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- 2 The hypoglycemia-prevention effect of sensor-augmented pump therapy with
- 3 predictive low glucose management in Japanese patients with type 1 diabetes
- 4 mellitus: a short-term study.

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1 Abstract 2 Aims/Introduction: The predictive low glucose management (PLGM) system was introduced in 3 March 2018 in Japan. Although there are some reports demonstrating the benefit of PLGM in 4 preventing hypoglycemia, no data are currently available in Japanese patients with type 1 diabetes 5 mellitus (T1DM). The aim of the present study is to evaluate the effect of PLGM with sensor-6 augmented pump therapy in the prevention of hypoglycemia in Japanese patients. 7 8 Materials and Methods: We included 16 patients with T1DM who used the MiniMed[®]640G system 9 after switching from the MiniMed®620G system. We retrospectively analysed the data of the 10 continuous glucose monitoring system in one month after switching to MiniMed®640G. 11 12 **Results:** The area under the curve (AUC) of hypoglycemia of <70 mg/dL was lowered from $0.42 \pm$ 13 $0.43 \text{ mg/dL} \cdot \text{day to } 0.18 \pm 0.18 \text{ mg/dL} \cdot \text{day (P=0.012)}$. Correspondingly, the duration of severe 14 hypoglycemia (<54 mg/dL) was reduced significantly from 15.3 ± 21.7 min/day to 4.8 ± 6.9 min/day 15 (P=0.019). The duration of hypoglycemia were reduced, but the reduction was not significant. 16 Regarding the AUC for hyperglycemia >180 mg/dL and the duration of hyperglycemia did not change. 17 With the PLGM function, 79.3% of the predicted hypoglycemic events were avoided. 18 19 Conclusions: The hypoglycemic reduction rate was comparable to those in previous reports. In 20 addition, we demonstrated that PLGM can markedly suppress severe hypoglycemia without 21deteriorating glycemic control in Japanese T1DM patients. It is necessary to further investigate the 22 more effective use of the PLGM feature such as establishing a lower limit and the timing of resumption. 2324Key words: Hypoglycemia, Predictive low glucose management (PLGM), Type 1 diabetes mellitus 25 (T1DM), Sensor-augmented pump therapy (SAP)

Introduction

Currently, insulin pump therapy is one of the important treatment methods for type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM). Since sensor-augmented pumps (SAP) equipped with real-time continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) were launched in recent years, the management of glycemic control for individuals with T1DM has greatly advanced. Although these new medical devices such as CGM and SAP have enabled the prevention of severe hypoglycemia [1-6], the preventive effects have still not been satisfactory, especially in cases aiming for strict glycemic control. For these circumstances, the MiniMed®640G system (Medtronic, Northridge, CA, USA) was made commercially available in Japan in March 2018. This system includes a predictive low glucose management (PLGM) algorithm, in which insulin delivery is suspended when the sensor glucose (SG) value is predicted to be 20 mg/dl above the pre-set limit in 30 min. Previous studies have shown preventive effects on hypoglycemia in which 75 to 83% of cases of predicted hypoglycemia can be avoided without deteriorating glycemic control by using the PLGM feature [7, 8], but the clinical utility of the device in Japan has remained unknown.

In this study, we investigated the hypoglycemia-preventive effect of switching from the MiniMed®620G (Medtronic, Northridge, CA, USA) system to the MiniMed®640G system in Japanese patients with T1DM. We analysed glycemic profiles with the use of CGM data before and after changing the equipment.

Materials and Methods

This study was a retrospective observational study that was approved by the ethics committee of Okayama University Graduate School of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences (approval no. ken1812-016, approval date. 14 December 2018). We switched from the MiniMed®620G system to the MiniMed®640G system between April 2018 and October 2018 for all 21 patients with T1DM who are on SAP therapy at Okayama University Hospital. We included only 16 of these patients (4 males and 12 females) because the inclusion criteria for this study was

1	patients who used CGM for 5 days/week or more. Baseline characteristics of the participants were
2	shown in Table 1.

