



Mechanism matters: preliminary evidence that activation of glucokinase by TTP399 does not increase plasma or urine ketones in type 1 diabetes

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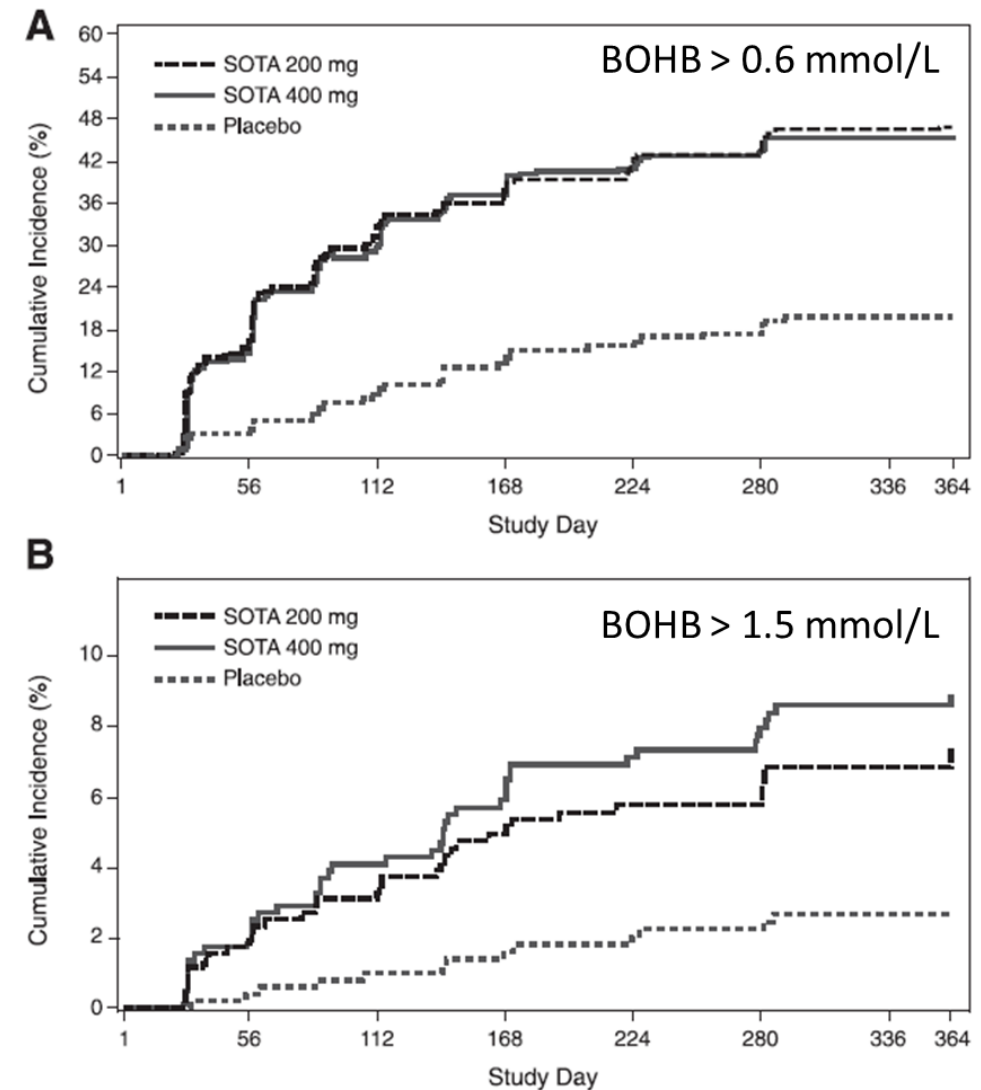
