

Type 1 Diabetes

A pair of hands, likely belonging to a person of African descent, are shown from a top-down perspective, gently cupping a single, vibrant red apple. The hands are positioned centrally, with the fingers slightly curled around the fruit. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface, possibly a table or floor, with visible wood grain and some lighter-colored streaks. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the smooth surface of the apple.

WHAT ARE OUR OPTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT?
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Outline

1. My Personal Journey
2. My Type 1 Diabetes Experience
3. Some Great Patients and Families willing to Share Their Information
4. Research and Resources to Share
5. Next Steps



Polling Question #1

What is your comfort level in supporting a patient and/or family with Low Carb or Keto in Diabetes?

1. Not at all comfortable
2. Could support for Type 2 diabetes
3. Could support for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes
4. Could support Low Carb but not Keto
5. Unsure at this time

Polling Question #2

What would you need to support a child/family with a low carb or keto lifestyle?

1. I would not feel comfortable supporting a low carb or keto lifestyle in a type 1 diabetic.
2. I am comfortable supporting a child/family and do not need resources.
3. I would need further resources and education (ex. Webinars and handouts).
4. I would prefer to wait until the guidelines support this lifestyle as an option.

My Story

- Dr. Wendy Thomas-Type 1, LCHF
- My “n” of 1
- Some Education
- My Awesome Patients and CGM



What is important in managing T1D's?

Blood sugars-hyperglycemia, hypoglycemia, glycemic variability, time in range?

Long term health/consequences of above?

Quality of Life for someone living with T1? Their parents, partners, families?

Managing diabetes distress and burnout?

Supporting a family living with a chronic disease?



DIABETES

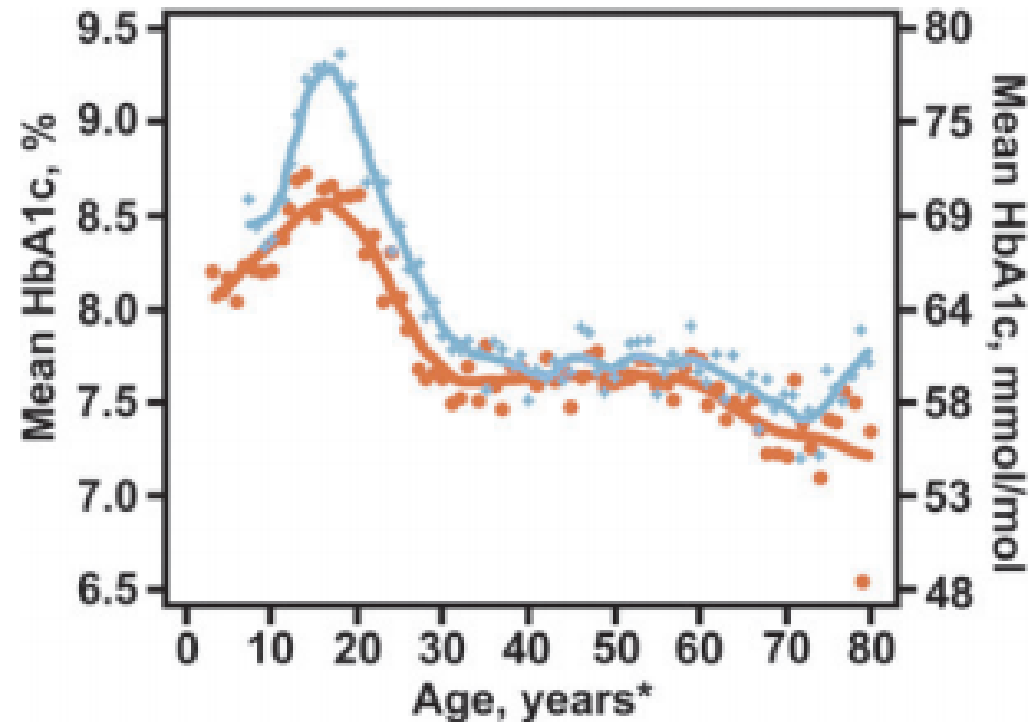
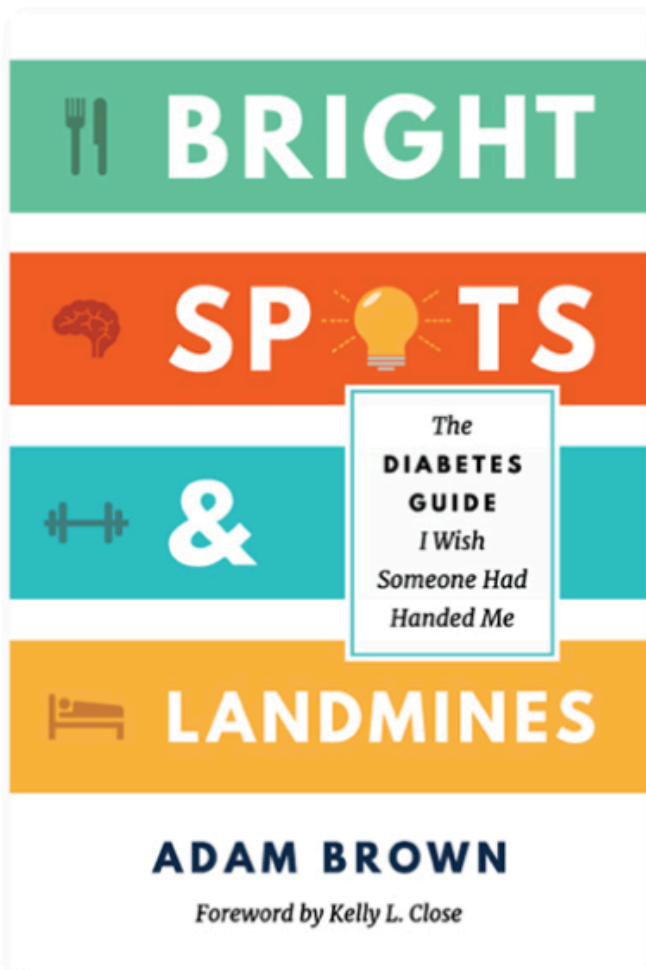


FIG. 2. Average HbA1c by year of age: 2010–2012 versus 2016–2018. Orange line represents 2010–2012 cohort, and blue line represents 2016–2018 cohort. Participants must be contained in both cohorts with at least a 3-year duration for the 2010–2012 collection. * ≥ 80 years old are pooled.



WHAT ARE YOUR

Bright Spots & Landmines?

Adam Brown's acclaimed diaTribe column, Adam's Corner, has brought life-transforming diabetes tips to over 1 million people since 2013. In this highly actionable guide, he shares the food, mindset, exercise, and sleep strategies that have had the biggest positive impact on his diabetes – and hopefully yours too! *Bright Spots & Landmines* is filled with hundreds of effective diabetes tips, questions, and shortcuts, including what to eat to minimize blood sugar swings; helpful strategies to feel less stressed, guilty, and burned out; and simple ways to improve exercise and sleep.

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Food

01

What's in This Chapter:

- What to eat to minimize blood sugar swings.
- How to navigate breakfast, grocery shopping, and restaurants.
- How to avoid challenging diabetes foods.



