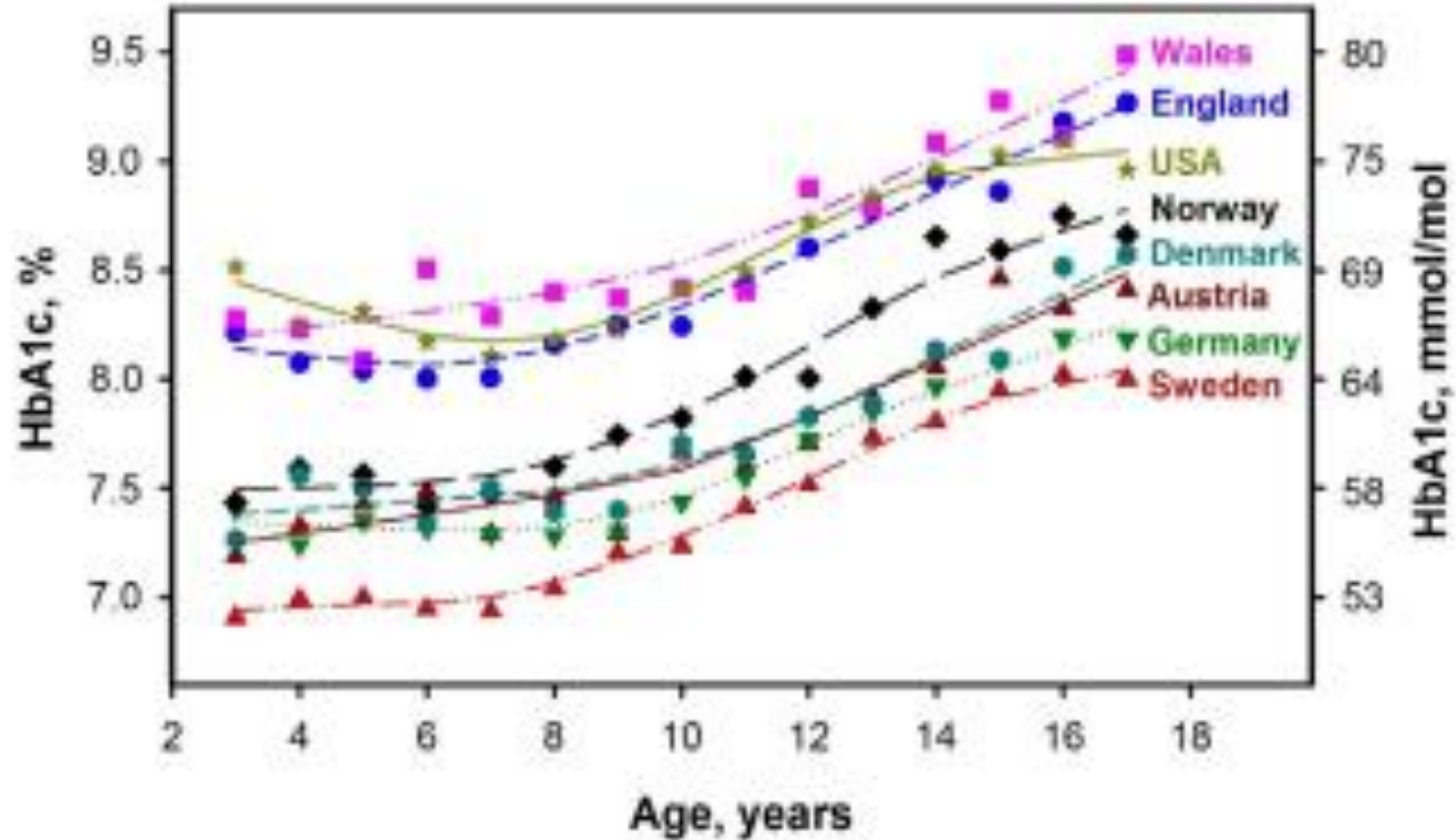


FIGURE 1 HbA1c by age, including a non-parametric local regression of smoothing = LOESS

Hemoglobin A1c Patterns of Youth With Type 1 Diabetes 10 Years Post Diagnosis From 3 Continents

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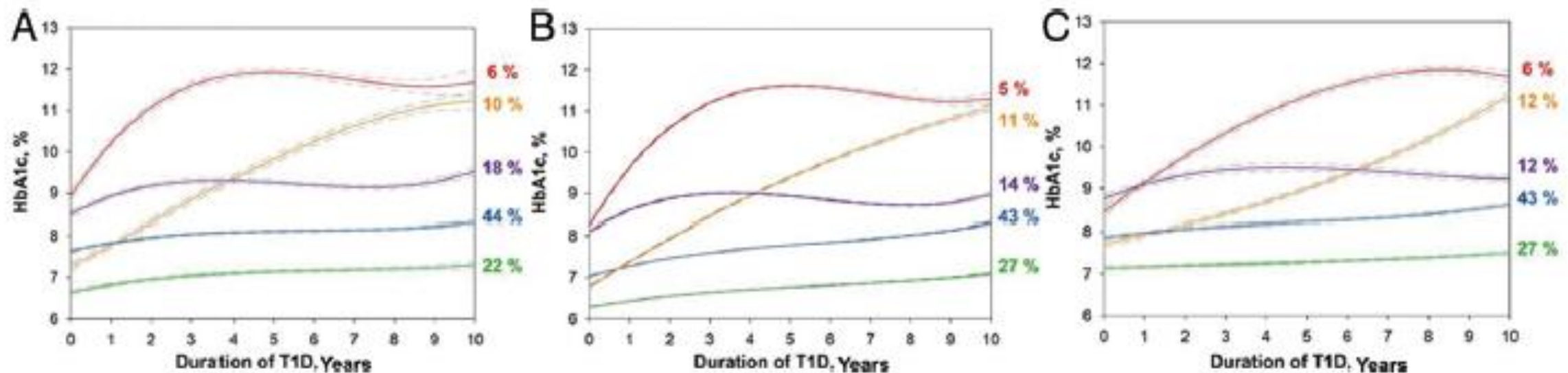


FIGURE 1
HbA1c trajectories with 95% confidence intervals among youth with T1D from the time of diagnosis. A, ADDN ($N = 7292$). B, The German-Austrian-Luxembourgian-Swiss diabetes prospective follow-up (DPV; $N = 39226$). C, UST1DX ($N = 3704$).

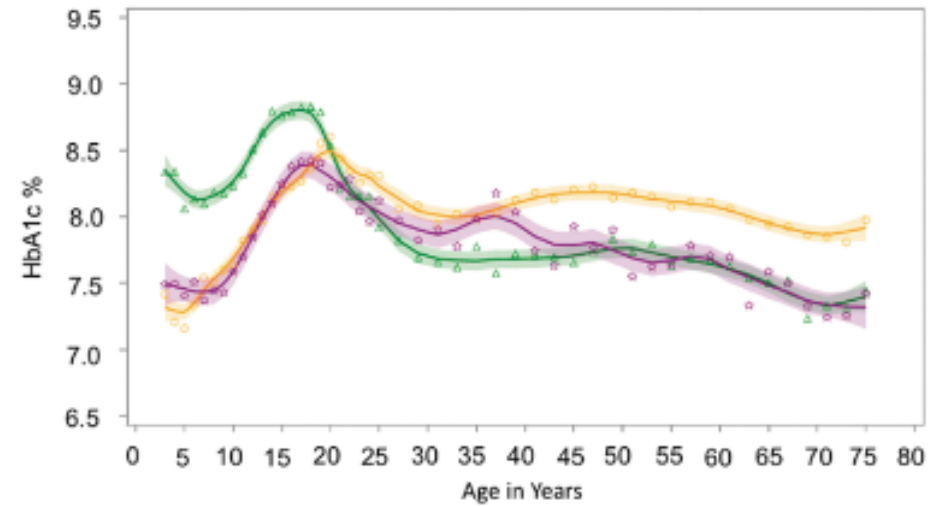


ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Changes in HbA1c Between 2011 and 2017 in Germany/Austria, Sweden, and the United States: A Lifespan Perspective

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A 2011 Data



B 2017 Data

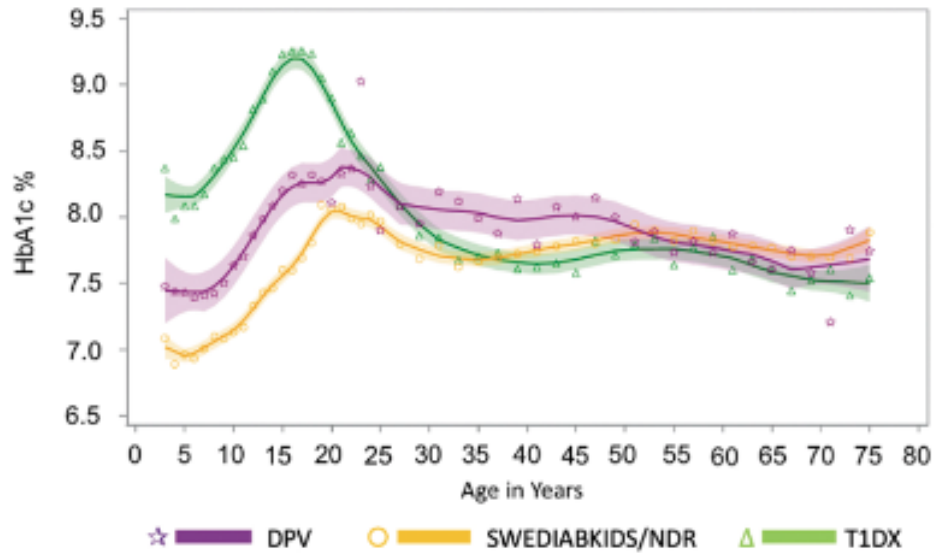
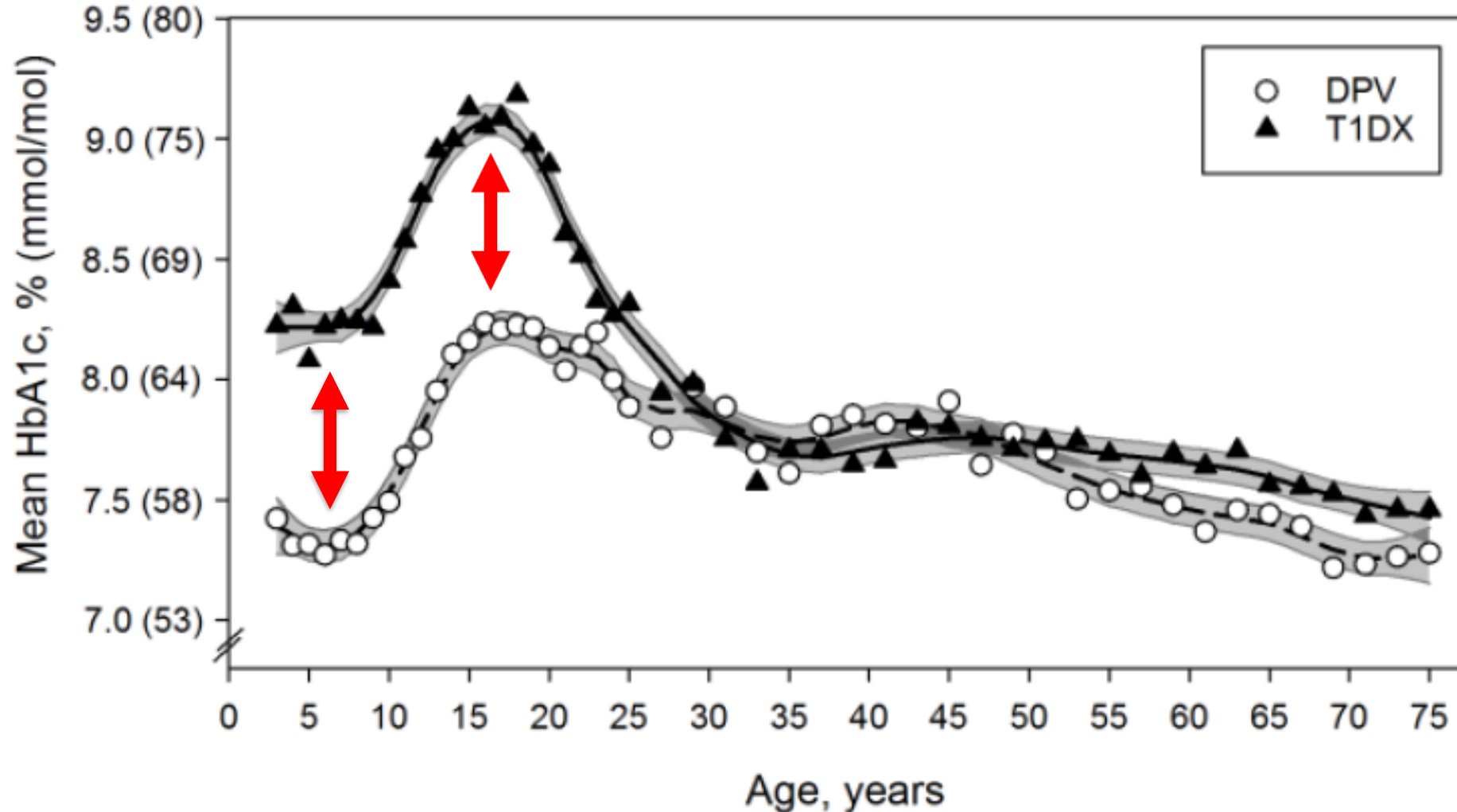


FIG. 2. Changes in HbA1c Across the Lifespan, All Registries. (A) 2011 Data (B) 2017 Data. German/Austrian data are represented in burgundy (stars), Swedish data are represented in yellow (circles), U.S. data are represented in green (triangles). Circles/triangles/stars express HbA1c for each year of age by registry. The line and shaded area represent the LOESS fit +95% confidence interval.