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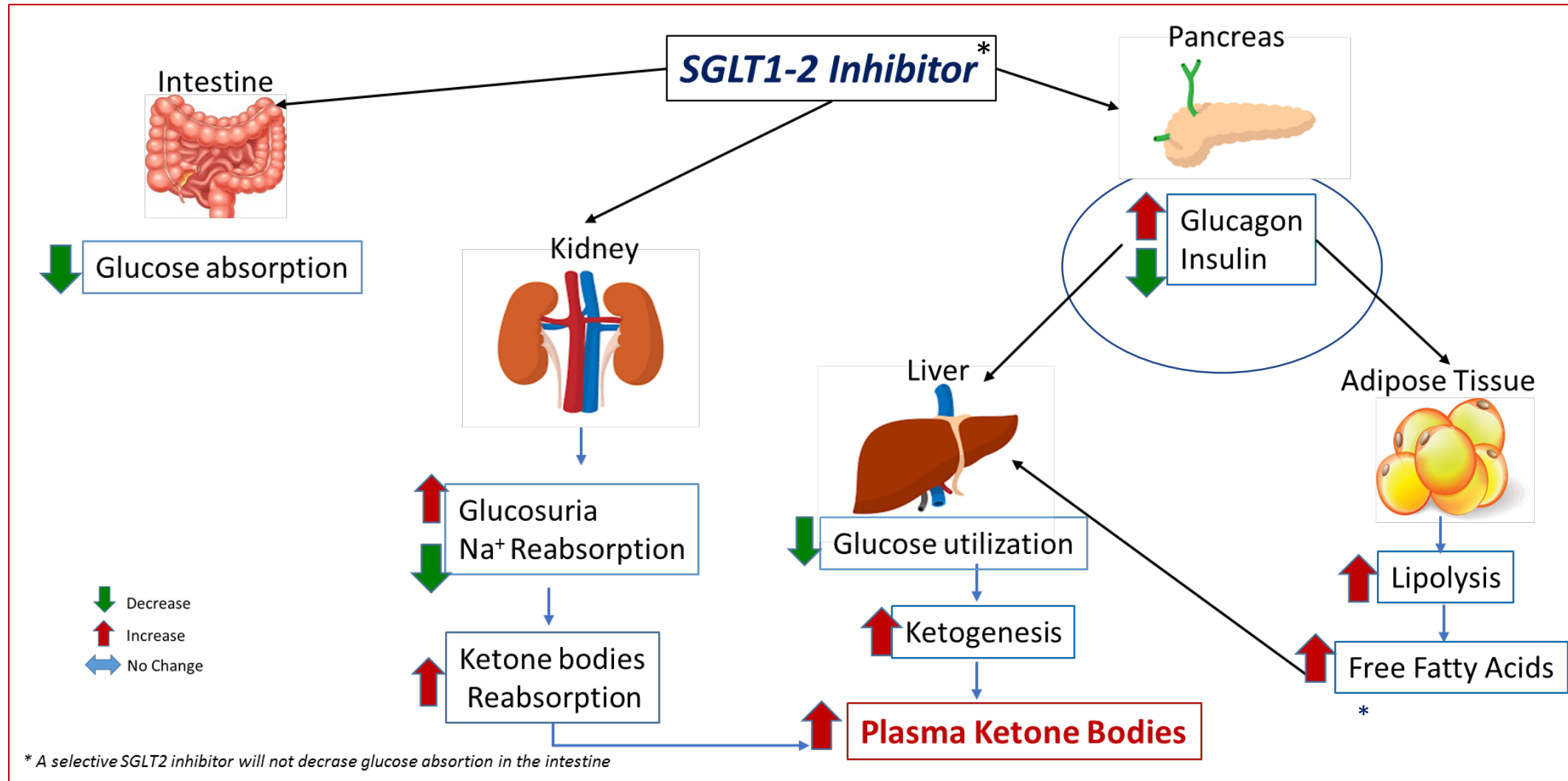
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Improved treatments needed for type 1 diabetes

