

# Standardizzazione della determinazione dell'emoglobina glicata

Diagnostica delle emoglobinopatie: tra clinica e laboratorio.  
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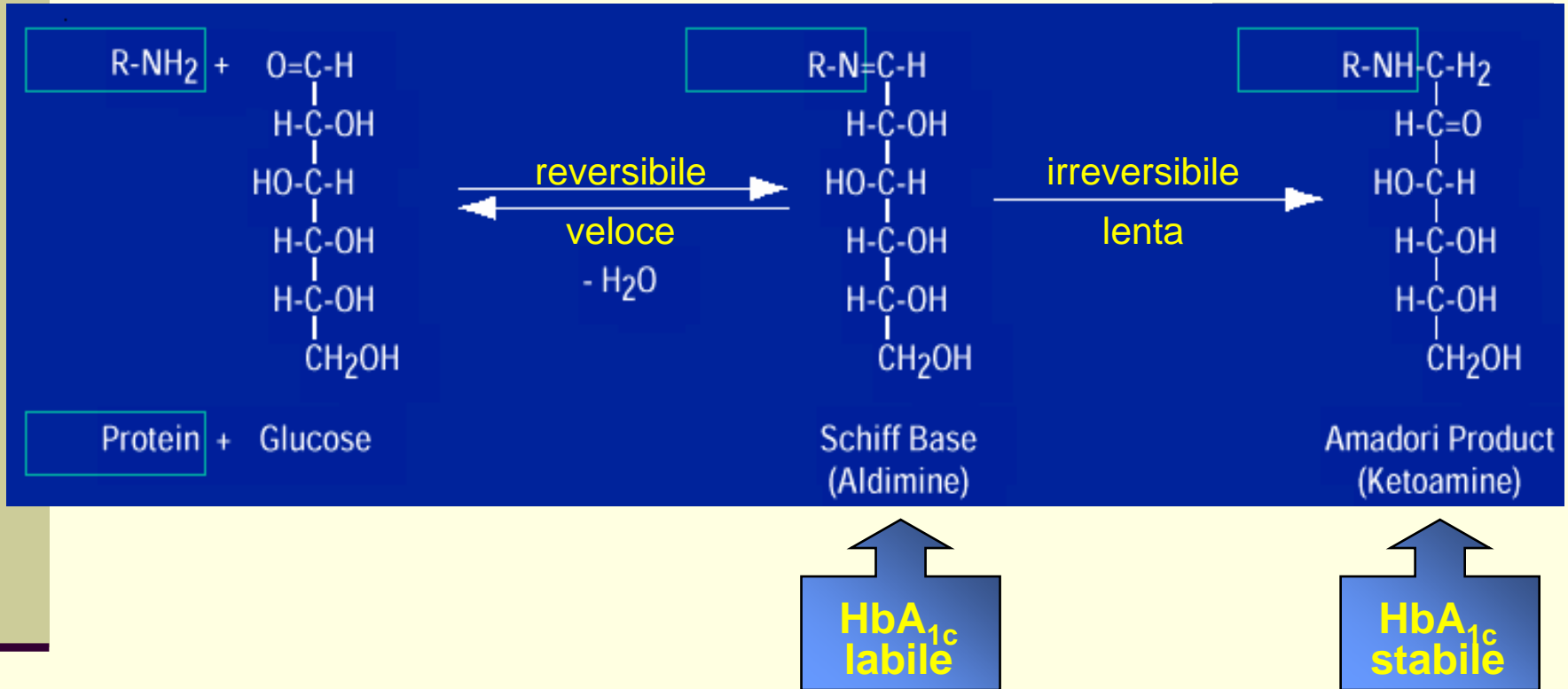
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# HbA<sub>1c</sub>: reazione di glicazione



Reazione non enzimatica di condensazione tra il gruppo aldeidico del glucosio e il gruppo amminico N-terminale delle catene  $\beta$  della Hb.

# Major Glycation sites of Hemoglobin

$\beta$ -Chains: **Yellow**

$\alpha$ -Chains: **Blue**

N-terminal Valine:  
**Red**

Hexapeptide  
**Red/Green**



# Variabilità inter-individuale

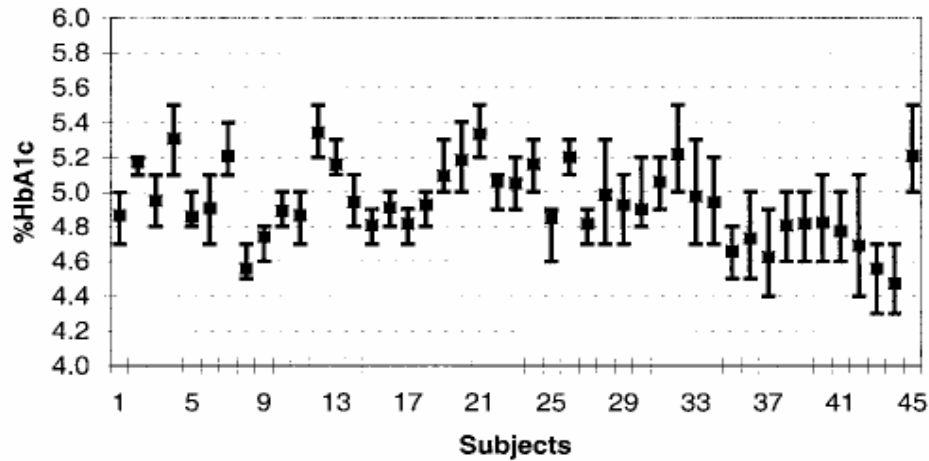


Fig. 1. Mean, minimum, and maximum GHb for study participants.  
*HbA<sub>1c</sub>*, hemoglobin A<sub>1c</sub>.

