Contrôle glycémique en réanimation

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The same story can be read and interpreted in different languages.
Period 3
2006-2009
Period 1: 1970-2000
Etiology of stress hyperglycemia

Dungan K, Braithwaite S, Preiser JC Lancet 2009;373:1798

Figure 1a: The etiology of hospital-related hyperglycemia is multi-factorial, incorporating patient-specific, illness-specific, and treatment-specific factors. Hyperglycemia may, in turn, exacerbate illness-specific factors and increase the need for treatment-specific factors, thus leading to a vicious cycle by which hyperglycemia begets further hyperglycemia. HPA=hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis
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Figure 1b. Glucose metabolism in stress hyperglycemia. Stress hyperglycemia is marked by increased whole-body glucose uptake, marked by non-insulin mediated glucose transport via GLUT-1 transporters to body tissues. Insulin-mediated glucose uptake is reduced (insulin resistance), largely due to post-receptor insulin signaling defects that result in reduced GLUT4 mediated glucose transport in insulin sensitive tissues such as liver, muscle, and fat. Muscle glycogen storage is also reduced. Glucose production is generally up-regulated, in large part a result of unregulated hepatic gluconeogenesis. Finally, once inside a target cell, glucose is oxidized readily but non-oxidative metabolism (generally glycogen storage) is impaired.
Consequences of hyperglycemia
Dungan K, Braithwaite S, Preiser JC Lancet 2009;373:1798
Hyperglycemia In The Hospital

Mortality = 16%

- 63% Normal
- 26% Diabetes
- 11% New Hyperglycemia
- Mortality = 3.0%
- Mortality = 1.7%

Umpierrez, JCEM 87: 978-982, 2002
« Admission glycemia is an independent pronostic factor » : mortality and ventricular dysfunction (180 mg/dl)
Admission glycemia 144mg/dl = 3.9 more deaths.

Cardiac surgery : blood glucose is an independent predictive factor for severe infection.

- Admission hyperglycemia is associated with a 2- or 3-fold increase in mortality following focal or global brain ischemia
- After brain trauma, a blood glucose > 200 mg/dl is an independent prognostic factor for poor outcome.
Nature of the relationship between mean hospitalization glucose and the odds of in-hospital mortality (adjusted analysis)

Association Between Mean BG and In-Hospital Mortality After Multivariable Adjustment (Reference: Mean BG 100 to <110)

Kosiborod, M. et al. Circulation 2008;117:1018-1027
Hyperglycemia-related mortality in critically ill patients

Falciglia et al Crit Care Med 2009;37:3001

N = 259,040 ICU admissions (2002-2005)
Unadjusted mortality rate 11.2%
Two-level logistic regression model used to determine a relationship between admission glycemia and predicted mortality
The evidence is clear

- Hyperglycemia is associated with poor outcome
- Treating hyperglycemia is associated with an improvement in outcome (before – after trials)
RESTORING « NORMOGLYCEMIA » IMPROVES SURVIVAL!

**YES**

- Observational findings
  - DIGAMI 1
  - Furnary
  - Reed
  - Krinsley
  - Finney

- Interventional data
  - Leuven 1 study
### Intensive insulin therapy: Mortality

| Result                                | Control       | Intensive     | %   | p   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|-----|
| 1. ICU mortality (%)                  | 8.04.6-47%    | < 0.004       |     |     |
| First 5 d. of ICU stay (%)            | 1.8           | 1.7           | NS  |     |
| ICU stay > 5d (%)                     | 20.210.6-48%  | 0.005         |     |     |
| Diabetic pat. > 5d (%)                | 20.610.7-48%  | 0.005         |     |     |
| 2. Hospital mortality (%)             | 10.97.2-34%   | 0.01          |     |     |

Intensive treatment → 4.4 – 6.1 mmol/L versus Conventional treatment → 10.0 – 11.1 mmol/L

*N Engl J Med* 2001; 345 1359
CUMULATIVE RISK OF DEATH IN ICU PATIENTS

Squares: glycemia < 110 mg/dl
Circles: glycemia 110-150 mg/dl
Triangles: glycemia > 150 mg/dl