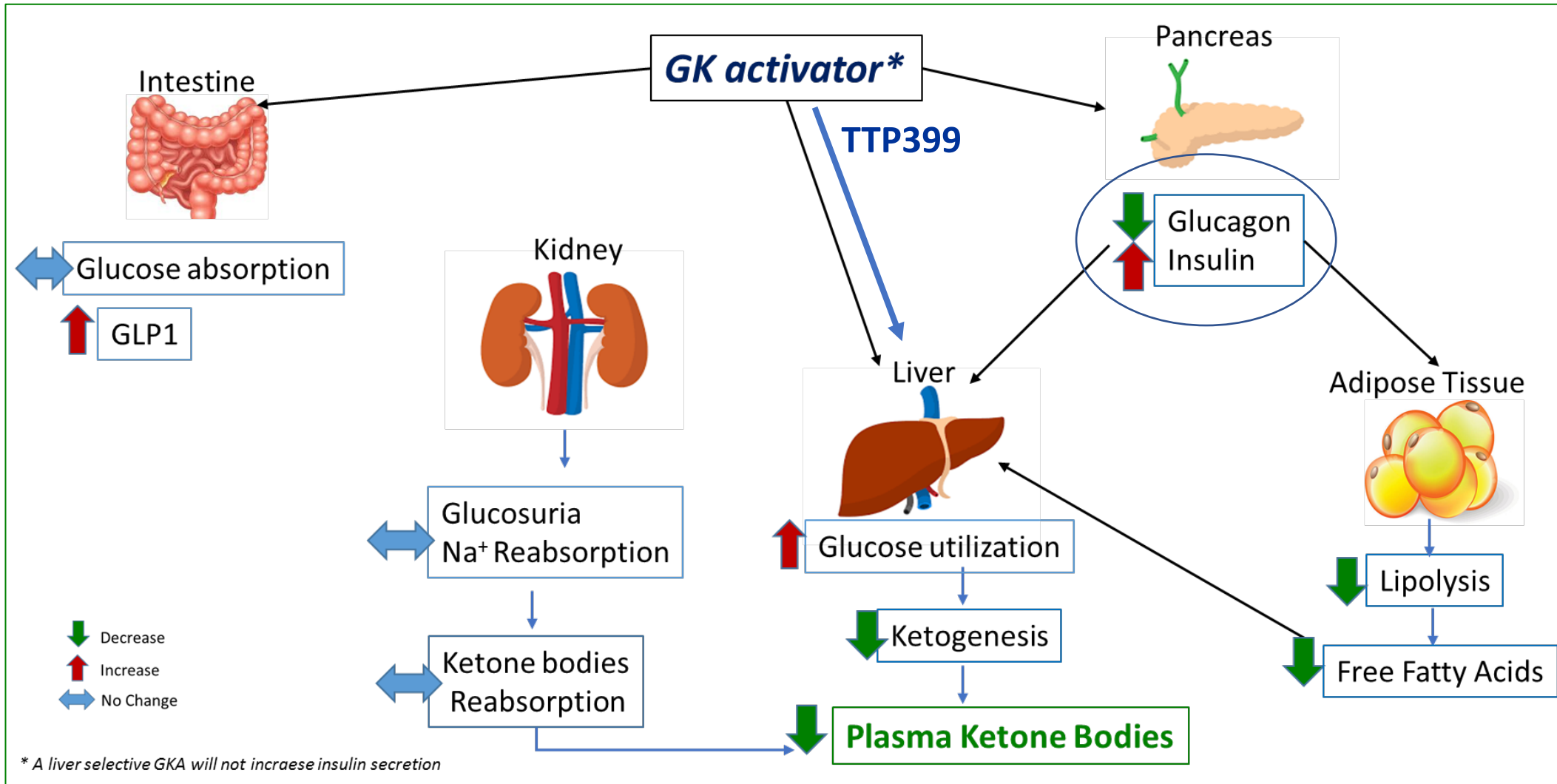
- Despite improvements in insulin delivery devices and glucose monitoring, nearly 80% of people with type 1 diabetes fail to achieve target A1c (Foster, et al. Diabetes Technol Ther. 2019 Feb;21(2):66-72)
- Oral adjunctive therapies inhibiting SGLT1-2s have shown:
 - Improvements in glycemic control, body weight, and blood pressure with less hypoglycemia
 - However, also an increased rate of diabetic ketoacidosis, an inherent risk for people with type 1 diabetes
 - Approved in Japan and the EU (BMI ≥ 27); no US approvals



