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**Redefining hypoglycemia in clinical trials: validation of definitions recently adopted by American Diabetes Association/European Association for the Study of Diabetes**

**Supplementary appendix:**

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**Supplementary Table S1: SWITCH and DEVOTE trial summary**

	<b>SWITCH 1 and 2</b>	<b>DEVOTE</b>
<b>Trial design</b>	Double-blind, randomized, two-period crossover, multicenter, treat-to-target clinical trials	Double-blind, randomized, active comparator, treat-to-target cardiovascular outcomes trial
<b>Trial duration</b>	Time dependent: 64-weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two treatment periods (32 weeks each) each consisting of a 16-week titration period (Weeks 1–16 and Weeks 33–48) and a 16-week maintenance period (Weeks 17–32 and Weeks 49–64)</li> </ul>	Event driven: Continue until at least 633 MACE had accrued
<b>Comparators</b>	Degludec versus glargine U100	Degludec versus glargine U100
<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	<p><b>SWITCH 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type 1 diabetes</li> <li>HbA<sub>1c</sub> levels of ≤10%</li> <li>BMI ≤45 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Basal–bolus regimen or continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion for ≥26 weeks</li> </ul> <p><b>SWITCH 2:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insulin-experienced patients with type 2 diabetes</li> <li>HbA<sub>1c</sub> levels of ≤9.5%</li> <li>BMI ≤45 kg/m<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Any basal insulin with or without OADs (any combination of metformin, dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor, α-glucosidase inhibitor, thiazolidinediones, and sodium glucose cotransporter-2 inhibitor)</li> </ul> <p><b>SWITCH 1 and 2:</b> At least 1 of the following risk factors for hypoglycemia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥1 severe hypoglycemic events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type 2 diabetes</li> <li>Treated with ≥1 oral or injectable antihyperglycemic agent</li> <li>HbA<sub>1c</sub> ≥7.0%, or with ≥20 units/day of basal insulin</li> <li>≥1 co-existing cardiovascular or renal condition and were aged ≥50 years</li> <li>OR ≥1 of a list of pre-specified cardiovascular risk factors and were aged ≥60 years</li> <li>Patients were not excluded if they had experienced severe hypoglycemia prior to randomization</li> </ul>

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	<p>within the last year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderate chronic renal failure</li> <li>• Hypoglycemia symptom unawareness</li> <li>• Diabetes duration &gt;15 years (SWITCH 1)/Insulin use &gt;5 years (SWITCH 2)</li> <li>• Hypoglycemic event within the last 12 weeks</li> </ul>	
<b>References</b>	(1,2)	(3,4)

BMI, body mass index; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; OAD, oral antidiabetes drug.

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**Supplementary Table S2: Hypoglycemia definitions applied to the SWITCH and DEVOTE trial data**

Hypoglycemia definitions applied in this secondary analysis		SWITCH	DEVOTE	References
<b>ADA 2005</b>	Events confirmed by a PG of $\leq 3.9$ mmol/L with symptoms	✓		5
<b>Level 2</b>	Events confirmed by a glucose of $< 3.0$ mmol/L	✓		6
<b>Level 3</b>	Events requiring third-party assistance (ADA)	✓ <sup>a,b</sup>	✓ <sup>a,b</sup>	6,7
<b>Novo Nordisk</b>	Events confirmed by a PG of $< 3.1$ mmol/L with symptoms or events that are severe, requiring third-party assistance (ADA)	✓ <sup>b</sup>		1,2

