

**National Essential Medicine List
Paediatric Hospital Level Medication Review Process
Component: Endocrine**

MEDICINE MOTIVATION:

1. Executive Summary

Date: November 2021

Medicine (INN): Insulin detemir, insulin glargine, insulin degludec

Medicine (ATC): A10AE05; A10AE54; A10AE56

Indication (ICD10 code): E10.69

Patient population: Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM) under 18 years with severe hypoglycaemias, nocturnal hypoglycaemia or hypoglycaemia unawareness

Prevalence of condition: T1DM: estimate (African region) 0-14y: 9.4 per 1000; 0-19y: 25.8 per 1000¹; Proportion with hypoglycaemia: 85.7 episodes per 100 patient years²

Level of Care: Secondary

Prescriber Level: Specialist

Current standard of Care: Neutral protamine Hagedorn (NPH) insulin

Efficacy estimates: (preferably NNT) very few statistically significant estimates, see Table 2 for risk ratio and NNT estimates.

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Declarations of Interest: Astra Zeneca, Eli Lilly– Husband AD Board. Astra Zeneca, Boeringer Ingelheim, Pfizer, Merck – Husband given talks.

4. Introduction/ Background

Children with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM) are at greater risk of complications related to insulin therapy than their adult counterparts, due largely to their dependence on a caregiver to administer and regulate their treatment. Strict glycaemic control early in the course of the disease is recommended to prevent long term microvascular complications and death³ however this increases the risk of hypoglycaemic episodes. However, improved glycaemic control has to be weighed against the risk of hypoglycaemia.

Insulin analogues have been developed to better mimic the physiological response to glycaemic load in patients who are insulin dependent. The long acting analogues have a lower peak effect with more stable delivery.^{4,5}

Reported benefits of insulin analogue therapy include:

- Improved basal bolus regimen application
- Reduced nocturnal hypoglycaemia⁵
- Improved perceived quality of life⁶

Children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in early life (before 5-6 years of age) have been shown to have their neuropsychological profiles adversely affected. While hypoglycaemic events have not been directly related, severe recurrent hypoglycaemic episodes to a developing brain should be avoided for the potential risk.⁷

Complications of hypoglycaemia:

- Emotional morbidity for child and caregivers
- Treatment adherence negatively affected to avoid repeat episodes of hypoglycaemia⁸

The recent inclusion of long-acting insulin analogues on the World Health Organization's Model Essential Medicines List for Children was rationalised as follows: "the available evidence showed that the magnitude of clinical benefit of long-acting insulin analogues over human insulin for most clinical outcomes was small, making the large price differential between insulin analogues and human insulin difficult to justify. However, the Committee considered that the observed benefits of insulin analogues over human insulin with regard to lower incidence of symptomatic and nocturnal hypoglycaemia were consistent and clinically important, particularly for the subset of patients at high risk of hypoglycaemia, justifying the decision to recommend inclusion."⁹

A longitudinal cohort study from Japan¹⁰ describes three cohorts of children with T1DM over time (1995, 2000 and 2008). The progression from the use of two insulin analogues went from 0 to 94.7%. They demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in glycaemic control (HbA1c % 9.33 ± 2.05 in 1995 cohort to 7.75 ± 1.19 in the 2008 cohort; $p < .0001$). The percentage of patients with optimal control improved from 18.5% to 43.9%. There was a general increase in body mass index, with increasing rates of overweight (12.2% to 18%) and obesity (2.3% to 5%). The total daily insulin dose per body weight (U/kg/d) remained similar (1.01 ± 0.32 to 1.08 ± 0.34). The incidence rate from the 2000 cohort to the 2008 cohort is mentioned to be lower, $p = .02$. There was a significant change in the regimen utilised over the cohorts, from predominant twice a day regimen to a multiple daily insulin regimen. The authors attribute the improvements in glycaemic control and decrease in incidence rate of severe hypoglycaemias to the basal-bolus regimens and the switch to analogue insulins. However, they also mention that their patients have access to monthly follow up visits and get face-to-face advice when struggling with control, particularly during puberty. In addition, there is no mention of calculating total daily insulin dose by ideal body weight. Given the progressively increasing BMI in the cohorts, their insulin dose by kilogram of ideal body weight had probably increased. While the use of insulin analogues may have contributed to their improved outcomes, many clinical factors had changed over time.

5. Purpose/Objective i.e.

- Reduced incidence of severe hypoglycaemia, nocturnal hypoglycaemia and hypoglycaemia unawareness in at risk population

6. PICO

-P Children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes and recurrent severe hypoglycaemias, hypoglycaemia unawareness or nocturnal hypoglycaemias

-I Insulin analogue (long-acting) – insulin glargine, insulin detemir, insulin degludec

-C Standard insulin therapy (NPH insulin)

-O Reduced incidence of severe hypoglycaemia, secondary outcomes: improved quality of life, improved glycaemic control

7. Methods:

a. Data sources

- Cochrane library search
- Pubmed
- Medline

b. Search strategy

Cochrane Library

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c. Excluded studies:

Table 1: Studies excluded from the review

Garg 2010 ¹¹	Clinical experience, not RCT
Semlitsch et al, 2020 ¹²	Type 2 DM (T2DM)
Harris, 2021 ¹³	T2DM
Harris, 2020 ¹⁴	T2DM
Swinnen, 2011 ¹⁵	T2DM
Vardi, 2008 ¹⁶	Newer systematic review (SR) available
McCance, 2012 ¹⁷	Maternal/perinatal
Bartley, 2008 ¹⁸	Efficacy/safety study
Arutchelvam, 2009 ¹⁹	Comparison of basal insulins following exercise
Thalange, 2013 ²⁰	Included in SR
Fajardo, 2008 ²¹	T2DM
Hermansen, 2007 ²²	Weight gain
Ridderstrale, 2013 ²³	T2DM
Saravanan, 2017 ²⁴	T2DM
Hoogma, 2006 ²⁵	Subcut infusion vs MDI
Dixon, 2007 ²⁶	Cost-effectiveness of health technology
Thalange, 2011 ²⁷	Included in SR
Pedersen-Bjergaard, 2014 ²⁸	Adult study
Home, 2015 ²⁹	T2DM
Fulcher, 2005 ³⁰	Adult study
Rosenstock, 2009 ³¹	T2DM
Ling, 2020 ³²	T2DM
Chatterjee, 2006 ³³	Opinion
Mathiesen, 2011 ³⁴	GDM
Witthaus, 2001	Treatment satisfaction/psychological well being
Dunn, 2003 ³⁵	Review
HOE 901/2004 study investigators group, 2003 ³⁶	T2DM
Simpson, 2007 ³⁷	Lispro review
Ji, 2020 ³⁸	Diabetes in pregnancy
Robertson, 2007 ³⁹	Included in SR
Monami, 2009 ⁴⁰	Adult study
Chapman, 2005 ⁴¹	Not RCT
Petit-Bibal, 2015 ⁴²	Aspart and detemir
Hassan, 2008 ⁴³	Rapid acting insulins included
Schober, 2002 ⁴⁴	Included in SR
Philoteou, 2011 ⁴⁵	Rapid acting insulins included
Murphy, 2003 ⁴⁶	Rapid acting insulins included

8. Results

Evidence synthesis: Hemmingsen, et al 2021⁴⁷

Systematic review and meta-analysis

N=8780 (21% children < 18 years)

Population: Type 1 diabetes mellitus

Table 2 outlines the details of the Cochrane review of the different comparisons. Overall, there were very few statistically significant differences found for the outcomes of interest.

Primary Outcome – Severe hypoglycaemia

- All comparisons except for Insulin detemir vs NPH insulin were not statistically significant different for the primary outcome of interest.
- For insulin detemir compared to NPH insulin the result was only statistically significant for the combined population (adults and children) and not children alone (RR 0.69 [0.52, 0.92], P=0.01, NNT = 33 in favour of insulin detemir – *low risk of bias*).

Secondary Outcome – Hypoglycaemia as an adverse event

- No comparisons were found to be statistically significant different for hypoglycaemia as an adverse event.

Secondary Outcome – Nocturnal hypoglycaemia (any and severe)

- All the comparisons were found to be not significantly different for severe hypoglycaemia.
- Insulin glargine was found to be significantly different to NPH insulin for any nocturnal hypoglycaemia in children (RR 1.01 [0.95, 1.08], P=0.05, NNT = 10 in favour of insulin glargine – *low risk of bias*).
- Insulin detemir was found to be significantly different to NPH insulin for any nocturnal hypoglycaemia in children (RR 0.87 [0.81, 0.94], P=0.0003, NNT=10 in favour of insulin detemir – *low risk of bias*).

Secondary Outcome - Glycaemic control (HbA1c)

- All the comparisons were found to be not significantly different for glycaemic control except for Insulin degludec compared to insulin glargine.
- The comparison for insulin degludec and insulin glargine was only for the combined population and not children alone (MD 0.10 [0.00, 0.21], P=0.05 – *low risk of bias*).

Secondary Outcome – Quality of Life

- Estimates for quality of life could not be determine for two of the comparisons (Insulin detemir vs NPH insulin and Insulin detemir vs insulin glargine).
- Insulin degludec was found to be significantly different compared to insulin detemir for mental health in the combined population and not children alone (MD -3.0 [-4.44, -1.56], P<0.0001 – *moderate risk of bias*).
- Results for quality of life were found to be not statistically significant for insulin glargine vs NPH insulin and Insulin degludec vs insulin glargine.

Table 2: Details of Hemmingsen et al. 2021 Cochrane Review

Interventions	Outcomes				
	Severe hypoglycaemia	Hypoglycaemia as adverse event	Nocturnal hypoglycaemia	Glycaemic control (HbA1c)	Quality of life
Insulin glargine vs NPH insulin					
All individuals (adults and children)	Risk ratio 0.84 [0.67, 1.04] Low risk of bias P=0.11, in favour of insulin glargine (not stat. sig.)	RR 0.94 [0.64, 1.39] P=0.76, in favour of insulin glargine (not stat. sig.)	RR 1.00 [0.96, 1.06] P=0.96, in favour of insulin glargine (not stat. sig.) <u>Severe:</u> RR 0.83 [0.62, 1.12] P=0.23, in favour of insulin glargine (not stat. sig.)	Mean difference 0.02 [-0.06, 0.11] Low risk of bias P=0.59	Mean difference 0.62 [-0.71, 1.96] Moderate risk of bias P=0.36
Children only	RR 1.14 [0.59, 2.21] Low risk of bias P=0.70, in favour of insulin glargine (not stat. sig.)	RR 0.95 [0.32; 2.87] P=0.93, in favour of insulin glargine (not stat. sig.)	RR 1.01 [0.95, 1.08] P=0.05, NNT = 10 in favour of insulin glargine (statistically significant) <u>Severe:</u> RR 0.77 [0.47, 1.25] Low risk of bias P= 0.23, in favour of insulin glargine (not stat. sig.)	MD 0.03 [-0.13, 0.20] Low risk of bias P=0.70	No specific data
Insulin detemir vs NPH insulin					
All individuals (adults and children)	RR 0.69 [0.52, 0.92] Low risk of bias P=0.01, NNT = 33 in favour of insulin detemir (statistically significant)	RR 0.94 [0.48, 1.86] P=0.82, in favour of insulin detemir (not stat. sig.)	RR 0.91 [0.87, 0.95] P<0.0001, NNT=18 in favour of insulin detemir (statistically significant) <u>Severe:</u> RR 0.67 [0.39, 1.17], Low risk of bias P=0.16, in favour of insulin detemir (not stat. sig.)	Mean difference 0.01 [-0.08, 0.10] Low risk of bias P=0.89	No data
Children only	RR 0.61 [0.30, 1.23] P=0.17, in favour of insulin detemir (not stat. sig.)	RR 0.95 [0.16, 5.57] P=0.95, in favour of insulin detemir (not stat. sig.)	RR 0.87 [0.81, 0.94] P=0.0003, NNT=10 in favour of insulin detemir (statistically significant) <u>Severe:</u> RR 0.64 [0.13, 3.17], Low risk of bias P=0.09, in favour of NPH insulin (Not stat. sig.)	MD 0.13 [-0.04, 0.31] Low risk of bias P=0.13	No data

Interventions	Outcomes				
	Severe hypoglycaemia	Hypoglycaemia as adverse event	Nocturnal hypoglycaemia	Glycaemic control (HbA1c)	Quality of life
Insulin detemir vs insulin glargine					
All individuals (adults and children)	RR 0.59 [0.13, 2.63] Low risk of bias P=0.49, in favour of insulin glargine (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 1.16 [0.14, 9.48] P=0.89, in favour of insulin glargine (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 1.01 [0.93, 1.09] P=0.84, in favour of insulin glargine (<i>not stat. sig.</i>) <u>Severe:</u> RR 0.55 [0.06, 5.12], P=0.60, in favour of insulin glargine (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	MD -0.01 [-0.13, 0.12] P=0.89	No data
Insulin degludec vs insulin detemir					
All individuals (adults and children)	RR 1.17 [0.81, 1.69] Low risk of bias P=0.42, in favour of insulin detemir (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 0.69 [0.29, 1.69] P=0.86, in favour of insulin detemir (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 1.04 [0.94, 1.15] P=0.40, in favour of insulin degludec (<i>not stat. sig.</i>) <u>Severe:</u> RR 1.12 [0.51, 2.46] Low risk of bias. P=0.29, in favour of insulin detemir (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	MD 0.05 [-0.08, 0.18] Low risk of bias P=0.44	<u>Physical health:</u> MD -0.60 [-1.83, 0.63] P=0.34 <u>Mental health:</u> MD -3.0 [-4.44, -1.56] Moderate risk of bias P<0.0001
Children only	RR 1.3 [0.81, 2.12] Low risk of bias P=0.30, in favour of insulin detemir (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 2.01 [0.37, 10.84], P=0.42 in favour of insulin detemir (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 1.07, 0.94, 1.12], P=0.29, in favour of insulin detemir (<i>not stat. sig.</i>) <u>Severe:</u> RR 1.01 [0.30, 3.41], Low risk of bias P=0.99, in favour of insulin detemir (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	MD 0.11 [-0.08, 0.30] Low risk of bias P=0.26	No data
Insulin degludec vs insulin glargine					
All individuals (adults and children)	RR 1.22, [0.82, 1.82] Low risk of bias P=0.32, in favour of insulin glargine (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 0.81 [0.40, 1.66] P=0.57, in favour of insulin degludec (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	RR 0.99 [0.91, 1.07], P= 0.76, in favour of insulin degludec (<i>not stat. sig.</i>) <u>Severe:</u> RR 1.39 [0.59, 3.27], P=0.46, in favour of insulin glargine (<i>not stat. sig.</i>)	MD 0.10 [0.00, 0.21] Low risk of bias P=0.05	<u>Physical health:</u> MD -0.04 [-1.12, 1.13] Low risk of bias. P=0.94 <u>Mental health:</u> MD -0.09 [-1.03, 0.85] Low risk of bias. P=0.85
	Not estimable, moderate to high risk of bias	Not estimable	Not estimable	MD 0.00, [-.055, 0.55] Moderate – high risk of bias. P=1.00	Not estimable

8. Evidence quality:

Level 1 evidence including a child cohort.