**Table 1. Variance components for GHb and FPG.**

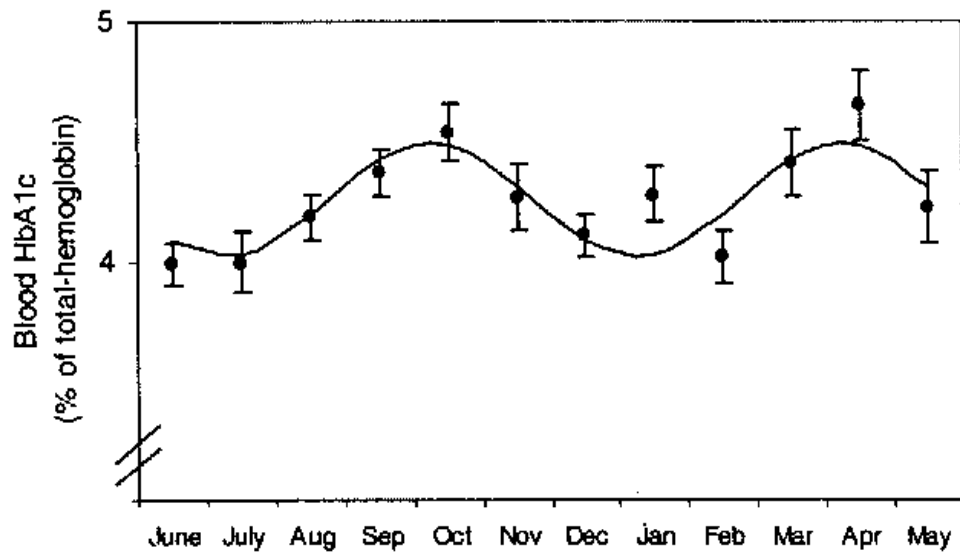
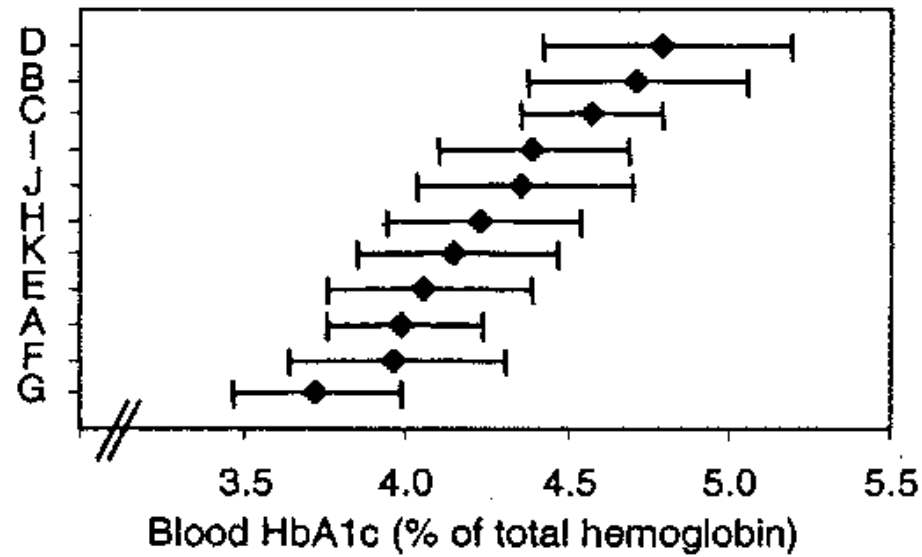
Variance component	GHb, %	FPG, mmol/L
Between-subject $S_g$ ( $CV_g$ )	0.20 (4.0%)	0.31 (5.8%)
Within-subject $S_i$ ( $CV_i$ ) <sup>a</sup>	0.08 (1.7%)	0.30 (5.7%)
Analytic $S_a$ ( $CV_a$ )		
Between day	0.11 (2.3%)	0.09 (1.7%)
Within day <sup>b</sup>	0.07 (1.5%)	0.04 (0.8%)

<sup>a</sup> Also includes within-day analytical variation.

<sup>b</sup> Estimated from quality-control data.

*Rohlfing et al, Clin Chem 2002*

Biological  
variability  
n = 11 F, 1 yr



*Garde et al  
Clin Chem 2000*

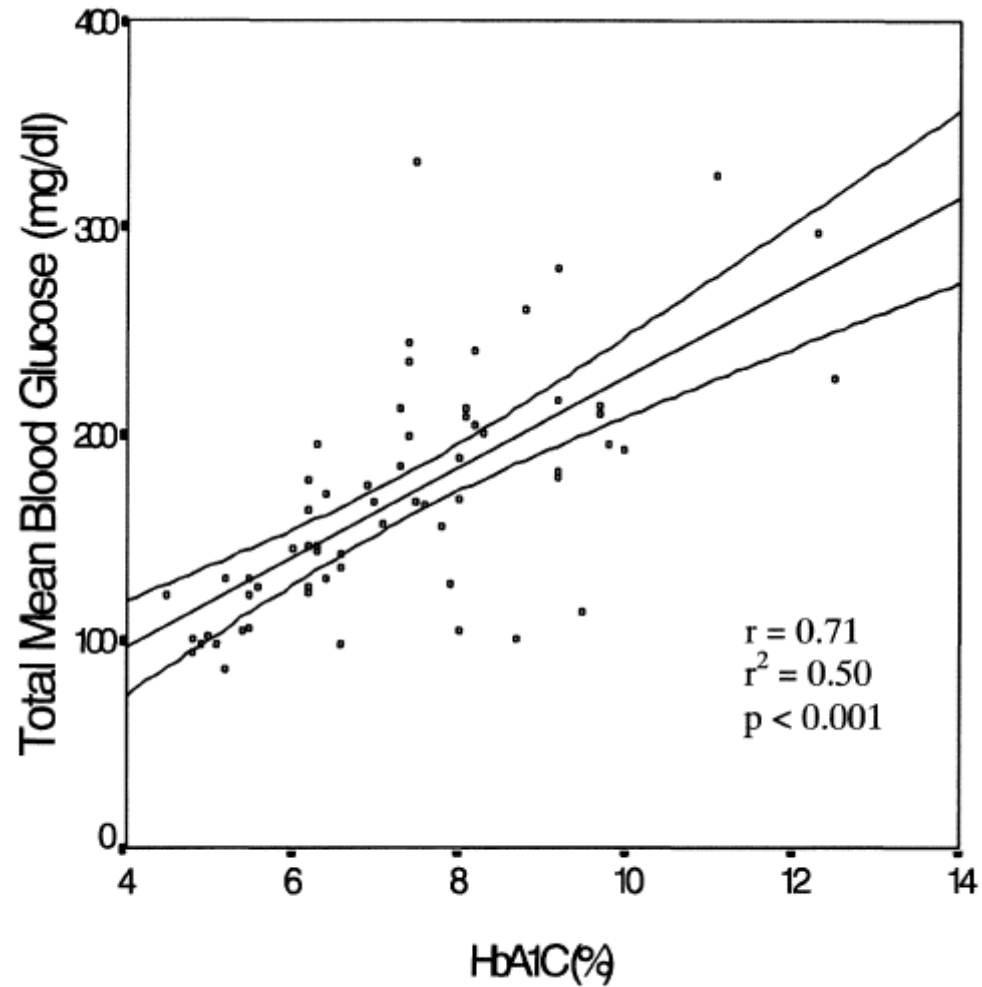
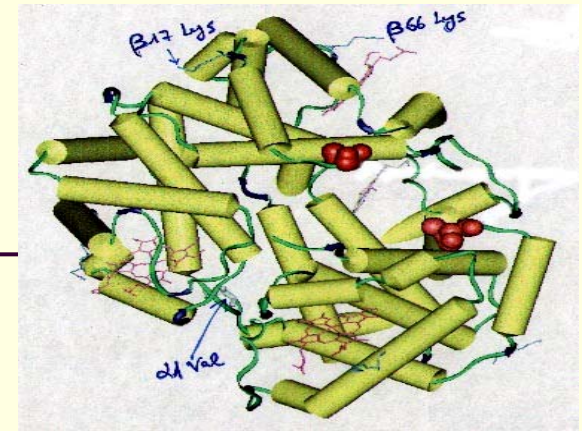


Fig. 1. Correlation of the total mean blood glucose with the HbA<sub>1C</sub>. The regression line is indicated together with the 95% confidence interval.

MBG di 60 giorni prima

# Metodiche analitiche attuali per la misura della Hb A<sub>1c</sub> βN1-deoxyfructosyl-Hb



## *Principio*

Carica elettrica

Glucosio

Epitopi

Proteolisi spec.

## *Tecniche analitiche*

crom. scambio ionico  
(HPLC, minicolonnine, batch)

crom. di affinità  
(HPLC, minicolonnine, POCT)

immunochimiche (autom. anal., POCT)

HPLC – MS; HPLC – CE

# Traguardi analitici per l'HbA<sub>1c</sub>

**CV<sub>b</sub> = circa 1 %**

**CV<sub>w</sub> = 3,9 - 7,9 % = circa 5 % → ET<sub>a</sub> = 6,2 %**

**CV<sub>a</sub> = 2,5 %**

Ricos et al. [Scand J Clin Lab Invest 1999]

TE < 1.65I + B ( $\alpha \leq 0.05$ ) or

TE < 2.33I + B ( $\alpha < 0.01$ ) [I = imprecision, B = bias].

