POSITION STATEMENT

Glucose management for exercise using continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) and intermittently scanned CGM (isCGM) systems in type 1 diabetes: position statement of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) and of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) endorsed by JDRF and supported by the American Diabetes Association (ADA)

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Abstract

Physical exercise is an important component in the management of type 1 diabetes across the lifespan. Yet, acute exercise increases the risk of dysglycaemia, and the direction of glycaemic excursions depends, to some extent, on the intensity and duration of the type of exercise. Understandably, fear of hypoglycaemia is one of the strongest barriers to incorporating exercise into daily life. Risk of hypoglycaemia during and after exercise can be lowered when insulin-dose adjustments are made and/or additional carbohydrates are consumed. Glycaemic management during exercise has been made easier with continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) and intermittently scanned continuous glucose monitoring (isCGM) systems; however, because of the complexity of CGM and isCGM systems, both individuals with type 1 diabetes and their healthcare professionals may struggle with the interpretation of given information to maximise the technological potential for effective use around exercise (i.e. before, during and after). This position statement highlights the recent advancements in CGM and isCGM technology, with a focus on the evidence base for their efficacy to sense glucose around exercise and adaptations in the use of these emerging tools, and updates the guidance for exercise in adults, children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes.

Keywords Adolescents · Adults · CGM · Children · Continuous glucose monitoring · Exercise · Physical activity · Position statement · Type 1 diabetes

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Abbreviations

ADL	Activities of daily living
CGM	Continuous glucose monitoring
IAH	Impaired awareness of hypoglycaemia
isCGM	Intermittently scanned continuous glucose monitoring
ISPAD	International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes
MARD	Mean absolute relative difference
SMBG	Self-monitored blood glucose

Introduction

Most common continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems measure glucose in the interstitial fluid, providing real-time sensor glucose data, while intermittently scanned CGM (isCGM) systems measure interstitial glucose levels at the time of scanning via a reader device. CGM improves the time spent in euglycaemia and reduces (severe) hypoglycaemia in people with impaired awareness of hypoglycaemia (IAH), decreases HbA$_{1c}$ levels and ameliorates general measures of glycaemic control, as shown in different randomised (crossover) studies [1–4]. isCGM reduces the time spent in hypoglycaemia, as shown by randomised controlled studies [5, 6], and decreases HbA$_{1c}$ levels, as shown by a meta-analysis [7] of largely observational studies. Interestingly, switching from isCGM to CGM may have a beneficial impact on hypoglycaemia outcomes in people with a high risk of hypoglycaemia, perhaps because the latter displays data without the need to scan and is augmented by alerts for when the sensor glucose approaches hypoglycaemia, as detailed in a randomised parallel-group study [8].

Nonetheless, CGM technology is also accompanied by limitations, like skin irritation and pain, as assessed in children and pregnant women [9–12], sleep disruption due to discomfort associated with the position of the device [13], a constant reminder of having diabetes, overload of information and that the device is visible to others [11, 13, 14]. Furthermore, it is important to note that if hypo- and hyperglycaemic symptoms are not in line with the sensor glucose value, a confirmatory self-monitored blood glucose (SMBG) should be performed.

A lag time between the glucose value in the vasculature and interstitial fluid does exist and, thus, influences sensor glucose measurement accuracy against blood glucose values [15]. Moreover, other physiological changes during exercise, such as alterations in blood flow rate, body temperature and body acidity, can theoretically have an impact on interstitial glucose-sensing accuracy [15], though the degree of impact of these factors is unknown on an individual basis. Thus, when assessing the accuracy of different interstitial glucose monitoring systems vs reference glucose, which is usually assessed by a median or mean absolute relative difference (MARD), a part of the difference should be interpreted as lag time rather than inaccuracy, as shown in a secondary outcome analysis of an experimental study [16]. Additionally, other factors, like local metabolic rate, sensor site [17], exercise type [18, 19], vasoconstriction [20], potential interference with medications [21], the direction of glucose rate of change [22, 23] and baseline glucose level may influence lag time [15]. Also, the glucose concentration, per se, might have an impact on the sensor accuracy, as seen for isCGM, detailing a lower MARD for hyperglycaemia and higher MARD for hypoglycaemia, as shown by two experimental studies [24, 25]. At rest, a lag time of ~5 min is seen in healthy individuals [26], while, in situations of rapid glucose changes, it can increase to up to 12–24 min or even longer during exercise, as seen in people with type 1 diabetes [22, 23, 27]. Depending on the CGM and isCGM device, the overall mean of all MARDs during different types of exercise in people with type 1 diabetes is ~13.63% (95% CI 11.41%, 15.84%), as detailed in Fig. 1 [16–18, 22, 24, 25, 27–37]. However, more recent CGM and isCGM devices, not yet investigated for exercise, might have a lower MARD and enhanced performance.

Methods used for group consensus

Due to the growing popularity of CGM and isCGM technologies, this writing group produced modified and novel recommendations based on current evidence, consensus statements and position statements for people with type 1 diabetes around exercise (i.e. before, during and after). This writing group consists of exercise physiologists, sports scientists, diabetologists, endocrinologists, paediatric diabetologists, bioengineers and nutritionists. After performing one-on-one meetings with all members of the writing group, a first outline was written based on the members' recommendations, including defined work packages for the authors. Subsequently, two lead authors (OM and JKM) produced a manuscript and circulated it within the writing group for further discussions. A consensus meeting was held during the Advanced Technologies & Treatments for Diabetes (ATTD) 2020 conference in Madrid, Spain, and consensus was obtained. A final version of the position statement was then sent to the writing group for additional discussion, comments and final edits. All authors approved the final manuscript.