Mindset

02

What's in This Chapter:

- How to conquer diabetes stress, guilt, burnout, and frustration.
- Dealing with perfectionism and low motivation.
- Finding TODAY reasons to care.



Exercise

03

What's in This Chapter:

- How to avoid highs and lows during exercise.
- Tips to fit activity into a busy life.
- How to actually enjoy exercise.



Sleep

04

What's in This Chapter:

- Why sleep matters for diabetes.
- Tweaking your sleeping environment.
- How to optimize bedtime routines.

Factors that affect Blood Glucose

FOOD

- ↑↑ 1 Carbohydrate quantity
- ↑ 2 Carbohydrate type
- ↑ 3 Fat
- ↑ 4 Protein
- ↑ 5 Caffeine
- ↓↑ 6 Alcohol
- ↓↑ 7 Meal timing
- ↑ 8 Dehydration
- ? 9 Personal microbiome

MEDICATION

- ↓ 10 Medication dose
- ↓↑ 11 Medication timing
- ↓↑ 12 Medication interactions
- ↑↑ 13 Steroid administration
- ↑ 14 Niacin (Vitamin B3)

ACTIVITY

- ↓ 15 Light exercise
- ↓↑ 16 High-intensity & moderate exercise
- ↓ 17 Level of fitness/training
- ↓↑ 18 Time of day
- ↓↑ 19 Food and insulin timing

BIOLOGICAL

- ↑ 20 Too little sleep
- ↑ 21 Stress and illness
- ↓ 22 Recent hypoglycemia
- ↑ 23 During-sleep blood sugars
- ↑ 24 Dawn phenomenon
- ↑ 25 Infusion set issues
- ↑ 26 Scar tissue / lipodystrophy
- ↓↓ 27 Intramuscular insulin delivery
- ↑ 28 Allergies
- ↑ 29 A higher BG level (glucotoxicity)
- ↓↑ 30 Periods (menstruation)
- ↑↑ 31 Puberty
- ↓↑ 32 Celiac disease
- ↑ 33 Smoking

ENVIRONMENTAL

- ↑ 34 Expired insulin
- ↓↑ 35 Inaccurate BG reading
- ↓↑ 36 Outside temperature
- ↑ 37 Sunburn
- ? 38 Altitude

BEHAVIOR & DECISIONS

- ↓ 39 More frequent BG checks
- ↓↑ 40 Default options and choices
- ↓↑ 41 Decision-making biases
- ↓↑ 42 Family and social pressures

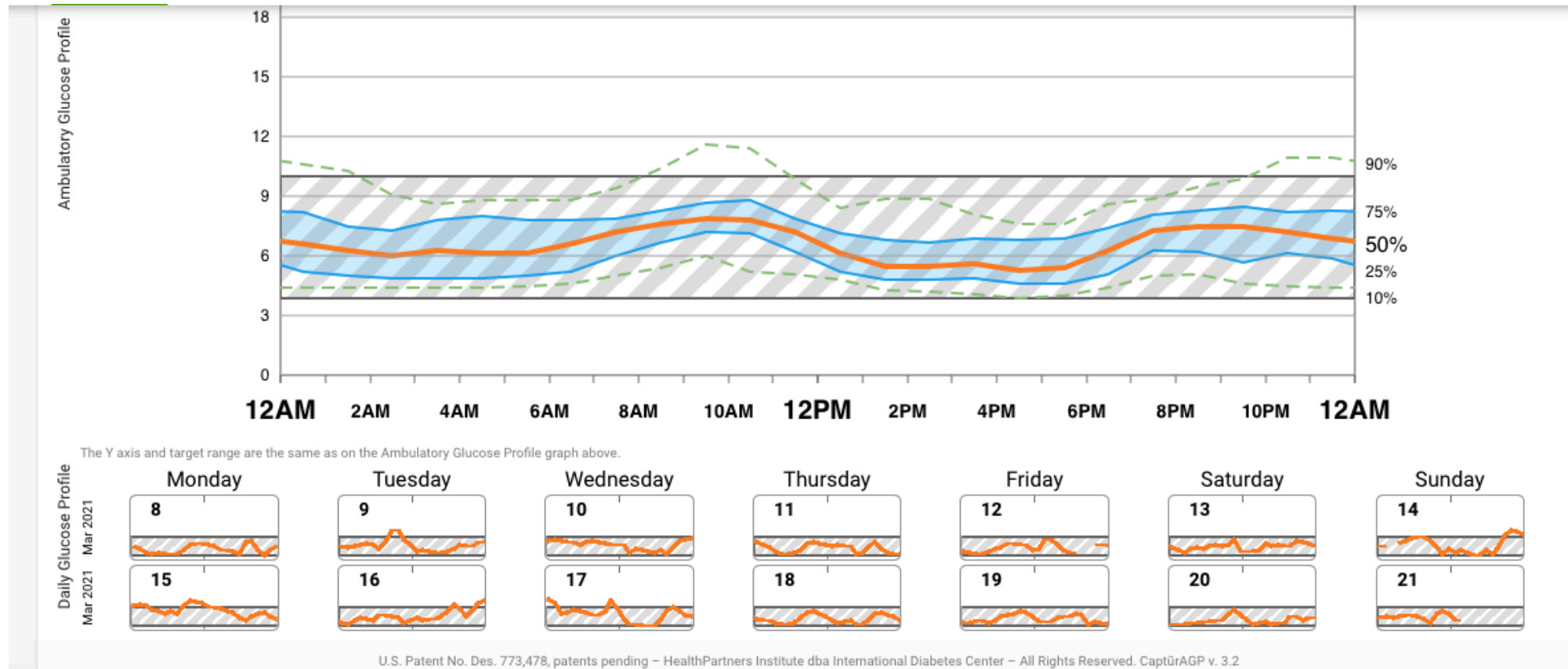
The arrows show the general effect these 42 factors seem to have on blood glucose based on scientific research and/or our experiences at diaTribe. However, not every individual will respond in the same way, so the best way to see how a factor affects you is through your own data: check your blood glucose more often with a meter or wear a CGM and look for patterns.

My First Keto Patient

- Mom is a RN who works in Cardiology
- Was already Keto herself x 2 years
- Dad had already experienced some cardiac issues in his 40's
- Her son gets diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes
- We have the pleasure of meeting them in the clinic after diagnosis
- What would you do?



