ASSESSMENT OF GLYCEMIC CONTROL WITH A COMPOSITE METRIC: REVISED GLUCOSE PENTAGON

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Introduction

New ways to describe overall diabetes control are needed, since HbA1c does not reflect the severity/frequency of hypoglycemia, hyperglycemia and glycemia variability. CGM data was used to update the previously published composite metric-the Glucose Pentagon(1)- creating a revised Glucose Pentagon (rPG).

Materials and Methods

The five axes of the rGP describe the area of a pentagon for non-diabetes (green) to which those with diabetes (red) can be compared (Fig. 1). The intensity of hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia is the magnitude of the vectors of area-under-the-curve (AUC) <70 mg/dL and time/day <70 mg/dL and AUC >180 mg/dL and time/day >180 mg/dL, respectively (Fig. 2). We applied baseline and end-of-study data from the low-glucose suspend ASPIRE In-Home study(2) to the rGP and compared the changes in rGP area to changes in HbA1c (Table). A representative example is show in Fig. 3 & 4.







Conclusions

- The rGP, using the "intensity of hypoglycemia" metric, describes overall glycemic control numerically and visually.
- 2. The rGP is a composite metric that provides a clinically relevant assessment of interventions such as a low-glucose suspend system.
- 3. The rGP can be used to investigate the effects of a technology, drug or psychoeducational intervention on glycemic control.

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