We retrospectively investigated the glycemic profile, insulin administration status and CGM data
before and 1 month after changing to the MiniMed®640G system using the CGM analysis software
(CareLink® Pro Therapy Management Software, Medtronic). Insulin administration status included
total daily insulin dose (TDD), total basal insulin dose (TBD), and the percentage of total basal
insulin dose to total daily insulin dose (%TBD); HbA1c and glycated albumin (GA) were used as the
glycemic profile. We analysed the mean SG value, the number of insulin suspensions by PLGM
(PLGM event), the duration of insulin suspension, severe hypoglycemia (< 54 mg/dL),
hypoglycemia~(<70~mg/dL) and~hyperglycemia~(>180~mg/dL),~the~areas~under~the~curve~(AUCs)
for hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia and the carbohydrate values that the patients input for
automatic bolus calculation as the CGM data. In addition, we investigated the SG value at the time
of suspension initiation, the lowest SG value during suspension, the SG value at the resumption of
insulin infusion and the SG value 1 hour after initiating insulin infusion. All patients did not change
the basal insulin setting or carbohydrate-to-insulin ratio after the initiation of PLGM, and all patients
used the automatic bolus calculation function of the insulin pump. The preset lower limit value when
the PLGM feature was introduced was 70 mg/dL. Because previous report advocated that in case of
suspension, patients should monitor the trend and delay hypoglycemia treatment to "let the pump do
the work" [9], we recommended all patients not to resume insulin infusion manually during
suspension. However, we also advised them to resume insulin infusion manually at meals, even in
suspension mode, because they could not administer bolus insulin infusion while suspended. In
addition, we instructed patients not to perform preventive supplementation as much as possible
during suspension.

Statistical Analysis

1 All data are presented as the mean ± SD. Differences in HbA1c, GA, TDD, TBD, %TBD, and the 2 carbohydrate values measured before and after the change in treatment were analysed with the 3 Wilcoxon signed-rank test. Other statistical data were assessed with a Mann-Whitney U test. All 4 statistical analyses were performed with SPSS software version 20 (IBM SPSS statistics). A P value 5 of < 0.05 was considered statistically significant. 6 7 Results 8 Glycemic control markers and insulin administration status 9 Both the HbA1c and GA values were unchanged from before to after the PLGM feature was 10 introduced (HbA1c: $7.0 \pm 0.8\%$ vs. $7.0 \pm 0.9\%$, P=0.867, GA: $19.5 \pm 4.2\%$ vs. $20.1 \pm 3.5\%$, P=0.400). 11 TDD, TBD and %TBD all decreased after the PLGM feature was introduced, but this reduction was 12 not statistically significant (Table 2). 13 CGM data 14 There was no significant change in mean SG value, the duration of hyperglycemia or the AUC of 15 hyperglycemia >180 mg/dl from before to after the PLGM feature was introduced. No significant 16 decrease was observed in the duration (58.2 \pm 49.4 min/day vs. 30.1 \pm 25.9 min/day, P=0.067) of 17 hypoglycemia. In contrast, the duration of severe hypoglycemia (15.3 \pm 21.7 min/day vs. 4.8 \pm 6.9 18 min/day, P=0.019) and the AUC of hypoglycemia <70 mg/dL (0.42 ± 0.43 mg/dL· day vs. $0.18 \pm$ 19 0.18 mg/dL· day, P=0.012) were both significantly reduced (Table 3). There were no episodes of 20 diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) or serious device-related adverse events during the research period. 21 PLGM operation status and hypoglycemia avoidance rate 22There were 1,345 PLGM events during the research period, for a rate of 3.0 ± 1.2 per subject per 23 day. In addition, the overall mean duration of suspension before hypoglycemic events was 156 ± 46 24min/day. Moreover, 1,067 out of the 1,345 events did not reach the preset threshold; that is, 79.3% of 25the predicted hypoglycemia was avoided (Fig. 1a). This hypoglycemia avoidance rate was similar in 26 the daytime (8:00 until 22:00) and night-time (22:00 until 8:00) (Fig. 1b).

