

# **Antidiabetic drugs**

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- Insulin
- Drugs used in T2DM

# Diabetes mellitus

chronic multifactorial endocrine and  
metabolic disease

DM I. type (IDDM) absolute deficiency in insulin (10 - 15 %)

- infections or toxic effect on pancreas
- autoimmune

DM II. type (INDDM) relative deficiency in insulin (85 - 90 %)

# Diabetes Mellitus

- = Chronic, metabolic, etiopathogenetically incompatible disease, the underlying feature of hyperglycemia
- Due to the insufficient effect of insulin on its absolute or relative deficiency
- The genetic predisposition of both forms of DM

# Types of diabetes

## Type 2 DM (85-90%)

Relative insulin deficiency

Damaged insulin secretion in pancreatic beta cells

Resistance to insulin in target tissues

Both deviations are mutually reinforcing, it is not clear which is the primary one

Genetic and exogenous factors - obesity, stress, low physical activity, diet, toxins, changes in immune responses

The peak occurrence between 45-65 years, 60-90% with obesity

# Types of diabetes

## Secondary DM

DM accompanying pancreatic disease (including tumors)

DM induced drugs - glucocorticoids, thiazide diuretics

Toxins (streptozotocin)

## Gestational DM

- Up to 17% of pregnant women develops in the 2nd trimester (24-28.t.t.) - antiinzulinary action. Of placental hormones ?
- risk for the fetus - diabetic fetopathy - large organs, post-partum hypoglycaemia, hyperbilirubinemia, hypokalaemia, weight over 4 kg
- Gestational DM = in 20% of non-obese and 60% of obese women with GDM – risk for DM2 in 15yrs, OR = 7

# Types of diabetes

## OGTT

75 g of glucose in 200 ml of water

2 hours after collection and determination of glycemia in venous plasma

Interpretation:

$\leq 7.8$  mmol /L DM excluded

7.8 - 11 mmol / L - impaired glucose tolerance.

$> 11.1$  mmol / L Diabetes mellitus

# Rare subtypes of diabetes

**LADA** - latent autoimmune diabetes of adults

DM I.type manifesting in adults > 35 yrs. normal weight

**MODY** - maturity onset diabetes of the young

DM II.type, < 25 yrs, more than 5 yrs treated by OAD/non-insulin



# Regulation of blood glucose

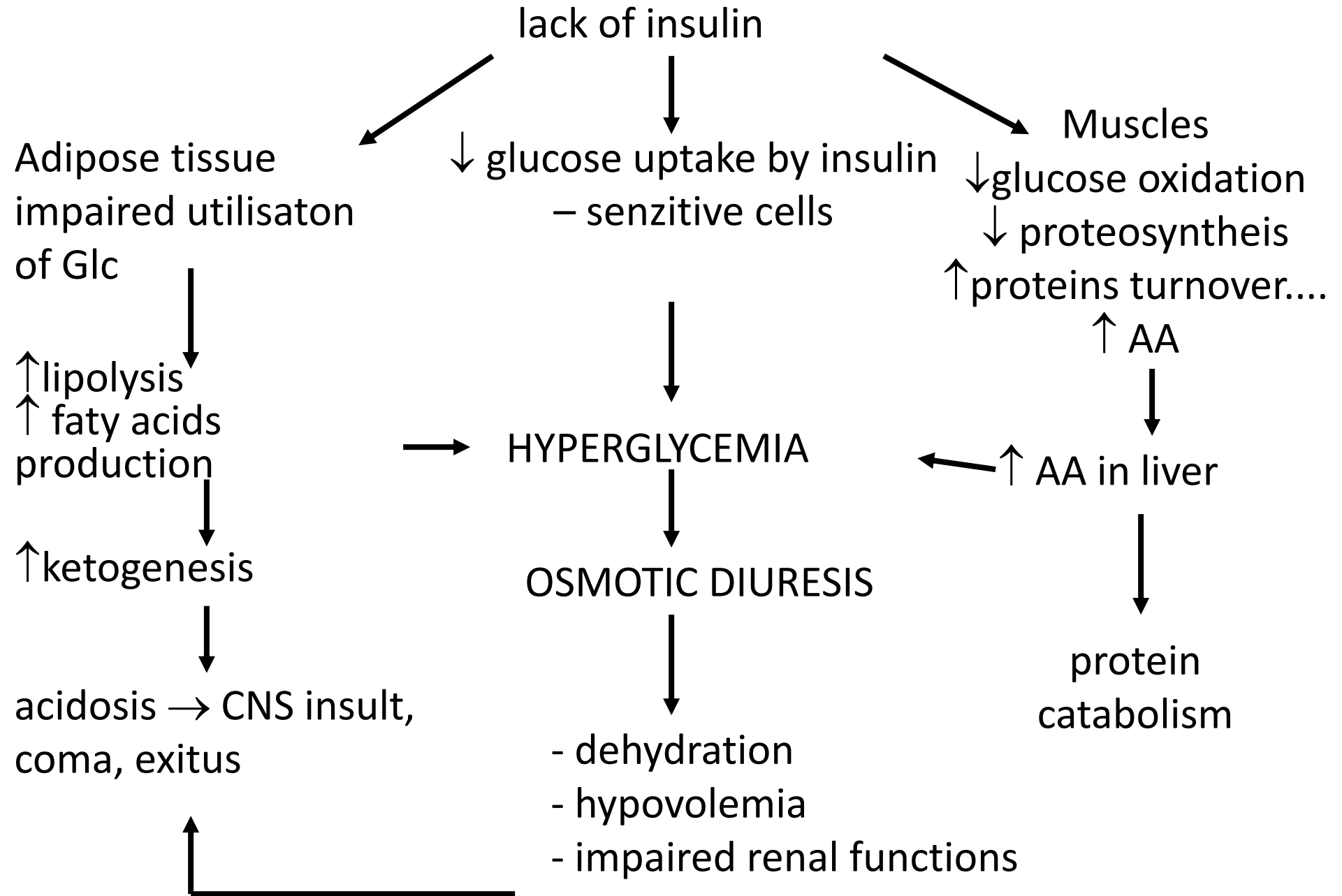
**1. hormonal** - antagonism with glucagon in the liver, cortisol muscle tissue, aldosterone and growth hormone

**2. autoregulation** - glycaemia works back to secretion – Glc penetrates into B cells and opens Ca channel, signal for insulin release

**3. nervous system** - PS has a hypoglycemic effect, S hyper.

Insulin is produced at a dose of 20-40 IU / day - 1/2 continuous, 1/2 pulse

👁 Insulin is rapidly metabolised by proteases and glutathione insulin transhydrogenases (plasma half-life of 3-5 min)



