



**T1D Exchange<sup>®</sup>**

**The Use of Mini-dose Glucagon to  
Prevent Exercise-induced  
Hypoglycemia in Type 1 Diabetes**

**PROTOCOL**

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## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

The study is being conducted by the T1D Exchange Clinic Network and is being coordinated by the Jaeb Center for Health Research in Tampa, Florida.

### 1.1 Study Background and Rationale

Exercise is at the cornerstone of type 1 diabetes (T1D) management (1). However, blood glucose stability during exercise, and for up to 12-24 hours in recovery, remains a major challenge (2). A fear of hypoglycemia deters many patients from engaging in aerobic exercise (3). For those who choose to exercise on a regular basis, hypoglycemia is a common complaint that often requires breaks in sports and competition, games and training (1). To reduce the incidence of hypoglycemia during and immediately after exercise, patients are recommended to reduce their bolus dose at the meal preceding exercise by 25-75% (1), however, this approach frequently results in pre-exercise hyperglycemia, particularly if the exercise is performed 2 hours or more after the meal (2,4,5). Even exercise in the fasting state in patients on continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII) promotes a drop in glycemia if basal insulin levels are unadjusted (6).

Post-exercise nocturnal hypoglycemia is also very common in T1D, with roughly 50% of young patients developing the condition about 7-11 hours after the end of vigorous afternoon exercise (7). If insulin administration occurs to correct post-exercise meal-related hyperglycemia (often called rebound hyperglycemia), severe post-exercise hypoglycemia can occur which may even result in death (8). Patients can reduce the dose of rapid-acting insulin administered with the dinner meal after late day exercise to reduce nocturnal hypoglycemia risk (9) or lower basal insulin delivery for 6 hours at bedtime (10) to help mitigate risk, but these strategies often result in hyperglycemia (9, 10). Although extra carbohydrate ingestion not covered by insulin administration can help prevent hypoglycemia during and after exercise (11), excessive intake defeats the ability of the patient to have a negative caloric balance, thereby limiting the capacity for patients to maintain or lose body weight.

Patients on insulin pump therapy have the flexibility to reduce basal insulin delivery in anticipation of exercise and in recovery to help guard against hypoglycemia. The International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes guidelines recommend that basal insulin reductions should be done 60-90 minutes before the start of exercise so that circulating insulin levels are lowered by the start of the activity (12). This is a somewhat cumbersome and unpredictable task that is usually not performed correctly, even by the most educated and motivated patients. Since glucose production by the liver during moderate intensity exercise is primarily facilitated by a rise in the glucagon to insulin ratio (13) and patients with T1D have a reduction in this ratio during exercise because of a relative peripheral hyperinsulinemia (13) and impaired glucagon secretion (14), it may be better to attempt to change this ratio by the administration of glucagon at the onset of exercise. The recent development of a more stable form of soluble glucagon (e.g. G-Pen Mini™ glucagon from Xeris Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Xeris)) has given researchers and clinicians the possibility of using this product as a preventative strategy to combat exercise-associated hypoglycemia. However, to date, studies have not been done that examine the efficacy of mini-dose glucagon administration for exercise.

103 **1.2 Synopsis of Study Protocol**

104 This project focuses on the development of a new strategy for the prevention of exercise-  
105 associated hypoglycemia using mini-dose glucagon.

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107 **1.2.1 Objectives**

108 The primary objective of the protocol is to determine if the administration of mini-dose glucagon  
109 administered subcutaneously just before exercise produces better glucose stability than no  
110 adjustments for moderate intensity exercise in patients with T1D. It will also be assessed  
111 whether mini-dose glucagon before exercise produces better glucose stability than basal insulin  
112 reductions or extra carbohydrate consumption. In addition, the impact of mini-dose glucagon  
113 administration before exercise on nocturnal glycemia after exercise will be evaluated.

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115 **1.2.2 Study Design**

116 This is a randomized, 4-way crossover trial.

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118 **1.2.3 Major eligibility criteria**

- 119 • Clinical diagnosis of presumed autoimmune type 1 diabetes, receiving daily insulin
- 120 • Age 18-<65 years
- 121 • Duration of type 1 diabetes  $\geq 2$  years
- 122 • Random C-peptide  $< 0.6$  ng/ml
- 123 • Using CSII (e.g., insulin pump) for at least 6 months
- 124 • Exercises regularly: i.e.  $\geq 30$  minutes moderate or more vigorous aerobic activity  $\geq 3$   
125 times/week

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127 See section 2.2 for a complete listing of inclusion and exclusion criteria.

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129 **1.2.4 Visit Schedule**

130 1. Screening/Baseline Visit

- 131 ○ Sign informed consent form and assessment of eligibility
- 132 ○ Assessment of  $VO_2$ max for fitness evaluation and for the determination of  
133 exercise intensity for the experimental trials.