Data sources, searches and study selection

The consensus group accepted the position statement on physical activity/exercise and diabetes, of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) [38], the consensus statement for exercise management in type 1 diabetes [39] and the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes (ISPAD) clinical practice consensus guidelines for exercise in children and
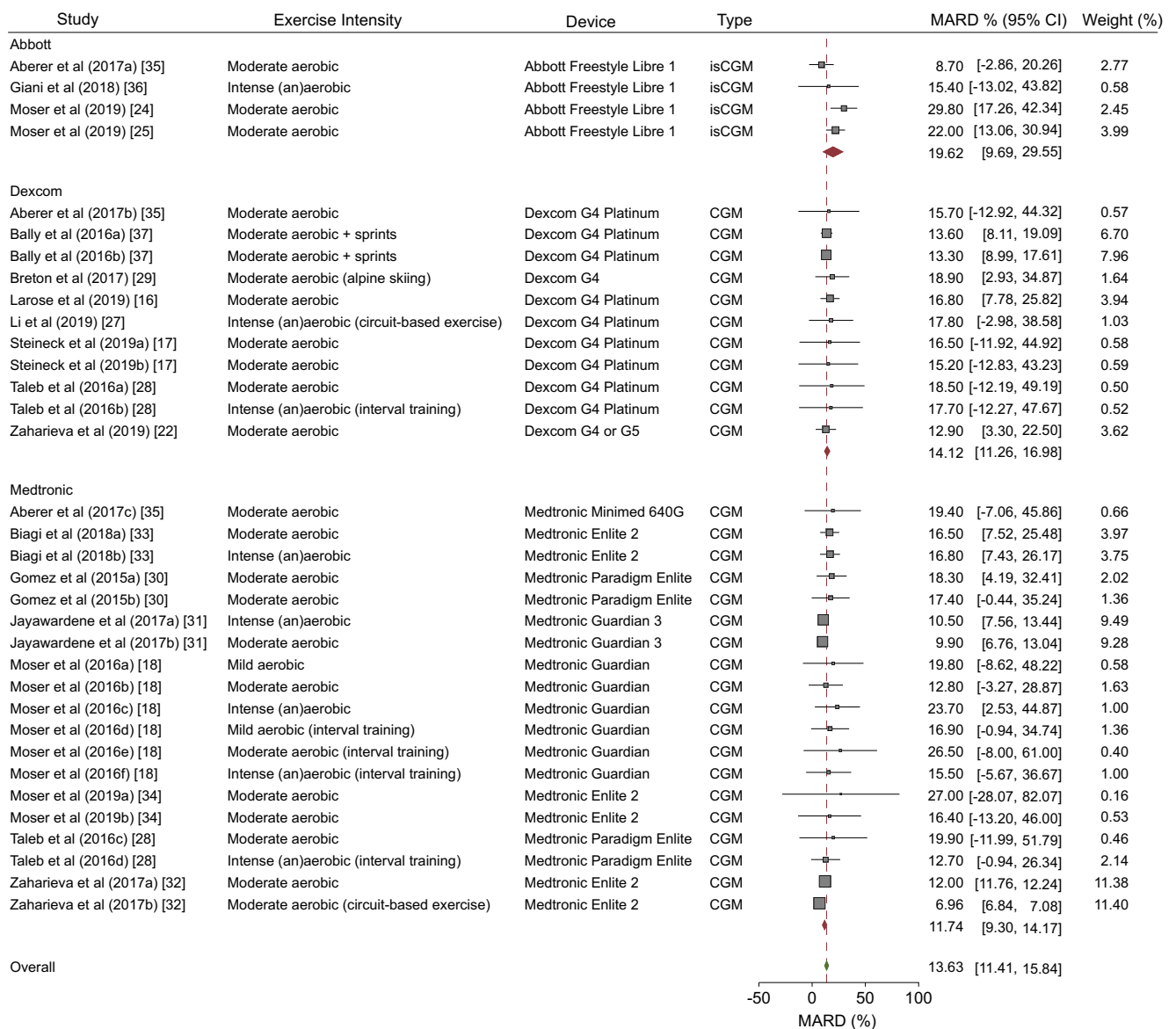
Study	Exercise Intensity	Device	Type		MARD % (95% CI)	Weight (%)
Abbott						
Aberer et al (2017a) [35]	Moderate aerobic	Abbott Freestyle Libre 1	isCGM		8.70 [-2.86, 20.26]	2.77
Giani et al (2018) [36]	Intense (an)aerobic	Abbott Freestyle Libre 1	isCGM		15.40 [-13.02, 43.82]	0.58
Moser et al (2019) [24]	Moderate aerobic	Abbott Freestyle Libre 1	isCGM		29.80 [17.26, 42.34]	2.45
Moser et al (2019) [25]	Moderate aerobic	Abbott Freestyle Libre 1	isCGM		22.00 [13.06, 30.94]	3.99
					19.62 [9.69, 29.55]	
Dexcom						
Aberer et al (2017b) [35]	Moderate aerobic	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		15.70 [-12.92, 44.32]	0.57
Bally et al (2016a) [37]	Moderate aerobic + sprints	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		13.60 [8.11, 19.09]	6.70
Bally et al (2016b) [37]	Moderate aerobic + sprints	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		13.30 [8.99, 17.61]	7.96
Breton et al (2017) [29]	Moderate aerobic (alpine skiing)	Dexcom G4	CGM		18.90 [2.93, 34.87]	1.64
Larose et al (2019) [16]	Moderate aerobic	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		16.80 [7.78, 25.82]	3.94
Li et al (2019) [27]	Intense (an)aerobic (circuit-based exercise)	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		17.80 [-2.98, 38.58]	1.03
Steineck et al (2019a) [17]	Moderate aerobic	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		16.50 [-11.92, 44.92]	0.58
Steineck et al (2019b) [17]	Moderate aerobic	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		15.20 [-12.83, 43.23]	0.59
Taleb et al (2016a) [28]	Moderate aerobic	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		18.50 [-12.19, 49.19]	0.50
Taleb et al (2016b) [28]	Intense (an)aerobic (interval training)	Dexcom G4 Platinum	CGM		17.70 [-12.27, 47.67]	0.52
Zaharieva et al (2019) [22]	Moderate aerobic	Dexcom G4 or G5	CGM		12.90 [3.30, 22.50]	3.62
					14.12 [11.26, 16.98]	
Medtronic						
Aberer et al (2017c) [35]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Minimed 640G	CGM		19.40 [-7.06, 45.86]	0.66
Biagi et al (2018a) [33]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Enlite 2	CGM		16.50 [7.52, 25.48]	3.97
Biagi et al (2018b) [33]	Intense (an)aerobic	Medtronic Enlite 2	CGM		16.80 [7.43, 26.17]	3.75
Gomez et al (2015a) [30]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Paradigm Enlite	CGM		18.30 [4.19, 32.41]	2.02
Gomez et al (2015b) [30]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Paradigm Enlite	CGM		17.40 [-0.44, 35.24]	1.36
Jayawardene et al (2017a) [31]	Intense (an)aerobic	Medtronic Guardian 3	CGM		10.50 [7.56, 13.44]	9.49
Jayawardene et al (2017b) [31]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Guardian 3	CGM		9.90 [6.76, 13.04]	9.28
Moser et al (2016a) [18]	Mild aerobic	Medtronic Guardian	CGM		19.80 [-8.62, 48.22]	0.58
Moser et al (2016b) [18]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Guardian	CGM		12.80 [-3.27, 28.87]	1.63
Moser et al (2016c) [18]	Intense (an)aerobic	Medtronic Guardian	CGM		23.70 [2.53, 44.87]	1.00
Moser et al (2016d) [18]	Mild aerobic (interval training)	Medtronic Guardian	CGM		16.90 [-0.94, 34.74]	1.36
Moser et al (2016e) [18]	Moderate aerobic (interval training)	Medtronic Guardian	CGM		26.50 [-8.00, 61.00]	0.40
Moser et al (2016f) [18]	Intense (an)aerobic (interval training)	Medtronic Guardian	CGM		15.50 [-5.67, 36.67]	1.00
Moser et al (2019a) [34]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Enlite 2	CGM		27.00 [-28.07, 82.07]	0.16
Moser et al (2019b) [34]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Enlite 2	CGM		16.40 [-13.20, 46.00]	0.53
Taleb et al (2016c) [28]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Paradigm Enlite	CGM		19.90 [-11.99, 51.79]	0.46
Taleb et al (2016d) [28]	Intense (an)aerobic (interval training)	Medtronic Paradigm Enlite	CGM		12.70 [-0.94, 26.34]	2.14
Zaharieva et al (2017a) [32]	Moderate aerobic	Medtronic Enlite 2	CGM		12.00 [11.76, 12.24]	11.38
Zaharieva et al (2017b) [32]	Moderate aerobic (circuit-based exercise)	Medtronic Enlite 2	CGM		6.96 [6.84, 7.08]	11.40
					11.74 [9.30, 14.17]	
Overall					13.63 [11.41, 15.84]	

-50   0   50   100
MARD (%)

Fig. 1 MARD (%) of current CGM and isCGM devices during exercise. MARD data are weighted for the number of participants and standard deviation of MARD for different manufacturers of all CGM and isCGM devices. The dashed line and the green diamond represent the MARD of all CGM and isCGM devices. Red diamonds represent the MARD for each specific company. Horizontal bars represent the 95% CIs for the specific studies. All types of studies using CGM and/or isCGM during exercise in people with type 1 diabetes were included (the studies by Giani et al [36] and Breton et al [29] were performed in children and adolescents). This figure is available as part of a downloadable slideset

adolescents with diabetes [40] as a starting point. Additionally, a systematic literature search was conducted by three independent researchers, using PubMed, EMBASE and the Cochrane Library for publications, on CGM and isCGM systems around exercise in people with type 1 diabetes between November and December 2019. Details on the keywords and the search strategy are available in electronic supplementary material (ESM) Tables 1–3. Original data investigating the performance of CGM and isCGM systems during exercise were used to produce a forest plot detailing the overall MARD between sensor glucose and reference glucose. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses were included as additional information for the use of CGM

and isCGM around exercise. In addition, reference lists from each relevant publication were screened to identify additional articles pertinent to the topic. Papers were grouped per theme and the authors reviewed the evidence. Nevertheless, though evidence-based, the recommendations presented within this position statement are the opinions of the authors.

