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Background & Aims

The ISO 15197 standard (first issued 2003 and updated 2013) specifies requirements for in vitro capillary blood glucose monitoring systems (BGMS). Accuracy and precision of every Glucometer-strips systems (GSS) is essential. Recent studies have laid the groundwork for evaluations of BGMS against these standards.

Aims: To highlight the requirements of ISO 15197 along with recent "hot topics" for accuracy and precision of GSS.

Conclusions

This review aims to enhance understanding of GSS accuracy and precision from trials by Biayni and Jenna on Galileo, Newton, and Contour plus one GSS, Abdallah's work on impact of glucose load on glycemic response and research by Serdar and Alexia on BMI's impact on plasma glucose using glucometers.

Presenting the standards of the ISO 15197 on accuracy and precision of glucometer-strips systems Author: O.O.Moronwiyan

Methods

The following key-papers are referenced:

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Figure 1 – Preparation for procedure

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The accuracy criteria: 95 % of the individual glucose results will fall within ± 0,83mmol/L of the reference at PG < 5.55 mmol/L (100 mg/dL) and within ± 15 % at PG \geq 5.55 mmol/L (100 mg/dL). Evaluation of the system accuracy will be performed with fresh capillary blood samples (Fig. 2). At least 100 pairs of PG concentrations considering 7 specified regions of values (bins). Laboratory adjustment for low and high glucose concentrations is possible. Other 2 reagents' LOTs should be tested.

Precision of the GSS is estimated using the SD of differences among individual cPG measurements. P < 0.05 is considered meaningful.



Figure 2 - Assessment of the accuracy of a GSS (example)

Key: Axis x: reference PG values [mmol/l] obtained by means of an accredited method. Axis y: difference between PG value displayed on tested glucometer and the respective value on axis x obtained by the accredited method.

Results

Figure 3 – Consensus Error Grid (mmol/l)

Key: X comparison method, Y meter

The Accuracy criteria: 99% of results lie within zones A and B of the consensus error grid (CEG) for type 1 diabetes.

Zone A and B – little to no effect on clinical outcome.

Zone C-E – increased risk of adverse outcome.

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