9. Alternative agents:

Continue management with current standard of care.

10. Costs

Product	Product Price*	Price per ml
Insulin, Analogue, Human, Long Acting; 100IU/ml; pen, prefilled; 3 ml	R51.02	R17.01
Insulin, Biosynthetic, Human, Isophane; 100IU/ml; injection; 10 ml	R34.14	R3.41
Insulin, Biosynthetic, Human, Isophane; 100IU/ml; pen, prefilled; 3 ml	R32.06	R10.69

*Master Health Product List (MHPL) December 2021

Current contract prices for long acting show that there a 1.5 to almost 5 fold difference in price compared to the isophane insulin.

11. Conclusion

Existing level 1 evidence does not provide compelling reasons for the introduction of long-acting insulin analogues onto the EML. As such, the PERC **does not** recommend the procurement of long-acting insulin analogues for use at paediatric hospital level at this time.

A review of this decision would be indicated with a substantial decrease in the cost of insulin analogues or if evidence of a marked improvement of glycaemic control, decrease in risk of complications or improved quality of life emerges.

EVIDENCE TO DECISION FRAMEWORK

	JUDGEMENT	SUPPORTING EVIDENCE & ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS
QUALITY OF EVIDENCE	<p>What is the overall confidence in the evidence of effectiveness?</p> <p>Confident Not confident Uncertain</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No clear evidence of benefit, wide confidence intervals for hypoglycaemia outcomes, minimal data on quality of life outcomes, no clear effect on glycaemic control</p>

BENEFITS & HARMIS	<p>Do the desirable effects outweigh the undesirable effects?</p> <p>Benefits outweigh harms <input type="checkbox"/> Harms outweigh benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Benefits = harms or uncertain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	No clear benefit or harm
THERAPEUTIC INTERCHANGE	<p>Therapeutic alternatives available: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>List the members of the group.</p> <p>NPH insulin</p> <p>List specific exclusion from the group:</p>	<p>Rationale for therapeutic alternatives included: Current standard of care: Human insulin, intermediate acting NPH insulin (as presented in systematic review)</p> <p>References: Hemmingen 2021⁴⁷</p> <p>Rationale for exclusion from the group:</p> <p>References:</p>
VALUES & PREFERENCES / ACCEPTABILITY	<p>Is there important uncertainty or variability about how much people value the options?</p> <p>Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Is the option acceptable to key stakeholders?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>There is a theoretical consideration for improved adherence, and a perceived improvement in quality of life (not clearly confirmed by evidence as reviewed in the systematic review).</p> <p>Type 1 diabetics and clinicians who treat this condition feel strongly about the benefit of this treatment is safer and beneficial to the population at risk (anecdotal).</p>
RESOURCE USE	<p>How large are the resource requirements?</p> <p>More intensive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less intensive <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><i>See Costing section</i></p> <p>Current contract prices for long acting show that there a 1.5 to almost 5 fold difference in price compared to the isophane insulin.</p> <p>No cost-effectiveness assessment was done with this medicines review. However, TQ review of insulin analogues in 2016 showed major price differential from current standard of care.</p> <p>Additional resources:</p>
EQUITY	<p>Would there be an impact on health inequity?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Major cost implication for unclear benefit of the new insulins.</p> <p>Cost-effectiveness analysis in Japan indicates that pharmaceutical costs can be offset by savings decreased need for other medical</p>

		resources. ⁴⁸ Limitations in study and limited ability to generalise to South African context.
FEASIBILITY	Is the implementation of this recommendation feasible? Yes No Uncertain <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Simple adjustment of regimen to patients at risk. Commonly practiced in high income countries where human insulins are phased out. ¹⁰

Type of recommendation	We recommend against the option and for the alternative X	We suggest not to use the option or to use the alternative <input type="checkbox"/>	We suggest using either the option or the alternative <input type="checkbox"/>	We suggest using the option <input type="checkbox"/>	We recommend the option <input type="checkbox"/>
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Recommendation

Continue management with current protocols. Long acting insulin analogues should not be added to the Essential Medicines List at current pricing.

Rationale:

No compelling evidence in systematic review for benefit, large cost implication likely

Level of Evidence:

Level 1

Review indicator:

Evidence of efficacy	Evidence of harm	Price reduction
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VEN status:

Vital	Essential	Necessary
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Monitoring and evaluation considerations

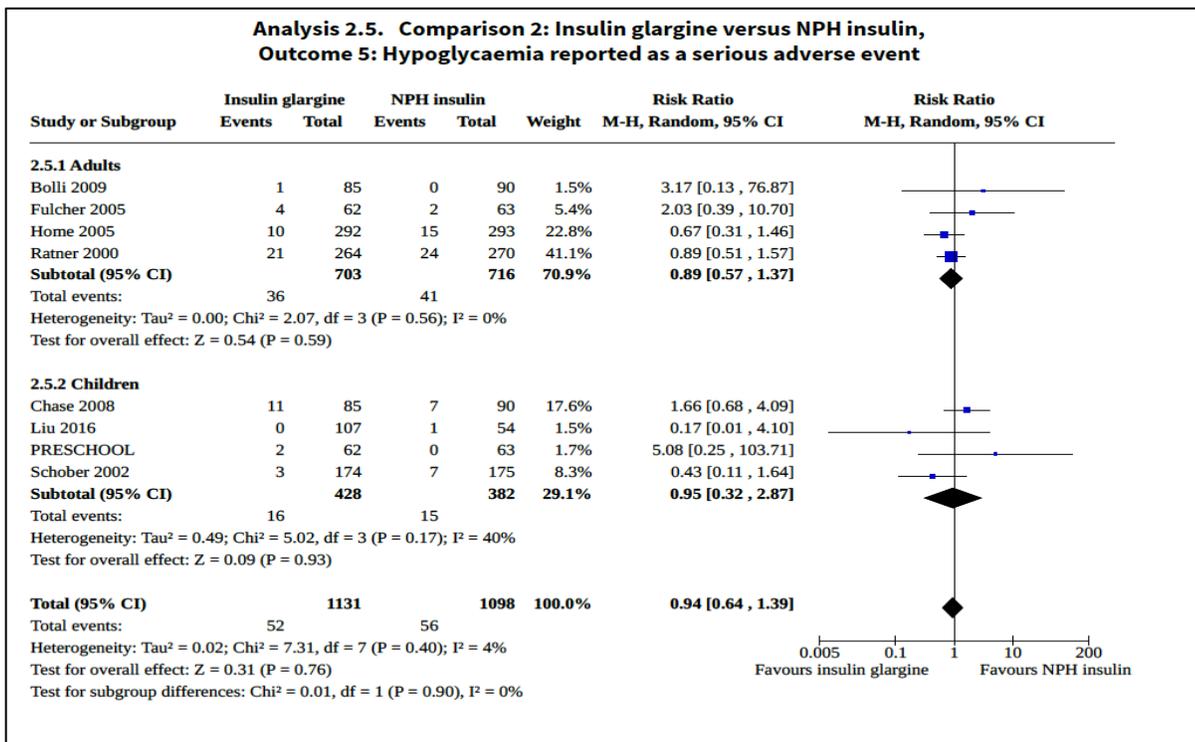
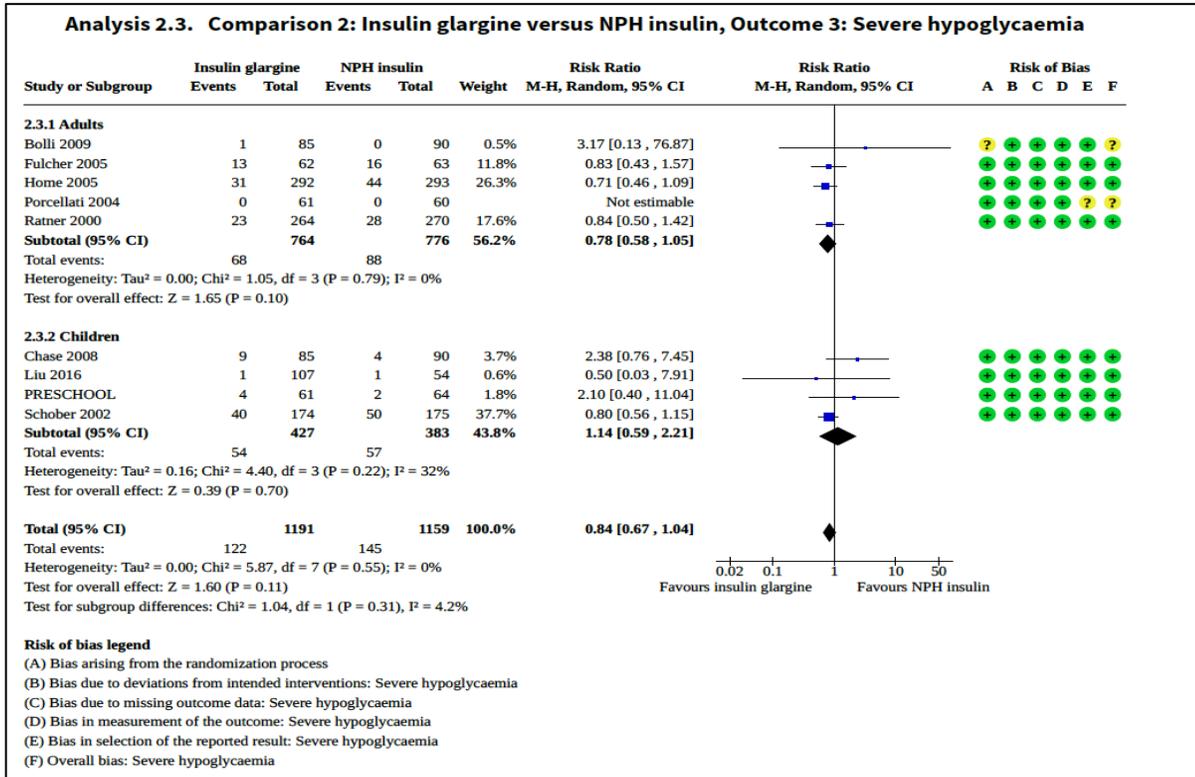
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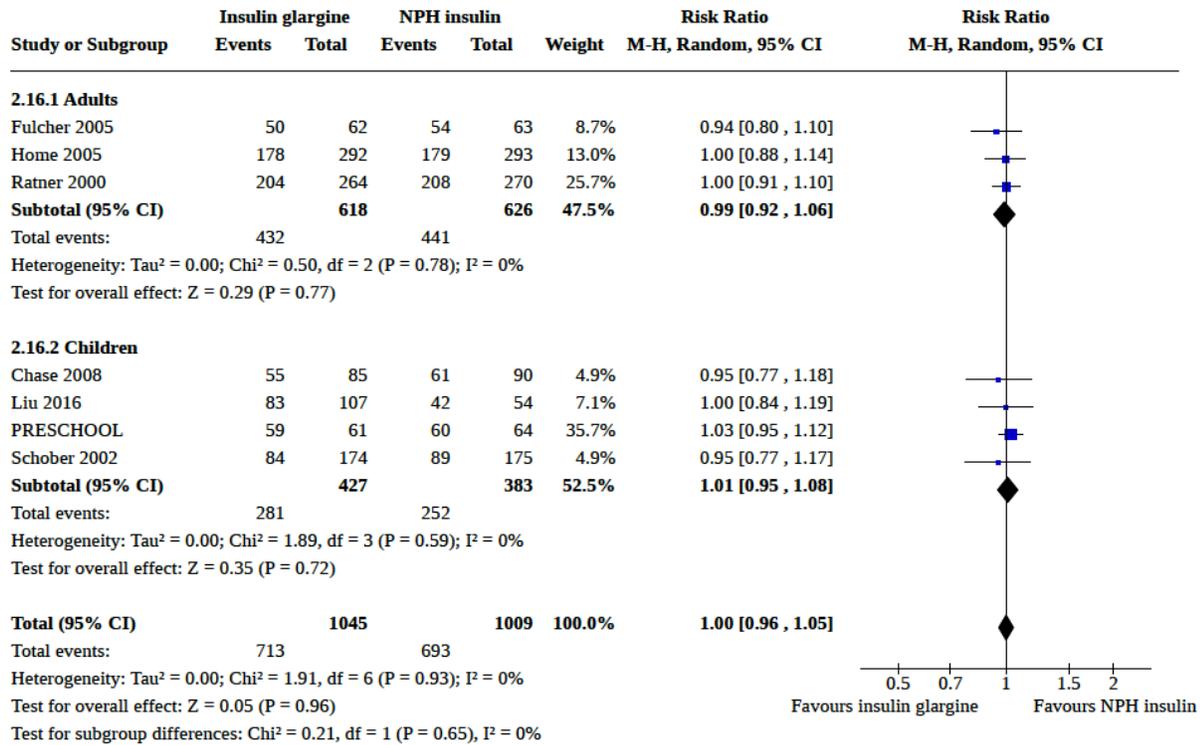
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Appendices – Forest Plots