Level of evidence was set according to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) and the writing group of this position statement. Levels of evidence are, thus, categorised as: (Ia) evidence from meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials; (Ib) evidence from at least one

randomised controlled trial; (IIa) evidence from at least one controlled study without randomisation; (IIb) evidence from at least one other type of quasi-experimental study; (III) evidence from non-experimental descriptive studies, such as comparative studies, correlation studies and case–control studies; or (IV) evidence from expert committee reports or opinions or clinical experience of respected authorities, or both. If recommendations are given within this position statement, the strength of those are expressed as: **(A)** directly based on category I evidence; **(B)** directly based on category II evidence or extrapolated recommendation from category I evidence; **(C)** directly based on category III evidence or extrapolated recommendation from category I or II evidence; **(D)** directly based on category IV evidence or extrapolated recommendation from category I, II or III.

Therapy decisions from sensor glucose values and trend arrows for exercise

Different groups of people with type 1 diabetes may require different glycaemic ranges in preparation for, during and after performing exercise when using CGM and isCGM systems, based on different position and consensus statements [40–43]. As discussed previously, CGM and isCGM devices may provide a different glucose reading compared with the actual SMBG, especially during exercise, and, thus, the sensor glucose value should be interpreted together with the corresponding trend arrow. Safe glycaemic ranges and specific carbohydrate consumption are recommended below, based on previous position and consensus statements [38] **(D)**, [39] **(D)**, [40] **(D)**, and modified, based on experimental studies [44] **(D)**, [45] **(D)** as well as on the experience of this writing group. Groups within the population of type 1 diabetes, based on different characteristics in this position statement, are defined as children and adolescents (6 to <18 years) and adults (≥18 years) with type 1 diabetes. Additionally, further groups were defined based on the risk of hypoglycaemia, exercise experience and health status (older adults aged ≥65 years). Since structured exercise training is less common in preschoolers, as observed in healthy individuals [46], the writing group is unable to provide specific recommendations due to the general lack of scientific evidence for this age group. Sustained hyperglycaemia (hours) and/or frequently occurring hypoglycaemia during exercise should be discussed between the individual and his/her healthcare professional team to develop individualised strategies that improve glycaemic control and support ongoing regular participation in exercise. The recommendations below serve as starting points and should be individualised.

Different glucose responses are evident depending on the type of exercise, as seen in different experimental studies [47–50]; mild-to-moderate aerobic exercise decreases glucose levels [51–53], whilst intense aerobic and anaerobic exercise and exercises with a load-profile similar to interval exercise stabilise [54] or increase glucose levels, as seen in various experimental studies [55–57]. Independent of the aforementioned groups (adults and children/adolescents), individuals who do not routinely exercise may face an increased risk of hypoglycaemia, as partially shown in a prospective observational study [58] **(C)**. Additionally, IAH [59] **(C)**, preceding episodes of hypoglycaemia [60] **(B)** and advanced age [58] **(C)** potentially increase the risk of hypoglycaemia during and after exercise. Therefore, the writing group recommends that the following groups can be categorised:

- Currently minimally exercising and/or high risk of hypoglycaemia
- Currently moderately exercising and/or moderate risk of hypoglycaemia
- Currently intensively exercising and/or low risk of hypoglycaemia

Assessment of exercise routine and risk of hypoglycaemia is recommended to be performed by a decision tree, modified based on a large-scale observational study [58] **(C)**, and a recent consensus statement [41]**(D)** (Fig. 2).

Older and/or frail adults with type 1 diabetes (aged ≥65 years) may have a different health status that is reflected by different glycaemic goals based on HbA$_{1c}$ and time in range (TIR), as discussed by recent consensus and position statements [41, 43]. In general, for this group, exercise is recommended to be performed 2–3 times per week as discussed by a position statement [38] **(D)**. However, older people with type 1 diabetes are at an increased risk of severe hypoglycaemia around physical activity and exercise [58] **(C)**. Considering this, higher glycaemic targets can be recommended for exercise based on patient characteristics and health status, to lower the risk of hypoglycaemia. Therefore, exercise can also be recommended for older adults with few coexisting chronic illnesses and intact cognitive and functional status, and for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses or two or more instrumental activities-of-daily-living (ADL) impairments or mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment [61] **(D)**. For older adults with very complex and poor health status, the possibility to perform exercise should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis [61] **(D)**.

Recommendations for exercise based on habitual physical activity, risk of hypoglycaemia and health status (older and/or frail people with type 1 diabetes) should follow a more conservative strategy, which enables the avoidance of exercise-induced glycaemic excursions. If a person is exercising more routinely and/or has a lower risk of hypoglycaemia over a period of 3 months, then the glycaemic upper and lower thresholds for carbohydrate consumption might be adjusted. Furthermore, in the following sections, generic trend arrows are given independently of the device used.
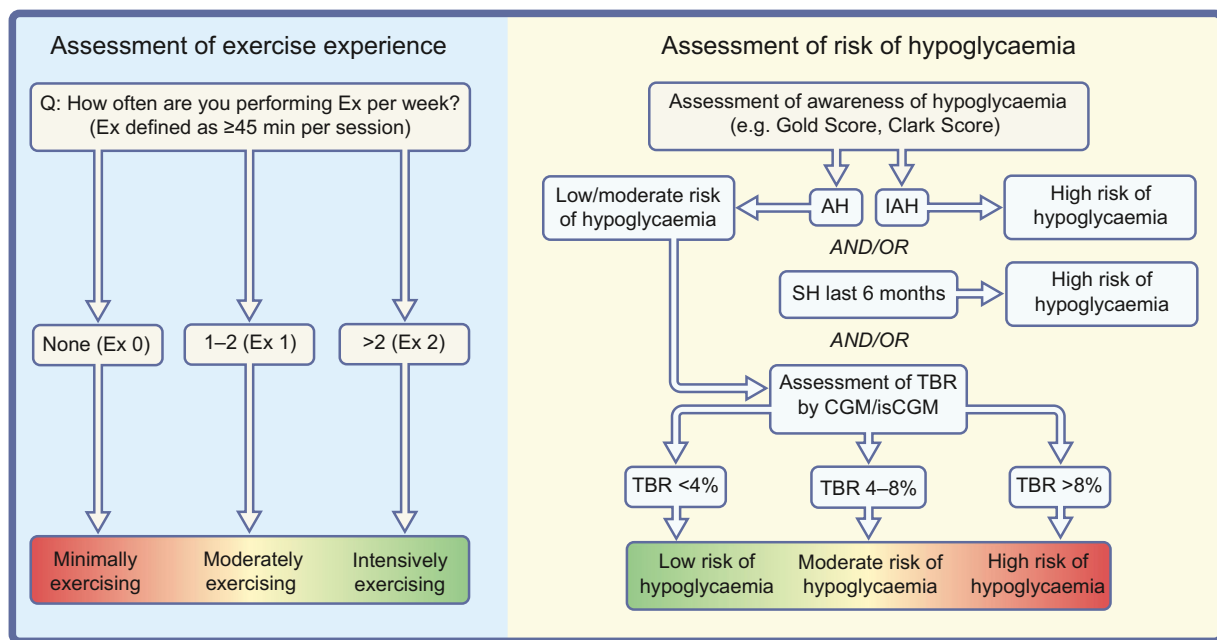
Fig. 2 Assessment of exercise experience and risk of hypoglycaemia. Exercise (Ex) represents how often people with type 1 diabetes are exercising with a duration ≥45 min per session per week. Assessment of risk of hypoglycaemia should be based on scoring systems for being aware of hypoglycaemia (AH) or showing IAH. In addition, if the scoring system reveals AH, the time below range (TBR; <3.9 mmol/l, <70 mg/dl) over the last 3 months should be evaluated to detail the degree of awareness. Furthermore, if an episode of severe hypoglycaemia (SH) occurred within the last 6 months, then there might be a high risk of hypoglycaemia during exercise. This figure is available as part of a downloadable slideset