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135 2. Randomized Crossover Trial

136 Each participant will undergo four aerobic exercise sessions (in random order) in the  
137 CRC, with different strategies for glucose regulation:

- 138 • Control Trial: Fasted exercise, no basal insulin reduction
- 139 • Strategy 1: Fasted exercise, basal insulin reduction only (50% reduction in basal rate  
140 five minutes before exercise, for the duration of the exercise)
- 141 • Strategy 2: Fasted exercise, no basal adjustment + pre-exercise glucose tabs (buccal  
142 route-40 grams in total )
- 143 • Strategy 3: Fasted exercise, no basal adjustment + pre-exercise mini-dose glucagon  
144 (sc)

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146 In all 4 sessions, aerobic exercise will be performed in the fasted state (before a  
147 standardized meal) for 45 minutes at ~50-55% of the participant's pre-determined aerobic

148 capacity (see flow chart in section 1.4). The strategies for select sessions will be blinded as  
149 described in section 3.2.2.

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### 151 **1.2.5 Primary Outcome**

152 The primary outcome for this study will be the glycemic response during exercise and  
153 early recovery.

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### 155 **1.2.6 Main Safety Outcomes**

- 156 • Hypoglycemic events
- 157 • Hyperglycemic events
- 158 • Dizziness, pallor and other symptoms of poor perfusion and/or exercise  
159 intolerance

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### 161 **1.3 General Considerations**

162 The study is being conducted in compliance with the policies described in the study policies  
163 document, with the ethical principles that have their origin in the Declaration of Helsinki, with  
164 the protocol described herein, and with the standards of Good Clinical Practice.

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166 A risk-based monitoring approach will be followed, consistent with the FDA “Guidance for  
167 Industry Oversight of Clinical Investigations — A Risk-Based Approach to Monitoring” (August  
168 2013).

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170 The mini-dose glucagon preparation (G-Pen Mini™) is not FDA approved. Therefore, an IND  
171 (#119733) has been received from the FDA by Xeris in order to conduct the study. The Daily  
172 Dose™ syringes used to inject the mini-dose glucagon are also not FDA approved in the U.S.  
173 While use of the syringes will be considered investigational, the study investigators believe they  
174 do not meet significant risk device criteria per 21 CFR 812.3(m) and thus an IDE from the FDA  
175 is not needed.

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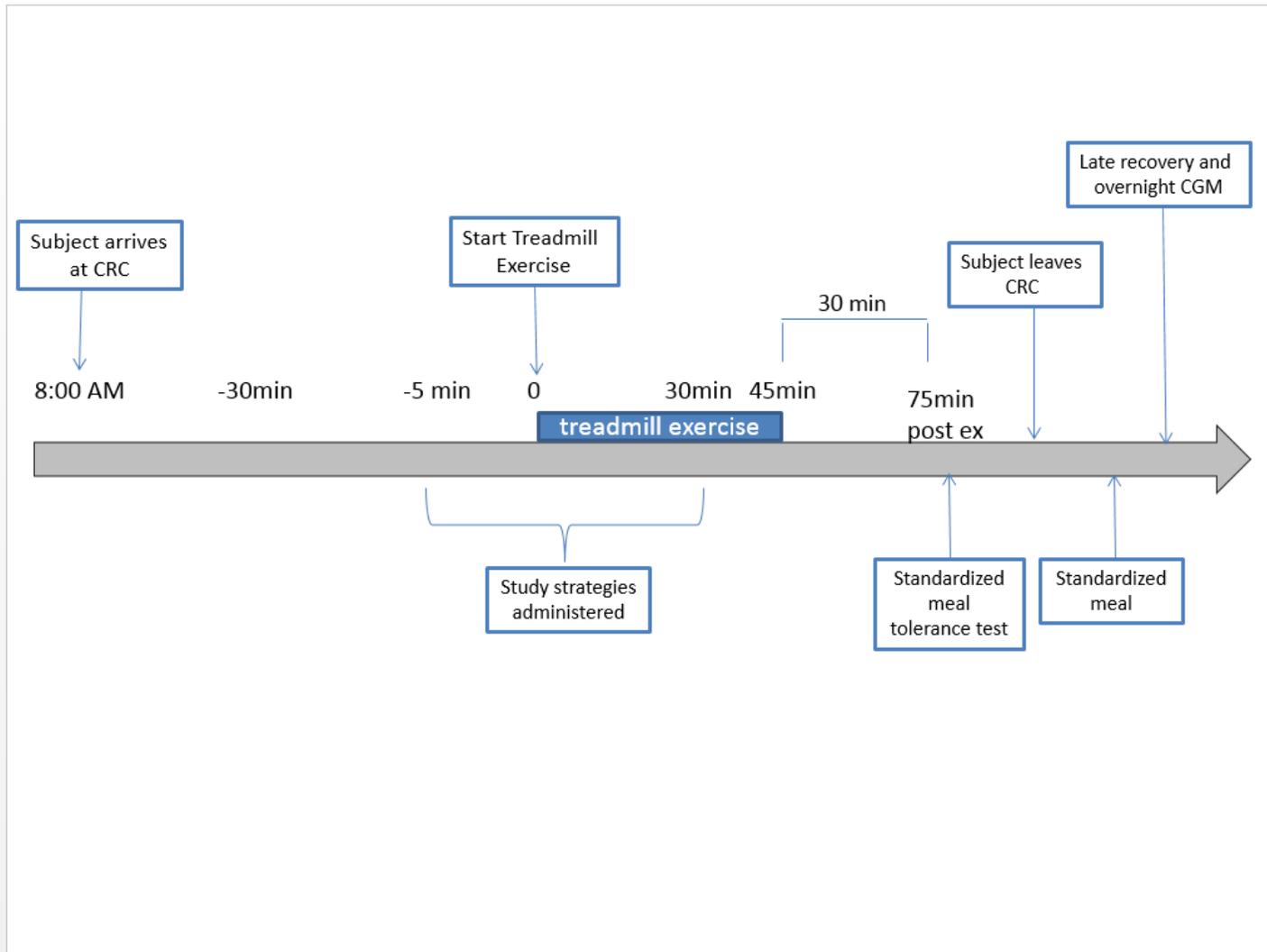
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### 1.4 Flow Chart of Exercise Sessions

