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**Continuous Estimation of Glycosylated Hemoglobin  
(HbA1c) based on Self-monitoring Blood Glucose  
(SMBG) data and Laboratory HbA1c Measurements**

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# Agenda

- Introduction to established biomarker, HbA1c
- Objectives
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- Results
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# Introduction

- Glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c, A1C, 'long-term sugar level') is **the biomarker of glycemic control**
- Diabetes related risks are heavily linked to the glycosylation of proteins in all parts of the body

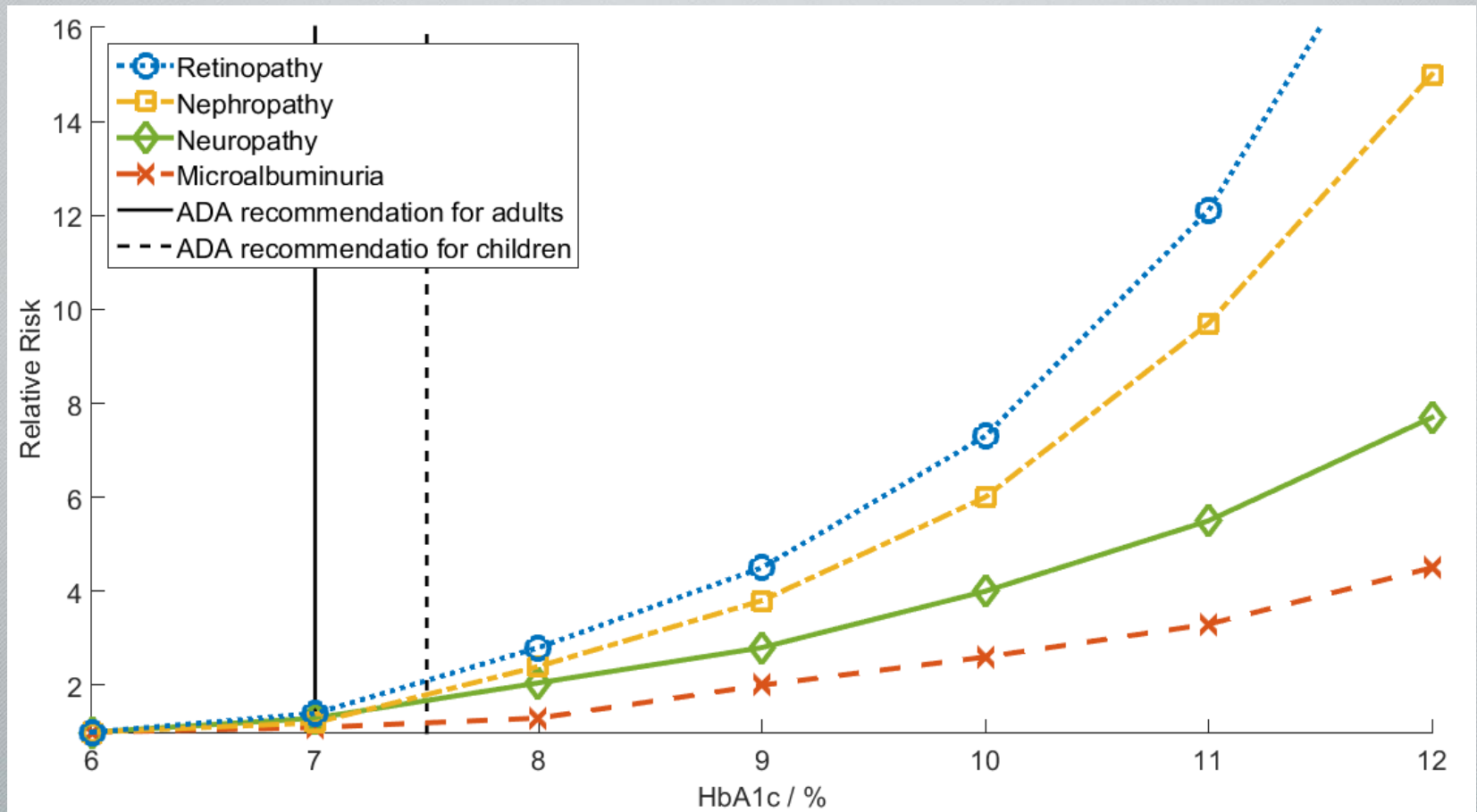
DCCT (1983-1992) findings:  
Intensive blood glucose control  
reduces risk of