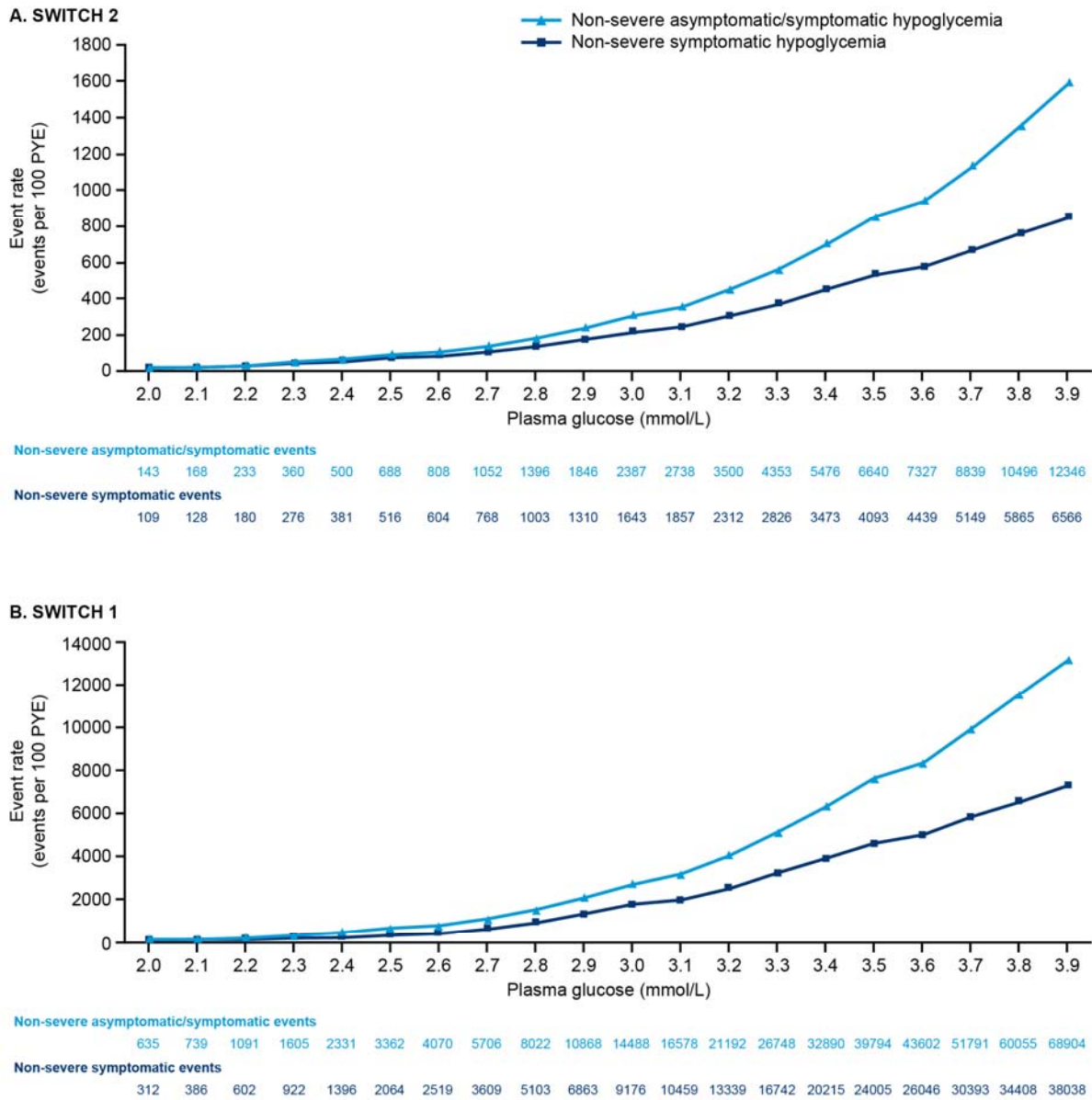
ADA, American Diabetes Association; PG, plasma glucose.

<sup>a</sup>Adjudicated by a central, blinded, independent Event Adjudication Committee.

<sup>b</sup>Pre-specified definition.

