



# Glycaemic Control in Diazoxide-Treated Children with CHI using Supplementary Omega-3-Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids: **A Pilot Trial with MaxEPA**

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# Current CHI Medications

- 1<sup>st</sup> Line
  - Diazoxide
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Line
  - Somatostatin Agonists
- Need for further treatment options






## Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (PUFA): MaxEPA

- PUFA
  - Cardiac use, suppress electrical activity
  - Insulin-Secreting Cells
  - Safe for adults & children
  - Food supplement
- MaxEPA
  - Dose 3ml per day for 21 days
  - Equivalent to adult dose in trials
  - Pilot study not dose finding study





# Recruitment of Patients

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- Children aged 6 months to 11 years
    - 14 children, 1 withdrew assent – excluded
  - Confirmed persistent CHI
  - Diazoxide
    - Dose 5-12mg/kg/day
    - Satisfactory glycaemic stability
    - No reported hypo's requiring treatment in previous month
    - No episodes of symptomatic neuroglycopenia
    - Low BG on home monitoring <once a week
  - CHI Mutations not considered
  - Gastrostomy Feeding





# Parental Responsibilities

- Consent
- 5 visits to RMCH over 44 days
- Daily food diary
- Activity logbook
- Medication compliance diary
- Twice daily BG measurements
  - GlucomenLxPlus (Menarini Diagnostics UK), OneTouchUltra2 (LifescanUK), Accu-Check Aviva (Roche UK)



# Blood Glucose Monitoring

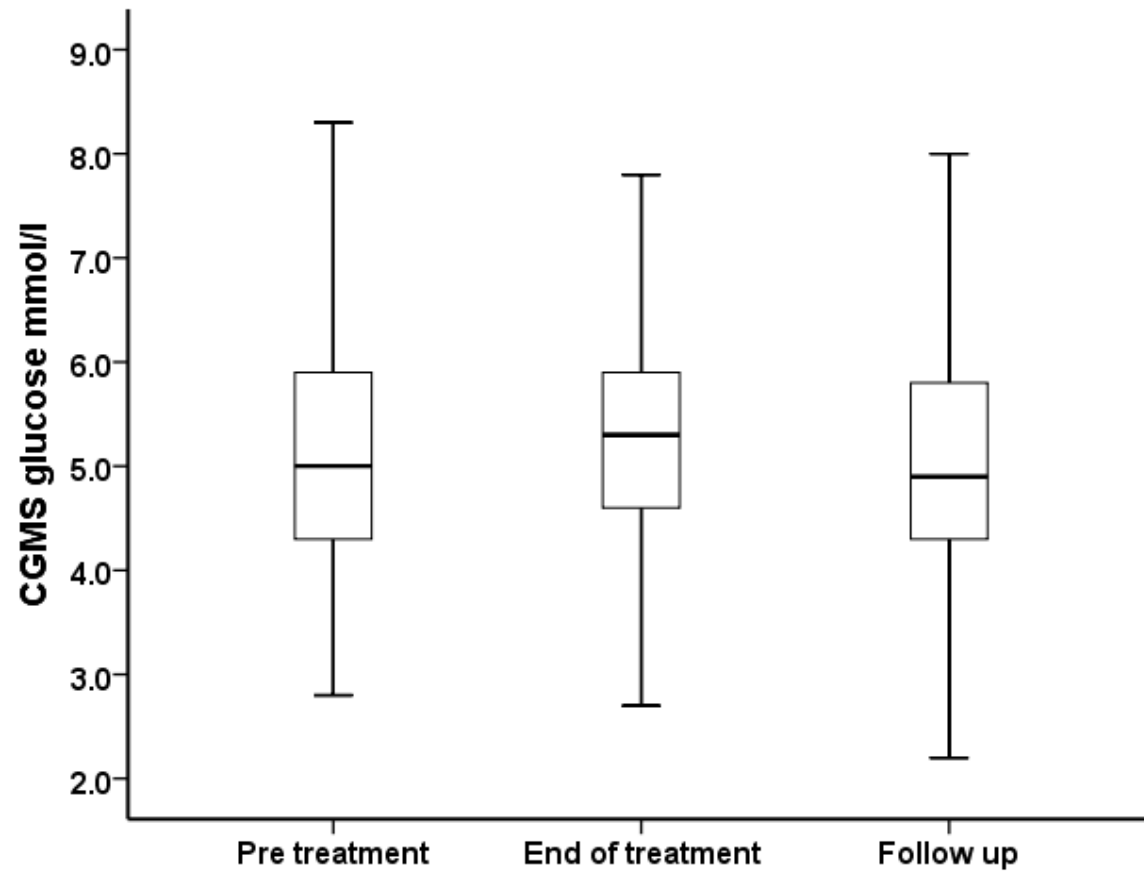
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- Continuous Glucose monitoring Systems (CGMS)
    - IPRO2 (medtronic)
    - Subcutaneous device
    - Specified time periods
    - Glycaemic trends over time
  - Home BG monitoring
  - Lab Glucose/POCT
    - Practical and logistic difficulties
      - Hospital admission, repeated venepuncture