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186 **CHAPTER 2: PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

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188 **2.1 Study Population**

189 The crossover trial will include 16 participants who complete the study. Participants may be  
190 replaced if a participant does not complete the entire protocol. Each site is expected to have 8  
191 participants completing the crossover trial, but this could be increased at a given site if necessary  
192 to meet the recruitment goal.

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194 **2.2 Eligibility**

195 To be eligible for the study, a participant must meet the following inclusion criteria and none of  
196 the exclusion criteria:

197  
198 **2.2.1 Inclusion Criteria**

- 199 1) Clinical diagnosis of presumed autoimmune type 1 diabetes, receiving daily insulin  
200 2) Age 18-<65 years  
201 3) Duration of T1D  $\geq 2$  years  
202 4) Random C-peptide  $< 0.6$  ng/ml  
203 5) Using CSII (e.g., insulin pump) for at least 6 months, with no plans to discontinue pump  
204 use during the study  
205 6) Exercises regularly, i.e.  $\geq 30$  minutes moderate or more vigorous aerobic activity  $\times \geq 3$   
206 times/week  
207 7) Body mass index (BMI)  $< 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
208 8) Females must meet one of the following criteria:  
209 a. Of childbearing potential and not currently pregnant or lactating, and agrees to  
210 use an accepted contraceptive regimen as described in the study procedure manual  
211 throughout the entire duration of the study; or  
212 b. Of non-childbearing potential, defined as a female who has had a hysterectomy or  
213 tubal ligation, is clinically considered infertile or is in a menopausal state (at least  
214 1 year without menses)  
215 9) In good general health with no conditions that could influence the outcome of the trial,  
216 and in the judgment of the investigator is a good candidate for the study based on review  
217 of available medical history, physical examination and clinical laboratory evaluations  
218 10) Willing to adhere to the protocol requirements for the duration of the study  
219 11) Must be enrolled in the T1D Exchange clinic registry or willing to join the registry

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222 **2.2.2 Exclusion Criteria**

- 223 1) One or more severe hypoglycemic episodes in the past 12 months (as defined by an  
224 episode that required third party assistance for treatment)  
225 2) Active diabetic retinopathy (PDR or VH in past 6 months) that could potentially be  
226 worsened by exercise protocol  
227 3) Peripheral neuropathy with insensate feet  
228 4) Cardiovascular autonomic neuropathy with inappropriate heart rate response to exercise  
229 (could be diagnosed with screening EKG: rule out tachycardia with fixed RR interval)  
230 5) Use of non-insulin anti-diabetic medications  
231 6) Use of beta-blockers

- 232 7) Use of agents that affect hepatic glucose production such as beta adrenergic agonists,  
233 xanthine derivatives  
234 8) Use of Pramlintide  
235 9) Currently following a very low calorie or other weight-loss diet  
236 10) Participation in other studies involving administration of an investigational drug or  
237 device within 30 days or 5 half-lives, whichever is longer, before screening for the  
238 current study or planning to participate in another such study during participation in the  
239 current study  
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### 241 **2.3 Screening Visit and Patient Enrollment**

242 Potential participants will have a screening visit to assess eligibility through the elicitation of a  
243 medical history and performance of a physical examination by a study investigator. Screening labs  
244 will be collected as outlined in section 2.3.1. A urine pregnancy test will be done for females with  
245 child-bearing potential. Clinical sites will keep a record of the reason why screened participants  
246 are not enrolled.  
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#### 248 **2.3.1 Laboratory Testing**

249 The following laboratory testing results, typically obtained as part of routine care, will be  
250 assessed by the investigator as part of the general assessment for eligibility. Time periods prior to  
251 enrollment for which each test should have been performed are given in parenthesis.