Patient A



Patient A

Overview

14 Days Wed Jan 27, 2021 - Tue Feb 9, 2021 



Average Glucose

7.0 mmol/L

Standard Deviation

2.0 mmol/L

Estimated A1C

6.0%

Time in Range



<1% Very High

6% High

92% In Range

1% Low

<1% Very Low

Target Range:

3.9-10.0 mmol/L

Sensor Usage

Days with CGM data

93%

13/14

Avg. calibrations per day

0.0

Height/Weight

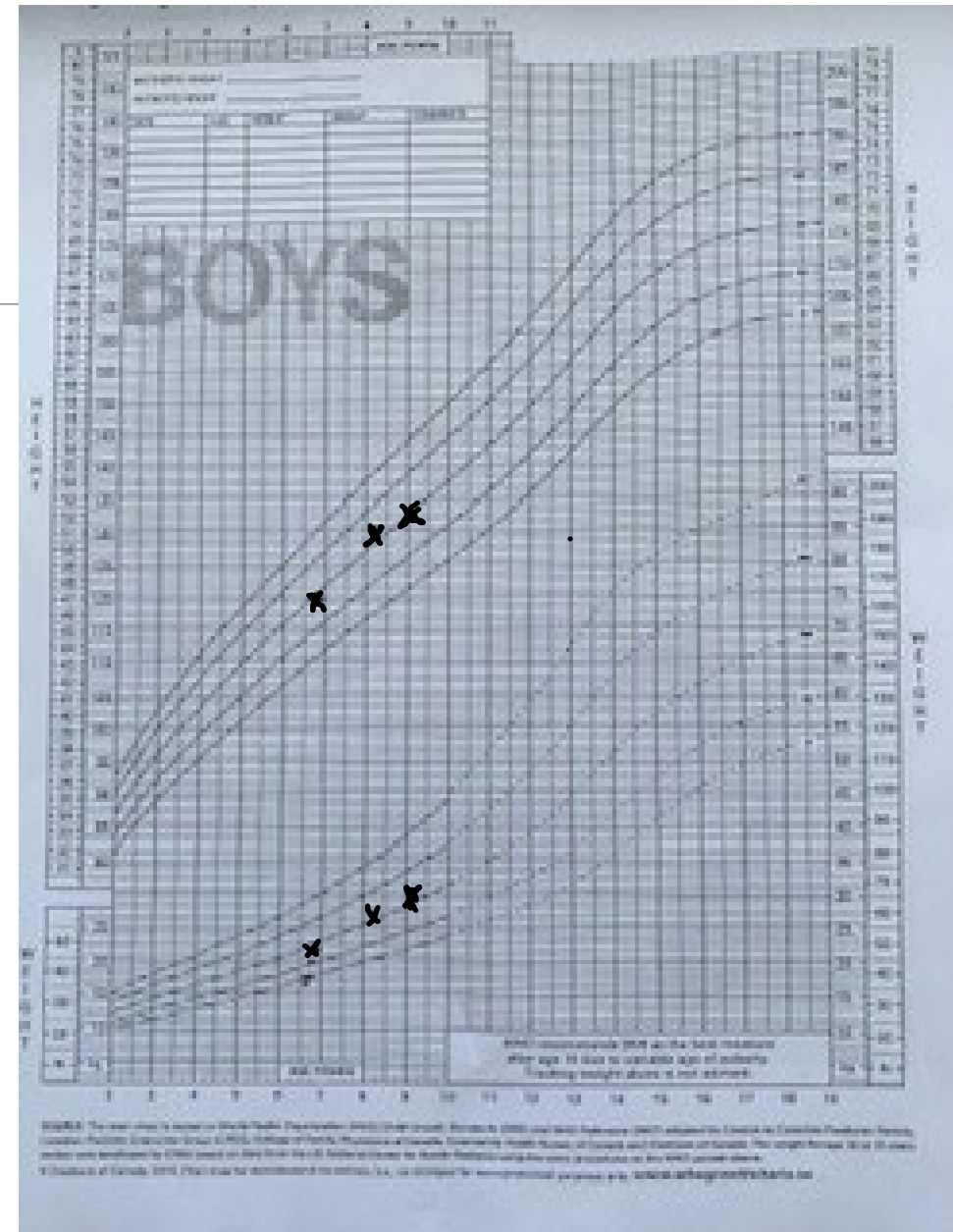
June 2019 – Diagnosis HT: 119.6 cm WT: 21.9kg. BMI: 15.3

November 2019 – HT: 121.4 cm WT: 23.3kg
BMI: 15.7

December 2020 – HT: 130 cm. WT: 27 kg
BMI: 16

April 2021 – HT: 130.8cm, WT: 27.8 kg
BMI: 16.7

November 2021 – HT: 132.2cm, WT: 29.8kg
BMI: 17.2



My second Keto patient- Millie

Diagnosed May 7/21 at 5 years, 9 months. Wt 24 kg, AIC 10.6%

June 24/21 Wt: 25.3kg, Ht: 121 cm, BMI: 17.3, AIC: 7.7%

Octo 28/21 Wt: 26.6kg, Ht: 124 cm, BMI 17.3, AIC: 5.4%

Average carbs/day: 30grams, 85% time in range, 6.4 mmol/L average sugar on Libre.

Millie

Glucose Pattern Insights

Monthly Summary

Daily Log

Snapshot

Mealtime Patterns

Weekly Summary

Device Details

Daily patterns



1 of 1

DOB: 24/12/1976

DEVICE: FreeStyle Libre 2 + 1

PHONE: 705-743-2121

GENERATED: 23/01/2022

AGP Report

27 December 2021 - 9 January 2022 (14 Days)

LibreView

GLUCOSE STATISTICS AND TARGETS

27 December 2021 - 9 January 2022

14 Days

% Time Sensor is Active

100%

Ranges And Targets For

Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes

Glucose Ranges	Targets % of Readings (Time/Day)
Target Range 3.9-10.0 mmol/L	Greater than 70% (16h 48min)
Below 3.9 mmol/L	Less than 4% (58min)
Below 3.0 mmol/L	Less than 1% (14min)
Above 10.0 mmol/L	Less than 25% (6h)
Above 13.9 mmol/L	Less than 5% (1h 12min)

Each 5% increase in time in range (3.9-10.0 mmol/L) is clinically beneficial.

Average Glucose

6.5 mmol/L

Glucose Management Indicator (GMI)

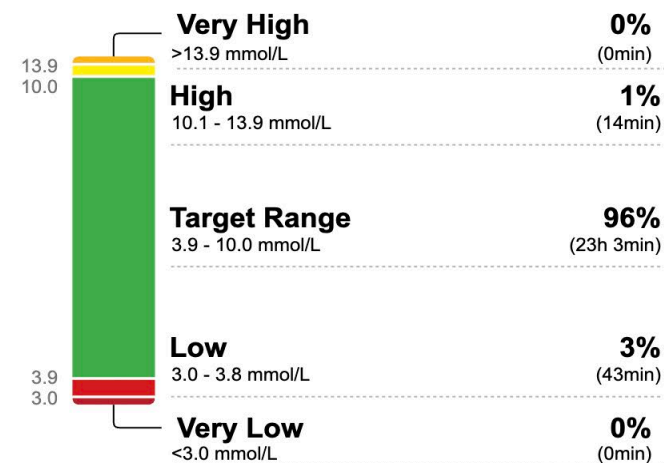
6.1% or 43 mmol/mol

Glucose Variability

22.8%

Defined as percent coefficient of variation (%CV); target ≤36%

TIME IN RANGES



AMBULATORY GLUCOSE PROFILE (AGP)

AGP is a summary of glucose values from the report period, with median (50%) and other percentiles shown as if occurring in a single day.