SGLT1-2 inhibitors decrease glucose absorption and increase ketogenesis



Activation of Glucokinase increases glucose utilization in liver, decreases ketogenesis



TTP399-203 (Simplici-T1): Adaptive Phase 1b/2 Study Trial Design

1 site -



4 sites -



13 sites -



Study design

Phase 1 (Sentinels)

- Open-label
- **7 day** dose escalation up to 1200mg QD
- **5 adult subjects** with T1D on CSII and CGM⁽¹⁾

Phase 2-Part 1 (Learning Phase)

- Double-blind Placebo control
- **12 weeks** dosing 800mg QD
- **19 adult subjects** with T1D on CSII and CGM⁽¹⁾
- **Primary Endpoint:** Δ in HbA1c
- Baseline HbA1c optimized prior to commencement of the study (baseline HbA1c 7.3%)

Phase 2-Part 2 (Confirming Phase)

- Double-blind Placebo control
- **12 weeks** dosing 800mg QD
- **85 adult subjects** with T1D (all comers)
- **Primary Endpoint:** Δ in HbA1c
- Baseline HbA1c optimized prior to commencement of the study (baseline HbA1c of 7.6%)

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June 2019⁽²⁾

February 2020⁽²⁾

Clinical results

- **No incidents of severe hypoglycemia or DKA**
- Indications of **improved glycemic control, while reducing insulin dose**
 - Increase % time in range
 - Reduce % time in hyperglycemia

- Placebo-subtracted **reduction in HbA1c of 0.7%**
- **Decreased insulin usage** was observed in the group treated with TTP399
- **No report of diabetic ketoacidosis or severe hypoglycemia**
- **Improved time in range**

- Placebo-subtracted **reduction in HbA1c of 0.32%**
- **Reduced total daily mealtime bolus insulin dose by 11%** relative to baseline
- **No report of diabetic ketoacidosis, fewer symptomatic hypoglycemic episodes** in TTP399 vs. placebo
- **2-hour increase in time in range** relative to placebo

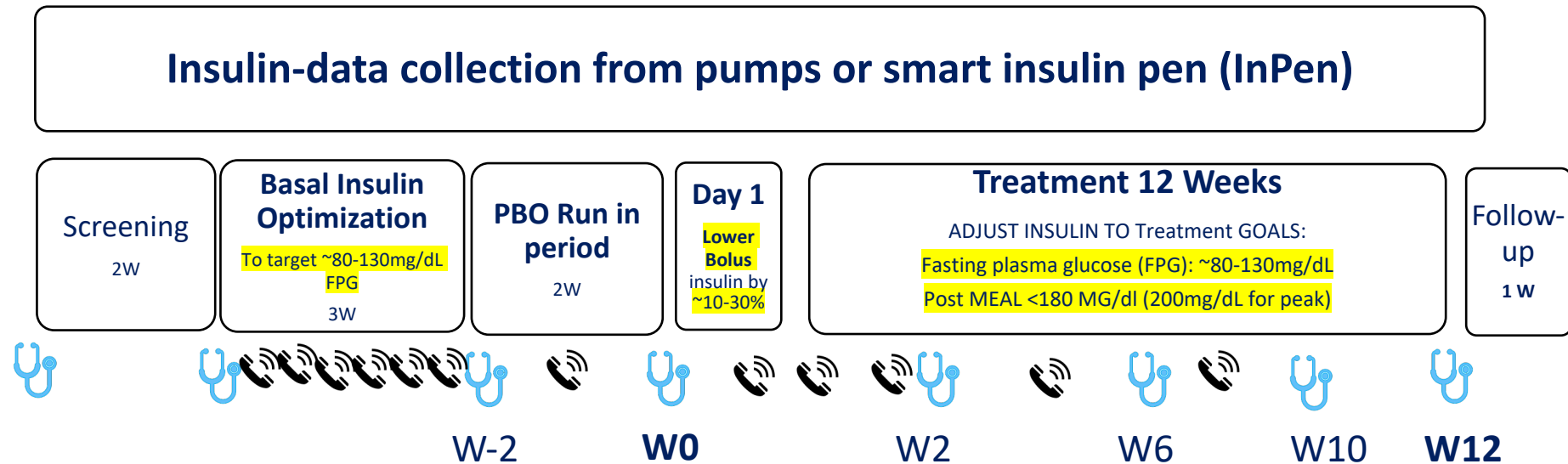
Note: ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT03335371.

(1) Subjects with Continuous Subcutaneous Insulin Infusion (CSII) and Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM).

(2) Top line results.

