## **Updates on Inhaled Insulin**



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# The Efficacy and Safety of Inhaled Insulin Used with Insulin Degludec Compared with Automated Insulin Delivery or Multiple Daily Insulin Injections in Adults with Type 1 Diabetes

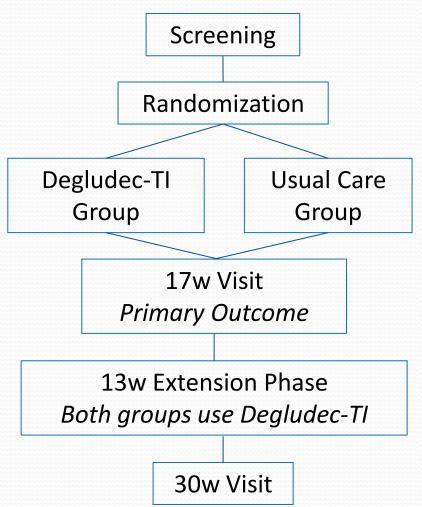


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#### **INHALE-3 Protocol Overview**

- Study Design: Randomized Controlled Trial
- •1:1 random assignment to:
  - Degludec + technosphere insulin (TI), Dexcom G7
  - Usual care (AID, SAP, or MDI), personal CGM
- •17-wk RCT
  - First 4 wks used for dose titration
- 13-wk extension
  - Both groups use Degludec-TI



## **Eligibility Criteria/Baseline Procedures**

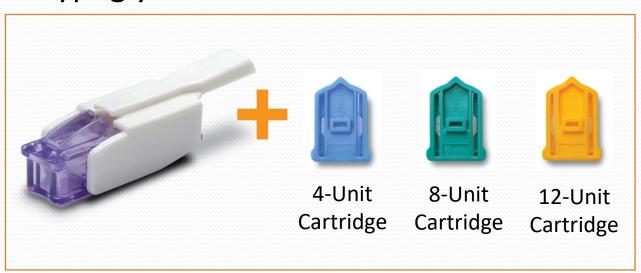
- Key Inclusion Criteria
  - Age >18 years old
  - Type 1 diabetes for at least 6m
  - HbA1c <11.0% (point-of care)</li>
  - Same insulin delivery method for 3mos: AID, SAP, MDI
  - TDI 20-100 units
  - Using CGM on regular basis

- Blinded Dexcom G6 Pro for 14d
  - Participants continued to use their personal
     CGM and insulin delivery method
- Blood draw for central lab HbA1c, FEV<sub>1</sub>
- PROs
- Randomization to:
  - Degludec-TI group (with study Dexcom G7 CGM)
  - Usual Care group (continuation of pre-study insulin delivery and personal CGM)
- Meal Challenge using either RAA insulin or TI at baseline and 17 weeks

## **TI Group**

#### Degludec dose

 Dosage titrated Q 3-5d day 1-10, then weekly through 4w (and ongoing through trial), targeting fasting glucose of 90-120 mg/dL without hypoglycemia



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#### TI

Initial Dose Based on Typical RAA Insulin for Amount of Carbs or Size of Meal Converting from RAA units to bioequivalent "Afrezza Units"

Round # of RAA units to nearest whole number Multiply by 2

Round down to nearest 4-unit cartridge

RAA Dose	TI Dose	
(Units)	("Afrezza Units")	
≤3	4	
4-5	8	
6-7	12	
8-9	16	
10-11	20	
<u>&gt;</u> 12	24	

#### **TI Titration**

- •Week 1-4, meal dose titrated based on 1hr post-prandial CGM
  - •If glucose >140 mg/dL, dose increased by 4 Afrezza units
  - •If glucose >200 mg/dL dose increased by 8 Afrezza units
  - •If pre-meal glucose 140-200 mg/dL, increase dose by 4 units
  - •If pre-meal glucose >200 mg/dL, increase dose by 8 units
- •Correction dose to be given 60-90min after prior dose if >140 mg/dL:
  - •4 units for 140-200 mg/dL
  - •8 units for >200 mg/dL during day
  - 4 units at bedtime or overnight