Van den Berghe Crit Care Med 2003;31:359
SECONDARY OUTCOME VARIABLES

RRR = Relative risk reduction
NNT = Number needed to treat
Intensive insulin therapy and mortality in critically ill patients

Miriam M Treggiari, Veena Karir, N David Yanez, Noel S Weiss, Stephen Daniel and Steven A Deem

_Critical Care_ 2008, **12**:R29 (doi:10.1186/cc6807)

Cohort study comparing three consecutive time periods – total _10,456 patients_:
- period I no protocol (n = 2,366, 03/01-02/02)
- period II target BG 80-130 mg/dl (n = 3,322, 03/02-06/03)
- period III target BG 80-110 mg/dl (n = 4,786, 07/03-02/05)
NICE-SUGAR trial

![Graph showing probability of survival over days after randomization for conventional and intensive glucose control groups.]

- **Probability of Survival**
  - Conventional glucose control
  - Intensive glucose control

- **Days after Randomization**
  - Range: 0 to 90

- **No. at Risk**
  - Conventional control: 3014, 2379, 2304, 2261
  - Intensive control: 3016, 2337, 2227, 2182

- **P-value**: 0.03
A Multi-Centre Study Comparing the Effects of Two Glucose Control Regimens by Insulin in Intensive Care Unit Patients
GLUCONTROL

- 7 countries
  - Austria, Belgium, France, Israel, The Netherlands, Slovenia and Spain.
- 21 units in 19 centres
Prospective, randomised, controlled, investigator
-blinded and multicentric study

Aimed at comparing the effects of two regimens of
insulin therapy, respectively titrated to achieve a
blood sugar level

- between 7.8 and 10.0 mmol/l (140 and 180 mg/dl,
  respectively) = GROUP 1
- and between 4.4 and 6.1 mmol/l (80 and 110 mg/dl,
  respectively) = GROUP 2
Primary Outcome: absolute intensive care unit (ICU) mortality (target = 4%-decrease).

Secondary outcome variables:
- in-hospital and 28-day mortality,
- lengths of stays in ICU and in the hospital,
- length of ICU stay without life-support therapy, number and clinical signs of episodes of hypoglycaemia,
- rates of infections and organ failures,
- number of red-cells transfusions.
Planning:
- Interim analysis each 100 ICU deaths
- In order to detect a 4% decrease of absolute mortality: 3500 patients to be included

STUDY STOPPED ON MAY 29th, 2006
- Safety concern
- High rate of unintended protocol violations
Glucontrol Study

Flow chart

Admissions (n = 7,747)

Approached for consent (n = 1,108)

No consent (n = 7)

Randomly assigned (n = 1,101)

Allocated to group 1 (LIT) (n = 551)
Lost to follow-up (n = 0)
Discontinued intervention (n = 0)
Readmission (n = 9)
Analysed (n = 542)

Allocated to group 2 (IIT) (n = 550)
Lost to follow-up (n = 0)
Discontinued intervention (n = 0)
Readmission (n = 14)
Analysed (n = 536)
## Characteristics at admission

|                                | Group 1 | Group 2 | p value |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| **BG target**                  | 7.8-10.0 mmol/L | 4.4-6.1 mmol/L |         |
| **N**                          | 542     | 536     |         |
| **Age (median - IQR)**         | 64.5 (51.1-74.1) | 64.8 (50.8-74.0) | 0.856   |
| **Male patients (%)**          | 333 (61.4) | 345 (64.4) | 0.339   |
| **Type of patients (% of each)**|         |         | 0.881   |
| - Medical                      | 219 (40.4) | 226 (42.2) |         |
| - Scheduled Surgery            | 174 (32.1) | 162 (30.2) |         |
| - Emergency Surgery            | 96 (17.7)  | 89 (16.6)  |         |
| - Trauma                       | 43 (7.9)   | 41 (7.6)   |         |
| Measure                                      | Group 1     | Group 2     | p-value |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| APACHE II score (median - IQR)              | 15 (11-22)  | 15 (11-21)  | 0.807   |
| SOFA score (mean ± SD (range))              | 6.7 ± 3.3 (0 - 16) | 6.9 ± 3.1 (0 - 19) | 0.454   |
| Glasgow Coma Score (median – IQR)           | 15 (9-15)   | 15 (8-15)   | 0.787   |
| Respiratory support (% of patients)         |             |             | 0.444   |
| - Invasive ventilation                      | 386 (71.2)  | 363 (67.7)  |         |
| - Non invasive ventilation                  | 28 (5.2)    | 33 (6.2)    |         |
| Vasopressors/inotropes (% of patients)      | 218 (40.2)  | 201 (37.5)  | 0.359   |
| Proportion of patients with T° > 38.5 °C (%)| 51 (9.4)    | 52 (9.7)    | 0.741   |
| Pre-existing diabetes (% of patients)       | 116 (21.4)  | 87 (16.2)   | 0.029   |
## Insulin therapy