Study Design: Treat-to-target

Patient contact, central lab and insulin data collection



Ketones monitored by plasma and urine (at on-site visits)

No patient monitoring at home required and no risk mitigation strategy implemented

Patients provided urine ketone strips for testing: during an illness or presence of symptoms

Part 1: Patients required to use insulin pump and unblinded CGM (additional visit @ W4)

Part 2: All comers: Insulin pump/MDI users and personal CGM was not required

Demographics: No imbalance between groups

		Part 1		Part 2	
Trait	Statistic	Placebo (N=11)	TTP399 800 mg (N=8)	Placebo (N=45)	TTP399 800 mg (N=40)
Age (Years)	Mean [Median] (min, max)	47 [43.0] (35, 68)	38 [34.5] (23, 66)	42.4 [38.0] (24, 70)	43.4 [43.5] (20, 69)
Gender	Female (%)	8 (72.5%)	5 (62.5%)	25 (55.6%)	15 (37.5%)
Ethnicity	Not Hispanic or Latino (%)	11 (100%)	8 (100%)	43 (95.6%)	39 (97.5%)
Race	White (%)	11 (100%)	7 (87.5%)	43 (95.6%)	38 (95.0%)
Weight (kg)	Mean [Median] (min, max)	82.8 [81.3] (55, 115)	80.2 [78.4] (61, 100)	83.5 [83.0] (54, 117)	83.4 [80.8] (47, 123)
BMI (kg/m ²)	Mean [Median] (min, max)	29 [28.4] (20,35)	28.4 [29.7] (24, 32)	28.2 [28.3] (21, 38)	27.9 [27.4] (20, 37)
HbA1c	Mean [Median] (min, max)	7.4 [7.3] (7.0, 8.2)	7.3 [7.4] (6.9, 7.9)	7.52 [7.30] (6.5, 8.8)	7.66 [7.60] (6.7, 8.9)
β-hydroxybutyrate (mmol/L)	Mean [Median] (min, max)	0.19 [0.1] (0.0, 1.05)	0.12 [0.0] (0, 0.63)	0.14 [0.00] (0.0, 2.6)	0.05 [0.00] (0.0, 0.4)
Undetectable C-peptide (<0.004ng/mL)	%	45%	63%	53%	57%
CGM Use	CGM User (%)	100%	100%	56%	60%
Insulin Device	Pump (%)	100%	100%	62%	55%
Total Insulin (u/kg/day)	Mean [Median] (min, max)	0.59 [0.58] (0.4, 0.9)	0.66 [0.66] (0.5, 0.8)	0.64 [0.60] (0.3, 1.1)	0.68 [0.62] (0.3, 1.4)
Bolus Insulin (u/kg/day)	Mean [Median] (min, max)	0.28 [0.28] (0.1, 0.5)	0.27 [0.31] (0.1, 0.4)	0.30 [0.28] (0.1, 0.6)	0.31 [0.27] (0.1, 0.9)
Basal Insulin (u/kg/day)	Mean [Median] (min, max)	0.31 [0.30] (0.2, 0.4)	0.38 [0.39] (0.3, 0.5)	0.34 [0.33] (0.1, 0.6)	0.37 [0.32] (0.2, 0.8)