- eye disease by **76%**
- nerve disease by **60%**
- kidney diseases by **50%**

EDIC findings (1993-2005):  
Intensive blood glucose control reduces  
risk of

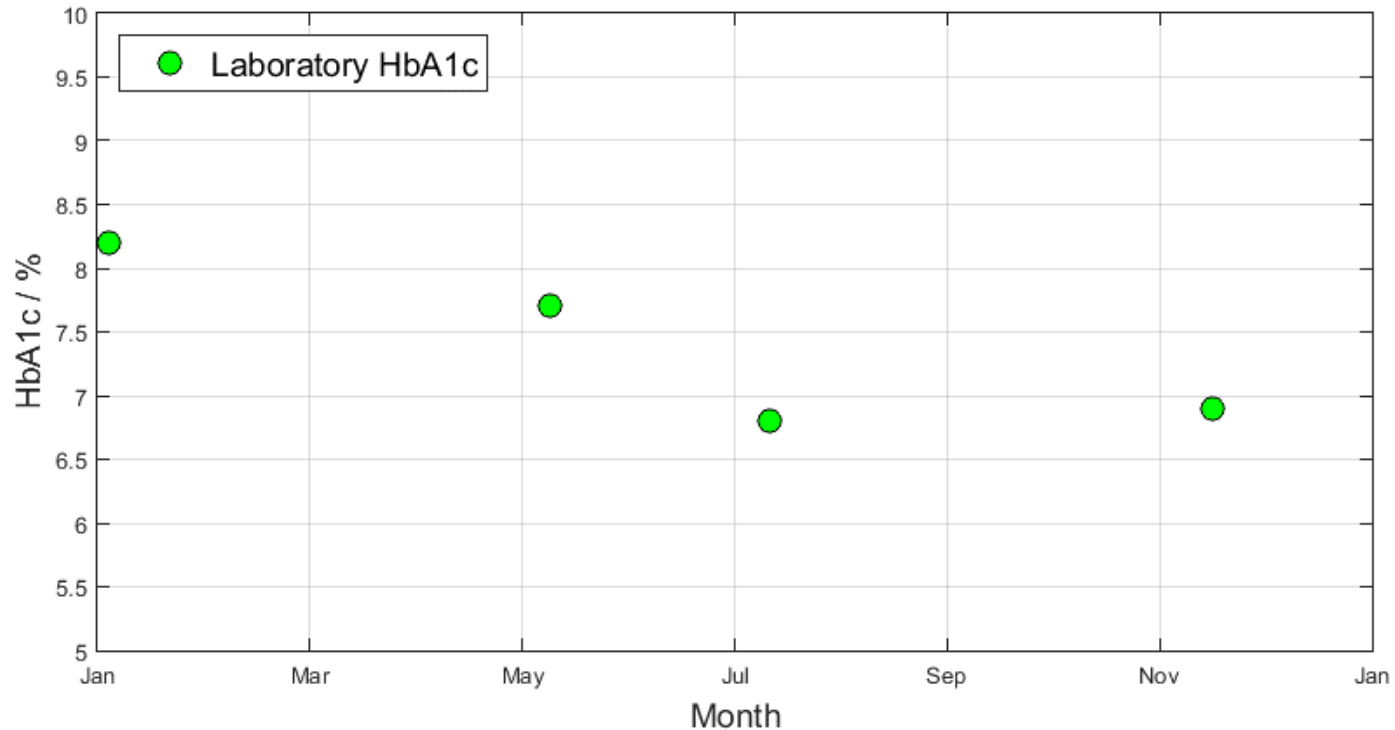
- any cardiovascular disease by **42%**
- nonfatal heart attack, stroke, or death  
from cardiovascular causes by **57%**