For HbA<sub>1c</sub> the TE is 8 – 10%.





from methods reporting total GHB cannot be directly compared to NGSP Reference values. The NGSP target or reference values are based on replicate analyses using four NGSP certified secondary reference methods.

## 2005 GH2-A (fresh pooled samples)

\* = NGSP certified at the time of the survey

NGSP Reference Value <sup>†</sup>	no. labs	GH2-01		GH2-02		GH2-03	
		7.4		12.0		7.4	
		Median	%CV	Median	%CV	Median	%CV
<b>Methods reporting HbA1c (or equivalent)</b>							
& Abbott Aeroset	5	7.5	-	13.0	-	7.4	-
& Abbott Architect	8	7.1	-	11.8	-	7.1	-
* Bayer Advia	18	7.1	6.6	11.0	9.7	7.0	6.6
* Bayer DCA 2000	174	7.3	3.1	11.7	3.0	7.2	2.9
* Beckman Synchron System	279	7.0	4.8	12.1	5.1	7.0	4.5
* Bio-Rad D-10	75	7.7	2.4	12.7	2.1	7.7	2.2
* Bio-Rad Diastat	29	7.3	4.6	12.3	4.6	7.3	5.0
* Bio-Rad Variant Alc	32	7.4	3.0	11.8	3.8	7.4	3.1
* Bio-Rad Variant II Alc	298	7.6	3.1	12.4	3.0	7.6	3.2
* Bio-Rad Variant II Turbo Alc	17	7.6	3.1	12.4	3.3	7.6	2.6
* Dade Behring Dimension	419	7.6	3.4	11.8	2.8	7.5	3.3
* Metrika AlcNOW	12	7.2	7.8	11.9	5.1	7.2	7.7
* Olympus AU system	15	7.3	6.0	12.1	7.8	7.3	6.6
* Primus HPLC (affinity)	22	7.3	2.8	12.4	2.2	7.3	2.8
* Primus Nycocard	5	7.6	-	11.7	-	7.6	-
* Roche Cobas Integra	266	7.6	3.5	12.6	4.3	7.7	3.7
* Roche/Hitachi (ma Quant II)	81	7.0	3.7	11.9	4.6	7.0	3.7
* Tosoh Alc 2.2 Plus	212	7.8	2.6	12.9	2.6	7.8	2.8
* Tosoh G7 Auto HPLC	169	7.6	1.9	12.5	2.0	7.6	1.8
<b>‡Methods reporting Total GHB</b>							
Bio-Rad Variant	13	8.5	3.7	15.8	3.2	8.6	3.9
Primus	8	9.6	-	18.2	-	9.6	-

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# CAP 2005 (n = 2157 lab)

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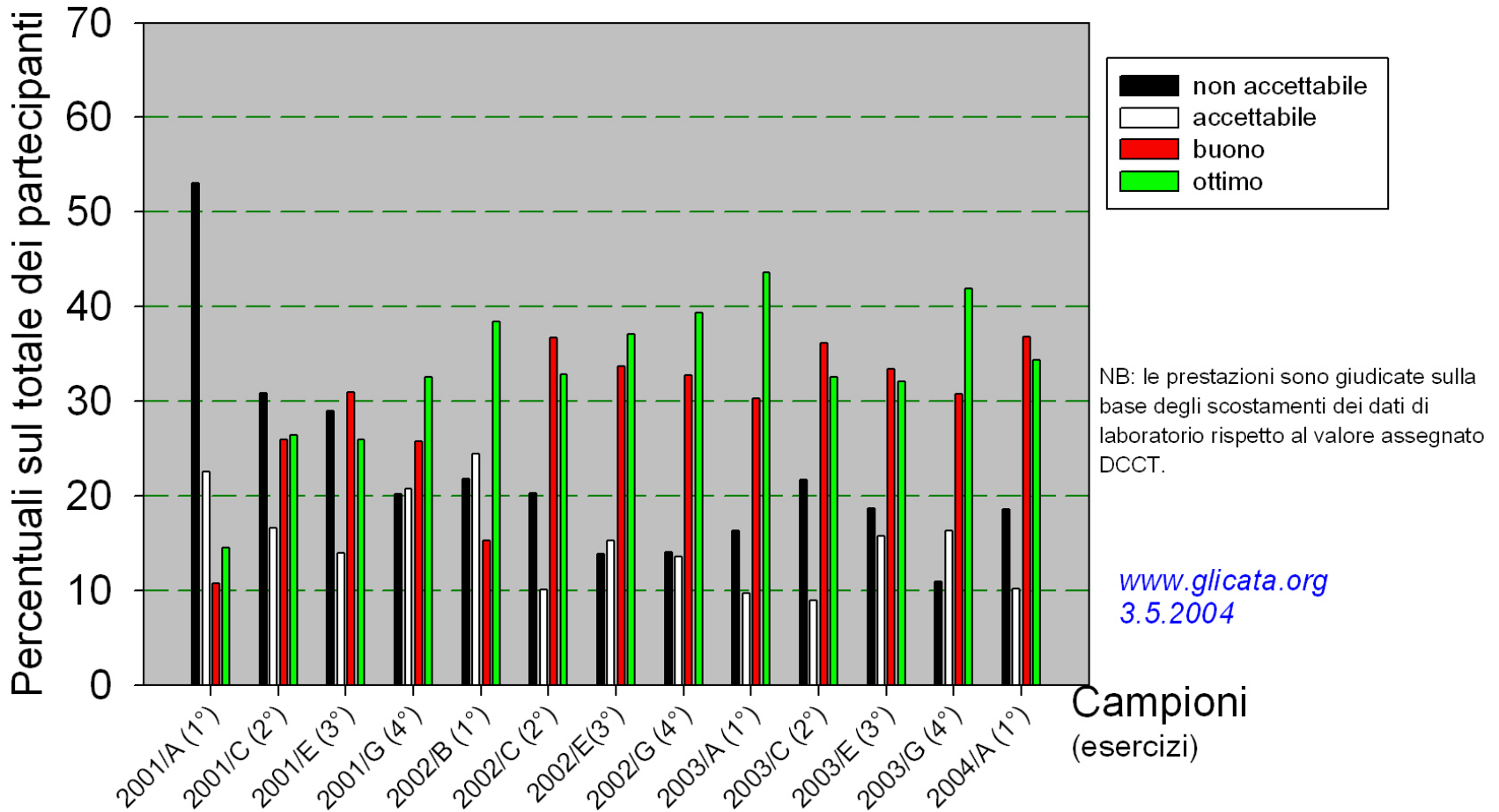
- Accuratezza:
  - Certificazione NGSP: >99 %
  - 80 % dei partecipanti, bias < 0,2-0,3 % di HbA<sub>1c</sub> (bassa conc.), < 0,5 % HbA<sub>1c</sub> (alta conc.)
- Imprecisione:
  - > 95 % laboratori ha riportato uno scostamento non superiore allo 0,5 % di HbA<sub>1c</sub> tra le due misure replicate

# VEQ Hb A<sub>1c</sub> in Italia (1/2)

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- ✓ Partecipazione volontaria, sotto patrocinio SIBioC, SIMeL, AIPaC, AMD, SID
- ✓ Comitato scientifico (1 – 2 rappresentanti per Società), in collaborazione con CRB (Castelfranco Veneto)
- ✓ 1999-2002, circa 250 partecipanti

