

Standardizzazione dell'emoglobina A1c

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Agenda

- Standardizzazione HbA_{1c}
 - standardizzazione IFCC
 - lo studio ADAG
 - consensus document
 - il punto di vista dei produttori di diagnostici
 - prossimi step

Standardizzazione IFCC dell'HbA_{1c}

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IFCC SD WG-SHbA1c

IFCC Reference System for HbA_{1c}

- * Definition of the analyte
- * Preparation of pure HbA₀ and HbA_{1c}
- * Development of reference method
- * Installation of a Reference Lab Network
- Preparation of secondary ref. Material

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Analyte definition (1)

..., a detailed definition of the quantity to be measured constitutes an indispensable part of any analytical reference system.... In Laboratory Medicine, many hundreds different analytes are measured or determined. With regard to the implementation of traceability, it is however important to differentiate between:

- analytes which are well defined chemical entities and are traceable to International System (SI) units, called **type A** quantities, and
- analytes which are rather heterogeneous in human samples and are not directly traceable to SI units, called **type B** quantities.

M. Panteghini, J.C. Forest. Clin Chim Acta 2005

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Analyte definition (2)

- Type A: more than 65 analytes (electrolytes, minerals, metabolic products (such as cholesterol, creatinine, uric acid), steroids, and vitamins).

Test results: moles per litre.

Reference materials, reference measurement procedures: usually available, independently of routine measurement.

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Analyte definition (3)

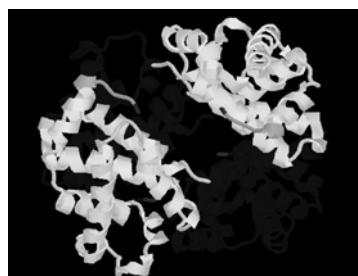
- Type B: proteins and glycoproteins
(usually measured by immunochemical techniques)

Test results: not expressed in terms of SI units (arbitrary units, e.g. WHO units or mass units of a preparation belonging to a manufacturer)

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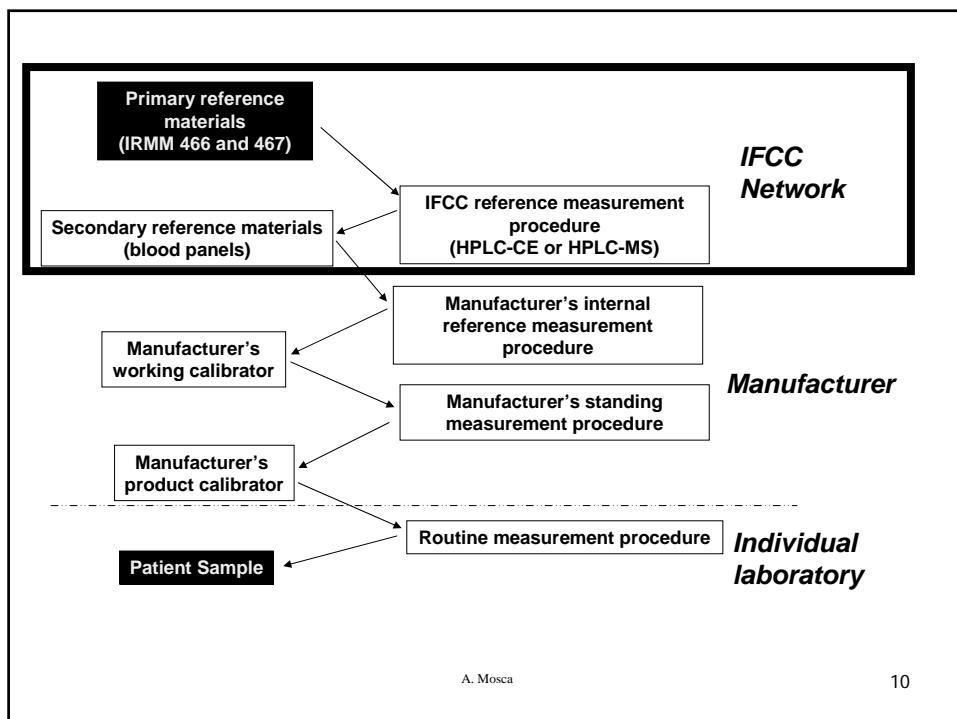
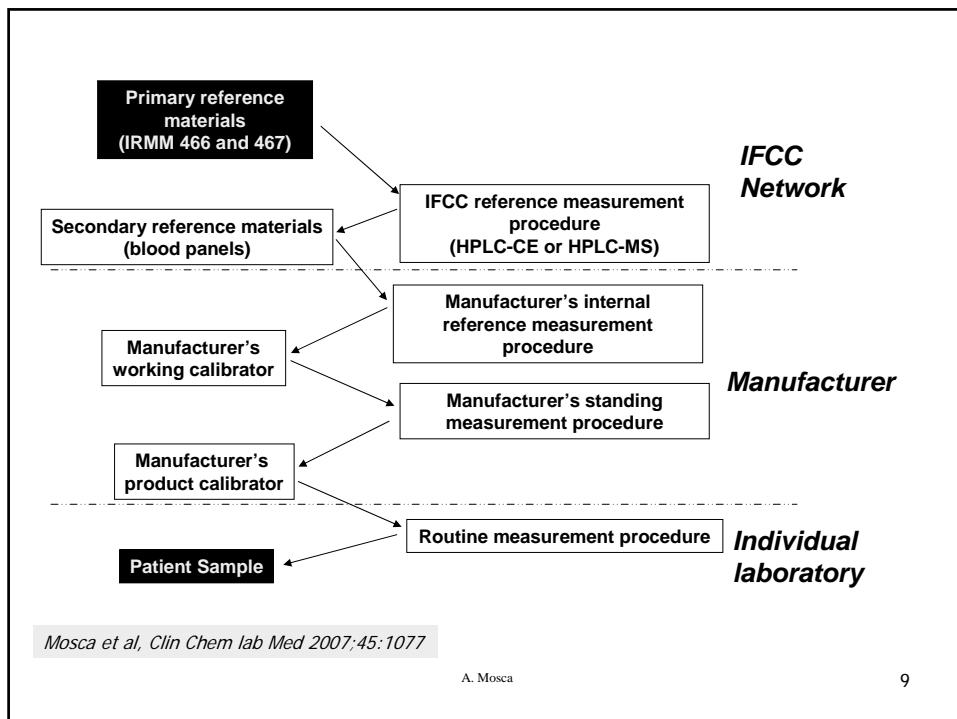
Type “B” analyte: **Hb A_{1c}, βN1-deoxyfructosyl-Hb**