HbA1c by Age

DPV (Germany/Austria) Compared to T1DX (US)





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Type 1 diabetes in older adults: Comparing treatments and chronic complications in the United States T1D Exchange and the German/Austrian DPV registries

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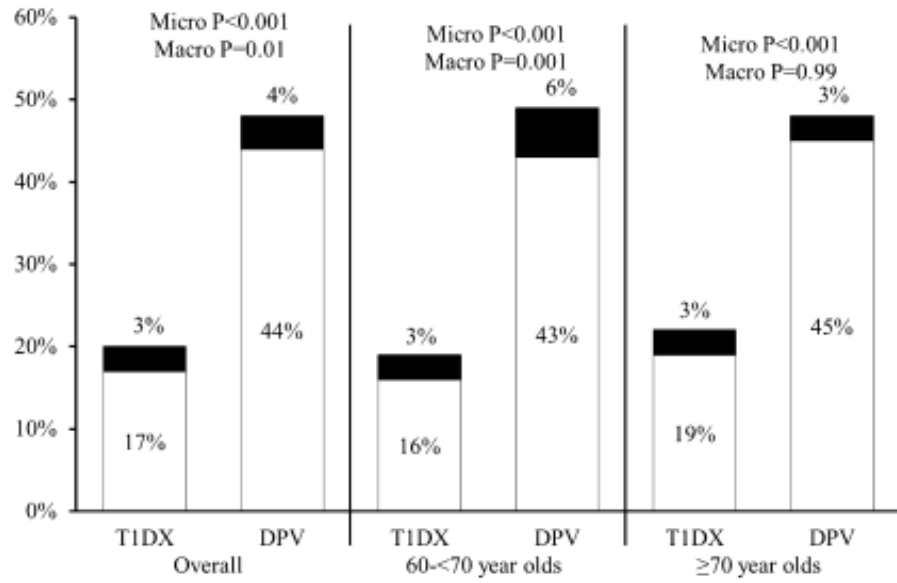


Fig. 1A – Prevalence of renal disease in the T1D Exchange and DPV registries. Solid white bar = urine albumin 30–300 mg/g Cr (microalbuminuria). Solid black bar = urine albumin > 300 mg/g Cr (macroalbuminuria).

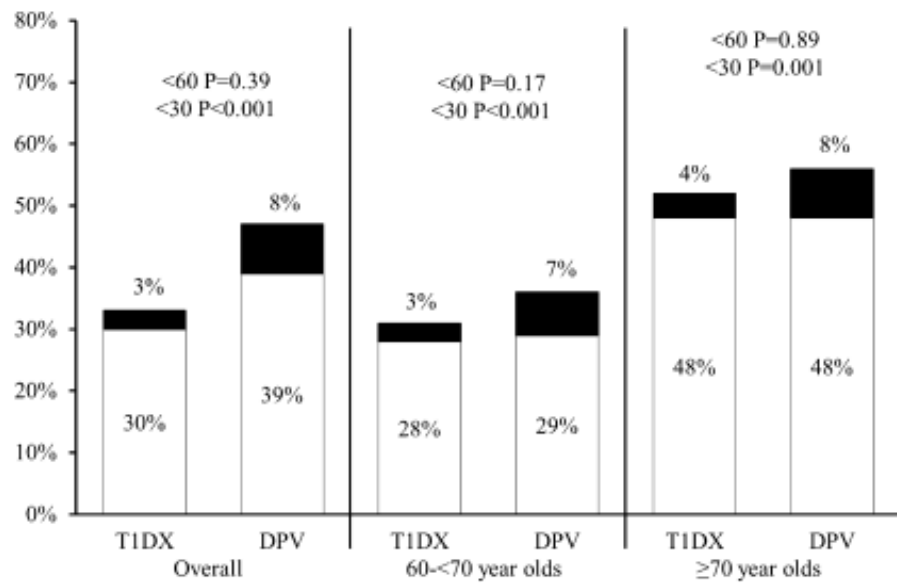


Fig. 1B – Glomerular Filtration Rate in the T1D Exchange and DPV registries. Solid white bar ≤ 60 ml/min/1.73². Solid black bar ≤ 30 ml/min/1.73². Formula validation limited in those ≥ 70 years of age. All DPV participants analyzed as White/Caucasian.

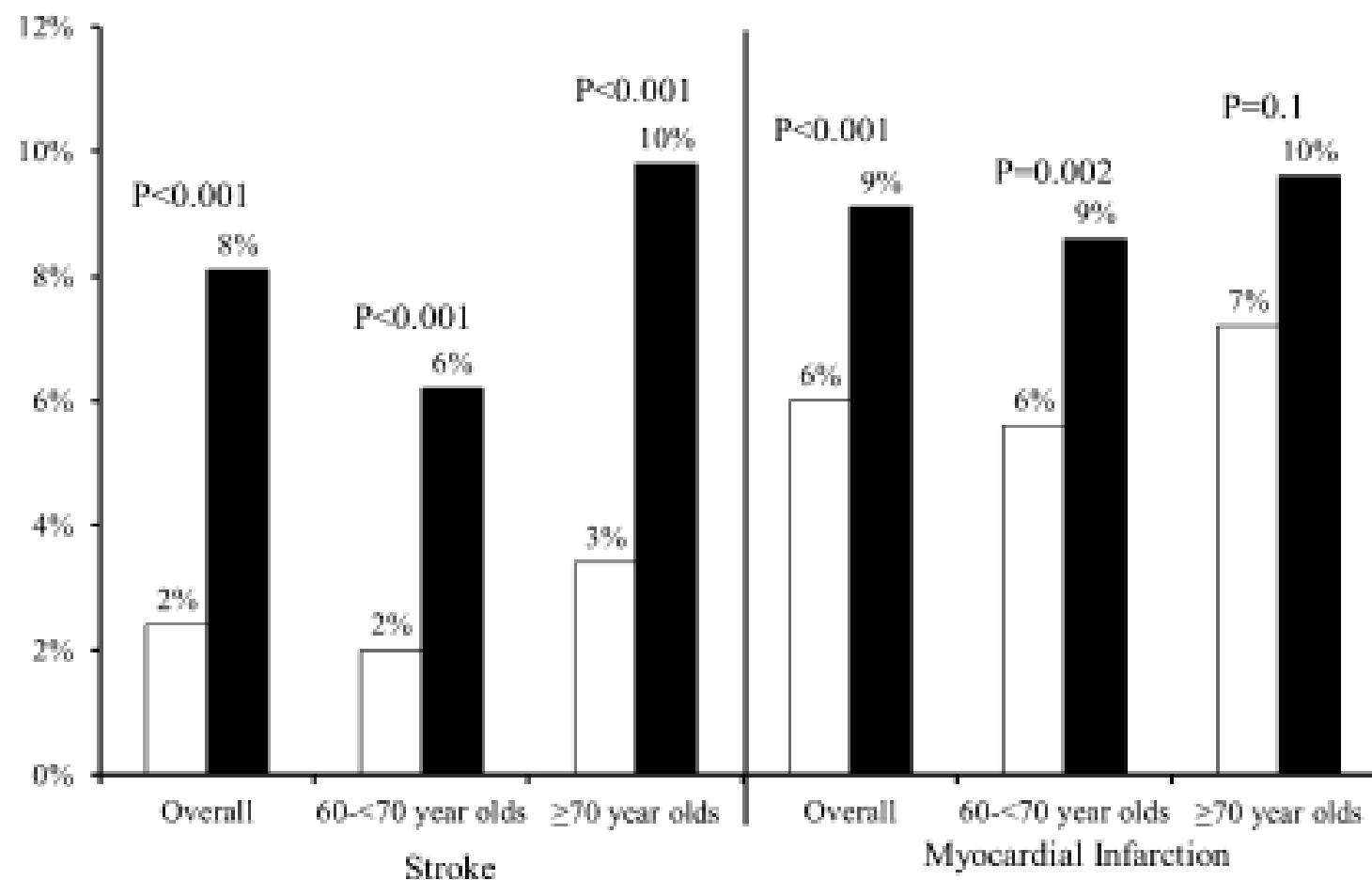



Fig. 1C – Stroke and myocardial infarction in the T1D Exchange and DPV registries. Solid white bar = T1D Exchange registry. Solid black bar = DPV registry.

Undertreatment of cardiovascular risk factors in the type 1 diabetes exchange clinic network (United States) and the prospective diabetes follow-up (Germany/Austria) registries

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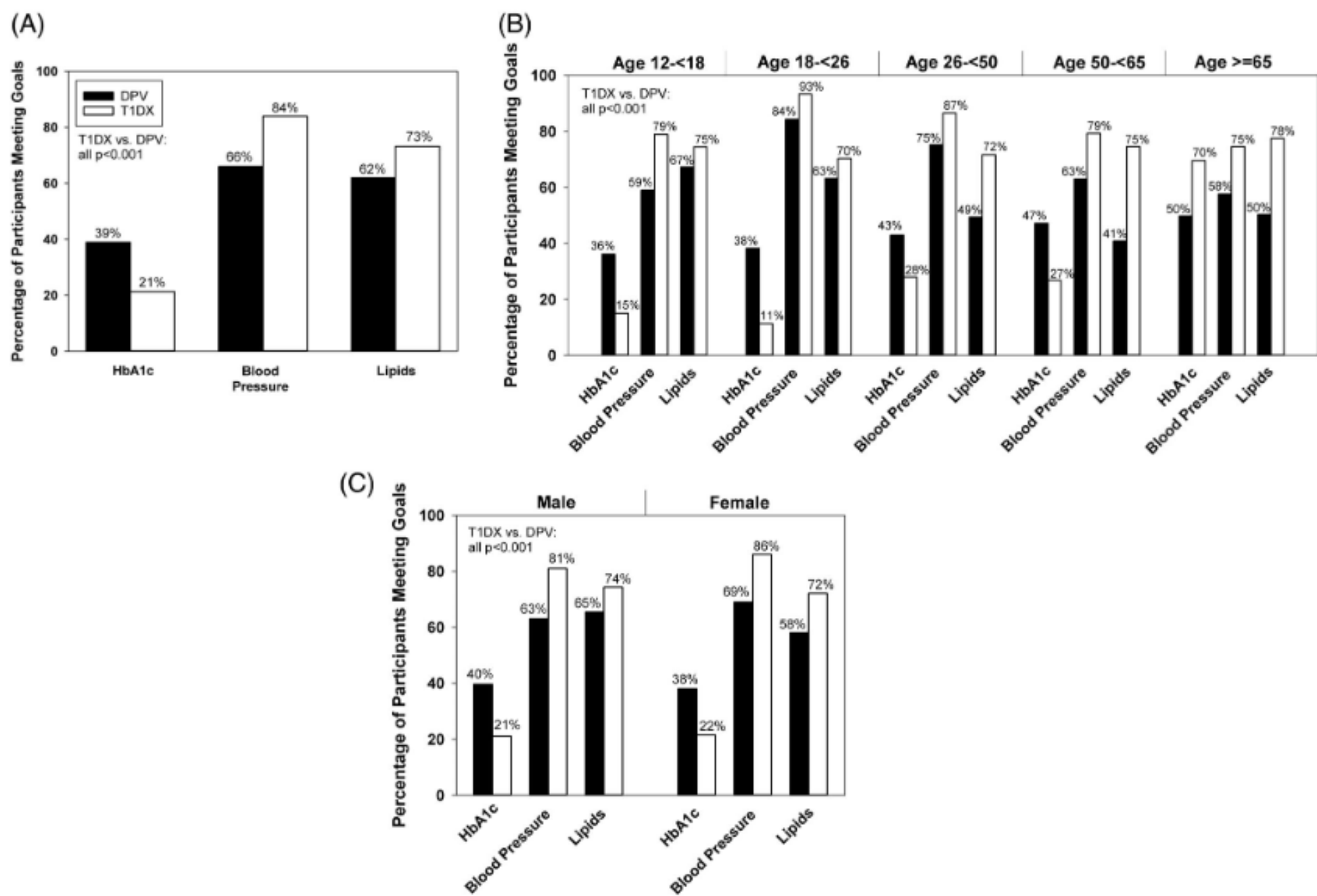