## Distribuzioni delle prestazioni analitiche, 2001-2004



# Standardization - USA

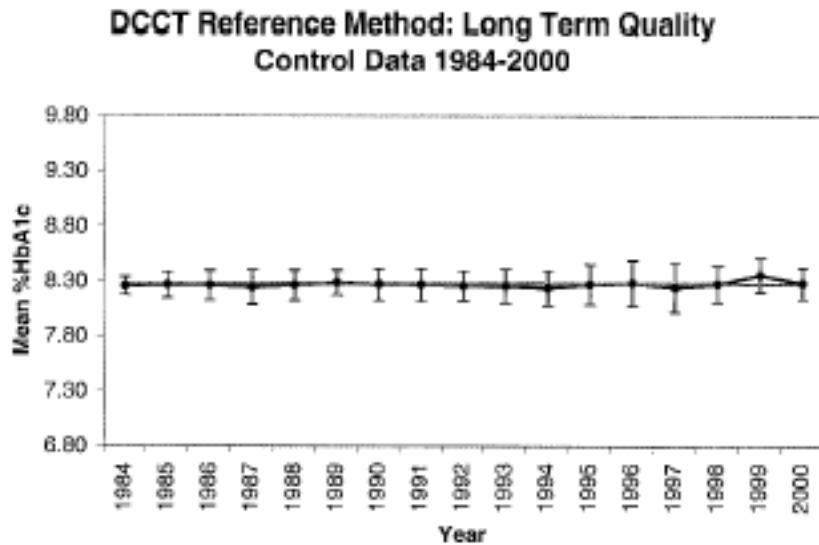


Fig. 2. Mean HbA<sub>1c</sub> (± SD) measured by the CPRL for one quality-control specimen (frozen hemolysate) during and after the DCCT (1984-2000).

The mean (gray solid line) was established based on the first 34 results in 1984.

*R. Little et al*  
*Clin Chem* 2001;47:1985-1992

AACC subcommittee 1993  
 -> NGSP 1996

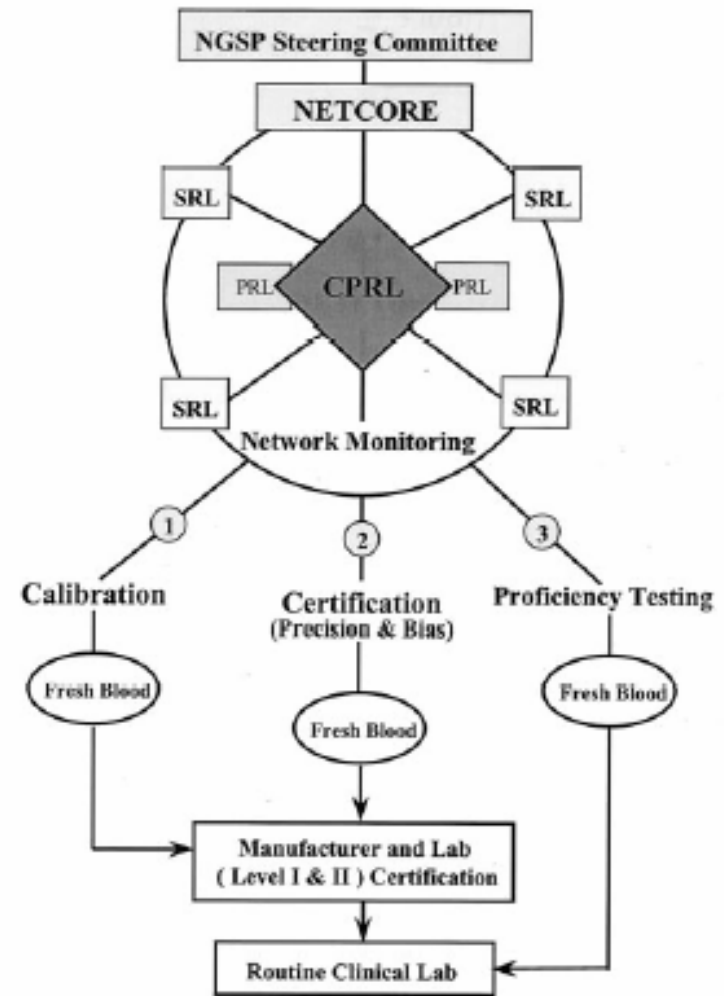


Fig. 1. Flowchart showing NGSP organization and processes.

# What about the DCM's

- All arbitrarily based on HPLC ion-exchange
- HbA<sub>1c</sub> is a peak in a chromatogram
- Due to interferences, all these methods define its own 'HbA<sub>1c</sub>' and differ in result
- All DCM's are unspecific; possible contamination of the HbA<sub>1c</sub> peak , while not all HbA<sub>1c</sub> elutes under the one peak
- Providers of modern commercial HbA<sub>1c</sub> assays add 20 50 % to the original results to report 'NGSP-values'



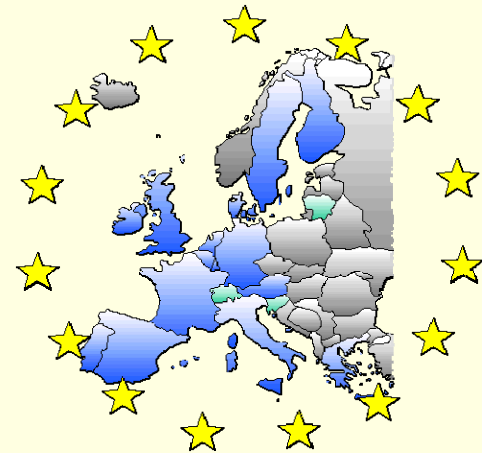
# Legal Background for the Use of Metrologically Correct Measurement Systems in Laboratory Medicine

Requirement of the  
EU 98/79/EC-IVD Directive:

The traceability of values assigned to calibrators and/or control materials must be assured through available reference measurement procedures and/or available reference materials of a higher order

[Annex I - Essential Requirements (Part A. General Requirements)]