- 252 • Basic Metabolic Panel (within 3 months)
  - 253 • Complete Blood Count (within 3 months)
  - 254 • Liver Function Panel (within 6 months)
  - 255 • Random C-peptide (since diagnosis, subjects must be < 0.6 ng/ml)
  - 256 • Lipids (within 6 months)
  - 257 • Thyroid-Stimulating Hormone (within 12 months)
  - 258 • HbA1c will be measured using point-of-care device or local lab if not available within the  
259 3 months prior to enrollment.
  - 260 • Urine pregnancy test if indicated (see inclusion criteria)
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#### 262 **2.3.2 Historical Information and Physical Exam**

263 A history will be elicited from the participant and extracted from available medical records with  
264 regard to the participant's diabetes history, current diabetes management, other past and current  
265 medical problems, past and current medications, drug allergies, and family history. A standard  
266 physical exam (including vital signs and height and weight measurements) will be performed by  
267 the study investigator or his or her designee (an endocrinologist, endocrine fellow, endocrine  
268 nurse practitioner or a physician assistant).  
269

#### 270 **2.3.3 Informed Consent**

271 The study will be discussed with potential participants. A copy of the consent form will be  
272 provided to the participant and another copy will be added to the participant's clinic chart.  
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274 Written informed consent will be obtained prior to performing any study-specific procedures that  
275 are not part of the participant's routine care.  
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277 **2.3.3.1 Authorization Procedures**

278 As part of the informed consent process, each participant will be asked to sign an authorization  
279 for release of personal information. The investigator, or his or her designee, will review what  
280 study specific information will be collected and to whom that information will be disclosed.  
281 After speaking with the participant, questions will be answered about the details regarding  
282 authorization.  
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284 **2.3.4 T1D Exchange Clinic Registry**

285 If a participant is not already enrolled in the T1D Exchange clinic registry, he/she will become  
286 part of the registry when joining this study. Registry participants' information from their  
287 medical record may be entered into the registry database at least once a year and they will have  
288 an opportunity to provide their email address to be contacted in the future about other studies for  
289 which they may be eligible. Participants also may be asked to complete a questionnaire(s) either  
290 on a computer, paper, or via telephone. Participants may be given the option to have  
291 questionnaires emailed to them and may decide whether or not to complete a questionnaire each  
292 time they are asked.  
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## CHAPTER 3: STUDY PROTOCOL

### 3.1 Procedures Prior to First Exercise Session

- Assessment of VO<sub>2</sub>max following the Bruce protocol
- Optimization of basal insulin dose as per investigator's usual routine

### 3.2 Exercise Sessions

Each participant will be assigned to a sequence of control trial, strategy 1, strategy 2, and strategy 3 through a randomization process as outlined in section 3.2.2. Each exercise session will be separated by at least 3 days and participants will be expected to complete all sessions within 12 weeks from the time of the baseline/screening visit. Participants will be advised to avoid any vigorous exercise within 24 hours before or after the laboratory-based exercise tests. Subjects will be asked about activity to monitor adherence to these recommendations.

#### 3.2.1 Prior to Exercise Sessions

The day before each exercise session participants will:

- Insert new insulin infusion set into abdomen or upper buttock (ensure not in exercising limb).
- For CGM users, insert a new CGM sensor
- For non-CGM users, come into clinic to have a CGM sensor inserted to use with a blinded receiver

The participant will be contacted by the research staff on the evening before and the morning of each exercise session to review glucose levels and help mitigate pre-exercise hyperglycemia or hypoglycemia.

- If at the time of the morning call, the glucose concentration is below target (<100 mg/dL), then supplemental fast-acting carbohydrate will be taken. If above target (>140 mg/dL), then a conservative correction bolus will be recommended (based on insulin sensitivity factor).

The participant will arrive at the CRC in a fasted state (minimum of 8 hour fast) by 9 a.m., but exercise sessions can begin as early as 8 a.m.

- Blood glucose concentration will be checked upon arrival to the clinic. Oral glucose or IV glucose may be given to bring participant into range before exercise.
- Females will have a urine pregnancy test performed prior to each exercise session (if applicable).

Before an exercise session can begin:

1. Participant glucose must be: 100- 140 mg/dL (venous, plasma)
2. Last insulin bolus (mealtime or correction) should be  $\geq 3$  hours previously

#### 3.2.2 During Exercise Sessions

At each visit, participants will complete one of the following four exercise sessions (sequence of sessions determined by randomization):

339 Control Trial: No basal insulin adjustment, no carbohydrate intake until glucose drops <70  
340 mg/dL. Then 20 grams of dextrose will be given orally.  
341 Strategy 1: Basal insulin reduction to 50% five minutes before the start of exercise. Basal  
342 insulin rate will be returned to usual rate 45 minutes after the start of exercise.  
343 Strategy 2: Dextrose tabs taken orally (20 grams) five minutes before the start of exercise and  
344 at 30 minutes of exercise (total 40 grams).  
345 Strategy 3\*: Glucagon (150 µg) five minutes before the start of exercise (SQ-abdomen).

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347 \*The dose for strategy 3 will likely be 150 µg, but may be modified to be lower or higher, with a  
348 possible range of 75-300 µg. One or more pilot phases of up to 6 participants will be conducted  
349 prior to study initiation to determine the most appropriate dose.

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351 The participant's pump will be blinded during the control trial, strategy 1, and strategy 3 and an  
352 injection of saline will be given during the control trial and strategy 1 so that participant is  
353 blinded to strategy.