# Relative Risk of Complications versus HbA1c: DCCT

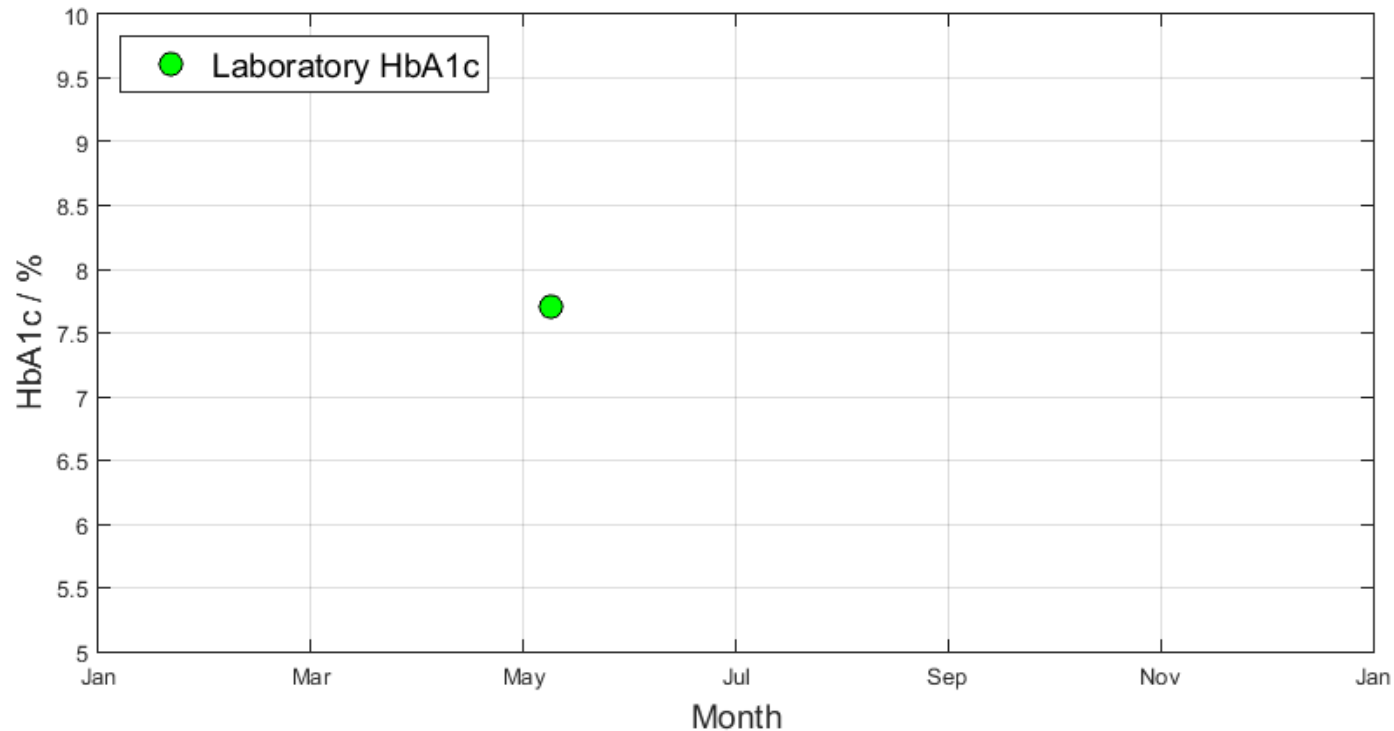