The change in SG value during suspension and after resumption of insulin infusion

We further investigated the SG value at the time of suspension initiation (start), the lowest SG value during suspension (nadir), the SG value at the resumption (resumption) and the SG value 1 hour after resumption (resumption 1 hour). The mean SG value 1 hour after resumption increased to 136.7±16.7 mg/dL (Fig. 2a), and the mean suspension duration was 55.2 ± 10.6 min. In the comparison of daytime and night-time SG values, it was determined that the mean SG value at the start, nadir, resumption and resumption 1 hour were all higher in the daytime, but the differences were not significant (start: 102.8 \pm 5.2 mg/dL vs. 100.5 \pm 4.9 mg/dL, P=0.110, nadir: 84.6 \pm 5.1 mg/dl vs 82.9 \pm 6.1 mg/dl, P=0.323, resumption: $101.7 \pm 6.5 \text{ mg/dL vs.} 97.8 \pm 6.2 \text{ mg/dL}, P=0.094, resumption 1 hour: <math>140.1 \pm 19.1 \text{ mg/dL}$ vs. $128.5 \pm 14.8 \text{ mg/dL}$, P=0.110) (Fig. 2b). In addition, the mean suspension time was significantly longer in the night-time than in the daytime (49.1 \pm 10.2 min vs. 70.2 \pm 16.0 min, P<0.0005). Furthermore, we compared the SG value and the suspension time by 2-quantile groups such as BMI (high BMI group with BMI≥22, n=8; low BMI group with BMI<22, n=8), TDD (high TDD group with TDD≥38.7, n=8; low TDD group with TDD<38.7, n=8), TBD (high TBD group with TDD≥17.8, n=8; low TDD group with TDD<17.8, n=8) and %TBD (high %TBD group with %TBD>30, n=8; low %TBD group with %TBD≤30, n=8). We did not find a difference in SG value by BMI (Fig. 2c), TDD and TBD at any time point. Similarly, there was no difference in the mean suspension time. In contrast, the SG value at resumption 1 hour was significantly higher in the high %TBD group than in the low %TBD group (148.8 \pm 12.9 mg/dl vs 124.6 \pm 9.9 mg/dl, P=0.001) (Fig. 2d) without differences of the mean suspension time $(57.2 \pm 8.4 \text{ min vs. } 53.2 \pm 12.1 \text{ min, P=0.645}).$

Hyperglycemia after suspension

There were some cases in which the duration of hyperglycemia was increased by completely relying on the algorithm. Fig. 3a shows a case of hyperglycemia after 2 hours' suspension while sleeping. Fig. 3b shows a case of severe hyperglycemia after suspension of insulin infusion because PLGM started just after meal.

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Discussion

Despite advances in medicine and medical devices, hypoglycemia remains a critical issue in the treatment of T1DM. In recent years, the MiniMed®640G system equipped with a PLGM function became available, and an improvement in the hypoglycemia avoidance rate is expected. We analysed hypoglycemia prevention in Japanese T1DM patients using SAP therapy before and after switching from the MiniMed®620G system to the MiniMed®640G system. In this study, there was a declining trend in the duration of hypoglycemia, and the duration of severe hypoglycemia and the AUC of <70 mg/dL were both significantly reduced. The hypoglycemia avoidance rate was 79.3%, which was almost the same in both the daytime and night-time. Moreover, the duration of hyperglycemia, the AUC of >180 mg/dL, and the values of HbA1c and GA did not increase. From these results, it was shown that the risk of hypoglycemia is lowered by using the PLGM feature without deteriorating glycemic control, at least in the short-term.