# METABOLIC SYNDROME

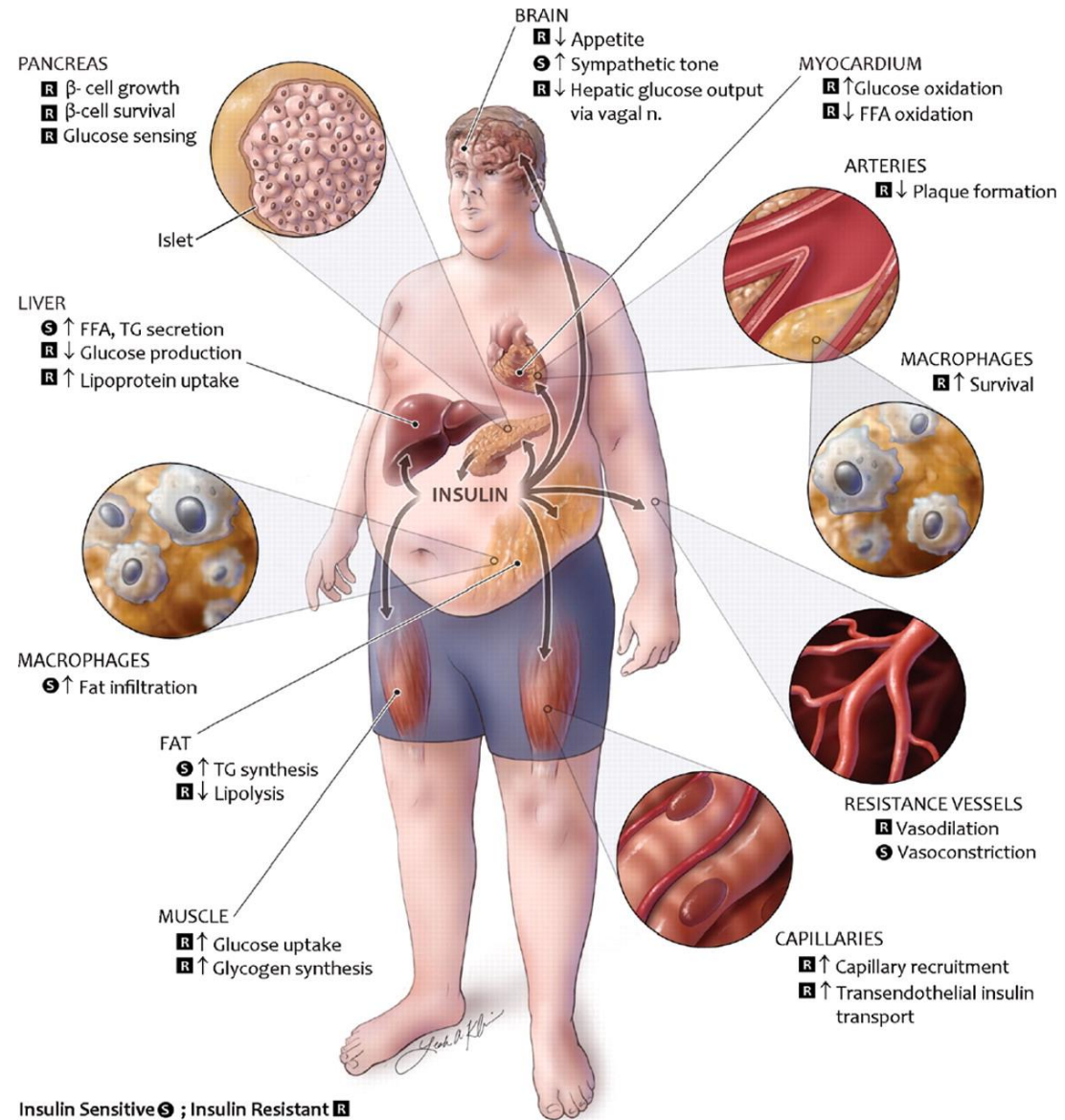
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Hypertension

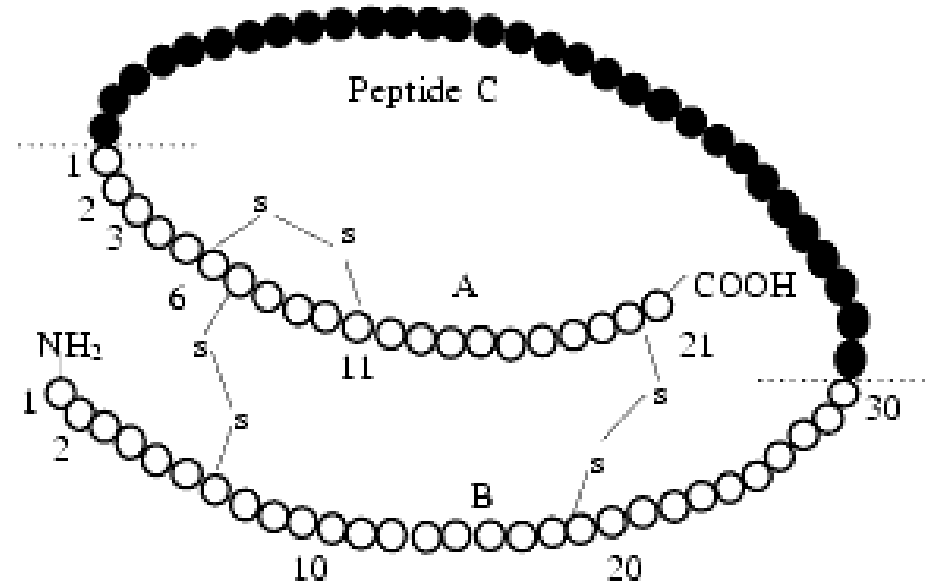
Hypertriglyceridaemia

Disorders of glucose tolerance or diabetes

Obesity type of apple (male type of obesity)



**Insulin** = lowmolecular protein, 2 chains  
(A 21 AA, B 30 AA), 2 S-S bonds

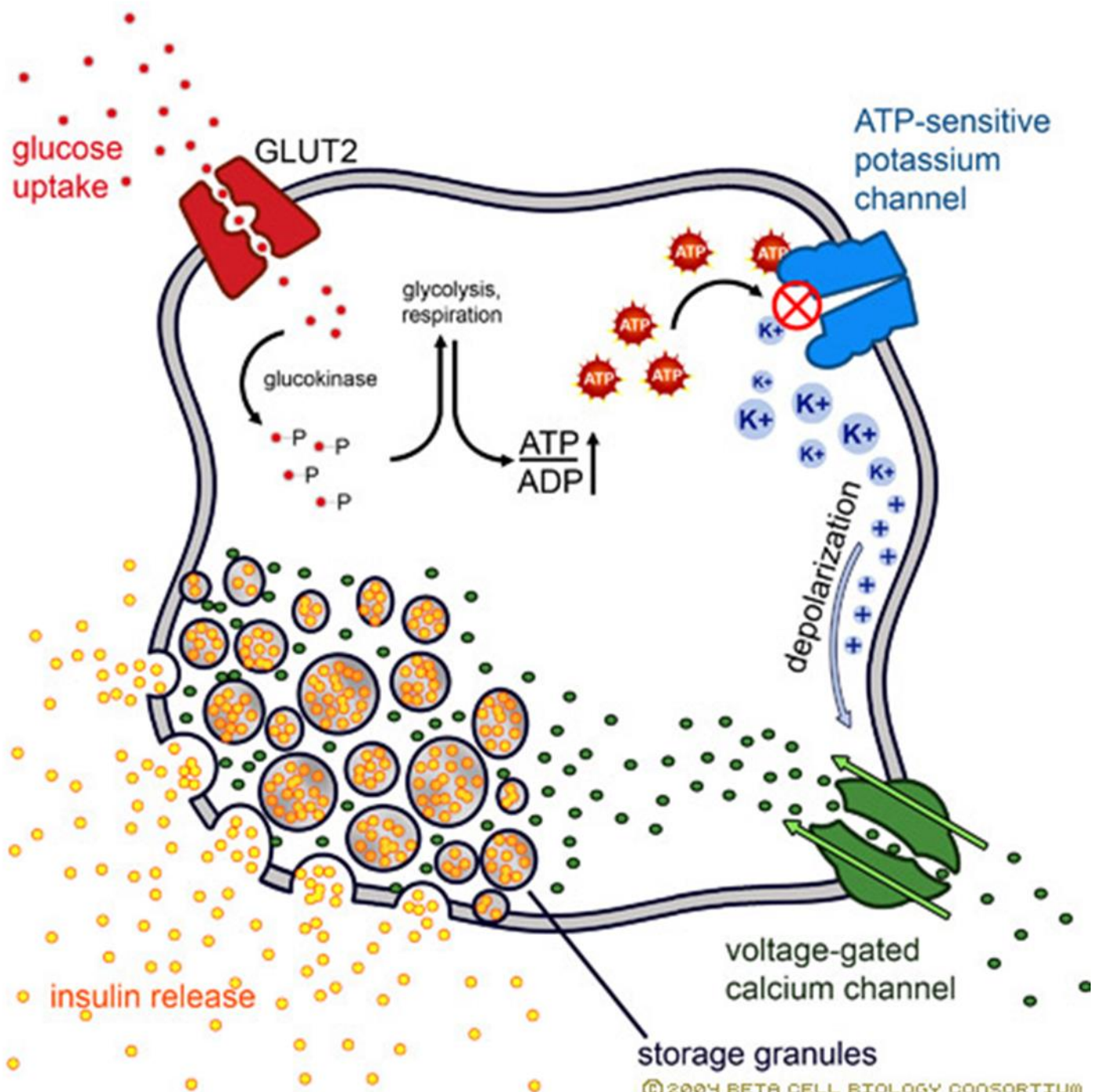


Synthesis - preproinsulin (107 AA) →  
→ proinsulin (82 AA, A,B +C-peptide) → insulin

marker of endogenous secretion of insulin  
(is not metabolized by the liver so quickly)