*Official Journal of European Communities (1998)*



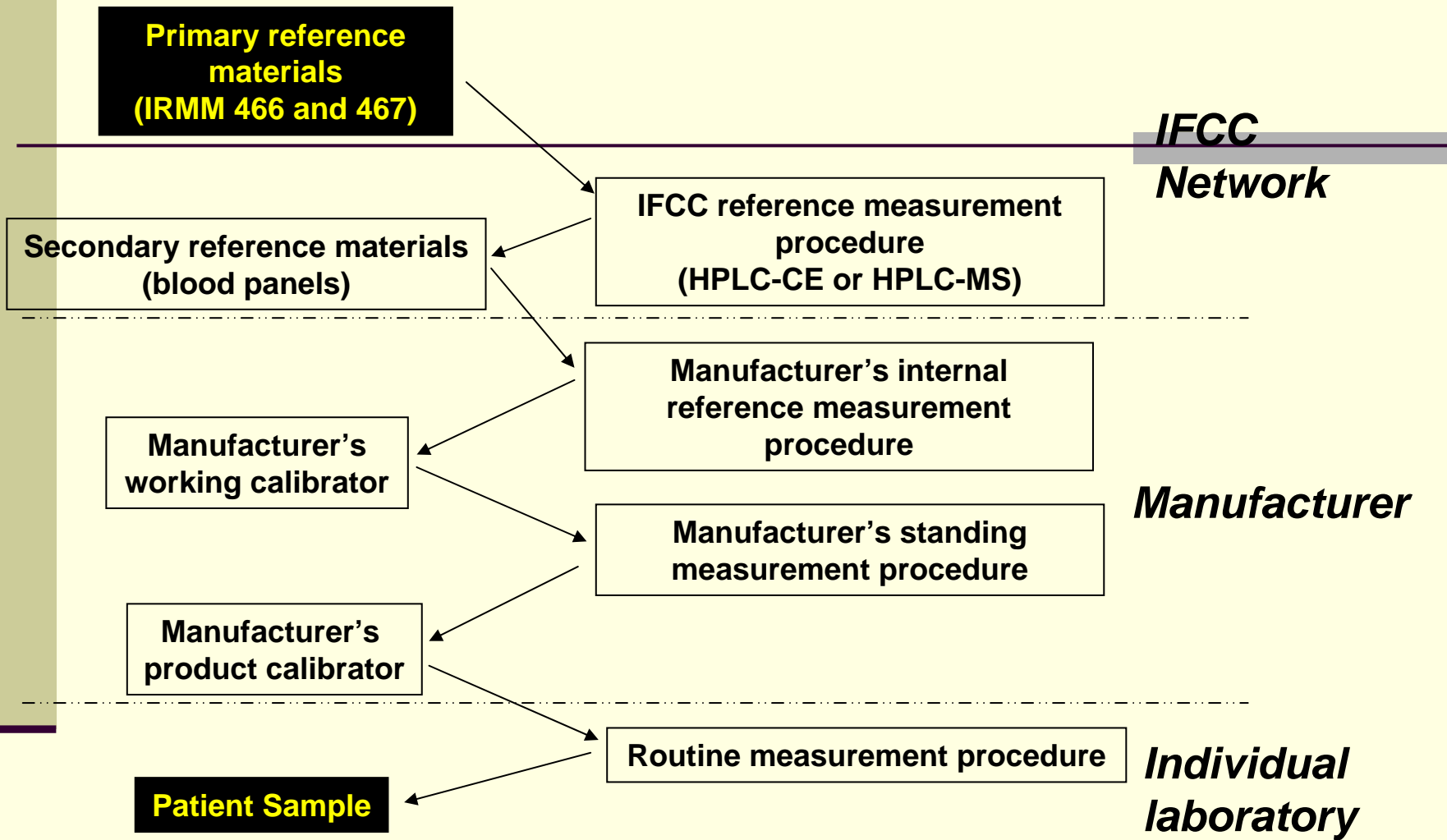
# How to fulfill these essential requirements?

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Through the availability of:

- Reference materials
- Reference methods
- Reference laboratory services

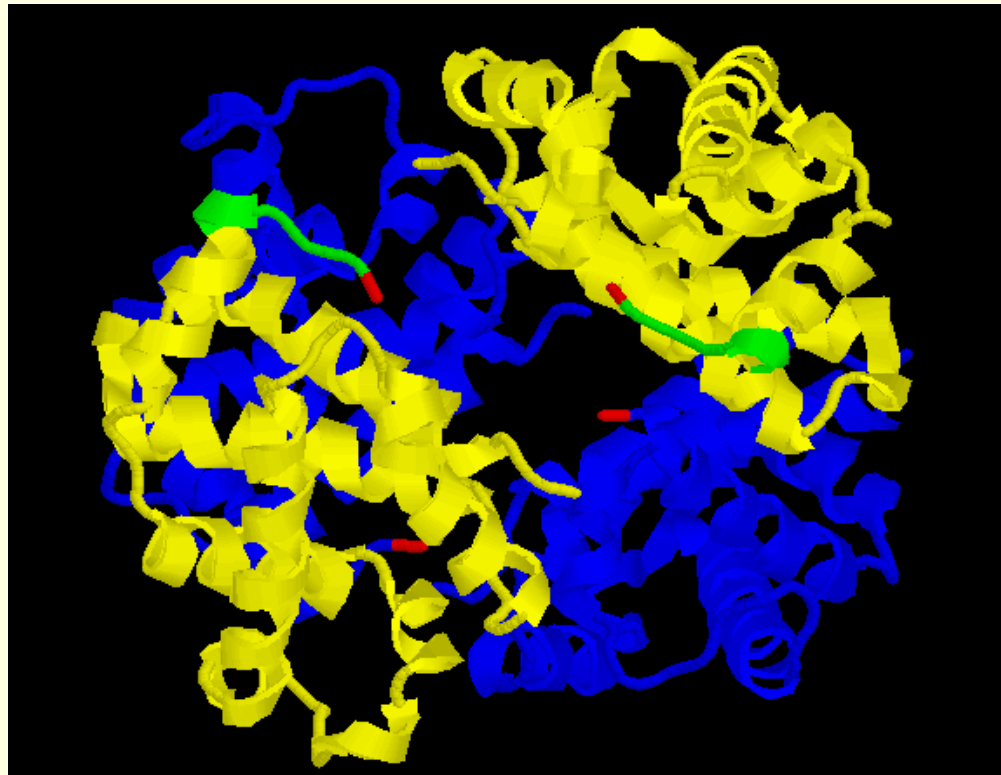


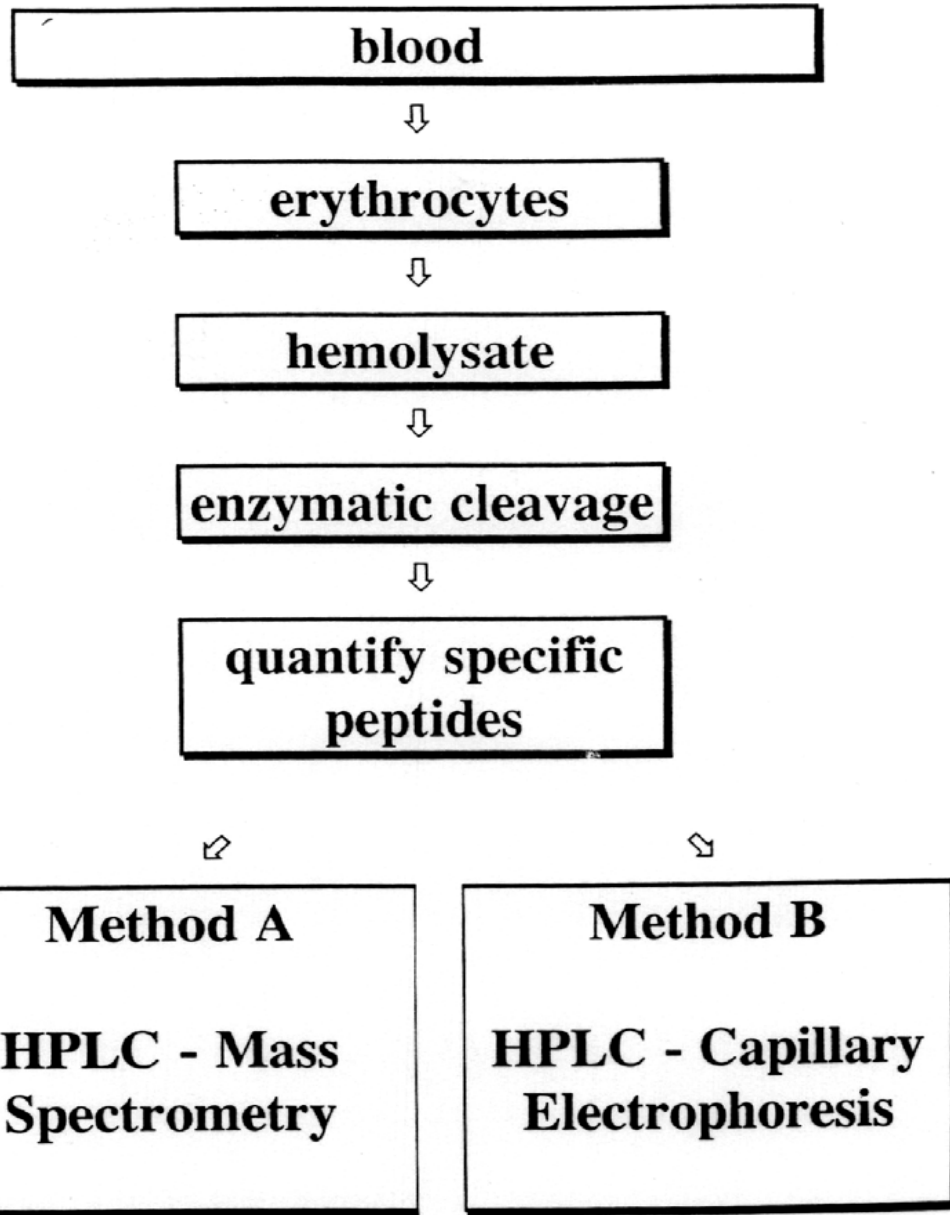


# IFCC Reference System for HbA<sub>1c</sub>

- \* **Definition of the analyte**
- \* **Preparation of pure HbA<sub>0</sub> and HbA<sub>1c</sub>**
- \* **Development of reference method**
- \* **Installation of a Reference Lab Network**
- **Preparation of secondary ref. Material**

# Hb A<sub>1c</sub>, $\beta$ N1-deoxyfructosyl-Hb





# IFCC reference method HbA<sub>1c</sub>

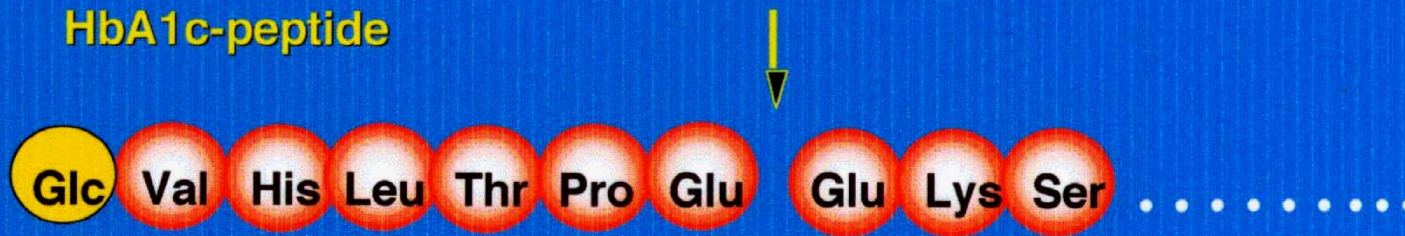
## The Analytical Challenge

Proteolytic cleavage of  $\beta$ -chain (146 amino acids)