Similar results have been reported in Western countries. Zhong A and colleagues retrospectively examined the effect of PLGM, and they reported that both hypoglycemic (SG <70 mg/dL) and hyperglycemic (SG >240 mg/dL) exposure time decreased in patients using PLGM [8]. Biester T et al. reported that the frequency and duration of hypoglycemia and the AUC <70 mg/dL decreased significantly in a prospective study of children with T1DM using PLGM for 6 weeks [9]. In addition, Battelino T and colleagues carried out a randomized controlled trial of children with T1DM divided into two groups with or without the use of PLGM for 14 days. They showed that the incidence of hypoglycemic events with SG values <65 mg/dL was significantly reduced in the PLGM-treated group during both the daytime and night-time, and there was no increase in hyperglycemic exposure time at any level (SG value >140 mg/dL, >180 mg/dL and >250 mg /dL) [10]. However, their data demonstrated that PLGM did not prevent severe hypoglycemia below 50 mg/dL, which is different from our results. Battelino T and colleagues considered that the participants in their study were relatively well-managed, the study period was too short, and the overall number of hypoglycemic events below 50 mg/dL was too small to provide statistically significant results. More recently, the results of a randomized controlled trial on the presence or absence of 6 months of PLGM use in 154 children and adolescent patients with T1DM were reported. This trial showed that the incidence of hypoglycemic events with SG values <63 mg/dL decreased significantly in the PLGM group and that the HbA1c value at 6 months was not significantly different between the two groups: 7.6 ± 1.0% in the non-PLGM group and 7.8 ± 0.8% in the PLGM group. This result indicated that even when using PLGM for a long time, glycemic control does not deteriorate [11]. Besides that, Maahs DM et al. reported that the suspension system reduced nocturnal hypoglycemia (<60 mg/dl) by 12%, median hypoglycemia area under the curve by 81% and hypoglycemia lasting >2hr by 74%. They also reported overnight hyperglycemia (>180 mg/dl) was almost same level with or without suspension [12]. Regarding the hypoglycemia avoidance rate, Choudhary P et al. reported that 82.7% and 84.0% of predicted hypoglycemia was avoidable in the daytime and the night-time, respectively, by using the PLGM feature [7], while Zhong et al. reported that the avoidance rate was 73.9% and 77.4%, respectively [8]. Since our study also showed a rate of hypoglycemia avoidance similar to those in these reports, PLGM could be expected to suppress hypoglycemic events in Japanese patients with T1DM.

Next, we investigated the change in the SG value during suspension and after resumption of insulin infusion. We confirmed that the SG value increased 1 hour after resumption, which is the same as the findings of previous reports [7, 9, 13-15]. When comparing daytime and night-time, the suspension time was significantly longer at night, and the SG value at the start, resumption and resumption 1 hour tended to be lower at night. Biester T et al. reported similar results in which the SG value 1 hour after resumption was lower at night (174 mg/dL in the daytime vs. 137 mg/dL in the night-time), and the suspension time during daytime was shorter than during night-time (54 min vs. 68 min) [9]. They discussed that manual resumption was performed at approximately 46% after insulin suspension, and as a result, the suspension time was shorter during the daytime, and the rise in SG value 1 hour after resumption was noted in their article. Although we instructed the participants to avoid manual resumption and preventive carbohydrate intake after suspension was initiated as much as possible after the introduction of the PLGM feature, we obtained a similar result as those previously reported. However, there was no significant difference in SG value after suspension between the daytime and night-time, and it was considered that higher SG values in the daytime were prevented by instructing

the patients to follow the insulin pump algorithm. The reason the suspension time during the daytime was longer than during the night-time is that it was necessary to resume insulin infusion manually at the time of bolus administration at a meal. Moreover, since we could not confirm the manual resumption rate, there is a possibility that manual resumption was carried out to the same extent as in the previous report. These results suggested that better glycemic control could be obtained by following the insulin pump algorithm rather than resuming the insulin infusion manually after PLGM was initiated.

In addition, we speculated that the time-course changes in the SG value during and after suspension might be influenced by BMI, TDD, TBD or %TBD, so we compared the SG value and the suspension time classified with these parameters. Though there were no differences in the SG value and mean suspension time when classified with BMI, TDD, and TBD, we found the differences of the SG value at resumption 1 hour classified with %TBD. The reason for this is not clear, but in the low %TBD group, relatively large amount of bolus insulin might overlay and mask the lack of basal insulin supplement while basal insulin suspension, resulting in suppression of SG elevation after PLGM.

