

An integrated glucose homeostasis model of glucose, insulin, C-peptide, GLP-1, GIP and glucagon in healthy subjects and patients with type 2 diabetes

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- Integrated glucose insulin (IGI) model¹
 - Glucose tolerance tests
 - Intravenous
 - Oral

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- Limitations
 - Only glucose and insulin
 - e.g. incretin hormones, glucagon
 - Empirical elements
 - e.g. first phase secretion, incretin effect
 - Extrapolation properties
 - Narrow glucose dose range







Develop a mechanism-based model that simultaneously can describe important regulators of glucose homeostasis during glucose tolerance tests

- Healthy subjects and patients with type 2 diabetes (T2D)
- Wide glucose dose range



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Submodel 1

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 - Insulin, C-peptide Submodel 3
 - Glucagon Submodel 4



General modeling strategy

- Observations as time varying covariates (linear interpolation)
 - Shorter run times
 - Simpler interpretation
- Start with healthy controls IV data
 - Differences between healthy and patients with T2D
- Include healthy controls oral data
 - Differences between healthy and patients with T2D



Submodel 1. Gastric emptying and glucose absorption



Stomach and small intestine

- Assumptions:
 - 4 h small intestine transit time³
 - 8% duodenum, 37% jejunum, 55% ileum⁴
 - Gastric emptying half life of non-caloric liquid, 5 min





Inhibition of gastric emptying

- Glucose in duodenum inhibit gastric emptying
- 5 min lag before gastric empting starts





Glucose absorption

- Glucose disposition FIX to estimates of the IGI model
 - Insulin dependent glucose clearance estimated
- Glucose absorbed from each intestinal segment





Submodel 2. Incretin hormones

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GIP secretion

• GIP secretion stimulated by glucose in duodenum





GLP-1 secretion

• GLP-1 secretion stimulated by glucose in jejunum





Submodel 3. Incretin effect and hepatic extraction of insulin



- Started from a previously published model by Overgaard et al⁷
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C-peptide model

• C-peptide kinetics described by a two compartment model





Insulin model

• Insulin kinetics described by a one compartment model





Saturable hepatic extraction of insulin

• Lower hepatic extraction when insulin secretion is high





• Oral and intravenous glucose profiles overlap





- Oral glucose gives higher insulin response
- Mediated by GIP and GLP-1









- Both hormones increases
 - Production
 - Transfer from passive to active





Submodel 4. Glucagon and regulation of endogenous glucose production (EGP)

• Glucagon half life fixed to 7.5 min⁸



Glucagon secretion

• Glucose and insulin inhibit glucagon secretion





Glucagon prolonged suppression

- Glucose and insulin inhibit glucagon secretion
- Glucagon is rapidly suppressed
- Glucagon stays suppressed after glucose and insulin return to baseline





Glucagon suppression potentiated

- Glucagon production inhibited by glucose and insulin
- Inhibition potentiated over time





Initial hypersecretion in patients with T2D during OGTT





Effect of the incretin hormones

- GIP stimulates glucagon production
 - Stronger effect in patients





Regulation of endogenous glucose production (EGP)

- Glucagon stimulates EGP
- Insulin and Glucose inhibit EGP





Combining the submodels

- The submodels were combined into one model
- Evaluation performed
- Predictive performance assessed by prediction-corrected visual predictive checks (pcVPCs)



pcVPC gastric emptying, healthy





pcVPC glucose, healthy





pcVPC GIP, healthy





pcVPC insulin, healthy





























Conclusions

- The model can simultaneously describe glucose, GLP-1, GIP, Insulin, C-peptide and glucagon
 - Wide dose range
 - Intravenous and oral glucose
 - Healthy controls and patients with T2D



Conclusions

- Enables investigation of
 - Drug effects on multiple sites
 - Combination treatment
- Approach of conditioning on biomarker observations and then combining the submodels was here show-cased to work well



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