| **Time from admission to start of insulin drip, hours (median(IQR))** | 0 (0-10) | 0(0-12) | 0.312 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Patients treated with IV insulin, % (n)*** | 66.2 (313) | 96.3 (442) | <.0001 |
| **Rate of insulin infusion (IU/h) (median(IQR))** | 0.32 (0-1.27) | 1.30 (0.65-2.3) | <.0001 |
| **Duration of insulin treatment in hours median (IQR)** | 10 (0-43) | 36 (13-96) | <.0001 |
| **Days on insulin (median (IQR) )** | 2(0-5) | 5(2-9) | <.0001 |
| **Insulin-free days (median (IQR))** | 2(0-5) | 0(0-1) | <.0001 |
GLUCONTROL

Blood glucose, mg/dl

Treatment, days

Median with IQR

* p < 0.001

Group 2

Group 1
Blood glucose values

![Blood glucose values chart](chart.png)

- Blood glucose values for Group 1 and Group 2 are compared.
- The p-value is less than 0.0001, indicating a significant difference between the groups.
- The chart shows the distribution of blood glucose levels for all and morning times for both groups.
Outcome data
| Outcome data          | Group 1 BG target 7.8-10.0 mmol/L N=542 | Group 2 BG target 4.4-6.1 mmol/L N=536 | p value |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|
| ICU mortality (%)     | 83 (15.3)                             | 92 (17.2)                              | 0.410   |
| - Short-stayers (LOS \(\leq\) 3 days) n = 281 | 17/154 (11.0)                          | 17/127 (13.4)                          | 0.5483  |
| - Long-stayers (LOS > 3 days) n = 787 | 66/388 (17.0)                          | 75/399 (18.8)                          | 0.5135  |
| 28-day mortality (%)  | 83 (15.3)                             | 100 (18.7)                             | 0.1438  |
| Patients still in ICU at D28 (n): | 33                                      | 34                                     |         |
| Hospital mortality (%)| 105 (19.4)                            | 125 (23.3)                             | 0.1136  |
| ICU LOS (days) (median (IQR)) | 6 (3-13)                              | 6 (3-13)                              | 0.238   |
| Total ICU stay (LOS)  | 5433                                   | 5090                                   |         |
| Hospital LOS (days) (median (IQR)) | 16 (11-29)                             | 16 (11-29)                             | 0.708   |
Patient at risk
Group 1:  542  377  187  109  55  34  24  17  12  9
Group 2:  536  351  180  104  67  44  33  25  17  11

Cumulative deaths
Group 1:  0  46  67  79  83  86  86  88  89  92
Group 2:  0  48  75  85  89  96  98  99  100  101

Logrank test: p = 0.331
Hazard ratio: 1.151
(95% CI: 0.865 – 1.533)
## Risk of Death

### Univariable Analysis

|                | Crude OR | 95% CI       | p     |
|----------------|----------|--------------|-------|
| Group 2        | 1.28     | 0.88 - 1.88  | 0.198 |