Millie

AGP Report

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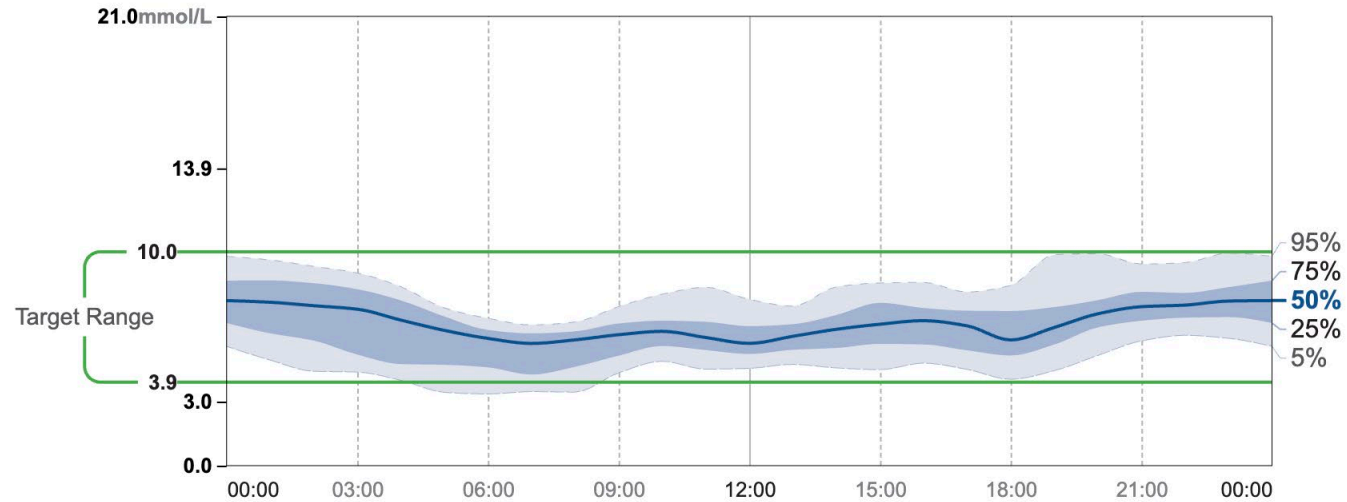


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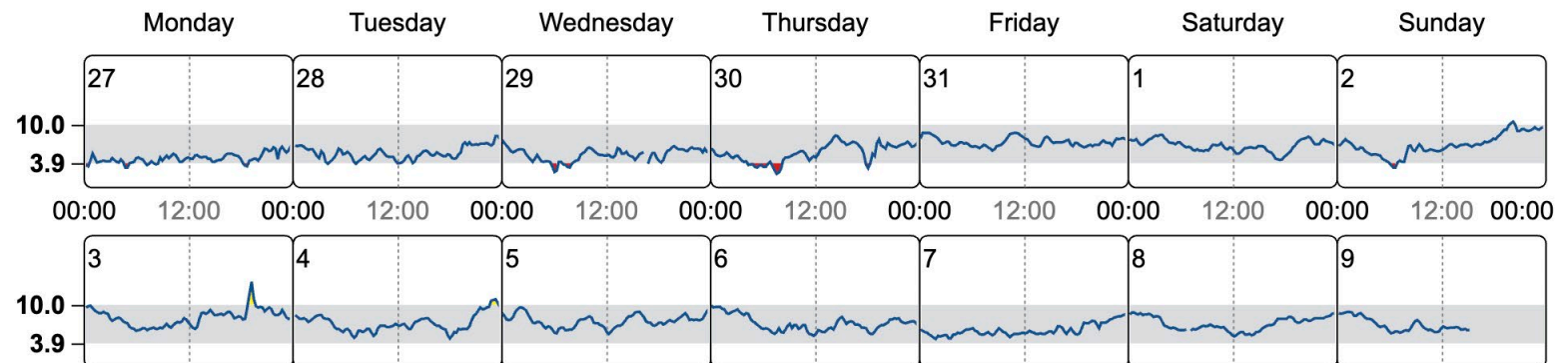
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DAILY GLUCOSE PROFILES

Each daily profile represents a midnight to midnight period with the date displayed in the top-left corner.



Another Awesome Patient

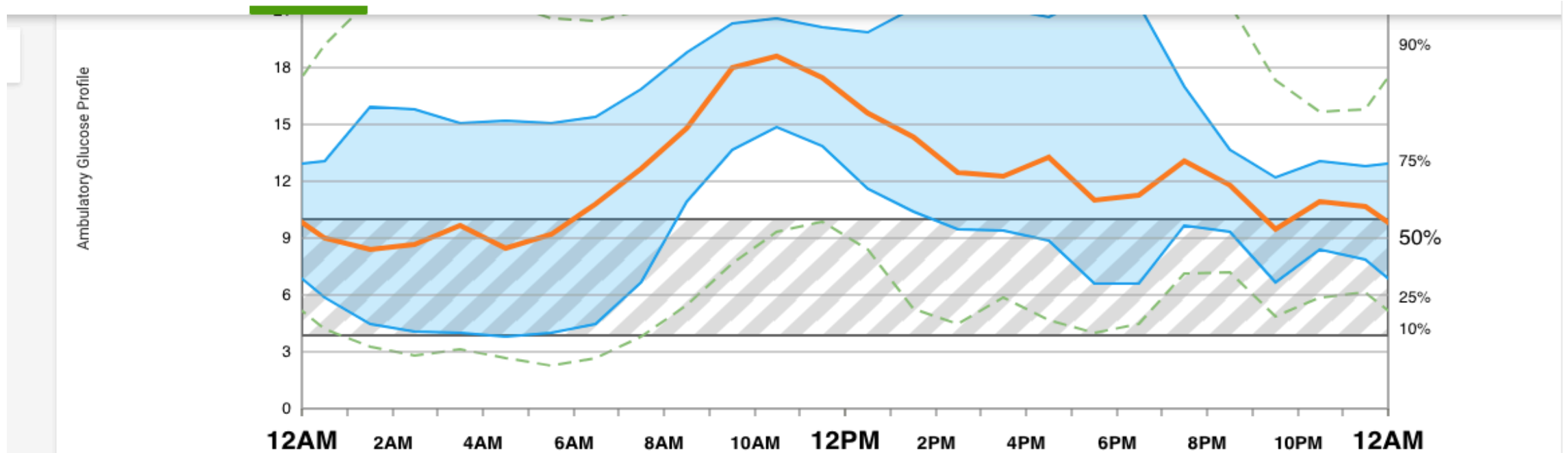
Very involved parents

Working hard on diabetes

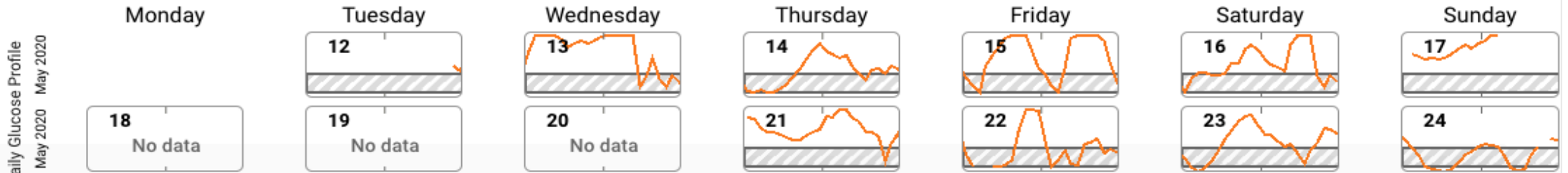
Not on a pump but cgm with Novorapid 3-4 times per day and Lantus 1/day