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355 Exercise will consist of moderate intensity aerobic activity (treadmill jogging/brisk walking)  
356 performed at 50-55% of predetermined VO<sub>2</sub>max for 45 minutes. Continuous heart rate  
357 measurements will be conducted along with intermittent ratings of perceived exertion (Borg 6-20  
358 scale).

359  
360 Exercise will be terminated if:  
361 • Glucose is <70 mg/dL; participants will be treated for hypoglycemia (initially 20 grams  
362 of oral dextrose tabs or IV dextrose or IM glucagon depending on the severity of the  
363 hypoglycemia).  
364 • Participants experience dizziness, pallor and other symptoms of poor perfusion and or  
365 exercise intolerance

366  
367 Any treatment given will be recorded.

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369 Participants who are not able to complete an exercise session due to termination will still  
370 complete remaining study procedures as outlined in sections 3.2.3 and 3.2.4.

### 371 372 **3.2.3 Following Exercise Sessions**

373 Following each exercise session, the participant will rest for 30 minutes and then consume a  
374 standardized meal containing 44-50 grams of carbohydrate that constitute ~55% of calories,  
375 together with ~20% calories from protein and ~25% calories from fat. The amount of bolus  
376 insulin given will be based on the carbohydrate content of the meal and the patient's own  
377 individualized insulin to carbohydrate ratio. Insulin will be administered five minutes before the  
378 standardized meal. In the first phase of the experiments, insulin "corrections" will not be given  
379 unless subjects have post exercise/ pre meal hyperglycemia ≥270 mg/dl. If hypoglycemia occurs  
380 prior to the meal, subjects will be treated with 20 grams of fast acting carbohydrate prior to meal  
381 consumption.

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383 The participant will be monitored for at least 2 hours after the meal prior to discharge.

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385 Participants will be given a meal log and another standardized meal to take with them at  
386 discharge. Participants will be instructed to eat the standardized meal for their next meal and log  
387 the time it was eaten. They will also be asked to log any meals they consume through noon the  
388 following day.

389  
390 For participants using the blinded CGM, the sensor will be removed at 12PM the next day at  
391 home (~ 24 hours after the end of exercise). The participant will bring the device to the next  
392 visit or mail it back to the clinic.

393  
394 Participants will receive a phone call the day after each exercise session to elicit any adverse  
395 events.

396  
397 For CGM users, the CGM data will be downloaded at each visit and arrangements made to  
398 transmit the data following the last exercise session.

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400 The participant's insulin pump will be downloaded at each visit and arrangements made to  
401 transmit the data following the last exercise session.

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### 403 **3.2.4 Sample collection**

404 Blood samples collected through a venous catheter with plasma glucose measured by an YSI  
405 analyzer. Blood samples will be collected at:

- 406 • Baseline (at -30, -15, -5, 0 min)
- 407 • During exercise (at 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 45 min)
- 408 • In recovery post exercise (at 50, 55, 60, 75 min)
- 409 • Regularly following a standardized mixed meal for 90 minutes (at 90, 105, 120, 135, and  
410 165 min)

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412 Plasma from the collected blood samples will be used to measure the following hormones,  
413 proinflammatory markers and metabolites at baseline, during exercise, in recovery post exercise,  
414 and regularly following the standardized mixed meal:

- 415 • Insulin
- 416 • Glucagon
- 417 • Cortisol
- 418 • Growth hormone
- 419 • Catecholamines (epinephrine and norepinephrine)
- 420 • Interleukin-6, tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$
- 421 • Nonesterified fatty acids
- 422 •  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate
- 423 • Lactate

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## CHAPTER 4: ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING AND SAFETY MONITORING

### 4.1 Adverse Event Reporting and Monitoring

#### 4.1.1 Definition

A reportable adverse event is any untoward medical occurrence in a study participant, irrespective of whether or not the event is considered treatment-related, that occurs 12 hours prior, during, or the day after each exercise session, except for hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia, injection-related, and exercise-induced events which are only reported as adverse events when the criteria described below are met.

Hypoglycemic events are recorded as Adverse Events if the event required IV dextrose or IM glucagon to treat.

Hyperglycemic events are recorded as Adverse Events if evaluation or treatment was obtained from a health care provider or if the event involved DKA, as defined by the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) and described below, or in the absence of DKA if evaluation or treatment was obtained from a health care provider or an acute event involving hyperglycemia or ketosis.

Hyperglycemic events are classified as DKA if all of the following are present:

- Symptoms such as polyuria, polydipsia, nausea, or vomiting
- Serum ketones >1.5 mmol/L or large/moderate urine ketones
- Either arterial blood pH <7.30 or venous pH <7.24 or serum bicarbonate <15
- Treatment provided in a health care facility

Injection-related events are recorded as Adverse Events if sufficiently severe that treatment was given.

Exercise-induced events are recorded as Adverse Events if the subject falls during the exercise protocol or develops signs or symptoms of a myocardial infarction, poor perfusion (pallor, cyanosis), angina, pathologic arrhythmia, or another medical condition not expected to occur during or following the exercise.

#### 4.1.2 Recording of Adverse Events

Throughout the course of the study, all efforts will be made to remain alert to possible adverse events or untoward findings.

