

NON-INVASIVE BLOOD GLUCOSE MONITORING IN PEOPLE WITH DIABETES USING AN RF SENSOR AND VENOUS BLOOD COMPARATOR

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Background & Aims:

The high expense and discomfort of current blood glucose (BG) monitoring techniques necessitate the development of a continuous, economical, non-invasive monitor. Our ongoing clinical study assesses the accuracy of the novel Know Labs radiofrequency (RF) sensor for non-invasive BG measurement in participants with prediabetes and T2 diabetes using venous blood as comparative reference.

Methods:

Participants' forearms were continuously scanned for up to three hours using the sensor, which rapidly sweeps through a wide band of radio frequencies to measure BG. Venous blood was collected using a peripheral intravenous catheter every five minutes during a 75g Oral Glucose Tolerance Test and analyzed using a blood glucose monitoring test system (StatStrip, Nova Biomedical). A light Gradient Boosting Model (lightGBM) was trained on interim data consisting of 520 paired RF and reference BG values from 10 participants over 21 sessions, then tested on 130 held-out paired values.

Results:

On the held-out test dataset, BG was estimated with a Mean Absolute Relative Difference (MARD) of $11.1 \pm 2.1\%$ relative to venous blood (Table 1). We observed similar accuracy in normoglycemic ($11.0 \pm 2.7\%$) and hyperglycemic ranges ($11.5 \pm 3.1\%$). A Surveillance Error Grid analysis of model accuracy showed 82.3% of estimations in Risk Grade A and 17.7% in Risk Grade B (Figure 1). Importantly, no estimations fell in the higher Risk Grades.

Glucose Range (mg/dL)	<i>n</i>	MARD(%)	±15%	±20%
Hypoglycemic (<70)	4	9.5 ± 8.3	75.0 ± 4.2	100.0 ± 0.0
Normoglycemic (70-180)	99	11.0 ± 2.7	75.8 ± 0.8	83.8 ± 0.7
Hyperglycemic (>180)	27	11.5 ± 3.1	66.7 ± 1.8	85.2 ± 1.3
Total	130	11.1 ± 2.1	73.8 ± 0.8	84.6 ± 0.6

Table 1: MARD values and percentages falling within 15% or 20% of the reference value by glycemic status. Error values on the MARD give the 95% *t*-Confidence interval. Error bars on the ±15% and ±20% give the 95% *z*-Confidence interval for proportions.

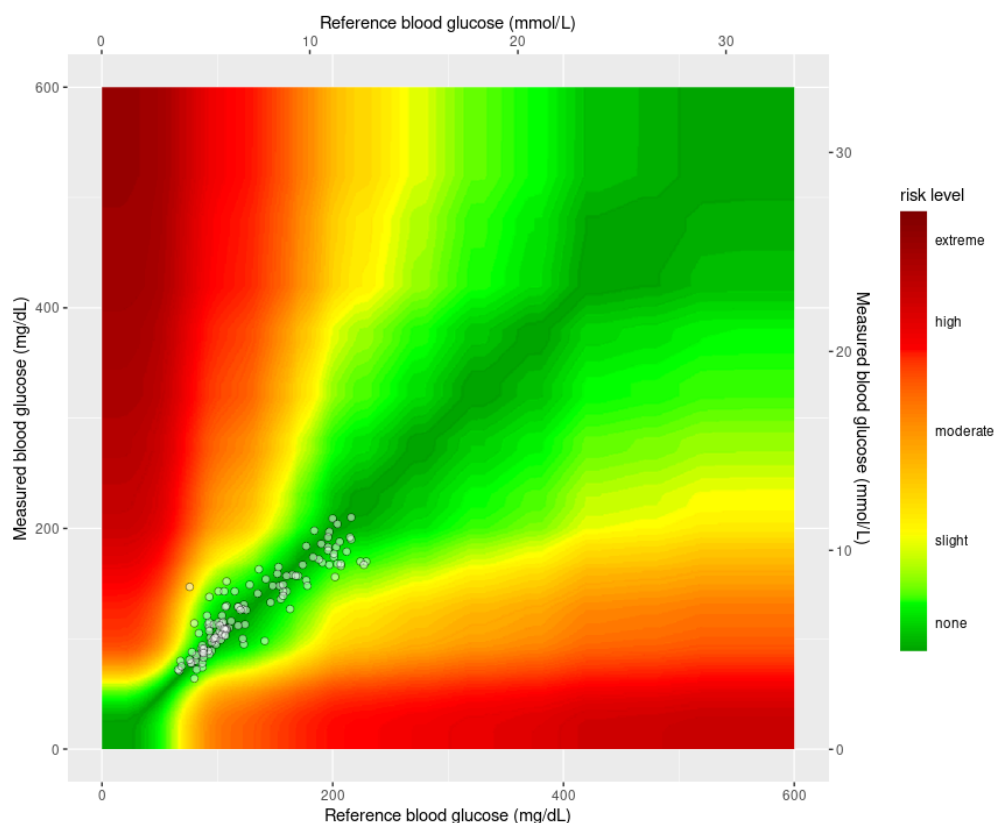


Figure 1: Surveillance Error Grid analysis comparing the 130 Know Labs' estimations in the test dataset to the venous blood reference.

Conclusions:

These interim results suggest that the ML model applied on RF sensor data can measure BG non-invasively, and further data collection and model refinement will continue.

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