## **Study Outcomes**

#### **Efficacy**

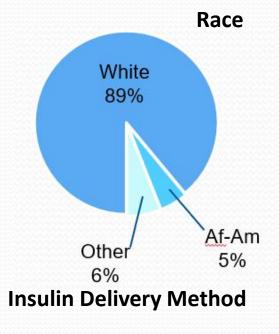
- Primary outcome: HbA1c at 17 wks, tested for non-inferiority
- •CGM metrics: TIR, TITR, mean glucose, TAR, TBR
- Weight change
- PROs

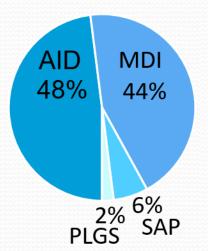
#### <u>Safety</u>

- Severe hypoglycemia
- DKA and other SAEs
- CGM measured time <54 mg/dL and events <54 mg/dL</li>
- Change in FEV<sub>1</sub>
- Bronchospasm, asthma exacerbation, hypersensitivity reaction

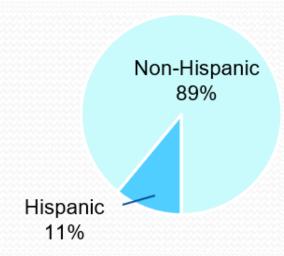
# **Baseline Characteristics (N=123)**

Age <i>mean</i>	45 yrs (18-77)	
Female	54%	
Mean Diabetes Duration	23 yrs (1-64)	
Education < Bachelors Degree	42%	
Income <100K	41%	
Private Insurance	81%	
BMI mean	27.9 kg/m <sup>2</sup> (≥30, 31%)	







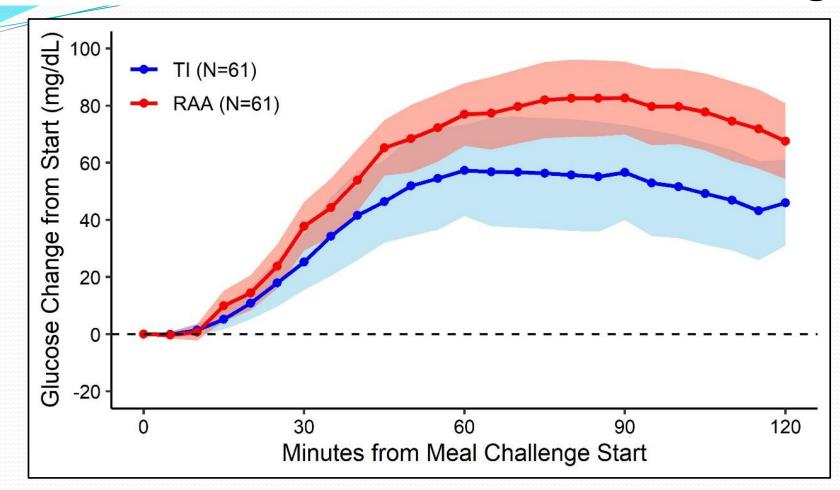


#### **Total Daily Insulin Dose**

0.6 <u>+</u> 0.2 units/kg/day

**Bolus: Basal Ratio = 50%** 

#### **Baseline Meal Challenge**



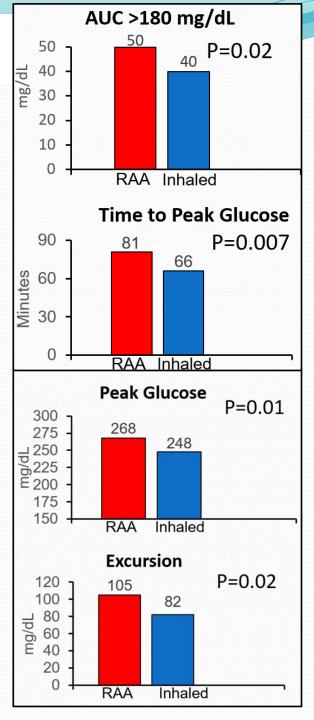
Boost, 37 gm CHO, TI at start of meal <u>or</u> RAA 5-15 min prior to meal AID continued (TI group: Control-IQ in sleep mode)