FIGURE 1 Percentage of participants meeting glycaemic, blood pressure and lipid goals (A) in the T1DX and DPV registries by age group (B) and sex (C)

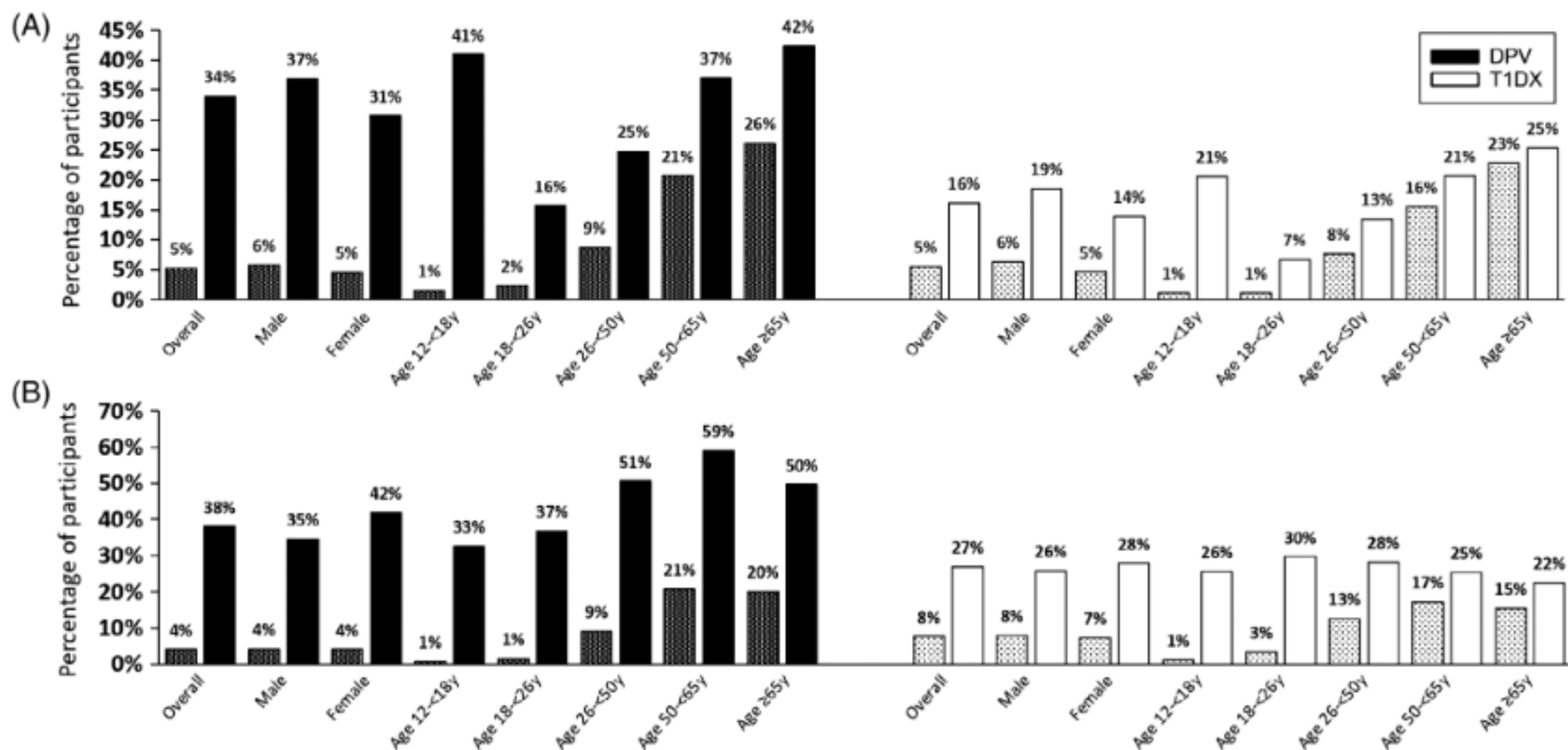
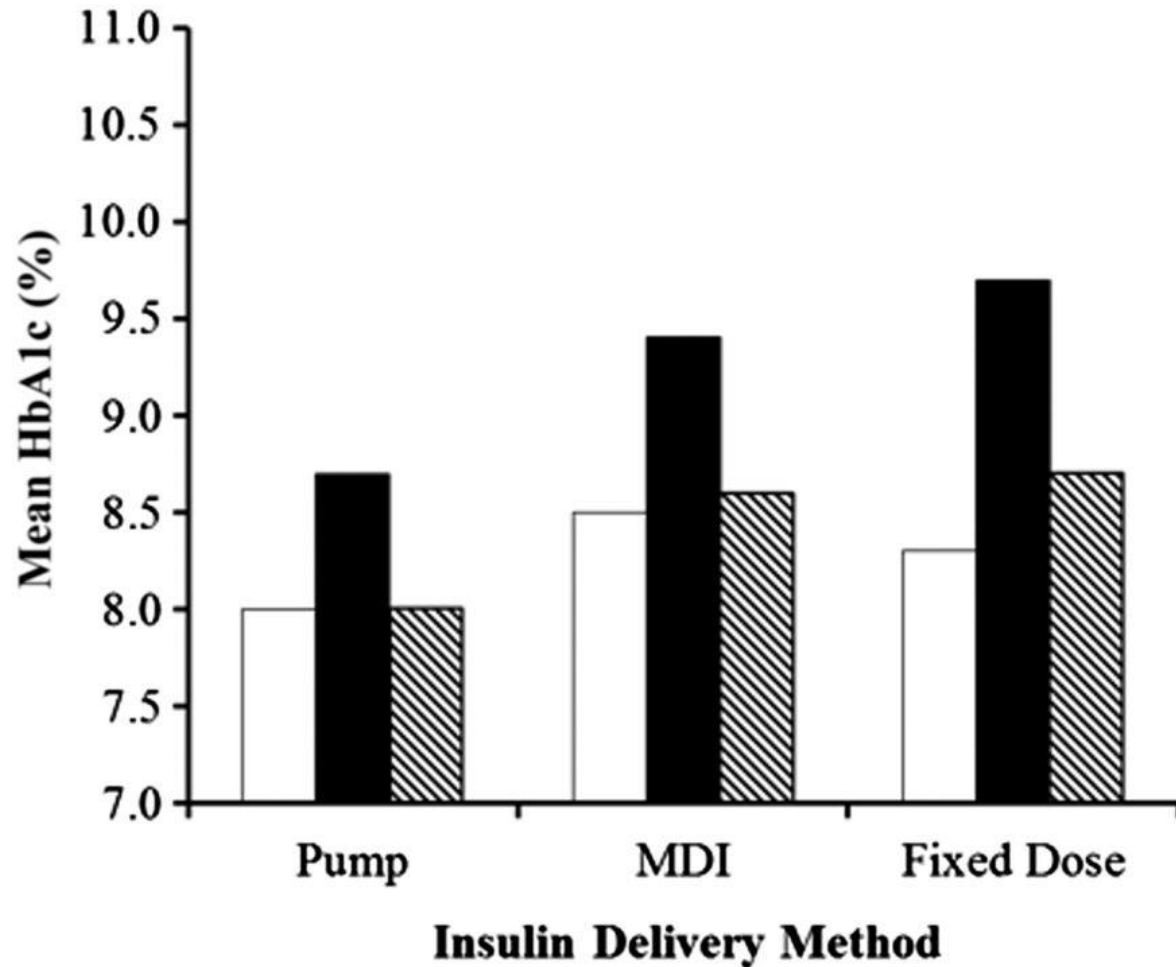


FIGURE 2 Frequency of antihypertensive medication use in those with hypertension (A) and use of lipid-lowering medication in those with dyslipidaemia (B) in T1DX and DPV registries by age group and sex