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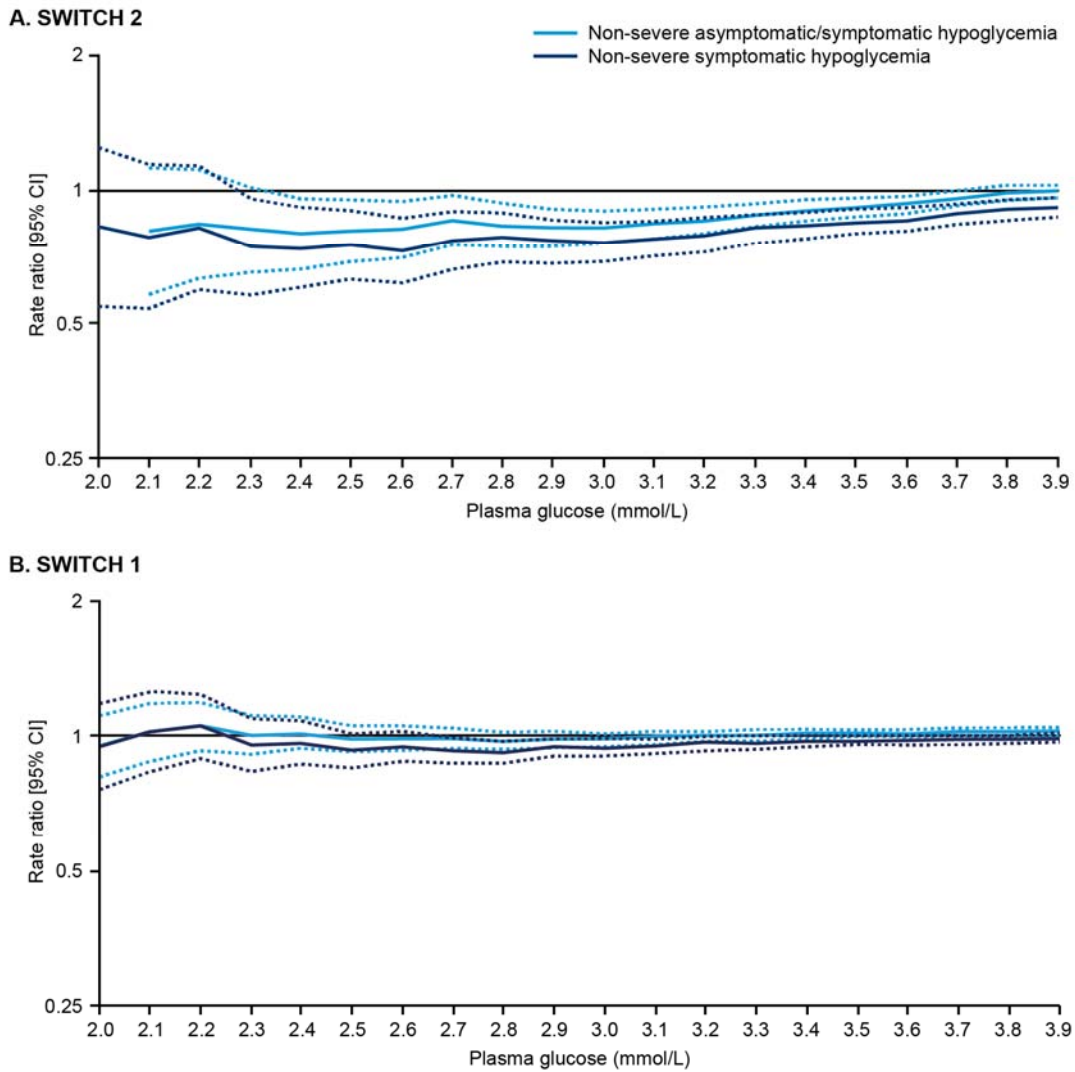
**Supplementary Figure S1: Non-severe hypoglycemic events (total and symptomatic) in the total treatment period of SWITCH 2 and 1 at different plasma glucose levels in a pooled randomized treatment dataset**



The event rates in the pooled randomized treatment dataset (degludec and glargine U100) are plotted at a given plasma glucose level or lower. PYE, patient year of exposure.