### Multivariable Analysis

|                  | Adjusted OR | 95% CI       | p     |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| Group 2          | 1.31         | 0.88 - 1.95  | 0.178 |
| Gender (male)    | 1.78         | 1.15 - 2.75  | 0.0093|
| Age, yr          | 1.02         | 1.01 - 1.04  | 0.0011|
| Apache II        | 1.04         | 1.02 - 1.07  | 0.0003|
| SOFA             | 1.08         | 1.01 - 1.16  | 0.0291|
Corticosteroids treatment and intensive insulin therapy for septic shock in Adults
Annane et al JAMA 2010;303:341
Toward Understanding Tight Glycemic Control in the ICU
A Systematic Review and Metaanalysis
Paul E. Marik, MD, FCCP, and Jean-Charles Preiser, MD

| Study name          | Odds ratio | Lower limit | Upper limit | Z-Value | p-Value |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
| Van den Berghe-2001| 1.572      | 1.102       | 2.242       | 2.498   | 0.012   |
| Van den Berghe-2006| 1.057      | 0.826       | 1.353       | 0.441   | 0.659   |
| Glucotrol-2006      | 0.788      | 0.573       | 1.085       | -1.460  | 0.144   |
| VISEP-2008          | 1.064      | 0.720       | 1.572       | 0.310   | 0.757   |
| De La Rosa-2008     | 0.830      | 0.574       | 1.199       | -0.994  | 0.320   |
| Arabi-2008          | 0.781      | 0.484       | 1.262       | -1.009  | 0.313   |
| NICE-SUGAR 2009     | 0.918      | 0.812       | 1.038       | -1.361  | 0.173   |
|                     | 0.954      | 0.871       | 1.046       | -0.995  | 0.320   |

Meta Analysis
Possible reasons for discrepancies between outcome data

Marik P Preiser JC Chest 2010;137:544

- Severity (APACHE II score)
- Mean BG level
- BG variability (SD)
- Mean daily insulin dose
- Mean daily caloric intake
- Percentage of calories given IV
- Frequency of preexisting diabetes
- Frequency of sepsis
BG TARGET IS NOT ALWAYS REACHED!

Blood glucose, mg/dl

Target range (CIT)

p < 0.001
For each comparison

VISEP  Leuven I  Leuven II  Glucontrol  NICE-SUGAR
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**CHEST 2010; 137(3):544–551**

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| b-ENT    |                           | 0.899     | 0.811       | 0.997       | -2.025  | 0.043   |
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**Meta Analysis**

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Regression of TPN on Log odds ratio

\[ \text{Log odds ratio} \]

\[ \text{TPN} \]

\[ p = 0.005 \]
Intravenous glucose and hospital mortality
Van der voort Clin Endocrinol 2006;64:141

Retrospective cohort study on ICU long-stayers (7-30 d)
N = 273 (/ 2042)
Hospital mortality lower when mean BG < 8 mmol/L

Logistic multivariate regression analysis: APACHE II and mean daily amount of IV Glucose associated with lower survival (OR 0.94 (0.9-0.98) and 0.65 (0.47-0.89))
IT’S TIME TO THINK AND BOUNCE BACK!
Clinical experience with TGCIIT: pending questions and unsolved issues

Preiser Devos Crit Care Med 2007;35:S503

- Which is the meaning of «normoglycemia»?
- Non-glycemic effects of insulin?
- Is hypoglycemia life-threatening?
- Importance of glucose variability?
WHICH IS THE MEANING OF « NORMOGLYCEMIA » IN THE ICU?

- 80-110 mg/dl is considered as Normoglycemia in fasting conditions
- Stress
- Feeding
- Therapies

Commentary

Restoring normoglycaemia: not so harmless
Jean-Charles Preiser
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Critical Care 2008, 12:116 (doi:10.1186/cc6787)
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How does blood glucose control with insulin save lives in intensive care?

Greet Van den Berghe
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J Clin Invest 2004; 114;1187

Metabolic effects
CHO-related (relief of glucose toxicity)
CHO-independent

Non-metabolic effects
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Physiological response to hypoglycemia

- < 80 mg/dl: **Inhibition of insulin release**
- < 65 mg/dl:
  - **Glucagon** release to increase the release of glucose from liver
  - **Epinephrine** secretion to increase glycogenolysis and the provision of neoglucogenic substrates
  - **Growth Hormone**
- < 55 mg/dl: **Cortisol** release