Adults with type 1 diabetes

CGM and isCGM systems can be used as effective tools to help indicate when carbohydrate intake should be initiated to prevent or treat hypoglycaemia during prolonged exercise, as seen in experimental studies in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes [44, 45]. However, the significant lag time in these technologies should be taken into consideration when using them to determine when to consume carbohydrates [27]. Furthermore, isCGM requires frequent scanning since no automatic alerts are available for the first-generation device, as discussed in a narrative review [62]. For adults with type 1 diabetes, the following recommendations are given regarding the glycaemic thresholds below which carbohydrates might be consumed [38] (**D**), [39] (**D**), [40] (**D**), [44] (**D**), [45] (**D**):

- <7.0 mmol/l (<126 mg/dl) for adults with type 1 diabetes, intensively exercising and/or with low risk of hypoglycaemia
- <8.0 mmol/l (<145 mg/dl) for adults with type 1 diabetes, moderately exercising and/or with moderate risk of hypoglycaemia, or for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses and intact cognitive and functional status
- <9.0 mmol/l (<161 mg/dl) for adults with type 1 diabetes, minimally exercising and/or with high risk of hypoglycaemia, or for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses or two or more instrumental ADL impairments or mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment.

To lower the risk of hypoglycaemia during prolonged exercise, exercise should be initiated when mealtime insulin levels are low or about 90 min after the last carbohydrate-rich meal with a reduction in mealtime insulin [38] (**D**), [39] (**D**). However, to achieve beneficial effects of exercise on overall glycaemic control, exaggerated bolus insulin dose reductions should be avoided, as discussed in a meta-analysis [63] (**D**).

Preparation in advance to exercise If a CGM or a second-generation isCGM device is used, hypoglycaemic alerts might be set at the highest possible alarm lower threshold at the onset of exercise, which is currently 5.6 mmol/l (100 mg/dl) [22] (**D**). This elevated hypoglycaemia alert setting is in line with the expected delay between interstitial glucose and blood glucose when levels are dropping during prolonged exercise [22]. Importantly, for the second-generation isCGM device, an alert is only shown once and not repeated. Hyperglycaemic alerts can be set to 10.0 mmol/l (180 mg/dl) or higher, to avoid alarm fatigue [64] (**D**). The rate-of-glucose-change alerts (dropping or rising) can be used to initiate an earlier action, such as a decrease or increase in basal insulin rate for those on continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion (CSII), or a change to glucose-rich or glucose-free fluids, depending on the direction of change. Thirty to 60 min prior to the start of prolonged aerobic exercise (>30 min), to reduce hypoglycaemia risk, low glycaemic index carbohydrates can be consumed in those who do not reduce

Table 1 Sensor glucose targets in advance of exercise in regard to different groups of people with type 1 diabetes

Pre-exercise sensor glucose for different groups in T1D			Trend arrow	Action	
Ex 2 and/or low hypo risk	Ex 1 and/or moderate hypo risk[a]	Ex 0 and/or high hypo risk[b]	Direction	Increase in sensor glucose expected	Decrease in sensor glucose expected
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND >1.5 mmol/l blood ketones			↑↗→↘↓	No Ex, Insulin correction	
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND ≤1.5 mmol/l blood ketones			↗↑	Consider insulin correction[c], Can start AE	Consider insulin correction[c], Can start all Ex
			→	Consider insulin correction[c], Can start AE	Consider insulin correction[c], Can start all Ex
			↘↓	Can start all Ex	
10.1–15.0 mmol/l (181–270 mg/dl)	11.1–15.0 mmol/l (199–270 mg/dl)	12.1–15.0 mmol/l (217–270 mg/dl)	↗↑	Can start AE Consider insulin correction for RT, HIT[c]	
			→	Can start all Ex, Consider insulin correction[c]	Can start all Ex
			↘↓	Can start all Ex	
7.0–10.0 mmol/l (126–180 mg/dl)	8.0–11.0 mmol/l (145–198 mg/dl)	9.0–12.0 mmol/l (162–216 mg/dl)	↗↑	Can start all Ex	
			→		
			↘↓	Can start all Ex	~15 g CHO, Can start all Ex
5.0–6.9 mmol/l (90–125 mg/dl)	5.0–7.9 mmol/l (90–144 mg/dl)	5.0–8.9 mmol/l (90–161 mg/dl)	↗↑	Can start all Ex	~15 g CHO, Can start all Ex
			→	~10 g CHO, Can start all Ex	~20 g CHO, Can start all Ex
			↘	~15 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]	~25 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]
			↓	20 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]	~30 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]
3.9–4.9 mmol/l (70–89 mg/dl)			↑	~10 g CHO, Can start all Ex	~20 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]
			↗	~15 g CHO, Delay all Ex[e]	~25 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]
			→	20 g CHO, Delay all Ex[e]	~30 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]
			↘	~25 g CHO, Delay all Ex[e]	~35 g CHO, Delay all Ex[d]
			↓	Individual amount CHO ingestion, Delay all Ex[e]	Individual amount CHO ingestion, Delay all Ex[d]
<3.9 mmol/l (<70 mg/dl)				Individual amount CHO ingestion, Delay all Ex[f]	

Sensor glucose targets are detailed for the following groups in type 1 diabetes (T1D): intensively exercising and/or low risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 2); moderately exercising and/or moderate risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 1); minimally exercising and/or high risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 0)

[a] Recommendation for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses and intact cognitive and functional status

[b] Recommendation for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses or two or more instrumental ADL impairments or mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment

[c] 50% of regular insulin correction factor when sensor glucose is close to the upper threshold

[d] Delay exercise until reaching at least 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) and →, ↗, or ↑

[e] Delay exercise until reaching at least 3.9–4.9 mmol/l (70–89 mg/dl) and ↑

[f] Delay exercise until reaching a sensor glucose of 3.9–4.9 mmol/l (70–89 mg/dl) with an ↑ arrow if an increase in sensor glucose is expected during exercise, or delay exercise until reaching at least 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) and →, ↗, or ↑ if a decrease in sensor glucose during exercise is expected

When reaching the required sensor glucose level to start exercise, only consume carbohydrates again when trend arrow is starting to decrease

These recommendations are not applicable to hybrid closed-loop systems

Green shading, no/minimal action required; light-yellow shading, minimal/moderate action required; dark-yellow shading, moderate/intense action required; red shading, no/delay exercise

AE, mild-to-moderate intensity aerobic exercise; CHO, carbohydrate; Ex, exercise; HIT, high-intensity training; hypo, hypoglycaemia; RT, resistance training

Table 2 Sensor glucose targets during exercise in regard to different groups of people with type 1 diabetes

During exercise sensor glucose for different groups in T1D			Trend arrow	Action	
Ex 2 and/or low hypo risk	Ex 1 and/or moderate hypo risk[a]	Ex 0 and/or high hypo risk[b]	Direction	Increase in sensor glucose expected	Decrease in sensor glucose expected
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND >1.5 mmol/l blood ketones			↑↗→↘↓	Stop Ex, Consider insulin correction, No restart of Ex	
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND ≤1.5 mmol/l blood ketones			↗↑	Consider insulin correction[c], Proceed all Ex	Proceed all Ex, Consider AE
			→	Consider insulin correction[c], Proceed all Ex	Proceed all Ex
			↘↓	Proceed all Ex	
10.1–15.0 mmol/l (181–270 mg/dl)	11.1–15.0 mmol/l (199–270 mg/dl)	12.1–15.0 mmol/l (217–270 mg/dl)	↗↑	Proceed all Ex, Consider insulin correction[c]	Proceed all Ex
			→		
			↘↓	Proceed all Ex	
7.0–10.0 mmol/l (126–180 mg/dl)	8.0–11.0 mmol/l (145–198 mg/dl)	9.0–12.0 mmol/l (162–216 mg/dl)	↗↑	Proceed all Ex	
			→		
			↘↓		
<7.0 mmol/l (<126 mg/dl)	<8.0 mmol/l (<145 mg/dl)	<9.0 mmol/l (<162 mg/dl)	↗↑	Proceed all Ex	
			→	~10 g CHO, Proceed all Ex[d]	~15 g CHO, Proceed all Ex[d]
			↘	~15 g CHO, Proceed all Ex[d]	~25 g CHO, Proceed all Ex[d]
			↓	~20 g CHO, Proceed all Ex[d]	~35 g CHO, Proceed all Ex[d]
<3.9 mmol/l (<70 mg/dl)			↑	Stop all Ex, Consider confirmatory SMBG, Individual amount CHO ingestion, Restart of all Ex possible[e]	
			↗		
			→		
			↘		
			↓		
<3.0 mmol/l (<54 mg/dl)				Stop all Ex, Confirmatory SMBG, Individual amount CHO ingestion, No restart of Ex	