# Pharmacokinetic parameters

- Inter- and intra-individual variability in absorption (25-50 % after *s.c.*, *i.m.*)
  - appl. site, vascularity, temperature, massage, sunbathing, vasodilators
- $T_{1/2}$  7-10 min.



## **insulin secretagogues**

glucose

glucagon

fatty acids

OAD

## **amplifiers of glucose-induced I. secretion**

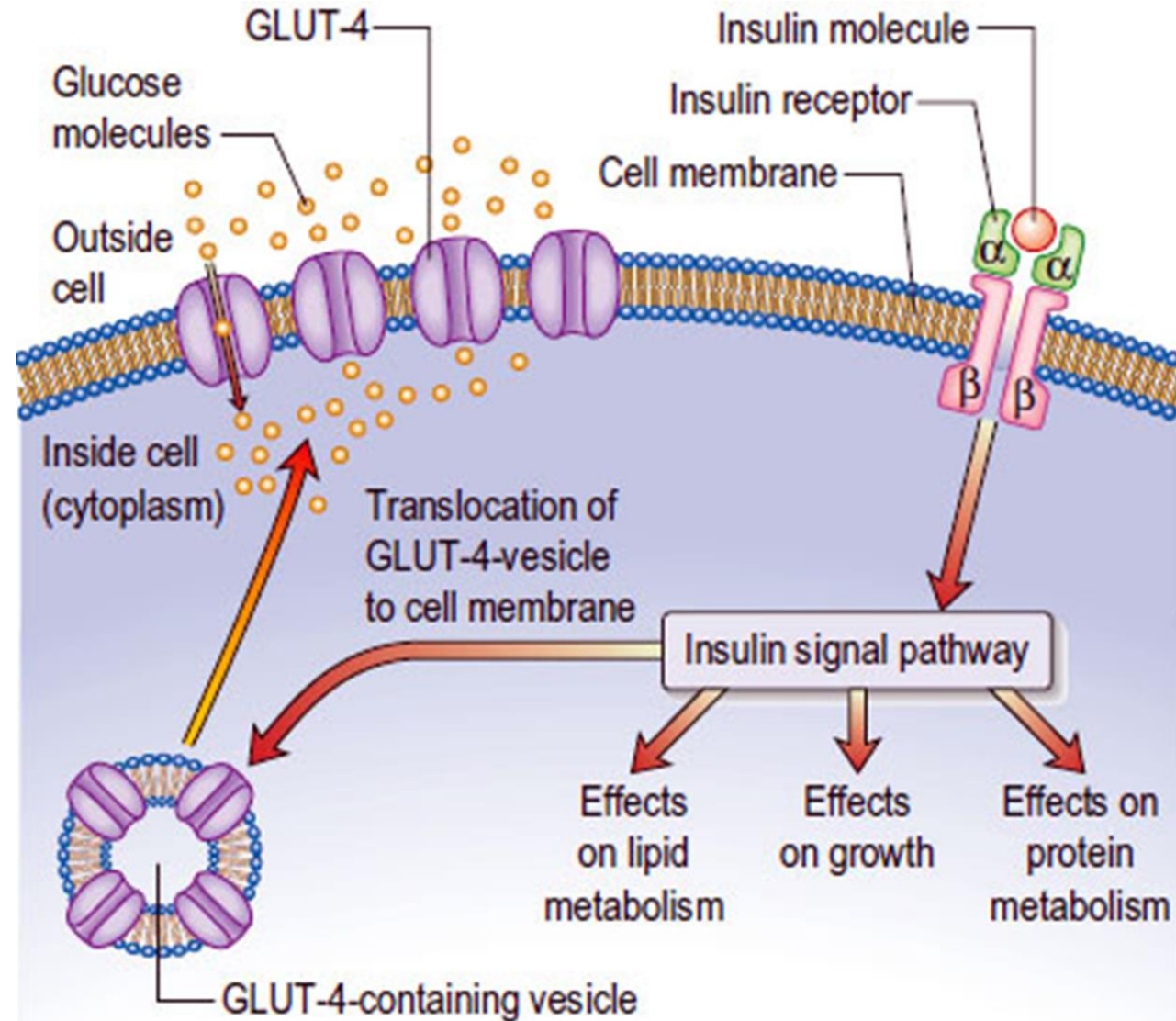
gastrin, secretin, cholecystokinin

GLP1

Beta-adrenergic stimulation

AA (Lys, Arg, Leu)

# Insulin receptor





# Types of insulin

**A) Animal insulin** - from pork or beef pancreas, highly pure, monocomponent, today only AUV,

**B) human insulin** - produced biosynthetically (synthetically since the 1960s, biosynthetically from 70 years, commercially since 1982) is called HM

**C) insulin analogues**- biosynthetically prepared, spec. Properties - length of action (short, prolonged effect)

- the production of antibodies to insulin depends on the purity

# Therapeutical use of insulin

- DM I. Type
- ketosis, ketonuria or ketoacidosis
- patients with serious infection/gangrene
  
- DM II when blood Glc. not normalized with POAD, diet
- DM II patients, use corticosteroids, liver or kidney impairment

# Principles of therapy with insulines

- prevent fluctuation in Glc levels in plasma
- tight glycemetic control
- control of glycated hemoglobin (Hb1Ac)
  - indicator of long-term and actual compensation

# Insulin preparations

solutions/suspensions of insulin

suspensions of „zinc-insulin“

suspensions „protamin-zinc-insulin“

$\Sigma$  insulin as a mixture of mono-/di-/tetra-/hexamers

+ pH, stability, isotonicity adjusted

# Insulin preparations

## **Short acting**

A) **insulin analogues:** insulin lispro, aspart, glulisine

Can be administered intravenously

Start of operation 0-15 min.

Maximum of effect - 30-45 min after admin.

Effective for 2 - 5 hours.

## **B) neutral aqueous solutions of insulins**

(Crystalline insulin, soluble insulin)

Can be administered intravenously

Start of action 30 min.

Maximum 1 - 3 hours.

Effective for 4 - 6 hours.

# Insulin preparations

## **Intermediate acting**

NPH (Neutral Protamine Hagedorn)

Protamine insulins or mixtures of amorphous and crystalline forms of insulin in a ratio of 30:70

Start of action 1 - 2.5 hours

Maximum 4 - 8 hours.

Action 12 - 24 hours.

# Insulin preparations

## Long acting

Crystalline suspensions of large crystals with very slow absorption

Analogs and their conjugates (**glargin, detemir, degludec**)

Onset of effect 2 - 3 hours

Maximum 10-18 h (not apparent in degludec)

Effective for 24 - 36 hours.