Let's have a look at his numbers

Patient B




The Y axis and target range are the same as on the Ambulatory Glucose Profile graph above.



aily Glucose Profile
May 2020 May 2020

Type 1 Patient, cgm on pens

Overview

14 Days Tue May 12, 2020 - Mon May 25, 2020 



Average Glucose

12.6 mmol/L

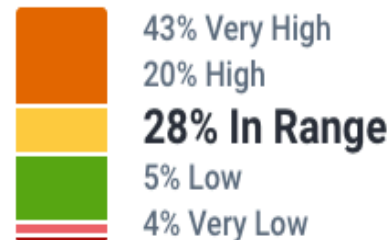
Standard Deviation

6.2 mmol/L

Estimated A1C

N/A

Time in Range



Target Range:

3.9-10.0 mmol/L

Sensor Usage

Days with CGM data

64%

9/14

Avg. calibrations per day

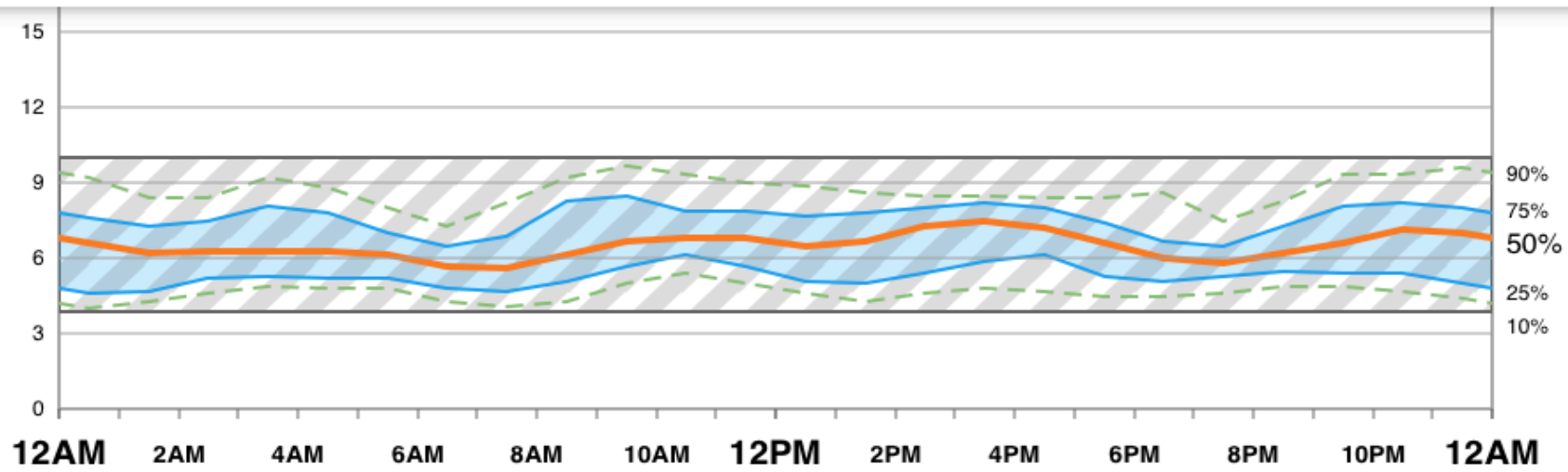
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Some great Type 1's