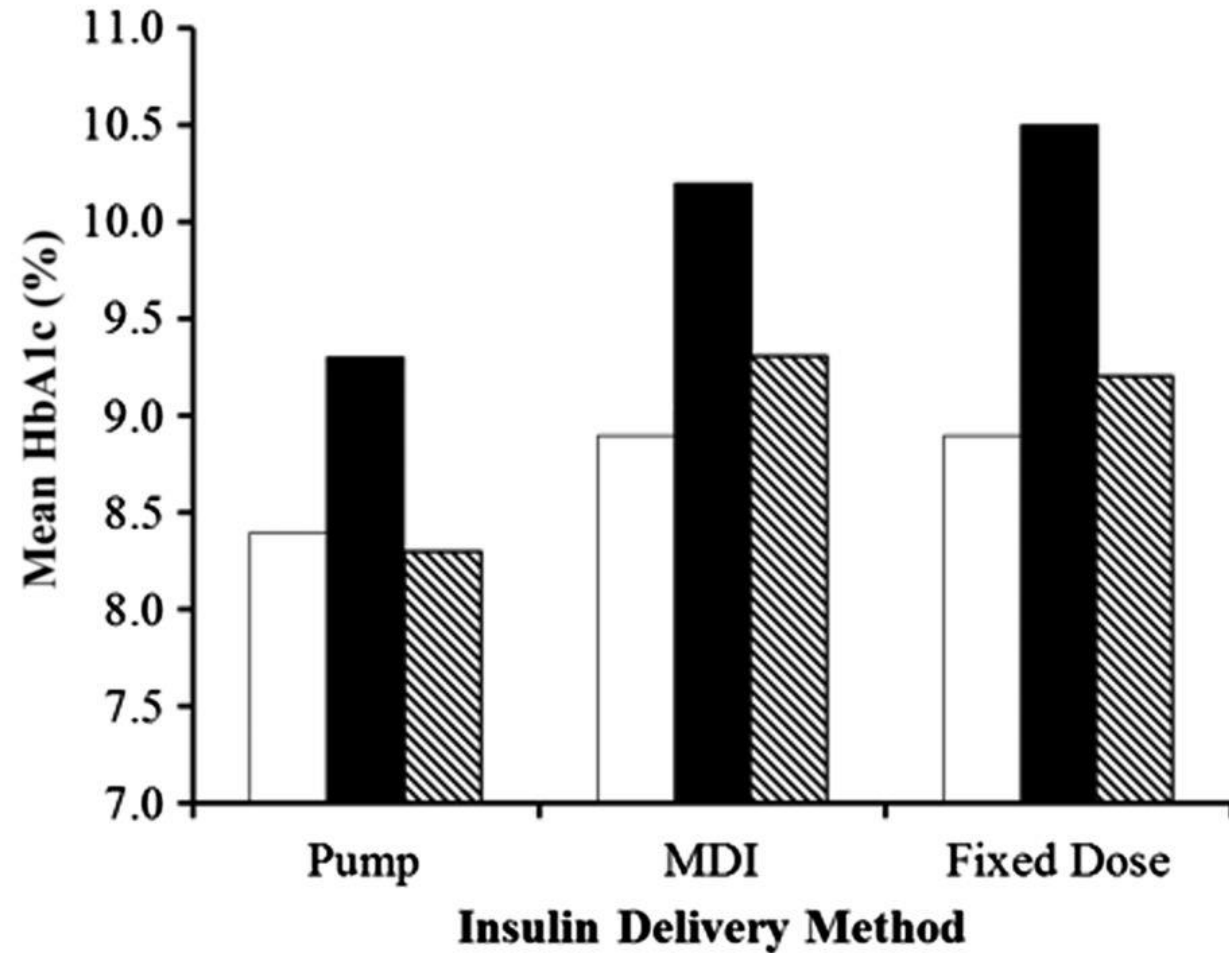
Challenges for T1D Care in the US

Diabetes Technology & Disparities

Age 1to<13 years



Age 13to<18 years



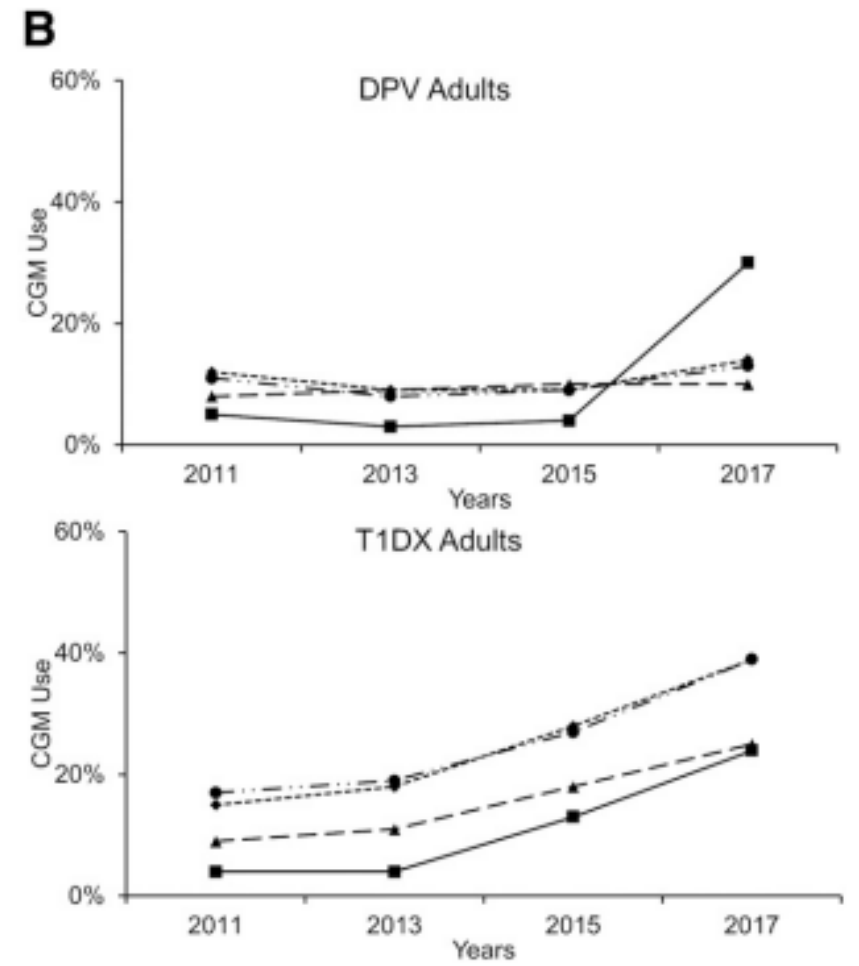
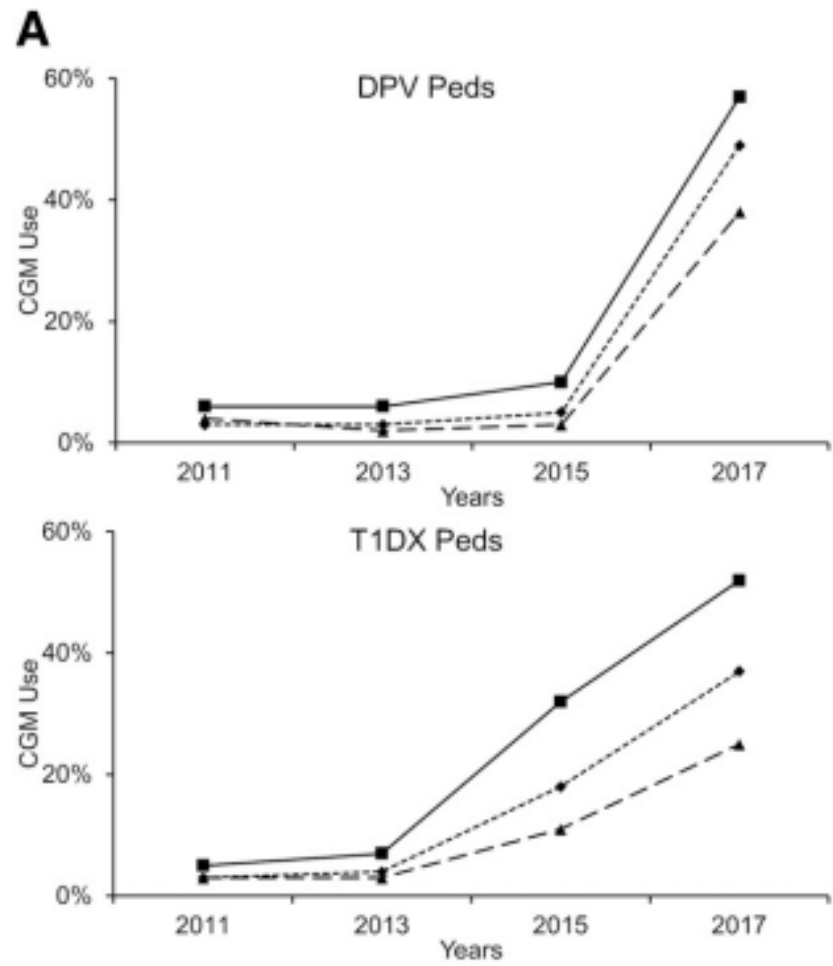
Mean HbA1c level according to race/ethnicity and insulin regimen/method. MDI, multiple daily injections. White bar, non-Hispanic white; black bar, non-Hispanic black; black and white striped bar, Hispanic. **Willi et al *Pediatrics* '15**



Longitudinal Changes in Continuous Glucose Monitoring Use Among Individuals With Type 1 Diabetes: International Comparison in the German and Austrian DPV and U.S. T1D Exchange Registries






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BRIEF REPORTS

Transatlantic Comparison of Pediatric Continuous Glucose Monitoring Use in the Diabetes-Patienten-Verlaufsdokumentation Initiative and Type 1 Diabetes Exchange Quality Improvement Collaborative

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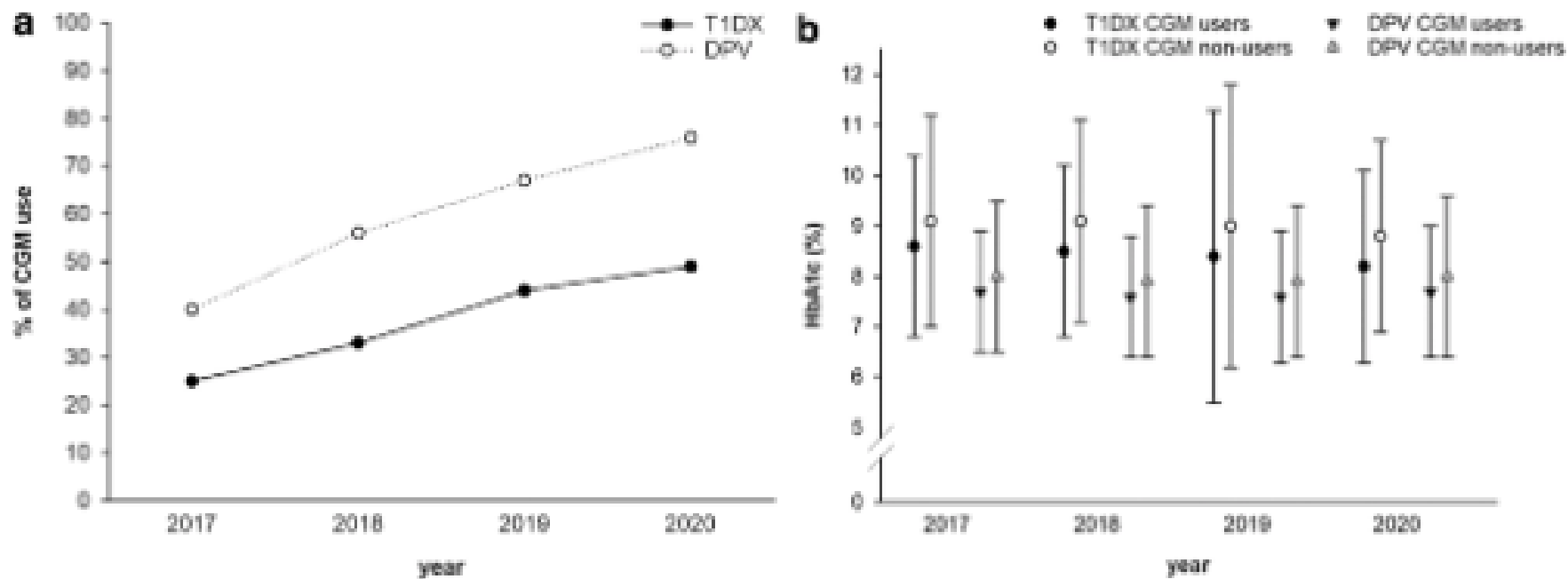


FIG. 1. (a) Proportion of CGM use from 2017 to 2020 among those <25 years of age. (b) HbA1c (%) in CGM users compared with nonusers. CGM, continuous glucose monitoring; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

State of Type 1 Diabetes Management and Outcomes from the T1D Exchange in 2016–2018

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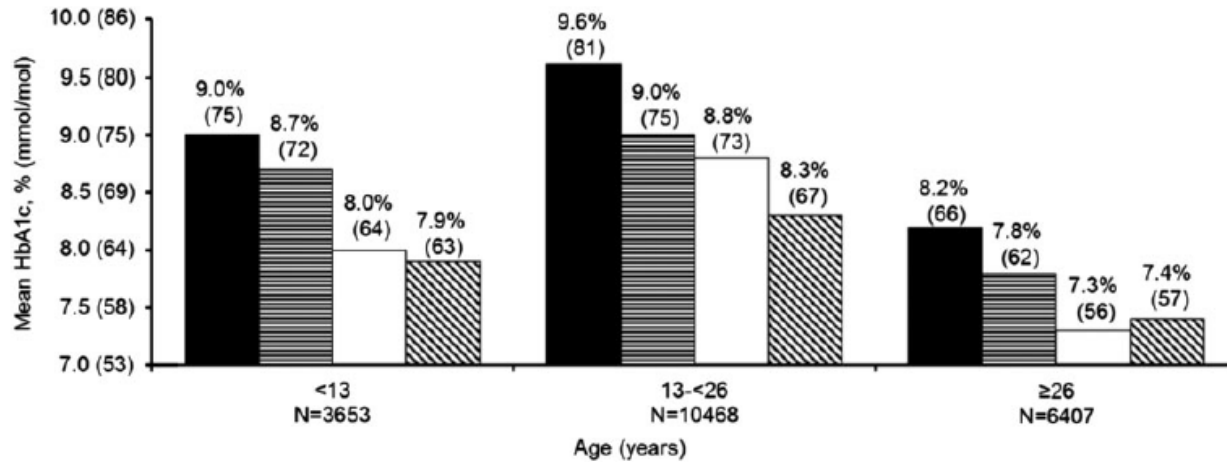


FIG. 3. Mean HbA1c by technology use in 2016–2018. Solid black represents injection only. Horizontal stripes represent pump only. Solid white represents injection+CGM. Diagonal stripes represent pump+CGM.