Steady state after 3 days (3 doses)

Less hypoglycemia than NPH, less weight gain

## Long acting insulins

Biosimilars of glargine – **Abasaglar**

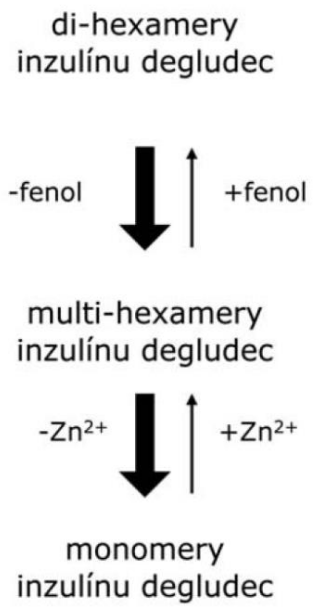
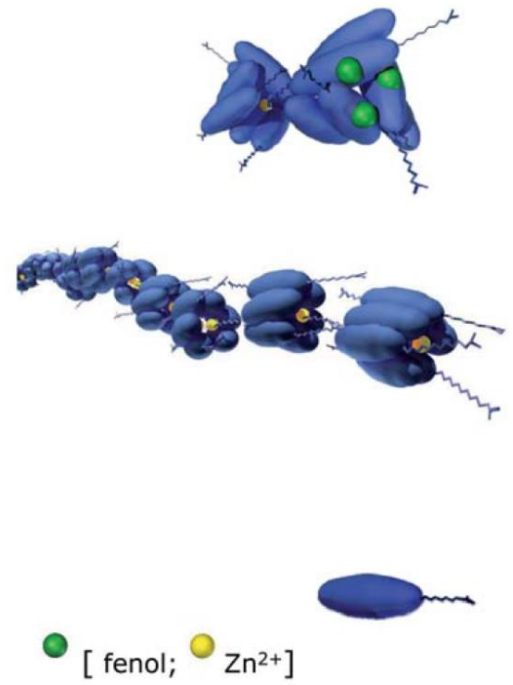
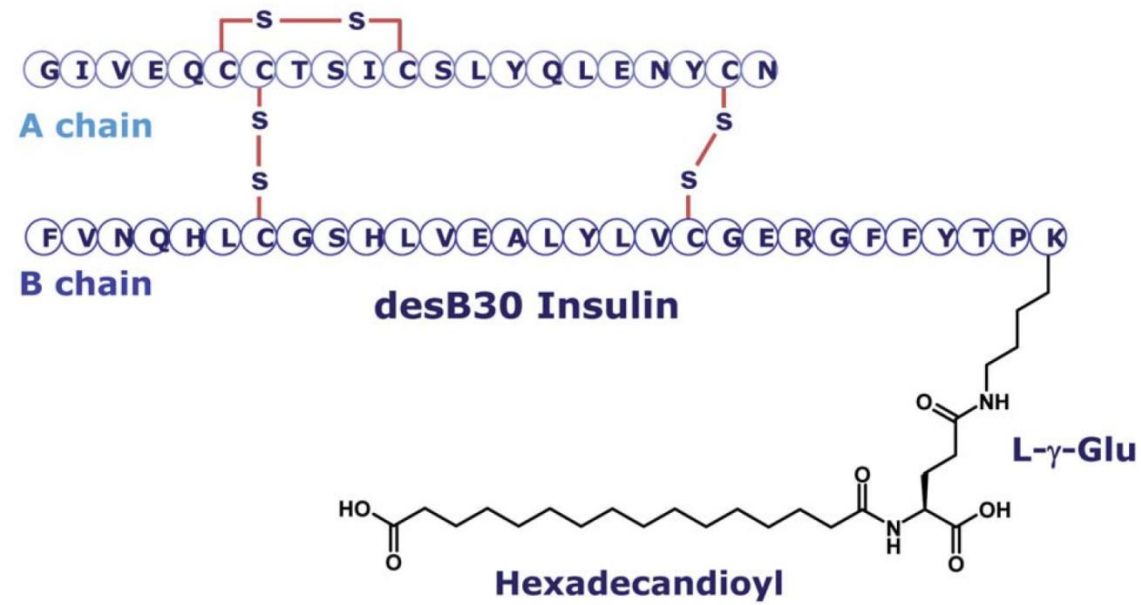
**Glargin U300** – slow release from s.c. depo, longer half-life lower variability less hypoglycemia during night

**PEG lispro-** long acting insulin (!)

- polyethylenglycol, ↑ hydrodynamic size, slow absorption, degradation



# Degludec



Solution of  
degludec

subQ depo

absorption

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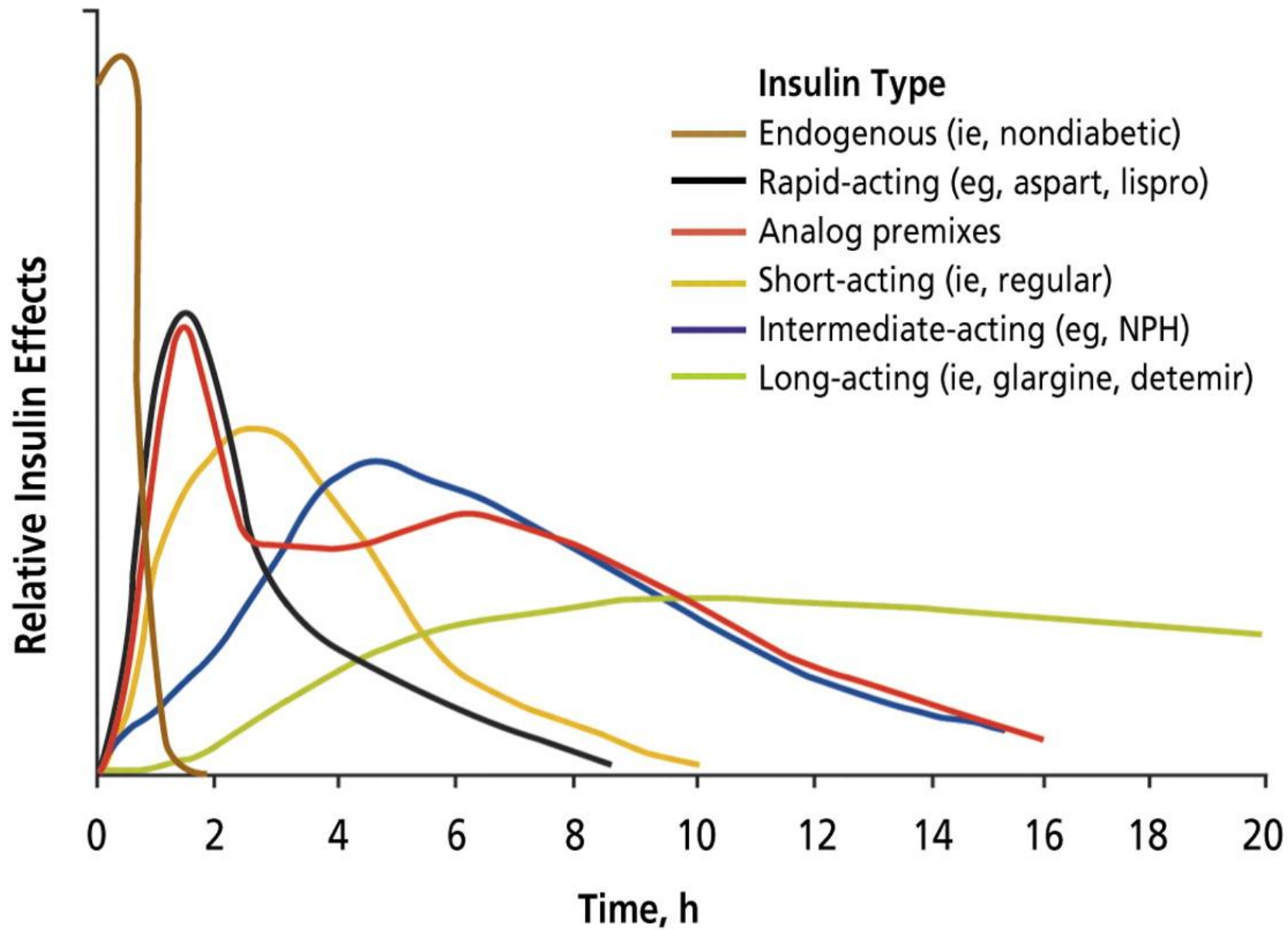
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## Complications of insulin therapy

- hypoglycaemia
- allergy
- lipodystrophy

Insulin resistance - spec. antibodies

Weight gain



## Treatment strategies

- the lowest total daily dose

monitoring of glycaemia

more doses, the tighter compensation and the lower total dose

- intensified regimens

Insulin pump

# Delivery systems (self-administration)

- 1) Insulin pen - cartridge with extendable needle; In the form of a fountain pen
- 2) Insulin pumps - continuous infusion s.c. (better compensation, less infectious risk)
- 3) Insulin syringes - with a sealed needle, calibrated per unit
- 4) Inhalation (USA) / transnasal ?