Glucose bound to N-terminals:
- PI
- epitope
- affinity chromatography

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**CERTIFIED REFERENCE MATERIAL
IRMM/IFCC– 466**

CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

HAEMOGLOBIN ISOLATED FROM WHOLE BLOOD		
	Amount-of-substance fraction	
	Certified value ¹⁾ [mmol/mol]	Uncertainty ²⁾ [mmol/mol]
HbA1c/(HbA0 + HbA1c) ³⁾	934	22

- 1) The certified value was calculated from the average of the results for the amount-of-substance fraction of HbAO versus HbAO plus HbA1c for three accepted datasets and converted into amount-of-substance fraction HbA1c (1000 mmol/mol = HbAO mmol/mol). Measurements were carried out using the IFCC reference measurement procedure and compared with measurements by other methods. The certified value, expressed as mmol HbA1c per mol HbA1c plus HbAO, is traceable to the SI.
- 2) The certified uncertainty is the expanded uncertainty estimated in accordance with the Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM) with a coverage factor $k=2$, corresponding to a level of confidence of about 95 %.
- 3) HbA1c is defined as the beta-N-(1-deoxyfructos-1-yl) haemoglobin. HbAO is defined as the non-glycated haemoglobin.

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HbAO/(HbA1c + HbAO) ²⁾	> 976

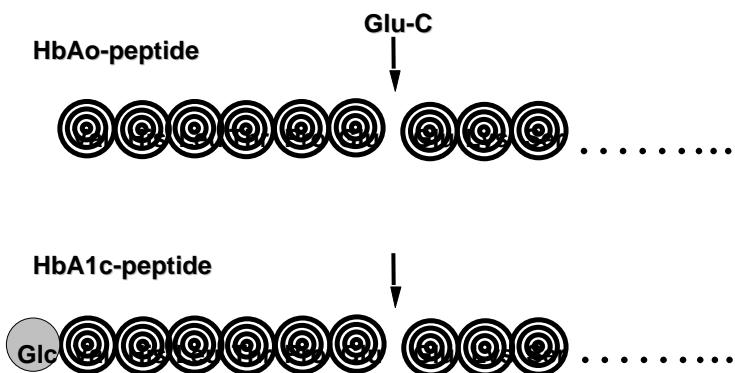
1) The certified value was calculated from the average of the results for the amount-of-substance fraction of HbA1c for two accepted datasets and converted into amount-of-substance fraction HbAO (1000 – HbA1c mmol/mol). Measurements were carried out using the IFCC reference measurement procedure and were either confirmed by other methods. The certified value, expressed as mmol HbAO per mol HbA1c plus HbAO, is traceable to the SI. With a 95 % probability, the true value of the material is above this level.
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The Analytical Challenge