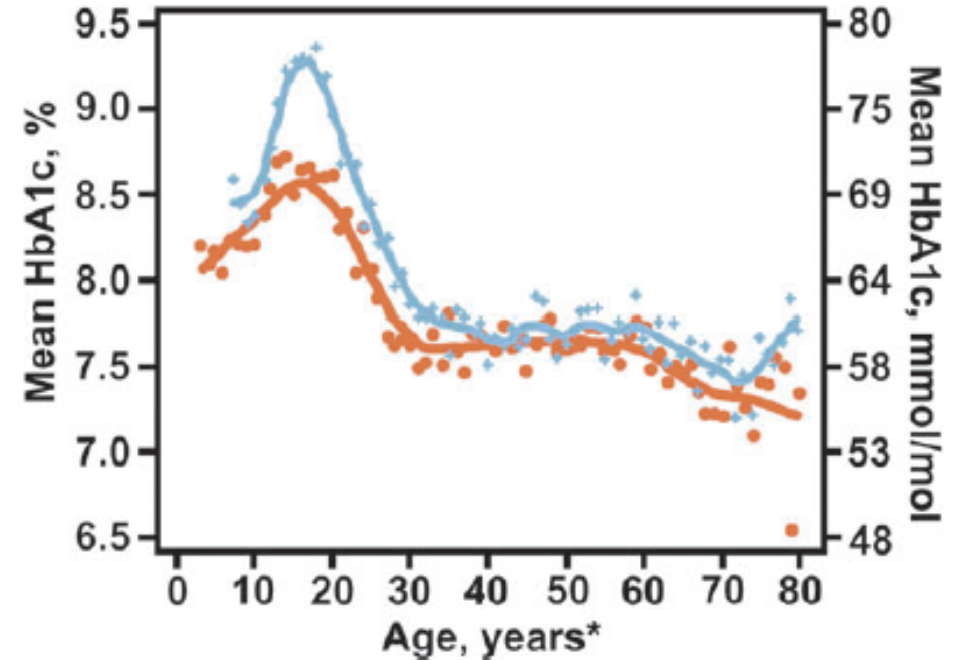


FIG. 2. Average HbA1c by year of age: 2010–2012 versus 2016–2018. Orange line represents 2010–2012 cohort, and blue line represents 2016–2018 cohort. Participants must be contained in both cohorts with at least a 3-year duration for the 2010–2012 collection. * ≥80 years old are pooled.

How to explain
increased A1c from
2010-12 to 2016-18?

What is role of:
Diabetes technology
Income
Insurance
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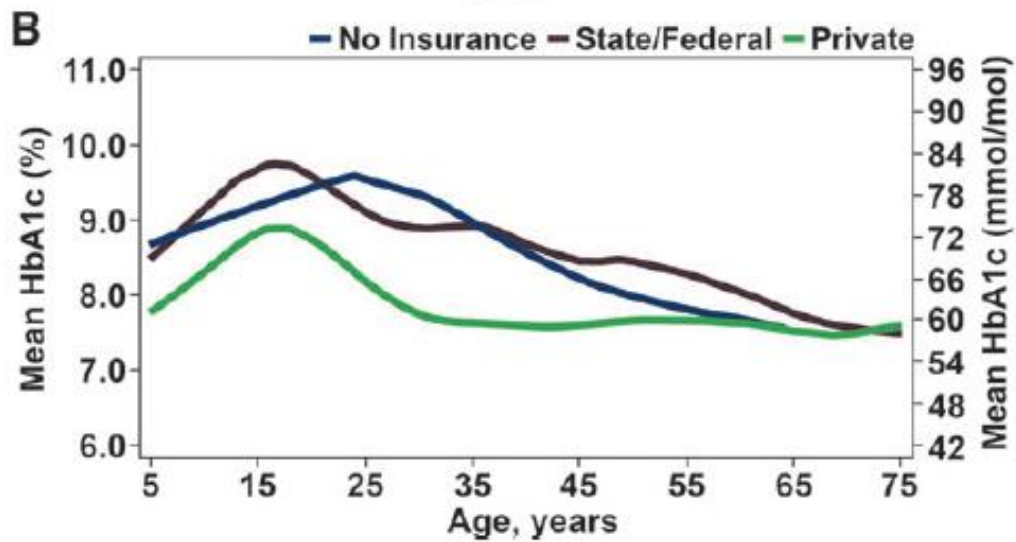
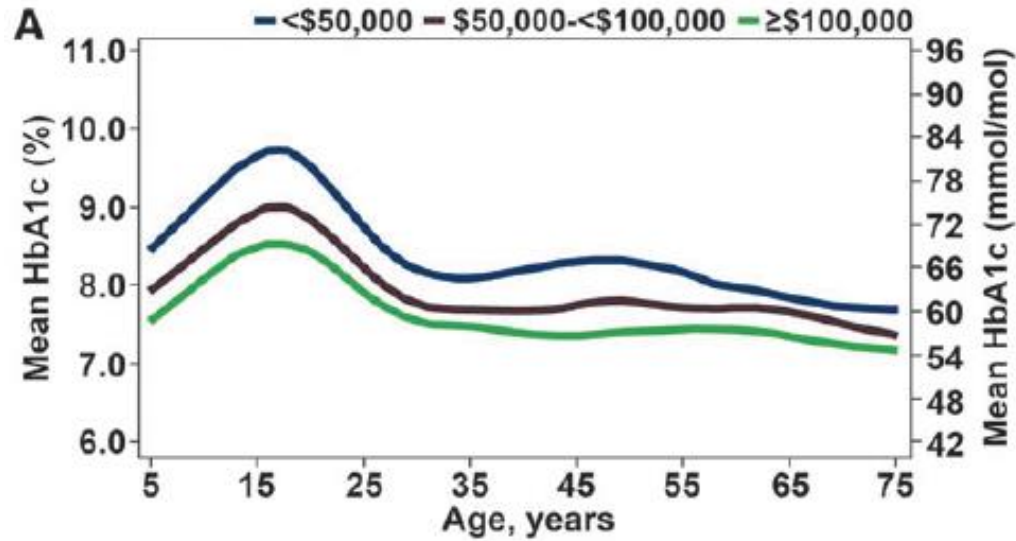
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**HbA1c Levels in Type 1 Diabetes
from Early Childhood to Older Adults:
A Deeper Dive into the Influence of Technology
and Socioeconomic Status on HbA1c
in the T1D Exchange Clinic Registry Findings**

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Higher A1c:

Public Insurance

Lower income

Hispanic or Black v

NHW

No CGM

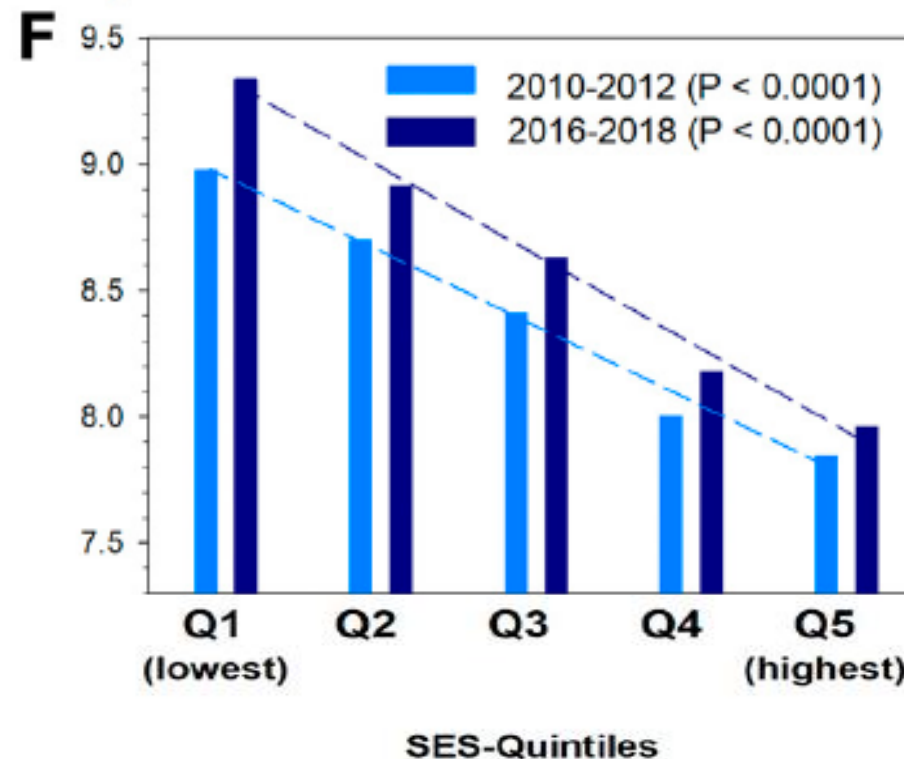
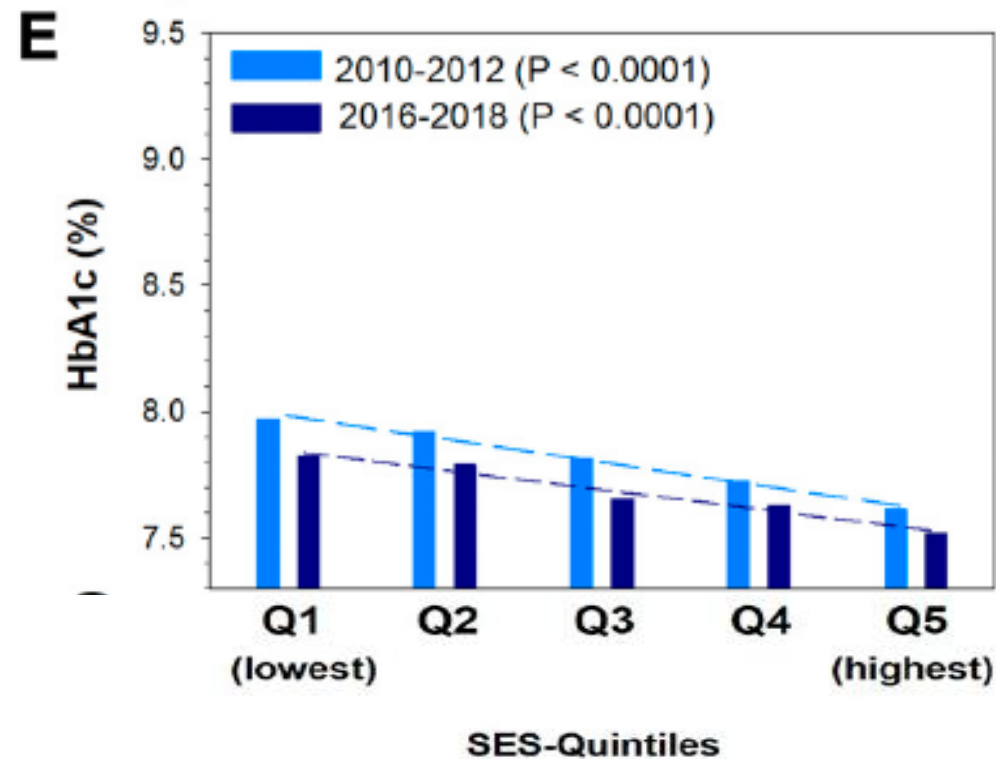
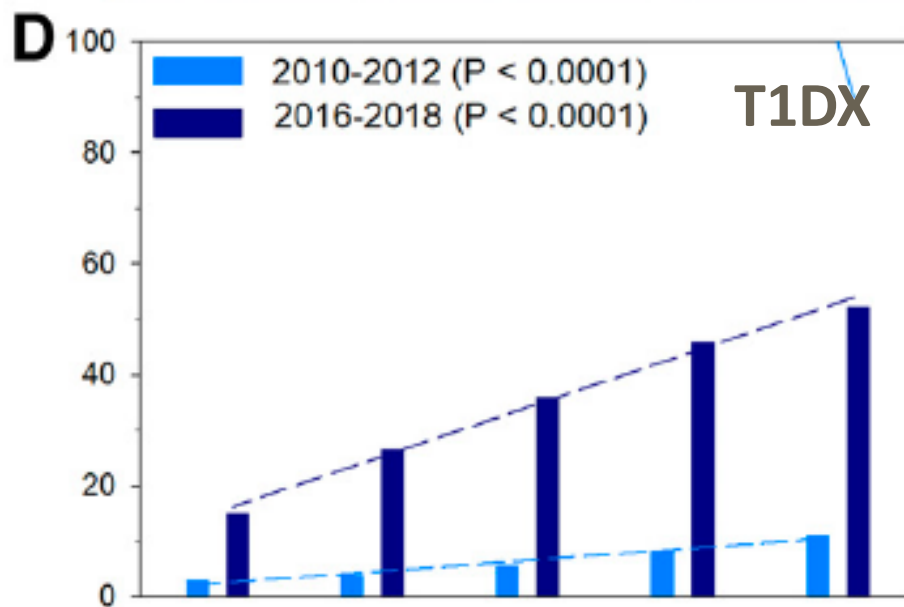
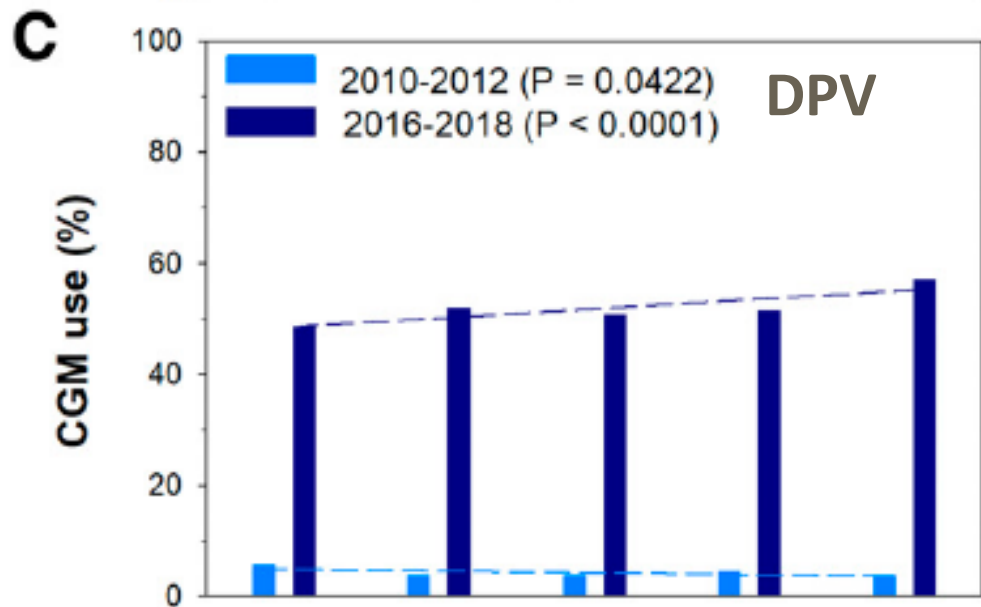
MDI v Pump