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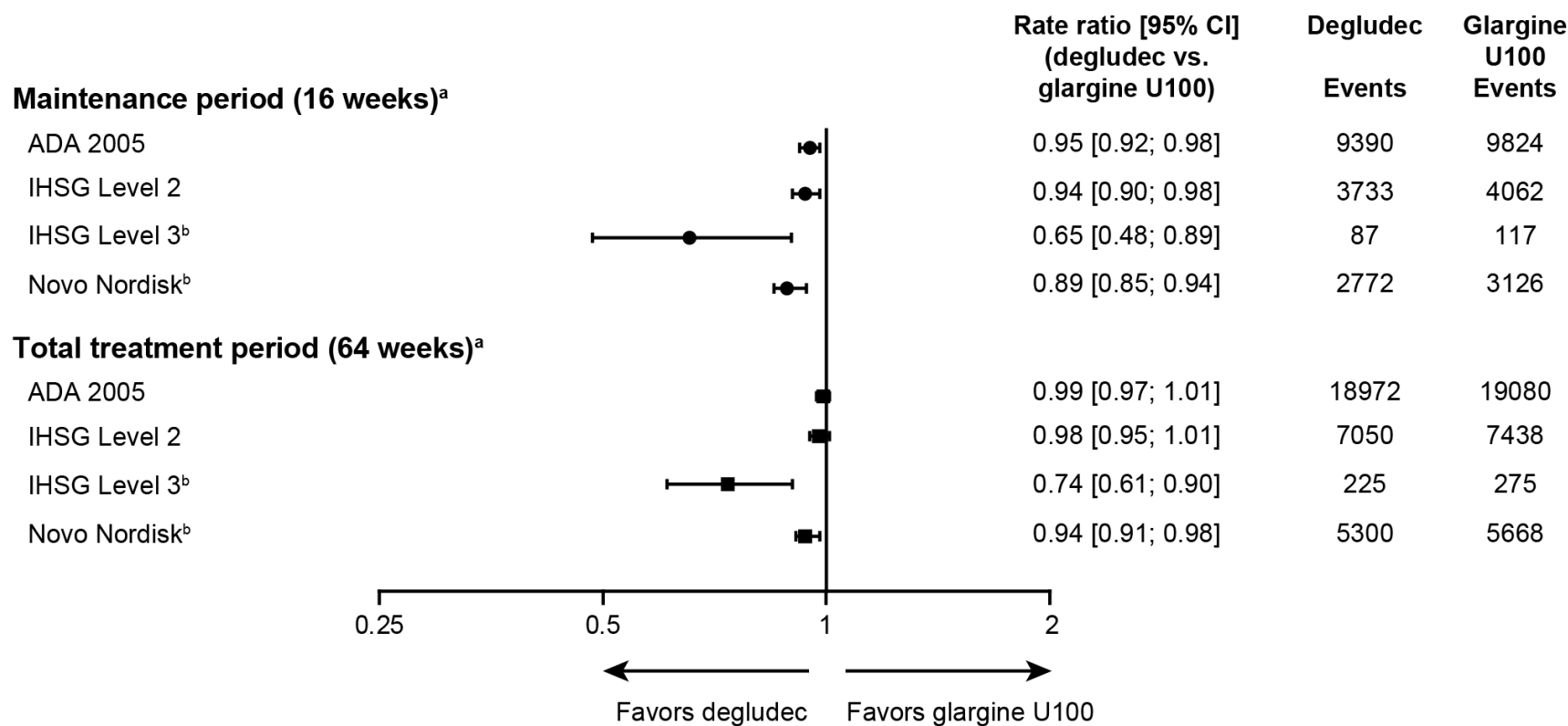
**Supplementary Figure S2: Estimated rate ratios of non-severe hypoglycemic events (total and symptomatic; degludec versus glargine U100) in the total treatment period of SWITCH 2 and 1 at different plasma glucose levels**



The solid lines represent the estimated rate ratio (degludec versus glargine U100) at different plasma glucose levels. The dashed lines represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals. Glargine U100, insulin glargine 100 units/mL.

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**Supplementary Figure S3: Hypoglycemic events in SWITCH 1 by treatment group**



<sup>a</sup>The total trial duration was 64 weeks; this included 32 weeks' treatment with once-daily degludec or glargine U100 followed by crossover to glargine U100 or degludec, respectively, for a further 32 weeks. Each 32-week treatment period consisted of a 16-week titration period and a 16-week maintenance period.

<sup>b</sup>Pre-specified hypoglycemia definition as used during the original trial.

ADA 2005: plasma glucose  $\leq 3.9$  mmol/L with symptoms; IHSG Level 2: glucose  $< 3.0$  mmol/L; IHSG Level 3: severe events requiring third-party assistance intervention independent of a defined glucose; Novo Nordisk: plasma glucose  $< 3.1$  mmol/L with symptoms plus severe events.

Glargine U100, insulin glargine 100 units/mL.

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