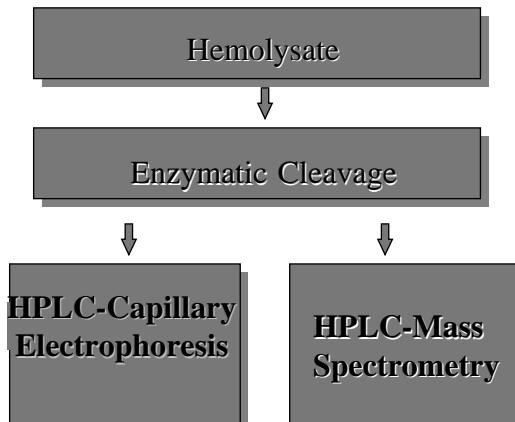
Proteolytic cleavage of β -chain (146 amino acids)



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Flow Chart for Reference Methods



Approved by IFCC 2001

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Possible interferences

- The hexapeptide represent an unique sequence
- Hb S and C
- Acetylated and carbamylated hemoglobin
- Potassium cyanide
- Sodium azid- excluded

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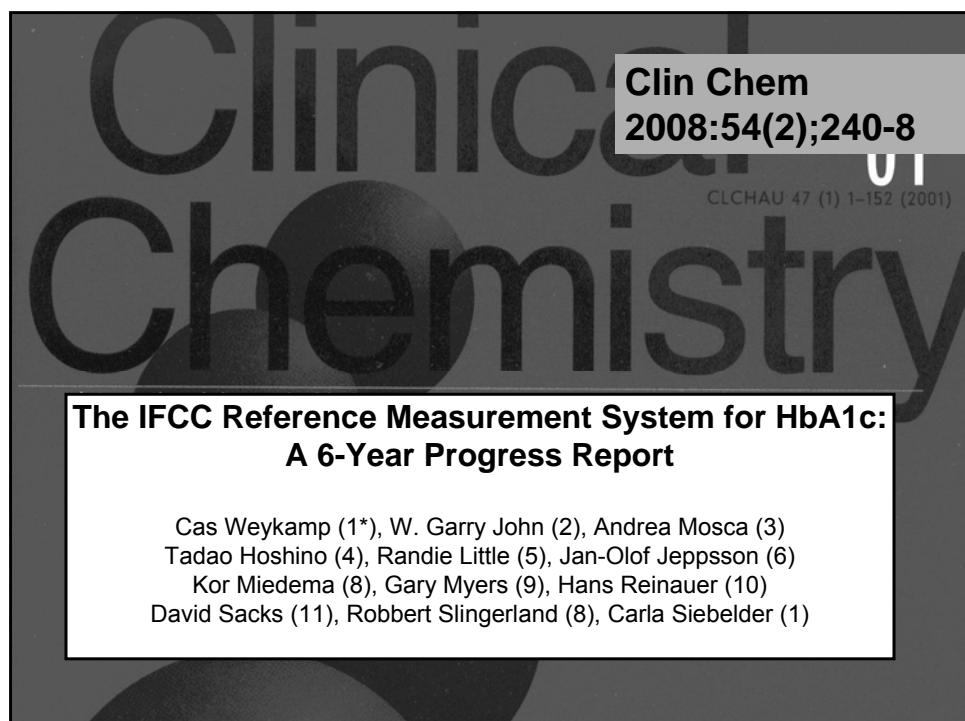
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Hemoglobinopathies in the N-terminal part