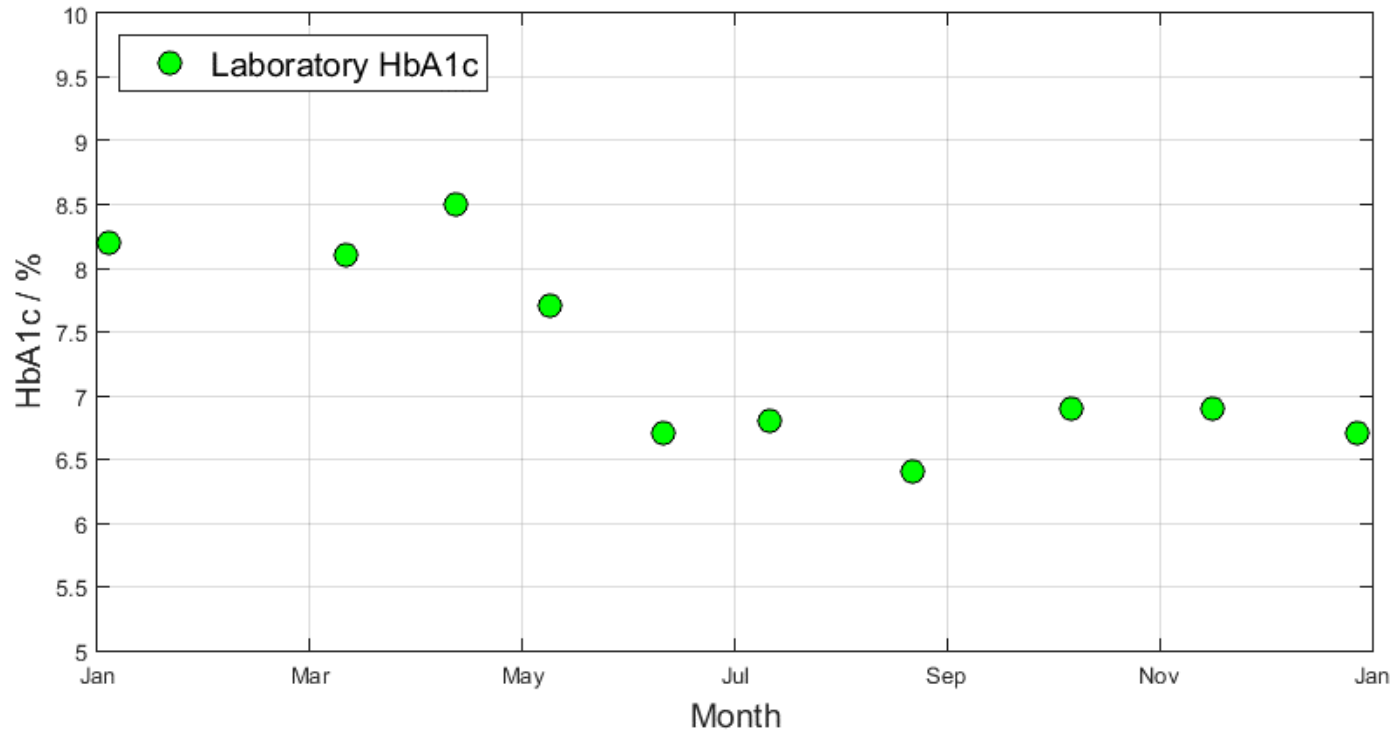
**Life time of erythrocytes is about 120 days  
→ HbA1c measured four times in a year?**