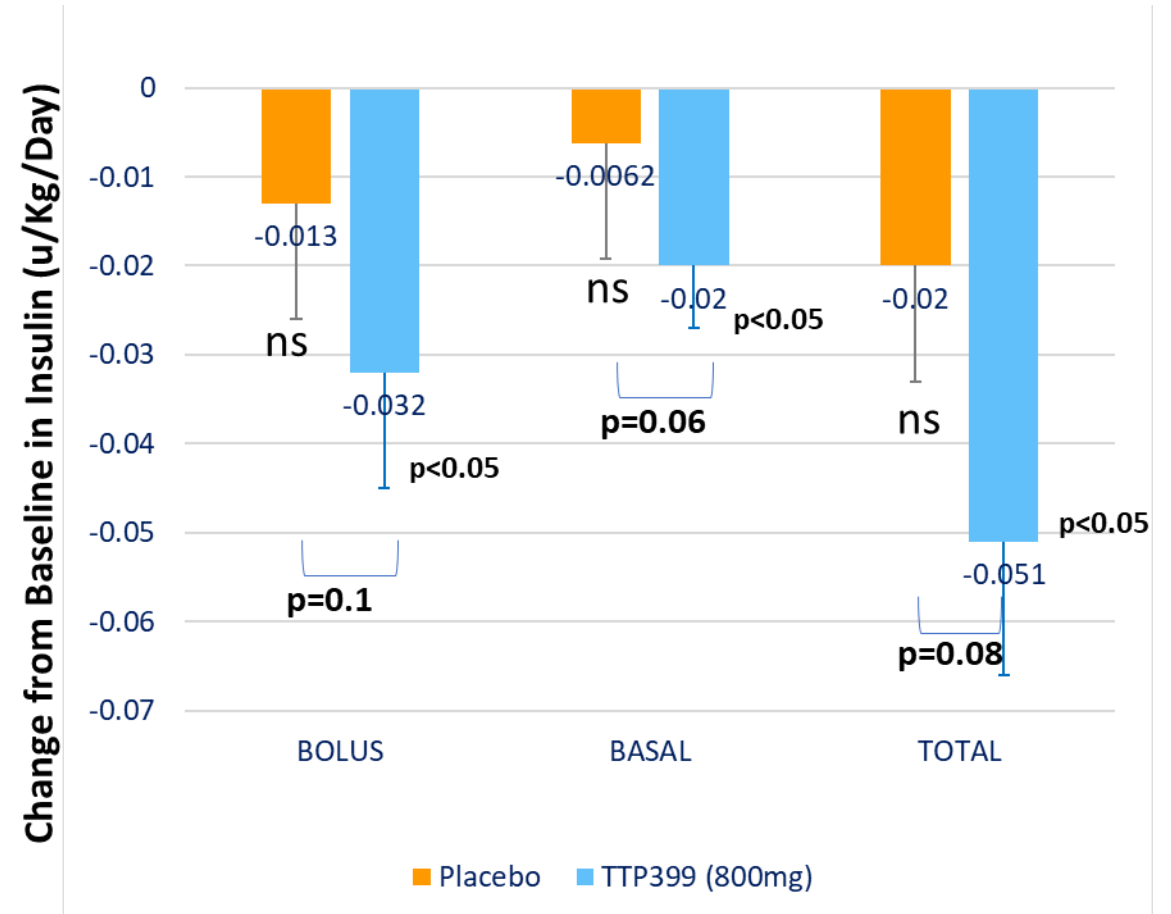
Simplici-T1 Study

Improved glycemic control while lowering insulin

Key Results

- **Statistically significant reduction in HbA1c** under a treat-to-target design (i.e. compared to intensive insulin treatment)
- **No report of diabetic ketoacidosis**, trends towards reduction in ketone events were observed in the TTP399 treated group compared to placebo
- **Fewer hypoglycemic episodes** in TTP399 vs. placebo treated group
- **Increase in time in range** relative to placebo
- **Reduced total daily insulin** relative to baseline