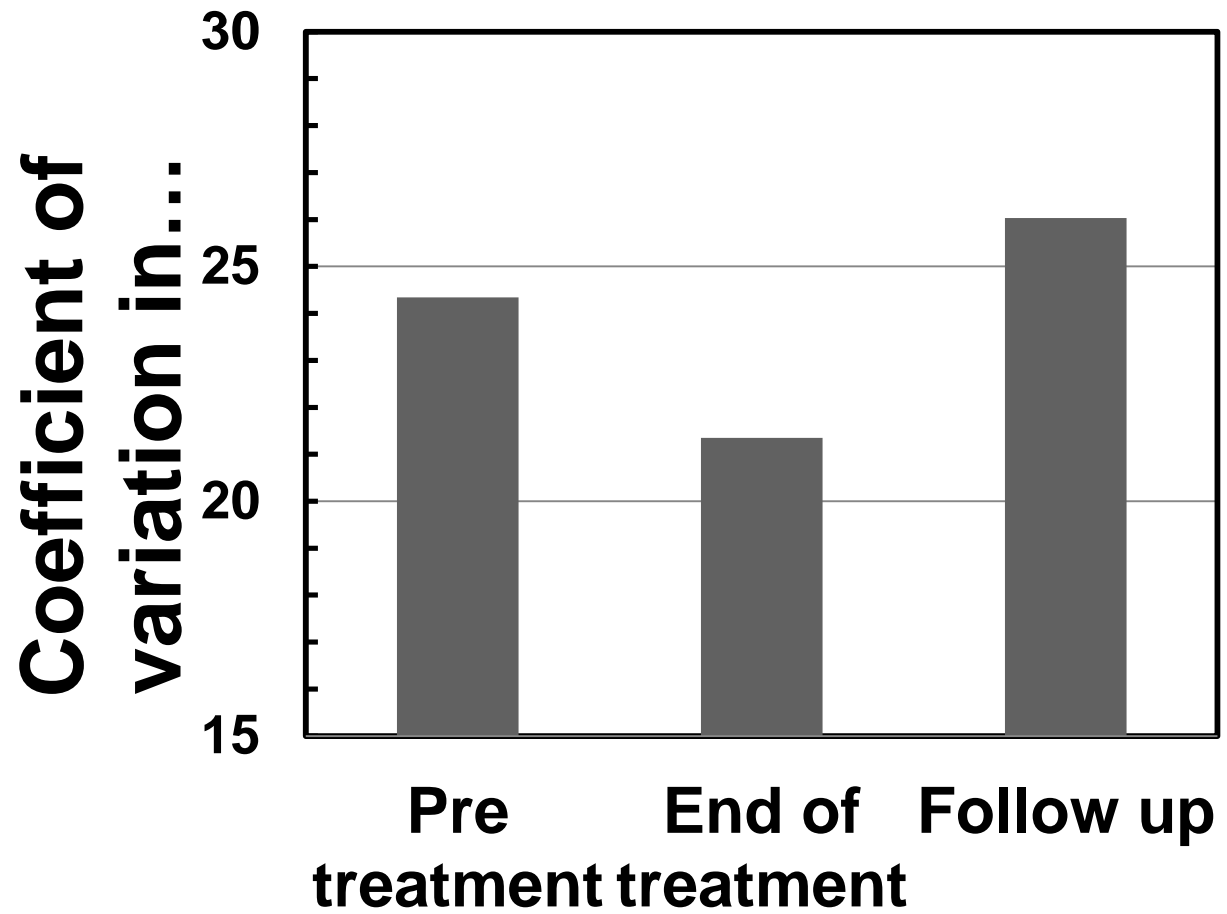
Day	Period	Procedures
1	Pre-Treatment	Consent form; Baseline observations (heart rate and BP); <b><u>48 hour subcutaneous continuous glucose monitoring</u></b> ; Baseline <b><u>blood investigations</u></b> (fasting blood glucose, insulin, lipids, liver function tests); education of parents regarding administration of fish oil.
3	On Treatment	Start 3 week trial of fish oil treatment <b><u>Remove subcutaneous continuous glucose monitoring</u></b>
10	On Treatment	Baseline observations <b><u>Blood investigations</u></b> Monitoring of logbook activity
23	End of Treatment	Baseline observations <b><u>Repeat 48 hour subcutaneous glucose monitoring</u></b> <b><u>Blood investigations</u></b> Monitoring of log book activity
44	Follow Up	Baseline observations (heart rate and BP); <b><u>repeat 48 hour continuous glucose monitoring</u></b> ; <b><u>blood investigations</u></b> (fasting blood glucose, insulin, lipids, liver function tests); advice to continue pre trial doses of diazoxide; monitoring of log book activity