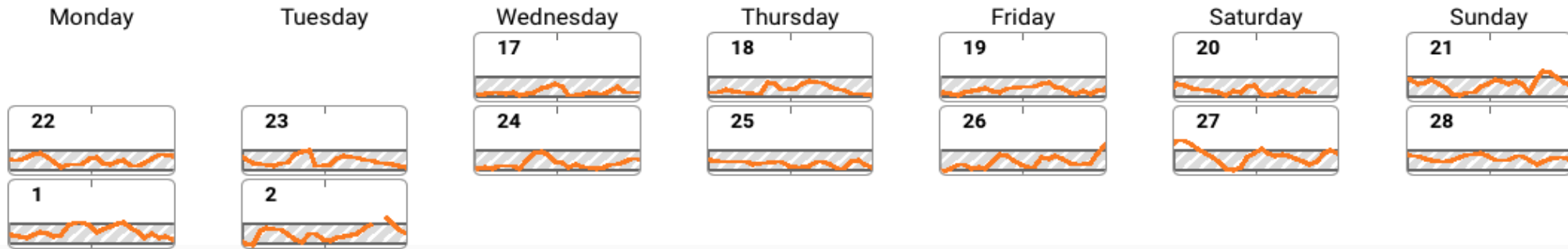
- Type 1 on cgm and pump, Keto, Omni Pod, Dexcom
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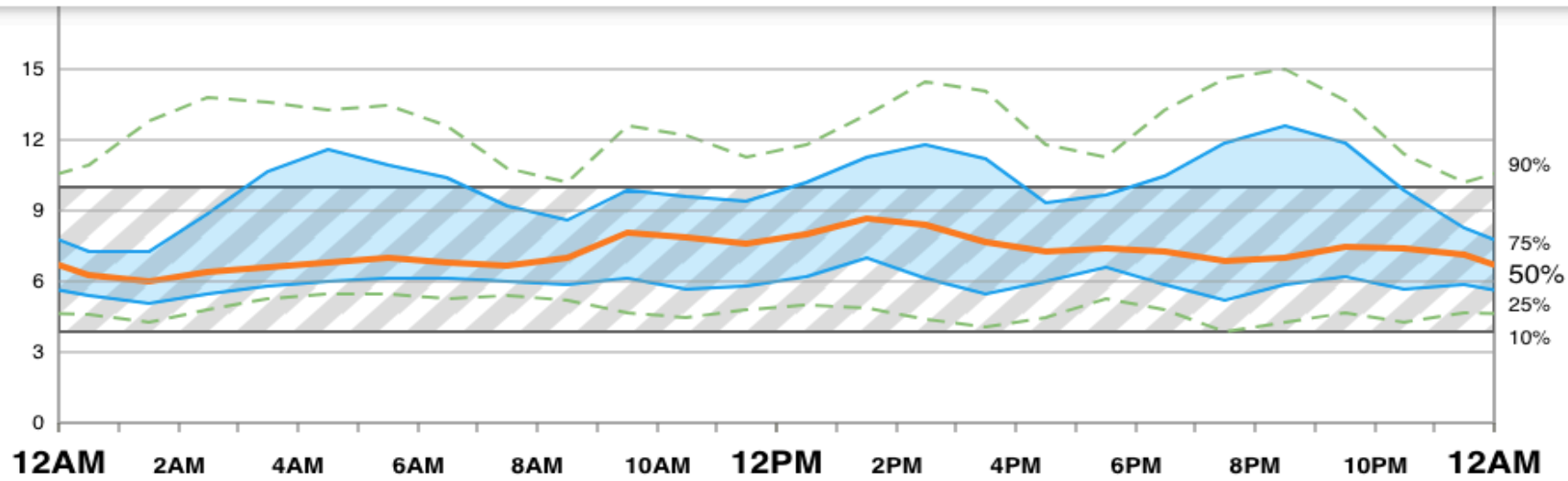
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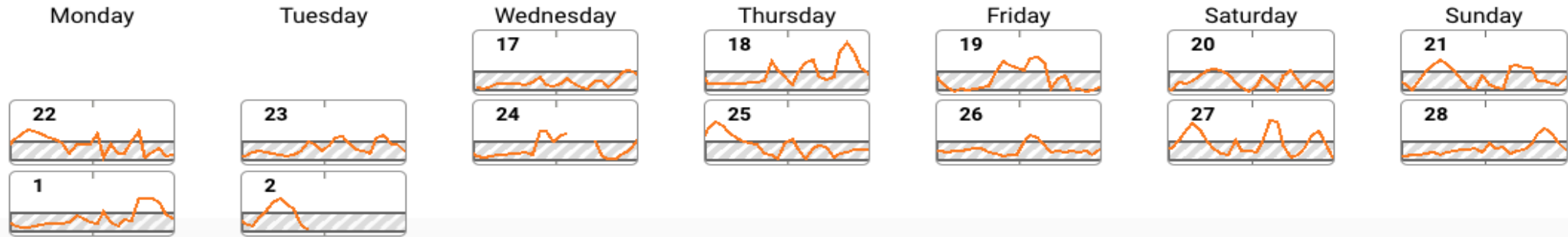
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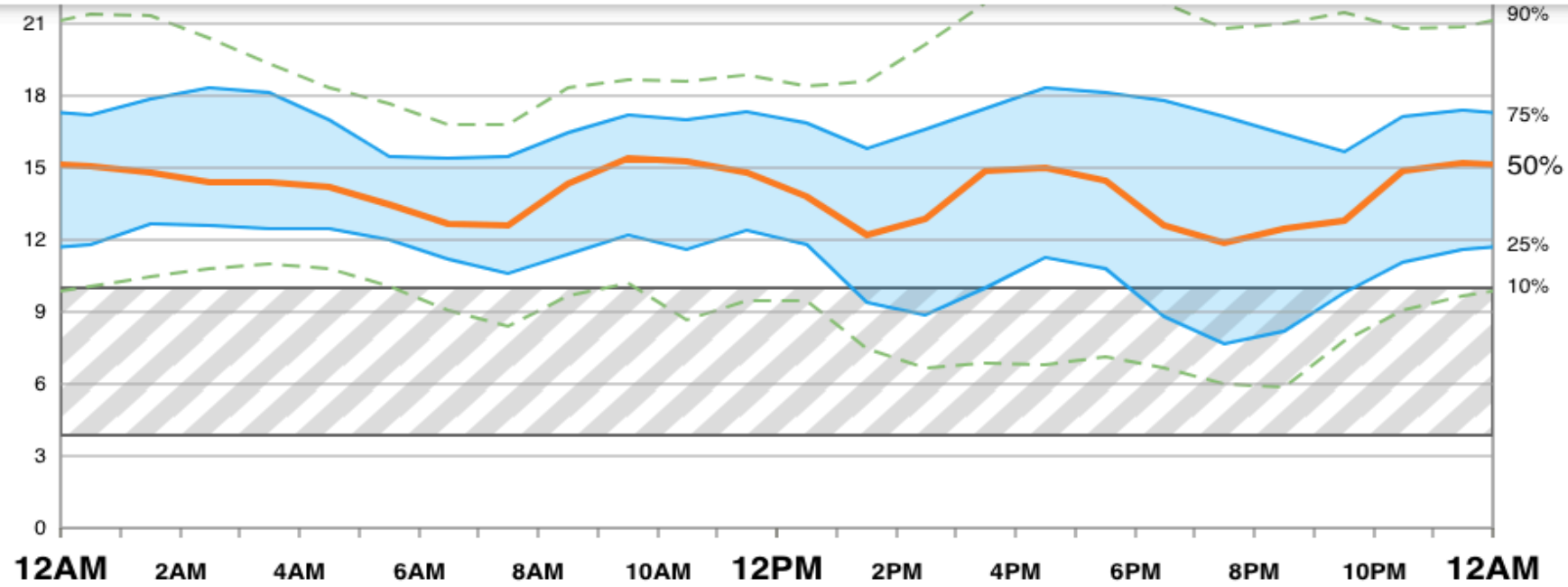
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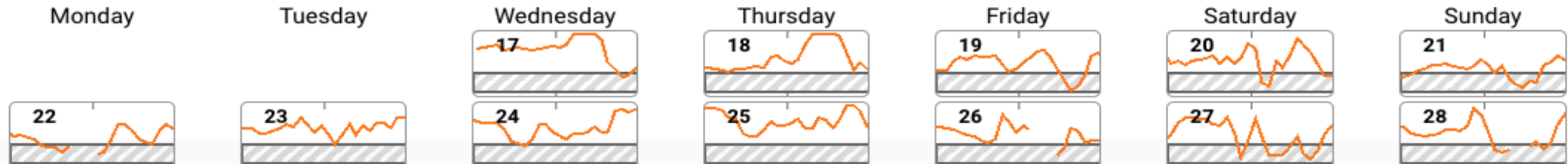
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Glucose Statistics	Avg Glucose mmol/L	Estimated HbA1c	Very Low	Low	In Target Range	High	Very High	Coefficient of Variation	SD mmol/L	% Time CGM Active
	6.8 Glucose Exposure	5.9%	< 3.0 mmol/L 0.0%	< 3.9 mmol/L 1.5%	3.9 - 10.0 mmol/L 92.2% Glucose Ranges	> 10.0 mmol/L 6.4%	> 13.9 mmol/L 0.0%	28.2% Glucose Variability	1.9	98.7% Data Sufficiency

Glucose Statistics	Avg Glucose mmol/L	Estimated HbA1c	Very Low	Low	In Target Range	High	Very High	Coefficient of Variation	SD mmol/L	% Time CGM Active
	8.1 Glucose Exposure	6.7%	< 3.0 mmol/L 0.3%	< 3.9 mmol/L 3.1%	3.9 - 10.0 mmol/L 72.0% Glucose Ranges	> 10.0 mmol/L 24.9%	> 13.9 mmol/L 5.9%	38.9% Glucose Variability	3.1	98.7% Data Sufficiency

Glucose Statistics	Avg Glucose mmol/L	Estimated HbA1c	Very Low	Low	In Target Range	High	Very High	Coefficient of Variation	SD mmol/L	% Time CGM Active
	14.1 Glucose Exposure	10.5%	< 3.0 mmol/L 0.0%	< 3.9 mmol/L 0.2%	3.9 - 10.0 mmol/L 16.5% Glucose Ranges	> 10.0 mmol/L 83.4%	> 13.9 mmol/L 52.3%	29.3% Glucose Variability	4.1	94.2% Data Sufficiency

Points to Ponder

- BG Control-who is working harder?
- Law of Small Numbers-see next page
- What it feels like to be high and low- quote from one of our Type 1 patients Mom when her sugars were in range: “I finally have my daughter back”.
- Insulin on board
- Safety



The Law of Small Numbers

Big inputs make big mistakes;
small inputs make small mistakes.