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102 patients with at least one episode of severe hypoglycemia (< 40 mg/dl) matched with 306 control patients from a cohort of 5,365 patients
Mortality 55.9 % in patients with severe hypoglycemia vs 39.5 in non-hypoglycemic patients (p < .01)

Multivariable logistic regression analysis identified hypoglycemia as an independent risk predictor of mortality (OR 2.3[1.4-3.7])
Relative risk of death of patients with hypoglycemia
Prospective studies

![Graph showing relative risk of death (vs non-hypoglycemic)]
Hypoglycemia and ICU mortality
Data from Glucontrol – Preiser et al Intensive Care Med 2009

ICU Mortality (%)

\[ \text{Without hypoglycemia} \quad \text{N} = 1032 \]
\[ \text{With hypoglycemia} \quad \text{N} = 69 \]

\[ p < 0.001 \]
### Multivariable analysis: hypoglycemia < 60 mg/dl

|                | Adjusted OR | 95% CI          | p     |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| Group II       | 7.05        | 4.72 - 10.53    | < 0.0001 |
| Death          | 2.19        | 1.38 - 3.48     | 0.0008 |
| Apache II      | 1.07        | 1.04 - 1.10     | < 0.0001 |

### Multivariable analysis: hypoglycemia < 40 mg/dl

|                | Adjusted OR | 95% CI          | p     |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| Group II       | 4.29        | 2.10 - 8.76     | 0.0001 |
| Death          | 2.26        | 1.15 - 2.26     | 0.0177 |
| Apache II      | 1.07        | 1.03 - 1.11     | 0.0008 |
Hypoglycemia and organ failures

SOFA score

Without hypoglycemia
N = 1032

With hypoglycemia
N = 69

p < 0.01

Daily SOFA score

Without hypoglycemia

Days

With hypoglycemia

p < 0.01
Hypoglycemia and the brain

- Glucose is the obligatory metabolic fuel for the injured brain
- No cerebral stores of glucose
- Glucose diffusion from plasma to neurons and astrocytes (concentration-dependent)
- In case of severe hypoglycemia, fall of ATP and cortical activity (EEG)
- Potential roles of lactate / glycogen released from astrocytes as rescue substrates?
Impact of TGC on cerebral glucose metabolism
Oddo et al Crit Care Med 2008;36:3233

- Twenty patients monitored with microdialysis after severe brain injury
- TGC (target 80-120 mg/dl)
- Cerebral glucose and lactate/pyruvate ratio collected hourly

- **Outcome variables:**
  - ranges of BG:
    - low (< 80) - tight: (80-120), intermediate (120-180) - high (>180)
  - L/P ratio:
    - > 25: abnormal
    - > 40: brain energy failure
    - > 40 + brain glucose < 13: **Brain energy crisis**

**Predictors of brain energy crisis**
(multivariate logistic regression adjusted for ICP and CPP):
Serum glucose and dose of insulin
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**Brain energy crisis**

Predictors of hospital mortality *(logistic regression)*
Brain energy crisis 7.4 (1.4-39.5)*
Glasgow Coma scale 1.1 (.96-1.3)
CPP 1.01 (.97-1.04)
ICP 1 (0.99-1.01)
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Is reducing variability of blood glucose the real but hidden target of intensive insulin therapy?

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Crit Care 2009 (in press)

Same average BG Variability twice lower
IS THE ISSUE OF TGCIIIT HOPELESS?
SHOULD WE LEAVE THE FIELD?
SHOULD WE CLOSE THE CHAPTER?

An unexplored hypothesis is left and appealing!

- Hypothesis: high glucose variability is possibly detrimental for critically ill patients
- Supporting data: retrospective cohort study
- Biological plausibility
Variability of Blood Glucose Concentration and Short-term Mortality in Critically Ill Patients

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Fig. 4. Time course of the predictive ability of average and SD of blood glucose. Odds ratios (expressed with 95% confidential intervals) for glucose indexes indicate the risk change of intensive care unit mortality per 1 mmol change in each index. For example, average of blood glucose on 7 days from admission means average of entire glucose measurements during 7 days from admission. As time in intensive care unit increased, so did the ability of glucose control indices to predict outcome.
## Glucose variability and mortality in patients with sepsis