BGM every 15-30 min through 2 hrs

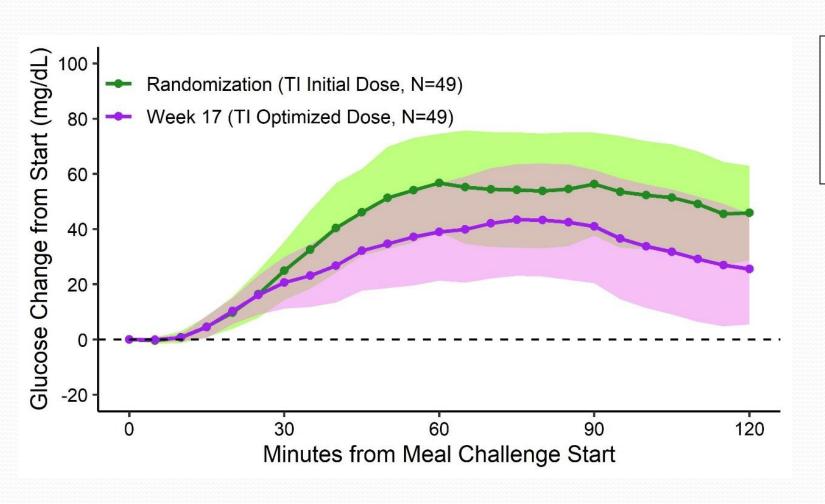
Blinded Dexcom G6 Pro used for analyses

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## Meal Challenge with TI at Baseline and 17 Weeks (N=49)



Ratio of TI dose (Afrezza units)

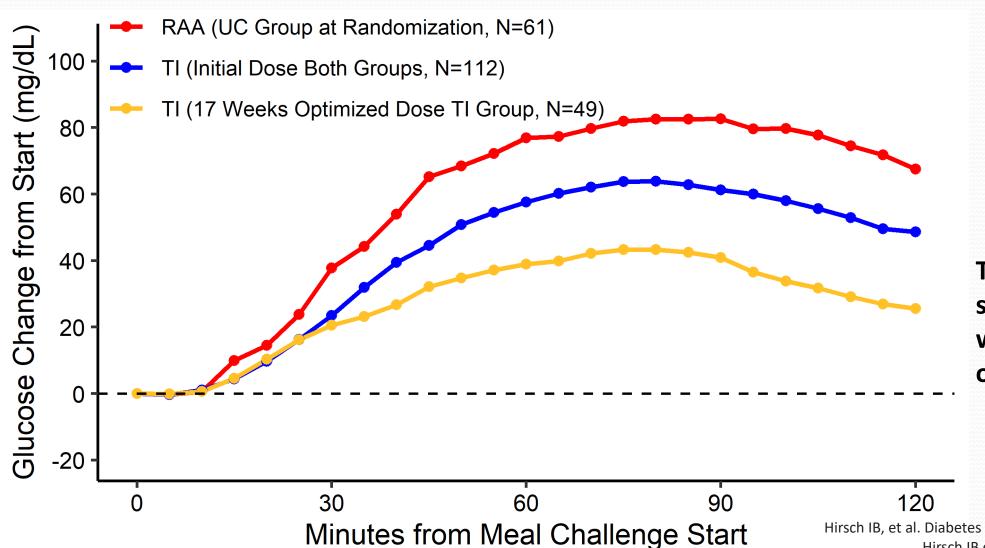
at 17w: baseline

Mean  $\pm$  SD 1.6  $\pm$  1.4

Median (IQR) 1.5 (0.7-2.0)