# Common case in Finnish health care: HbA1c measured only once a year!



# Research case: HbA1c measured about once a month

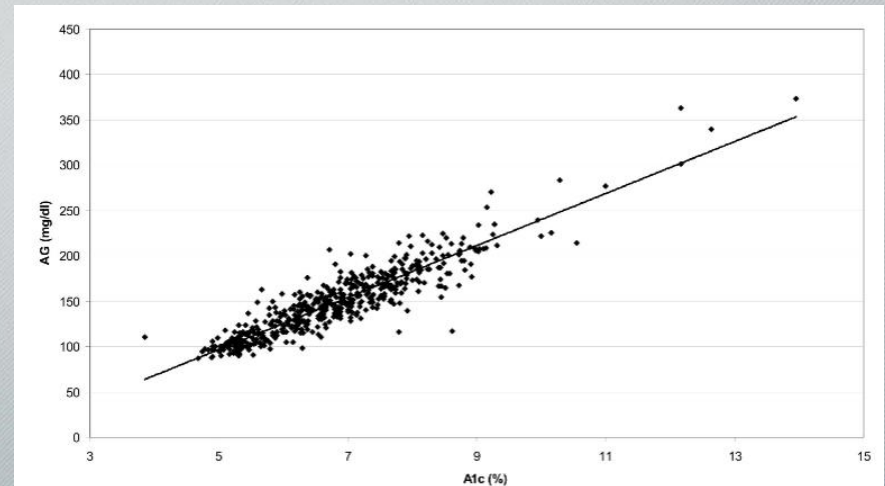




# A1c-Derived Average Glucose (ADAG) study 2006-2008

- Multicentered study included 507 subjects with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes
- Design to determine the mathematical relationship between HbA1c and average blood glucose (AG)
- Subjects had 2 days of continuous glucose monitoring performed four times during the study period and seven-point self-monitoring of capillary glucose performed at least 3 days per week
- Linear regression for estimated HbA1c (eA1c):

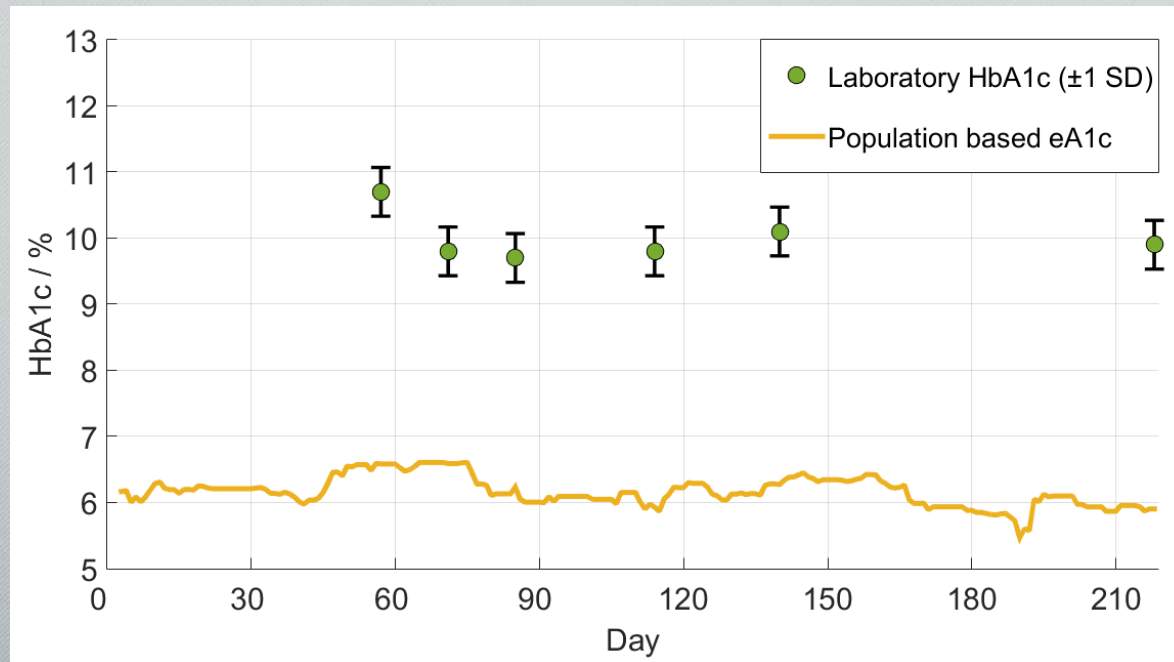
$$eA1c(\%) = 0.63 * AG(\text{mmol/L}) + 1.63$$