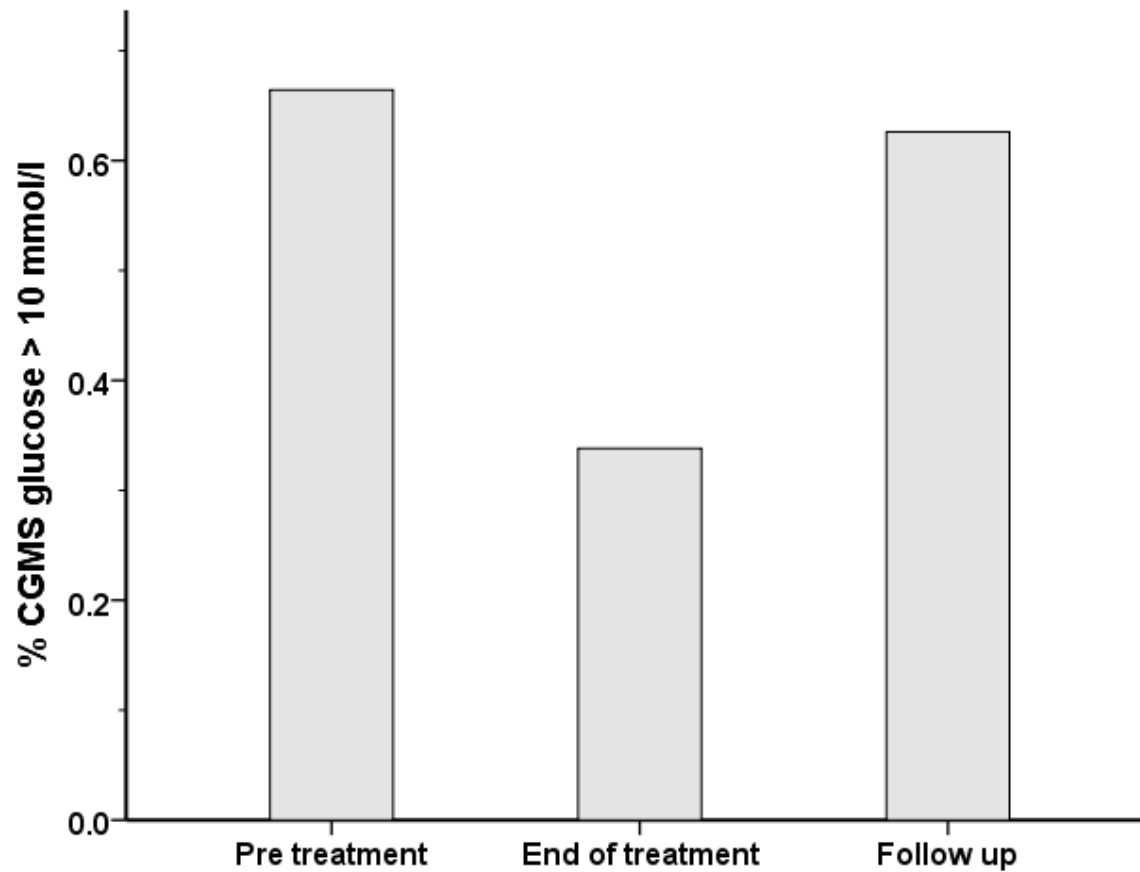
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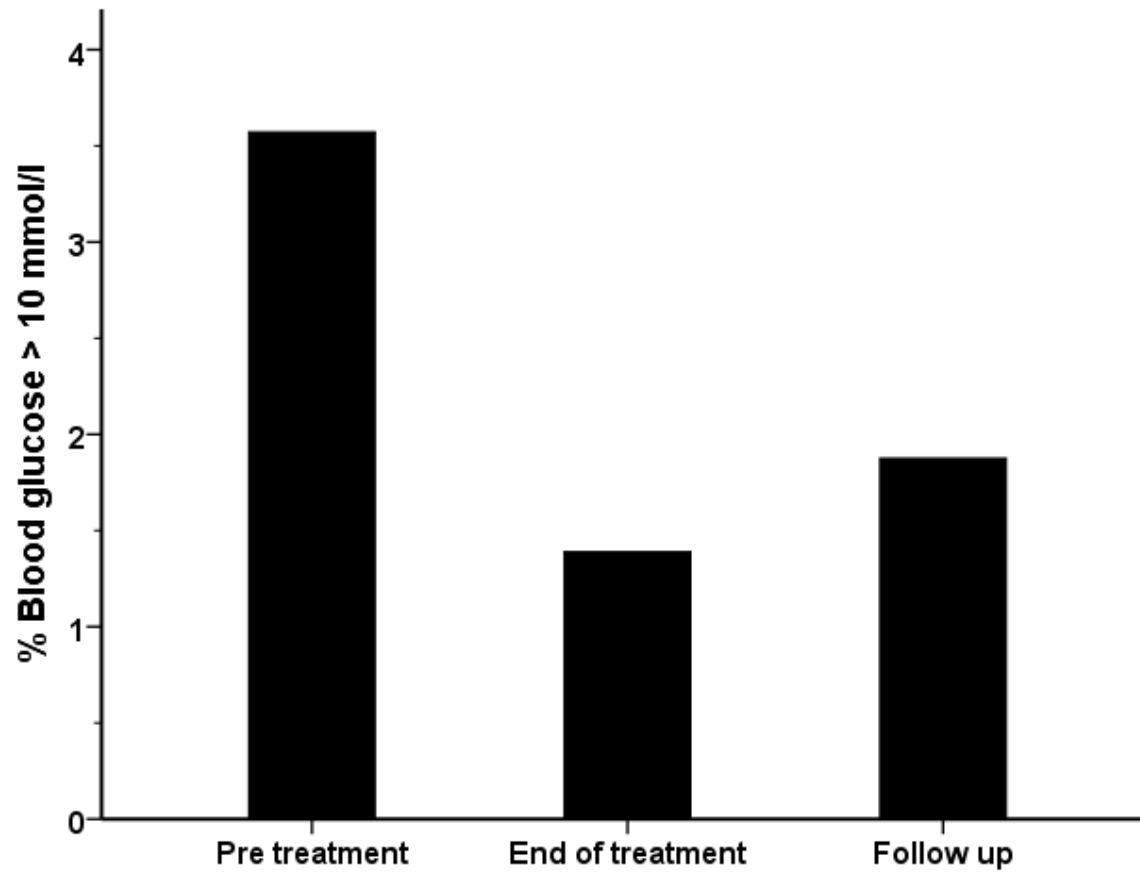
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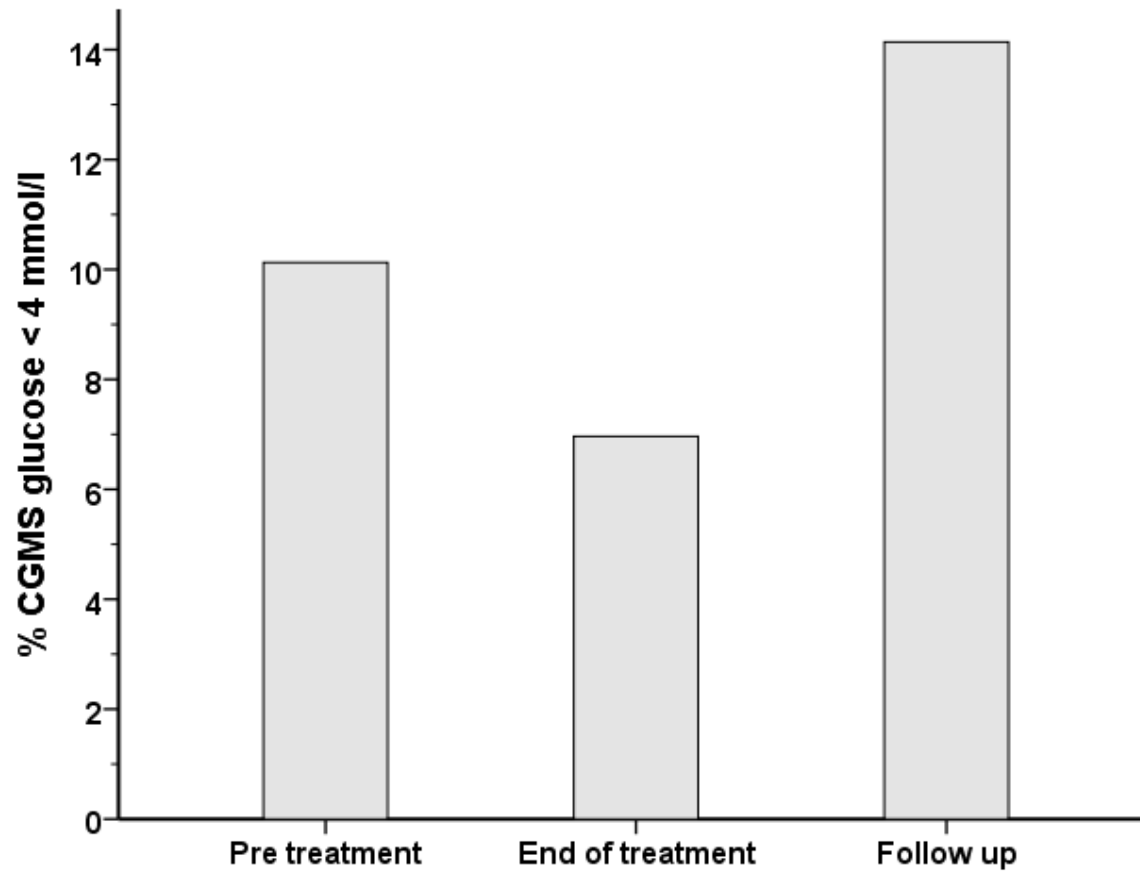