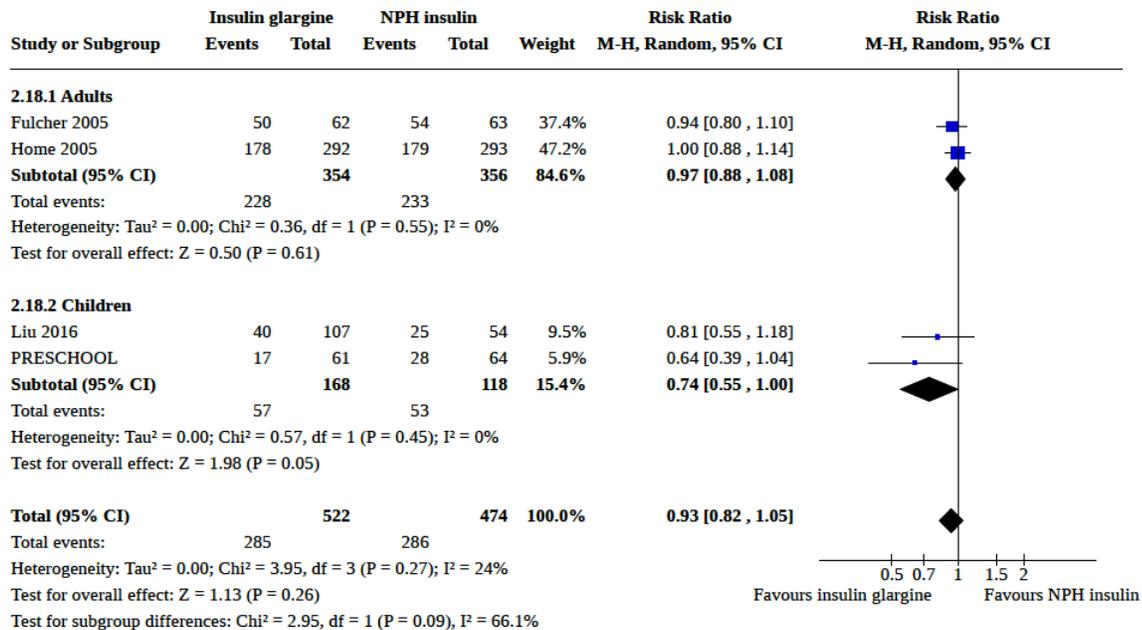
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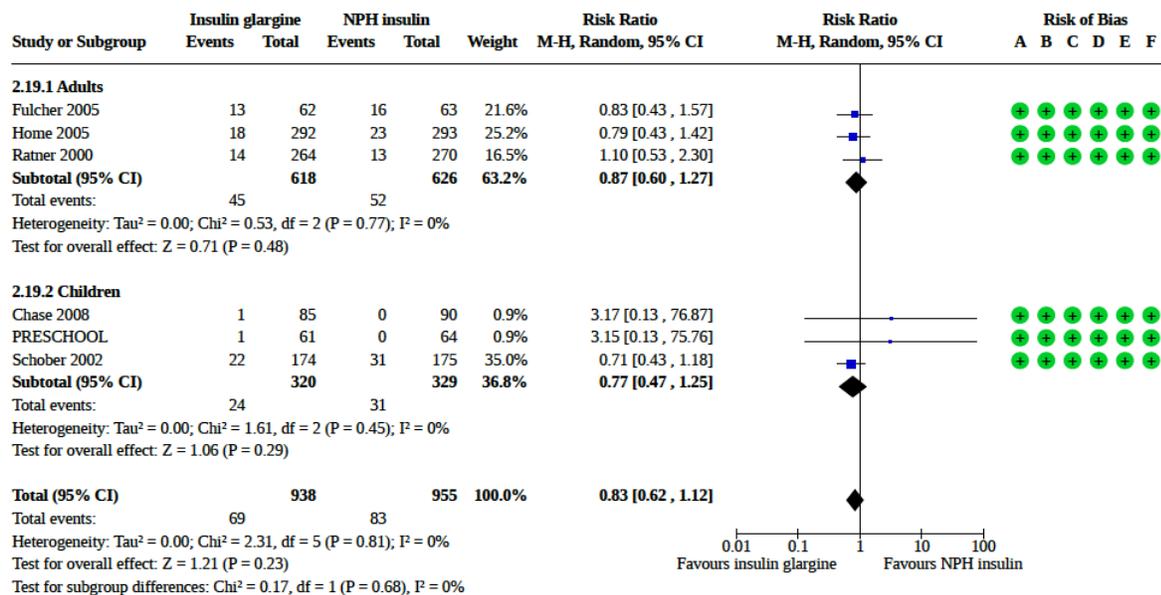
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Analysis 2.18. Comparison 2: Insulin glargine versus NPH insulin, Outcome 18: Nocturnal hypoglycaemia (symptoms)



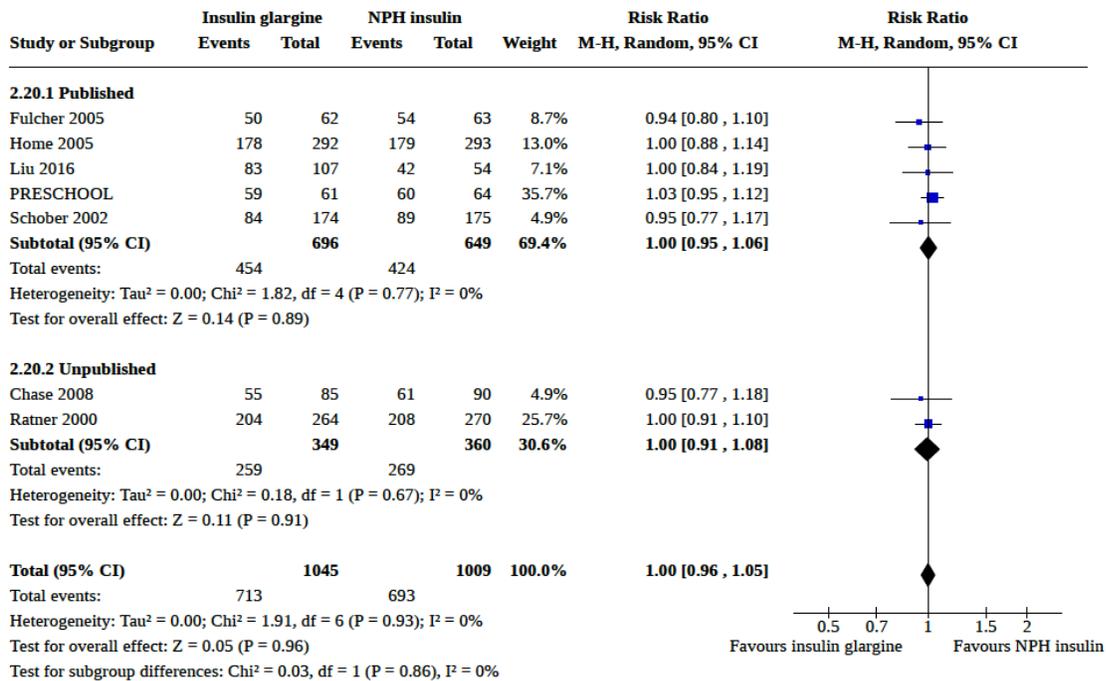
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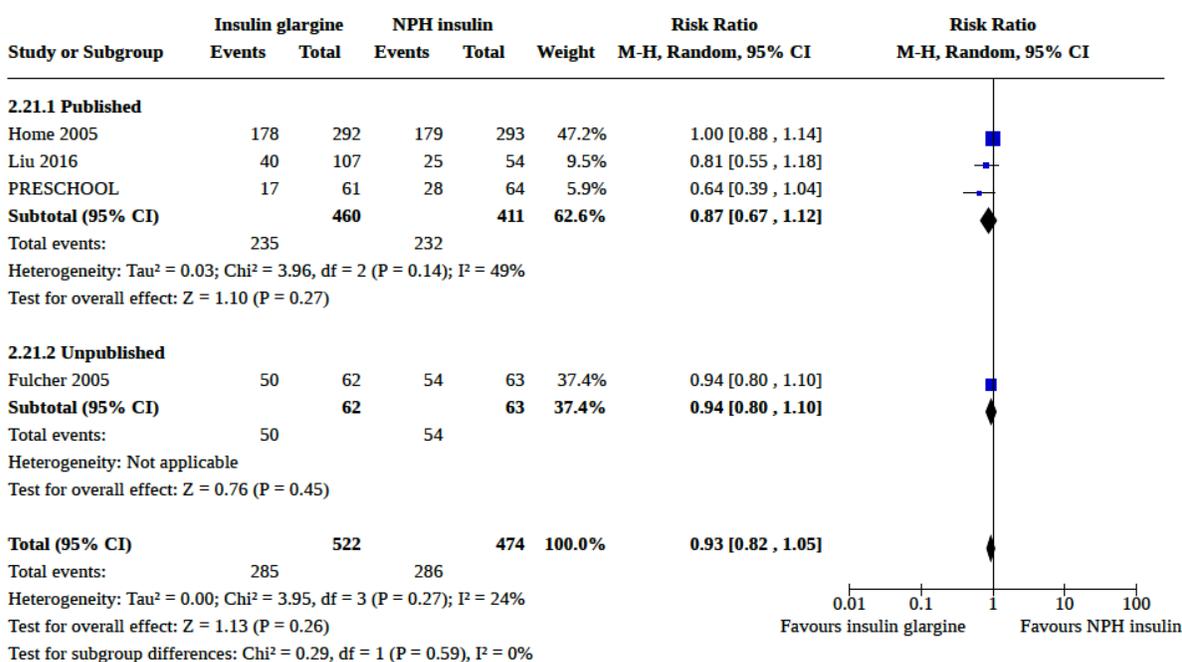
Risk of bias legend

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- (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (F) Overall bias: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia

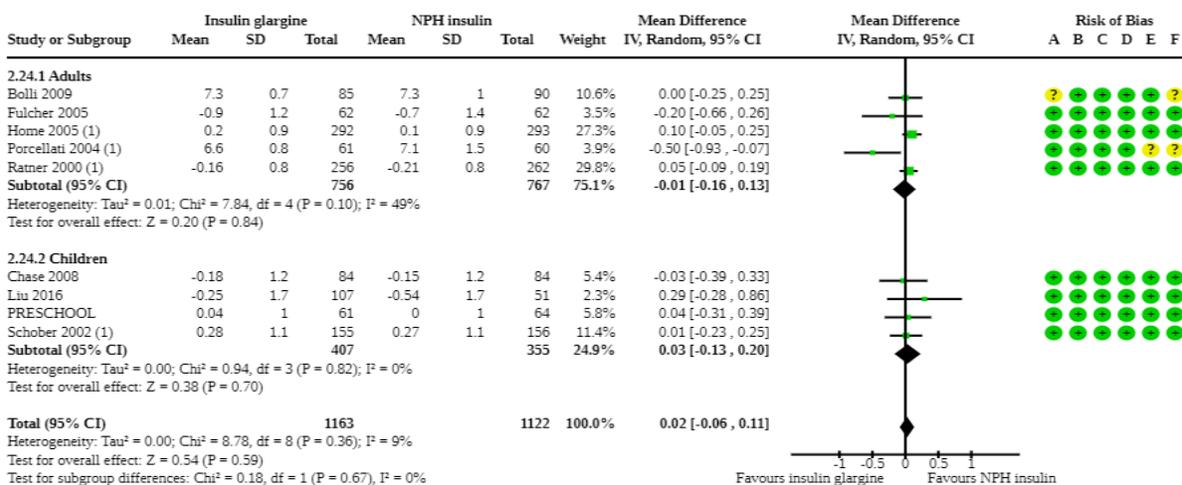
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Analysis 2.21. Comparison 2: Insulin glargine versus NPH insulin, Outcome 21: Symptomatic nocturnal hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)



Analysis 2.24. Comparison 2: Insulin glargine versus NPH insulin, Outcome 24: HbA1c



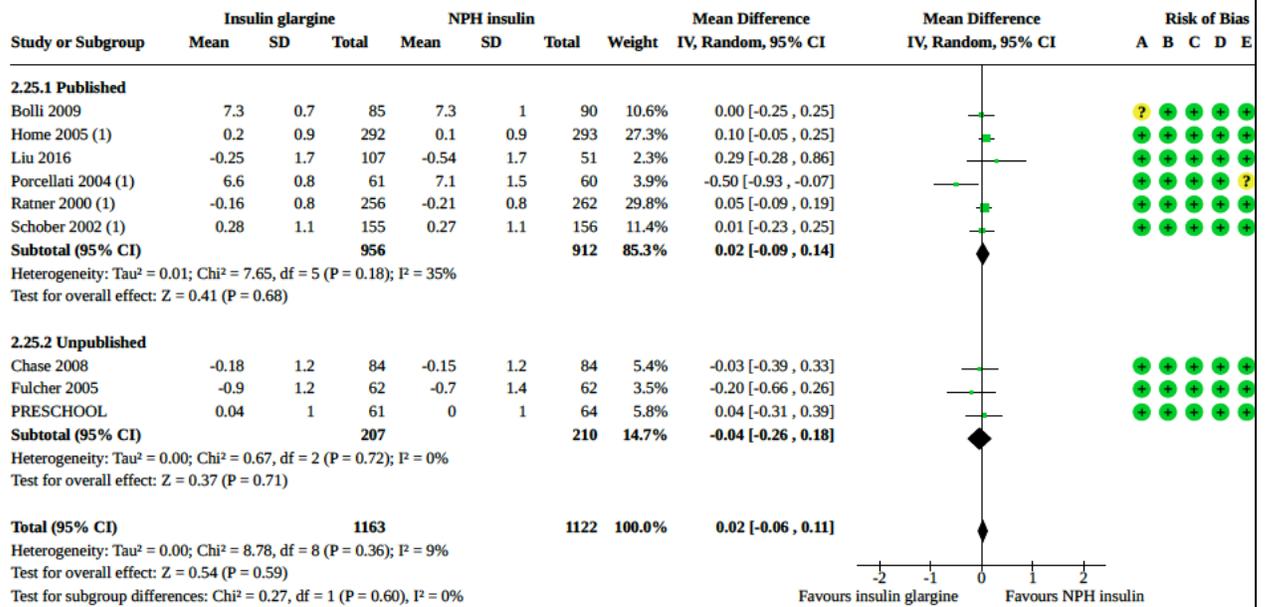
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(1) SD calculated from SE