Mean AUC >180 mg/dL 35 mg/dL vs. 41 mg/dL Difference= -7 mg/dL (95% CI -19 to 4) P=0.20

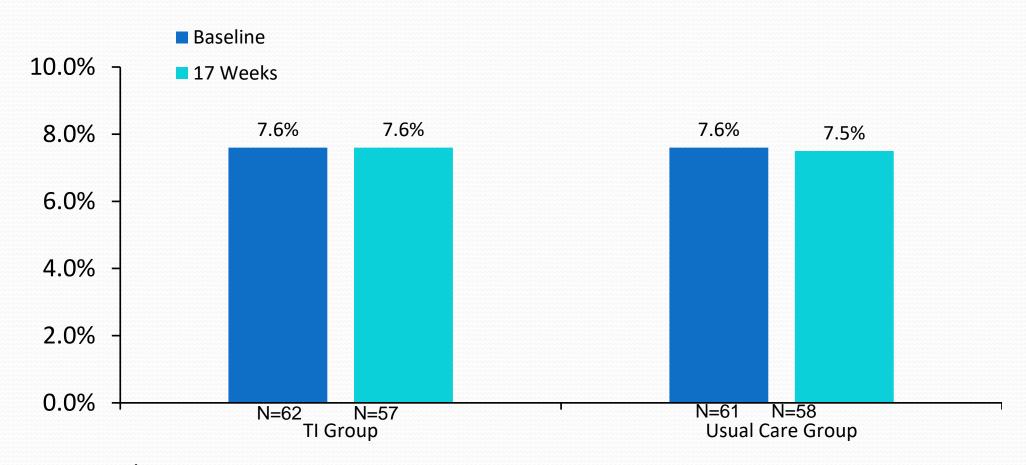
# **Combining Both Meal Challenges**



The post-meal spike is mitigated with dosing optimization

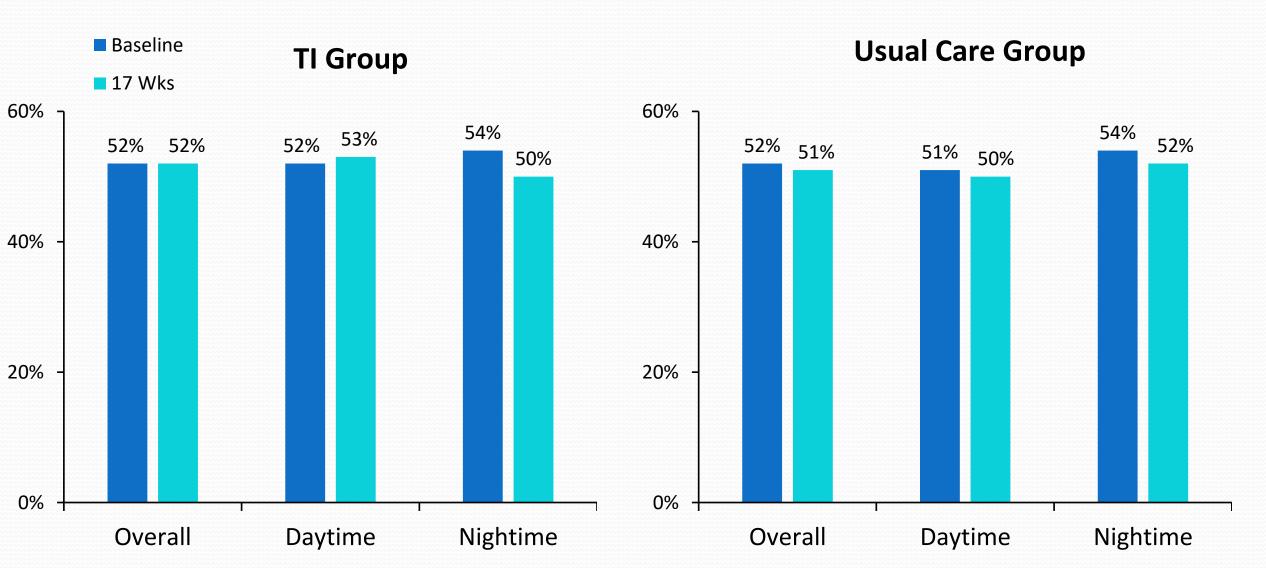
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# **Primary Endpoint: HbA1c**