All adverse events whether volunteered by the participant, discovered by study personnel during questioning, or detected through physical examination, laboratory test, or other means will be reported on a web-based case report form specifically for adverse event reporting.

The study investigator will assess the relationship of each adverse event to be related or unrelated to study drug by determining if there is a reasonable possibility that the adverse event may have been caused by the treatment. Reasonable possibility is not the same as “any possibility.” The following should be considered when evaluating the relationship:

- Timing of event
- Patient’s history

- 472 • Prevalence of finding in population at risk
- 473 • Other possible causes - diseases, exposures, therapies, etc
- 474 • Known pharmacology of study drug (and control) or side effect of drug
- 475

476 The intensity of adverse events will be rated on a three-point scale: (1) mild, (2) moderate, or (3)  
477 severe. It is emphasized that the term severe is a measure of intensity: thus, a severe adverse event  
478 is not necessarily serious. For example, itching for several days may be rated as severe, but may not  
479 be clinically serious.

480 Adverse events that continue after the study participant's discontinuation or completion of the study  
481 will be followed until their medical outcome is determined or until no further change in the  
482 condition is expected.

483 Each reported adverse event is reviewed by the Medical Monitor to verify the coding and the  
484 reporting that is required. Adverse events will be coded using the MedDRA dictionary.

#### 485 486 **4.1.3 Reporting Serious or Unexpected Adverse Events**

487 A serious adverse event is any untoward occurrence that:

- 488 • Results in death
- 489 • Is life-threatening (a non-life-threatening event which, had it been more severe, might have  
490 become life-threatening, is not necessarily considered a serious adverse event)
- 491 • Requires inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization
- 492 • Results in significant disability/incapacity
- 493 • Is a congenital anomaly/birth defect
- 494 • Could have resulted in death, be life-threatening, or require hospitalization without medical  
495 or surgical intervention to prevent any of these events

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497 Serious or unexpected adverse events must be reported to the Coordinating Center immediately via  
498 completion of the online serious adverse event form.

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500 The Medical Monitor responsible for reviewing serious or unexpected adverse events is:

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502 Roy W. Beck, M.D., Ph.D.  
503 Jaeb Center for Health Research  
504 15310 Amberly Drive, Suite 350  
505 Tampa, FL 33647  
506 Phone: (813) 975-8690  
507 Fax: (888) 795-2859  
508 Email: [rbeck@jaeb.org](mailto:rbeck@jaeb.org)

509  
510 The Coordinating Center will notify all participating investigators of any adverse event that is  
511 serious, related to the study drug or procedures, and unexpected. Notification will be made within  
512 10 days after the Coordinating Center becomes aware of the event. The Coordinating Center also  
513 will notify Xeris of any such events, who will be responsible for fulfilling reporting requirements to  
514 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

515 Each principal investigator is responsible for informing his/her IRB of serious, related, and  
516 unexpected adverse events and abiding by any other reporting requirements specific to his/her IRB.  
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## 518 **4.2 Risks**

### 519 **4.2.1 Potential Risks and Side Effects**

520 Glucagon has a long history of medical use in the U.S., and is currently marketed by Eli Lilly & Co.  
521 as Glucagon for Injection [rDNA origin], and Novo Nordisk as GlucaGen® HypoKit®, both  
522 reference listed drugs for treatment of severe hypoglycemia. Glucagon has a rapid onset of action  
523 and an extremely short half-life, and its safety, efficacy and clinical pharmacology have been well  
524 established.

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526 In a Phase 2 study, Protocol No. XSGP-201, healthy, fasted adult volunteers were administered  
527 rescue doses of Xeris G-Pen™ (glucagon injection) (0.5 mg and 1.0 mg) and Lilly Glucagon for  
528 Injection [rDNA origin] (1.0 mg) in a randomized, crossover fashion. Overall, all Xeris and Lilly  
529 treatments were well tolerated. There were no SAEs during the study, and all AEs observed were  
530 transient and generally expected with rescue injections of glucagon. The most commonly reported  
531 AE was injection site pain, and the incidence of this AE was significantly higher in the Xeris 0.5 mg  
532 and Xeris 1 mg groups compared with the Lilly 1 mg group; however, edema and erythema at the  
533 injection site occurred infrequently and did not vary significantly with treatment. Within the Lilly 1  
534 mg group, the most commonly reported AE was nausea, the incidence of which was significantly  
535 higher compared with the Xeris 0.5 mg and 1 mg groups. The incidences of all remaining AEs  
536 were low and not notably different across treatment groups.

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538 However, as reported by Haymond (15), when subcutaneous glucagon in dosages of 20–150 µg was  
539 given to children to manage impending hypoglycemia due to gastroenteritis or poor oral intake of  
540 carbohydrates, it did not result in a perceived worsening of the patient’s nausea, nor did it result in  
541 emesis immediately after glucagon administration, as is commonly observed with the recommended  
542 single large 500–1,000 µg rescue dose.