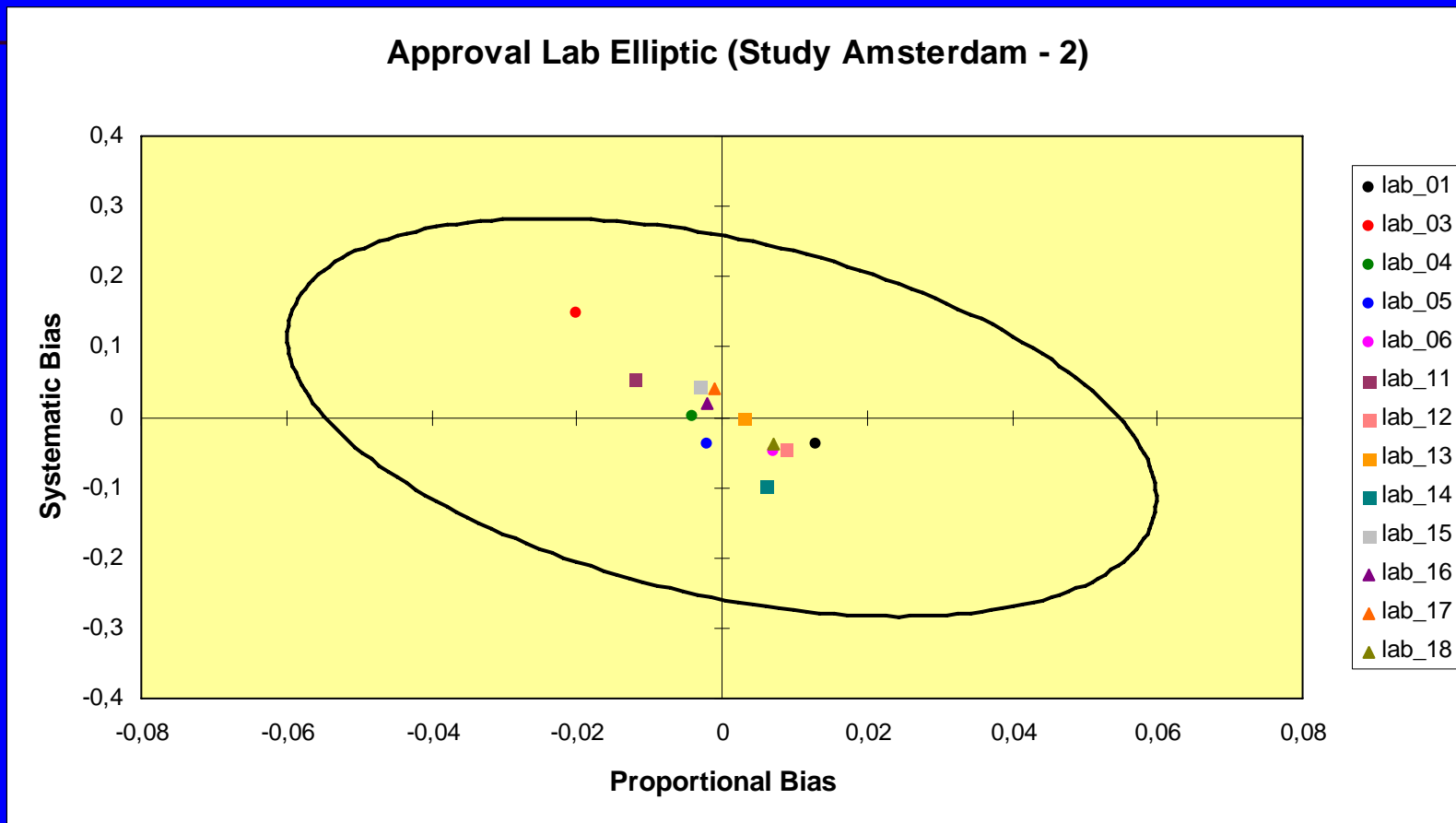
HbA<sub>0</sub>-peptide



HbA<sub>1c</sub>-peptide



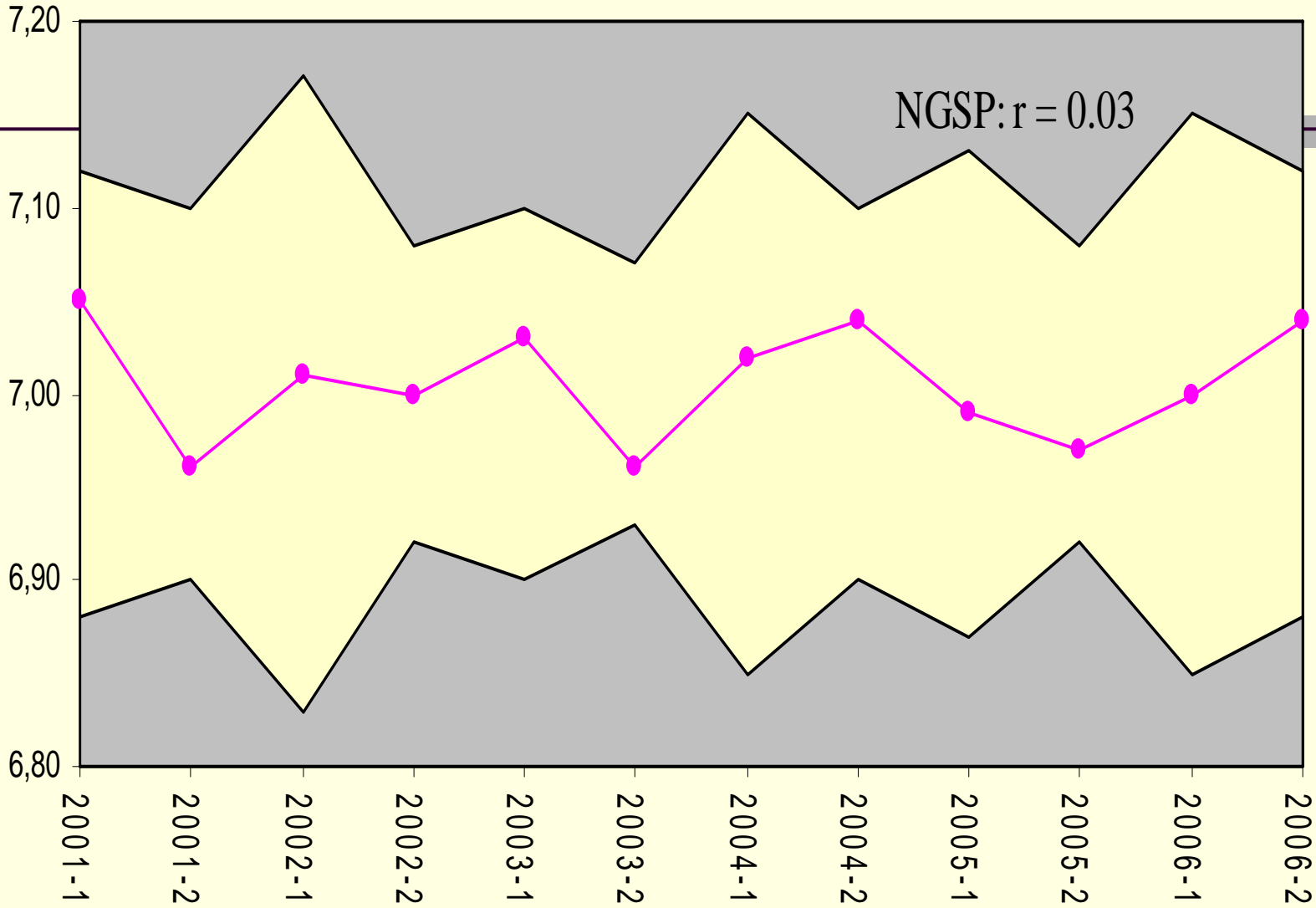
# Amsterdam 2 Study



Excellent Performance of all Network Labs



# Shewhart Chart NGSP outcome in %HbA1c at IFCC-RM = 53 mmol/mol



**X-axis: The subsequent studies in 6 years**  
**Y-axis: NGSP percentage HbA1c**  
**Grey Zone: Area with significant difference from published ME**

- \* **Definition of the analyte**
- \* **Preparation of pure HbA<sub>0</sub> and HbA<sub>1c</sub>**
- \* **Development of reference method**
- \* **Installation of a Reference Lab Network**
- **Preparation of secondary ref. Material**
- **Implementing the reference system**



$$\text{HbA}_{1c}(\text{NGSP}) = 0.9148 \text{ HbA}_{1c}(\text{IFCC}) + 2.15$$

$$\text{HbA}_{1c}(\text{IFCC}) = 1.093 \text{ HbA}_{1c}(\text{NGSP}) - 2.35$$

*Hoelzel et al, Clin Chem 2004*

<i>Condizione clinica</i>	<i>IFCC</i>	<i>NGSP</i>
Limite superiore non-diabetici	4.3 %	6.1 %
ADA target diabete tipo 1	5.3 %	7.0 %
Cattivo controllo glicometabolico	8.6 %	10.0 %

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**Comparison of the DCCT- HbA1c, the IFCC- HbA1c and mean blood glucose levels in type 1 and 2 diabetes patients in stable glycaemic control and in healthy subjects:  
Redefining long term glycaemic control**

**Dutch Working Group\***

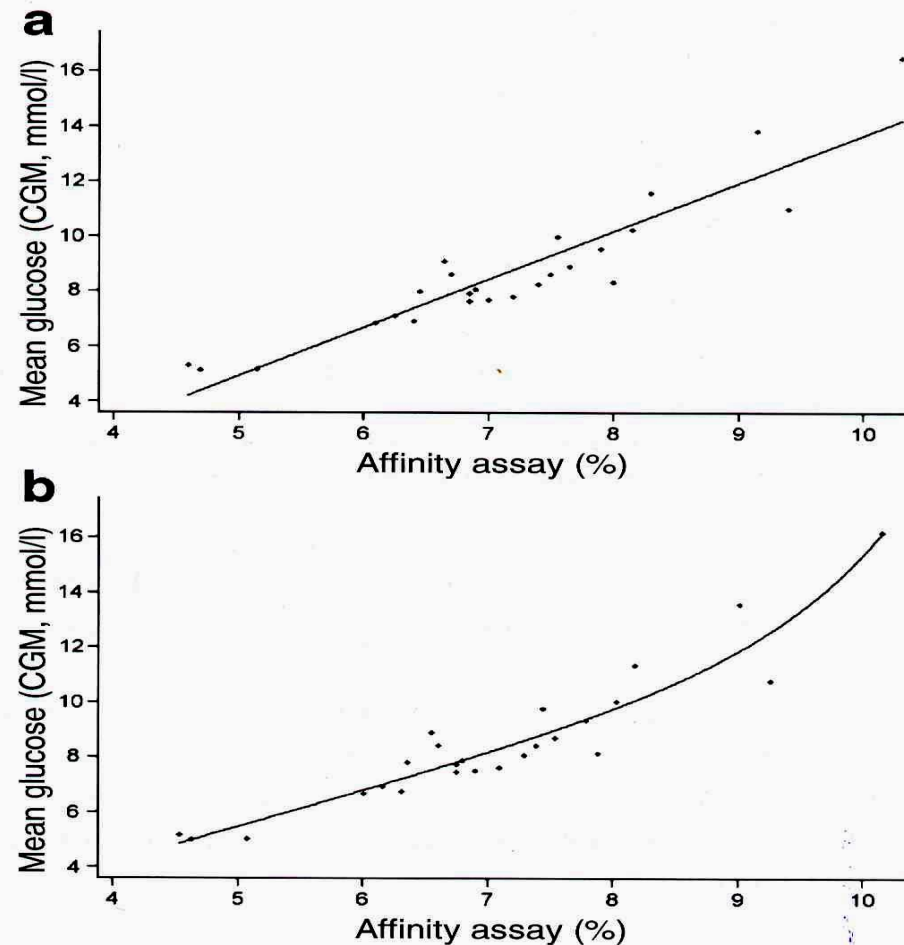
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**International Working group:**

