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First Step in Controlling Diabetes and Its Complications: A True Understanding of Glucoses Via GH-Method: Math-Physical Medicine

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Mini Review

In this paper, the author analyzes and outlines the physical characteristics of glucoses which can be used to understand and predict their moving direction, trend, and magnitude. Therefore, healthcare professionals can help diabetes patients to control their disease conditions and its complications.

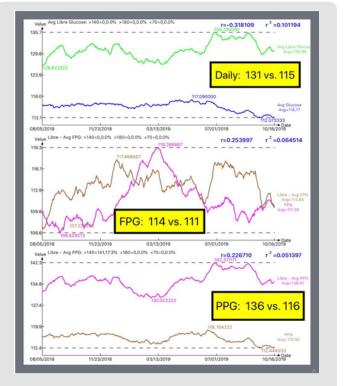
Methods

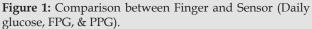
Since 5/5/2018, the author utilized both finger-piercing and test strip (Finger) and continuous glucose monitoring device (Sensor) to collect his glucose data in parallel. He has collected four glucose data per day via Finger and 75 times via Sensor. By 10/18/2019, within a total of 532 days, he has collected 46,816 data which include finger glucose, sensor glucose, carbs/sugar intake amount, walking steps, and weather temperature. He then performed various tasks including glucose decomposition, data segmentation, and synthesis analyses by using those collected data to get the following conclusive and useful information.

Result

Part 1: Glucose Waveforms (1-4)

Figure 1 depicts glucose patterns comparison (daily average, FPG, and PPG) between finger and sensor. The low correlation coefficients between finger and sensor for daily glucose, FPG, and PPG (-32%, 25%, and 23%) indicate that they have no similarity at all, even the average glucose values have significant deviations, except FPG.





From Figure 2, FPG waveform looks like a "salad bowl" with its bottom occurring approximately from 3am to 5am, while PPG looks

like a mountain with its peak at 60 minutes after the first bite of meal (not the conventional knowledge of two hours afterwards). The synthesized daily Sensor glucose waveform is a continuous curve with a big valley at the beginning (FPG), followed by three mountains (PPG), and ending with a relatively flat plain (pre-bed without snacks or fruits).

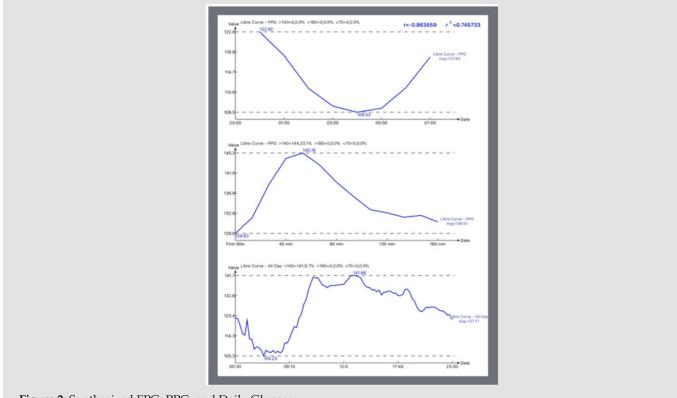


Figure 2: Synthesized FPG, PPG, and Daily Glucose.



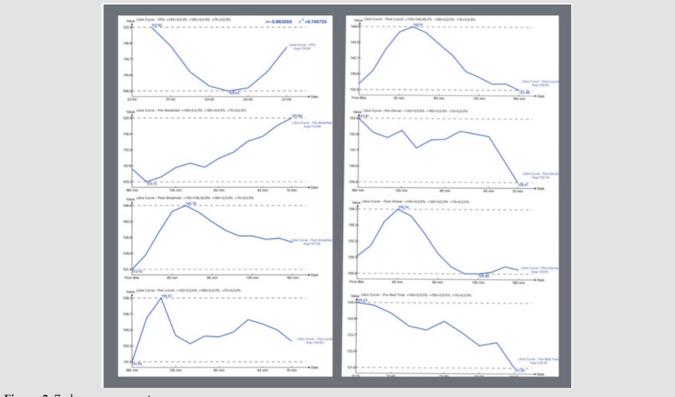


Figure 3: 7 glucose segments.

Figure 3 shows the daily glucose waveform's seven segments. It starts with FPG (00:30-07:45) which partially overlapped with prebreakfast (05:00-07:45), followed with breakfast, pre-lunch, lunch, pre-dinner, dinner, and ending with pre-bed. The average glucose values are included in each diagram.