To prevent roller coaster
blood sugars, use:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{SMALL} & & \text{SMALL} & & \text{SMALL} \\ \text{amounts of} & + & \text{doses of} & = & \text{chances} \\ \text{carbohydrates} & & \text{insulin} & & \text{of error} \end{array}$$

(adapted from Dr. Bernstein's "Diabetes Solution")

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Law of Small Numbers-Dr. Richard Bernstein

- Bernstein's approach is based around his 'law of small numbers' which states that that smaller doses of insulin will result in smaller errors of judgment and therefore improved [blood glucose control](#).
- If you inject 10 units of insulin to cover your lunch but make up to a 25% error, you could end up injecting up to 2.5 units too many or too few which could lead to much too [high or low blood sugar levels](#).
- By contrast an injection of 4 units of insulin with the same error would result in an over- or under-dose of up to 1 unit. In this case, any error won't be as problematic or dangerous as it would be for the 10-unit dose.

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Harvard Study in the Journal Of Pediatrics

Study of children and adults with T1 diabetes

Mean age of diagnosis: 16 years, duration of diabetes: 11 years

Time following a VLCD (<20 grams-50 grams/day): 2.2 years

Average Carbs per day: 36

Reported mean HbA1C: 5.67%

7 respondents (2%) reported diabetes related hospitalization in the past year including 4 (1%) for ketoacidosis and 2 (1%) for hypoglycemia.

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RESULTS: Of 316 respondents, 131 (42%) were parents of children with T1DM, and 57% were of female sex. Suggestive evidence of T1DM (based on a 3-tier scoring system in which researchers took into consideration age and weight at diagnosis, pancreatic autoimmunity, insulin requirement, and clinical presentation) was obtained for 273 (86%) respondents. The mean age at diagnosis was 16 ± 14 years, the duration of diabetes was 11 ± 13 years, and the time following a VLCD was 2.2 ± 3.9 years. Participants had a mean daily carbohydrate intake of 36 ± 15 g. Reported mean HbA1c was $5.67\% \pm 0.66\%$. Only 7 (2%) respondents reported diabetes-related hospitalizations in the past year, including 4 (1%) for ketoacidosis and 2 (1%) for hypoglycemia.

CONCLUSIONS: Exceptional glycemic control of T1DM with low rates of adverse events was reported by a community of children and adults who consume a VLCD. The generalizability of these findings requires further studies, including high-quality randomized controlled trials.



WHAT'S KNOWN ON THIS SUBJECT: Despite pharmacological and technological advances, optimal glycemic control of type 1 diabetes remains elusive, putting millions of people worldwide at increased risk of micro- and macrovascular complications. One conceptually promising but poorly studied approach is dietary carbohydrate restriction.

WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS: Exceptional glycemic control of type 1 diabetes without high rates of acute complications may be achievable among children and adults with a very low-carbohydrate diet. However, the generalizability of these findings and long-term safety of carbohydrate restriction remain unknown.

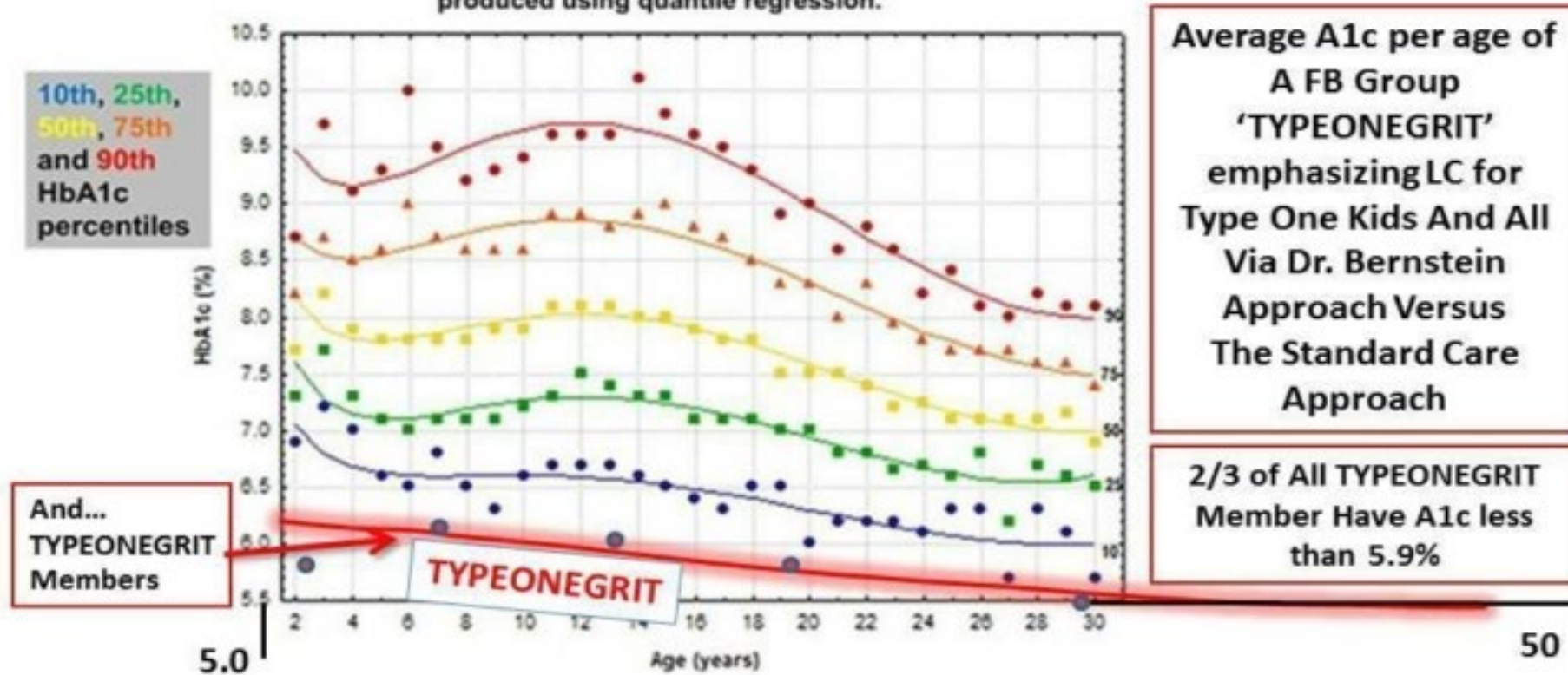
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Figure 1. Crude percentiles of HbA1c for each age for all patients, and the modeled curves produced using quantile regression.