Insulin Change from Baseline



Trends towards reduction in ketone events in the TTP399-treated group

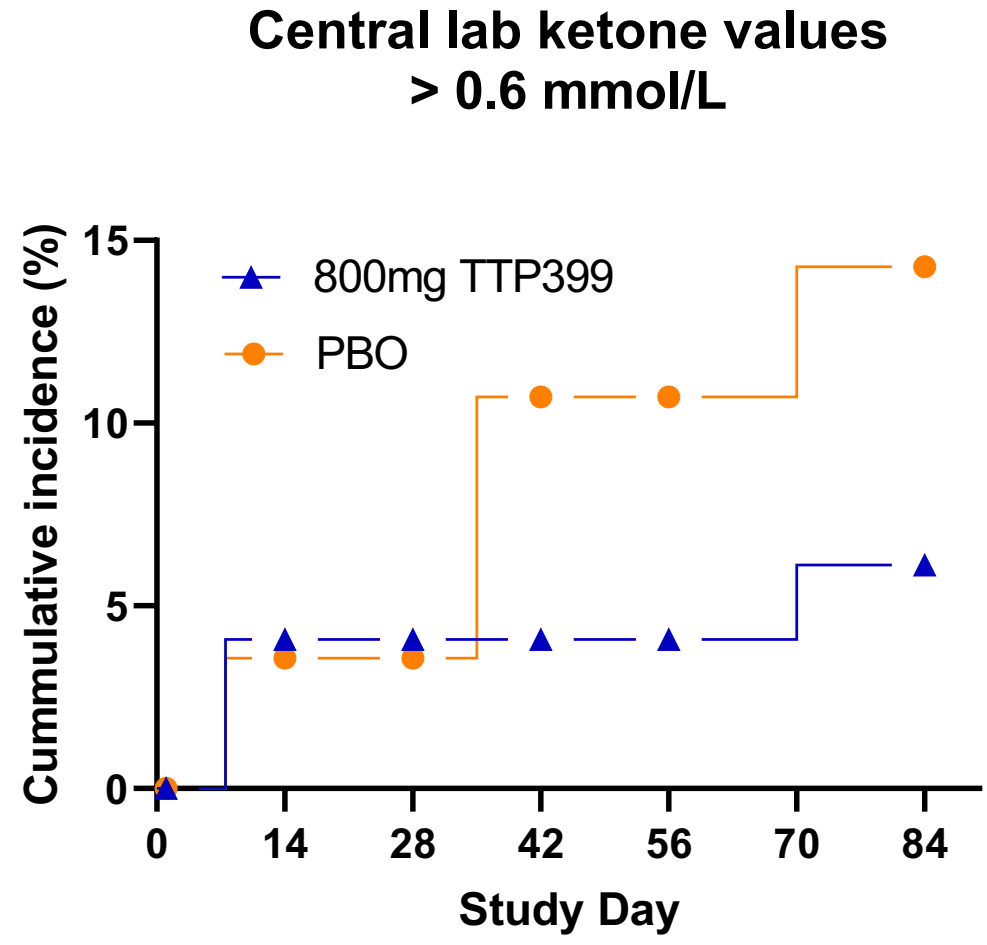
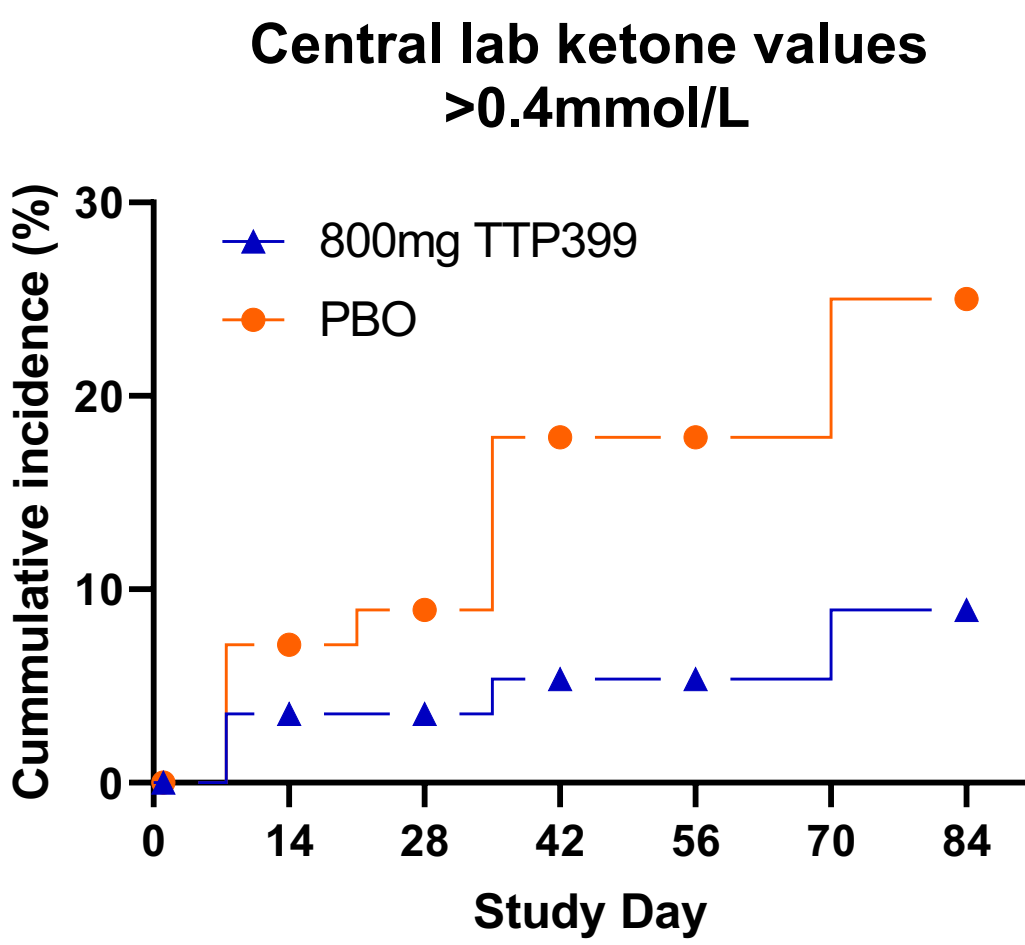
Ketone Monitoring		Part 1		Part 2		Combined	
		Placebo (n=11)	TTP399 (n=9)	Placebo (n=45)	TTP399 (n=40)	Placebo (n=56)	TTP399 (n=49)
	DKA events	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ketosis Treatment Emergent Adverse Events	0	0	1	1*	1	1*
	Patients with at least one elevated serum BOHB level during dosing	3 (27%)	0	11 (24%)	5 (13%)	14 (25%)	5 (10%)
	>1 mmol/L	0	0	3 (7%)	1 (3%)	3 (5%)	1 (2%)
	>0.4 and ≤1 mmol/L	3 (27%)	0	8 (18%)	4 (10%)	11 (20%)	4 (8%)
	Change from baseline @ W12 of ≥ 1 mmol/L	0	0	2 (4%)	0	2	0
	Urine ketones >trace level at any visit	3 (27%)	1 (11%)	5 (11%)	3 (8%)	8 (14%)	4 (8%)