Part 3: Daily Synthesized Sensor Glucose Data and Curve

Figures 4 & 5 displays two daily Sensor glucose fluctuations: one using customized software and the other using Microsoft Excel from the tabulated data in the middle.

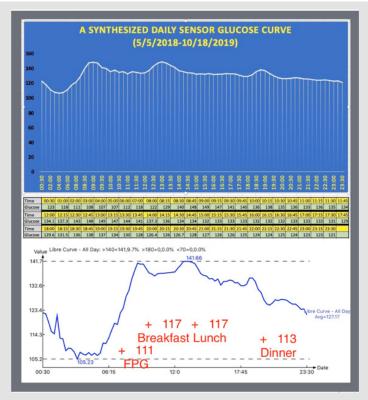


Figure 4: A synthesized daily glucose curve including 7 segments.

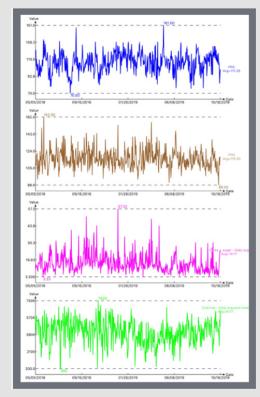


Figure 5: Finger FPG, PPG, and carbs/sugar intake with walking steps.

Part 4: Finger Glucose Data Plus Daily Carbs/Sugar Intake and Post-Meal Walking Steps

The average Finger daily data are:

PPG: 116 mg/dL

FPG: 111 mg/dL

Carbs/sugar: 14.2 grams Walking per meal: 4,177 steps **Part 5:** Conversion Factors Between Carbs/Walking and PPG

Figure 6 shows a few calculated analysis results:

SENSOR GLUSE DATA	PPG (mg/dL)	Time (minutes)	Pancreas Beta-Cells Health		FINGER GLUCOSE DATA	PPG (mg/dL)
PPG Open	129	0			PPG Average	116
PPG Peak	145	60			PPG Peak	140
PPG Close	131	180			FPG	111
PPG (open to peak)	17	60				
PPG (peak to close)	14	120	PPG Baseline @ 60 min	129		
Rising (PPG/hr)		17	Rising speed %	100%	Recommed Carbs Factor	2-2.5
Decaying (PPG/hr)		7	Decaying speed (%)	43%	Recommed Walking Factor	5-7.5
Carbs/Sugar		14.2	Pre-breakfast	135	Carbs/Sugar	14.2
Walking (steps)		4177	Pre-lunch	111	Walking (steps)	4177
+ Sensor PPG / carbs gram	2	1.2	Pre-dinner	132	+ Finger PPG / carbs gram	2.0
- Sensor PPG / k steps		3.4	Pre-Meals	126	- Finger PPG / k steps	5.8
Averaged Sensor PPG		136	Pre-Bed	124	Averaged Finger PPG	116
Beta-cell (Upper)			PPG Baseline @ 60 min	129		
Beta-cell (Medium)			Pre-Meals & Bed	125		
Beta-cell (Lower)		3 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	FPG	113		

Figure 6: Important information from the glucose study.

(5-1) Sensor PPG:

Average Sensor: 136 mg/dL

Peak Sensor: 145 mg/dL

Rising speed: 17 mg/dL per hour

Decaying speed: 7 mg/dL per hour (43% of Rising speed)

See Figure 5:

Carbs/Sugar intake: 14.2 grams

Post-meal walking: 4,177 steps

PPG vs. Carbs/sugar conversion:

+1.2 mg/dL per gram

PPG vs. 1,000 steps conversion:

-3.4 mg/dL per 1,000 steps

(5-2) Finger PPG:

Average Finger: 116 mg/dL

See Figure 5:

Carbs/Sugar intake: 14.2 grams

Post-meal walking: 4,177 steps

PPG vs. Carbs/sugar conversion:

+2.0 mg/dL per gram

PPG vs. 1,000 steps conversion:

-5.8 mg/dL per 1,000 steps

(5.3) Pancreatic beta cells health state:

Upper bound (Baseline of PPG): 129

Medium range (Pre-meals/bed): 125

Lower bound (FPG): 113

Conclusion

There are a lot of vital information concealed in glucoses. As long as we learn how to decompose and analyze them, we can examine and reveal many hidden facts and useful hints on how to help diabetes patients to control their condition and its complications. Truly knowing glucose is the very first step in understanding diabetes. Lifestyle management, including diet and exercise, are equally important in controlling this disease; therefore, patients should not immediately accept the belief that taking multiple medications as its only solution since they can control diabetes symptoms effectively but cannot cure this disease.

Competing Interests

The author declare that they have no competing interests.

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