Intent to Treat Analysis
Difference 0.11% 95% CI -0.10 to 0.33
P=0.01 for non-inferiority (0.4% non-inferiority margin)

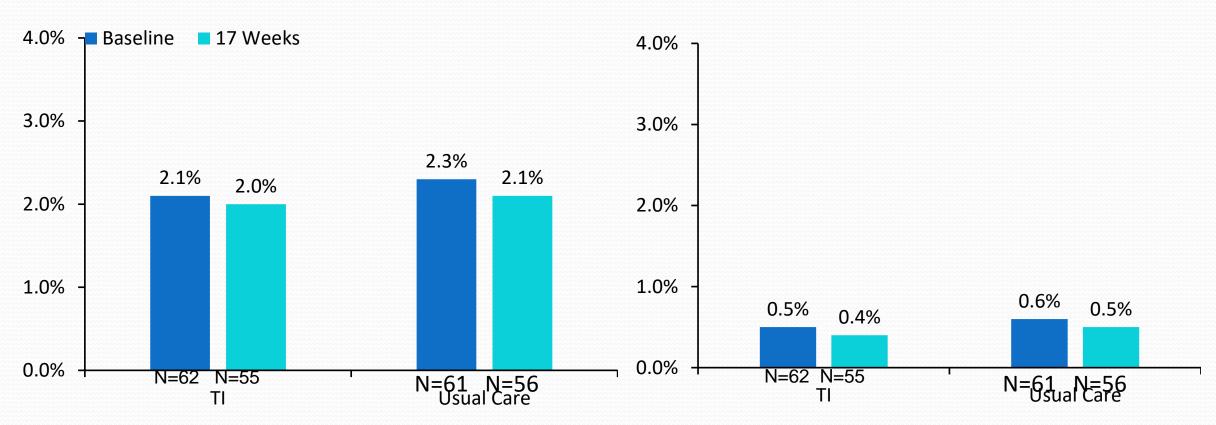
## CGM Metrics: Time in Range 70-180 mg/dL