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Research protocol, 3 mayl 2005, Final

Visit		1	2	3	4	5	6	
	- 26 w	-6W run in	0w	4W	8W	12W	16W	
Informed Consent		x						
Incl./Excl. Criteria		x						
Demography		x						
Insulin Therapy		x						
Patient History		x						
Physical Exam.		x						
Vital Signs		x						
Concomitant medication and new medical event		X	x	x	x	x	x	
<b>DCCT-HbA<sub>1c</sub> Zwolle/central</b>			x	X	X	X	X	
<b>Secondary IFCC-HbA<sub>1c</sub> Zwolle/central *</b>			x	X	X	X	X	
<b>HbA1c local lab</b>	X	x	x					
Hb/Ht/RBC/		x		x	x	x	x	
CRP/WCC/Platelets/reticulocytes, Creat/ureum bilirubin, ASAT,ALAT,AF, gGT, LDH		x						
<b>CGMS</b>			x	X	x	x		
<b>HemoCue: 8 points SMBG</b>			x	X	x	x		
<b>Lifescan: 7 points SMBG, 3 days a week</b>			x	x	x	x	x	
Study information, HemoCue training and lifescan meter training		X						



**Fig. 1** Relationship between HbA<sub>1c</sub> at month 3 and mean glucose level calculated from CGM during 12 previous weeks according to (a) linear regression mean CGM = HbA<sub>1c</sub> × 1.75 - 3.81 ( $r=0.89$ ,  $p<0.001$ ), and (b) the exponential mean CGM = 1.28HbA<sub>1c</sub> + 0.000136exp(HbA<sub>1c</sub>) - 0.92 ( $r=0.89$ ,  $p<0.001$ ). Continuous line, fitted values; diamonds, observed values

<b>HbA<sub>1c</sub>(%)</b>	<b><u>DCCT*</u></b>	<b><u>eAG<sup>+</sup></u></b>
<b>5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.6</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>11.7</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>13.3</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>14.9</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>16.5</b>

\* Based on DCCT data- 7 point plasma glucose profile measured every 3 months.

<sup>+</sup>Linear regression eAG= 1.583 x Hb1c- 2.52

# International ADAG Study: limitations

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- **Small sized ethnic groups**
- **No data in**
  - **Children**
  - **Renal impairment**
  - **Pregnant women**
- **Acceptance criteria too wide?**
- **What about changes in glycemic control?**

# Consensus Statement on the Worldwide Standardization of the Hemoglobin A1C Measurement

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The American Diabetes Association, European Association for the Study of Diabetes, International Federation of Clinical Chemistry and Laboratory Medicine, and the International Diabetes Federation

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- 1. The HbA<sub>1c</sub> results should be standardized worldwide, including the reference system and results reporting.
- 2. The IFCC reference system for HbA<sub>1c</sub> represents the only valid anchor to implement standardization of the measurement.
- 3. The HbA<sub>1c</sub> assay results are to be reported worldwide in IFCC unit (mmol/mol) *and* derived NGSP unit (%), using the IFCC-NGSP master equation.
- 4. If the ongoing “average plasma glucose study” fulfills its *a priori* specified criteria, an HbA<sub>1c</sub>-derived average glucose (ADAG) value will also be reported as an interpretation of the HbA<sub>1c</sub> result.
- 5. Glycemic goals appearing in clinical guidelines should be expressed in IFCC units, derived NGSP units, and as ADAG.

# Advantages

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- The use of a completely different unit (mmol/mol instead of %) will avoid confusion when recalculating old HbA<sub>1c</sub> targets to the new IFCC standardized values if clinical laboratories wish to implement HbA<sub>1c</sub> results in SI units.
- A positive impact of changing of scale of reported HbA<sub>1c</sub> results is expected, allowing clinicians and diabetic patients to better understand the marker changes (currently they may perceive small changes in percentage values – although linked to large health effects – as unimportant).
- Supposed increased potential for future use of HbA<sub>1c</sub> as diagnostic tool.



**Table 1** Suggested units and target values for HbA1c when measured with methods traceable to the IFCC reference system. A comparison with the current figures is also given.

	Current <sup>a</sup>	IFCC traceable methods
Reference interval (non-diabetics)	4–6%	20–42 mmol/mol
Target for treatment in diabetics <sup>b</sup>	<7%	<53 mmol/mol
Change of therapy in diabetics <sup>b</sup>	>8%	>64 mmol/mol

<sup>a</sup>Refer to methods aligned to the US National Glycohemoglobin Standardization Program. <sup>b</sup>As recommended by the American Diabetes Association.

# Conclusioni – HbA<sub>1c</sub> (1/2)

- ❑ **Utilizzare metodi di provata riproducibilità (CVa < 2 %)**
- ❑ **Non vanno trascurati i processi di QA ed il miglioramento continuo della qualità**
  
- ❑ **12 dicembre 2007: meeting IFCC-Manufacturers**
  - ❑ **entro 31.12.2009: riferibilità IFCC**
  - ❑ **dal 1.1.2011: esito test in unità IFCC e NGSP (nuovi strumenti)**
  - ❑ **HbA<sub>1c</sub> (non A1c)**
  - ❑ **eAG: dopo fine studio ADAG; non compito dei produttori**
  - ❑ **VEQ: materiali commutabili, titolo IFCC, giudizio su scostamento da ET (non dal consenso)**

**HbA1c  
Assigned  
IFCC RM  
53 mmol/mol**

**Derived Numbers  
From IFCC RM**



**NGSP = 7.00%  
eAG = 154 mg/dL  
eAG = 8.6 mmol/L**

**HbA1c\*  
Glucose\*\*  
Glucose\*\***

\* According to Clin Chem 2004;50:166-174

\*\* According to Presentation ADAG Study at EASD Meeting, Amsterdam 18 September 2007 (Provisional Results)

# Conclusioni – HbA<sub>1c</sub> (2/2)

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Preparazione all'implementazione della standardizzazione globale:

## argomenti

- definire tempistica e modalità refertazione
- terminologia
- interfacciamento ai sistemi informatici dei laboratori
- goals analitici
- campagna informativa

## soggetti

- società scientifiche
- enti governativi
- organizzatori VEQ
- ...



working  
group

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**HbA1c**

**Introduction**

In 1994 the IFCC (International Federation of Clinical Chemistry) installed the Working Group on Standardization of HbA1c. Task: to develop a metrologically sound international reference measurement system as anchor for worldwide standardization. This reference system has been developed and is implemented in a global network of reference laboratories. This IFCC Network of Reference Laboratories for HbA1c collaborates with manufacturers of diagnostic devices, EQAS organizers and other interested parties. Click the buttons below for detailed information on the respective issues. For any additional information please contact Dr. Cas Weykamp, IFCC Network Coordinator ( [c.w.veykamp@skbwinterswijk.nl](mailto:c.w.veykamp@skbwinterswijk.nl) )

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## **The IFCC Reference Measurement System for HbA1c: A 6-Year Progress Report**

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***Clinical Chemistry, in press***

## **HbA1c: Monitoring of the relation between the IFCC reference method and the Designated Comparison Methods in US, Japan and Sweden.**

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