A Decade of Disparities in Diabetes Technology Use and HbA_{1c} in Pediatric Type 1 Diabetes: A Transatlantic Comparison

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- **Greater gap in US v Germany by SES quintile (low v hi):**
 - Pump: 39 v 6%
 - CGM: 37 v 9%
 - A1c: 1.3 v 0.3%
- **SES Gap widening for US from 2010-12 to 2016-18 for CGM (p=0.038) & A1c (p=0.0005)**

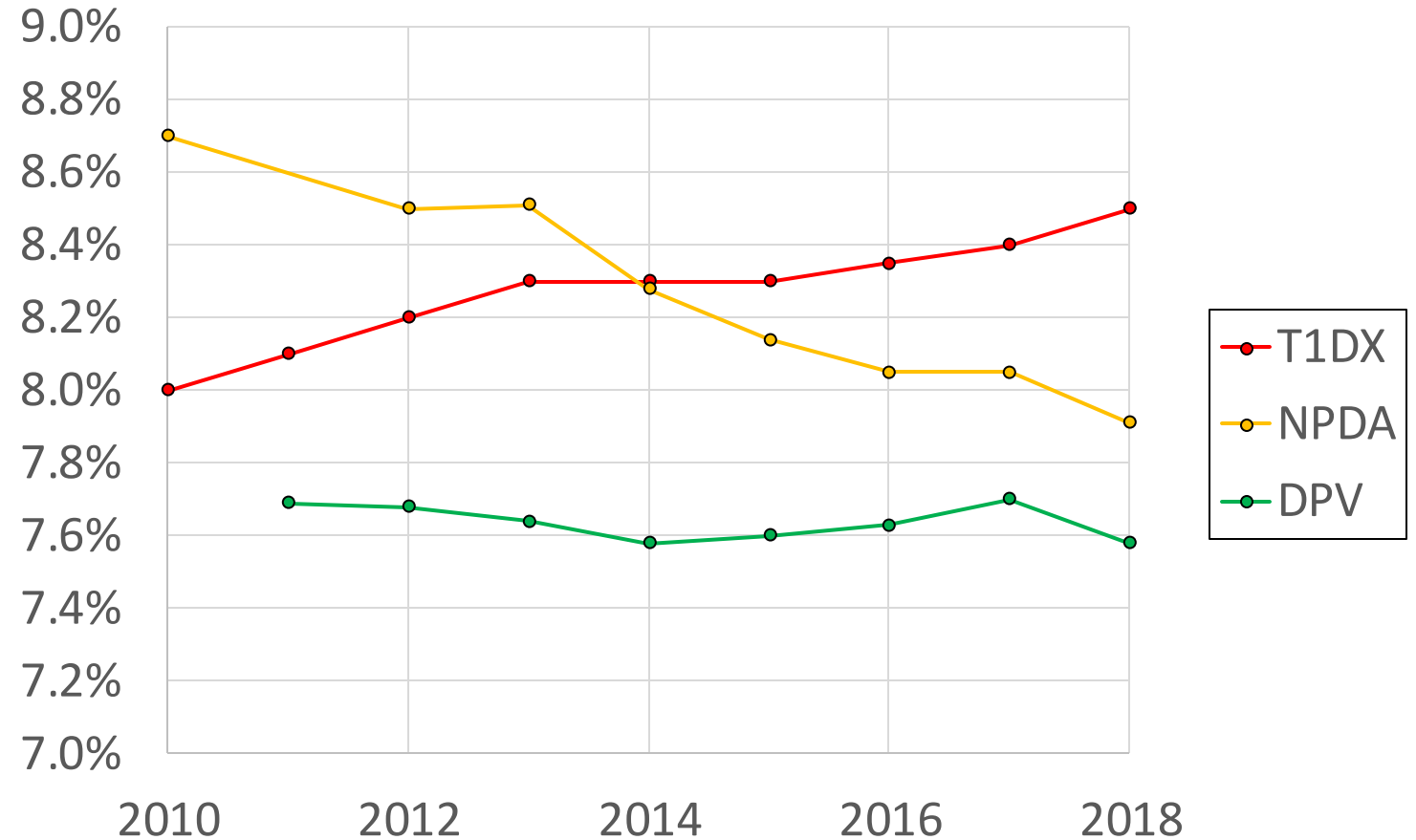
Role of Quality Improvement to Improve Outcomes

Longitudinal Comparison of A1c in 3 Pediatric Diabetes Groups (Lal, DTT '22)

T1DX QI, DPV, NPDA

HbA1c by Registry

- Stable and lowest in DPV
- Clinically significant decrease in NPDA
- Clinically significant increase in T1DX



Quality Improvement Efforts – NPDA

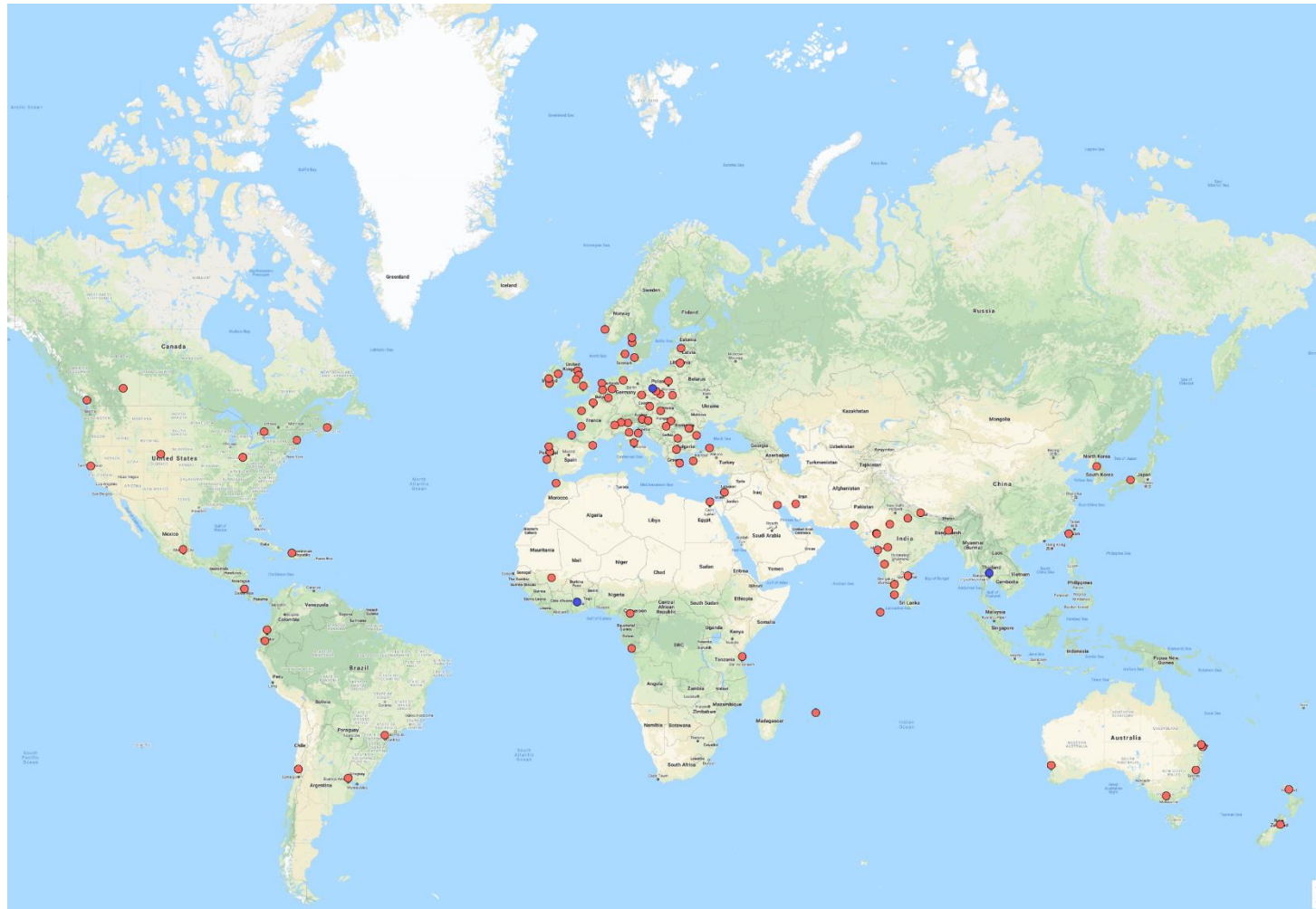
- In 2009, the National Clinical Director for Children, Young People and Maternity Services for NPDA commented that “this disappointing situation cannot be allowed to continue”. Subsequent QI efforts mandated throughout.