- Hb S β 6 Glu → Val
- Hb C β 6 Glu → Lys
- Hb Raleigh β 1 Val → Ac-Ala
- Hb Niigata β 1 Val → Leu
- Hb Deer Lodge β 2 His → Arg
- Hb Okayama β 2 His → Gln
- Hb Graz β 2 His → Leu
- Hb Agrigente β 2 His → Pro
- Hb Fukuoka β 2 His → Tyr
- Hb Tyne β 5 Pro → Ser
- Hb Warwickshire β 5 Pro → Arg
- Hb G-Makassar β 6 Glu → Ala
- Hb Machida β 6 Glu → Gln

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Traceability of Manufacturers to the IFCC Reference Method for HbA1c

This certifies that **Manufacturer X** using **Instrument/Method Y**, uses calibrators supplied by the IFCC Network to get traceable to the IFCC Reference Method and participates in the Monitoring Programme to demonstrate traceability. In the Monitoring Programme of 2007 the following performance was seen:

Deviation from IFCC-target	at 3 % HbA1c % : 0.3%
	at 6 % HbA1c % : 0.1%
	at 9 % HbA1c % : 0.0%
Reproducibility, coefficient of variation	1.1%
Linearity, correlation coefficient	0.9981

Date of issue: 31 October 2007

Certification expires: 31 December 2008

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IFCC units

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 (NGSP-ADA)	IFCC traceable method
Reference interval (healthy)	4 - 6 %	20 - 42 mmol/mol
Target for treatment	< 7 %	< 53 mmol/mol
Change of therapy	> 8 %	> 64 mmol/mol

Benefits from the use of the IFCC standardised HbA_{1c} test

- New units (mmol/mol in place of %)
No confusion when recalculating old HbA_{1c} targets in terms of new standardized IFCC numbers.
- Reduced uncertainty
- Positive impact due to change of units
Slight changes in % units will be amplified and will be able to draw more attention
i.e. HbA_{1c} from 8.3 % to 7.9 % → HbA_{1c} from 67 to 63 mmol/mol
- Diagnosis of diabetes
Potential use of HbA_{1c} for the diagnosis of diabetes because of a better standardization of the analytical techniques.

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Studio ADAG (A1c-Derived-Average-Glucose)

Tesi

E' possibile predire una glicemia media dei tre mesi precedenti il prelievo a partire da una misura di HbA_{1c}

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Study Population

1. Type 1 and 2 diabetes (300 each) and 100 healthy individuals
2. Stable glycaemic control
3. Recruit diverse ethnic groups, incl. white, black, Hispanic, Asian
4. Range of HbA_{1c} concentrations

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Trial Design

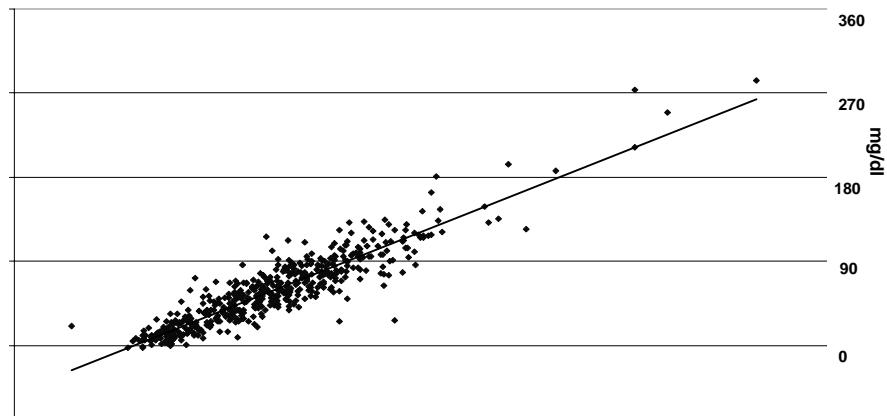
1. Measure HbA_{1c} at baseline and all monthly visits
2. SMBG (LifeScan) 4x/d at least 3 days/week
3. Continuous glucose monitoring (CGMS, Medtronic) over 48 h at 0, 4, 8 and 12 weeks
4. 8-point SMBG (Hemacue) during CGMS

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ADAG study

AG over 3 months compared with HbA_{1c} at end of Month 3



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Nathan D et al, Diabetes Care 2008