Risk of bias legend

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- (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: HbA1c
- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: HbA1c
- (F) Overall bias: HbA1c

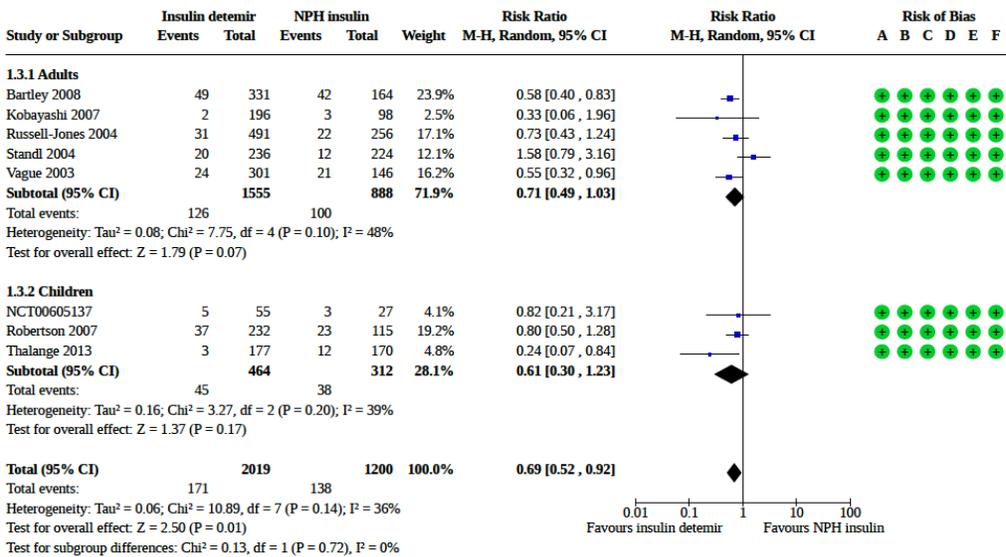
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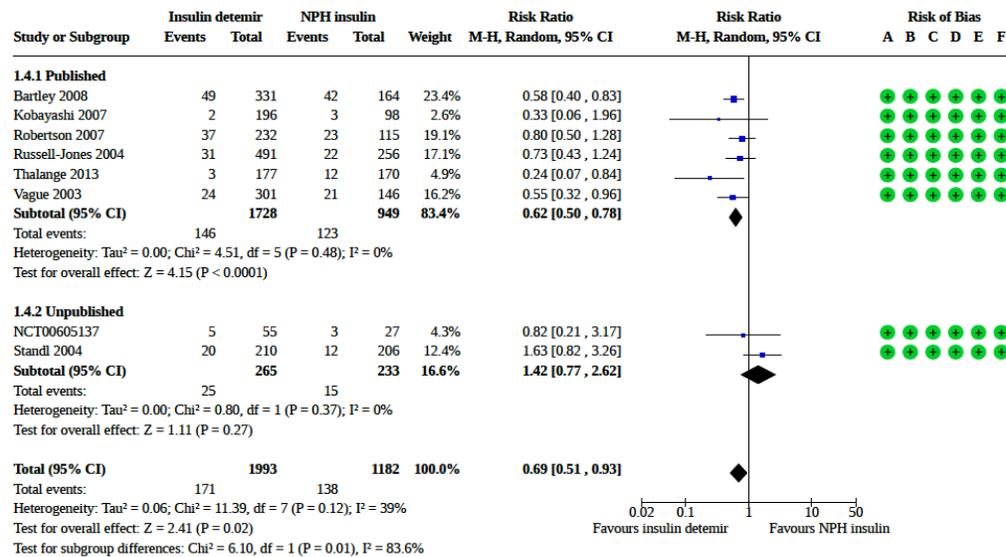
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 (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: HbA1c (published vs unpublished data)
 (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: HbA1c (published vs unpublished data)
 (F) Overall bias: HbA1c (published vs unpublished data)

Analysis 1.3. Comparison 1: Insulin detemir versus NPH insulin, Outcome 3: Severe hypoglycaemia



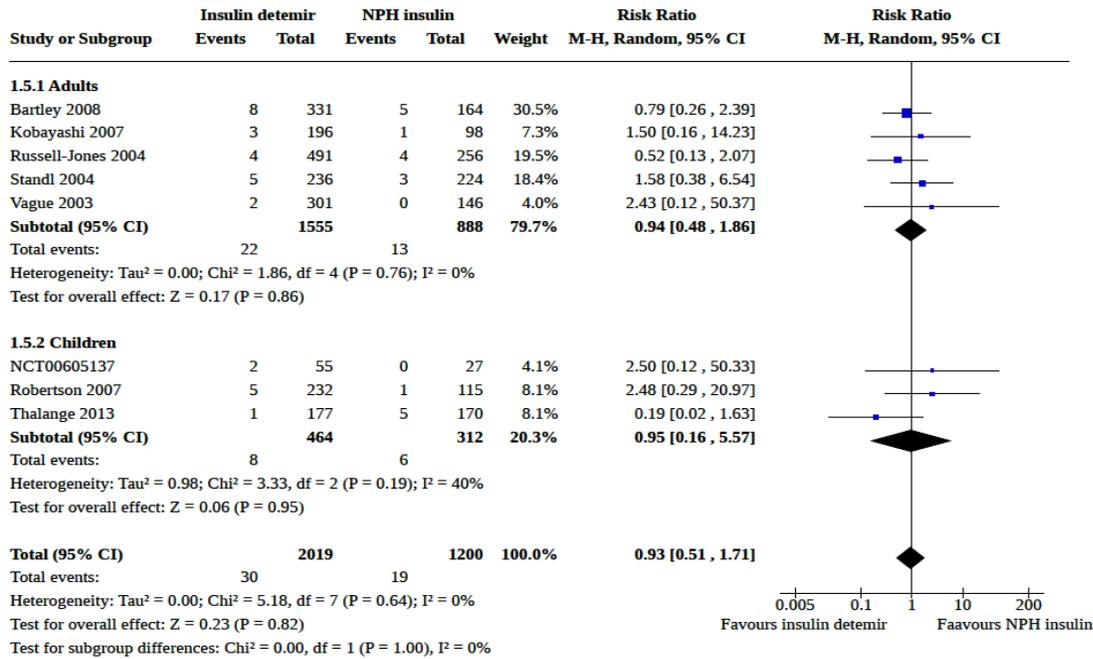
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 (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: Severe hypoglycaemia
 (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe hypoglycaemia
 (F) Overall bias: Severe hypoglycaemia

Analysis 1.4. Comparison 1: Insulin detemir versus NPH insulin, Outcome 4: Severe hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)

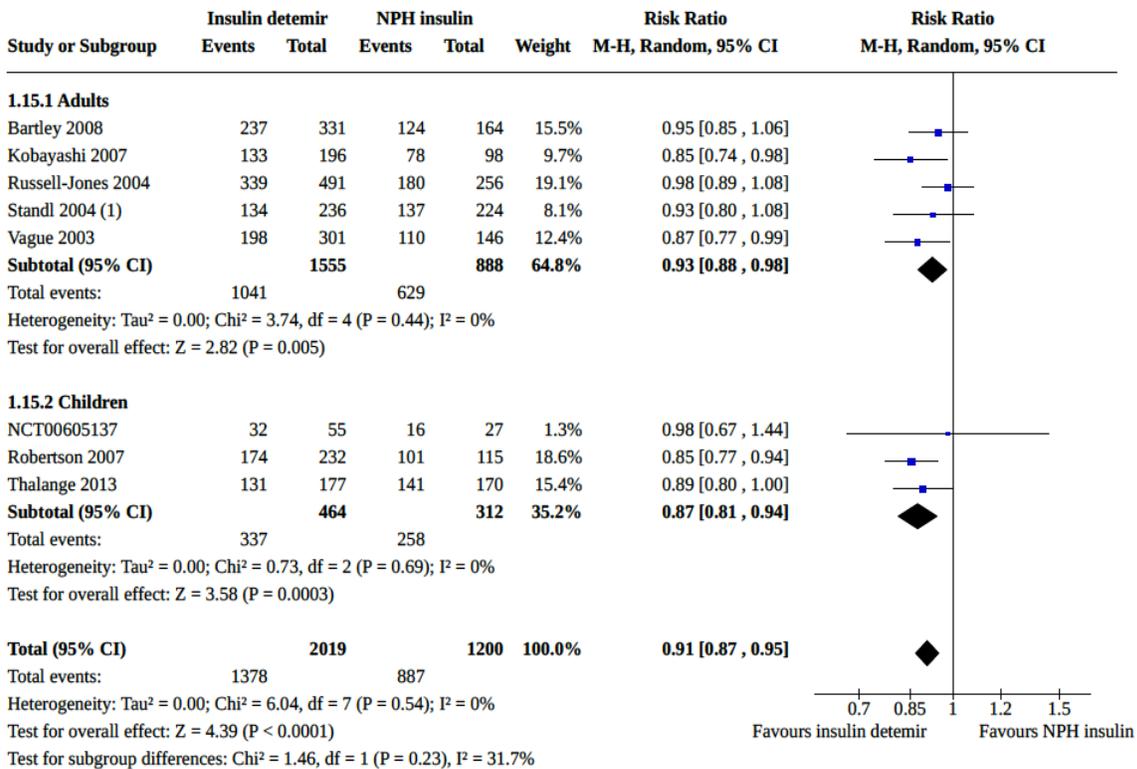


Risk of bias legend
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 (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: Severe hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
 (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: Severe hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
 (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: Severe hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
 (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
 (F) Overall bias: Severe hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)

Analysis 1.5. Comparison 1: Insulin detemir versus NPH insulin, Outcome 5: Hypoglycaemia reported as a serious adverse event



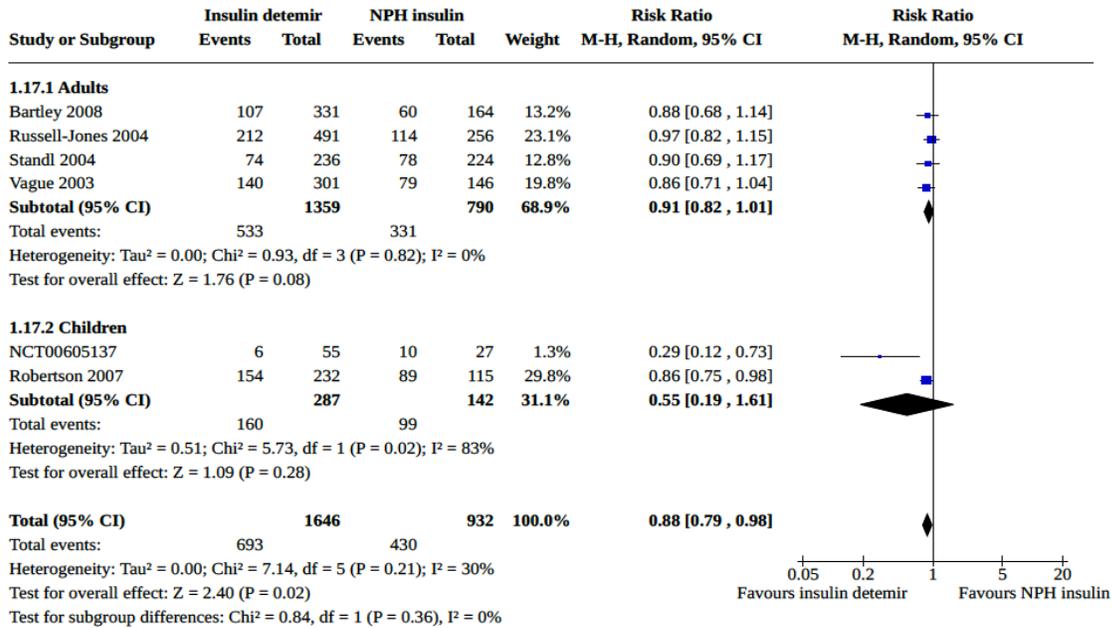
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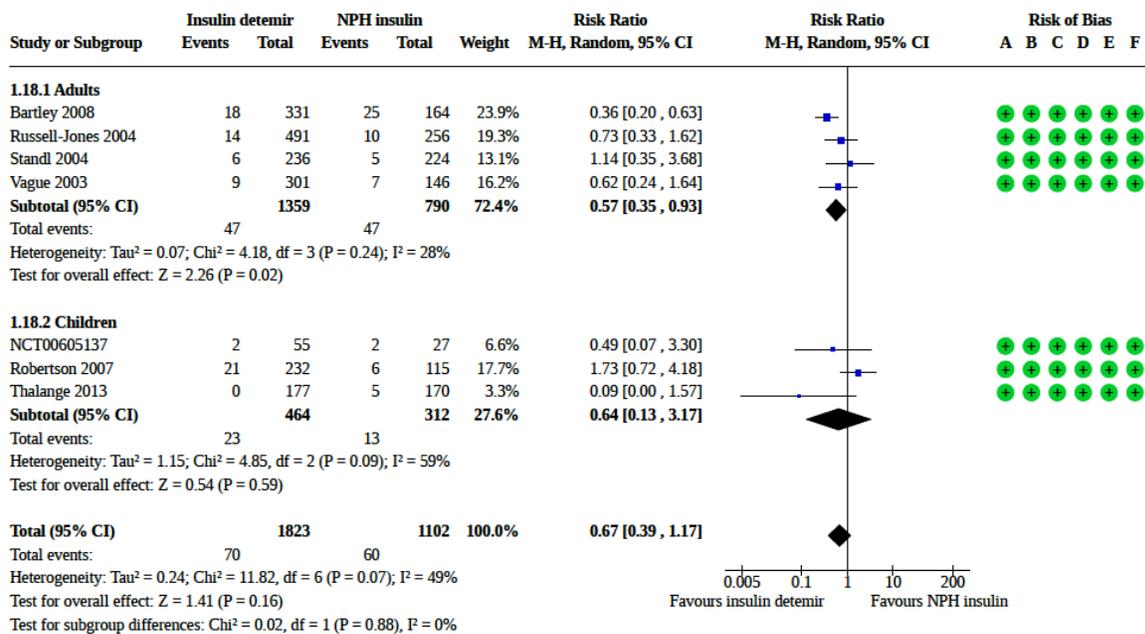
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(1) Data from CSR after 6 months