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544 In Xeris’ completed Phase 2a safety/PK/PD study, Protocol No. XSMP-201, which tested 75–300  
545 µg G-Pen Mini™ doses in adult T1D patients, neither nausea nor vomiting were observed with  
546 doses of 75-150 µg. Nausea, but not vomiting was reported by 4/12 subjects given the 300 µg dose  
547 (3 mild, 1 moderate). Since doses of subcutaneous G-Pen Mini™ (glucagon injection) given to  
548 adults per this protocol will range from 75–300 µg, some nausea is possible, but the incidence is  
549 expected to be relatively low and severe nausea is not expected.

550 Although available data from prior studies indicate that mini-dose glucagon is likely to successfully  
551 treat mild to moderate hypoglycemia, this is not definitively proven. Therefore, there is a risk that  
552 mini-dose glucagon will not work as well as glucose tablets or other oral carbohydrates and if this is  
553 the case, severe hypoglycemia could result.

554 Endurance exercise, as will be performed in this study, may be associated with generalized fatigue  
555 and mild to moderate hypoglycemia. In rare situations, exercise can promote myocardial infarction,  
556 sudden cardiac death or arrhythmias. In persons who have proliferative retinopathy, exercise that  
557 increases blood pressure significantly (>180 mmHg) can promote retinal bleeding (PMID:  
558 21800941). Since all participants will be screened prior to the exercise test for diabetes-related  
559 complications and glucose monitoring will be performed throughout the experiments, the risk of a  
560 serious exercise-associated adverse event will be extremely remote.

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562 The blood draws and IV placement could result in discomfort or bruising, or rarely, an infection or a  
563 blood clot. Fainting may also occur. The exact blood volumes collected may vary according to  
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## CHAPTER 5: MISCELLANEOUS CONSIDERATIONS

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### 5.1 Benefits

Participants may benefit by gaining a better understanding of how to prevent exercise-associated hypoglycemia.

### 5.2 Participant Compensation

#### 5.2.1 Participant Reimbursement

The participant will receive \$100 for the screening visit/ $VO_2$  max testing and \$225 for each exercise session. Participants will receive compensation for transportation to and from each exercise session. Participants who participate in the pilot phase will receive \$100 for the screening visit/  $VO_2$  max testing and \$100 for each exercise session that is part of the pilot. Participant compensation will be paid by check, merchandise gift card or money card.

Additional travel expenses may be paid in select cases for participants with higher expenses.

#### 5.2.2 Study Costs

All study costs will be covered by the study. The participant will use his/her own pump, blood glucose meter, and CGM (if used). The participant will be asked to insert a new infusion set on the day prior to each exercise session and if CGM is used, a new CGM sensor. The participant will also be asked to perform additional blood glucose meter checks. Participants will be permitted to request reimbursement through their site for any CGM sensors, infusion sets, or blood glucose meter strips required specifically for the purpose of the study.

### 5.3 Participant Withdrawal

Participation in the study is voluntary, and a participant may withdraw at any time. The investigator may withdraw a participant who is not complying with the protocol. For participants who withdraw or are withdrawn, their data will be used up until the time of withdrawal.

Participants will not be withdrawn from the study if the study drug is discontinued due to adverse events.

### 5.4 Confidentiality

For security and confidentiality purposes, participants will be assigned an identifier that will be used instead of their name. Protected health information gathered for this study will be shared with the Coordinating Center, the Jaeb Center for Health Research in Tampa, FL. Information also may be provided to Xeris, Inc which is providing the glucagon for the study, and Unitio, Inc., which is a T1D Exchange collaborating organization.

Some of the study data will be entered on the Coordinating Center's secure website through an SSL encrypted connection. The Coordinating Center websites are maintained on Unix and Linux servers running Apache web server software and on a Windows server running IIS, all with strong encryption. The study website is password-protected and restricted to users who have been authorized by the Coordinating Center to gain access. No identifiable health information of an enrolled participant will be released by the Coordinating Center.

614 **5.5 Discontinuation of Study**

615 Participation of a participant can be discontinued at any time at discretion of the investigator,  
616 particularly if the investigator believes that there is a safety concern with continued participation.

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618 The study can be stopped by the Steering Committee if events occur that warrant discontinuation of  
619 the study.

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## CHAPTER 6: STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

The approach to sample size and statistical analyses are summarized below. A detailed statistical analysis plan will be written and finalized prior to the completion of the study.

### 6.1 Sample Size

A target of 16 subjects, with replacement of any participants who do not complete the study, was selected as a reasonable sample size for this feasibility study. Considering the primary outcome of glucose, power was approximated using a t-test. The table below provides power estimates based on a paired t-test comparing glucose during the mini-dose glucagon treatment and glucose during the control treatment.

#### Power Estimates\*

Mean difference (mg/dL)	Correlation						
	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
20	32%	35%	40%	47%	55%	68%	84%
25	46%	51%	57%	65%	74%	85%	96%
30	60%	66%	73%	80%	88%	95%	99%
35	74%	79%	85%	91%	96%	99%	>99%

\*Power was calculated for a sample size of 16 participants with a two-sided alpha of 0.05 and assuming a standard deviation of 40 mg/dL for each treatment. (A previous DirectNet exercise study was considered when estimating standard deviation [16].)