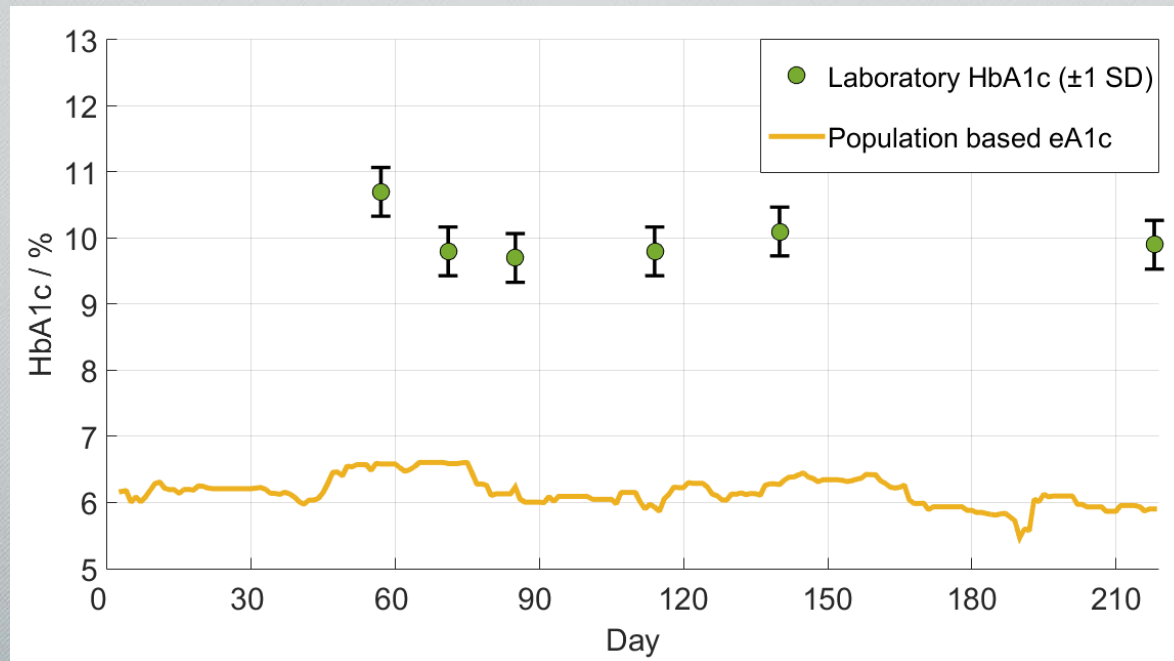
# Example from our study

- HbA1c laboratory measurements do not match with average of self-monitored blood glucose (SMBG) values
- Blood glucose measurement habits are biased



# Objectives

- Define individually adaptive Continuous A1c
  - Fills unmonitored gaps
  - Guide in day-to-day diabetes management





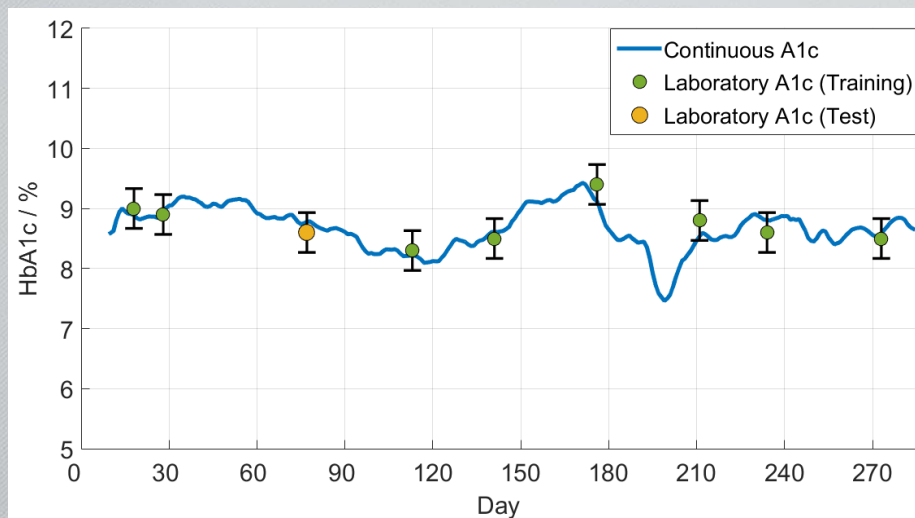
# Materials and Methods

- 30 diabetics during 1 year period
- Individual's had their normal blood glucose measurement habits
  - No predefined measurement schedule
- In average subjects reported
  - 2.51 SMBG values per day
  - 4.17 Laboratory HbA1c measurements per year
- HbA1c change:
  - 2.50 %-units/month
  - +0.95 %-units/month
- Estimation algorithm utilizes a linear combination of multiple statistical parameters such as mean, skewness, etc. in addition to laboratory HbA1c measurements