Analysis 1.17. Comparison 1: Insulin detemir versus NPH insulin, Outcome 17: Nocturnal hypoglycaemia (symptoms)



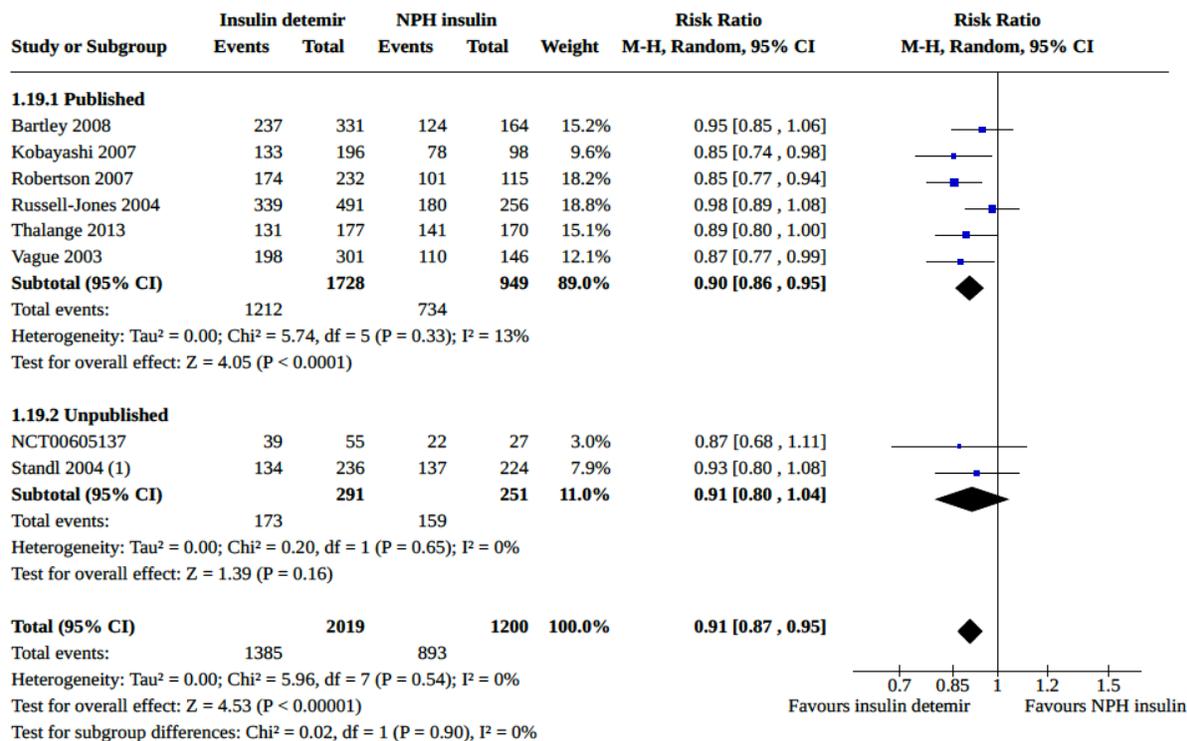
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Risk of bias legend

- (A) Bias arising from the randomization process
- (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
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- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (F) Overall bias: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia

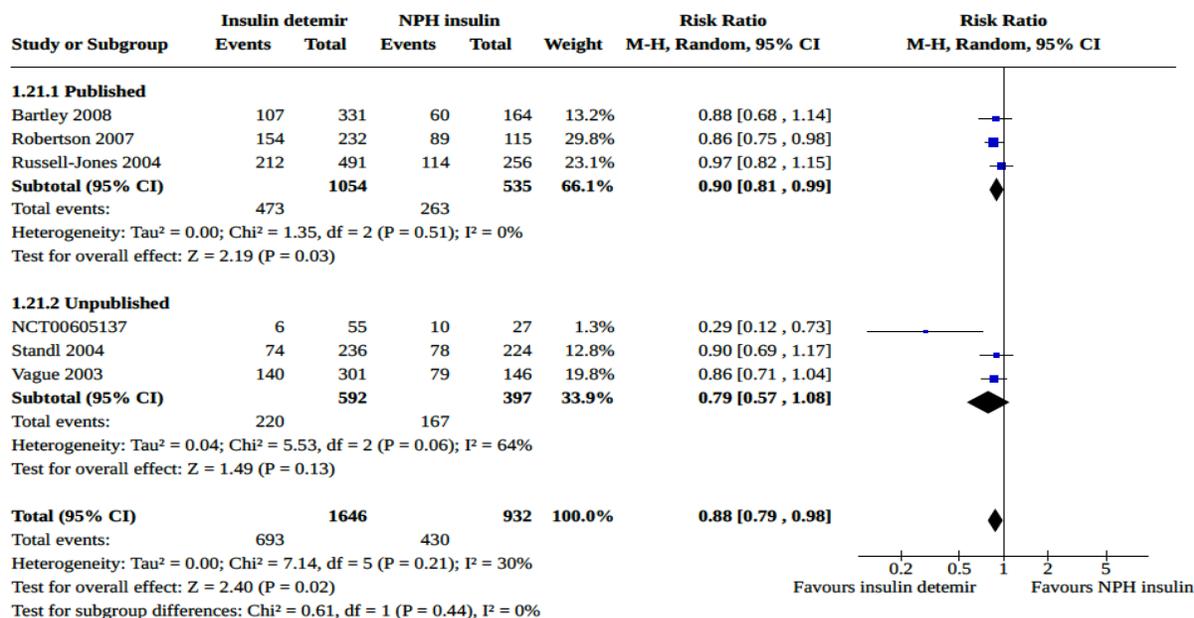
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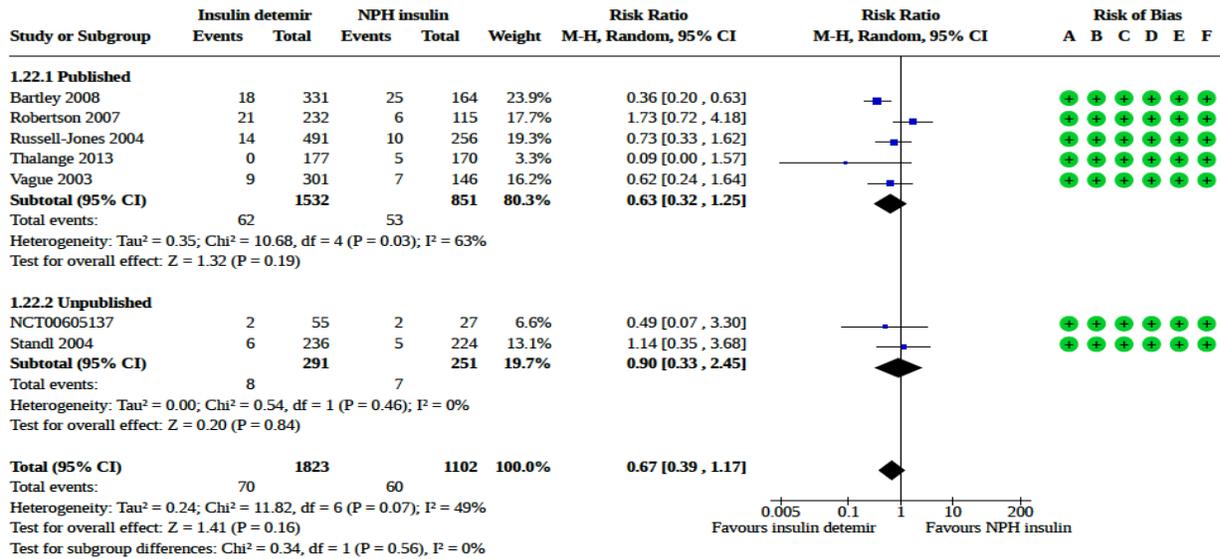
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(1) Data from CSR after 6 months

Analysis 1.21. Comparison 1: Insulin detemir versus NPH insulin, Outcome 21: Nocturnal hypoglycaemia, symptoms only (published vs. unpublished data)



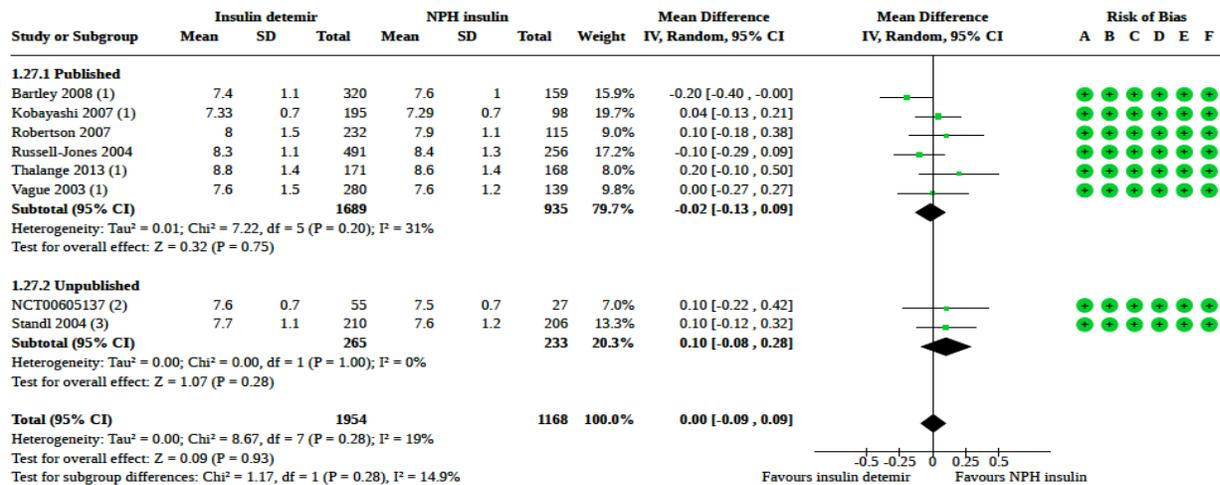
Analysis 1.22. Comparison 1: Insulin detemir versus NPH insulin, Outcome 22: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)



Risk of bias legend

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- (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
- (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
- (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)
- (F) Overall bias: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia (published vs. unpublished data)

Analysis 1.27. Comparison 1: Insulin detemir versus NPH insulin, Outcome 27: HbA1c (published vs. unpublished data)



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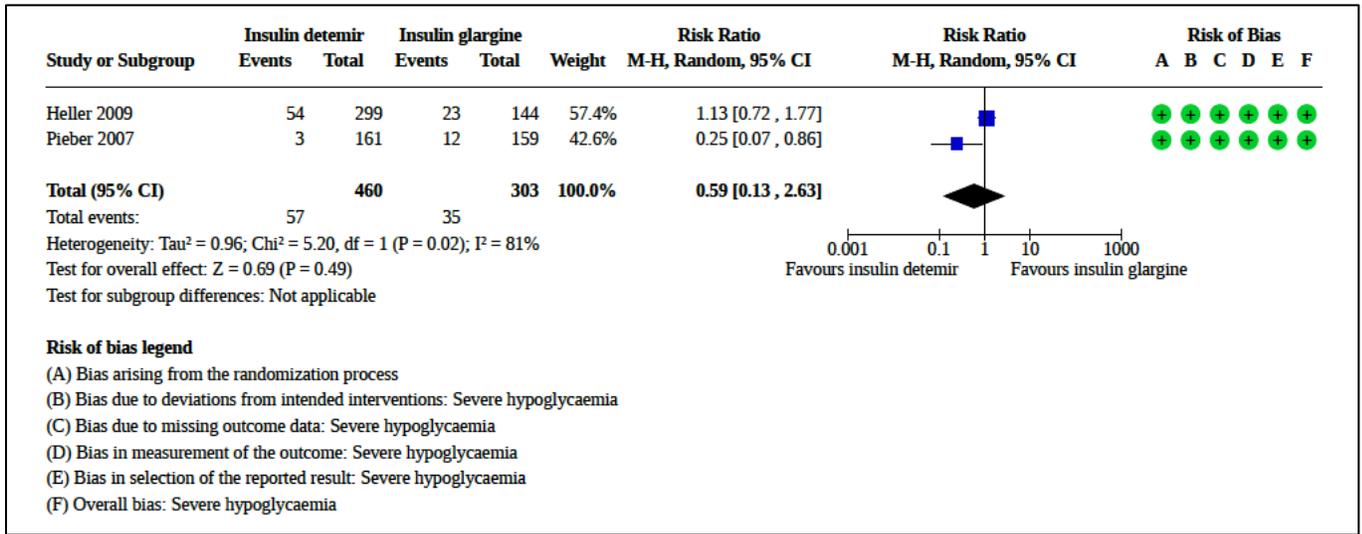
- (1) SD calculated from SE
- (2) Data from study synopsis. LS mean adjusted for baseline value. SD calculated from SE.
- (3) Data after 26 weeks of intervention from FDA medical review and CSR