## **Hypoglycaemia - below 2.8 mmol / l**

Causes : - overdose with insulin - delayed food intake, vomiting, diarrhea - excessive physical load (delayed hypoglycaemia)

In the elderly, liver, kidney, cardiac insufficiency

Rapid onset of symptoms: nervousness, tremor, palpitations  
restlessness, hunger, sweating, consciousness disorders, changes in EEG, coma, exitus

Therapy: Saccharide / glucose delivery p.o./i.v. (40% glucose, 30-50 ml or more)

Glucagon, followed by glucose

# Glucagon

effects - increases glycemia

- positive inotropic (beta rcp. stimulation)
- positive chronotropic effect

decreases

- gastric and pancreatic secretion
- smooth muscle relaxation (cAMP)

Clinical use - limited

- severe hypoglycemia
- endocrine dg - insulinoma, medullary carcinoma
- beta adrenergic blocker - poisoning - reversal cardiac effect

# **Antidiabetics**

(GLD = glucose lowering drugs)



# **Criteria for initiation of pharmacotherapy of DM II type and suitable selection of drug**

- OAD do not replace regimen (diet)
- age, weight, blood insulin level
- glycemia (fasting and postprandial)
- comorbidities, metabolic syndrome

# (Oral) antidiabetics (AOD)

The effect of most OAD is bound to the ability of insulin secretion

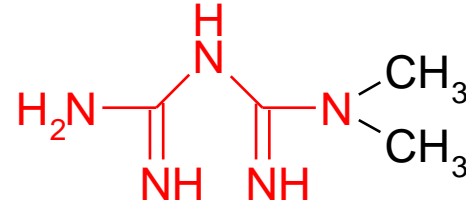
Most OAD are contraindicated in pregnancy (metformin may be used)

- indication:
- T2DM - if not properly compensated with diet
- T1DM with a high insulin resistance, when insulin does not lead to a sufficient decrease in blood glucose

# Antidiabetics

- biguanides
- sulfonylurea derivatives (SU)
- thiazolidindiones
- alpha-glucosidase inhibitors
- meglitinides
- GLP1 analogues
- Inhibitors of DPP IV
- SGLT2 (sodium-glucose cotransporter) inhibitors

# Biguanides



**metformin**

fenformin

buformin

## Mechanism of action

- increase sensitivity of peripheral tissues to insulin
- increase insulin binding to its receptor
- reduce hepatic gluconeogenesis
- decrease glucose absorption from GIT

**Do not affect insulin secretion, function of B cells**

**→ no hypoglycemia**

„euglycemic agents“

## **Further benefits:**

Direct stimulation of glycolysis in the periphery

Reduce hepatic gluconeogenesis

Delay Glc absorption from GIT

Decrease plasma glucagon levels

Increase the proportion of HDL Chol. → improve lipid profile

Improve rheological properties of blood

Are not metabolized, low protein binding

## **Side effects**

Lactic acidosis

Nausea, GIT problems about 20% of people (diarrhea)

Reduced absorption vit. B12

Weight loose

disulfiram effect

# Metformin

## Contraindications:

Kidney disease (creatinine above standard, 130  $\mu\text{mol} / \text{l}$ )

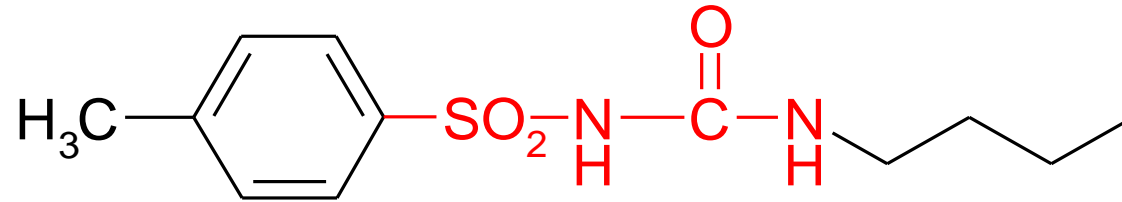
Alcoholism, liver disease - because of a higher risk of lactic acidosis

**Therapeutic Use** Type 2 DM, drug of choice (especially in obese patients) Non-obese in combinations (with insulin, glitazones, analogues, SU, incretins, gliflozines)

OFF label indication: PCOS (polycystic ovary syndrome)

anticancer effect (AMPK / mTOR)