Naeem A. Ali, MD; James M. O’Brien Jr, MD, MSc; Kathleen Dungan, MD; Gary Phillips, MAS; Clay B. Marsh, MD; Stanley Lemeshow, PhD; Alfred F. Connors Jr, MD; Jean-Charles Preiser, MD, PhD

| Glucose Characteristic | Logistic Regression | Comparison of Mortality Discrimination |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                        | Mortality Crude Odds Ratio | p-value | 95% CI | Area under the ROC | p-value² | 95% CI |
| GLI                    | 1.25 < 0.001 | 1.20 – 1.32 | 0.67 | 0.64 – 0.71 |
| MAGE                   | 1.12 < 0.001 | 1.07 – 1.18 | 0.59 < 0.001 | 0.56 – 0.63 |
| MEAN                   | 1.17 < 0.001 | 1.12 – 1.23 | 0.63 0.003 | 0.59 – 0.66 |
| Standard Deviation     | 1.16 < 0.001 | 1.11 – 1.21 | 0.62 < 0.001 | 0.58 – 0.65 |

Ali et al Crit Care Med 2008
Intermittent high glucose enhances apoptosis in human umbilical vein endothelial cells in culture

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Am J Physiol Endocrinol Metab 281: E924–E930, 2001.

Fig. 1. Cell death of human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs) cultured with different concentrations of glucose. HUVECs were cultured in the presence of normal (5 mmol/l), high (20 mmol/l), or alternating normal/high concentrations, as described in MATERIALS AND METHODS. After 7 and 14 days, they were detached from Petri dishes, stained with 20 µg/ml of propidium iodide, and analyzed with the cytofluorimeter. Data are means ± SD of 6 independent experiments. *P < 0.05 vs. glucose 5 mmol/l; &P < 0.05 vs. glucose 20 mmol/l; #P < 0.01 vs. glucose 5 mmol/l; $P < 0.01 vs. glucose 20 mmol/l.
Constant and intermittent high glucose enhances endothelial cell apoptosis through mitochondrial superoxide overproduction

Ludovica Piconi

Figure 3. (A) Nitrotyrosine ELISA of HUVEC lysates, N = 5 nm glucose; H = 20 nm glucose; H/L = 5/20 nm glucose. (B) 8-OHdG content in HUVEC DNA measured with ELISA technique. § = p < 0.01 normal versus high glucose; # = p < 0.001 intermittent versus normal glucose; * = p < 0.01 intermittent versus high glucose. Bars indicate ±SD.
Activation of Oxidative Stress by Acute Glucose Fluctuations Compared With Sustained Chronic Hyperglycemia in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes

Louis Monnier, MD
Emilie Mas, PhD

Context: Glycemic disorders, one of the main risk factors for cardiovascular disease, are associated with activation of oxidative stress.

JAMA 2006; 295: 1681

Figure 2. Linear Correlation Between 24-Hour Urinary Excretion Rates of 8-Iso Prostaglandin F2α (PGF2α) and Mean Amplitude of Glycemic Excursions (MAGE)

\[ r = 0.86; P < 0.001. \]
The answer: Intravascular continuous blood monitoring?
Meanwhile:

Moving beyond tight glucose control to safe effective glucose control

James S Krinsley and Jean-Charles Preiser

*Critical Care* 2008, **12**: 3: 149

Instead of TGC, we propose a stepwise approach defining a new standard – Safe, Effective Glycemic Control (SEGC). SEGC involves, first, adoption of a safe glycemic target appropriate to the skills, experience and available tools of the ICU that does not result in a significant increase in the rate of hypoglycemia. **A glycemic target of 80 to 150 mg/dl is not unreasonable for an ICU to choose initially; implementation can subsequently lead to downward revision of the glycemic goal.**
« TIGHT » GLUCOSE CONTROL BY INTENSIVE INSULIN THERAPY
FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING BACK TO HIPPOCRATES

I HAVE A DREAM

Primum non nocere
Endocrinology, Metabolism and Nutrition

Endocrinology in the ICU
- Endocrine alterations in the critically ill (G Van den Berghe)
- Adrenal failure in the ICU (D Mesotten)
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