As shown in Figure 3, there were some cases of hyperglycemia after suspension. Zisser H examined how much blood glucose would rise after interrupting insulin delivery. He demonstrated the rate of rise in glucose concentration over 3 h was \sim 1 mg/dl for each minute insulin infusion was interrupted [16]. Sherr JL et al. also reported the sensor glucose level rose by 18 ± 58 mg/dl by the end of the 2 h suspension, and by 55 ± 73 mg/dl 4 h after the suspension [17], and Fig. 3a follows their findings. Fig. 3b shows a rebound hyperglycemia after suspension. In this case, PLGM started just after meal and the participant ingested carbohydrates without resumption, resulting in rebound hyperglycemia. Furthermore, this participant may have consumed excess amount of carbohydrate during hypoglycemia. Collectively, we recognized that early insulin resumption was necessary to prevent rebound hyperglycemia after carbohydrate intake for hypoglycemia, and we also need to inquire the patient about amount of carbohydrate during hypoglycemia. Although the initial setting of the lower limit was 70 mg/dL in this study, depending on the case, the timing of PLGM initiation was early or

the timing of the resumption of insulin infusion was late, and the subsequent increase in the SG value was marked in some cases. Even though similar severe rebound hyperglycemia after PLGM has been reported, such risk is believed to be very low [14,15,17,18]. Indeed, there were no cases with marked

4 hyperglycemia with ketoacidosis in our study.

This study had several limitations. First, this was a small retrospective observational study in a single facility. Second, the participants were relatively well-managed patients with T1DM (mean HbA1c 7.0%), so the frequency of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia may be low. Third, the current research period is short, only one month before and after PLGM introduction. Because of short research period, we could not assess sustained effects on metabolic control and HbA1c. Most of the published studies were limited to short-term evaluation for 2 to 6 weeks [7, 9, 10, 12]. Under longer observation period for more than 2 months, other factors besides PLGM, such as a change in pump settings and life-style. Therefore, we set 1 month to assess the real clinical picture of PLGM. In addition, since we conducted thorough education for the patients before the introduction of MiniMed®640G system to use the new system safely and effectively, we obtained such good results. Besides these, we did not consider physical activity in this study. Recently, interesting results were reported that assessed the optimal setting of the PLGM algorithm for preventing exercise-induced hypoglycemia in adolescents with T1DM [19]. They concluded that setting a PLGM threshold to 90 mg/dL during the night in adolescents performing frequent physical exercise reduced time of hypoglycemia; however, a threshold of 70 mg/dL seems to be safe during physical exercise.

It is necessary to further investigate the setting of the lower limit according to each case, time zone, and the frequency of physical exercise; the timing of manual resumption; and the approach of preventive carbohydrate intake against hypoglycemia. Finally, although PLGM is a very effective mechanism, there are some points to be addressed, such as the fact that hypoglycemia cannot be avoided completely and that there is a possibility of severe hyperglycemia after suspension of insulin infusion. Therefore, when introducing PLGM, it is necessary to take sufficient time to explain the features and precautions of this system to patients and to ensure that they use it with full understanding.

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2	Conclusion
3	In this research, we demonstrated the short-term effects in which the PLGM feature can markedly
4	suppress hypoglycemia, particularly severe hypoglycemia, without deteriorating glycemic control in
5	Japanese patients with T1DM. Further examination is necessary to determine the longer-term effects
6	and to further improve of the hypoglycemia avoidance rate.
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1	Figure Legends
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3	Figure 1. The number of PLGM events and the hypoglycemia avoidance rate
4	a: over 24 hours
5	b: during the daytime and night-time
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7	Figure 2. The change in the SG value during suspension and after resumption of insulin infusion
8	a: All PLGM data
9	b: Classified by event starting time: daytime and night-time. The differences between day and night
10	are not significant.
11	c: Classified by BMI of patients. The differences between high BMI group and low BMI group are not
12	significant.
13	d: Classified by %TBD of patients. the SG value at resumption 1 hour was significantly higher in the
14	high %TBD group than in the low %TBD group
15	SG: sensor glucose, All data are presented as the mean \pm standard deviation (SD).
16	* Statistically significant, P< 0.05
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18	Figure 3. The cases of hyperglycemia after suspension
19	a: A case of hyperglycemia after 2 hours suspension at bedtime
20	b: A case of severe hyperglycemia after suspension of insulin infusion because PLGM started just
21	after
22	a meal
23	Arrows show the degree of SG value increase, and squares indicate the time during which PLGM
	was operating.