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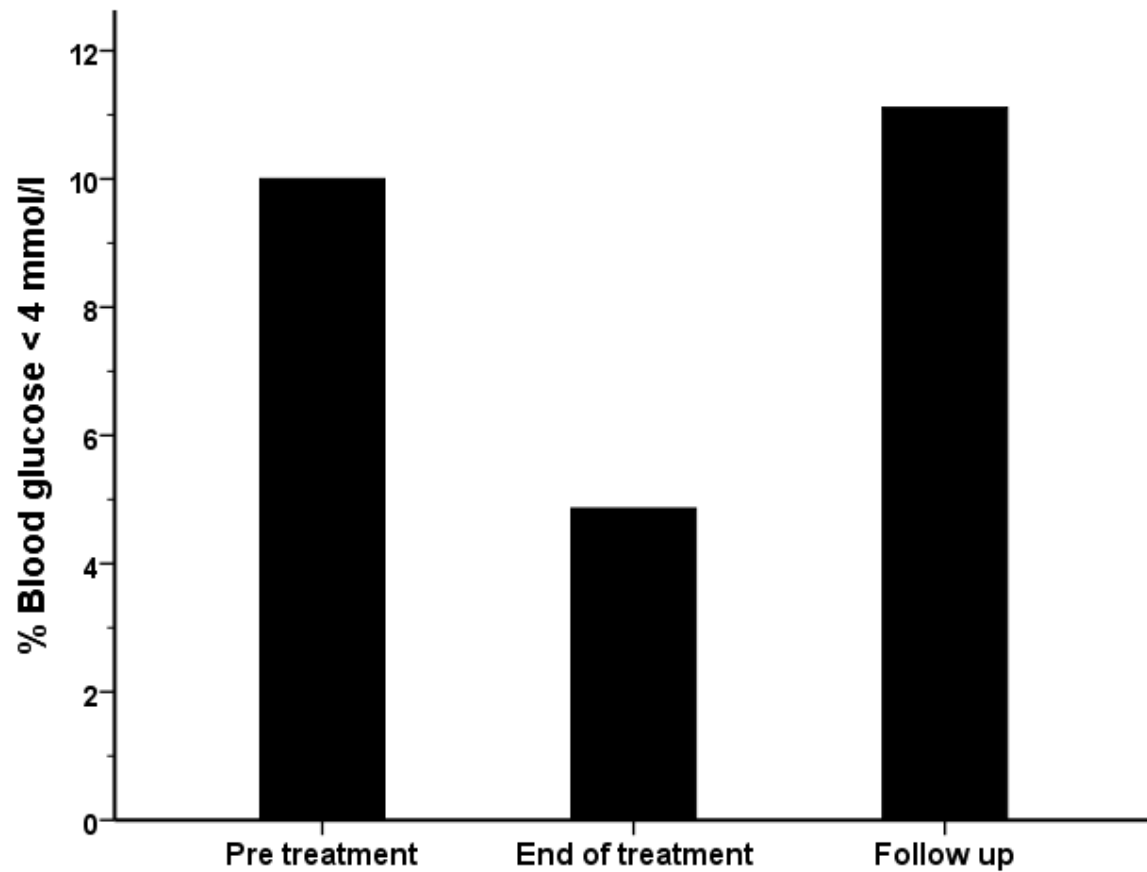
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# Points to Consider

- Increased LDL Cholesterol
  - 1 patient, familial history hypercholesterolaemia
- Protocol Deviation
  - +/- duration of treatment, home BG levels not measured, monitoring stopped due to infection, CGMS <48 hours
- Blood Glucose Monitoring
  - Home BG meters
  - Study design – not to use CGMS during treatment
  - Frequent multiple insertion of subcutaneous needle devices = intrusive & impractical
- Small number of children
  - Pilot study – basis for comprehensive clinical trial



# Conclusions

- Pilot Trial
- PUFA – safe
- Reduced risk of hypoglycaemia & hyperglycaemia
- Adjunct treatment option to Diazoxide
- Involvement of other centres

Thank You