# sulfonylurea derivatives (SU)

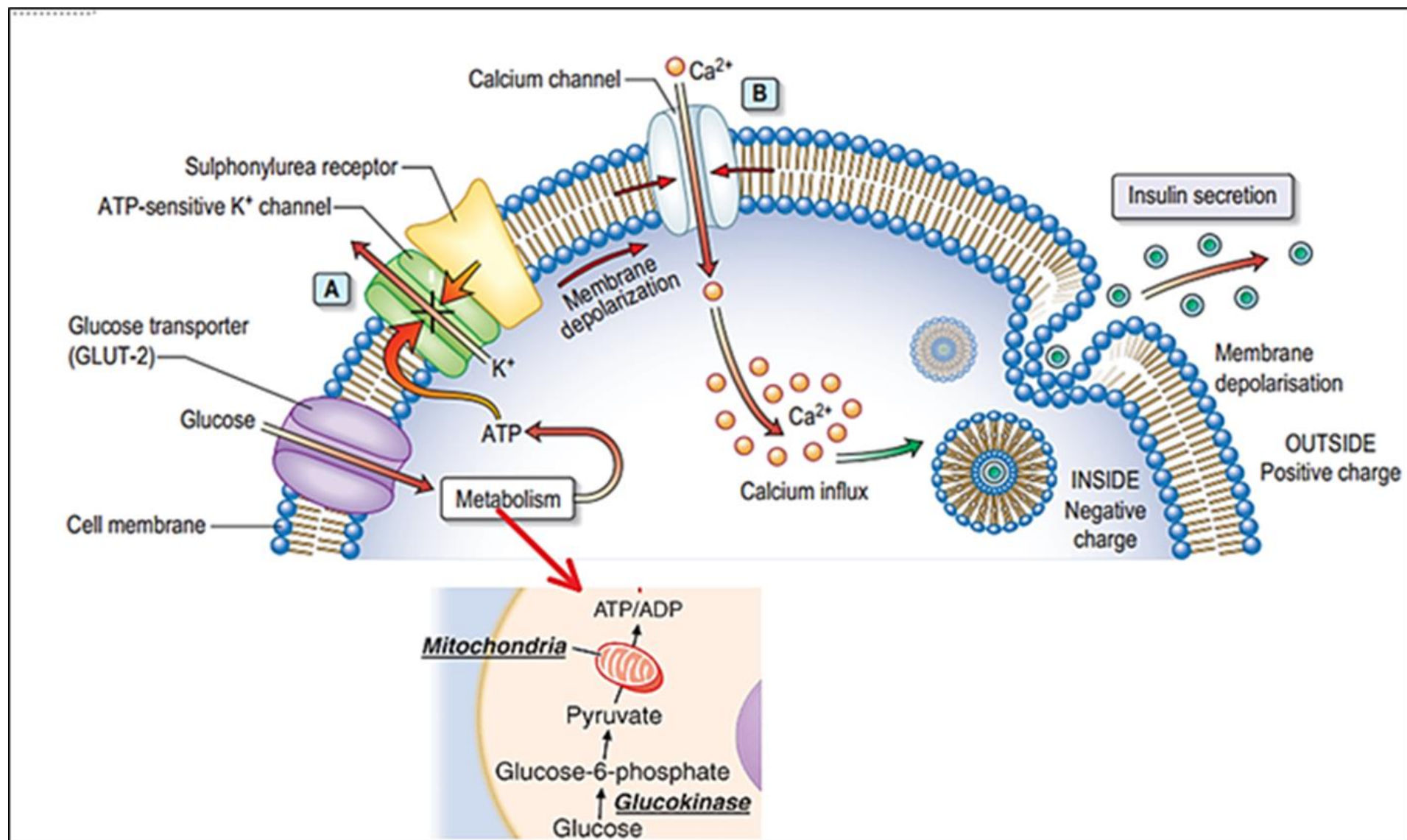


Tolbutamide

mechanism of action

- 1) pancreatic – release of I. from beta - cell
- 2) extrapancreatic

- potentiation of endogenous I effect on the target tissue
- reduction of hepatal glucose production
- reduction of hepatal Insulin degradation
- reduction of serum glucagon levels





## SU derivatives

- I. Generation - chlorpropamide  
tolbutamide
- II. Generation - **glibenclamide (gliburide)**  
**glipizide**  
**gliclazide**  
**gliquidone**
- III. Generation - **glimepiride**

**Therapeutic use:** not drugs of choice, 2nd line treatment

## Adverse effects

- increased appetite
- metal taste in mouth
- **Hypoglycemia**
- headaches, nausea (5 %)
- fluids retention
- allergy, fotosensitivity

## Contraindications

DM Type 1 monotherapy, hypoglycemia,  
ketoacidosis, kidney or liver failure  
pregnancy, hypersensitivity

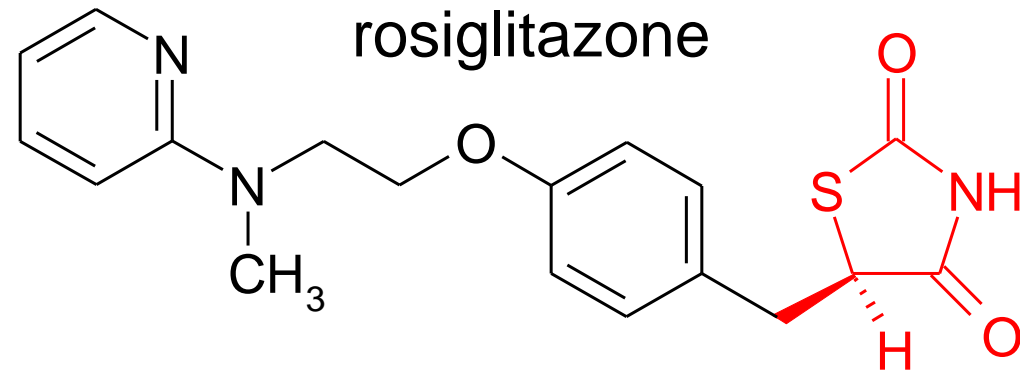
# Thiazolidinediones

rosiglitazon

pioglitazon

troglitazon

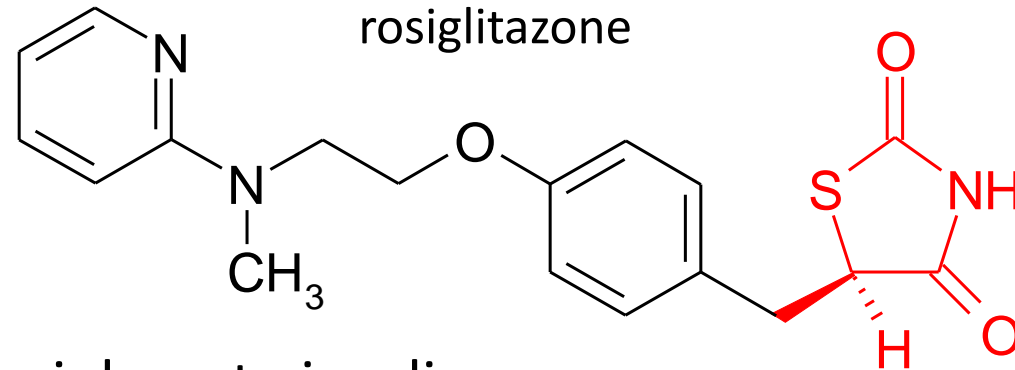
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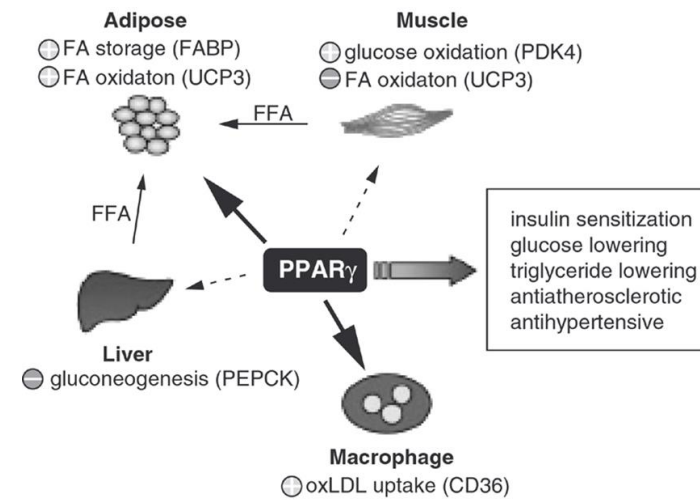
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# Thiazolidindiones

- Lowering blood glucose by the primary effect on insulin resistance - in diabetic and pre-diabetic patients
- Does not cause hypoglycemia, scavengers
- Increase glycogen synthesis and glycolysis in muscles
- Stimulating glucose oxidation and lipogenesis in adipose tissue and reducing gluconeogenesis in the liver ... optimal metabolic effects