Figure 1

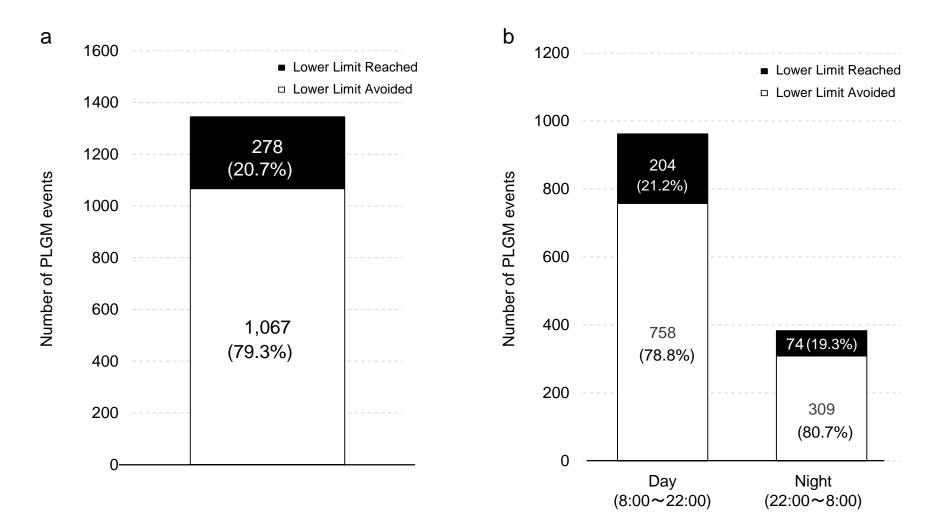


Figure 2

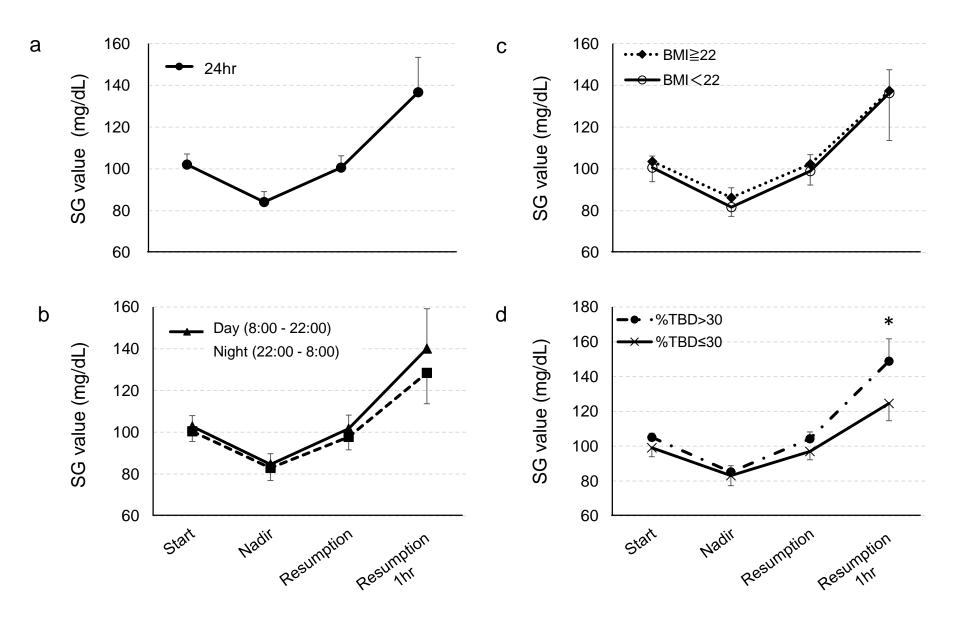


Figure 3

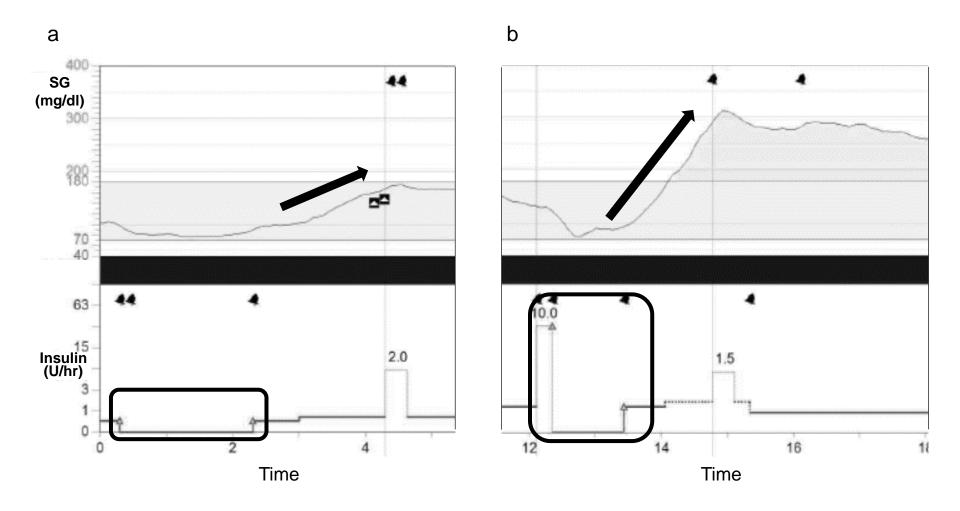


Table 1. Baseline characteristics of the participants

Parameter	Mean ± standard deviation	Range
N (F)	16 (12)	-
Age (years)	46.1 ± 16.9	17 – 78
BMI (kg/m²)	22.2 ± 2.6	17.7 – 27.4
Duration of diabetes (years)	15.8 ± 12.6	2 – 44
Experience with CSII (years)	5.4 ± 2.7	1.3 - 7.8
Experience with SAP (years)	2.2 ± 1.0	0.8 - 3.9
HbA1c (%)	7.0 ± 0.8	5.8 - 8.6
GA (%)	19.5 ± 4.2	13.0 – 27.5
TDD (u/day)	40.9 ± 13.0	22.2 – 64.9
TBD (u/day)	12.2 ± 5.2	5.1 – 22.4
%TBD (%)	30.9 ± 14.4	17 – 46
Carbohydrate input value (g/day)	177 ± 64	91 –251

BMI; body mass index, CSII; continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion, SAP; sensor-augmented pump, GA; glycated albumin, TDD; total daily insulin dose; TBD; total basal insulin dose, %TBD; the percentage of the total basal insulin dose out of the total daily insulin dose.

Table 2. Comparison of glycemic control markers and insulin administration status before and after PLGM was introduced

	Baseline	PLGM	P