Consensus document

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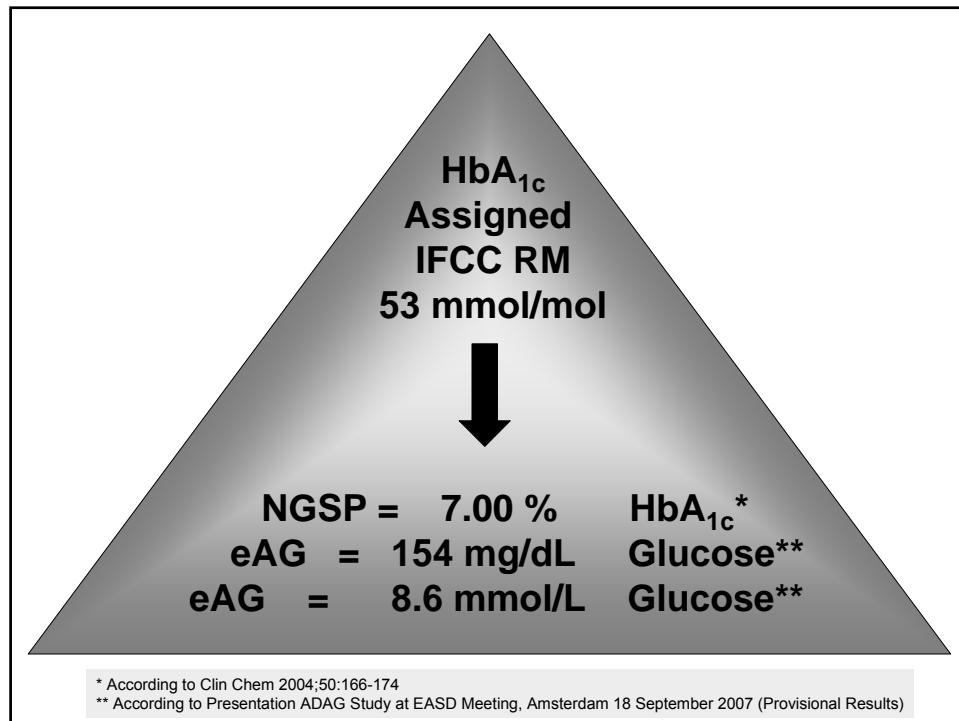
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Consensus Statement on the Worldwide Standardization of the Hemoglobin A1C Measurement

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

1. The HbA_{1c} results should be standardized worldwide, including the reference system and results reporting.
2. The IFCC reference system for HbA_{1c} represents the only valid anchor to implement standardization of the measurement.
3. The HbA_{1c} 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_{1c}-derived average glucose (ADAG) value will also be reported as an interpretation of the HbA_{1c} result.
5. Glycemic goals appearing in clinical guidelines should be expressed in IFCC units, derived NGSP units, and as ADAG.

Diabetes Care 2007;30:2399



eAG: a favore

1. Pazienti e medici, utilizzando la misura dell'emoglobina glicata, possono riferirsi direttamente alla glicemia media
2. Non c'è confusione con i nuovi numeri
3. Data la correlazione lineare tra eAG ed HbA_{1c} si può subito trasformare l'HbA_{1c} in eAG
4. I clinici sono già abituati all'utilizzo di parametri calcolati (eGFR, eLDL-c)

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eAG: contro

1. Lo studio ADAG non include bambini, donne in gravidanza, nefropatici, soggetti di origine asiatica
2. Le elaborazioni sono state effettuate unendo insieme soggetti non diabetici, paz. con diabete t1 e t2
3. Gli intervalli fiduciari della eAG sono molto ampi
4. La glicemia media stimata riduce il peso delle fluttuazioni glicemiche (ampiezza e frequenza)
5. Non è detto che i dati del singolo paziente siano identici a quelli della media della popolazione

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Predicting mean glucose from HbA_{1c}

HbA _{1c} (%)	eAG (mg/dL)	int. fid. 95 %
5	97	(76 - 120)
6	126	(100 - 152)
7	154	(123 - 185)
8	183	(147 - 217)
9	212	(170 - 249)
10	240	(193 - 282)
11	269	(217 - 314)
12	298	(240 - 347)

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The Diabetes Research in Children Network (DirecNet) Study Group

'For any given HbA_{1c} level, mean sensor glucose levels differed by 50 mg/dL or more, making the conversion of HbA_{1c} levels into mean glucose equivalents as suggested by a recent ADA consensus statement tenuous at best.'