DPV-NPDA-T1DX Longitudinal

- DPV has maintained a population HbA1c < 7.7%
- NPDA has succeeded in reducing the population HbA1c in a clinically meaningful way (>0.7%)
- Further research should focus on how these healthcare systems succeeded
- The United States should consider expanding QI programs nationally to improve HbA1c

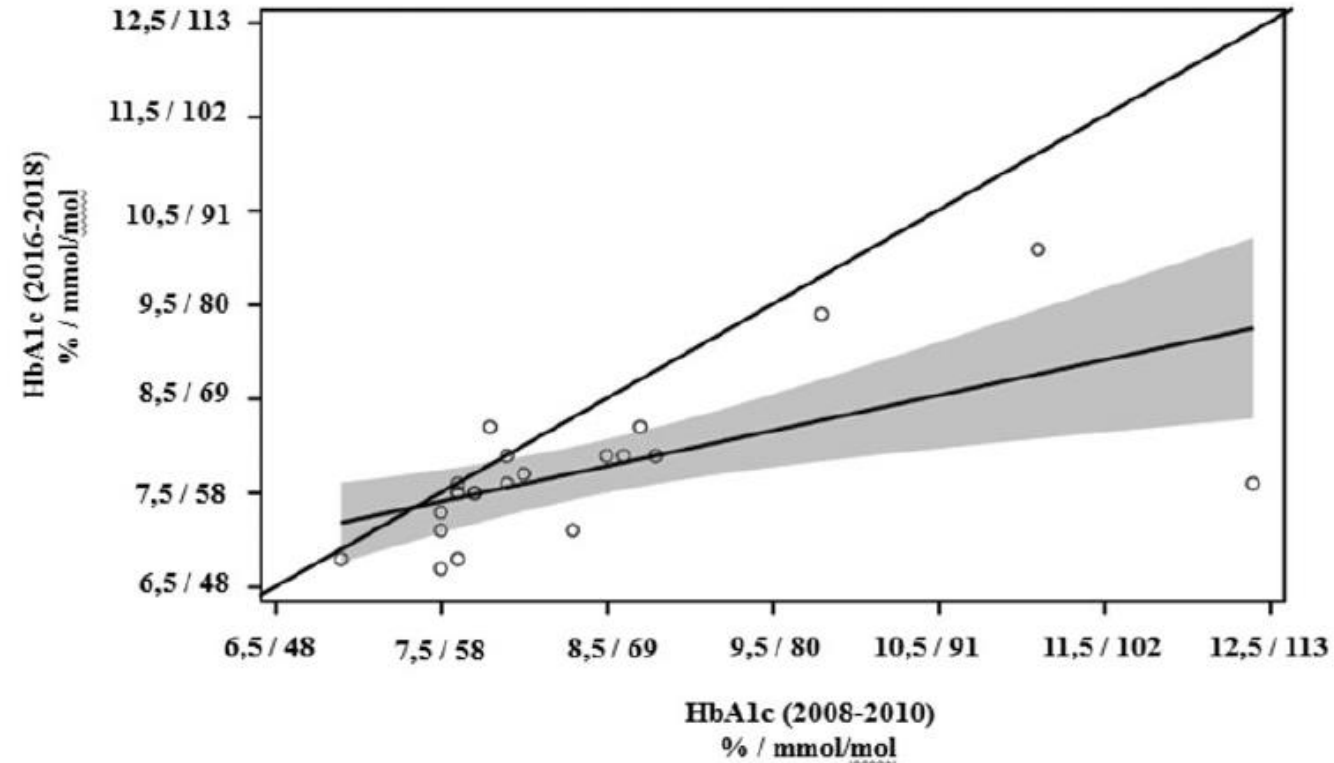
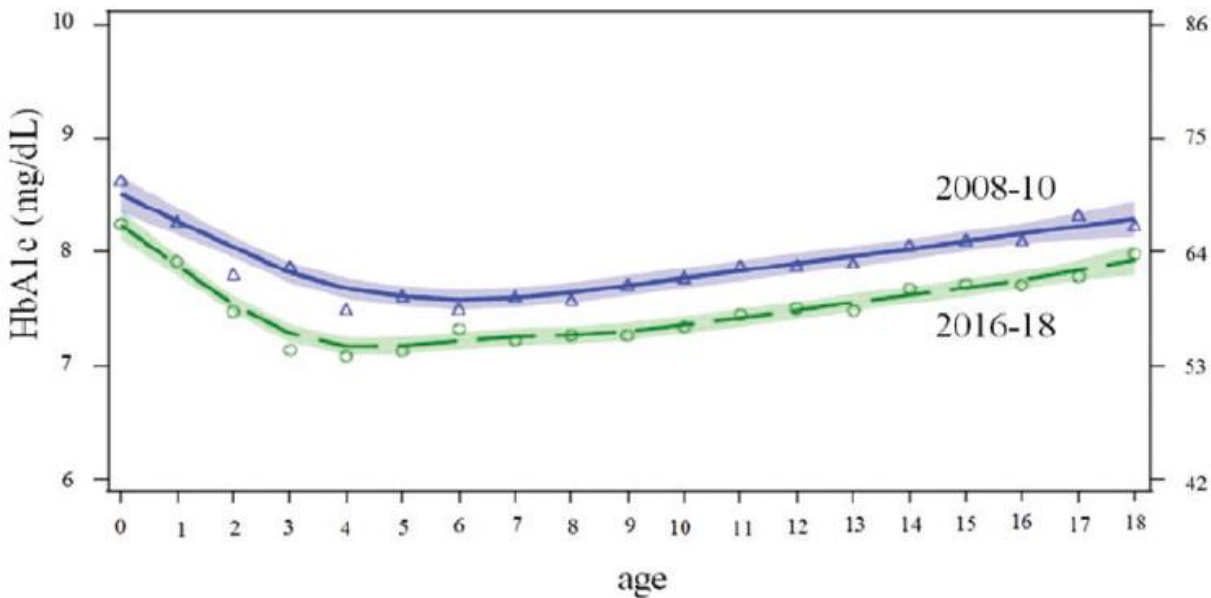
The SWEET Map: Worldwide Pediatric Diabetes Registry 2021



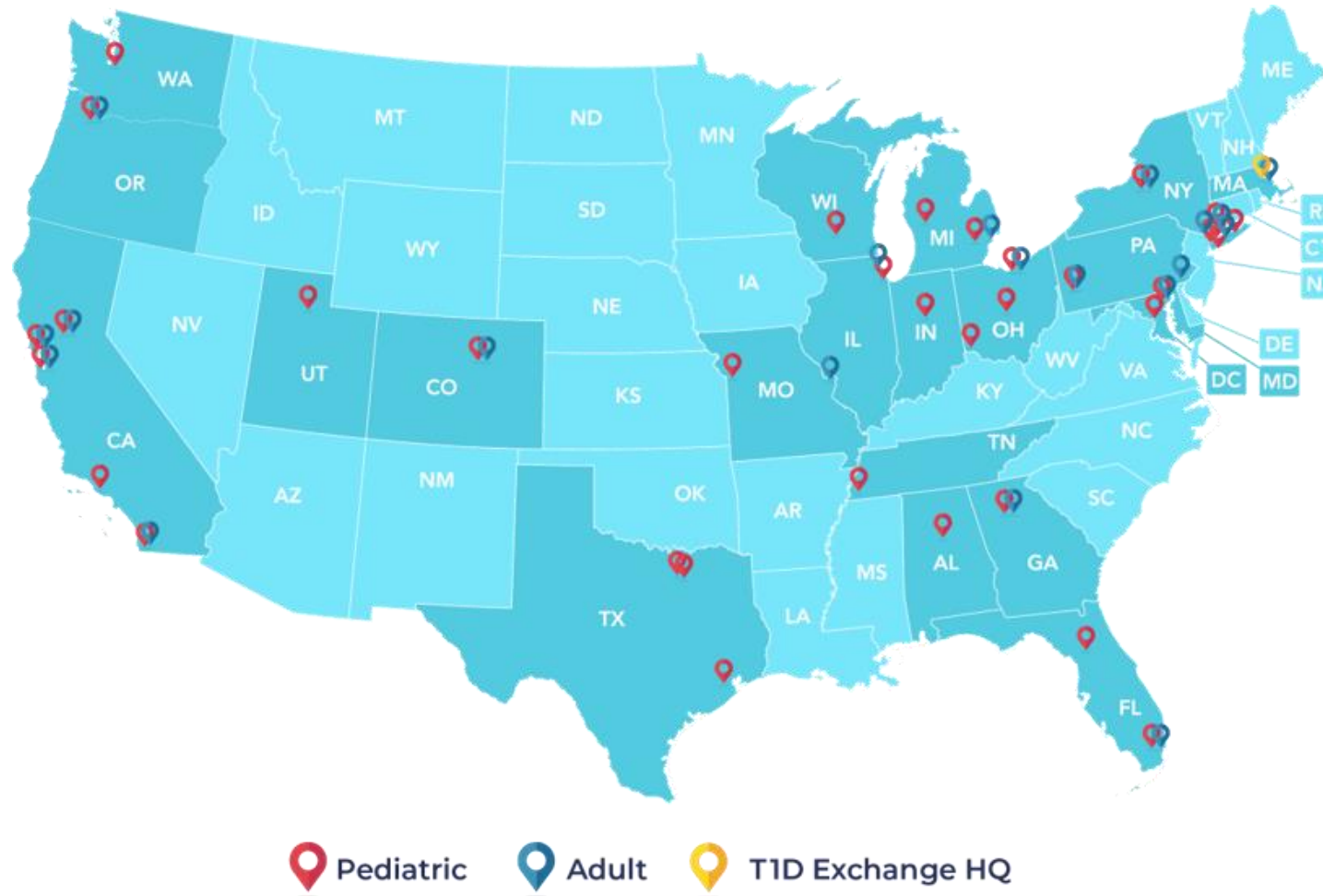
Blue points = new centers in SWEET, submitting data since July 2021

The SWEET Project 10-Year Benchmarking in 19 Countries Worldwide Is Associated with Improved HbA1c and Increased Use of Diabetes Technology in Youth with Type 1 Diabetes

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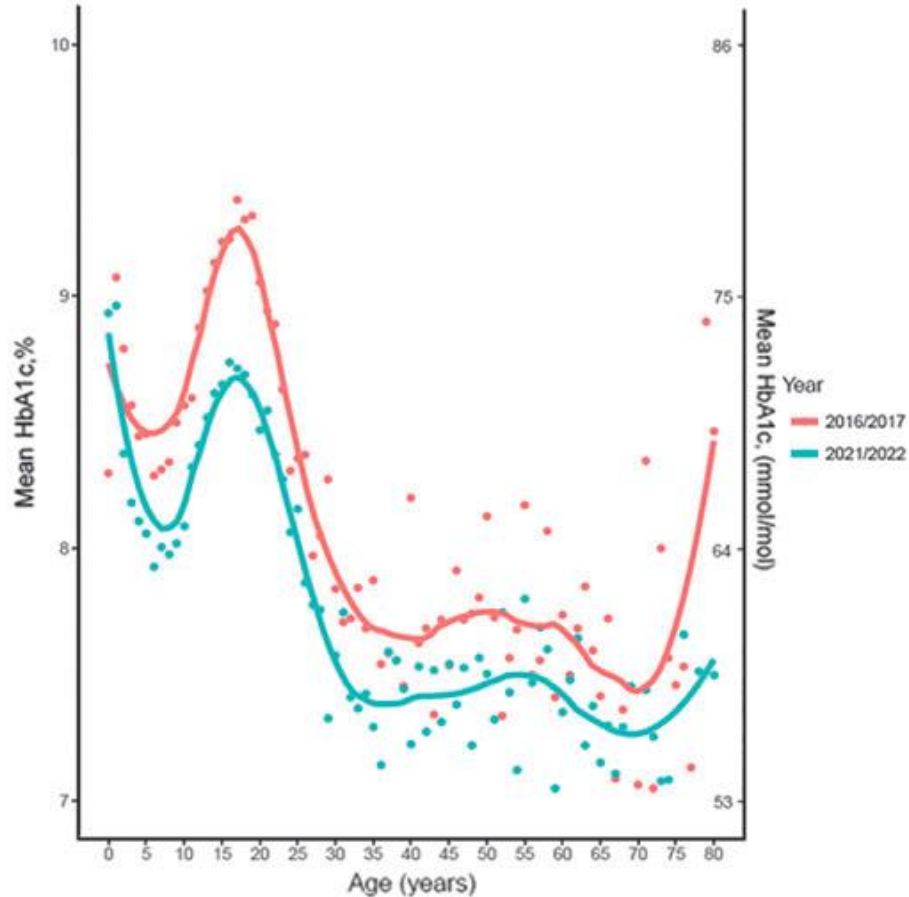


T1DX-QI network has grown!