## **CGM Metrics: Hypoglycemia**

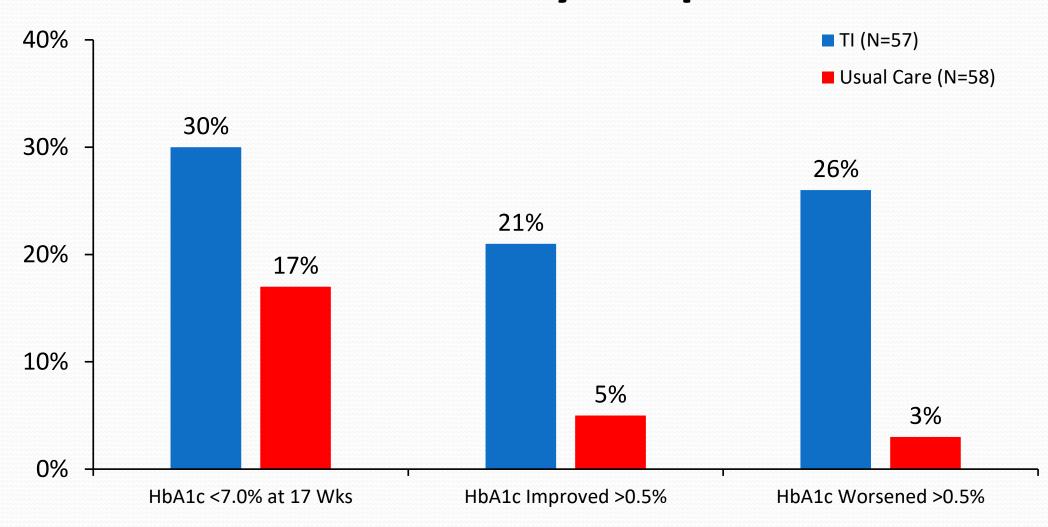


#### Percent Time <54 mg/dL

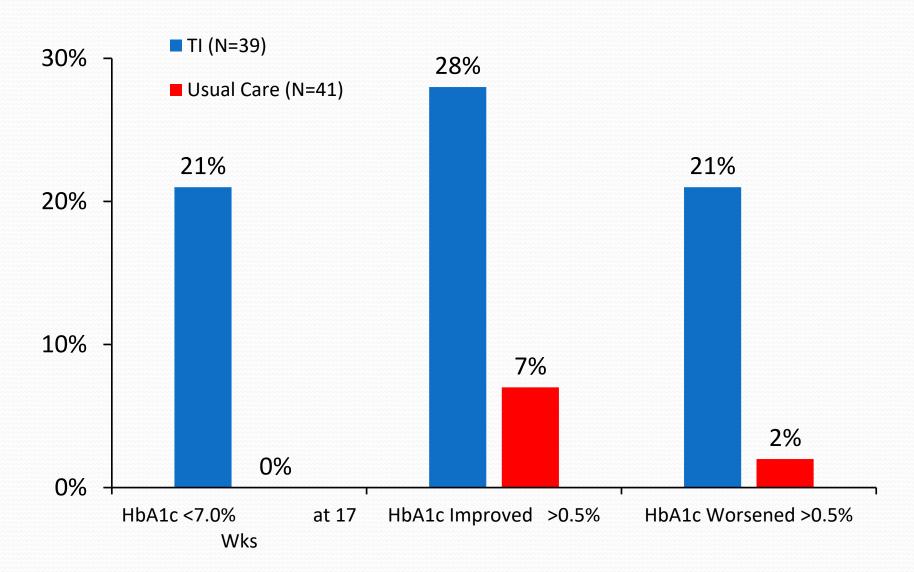


Time<54 mg/dL: trt grp difference = 0.0% (95% CI -0.3% to +0.3%)
P value for non-inferiority = 0.002