DirecNet Study Group. Diabetes Care 2008; 31:381-385

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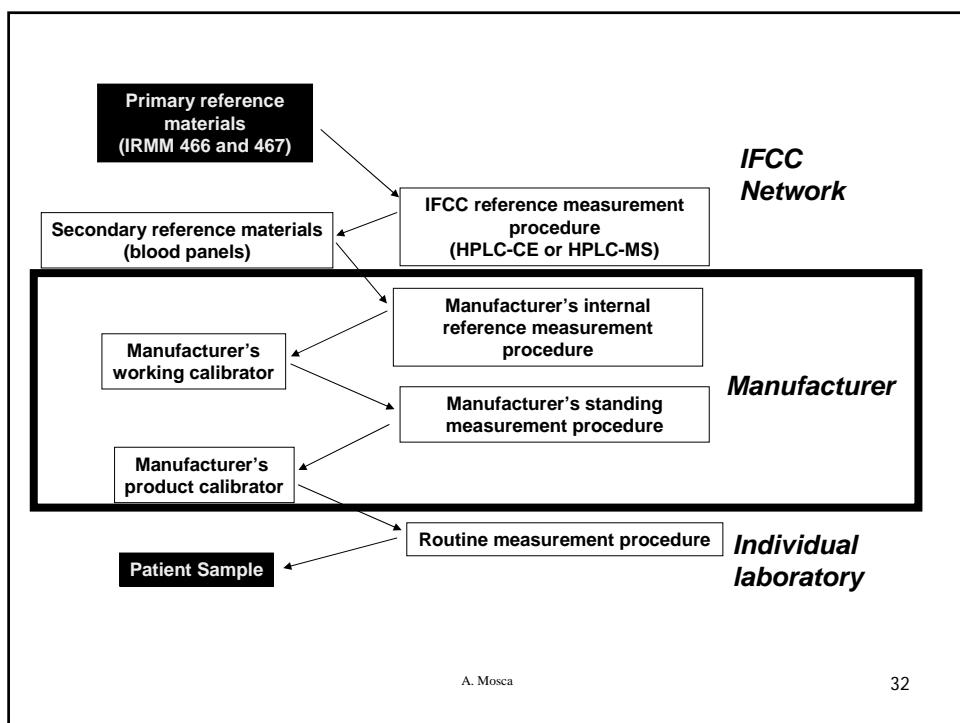
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- il punto di vista dei produttori di diagnostici-

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Report

Implementation of standardization of HbA_{1c} measurement



Summary of the meeting with manufacturers held in Milan, Italy, December 12, 2007

IFCC officers:

Prof Mauro Panteghini, Chair of the IFCC Scientific Division (SD)
Dr Garry John, Chair of the IFCC SD WG on Standardization of HbA_{1c} (WG-HbA_{1c})
Prof Andrea Mosca, Secretary of the IFCC SD WG-HbA_{1c}
Dr Cas Weykamp, Coordinator of the IFCC Network of Reference Laboratories for HbA_{1c}

Representatives of manufacturers:

David Ambroster, Lieselotte Lennartz (Abbott); Beate Saeger, Takeshi Takagi (Arkray); Cathinca Vargmo, Kjersti Grimrud (Axies-Shield and Vogt); Ben Irvin (Bayer); Elisabetta Della Deo (Beckman Coulter); Tamara Davis, Gianni Bertoli, Laura Madia (Bio-Rad Laboratories); Christiane Wernz, Alexandra Lein (Dia Sys Diagnostic Systems); Nick Mayor (Genzyme); Francesco Caggiano (Menarini); Bernd Vogt (Roche Diagnostics); Geneviève Hennache (Sebia); Takuwa Yotani (Seikisui Chemical Co.); Mary Lou Gantzer (Siemens); Nancy Van Blijleveld (Tosoh Bioscience).

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Main meeting outcomes

1. Deadline for implementing traceability to the IFCC reference system is December 31, 2009.
2. After January 1, 2011 all new instruments will report both SI units (mmol/mol) and NGSP derived units (%).
3. The implementation of HbA_{1c} result in terms of eAG will not be an issue of the analytical systems.
4. EQA programmes will have to use commutable control materials with target values assigned using the IFCC reference measurement procedure, together with a clear definition of the clinically allowable total error.
5. The IFCC WG-HbA_{1c} is willing to review the proposed manufacturer's traceability chain.