HbA1c (%)	7.0 ± 0.8	7.0 ± 0.9	0.867
GA (%)	19.5 ± 4.2	20.1 ± 3.5	0.400
TDD (u/day)	40.9 ± 13.0	38.1 ± 11.4	0.564
TBD (u/day)	12.2 ± 5.2	11.0 ± 5.2	0.402
%TBD (%)	30.9 ± 14.4	29.3 ± 13.2	0.616
Carbohydrate input value (g/day)	177 ± 64	189 ± 73	0.696

GA; glycated albumin, TDD; total daily insulin dose, TBD; total basal insulin dose, %TBD: the percentage of the total basal insulin dose out of the total daily insulin dose. All data are presented as the mean \pm standard deviation (SD).

Table 3. Comparison of the CGM data before and after PLGM was introduced

Baseline	PLGM	P
155.3 ± 34.0	152.9 ± 44.2	0.669
421.3 ± 262.0	440.4 ± 290.1	0.926
17.8 ±19.2	16.1 ± 14.0	0.926
58.2 ± 49.4	30.1 ± 25.9	0.067
15.3 ± 21.7	4.8 ± 6.9	0.019*
0.42 ± 0.43	0.18 ± 0.18	0.012*
	155.3 ± 34.0 421.3 ± 262.0 17.8 ± 19.2 58.2 ± 49.4 15.3 ± 21.7	$155.3 \pm 34.0 \qquad 152.9 \pm 44.2$ $421.3 \pm 262.0 \qquad 440.4 \pm 290.1$ $17.8 \pm 19.2 \qquad 16.1 \pm 14.0$ $58.2 \pm 49.4 \qquad 30.1 \pm 25.9$ $15.3 \pm 21.7 \qquad 4.8 \pm 6.9$

SG, sensor glucose; AUC, area under the curve. All data are presented as the mean \pm standard deviation (SD), * P <0.05.