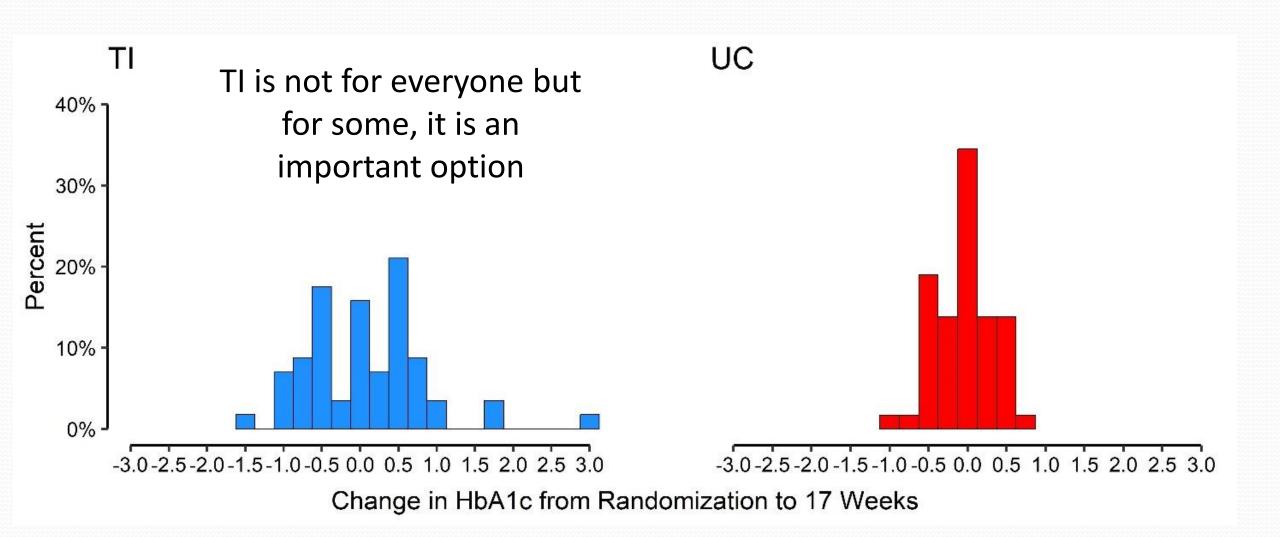
## **HbA1c Secondary Endpoints**



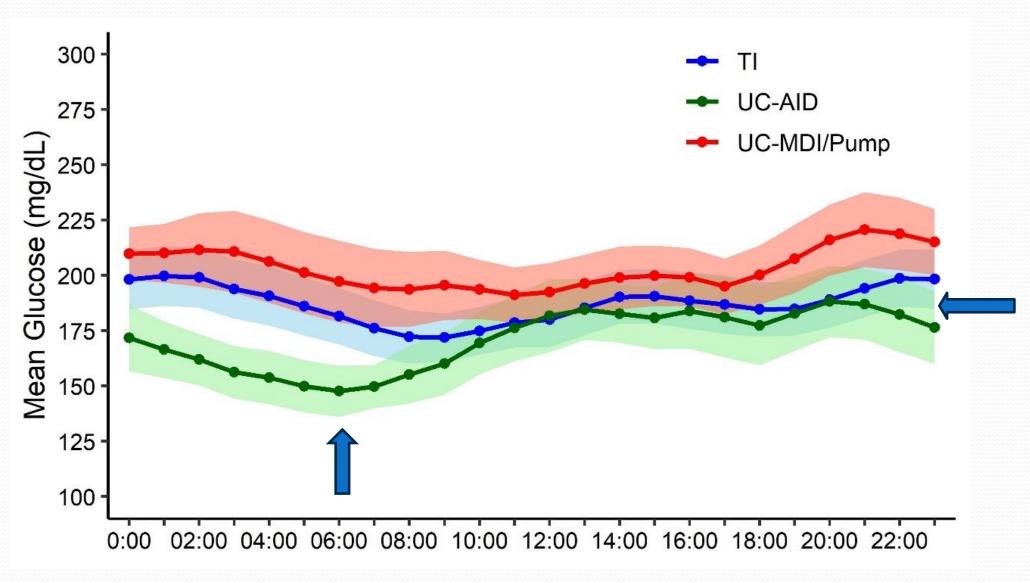
#### **HbA1c Outcomes in Participants with Baseline HbA1c >7.0%**



#### Distribution of Change in HbA1c from Baseline to 17 Weeks



## Mean Glucose by Hour of the Day at 17 Weeks



#### An "Afrezza Unit" Can Not Be Compared to an Injectable RAA Unit

- At randomization, we estimated 2 Afrezza Units would be bioequivalent to ~one RAA unit
- Titrated dose after 17w: 2.5-3 times higher than RAA at baseline
- With degludec, 17w basal:bolus ratio ~30/70

	Randomization	17 weeks
	N = 49	N = 49
Afrezza/RAA Ratio (mean <u>+</u> SD)	1.8 <u>+</u> 0.3	2.8 <u>+</u> 1.9
Median (Quartiles)	2.0 (1.6, 2.0)	2.4 (1.3, 3.5)

Take-home point: we need to understand appropriate dosing for TI and basal

### The Most Important Learnings From INHALE-3

- Using TI may be good option for patients engaged in their diabetes selfmanagement and want to reduce hyperglycemia even further
- Using TI may be good option for patients who want an alternative to a pump
- To maximize benefit of TI, need to repeat inhalation at 1-3 hours after a meal if glucose is trending >140

# Thank You