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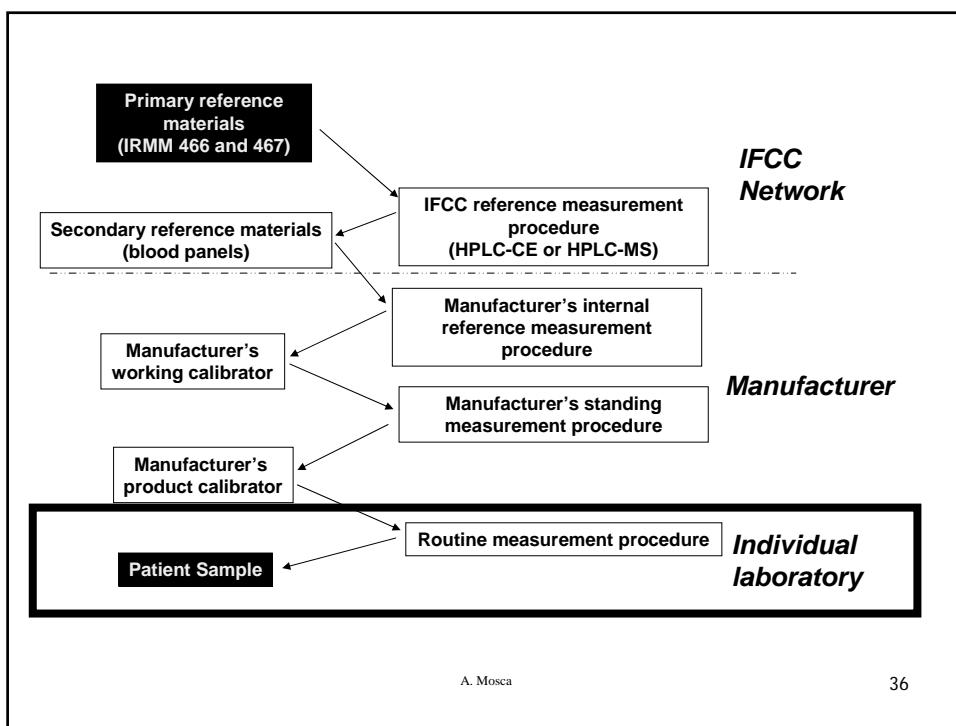
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Global standardization of HbA_{1c} - results reporting -

Country	IFCC numbers	NGSP numbers	eAG	other	timeline (starting from)
USA	no	yes	yes	nd	2008 August
Sweden	yes	yes	yes	Swedish numbers	(?)
Japan	yes	no	no	JDS numbers	(?)
UK	yes	yes	no		2009 June 1 st (dual reporting up to June 1 st 2011)
Germany	yes*	yes	(?)		(?)
IFCC Network	yes	no	no		2008 August

* Only for EQAS organizers and manufacturers

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The image shows three vertically aligned informational cards, each featuring logos for Diabetes UK, NHS National Diabetes Support Team, and The Association for Clinical Biochemistry.

- HbA_{1c} Standardisation For Clinical Health Care Professionals:** This card is positioned at the top. It contains the logos for Diabetes UK, NHS National Diabetes Support Team, and The Association for Clinical Biochemistry. Below the logos, the text reads "HbA_{1c} Standardisation For Clinical Health Care Professionals".
- HbA_{1c} Standardisation For Laboratory Professionals:** This card is positioned in the middle. It contains the same logos and text as the first card, but the text is slightly different: "HbA_{1c} Standardisation For Laboratory Professionals".
- A change in reporting your HbA_{1c} results. Information for People with Diabetes:** This card is positioned at the bottom. It contains the same logos and text as the other cards, but the text is different: "A change in reporting your HbA_{1c} results. Information for People with Diabetes".

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seconda bozza (versione 14 marzo 2009)
confidenziale

**Raccomandazioni per l'implementazione della standardizzazione internazionale
dell'emoglobina glicata in Italia**

Documento prodotto dal Gruppo di Lavoro GLAD (Gruppo di Lavoro A1c Delegati)

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Conclusioni (HbA_{1c})

- la standardizzazione IFCC ha sviluppato un sistema di riferimento adeguato e robusto per un analita di classe B (eterogeneo)
- Il sistema di riferimento è già implementato per la calibrazione dei produttori di diagnostici, deve esserlo per i professionisti di laboratorio
- la standardizzazione è un processo collaborativo lungo che coinvolge diversi livelli di responsabilità e di azioni concertate di tipo trasversale

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