Risk of bias legend

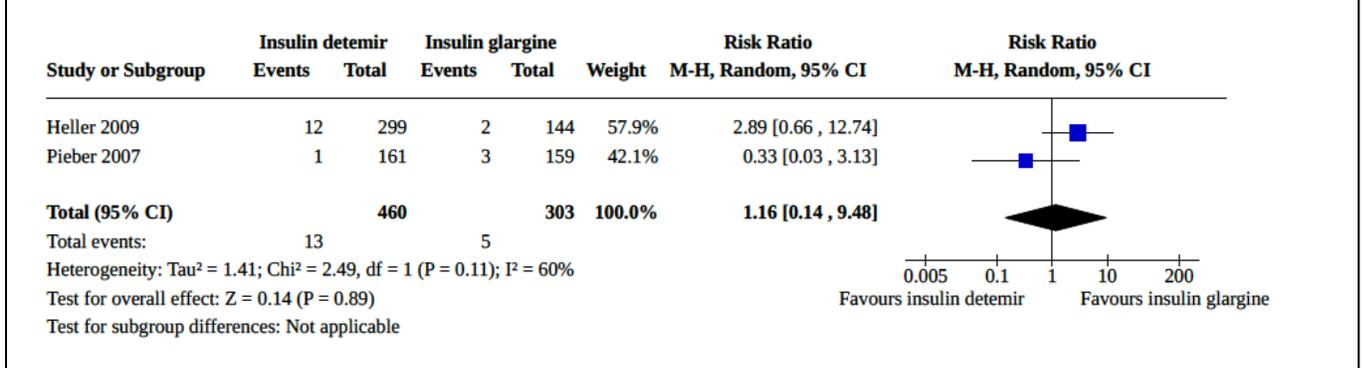
- (A) Bias arising from the randomization process
- (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: HbA1c (published vs. unpublished data)
- (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: HbA1c (published vs. unpublished data)
- (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: HbA1c (published vs. unpublished data)
- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: HbA1c (published vs. unpublished data)
- (F) Overall bias: HbA1c (published vs. unpublished data)

Insulin detemir vs insulin glargine

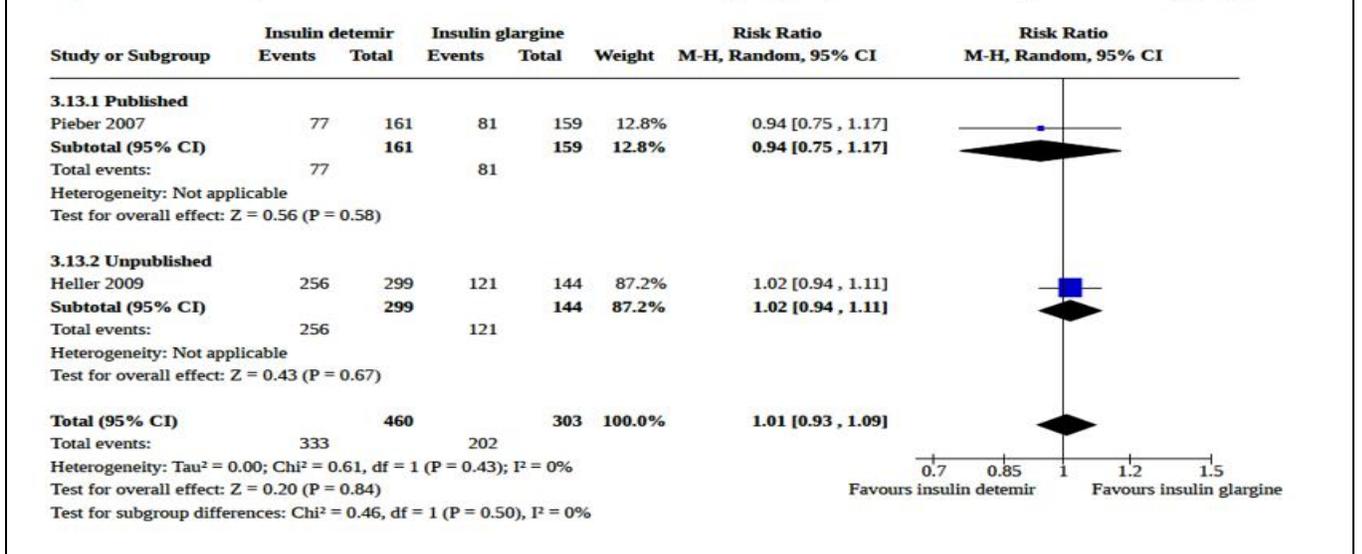
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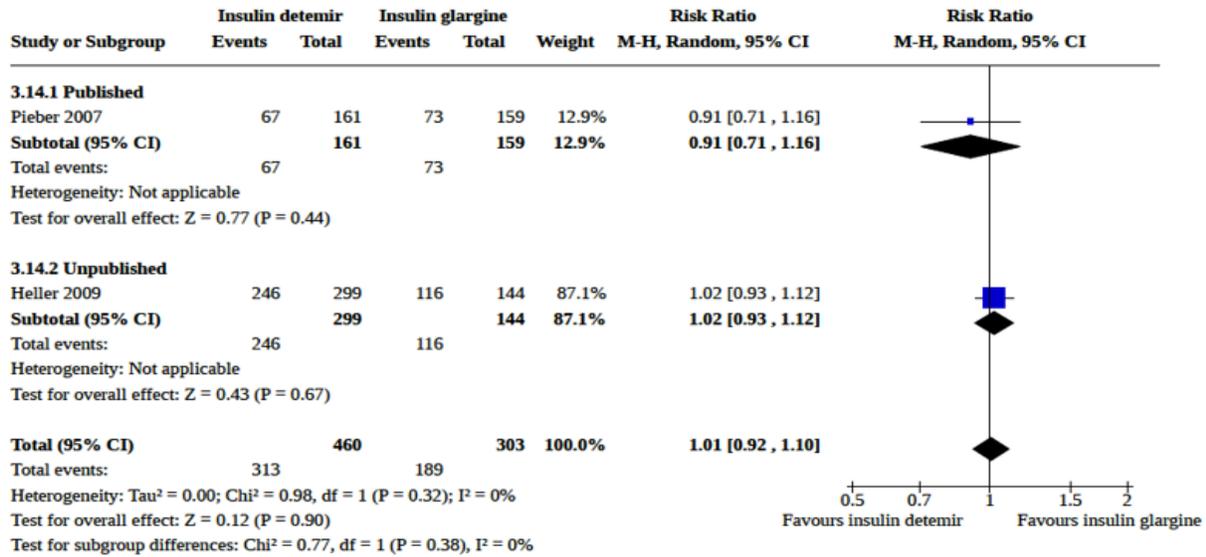
Analysis 3.4. Comparison 3: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine, Outcome 4: Hypoglycaemia reported as a serious adverse event



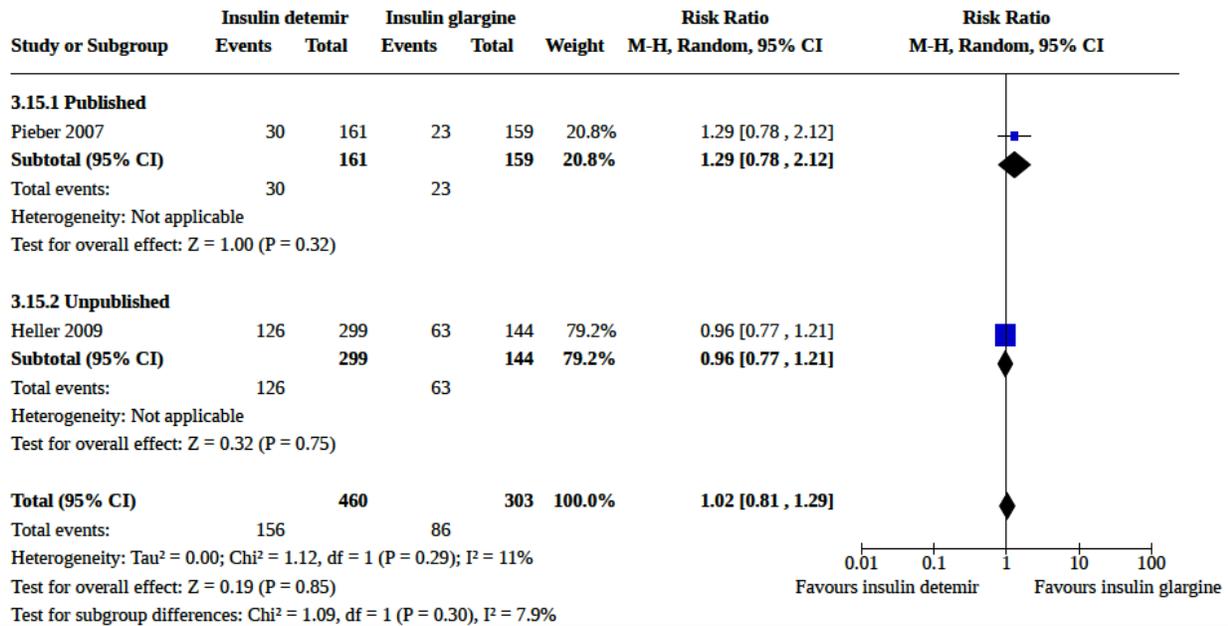
Analysis 3.13. Comparison 3: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine, Outcome 13: Any nocturnal hypoglycaemia



Analysis 3.14. Comparison 3: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine, Outcome 14: Confirmed nocturnal hypoglycaemia (PG < 3.1 mmol/L and no assistance)



Analysis 3.15. Comparison 3: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine, Outcome 15: Symptomatic nocturnal hypoglycaemia (PG ≥ 3.1 or no PG and no assistance required)



Analysis 3.16. Comparison 3: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine, Outcome 16: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia

Study or Subgroup	Insulin detemir		Insulin glargine		Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Risk Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI	Risk of Bias					
	Events	Total	Events	Total				A	B	C	D	E	F
3.16.1 Published													
Pieber 2007	0	161	4	159	32.4%	0.11 [0.01, 2.02]							
Subtotal (95% CI)		161		159	32.4%	0.11 [0.01, 2.02]							
Total events:	0		4										
Heterogeneity: Not applicable													
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.49 (P = 0.14)													
3.16.2 Unpublished													
Heller 2009	27	299	11	144	67.6%	1.18 [0.60, 2.32]							
Subtotal (95% CI)		299		144	67.6%	1.18 [0.60, 2.32]							
Total events:	27		11										
Heterogeneity: Not applicable													
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.49 (P = 0.63)													
Total (95% CI)		460		303	100.0%	0.55 [0.06, 5.12]							
Total events:	27		15										
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 1.81; Chi ² = 2.55, df = 1 (P = 0.11); I ² = 61%													
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.53 (P = 0.60)													
Test for subgroup differences: Chi ² = 2.43, df = 1 (P = 0.12), I ² = 58.8%													

Risk of bias legend

- (A) Bias arising from the randomization process
- (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (F) Overall bias: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia

Analysis 3.18. Comparison 3: Insulin detemir versus insulin glargine, Outcome 18: HbA1c

Study or Subgroup	Insulin detemir			Insulin glargine			Weight	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI	Risk of Bias					
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total				A	B	C	D	E	F
Heller 2009 (1)	7.6	0.8	283	7.6	0.7	134	69.3%	0.00 [-0.15, 0.15]							
Pieber 2007 (1)	8.16	1	149	8.19	1	151	30.7%	-0.03 [-0.26, 0.20]							
Total (95% CI)			432			285	100.0%	-0.01 [-0.13, 0.12]							
Heterogeneity: Tau ² = 0.00; Chi ² = 0.05, df = 1 (P = 0.83); I ² = 0%															
Test for overall effect: Z = 0.14 (P = 0.89)															
Test for subgroup differences: Not applicable															

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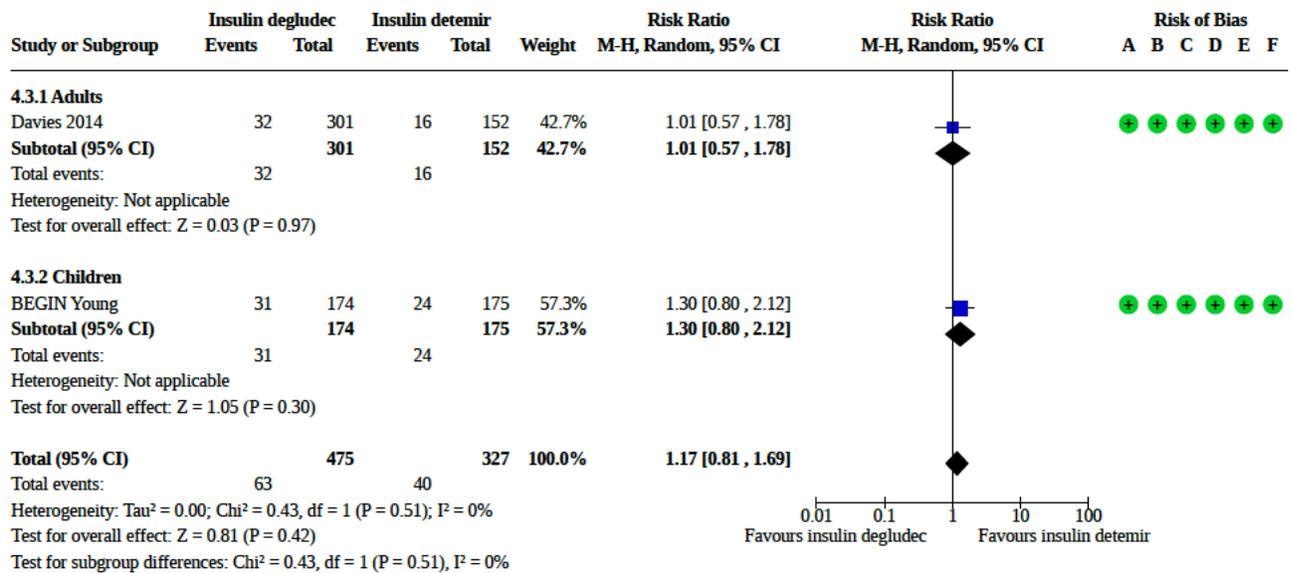
- (1) SD calculated from SE

Risk of bias legend

- (A) Bias arising from the randomization process
- (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: HbA1c
- (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: HbA1c
- (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: HbA1c
- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: HbA1c
- (F) Overall bias: HbA1c