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Low Carb



Benefits

Prevents sharp spikes in blood glucose after meals

Reduces risk of [severe hypos](#)

Can make diabetes easier to manage

Can help reduce [HbA1c levels](#)

Can help reduce body weight

May help prevent diabetes complications

<https://www.diabetes.co.uk/diet/low-carb-and-type1-diabetes.html>

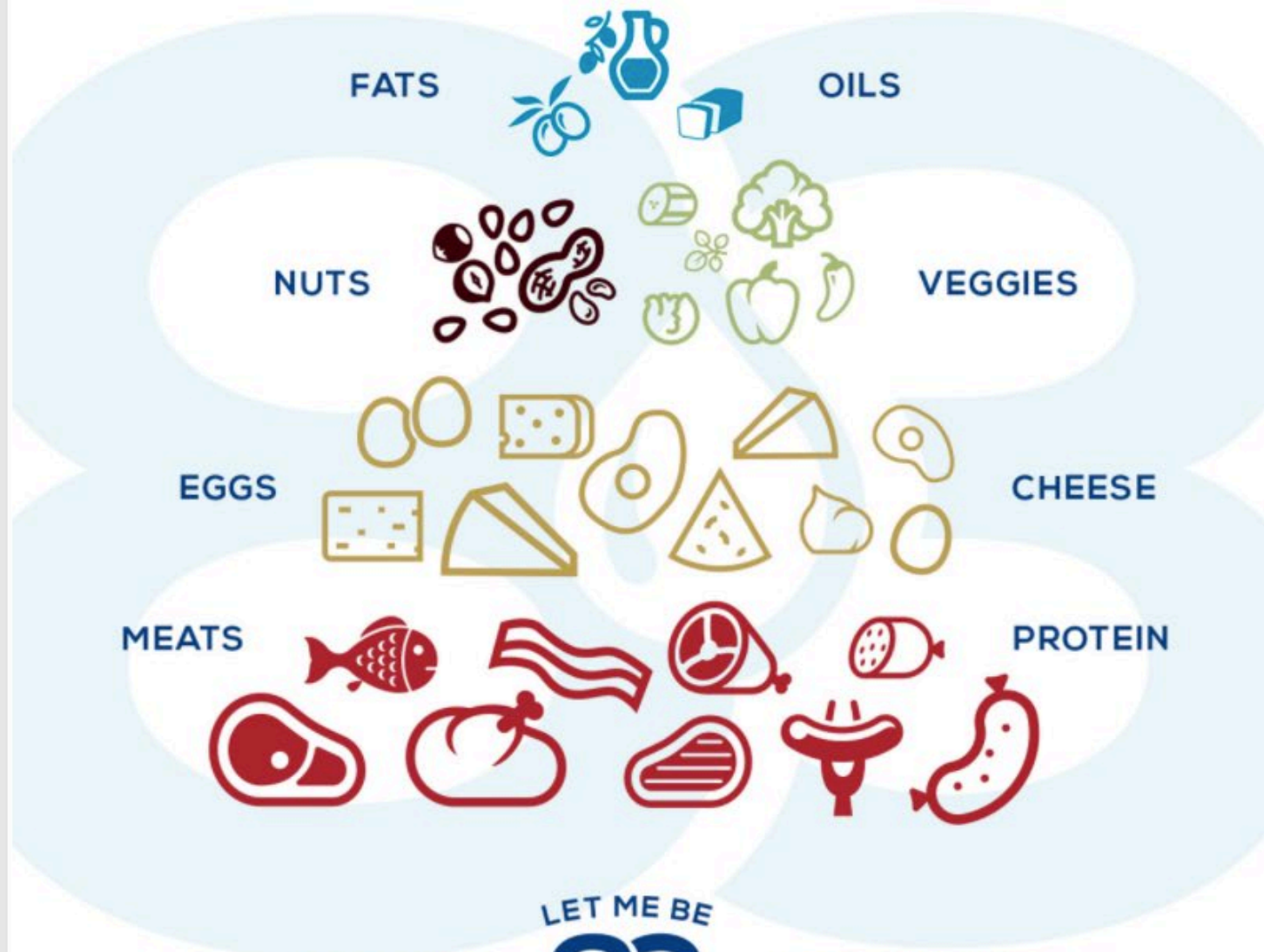
Other benefits can include.

Reduction in tiredness through the day

Less hunger between meals

Improvement in clarity of thought

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- Future Directions
- Recommendations
- Acknowledgements

Purpose and Background

Carbohydrates (CHO) are biomolecules that are available in the form of starches, sugars and fibre. Evidence suggests that excess calorie intake and over-consumption of refined CHO are major drivers of the epidemic of obesity and type 2 diabetes, while obesity is emerging as a challenge for people with type 1 diabetes. The *Diabetes Canada 2018 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Diabetes in Canada* (CPG) emphasise the importance of nutritionally balanced, calorie reduced diets to achieve and maintain a healthier body weight, which can be achieved by several dietary patterns based on individual preferences and treatment goals.

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Low Carbohydrate Diets for Adults with Diabetes

Summary

Diabetes Canada's position statement on "Low Carbohydrate Diets for Adults with Diabetes: A Rapid Review" gives an overview of the latest evidence about this dietary pattern as it relates to diabetes.

Diabetes Canada believes that people with diabetes should have the best information available to guide their choices about diabetes management and this review will not only inform them of the most current research conducted on low carbohydrate diets and diabetes, but also offer some recommendations for care.

Background

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We hope that this update will facilitate meaningful communication between health-care teams and people with diabetes and clearly identify key safety issues and clinical monitoring requirements.

Summary of the Research

Research on lower-CHO diets have shown improvements in people with type 1 diabetes, including lower A1C levels (average blood glucose levels over three months), reduced insulin requirements, less glucose variability, and weight loss.

Studies on lower-CHO diets in people with type 2 diabetes have shown similar improvements when compared to higher-CHO diets or low-fat diets. Some also show higher rates of diabetes remission, improved triglyceride levels and a reduced need for medication in the short term.

It is unknown if the improvements seen in the current research will be maintained long-term or will result in lower rates of cardiovascular disease or other diabetes complications or mortality. Research has also reported that many individuals have difficulty following a lower-CHO diet with less success over time. It is

Resources-Patients/Families

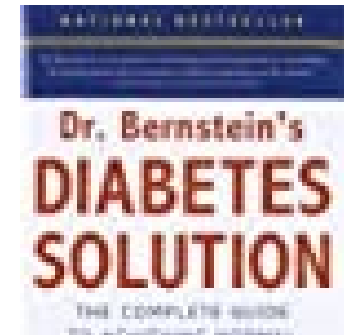
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<https://www.facebook.com/Type1Grit/>



This is a screenshot of the Facebook page for 'Typeonegrit'. At the top, there is a dark blue navigation bar with the Facebook logo on the left and login fields for 'Email or Phone' and 'Password' on the right, along with a 'Log In' button and a link for 'Forgot account?'. The main content area has a light grey background. On the left, there is a circular profile picture of a young child with blonde hair reading a book. Below the picture, the name 'Typeonegrit' and the handle '@Type1Grit' are displayed. A navigation menu on the left includes 'Home' and 'About'. The central part of the page is dominated by a large banner. The banner has a yellow background with a grid pattern. The text 'TYPEONEGRIT' is written in large, bold, black letters, and below it, 'Welcome to Normal Blood Sugars' is written in a smaller, black, serif font. At the bottom of the banner, there is a horizontal axis representing time, with labels for 3:00 AM, 6:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and 9:00 PM. A green line graph is plotted across this axis, showing fluctuations in blood sugar levels throughout the day.

Professional Resources

[Institute for Personalized Therapeutic Nutrition \(IPTN\)](#)

[Canadian Clinicians for Therapeutic Nutrition](#)

[Low Carb Down Under: Australian organization with education videos:](#)
<https://www.youtube.com/user>

Here is a link to an excellent scientific review on low carb approaches to diabetes that favors LCHF:

[http://www.nutritionjrnl.com/article/S0899-9007\(14\)00332-3/abstract](http://www.nutritionjrnl.com/article/S0899-9007(14)00332-3/abstract)

[Podcast of Low Carb and Type 1: https://sigmanutrition.com/episode186/](https://sigmanutrition.com/episode186/)

Thank you!





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