BOHB: Beta-hydroxybutyrate

**Occurred concomitant to SAE of worsening of COPD, considered not related to study drug*

Cumulative incidence of subjects with abnormal ketones

BOHB > 0.4 and 0.6 mmol/L as determined by Central Lab



Abnormal Ketones By Insulin Group

Trends towards reduction in abnormal ketones in the TTP399-treated group with improved glycemic control

Changes in Total Insulin	Reduced Insulin		Stable insulin		Increased insulin	
Subjects with:	Placebo (n=12)	TTP399 (n=15)	Placebo (n=13)	TTP399 (n=13)	Placebo (n=11)	TTP399 (n=4)
change in total insulin at W12 (% of baseline)	-16	-15	-2.9	-5.3	16.8	12.2
improved HbA1c	2 (16%)	10 (67%)	4 (31%)	8 (62%)	4 (36%)	0
abnormal BOHB (>0.4 mmol/L (4mg/dL) at any treatment visit)	4 (33%)	2 (13%)	4 (31%)	2 (15%)	4 (36%)	0

Criteria for insulin groups are as follows: Decreased total insulin: $\Delta \leq -0.06$ U/Kg/day, Stable total insulin: $\Delta = -0.06 - 0.03$ U/Kg/day, Increased total insulin: $\Delta \geq 0.03$ U/Kg/day.

Demographic characteristic at baseline were balanced with no difference between the groups

Abnormal ketones in undetectable C-peptide subgroup

Trend toward reduction of abnormal ketones in TTP399-treated group with improvement in glycemic control

	C-peptide	Placebo	TTP399	Treatment effect	P value
HbA1c	Undetectable	0.13 ± 0.07 (n=24)	-0.31 ± 0.07 (n=23)	-0.44±0.07	p<0.01
Abnormal BOHB (>0.4 mmol/L (4mg/dL)	Undetectable	8 (33%) n=24	2 (9%) n=23		

n = total number of patients in treatment arm subgroup. Undetectable c-peptide level is <0.004 ng/mL

HbA1c is reported as CFB mean and standard deviation per group with treatment effect relative to placebo.

Abnormal ketone reported at patient (%) = number of patients with abnormal ketones in serum and % of n.

Demographic characteristic at baseline were balanced with no difference between the groups

Conclusions: Mechanism DOES matter

Liver Selective GKA shows potential as an adjunctive therapy for T1D

- Trends towards reduction in ketone events were observed in the TTP399 treated group compared to placebo. This finding was not due to imbalance in baseline characteristics
- Trend toward reduction of abnormal ketones were not associated with a decreased insulin dose
- Trends towards lower abnormal ketone events with significant reduction of HbA1c in the TTP399 treated group for the subgroup of patients with undetectable c-peptide, suggesting potential benefit in subjects at higher risk for ketosis
- The collective clinical data from the Simplici-T1 study support the hypothesis that liver selective activation of GK by TTP399 improves glycemic control without increasing the risk of hypoglycemia or DKA.
- These results support pursuing larger and longer clinical trials to confirm the efficacy of TTP399 in type 1 diabetes and to explore its potential to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia and ketosis



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