Insulin degludec vs insulin detemir

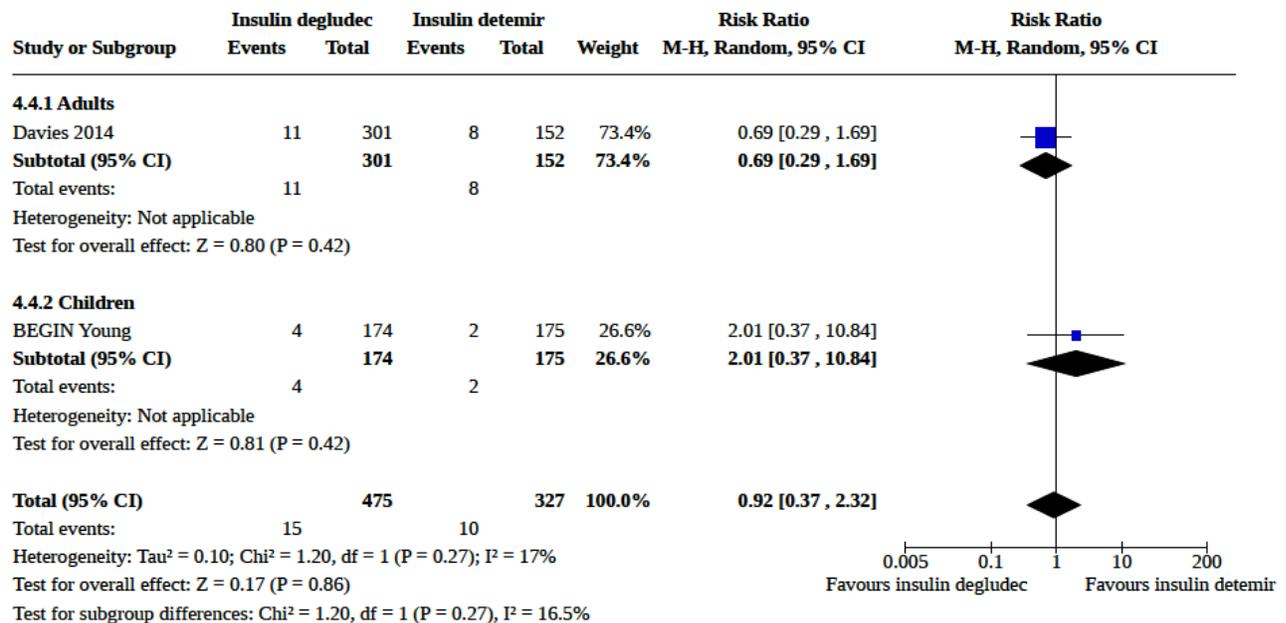
Analysis 4.3. Comparison 4: Insulin degludec versus insulin detemir, Outcome 3: Severe hypoglycaemia



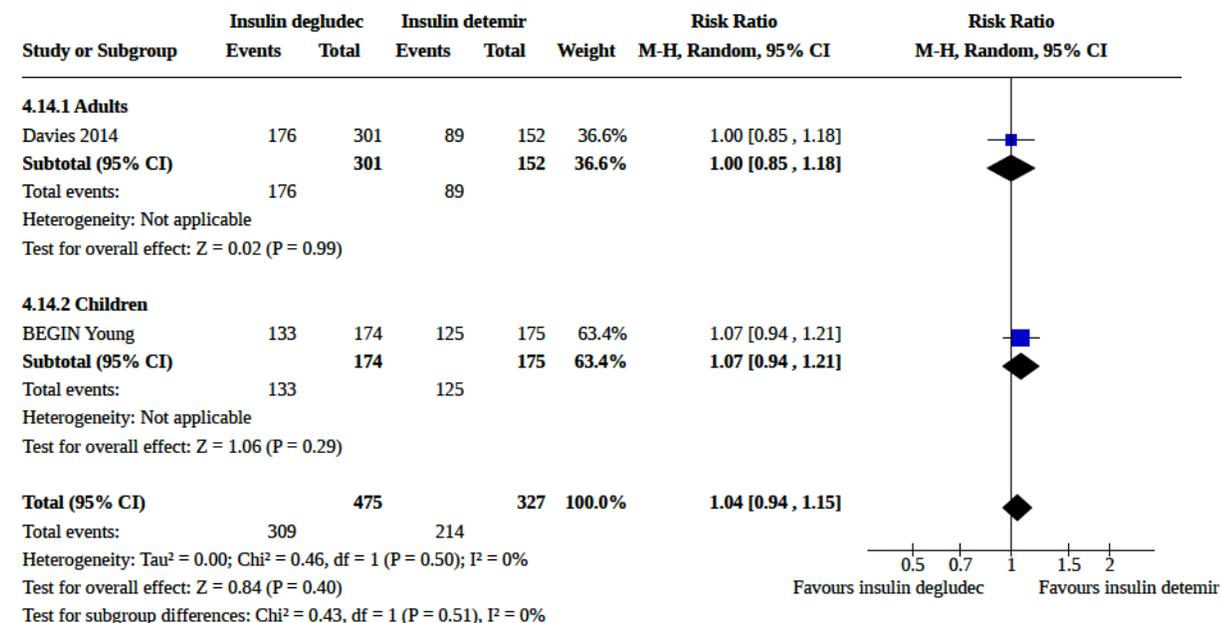
Risk of bias legend

- (A) Bias arising from the randomization process
- (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: Severe hypoglycaemia
- (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: Severe hypoglycaemia
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- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe hypoglycaemia
- (F) Overall bias: Severe hypoglycaemia

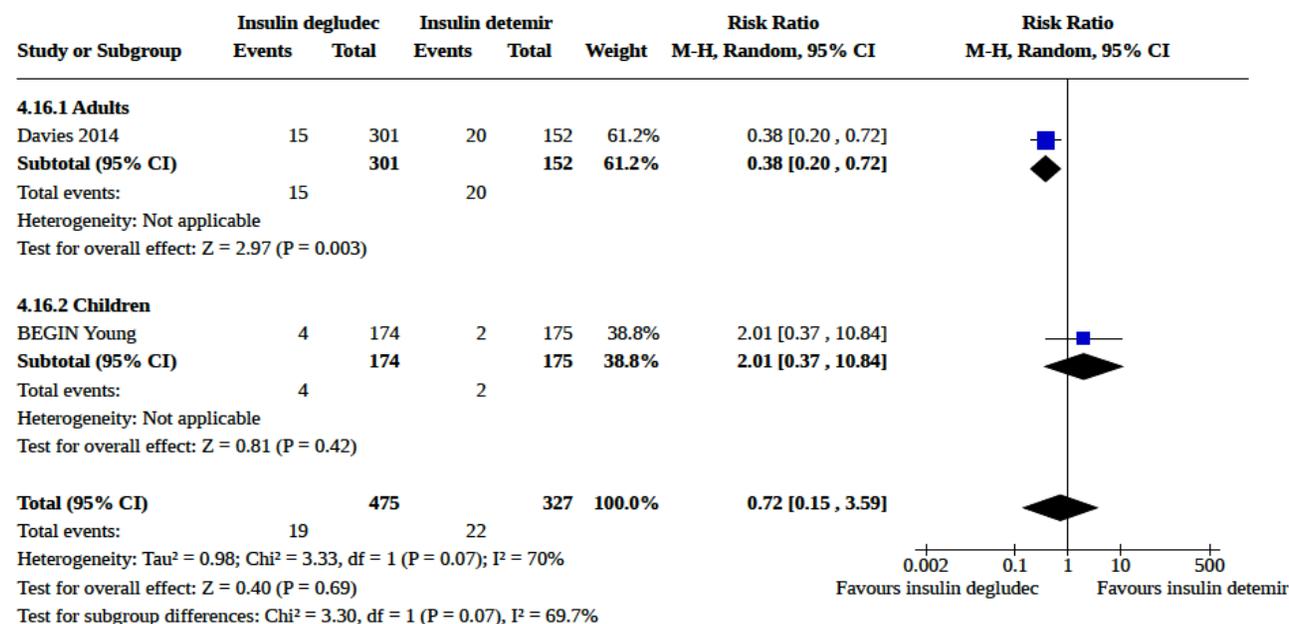
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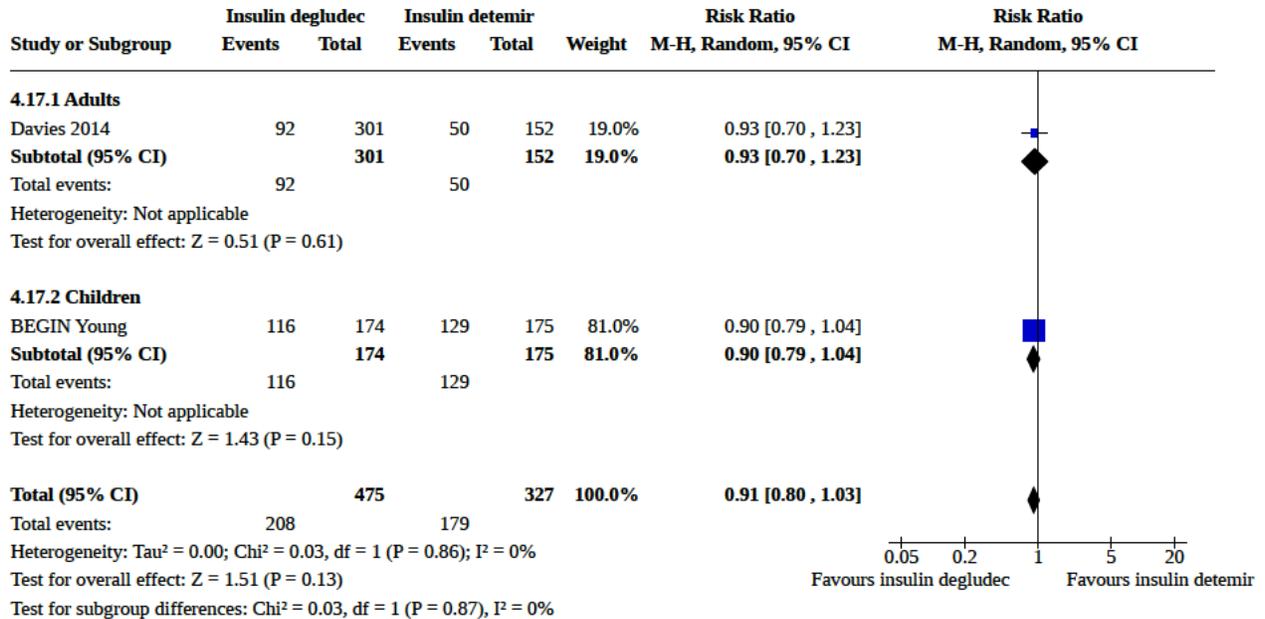
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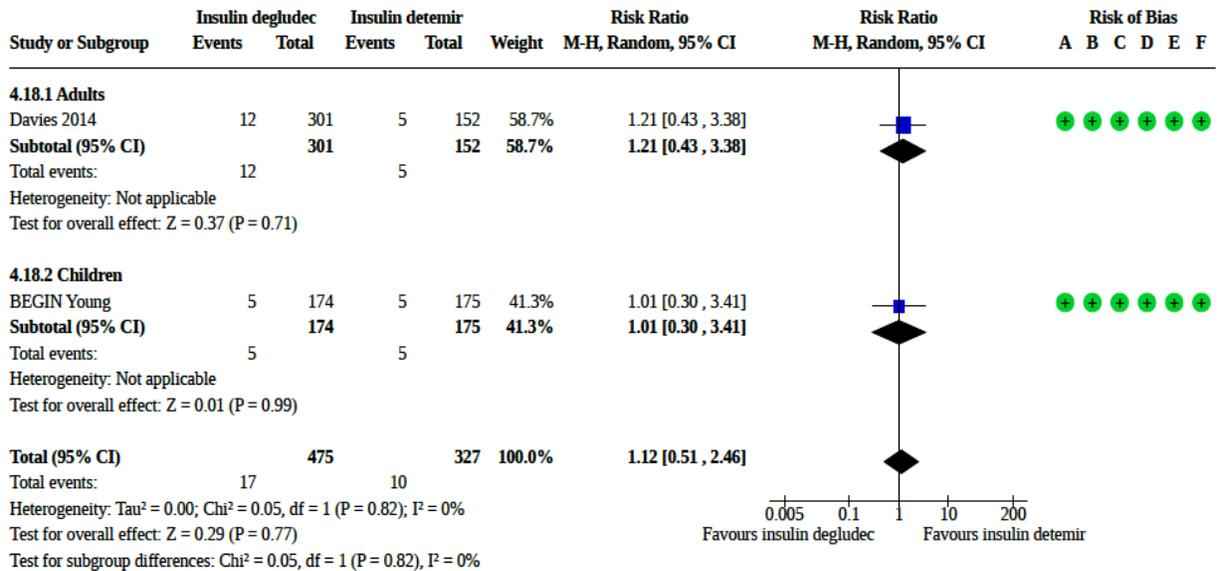
Analysis 4.16. Comparison 4: Insulin degludec versus insulin detemir, Outcome 16: Nocturnal hypoglycaemia (symptomatic)



Analysis 4.17. Comparison 4: Insulin degludec versus insulin detemir, Outcome 17: Nocturnal hypoglycaemia (asymptomatic)