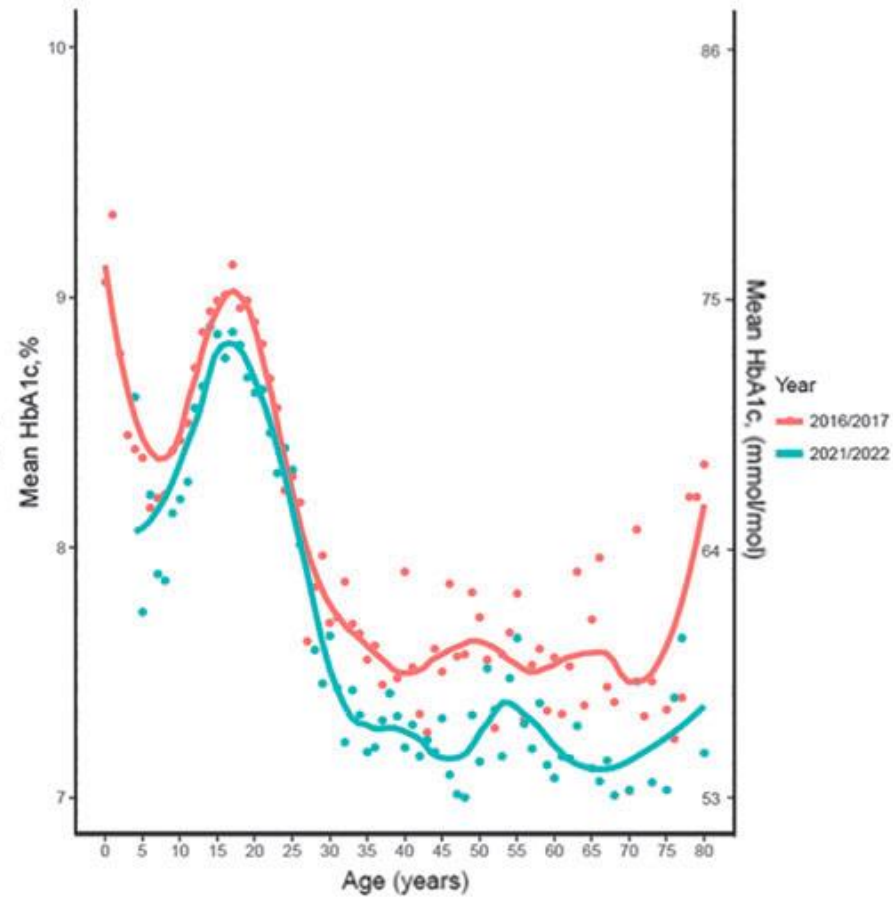


Improvement in Mean A1c Across the Life Span

A Trends in HbA1c by Age
(2016/2017 versus 2021/2022; all patients)



B Trends in HbA1c by Age
(2016/2017 versus 2021/2022; same patient group)



Ebekozien, DTT 2023

0.3% improvement from
2016/17 → 2021/22

	2016 & 2017	2021 & 2022
N	27584	33070
Mean HbA1c (SD)	8.7 (1.9)	8.4 (2.1)
% with HbA1c <7% [N (%)]	5416 (20)	8557 (26)
% with HbA1c >9% [N (%)]	11811 (43)	10169 (31)
p-value		p-value <0.01

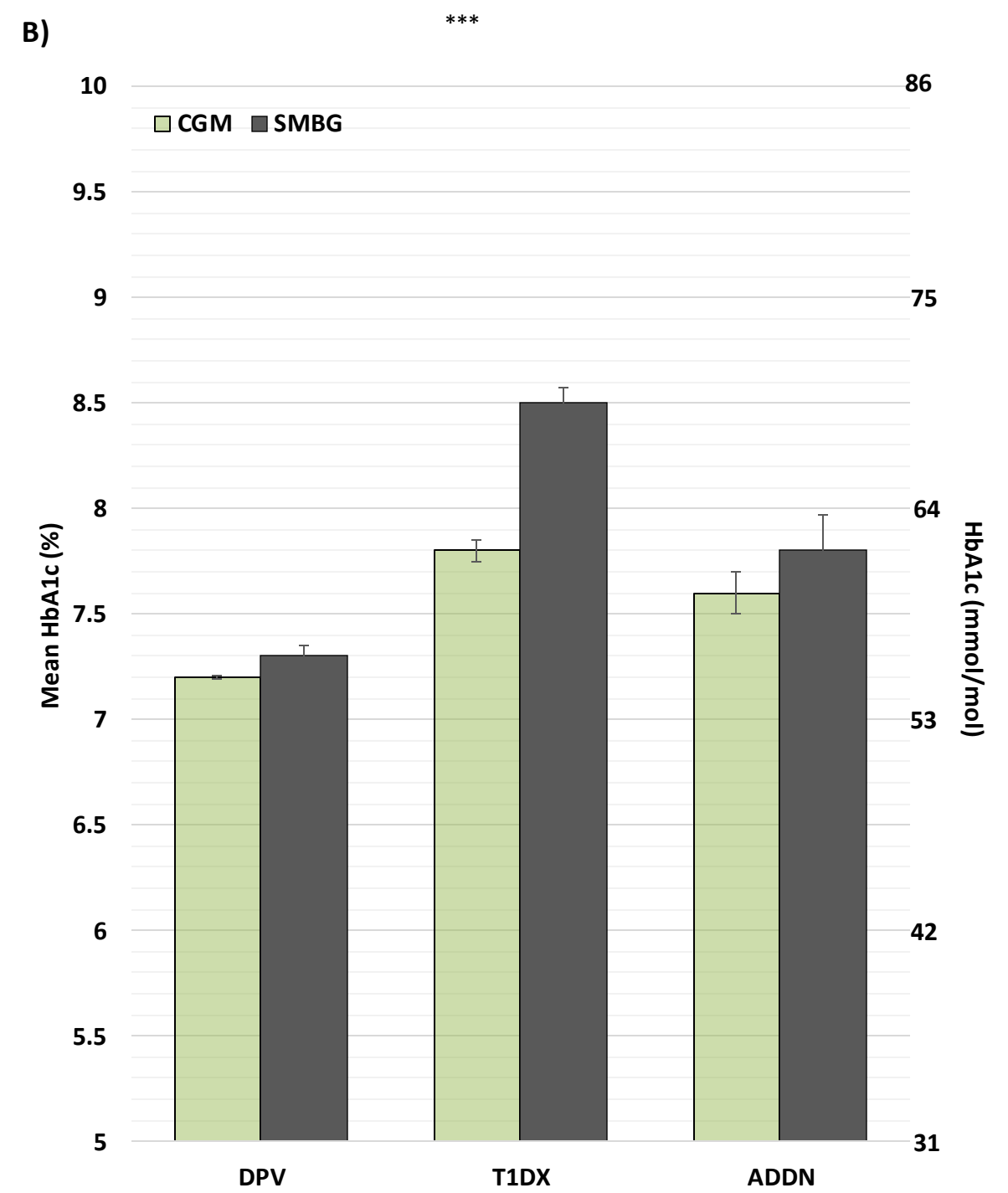
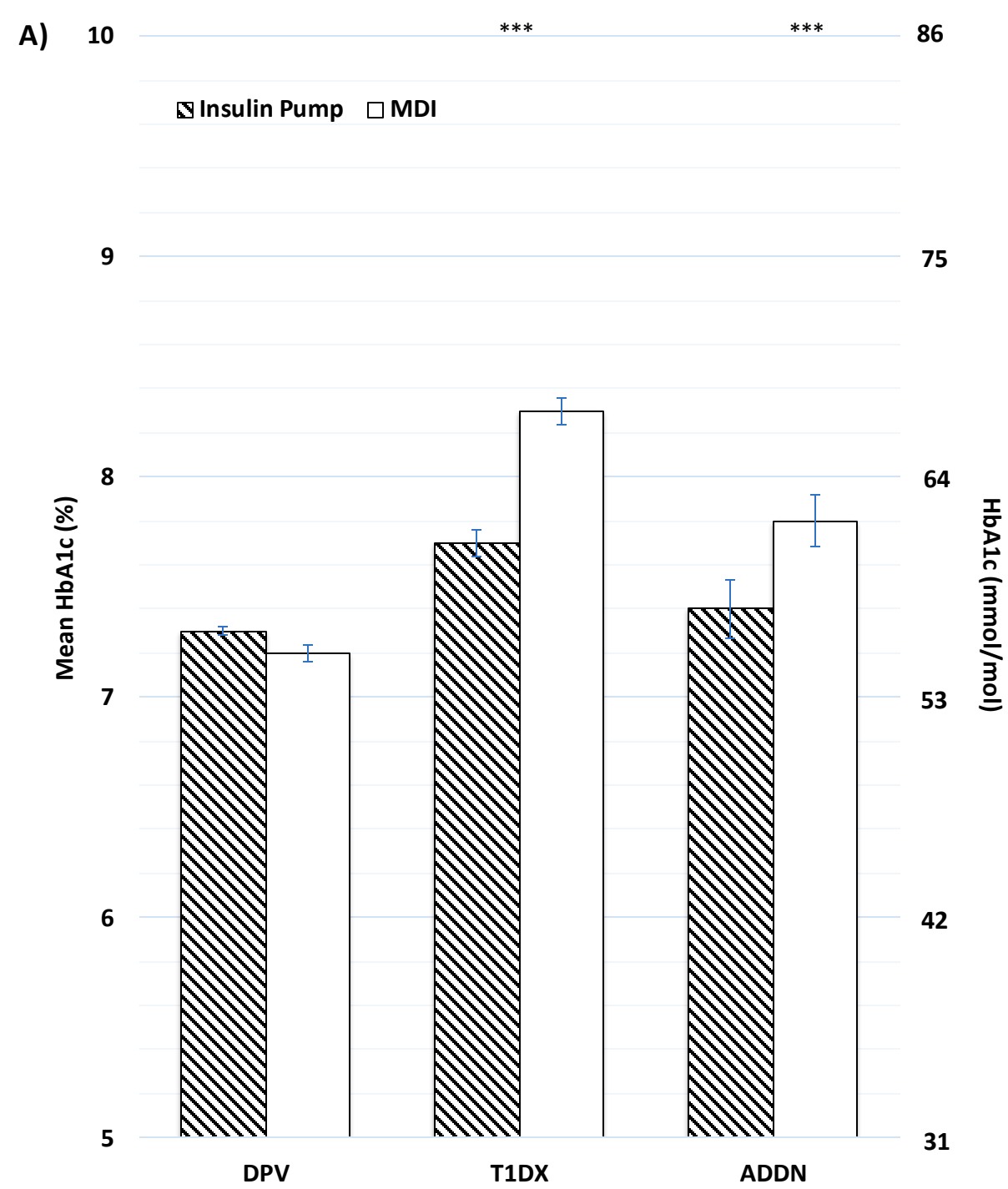
	2016 & 2017	2021 & 2022
N	9579	9579
Mean HbA1c (SD)	8.5 (1.7)	8.4 (1.9)
% with HbA1c <7% [N (%)]	2032 (21)	2507 (26)
% with HbA1c >9% [N (%)]	3524 (37)	3200 (33)
p-value		p-value <0.01

Demographic, clinical, management and outcome characteristics of 8,004 young children with type 1 diabetes: a vulnerable group in need of specialized healthcare.

In review, Sandy et al, 2023

	ADDN (n= 954)	T1DX-QI (n=1,831)	DPV (n=5,219)	P value
Age at assessment	4.9 ± 1.2	4.4 ± 1.0	4.6 ± 1.2	<0.001
% Insulin Pump	39.2	46.6	86.6	<0.001
% CGM	70.5	57.6	85.1	<0.001
% hybrid closed loop	0.5	3.6	6.9	<0.001
HbA1c [%]	7.7 ± 1.2	8.0 ± 1.4	7.3 ± 0.9	<0.001

- Since 2010-12 to now:
 - DPV 7.4 → 7.3%
 - T1DX 8.2 → 8.0%



Future Directions

- Desire by other registries for continued collaboration
- Difficult to find funding
- T1DX –QI
 - Process to propose new research topics
 - Biostatistical support
 - Data sharing agreement: future possibility?
- Other ideas?

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