Sensor glucose targets are detailed for the following groups in type 1 diabetes (T1D): intensively exercising and/or low risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 2); moderately exercising and/or moderate risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 1); minimally exercising and/or high risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 0)

[a] Recommendation for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses and intact cognitive and functional status

[b] Recommendation for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses or two or more instrumental ADL impairments or mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment

[c] 50% of the regular insulin correction factor

[d] Check sensor glucose at least 30 min after carbohydrate consumption and repeat treatment if required

[e] Restart exercise when reaching sensor glucose levels of at least 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl) and →, ↗ or ↑

When reaching the required sensor glucose level during exercise, only consume carbohydrates again when trend arrow is starting to decrease

These recommendations are not applicable to hybrid closed-loop systems

Green shading, no/minimal action required; light-yellow shading, minimal/moderate action required; dark-yellow shading, moderate/intense action required; red shading, stop exercise

AE, mild-to-moderate intensity aerobic exercise; CHO, carbohydrate; Ex, exercise; hypo, hypoglycaemia

Table 3 Sensor glucose targets for carbohydrate consumption during the post-exercise phase, including the nocturnal post-exercise phase if exercise was performed in the late afternoon/evening

Post-exercise sensor glucose, including nocturnal phase, for different groups in T1D			Trend arrow	Action
Ex 2 and/or low hypo risk	Ex 1 and/or moderate hypo risk[a]	Ex 0 and/or high hypo risk[b]	Direction	CHO
<4.4 mmol/l (<80 mg/dl)	<5.0 mmol/l (<90 mg/dl)	<5.6 mmol/l (<100 mg/dl)	↑	No CHO
			↗	
			→	~10 g CHO
			↘	~15 g CHO
			↓	Individual amount CHO ingestion

Sensor glucose thresholds for treatments are detailed for the following groups in type 1 diabetes (T1D): intensively exercising and/or low risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 2); moderately exercising and/or moderate risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 1); minimally exercising and/or high risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 0)

[a] Recommendation for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses and intact cognitive and functional status

[b] Recommendation for older adults with coexisting chronic illnesses or two or more instrumental ADL impairments or mild-to-moderate cognitive impairment

If an insulin correction is applied due to high sensor glucose levels, then the regular correction factor might be reduced by up to 50%

Check sensor glucose at least 30 min after carbohydrate consumption and repeat treatment if required

These recommendations are not applicable to hybrid closed-loop systems

The intensity of yellow shading indicates the level of action required: lighter yellow shading indicates that minimal/moderate action is required, while darker yellow shading indicates that moderate/intense action is required

CHO, carbohydrate; Ex, exercise; hypo, hypoglycaemia

insulin dose, aiming to achieve pre-exercise sensor glucose targets. A detailed description of pre-exercise sensor glucose levels, trend arrows and consumption of carbohydrates is shown in Table 1 based on position and consensus statements and experimental studies [38] **(D)**, [39] **(D)**, [40] **(D)**, [44] **(D)**, [45] **(D)**.

During exercise Independent of the type of exercise, the target sensor glucose ranges should be between 5.0 mmol/l and 10.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl and 180 mg/dl) and, ideally, between 7.0 mmol/l and 10.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl and 180 mg/dl) for prolonged aerobic exercise for the majority of adults with type 1 diabetes, and slightly higher for those with an increased risk of hypoglycaemia (Table 2) [38] **(D)**, [39] **(D)**. If sensor glucose is expected to increase, as often seen in people performing fasted high-intensity interval training [55, 56], resistance training [49, 65, 66] and, also, in training above the anaerobic threshold [67], then an insulin correction can be administered at the onset of, as well as during exercise (50% of typical correction factor) [68] **(D)**, [69] **(D)**.

For safety reasons, the exercise should be suspended, at least temporarily, if the sensor glucose level reaches <3.9 mmol/l (<70 mg/dl) and oral carbohydrates should be consumed [70] **(D)**. Furthermore, at this lower threshold, a confirmatory SMBG might be performed to confirm the sensor glucose level. After reaching a sensor glucose level close to 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl), accompanied by a horizontal/upward trend arrow, exercise can be restarted. Many CGM systems provide a hypoglycaemia

prediction alert. If the sensor glucose level is predicted to reach <3.0 mmol/l (<54 mg/dl), then fast-acting oral carbohydrates should be consumed immediately. If sensor glucose drops below 3.0 mmol/l (54 mg/dl) then exercise should not be restarted. During exercise, fast-acting liquid carbohydrates should be consumed consisting primarily of glucose (dextrose) or a mixture of glucose/fructose, as discussed in narrative reviews [71] **(D)**, [72] **(D)**. A read or scan from the CGM or isCGM system might be performed every 15–30 min, if feasible, during exercise to ensure early and appropriate treatment against hypo- or hyperglycaemia, and to assess the appropriateness of strategies to prevent dysglycaemia. With CGM, alerts could also be activated regarding the rate of change in glucose, providing the user with valuable information. For the majority of adults with type 1 diabetes who are at a low risk of hypoglycaemia, at a glycaemic threshold of 7.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl) accompanied by a horizontal trend arrow, 10–15 g of carbohydrates should be consumed; 15–25 g carbohydrates should be consumed immediately if accompanied by a (slightly) downward trend arrow; 20–35 g of carbohydrates should be consumed if accompanied with a downward trending arrow (Table 2) [38] **(D)**, [39] **(D)**, [40] **(D)**, [44] **(D)**, [45] **(D)**. Carbohydrates should be consumed regularly (e.g., every 15 to 20 min) when reaching the lower glycaemic threshold, and carbohydrate supplementation should be repeated if sensor glucose is not rising according to the trend arrows within 30 min. These carbohydrate recommendations should be used as a guidance and personalised based on

Table 4 General insulin therapy and carbohydrate recommendations for exercise in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes

Type of therapy	Type/intensity of exercise Duration 30–45 min	Type/intensity of exercise Duration >45 min
MDI/CSII: mealtime bolus insulin dose reduction	−25% for mild aerobic −50% for moderate aerobic −50% for intense aerobic −25% for mixed aerobic/anaerobic Up to −50% post exercise	−50% for mild aerobic −75% for moderate aerobic −75% for intense aerobic −50% for mixed aerobic/anaerobic Up to −50% post exercise
MDI: basal insulin[a]	−20% for evening/late afternoon exercise	−20% for evening/late afternoon exercise −30 to −50% for all-day/unusual activities[a]
CSII: basal insulin rate	Up to −50% 90 min pre exercise Insulin pump suspension (<60 min) −20% for post-exercise night time[b]	Up to −80% 90 min pre exercise Insulin pump suspension (<60 min) −20% for post-exercise night time[b]
General CHO intake[c]	10–15 g CHO depending on IOB and sensor glucose level 1.5 g CHO per kg BW/h for intense exercise (regular IOB) 0.25 g CHO per kg BW/h for intense exercise (less IOB) 0.4 g CHO/kg BW pre-bed snack for evening/late afternoon exercise	10–15 g CHO depending on IOB and sensor glucose level 1.5 g CHO per kg BW/h for intense and/or long-lasting exercise (regular IOB) 0.25 g CHO per kg BW/h for intense exercise (less IOB) 0.4 g CHO/kg BW pre-bed snack for evening/late afternoon exercise

[a] Basal insulin dose might be reduced the day prior and on the day of all-day exercise

[b] Basal insulin rate might be reduced by 20% before bedtime if late afternoon/evening exercise was performed, depending on the duration and intensity of exercise

[c] Regular IOB, no/little insulin reduction has been performed; less IOB, moderate/high insulin reduction has been performed

BW, body weight; CHO, carbohydrates; CSII, continuous subcutaneous insulin infusion; IOB, insulin on board; MDI, multiple daily injections

individual glucose responses to exercise. Carbohydrate consumption for endurance performance in individuals with type 1 diabetes is similar to the carbohydrate needs in healthy individuals (30–80 g carbohydrates per h), typically reflecting the physiological and/or performance demands of exercise [73] **(A)**. A lower carbohydrate intake can be achieved during prolonged exercise if desired, but aggressive insulin dose adjustments are likely to be needed [51] **(B)**, [74] **(B)**, [75] **(D)**.