### 6.2 Analysis Plan

#### 6.2.1 Primary Outcome

The primary outcome for this study will be glucose, as measured by YSI analysis, during exercise and early recovery.

#### 6.2.2 Primary Analysis

The primary analysis for this study will be a descriptive comparison of glycemic response during exercise and early recovery between the mini-dose glucagon group (strategy 3) and the control group. Summary statistics will be calculated. In the event that exercise is terminated early due to glucose <70 mg/dL and the participant is treated for hypoglycemia, the nadir glucose value will be carried forward through early recovery.

To obtain a test of significance, a treatment comparison of glucose during exercise and early recovery will be completed using a linear mixed model with repeated measures that accounts for the correlation due to the cross-over design and the correlation due to multiple measures, adjusting for baseline glucose level and period. Regression diagnostics will be performed and if the distribution of residuals is skewed, non-parametric methods and transformations will be considered.

#### 6.2.3 Secondary Outcomes

The following outcome measures will also be analyzed.

- Occurrence of hypoglycemia (<70 mg/dL) as measured by YSI analysis during exercise or early recovery

- 661 • Occurrence of hyperglycemia ( $\geq 270$  mg/dL) as measured by YSI analysis in the following
- 662 time periods: during exercise, after exercise in early recovery/prior to meal ingestion and for
- 663 90 minutes after the meal (2 hours after the end of exercise)
- 664 • Glucose levels during exercise and early recovery (venous plasma)
- 665 • Glucose levels after a standardized meal (glucose area under the curve analysis, venous
- 666 plasma)
- 667 • Glucose levels in late recovery (afternoon and overnight following the exercise protocols-
- 668 CGM analysis)
  - 669 ○ Mean
  - 670 ○ Nadir
  - 671 ○ Area above and below curve threshold (i.e. area above or below 70-180 mg/dL)
  - 672 ○ % of time in range (70-180 mg/dL)
  - 673 ○ % of time below 70 mg/dL
  - 674 ○ Occurrence of hypoglycemia ( $< 70$  mg/dL) overnight
- 675 • Carbohydrate intake (before, during and for 30 min post exercise)
- 676 • HR and ratings of perceived exertion
- 677 • Insulin and glucose counterregulatory hormones (glucagon, GH, catecholamines, cortisol)
- 678 • Inflammatory cytokines (TNF $\alpha$ , IL-6)
- 679 • Metabolites (nonesterified fatty acids,  $\beta$ -hydroxybuterate, lactate)

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#### 6.2.4 Secondary Analyses

683 The primary and secondary outcomes will largely be examined in a descriptive manner. Summary  
684 statistics will be calculated by treatment strategy. For binary variables, percentage of participants  
685 developing the outcome, with 95% confidence interval, will be calculated by strategy. Each of the  
686 three strategies will be compared to the control in secondary analyses.

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688 Tests of significance will also be obtained using a 2-sided alpha of 0.05. For binary variables, a  
689 generalized linear mixed model with a logistic link function for a binary outcome will be fit to  
690 assess differences between strategy 3 and each of the other strategies. The model will be adjusted  
691 for baseline glucose and period. For continuous variables, repeated measures linear regression  
692 models will be fit adjusting for period and where applicable the baseline value. Regression  
693 diagnostics will be performed and if the distribution of residuals is skewed, non-parametric methods  
694 and transformations will be considered. No formal correction will be made for multiple  
695 comparisons.

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#### 6.3 Safety Analyses

698 Adverse events will be tabulated by strategy:

- 699 • Proportion reporting at least one adverse event
- 700 • Proportion with an adverse event thought by investigator to be related to strategy
- 701 • Proportion who stopped study treatment in response to an adverse event
- 702 • Total number of adverse events reported
- 703 • Number of serious adverse events reported
- 704 • Number of non-serious adverse events reported

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706 Adverse events will be tabulated by MedDRA categories with frequencies compared between  
707 strategies. Similar models and diagnostics will be performed as described for the efficacy outcomes  
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711 **CHAPTER 7: DATA COLLECTION AND MONITORING**  
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713 **7.1 Data Collection**

714 Data will be collected directly on electronic case report forms and will be considered source  
715 documents when data are directly entered. Other data will be collected from participant logs,  
716 downloads of devices and from laboratories processing the samples.  
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718 **7.2 Quality Assurance and Monitoring**

719 Designated personnel from the Coordinating Center will be responsible for maintaining quality  
720 assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) systems to ensure that the trial is conducted and data  
721 are generated, documented and reported in compliance with the protocol, GCP and the applicable  
722 regulatory requirements.  
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724 A risk-based monitoring (RBM) plan will be developed and revised as needed during the course  
725 of the study. The RBM plan will focus mainly on data related to eligibility, adverse events and  
726 the primary efficacy analysis. As much as possible, remote monitoring will be performed in  
727 real-time, with on-site monitoring performed to evaluate the verity and completeness of the key  
728 site data.  
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730 Xeris, the Jaeb Center for Health Research, or their representatives may visit the study facilities  
731 at any time in order to maintain current and personal knowledge of the study through review of  
732 the records, comparison with source documents, observation and discussion of the conduct and  
733 progress of the study.  
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