2010 referral – rosiglitazone withdrawn from registration - CVS AE

## **Therapeutic use**

Sensitizers of insulin receptors

The onset of effect in 4 weeks

## **Side effects**

Hepatotoxicity

Fluid retention

Increase TAG

## **Contraindications**

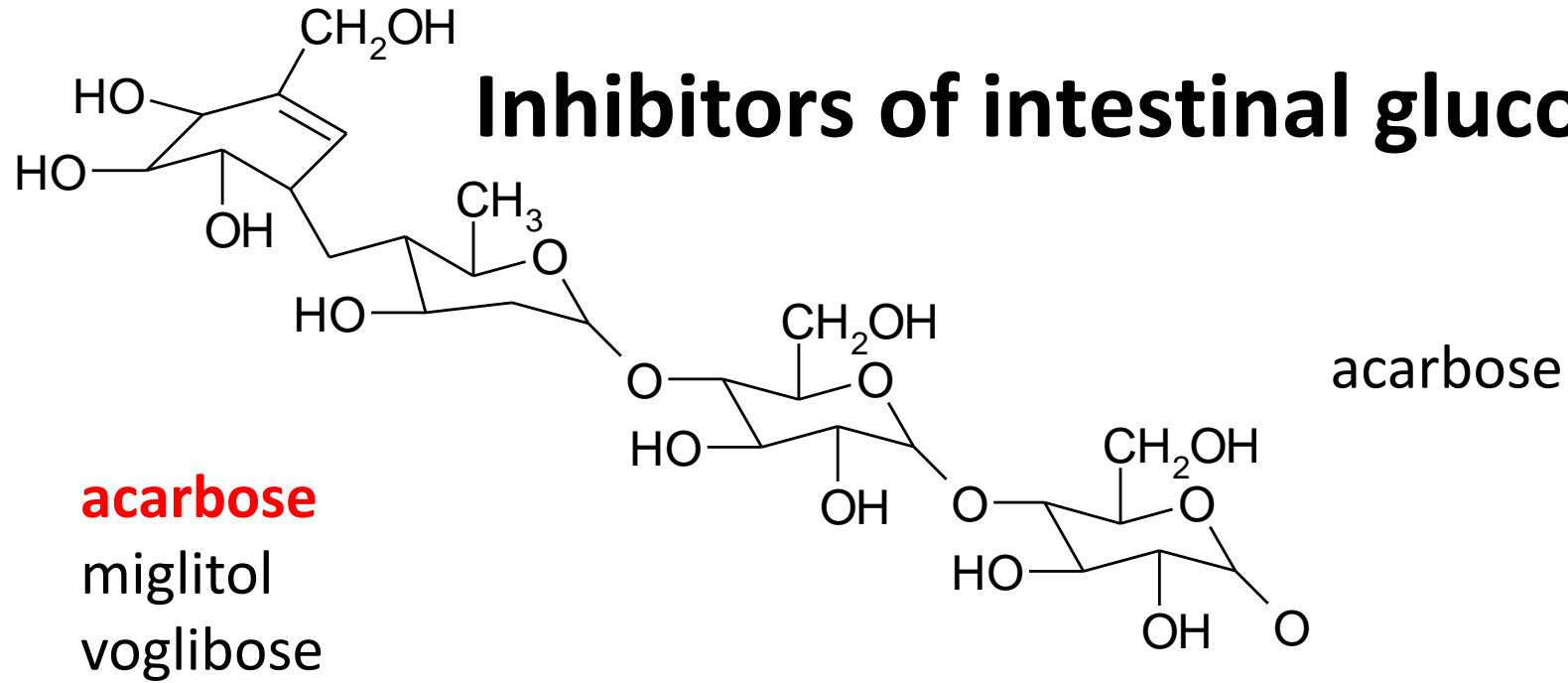
Hypersensitivity

Predisposition to heart failure

Liver damage

Pregnancy, lactation

# Inhibitors of intestinal glucosidase



## Mechanism of the action

- reduce sacharides absorpction from GIT
  - competitive inhibition of the gut  $\alpha$  - glucosidases
- (inhibits the cleavage of the polysacharides from the meal)

# Inhibitors of intestinal glucosidase

- decrease postprandial glycemia
- do not affect monosacharides absorption
- acarbosis do not reach the systemic blood, miglitol does
- „educative drugs“- consequences in bad compliance

In hypoglycemia and the simultaneous treatment with other  
POADs can not be administered sucrose  
(monosacharide necessary - Glu, Fru) or Glucagon

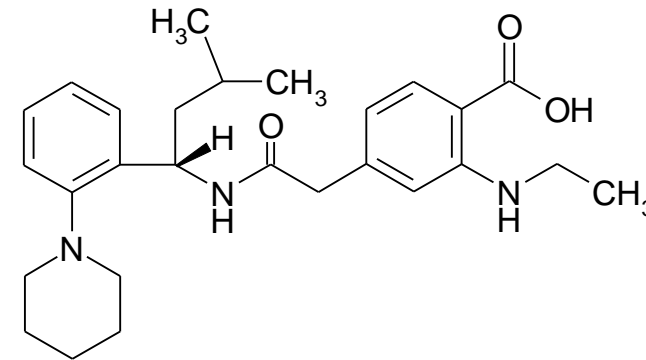


# Meglitinides

repaglinid

nateglinid

meglitinid



repaglinide

## Mechanism of the action

similar to SU-derivatives:

block ATP- sensitive  $K^+$  channel in membrane of beta-cells,  
depolarisation of membrane, activation of voltage-gated  
 $Ca^{2+}$  channel, influx  $Ca^{2+}$  , insulin release

through different receptor at  $K^+$  channel

# Meglitinides

**repaglinid**

nateglinid

meglitinide

## Pharmacokinetics:

- good bioavailability
- extensive protein binding (up to 98 %)
- metabolized - inactive compounds
- excreted mainly in faeces

## Clinical use

- combined with metformin - esp. if patient not sufficiently compensated
- alternative of the SU medication in patients with renal impairment (excreted into bile)

### Contraindications:

- hypersensitivity
- DM I. type
- diabetic ketoacidosis
- pregnancy, lactation

### AE:

Hypoglycemia Nausea, diarrhea,  
joint pain

# GLP1 – Glucagon-like peptide 1 + analogues „EXENDIN, EXENATIDE“

*Heloderma suspectum; Gila Monster*

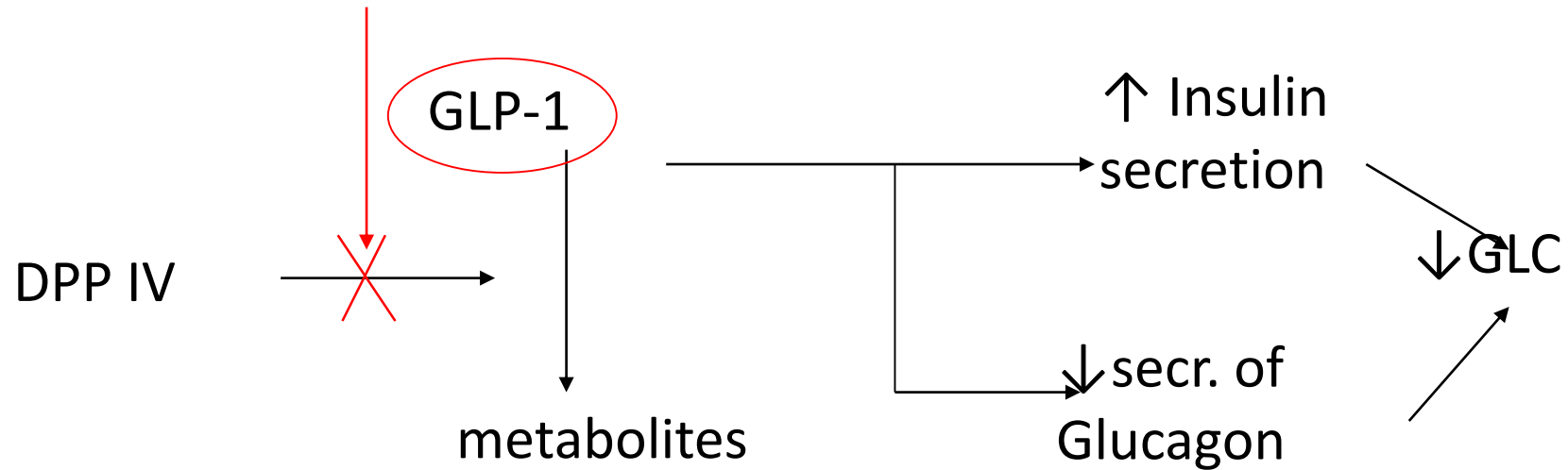
- exenatide, liraglutide
- lixisenatid, albiglutide