Post-exercise period During the first 90 min following exercise, an interstitial glycaemic range of 4.4 mmol/l to 10.0 mmol/l (80 mg/dl to 180 mg/dl) might be targeted in the majority of people with type 1 diabetes who are at a low risk of hypoglycaemia, reflecting the clinical targets for CGM and isCGM [41] **(D)** with a slightly increased lower glycaemic limit, as recently recommended [76] **(D)**. People with an elevated risk of hypoglycaemia are recommended to increase the lower limit of sensor glucose to 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) or 5.6 mmol/l (100 mg/dl) during the post-exercise period [58] **(D)**. Sensor glucose may be monitored regularly via CGM, or every 15–30 min in the case of isCGM, during the 90 min post-exercise

period, and the hypoglycaemia alert can be set at 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl), 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) or 5.6 mmol/l (100 mg/dl) based on the risk of hypoglycaemia. If sensor glucose is rapidly increasing in the post-exercise phase (detected by CGM when using the rate-of-change alert), then an insulin correction can be considered (50% of typical correction dose) [68] **(D)**, [69] **(D)**. If exercise was performed at a moderate-to-high intensity and/or for a long duration, then glucose may decrease during the acute post-exercise period, as seen in experimental studies [74, 77]. At a glycaemic threshold of 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl) or slightly higher, based on the risk of hypoglycaemia [76], accompanied by a horizontal trend arrow, ~10 g of carbohydrates are recommended to be consumed; 15 g of carbohydrates should be consumed if accompanied by a (slight) downward trend arrow; an individual amount of carbohydrates should be consumed if accompanied by rapidly falling downward trend arrows (Table 3) [38] **(D)**, [39] **(D)**, [40] **(D)**, [44] **(D)**, [45] **(D)**. Treatment should be repeated if sensor glucose is not rising within 30 min as reflected by trend arrows. If an interstitial level <3.0 mmol/l (<54 mg/dl) is displayed, rapidly acting carbohydrates should be given and a confirmatory SMBG may be

Table 5 Sensor glucose targets in advance to exercise in regard to different groups of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes

Pre-exercise sensor glucose for different groups in T1D			Trend arrow	Action	
Ex 2 and/or low hypo risk	Ex 1 and/or moderate hypo risk	Ex 0 and/or high hypo risk	Direction	Increase in sensor glucose expected	Decrease in sensor glucose expected
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND >1.5 mmol/l blood ketones			↑↗→↘↓	No Ex, Insulin correction	
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND ≤1.5 mmol/l blood ketones			↗↑	Consider insulin correction[a], Can start AE	Consider insulin correction[a], Can start all Ex
			→	Consider insulin correction[a], Can start AE	Can start all Ex
			↘↓	Can start all Ex	
10.1–15.0 mmol/l (181–270 mg/dl)	11.1–15.0 mmol/l (199–270 mg/dl)	12.1–15.0 mmol/l (217–270 mg/dl)	↗↑	Can start AE	Can start all Ex
			→	Can start all Ex	
			↘↓	Can start all Ex	
7.0–10.0 mmol/l (126–180 mg/dl)	8.0–11.0 mmol/l (145–198 mg/dl)	9.0–12.0 mmol/l (162–216 mg/dl)	↗↑	Can start all Ex	
			→	Can start all Ex	
			↘↓	~5 g CHO (0.2 g/kg), Can start all Ex	~10 g CHO (0.3 g/kg), Can start all Ex
5.0–6.9 mmol/l (90–125 mg/dl)	5.0–7.9 mmol/l (90–144 mg/dl)	5.0–8.9 mmol/l (90–161 mg/dl)	↗↑	Can start all Ex	~5 g CHO (0.2 g/kg), Can start all Ex
			→	~5 g CHO (0.2 g/kg), Can start all Ex	~10 g CHO (0.3 g/kg), Can start all Ex
			↘	~10 g CHO (0.3 g/kg), Delay all Ex[b]	~15 g CHO (0.4 g/kg), Delay all Ex[b]
			↓	Individual amount CHO ingestion, Delay all Ex[b]	
<5.0 mmol/l (<90 mg/dl)				Individual amount CHO ingestion, Delay all Ex[b]	

Sensor glucose targets are detailed for the following groups in type 1 diabetes (T1D): intensively exercising and/or low risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 2); moderately exercising and/or moderate risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 1), minimally exercising and/or high risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 0)

[a] 50% of regular insulin correction factor when sensor glucose is close to the upper glycaemic threshold

[b] Delay exercise until reaching at least 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) and, ideally, from 7.0 mmol/l to 10.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl to 180 mg/dl) or higher in those with an increased risk of hypoglycaemia accompanied by →, ↗, or ↑

When reaching the required sensor glucose level to start exercise, only consume carbohydrates again when the trend arrow is starting to decrease

These recommendations are **not** applicable to hybrid closed-loop systems

Green shading, no/minimal action required; light-yellow shading, minimal/moderate action required; dark-yellow shading, moderate/intense action required; red shading, no/delay exercise

AE, mild-to-moderate intensity aerobic exercise; CHO, carbohydrates; Ex, exercise; hypo, hypoglycaemia

performed. Exogenous glucagon is recommended if the person is unable to self-treat [78] **(B)**.

Nocturnal post-exercise period Following an evening or late afternoon exercise session, or an exercise session of high intensity and long duration, people with type 1 diabetes are at an elevated risk of nocturnal hypoglycaemia, as shown in experimental and observational studies [79, 80]. Hypoglycaemia typically occurs within 6 to 15 h after exercise, although the risk may remain longer, as seen in children and adolescents, as

well as in adults [81, 82]. People using a CGM system should, therefore, set the hypoglycaemia alert at 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl) during the night-time period, or higher for groups with an elevated risk of hypoglycaemia to allow for earlier proactive treatments [76] **(D)**. When reaching glucose levels of 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl), or higher if deemed necessary, the following carbohydrate guidance can be applied [38] **(D)**, [39] **(D)**, [40] **(D)**, [44] **(D)**, [45] **(D)**: with a horizontal trend arrow, ~10 g of carbohydrates are recommended to be consumed; 15 g of carbohydrates should be consumed if

Table 6　Sensor glucose targets during exercise in regard to different groups of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes

During exercise sensor glucose for different groups in T1D			Trend arrow	Action	
Ex 2 and/or low hypo risk	Ex 1 and/or moderate hypo risk	Ex 0 and/or high hypo risk	Direction	Increase in sensor glucose expected	Decrease in sensor glucose expected
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND >1.5 mmol/l blood ketones			↑↗→↘↓	Stop Ex, Consider insulin correction, No restart of Ex	
>15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) AND ≤1.5 mmol/l blood ketones[a]			↗↑	Consider insulin correction[b], Proceed all Ex	Proceed all Ex, Consider AE
			→	Consider insulin correction[b], Proceed all Ex	Proceed all Ex
			↘↓	Proceed all Ex	
10.1–15.0 mmol/l (181–270 mg/dl)	11.1–15.0 mmol/l (199–270 mg/dl)	12.1–15.0 mmol/l (217–270 mg/dl)	↗↑	Proceed all Ex, Consider insulin correction[b]	Proceed all Ex
			→		
			↘↓	Proceed all Ex	
7.0–10.0 mmol/l (126–180 mg/dl)	8.0–11.0 mmol/l (145–198 mg/dl)	9.0–12.0 mmol/l (162–216 mg/dl)	↗↑	Proceed all Ex	
			→		
			↘↓		
<7.0 mmol/l (<126 mg/dl)	<8.0 mmol/l (<145 mg/dl)	<9.0 mmol/l (<162 mg/dl)	↗↑	Proceed all Ex	
			→	~5 g CHO (~0.2 g/kg), Proceed all Ex[c]	~10 g CHO (~0.3 g/kg), Proceed all Ex[c]
			↘	~10 g CHO (~0.3 g/kg), Proceed all Ex[c]	~15 g CHO (~0.4 g/kg), Proceed all Ex[c]
			↓	~15 g CHO (~0.4 g/kg), Proceed all Ex[c]	~20 g CHO (~0.4–0.5 g/kg), Proceed all Ex[c]
<5.0 mmol/l (<90 mg/dl)			↑	Stop all Ex, Consider confirmatory SMBG, Individual amount CHO ingestion, Restart of all Ex possible[d]	
			↗		
			→		
			↘		
			↓		
<3.0 mmol/l (<54 mg/dl)				Stop all Ex, Confirmatory SMBG, Individual amount CHO ingestion, No restart of Ex	

Sensor glucose targets are detailed for the following groups in type 1 diabetes (T1D): intensively exercising and/or low risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 2); moderately exercising and/or moderate risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 1); minimally exercising and/or high risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 0)

[a] Elevated blood ketone levels should lead to repeated controls after exercise to ensure that ketosis (blood ketones >1.5 mmol/l) or diabetic ketoacidosis is not developed. If sensor glucose is >15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) and blood ketones are ≤1.5 mmol/l, then only mild aerobic exercise may be performed

[b] 50% of regular insulin correction factor when sensor glucose is close to the upper glycaemic threshold

[c] Check sensor glucose at least 30 min after carbohydrate consumption and repeat treatment if required

[d] Restart exercise when reaching at least sensor glucose levels of 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) and ↗ or ↑

When reaching the required sensor glucose level during exercise, only consume carbohydrates again when the trend arrow is starting to decrease

These recommendations are not applicable to hybrid closed-loop systems

Green shading, no/minimal action required; light-yellow shading, minimal/moderate action required; dark-yellow shading, moderate/intense action required; red shading, stop exercise

AE, mild-to-moderate intensity aerobic exercise; CHO, carbohydrates; Ex, exercise; hypo, hypoglycaemia

Table 7 Sensor glucose targets for carbohydrates consumption during the post-exercise phase, including the nocturnal post-exercise phase if exercise was performed in the late afternoon/evening, in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes

Post-exercise sensor glucose, including nocturnal phase, for different groups in T1D			Trend arrow	Action
Ex 2 and/or low hypo risk	Ex 1 and/or moderate hypo risk	Ex 0 and/or high hypo risk	Direction	CHO (g)
<4.4 mmol/l (<80 mg/dl)	<5.0 mmol/l (<90 mg/dl)	<5.6 mmol/l (<100 mg/dl)	↑ ↗	No CHO
			→	~5 g CHO (~0.2 g/kg)
			↘	~10 g CHO (~0.3 g/kg)
			↓	Individual amount CHO ingestion

Sensor glucose threshold for treatments is detailed for the following groups with type 1 diabetes (T1D): intensively exercising and/or low risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 2); moderately exercising and/or moderate risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 1); minimally exercising and/or high risk of hypoglycaemia (Ex 0)

If an insulin correction is applied due to high sensor glucose levels, then the regular correction factor might be reduced by up to 50%

These recommendations are not applicable to hybrid closed-loop systems

The intensity of yellow shading indicates the level of action required: lighter yellow shading indicates that minimal/moderate action is required, while darker yellow shading indicates that moderate/intense action is required

CHO, carbohydrates; Ex, exercise; hypo, hypoglycaemia

accompanied by a (slight) downward trend arrow; and an individual amount of carbohydrates should be consumed if accompanied by downward trend arrows. These recommendations might also be applied for the second generation of isCGM systems where a real-time alert is given when reaching hypo- and hyperglycaemia threshold.

People using an isCGM system should perform at least one scan during the night-time period, preferably between midnight and 03:00 hours, since this is typically the nocturnal nadir after exercise [83] (D). Carbohydrates should be given at a sensor glucose level of 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl) or earlier in people with an elevated risk of hypoglycaemia, following the same strategy as given for CGM [76] (D) (Table 3). When carbohydrates were consumed after reaching this lower threshold, a scan should be performed no later than 2 h afterwards. If considered necessary, this procedure should be repeated frequently based on the lower glycaemic threshold and trend arrow.

Children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes

Exercise may improve glycaemic control, blood lipid profiles, physical fitness and quality of life and can decrease the total daily dose of insulin in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes, as shown in randomised controlled trials and in a systematic review [84–87]. Despite the positive effects of exercise, deterioration of diabetes control, fear of hypoglycaemia and other exercise-related fears similar to the ones experienced by children without diabetes are major barriers to an active lifestyle in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes, as assessed via questionnaire [88]. Furthermore, parents of children and adolescents

with type 1 diabetes reported a conflict between the need for planned activity to control glucose levels and the spontaneous nature of children's usual activity [89]. Therefore, children and adolescents, as well as their parents, should actively participate in consultations with the healthcare professional team, as parental support appears to be the key to an active lifestyle [88] (C).

Hypo- and hyperglycaemic alerts should be set at 5.6 mmol/l (100 mg/dl) and 10.0 mmol/l (180 mg/dl) or individualised if required [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). The rate-of-glucose-change alerts should be used to initiate an earlier action [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). The use of remote monitors (e.g., via a mobile phone application to remotely follow sensor glucose in real-time) should be used to assess and react to glycaemic excursions during exercise [40] (D). Both parents and most caregivers report a decreased overall worry and stress when using remote monitoring [90, 91]. Carbohydrate supplementation might be performed in relation to the individual body weight or as an absolute amount [40] (D); however, it was shown that weight-adjusted carbohydrate supplementation is more effective to treat hypoglycaemia in children with type 1 diabetes in a randomised crossover study [92]. The guidelines in Table 4 can be followed for exercise, which are in alignment with the ISPAD Clinical Practice Consensus Guidelines 2018: exercise in children and adolescents with diabetes, and other consensus and position statements [38] (D), [39] (D), [40] (D).

Preparation in advance to exercise For the immediate pre-exercise phase, the target sensor glucose range should be between 7.0 mmol/l and 10.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl and 180 mg/dl), or between 8.0 mmol/l and 11.0 mmol/l (145 mg/dl and 198 mg/dl) for children and adolescents moderately exercising

and/or with a moderate risk of hypoglycaemia, and 9.0 mmol/l and 12.0 mmol/l (162 mg/dl and 216 mg/dl) for children and adolescents minimally exercising and/or with a high risk of hypoglycaemia [40] (D), [93] (D). These glucose targets can be achieved by mealtime insulin dose reduction ranging from 25% to 75% (Table 4) [38] (D), [39] (D), [40] (D). Bolus insulin dose reduction can be based on the individual glucose response to the type, intensity and duration of exercise [94] (D). If sensor glucose concentration is below these glycaemic targets, then small amounts of oral carbohydrates should be consumed (e.g. 10–15 g of carbohydrates) [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). Exercise may be started when reaching 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) glucose and, ideally, from 7.0 mmol/l to 10.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl to 180 mg/dl) or higher in those with an increased risk of hypoglycaemia (Table 5) [40] (D). Depending on the trend arrows on the CGM or isCGM, 5 g, 10 g, 15 g or more carbohydrates may be consumed when reaching the predefined lower glycaemic thresholds [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). At an upper limit of >15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) and blood ketone levels >1.5 mmol/l, exercise is contraindicated and blood ketone levels of 0.6–1.4 mmol/l should be addressed before exercise [40] (D), [95] (D), [96] (D). In the case of extreme hyperglycaemia, an insulin correction might be applied (50% of a typical correction dose) [97] (D). When using a CGM or a second-generation isCGM, the hypoglycaemia alert threshold should be set at 5.6 mmol/l (100 mg/dl) and the hyperglycaemia alert threshold should be set at 10.0 mmol/l (180 mg/dl) or higher in those with an elevated risk of hypoglycaemia [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). Predictive hypoglycaemia thresholds, as well as rate-of-change-in-glucose alerts, should be switched on for CGM [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). Remote devices can be used by parents and caregivers to facilitate supportive action during exercise in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes [90] (D). The strategies given in Table 5 should be applied to achieve the recommended glycaemic targets [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D).