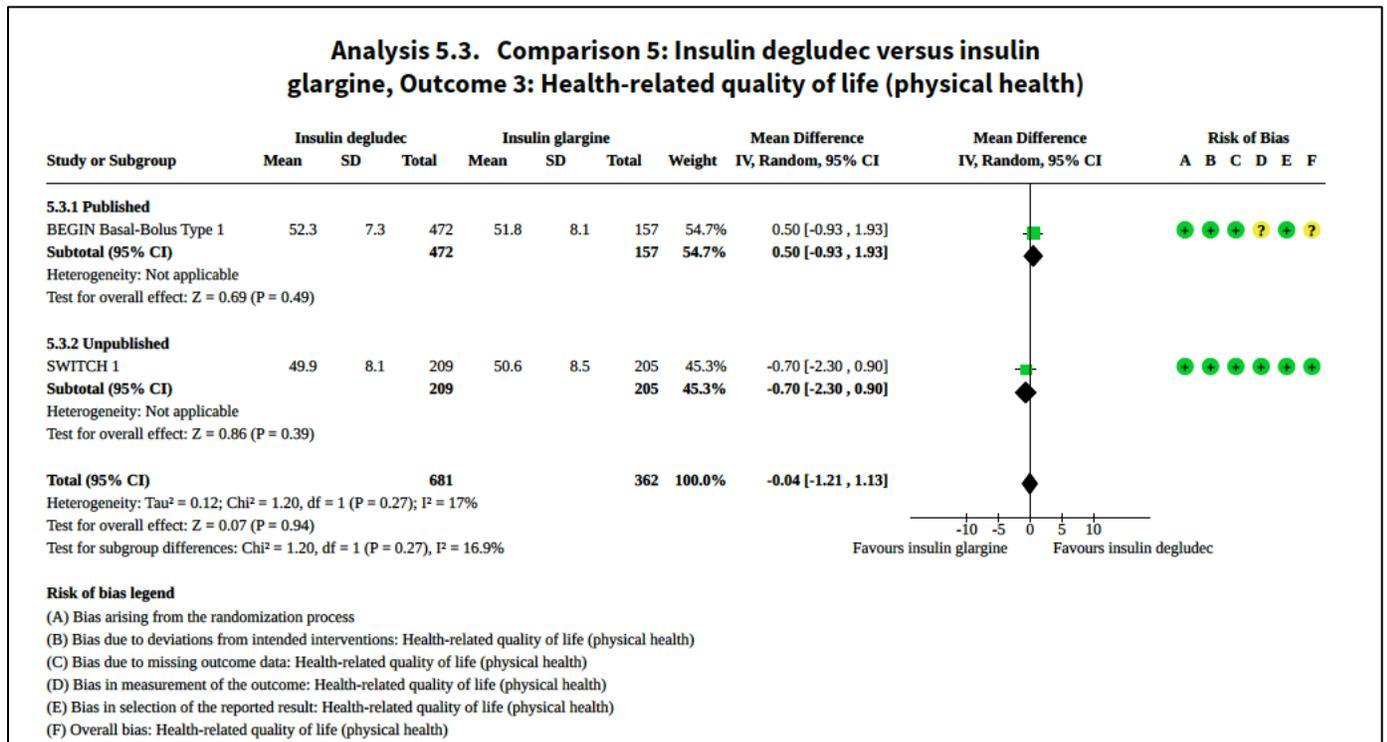
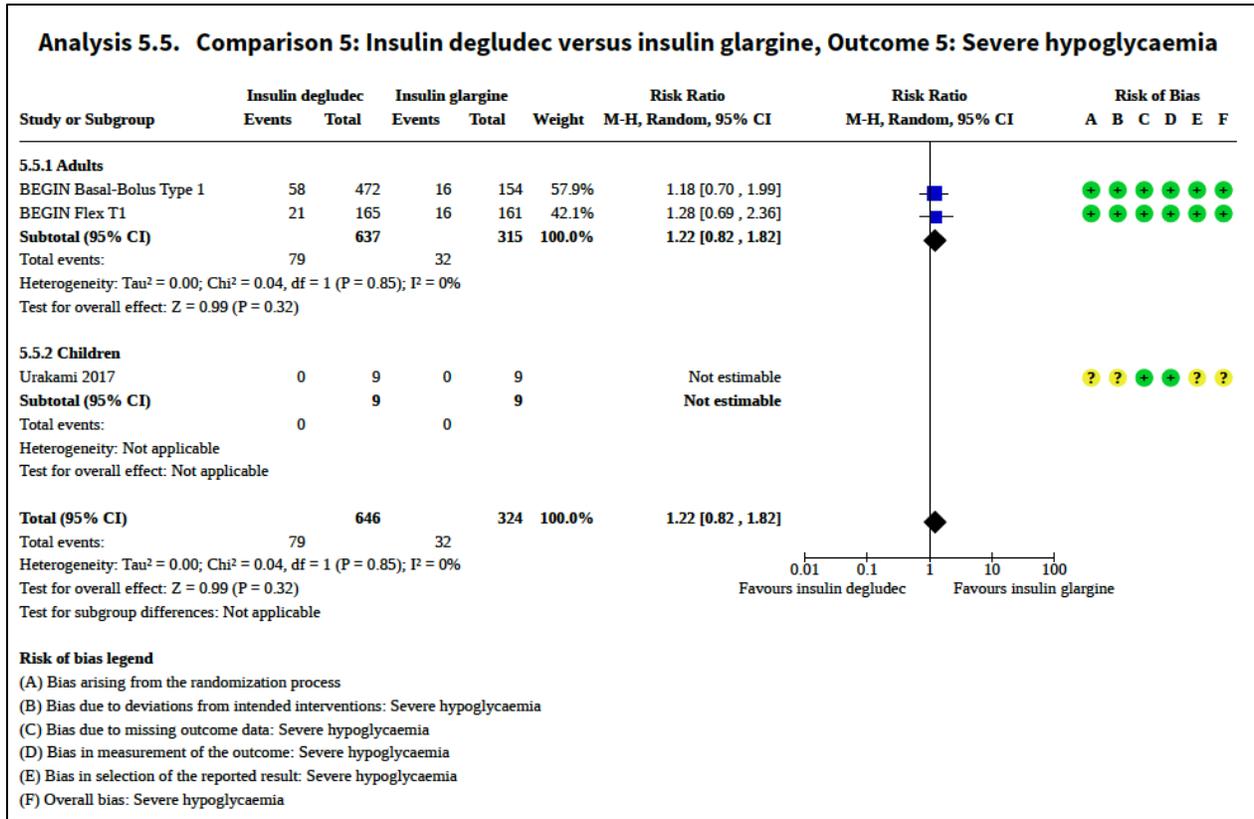
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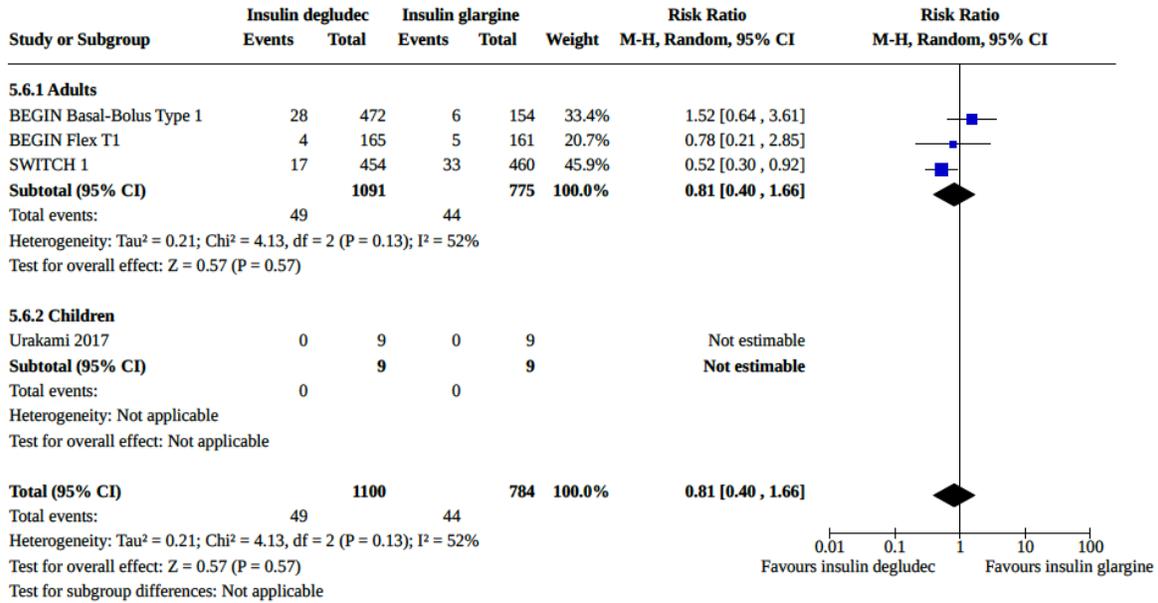
Risk of bias legend

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- (B) Bias due to deviations from intended interventions: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
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- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (F) Overall bias: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia

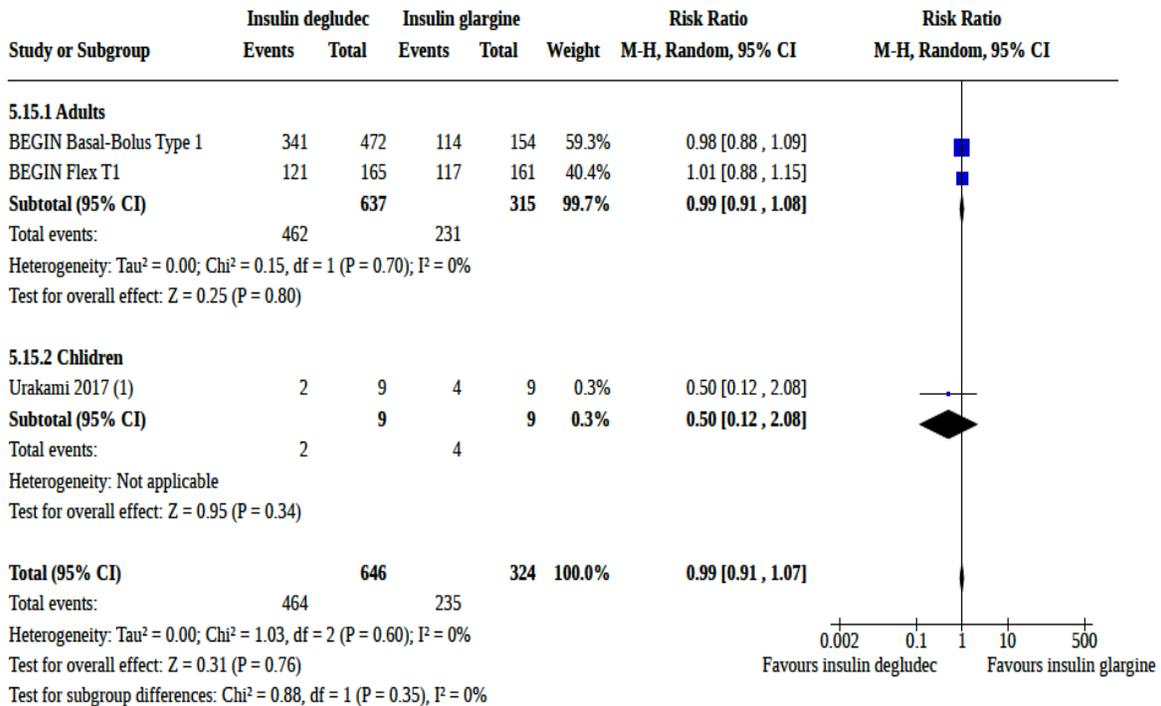
Insulin degludec vs insulin glargine



Analysis 5.6. Comparison 5: Insulin degludec versus insulin glargine, Outcome 6: Hypoglycaemia reported as a serious adverse event



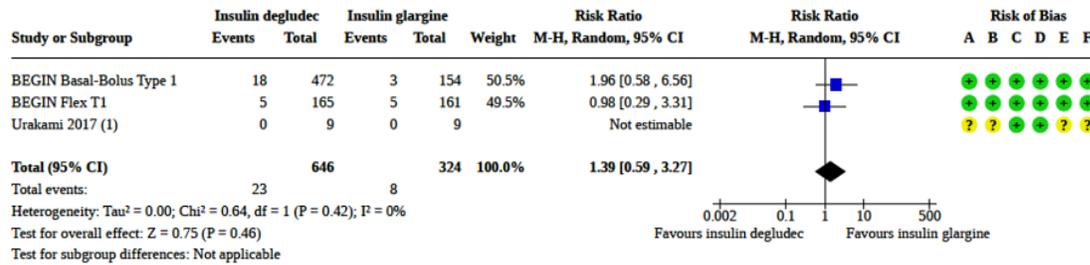
Analysis 5.15. Comparison 5: Insulin degludec versus insulin glargine, Outcome 15: Nocturnal hypoglycaemia



Footnotes

(1) Data provided by study author

Analysis 5.19. Comparison 5: Insulin degludec versus insulin glargine, Outcome 19: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia



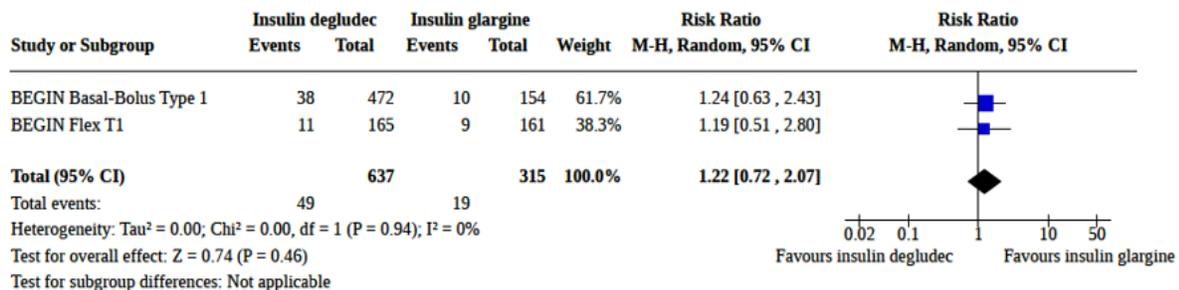
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Risk of bias legend

- (A) Bias arising from the randomization process
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- (C) Bias due to missing outcome data: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (D) Bias in measurement of the outcome: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (E) Bias in selection of the reported result: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia
- (F) Overall bias: Severe nocturnal hypoglycaemia

Analysis 5.18. Comparison 5: Insulin degludec versus insulin glargine, Outcome 18: Nocturnal hypoglycaemia (symptomatic)



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