s.c. administration

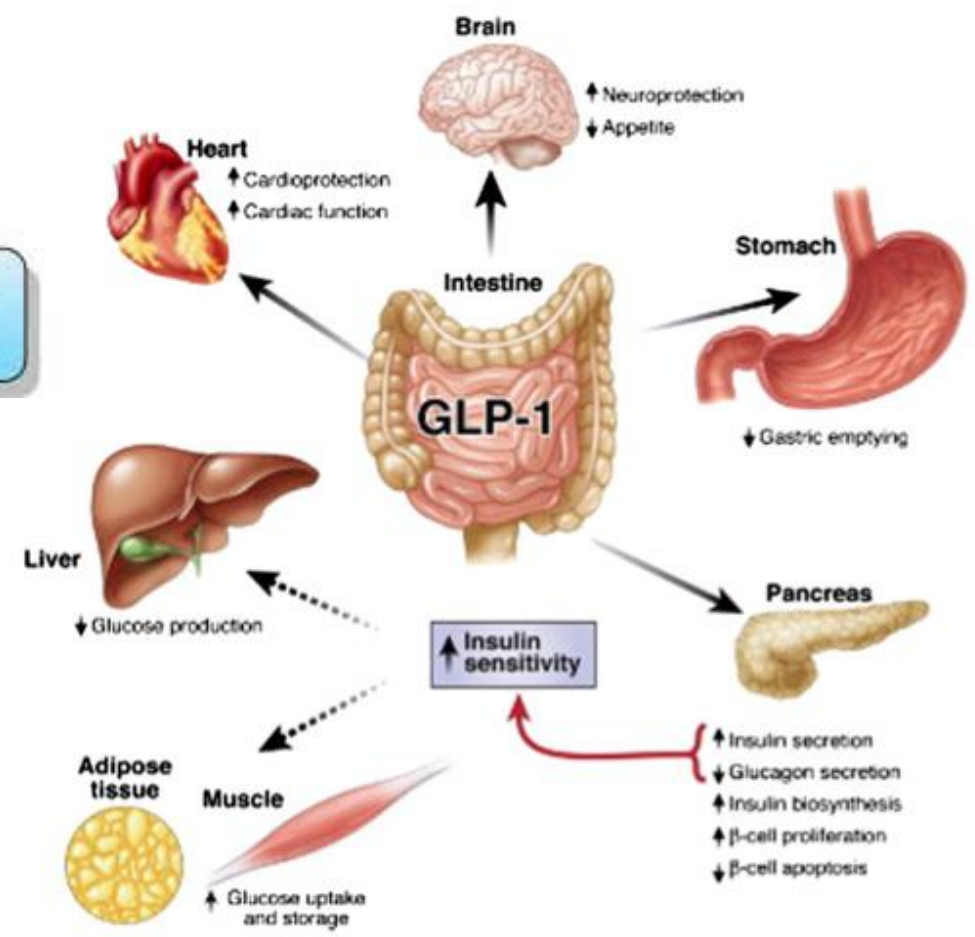
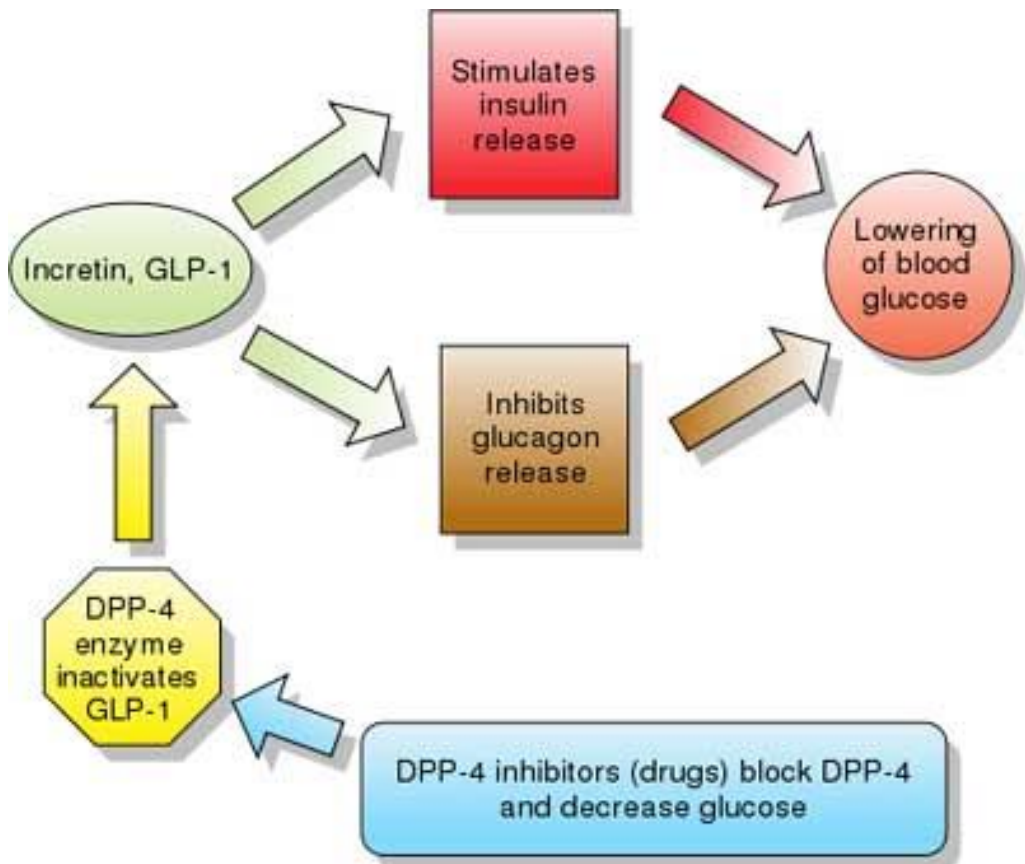


- GLP1-physiologically secreted postprandially, in DM II insufficiently
- stimulate insulin secretion (dependent on glycemia) inhibit glucagon secretion, prolong stomach content evacuation

# i DPP IV : inhibitors of dipeptidyl peptidase 4; *syn. „Gliptins“*



- **Advantages:** no hypoglycemia, stops progressin of illness
- Nowadays: in combinatin with others (POADs)  
better glycemc control than conventional drugs



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- 24-hour effect - 2-3-fold increase in GLP-1 concentrations
- Protects B cells
- fixed combinations (eg with metformin)
- **linagliptin, sitagliptin, vildagliptin, aloglitpin**
- For the treatment of T2DM fixed combination with metformin/SU  
glitazone/statin

# SGLT2 (sodium-glucose cotransporter) Inhibitors

- Increased reabsorption in kidney in DM2
- Inhibition SGLT2 = controlled glucosuria
- Cardioprotective, renoprotective !! Convincing data from large studies

- dapagliflozin, canagliflozin, **empagliflozin**

- Hb1Ac decrease by 0.8%

- BMI decrease (negative energy Balance)

AE: thirst, hypoglycemia, genital infections

CI: over 75 years, concurrent loop diuretics, pioglitazone



# DM - Complications

**1) hypoglycemia - ( $< 3,5$  mmol/l)**

***consciousness*** - sweet (sacharide) drink,  
meal

***unconsciousness*** - i.v. Glu 20-40%

- u DM I. type *i.v.* glucagon

# DM - Complications

- 2) **allergy** (hypersensitivity IgE) - corticosteroids, adrenalin i.v.
- 3) **insulin resistance** - IgG against insulin (animal insulins), change insulin preparation, POAD
- 4) **lipodystrophy** - change applic (scheme), esthetic surgery



# DM - Complications

**Diabetic nephropathy** - hypertrophy, hyperfiltration; → nephropathy, ↑blood pressure (ACEi), microalbuminuria, insufficiency

**Diabetic neuropathy** – gabapentin, pregabalin, carbamazepine, TCA, duloxetine

**Hyperlipoproteinemia** - diet, statins, fibrates, probucol, nicotinic acid..

# DM - Complications

**Diabetic retinopathy** - protein glycation, small vessels collagenisation; microangiopathy

**Diabetic foot** - micro- and macrovascular impairments,

- a) neuropathic - warm, non-sensitive, dry, complicated with neuropathic ulcer, oedema
- b) ischemic - cold, without pulsations
- c) neuroischemic - ulcerations, gangrene