During exercise Sensor glucose ranges of 5.0 mmol/l to 10.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl to 180 mg/dl) and, ideally, of 7.0 mmol/l to 10.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl to 180 mg/dl) should be targeted for exercise [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). These ranges should be higher for children and adolescents who are minimally exercising and/or with a higher risk of hypoglycaemia (Table 6) [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). Carbohydrate consumption at a lower threshold of 7.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl), 8.0 mmol/l (145 mg/dl) or 9.0 mmol/l (162 mg/dl), based on the risk of hypoglycaemia, with respect to trend arrows has been shown to avoid significant hypoglycaemia in children with type 1 diabetes [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D). If sensor glucose is >15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl), blood ketones should be measured [40] (D), [95] (D), [96] (D). If blood ketones are >1.5 mmol/l, exercise should be stopped, the source of hyperglycaemia should be assessed and an insulin correction might be applied (50% of typical correction dose) [97] (D). Elevated blood ketone levels should

lead to repeated glucose and blood ketone measurements after exercise to ensure that ketosis (blood ketones >1.5 mmol/l) or diabetic ketoacidosis is not developed. If sensor glucose is >15.0 mmol/l (>270 mg/dl) and blood ketones are ≤1.5 mmol/l, then only mild aerobic exercise may be performed to avoid a further increase in glucose levels by sympathoadrenal responses to intense (an)aerobic exercise [98] (D). Exercise may be stopped at a sensor glucose level of <5.0 mmol/l (<90 mg/dl), SMBG may be performed and carbohydrates should be consumed [40] (D), [95] (D), [96] (D). Exercise may be restarted when reaching a sensor glucose level of 5.0 mmol/l (90 mg/dl) accompanied by horizontal or upward trend arrows. Exercise should not be commenced when reaching a sensor glucose level of <3.0 mmol/l (<54 mg/dl). Sensor glucose may be checked every 15 min during exercise and parents/caregivers are recommended to observe sensor glucose levels via a remote device [99] (D). With respect to the specific trend arrow, a certain amount of carbohydrates may be consumed at a lower glycaemic threshold of 7.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl) or higher (Table 6), which should be further personalised in line with individual characteristics [40] (D), [44] (D), [45] (D).

Post-exercise period Up to 2 h after exercise, children and adolescents may refill the intramuscular and hepatic glycogen storages via carbohydrates and protein, similar to recommendations for children and adolescents without diabetes [100]. After finishing exercise, the sensor glucose target should be between 4.4 mmol/l and 10.0 mmol/l (80 mg/dl and 180 mg/dl) or higher, based on the risk of hypoglycaemia, in the 90 min post-exercise period [40] (D), [76] (D) (Table 7). If sensor glucose levels increase rapidly post exercise, then an insulin correction can be considered (50% of typical correction dose), based on the individual's insulin sensitivity factor and sensor glucose level [97] (D). However, correctional insulin dose close to bedtime should be avoided since it may increase the risk of post-exercise nocturnal hypoglycaemia. Importantly, frequently checking sensor glucose values should be stressed to help to reduce the likelihood of developing post-exercise late-onset hypoglycaemia following bolus insulin correction.

If the sensor glucose level falls below 4.4 mmol/l (below 80 mg/dl) for children and adolescents of typical hypoglycaemia risk, then oral carbohydrates should be given; carbohydrates should be given at a higher glycaemic threshold for individuals at higher risk of hypoglycaemia (Table 7) [38] (D), [39] (D), [40] (D). Oral carbohydrate consumption should be repeated, as required, to stabilise glucose levels. There will be a time delay of up to 20 min following oral carbohydrate consumption before a change in the trend arrow should be expected to be observed.

Nocturnal post-exercise period Children and adolescents may set the hypoglycaemia alert threshold at 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl), or even higher in those with a higher risk of hypoglycaemia, to be able to prospectively counteract impending hypoglycaemia

[76] **(D)**. When reaching this lower threshold, the guidance as shown in Table 7 can be followed and further individualised, if required. Children and adolescents using an isCGM should perform a scan at least twice during the nocturnal period (e.g. at 01:00 hours and 04:00 hours) due to the increased risk of nocturnal hypoglycaemia [101–104] **(D)**, especially after exercise [81, 104–106] **(D)**. Parents or other care providers can be alerted using the remote monitoring function within CGMs, which can support parents in their effort to avoid nocturnal hypoglycaemia in children [91] **(D)**. In addition to the intake of carbohydrates, the insulin strategies mentioned in Table 4 should also be applied to lower the risk of nocturnal hypoglycaemia [38] **(D)**, [39] **(D)**, [40] **(D)**.

Points to consider when using CGM/isCGM around exercise

Before exercise

- Know type, intensity and duration of exercise
- Consider timing of exercise
- Know how much insulin on board
- Target a sensor glucose range based on exercise routine and risk of hypoglycaemia accompanied by adequate trend arrow

During exercise

- Target sensor glucose ranges should be between 7.0 mmol/l and 10.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl and 180 mg/dl) and slightly higher for those with an increased risk of hypoglycaemia
- At a glycaemic threshold of 7.0 mmol/l (126 mg/dl), accompanied by a horizontal trend arrow, 10–15 g of carbohydrates should be consumed; 15–25 g carbohydrates should be consumed immediately if accompanied by a (slightly) downward trend arrow; 20–35 g of carbohydrates should be consumed if accompanied with a downward trending arrow
- If sensor glucose levels are elevated (>15.0 mmol/l [>270 mg/dl]), monitor blood ketone levels, and an insulin correction may be performed (50% of individual's regular correction factor)
- Exercise should be suspended in adults if the sensor glucose level reaches <3.9 mmol/l (<70 mg/dl) and, if below 3.0 mmol/l (54 mg/dl), then exercise should not be restarted

After exercise

- During the first 90 min following exercise, a sensor glucose range of 4.4 mmol/l to 10.0 mmol/l (80 mg/dl to 180 mg/dl) might be targeted and ~10–15 g carbohydrates should be consumed at the lower glucose limit based on the trend arrow
- If an insulin correction is applied due to high sensor glucose levels, then the regular correction factor might be reduced by up to 50%. CGM alarm should set at 4.4 mmol/l (80 mg/dl) and those using isCGM system should perform at least one scan during the night-time period

Discussion

In this position statement, we detailed the use of sensor glucose values accompanied by trend arrows for CGM and isCGM systems for different groups of people with type 1 diabetes and for different sensor glucose responses to exercise. Of note, in this position statement, recommendations for carbohydrate consumption were stratified with respect to the rate of change in glucose for the pre-exercise phase, during exercise, post-exercise and the nocturnal post-exercise phase. Taking the lag time of CGM and isCGM systems against SMBG around exercise into account, safe sensor glucose thresholds are recommended for people with type 1 diabetes. In general, these recommendations can be used as an initial guidance tool that also needs to be tailored individually. The recommendations in this position statement will need to be updated in future years to provide the best and most robust evidence-based recommendations for people with type 1 diabetes using CGM and isCGM for glycaemic control during exercise.

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