# Materials and Methods

- Leave-one-out cross-validation was used to calculate mean absolute deviation (MAD) and mean absolute relative deviation (MARD)

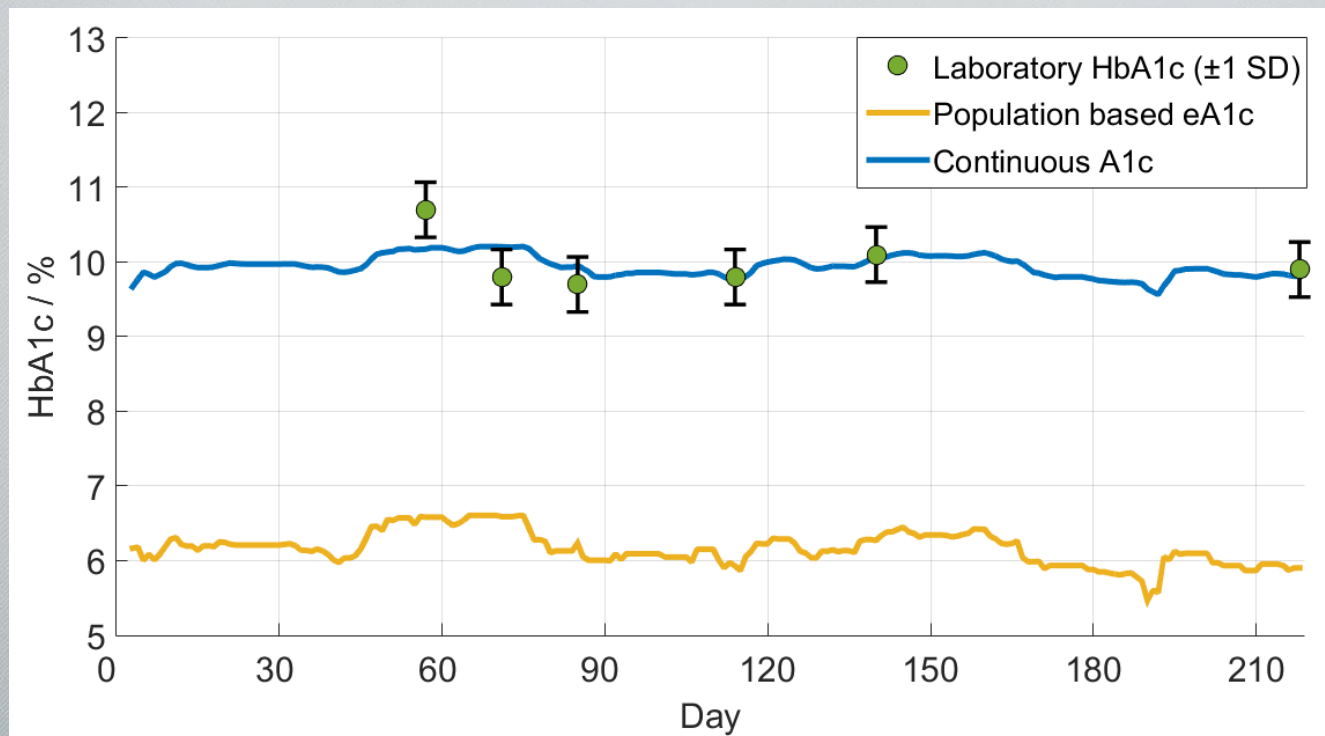


- Error grid analysis:
  - Percentage of measurements within 10% error margin
  - Percentage of measurements within 20% error margin



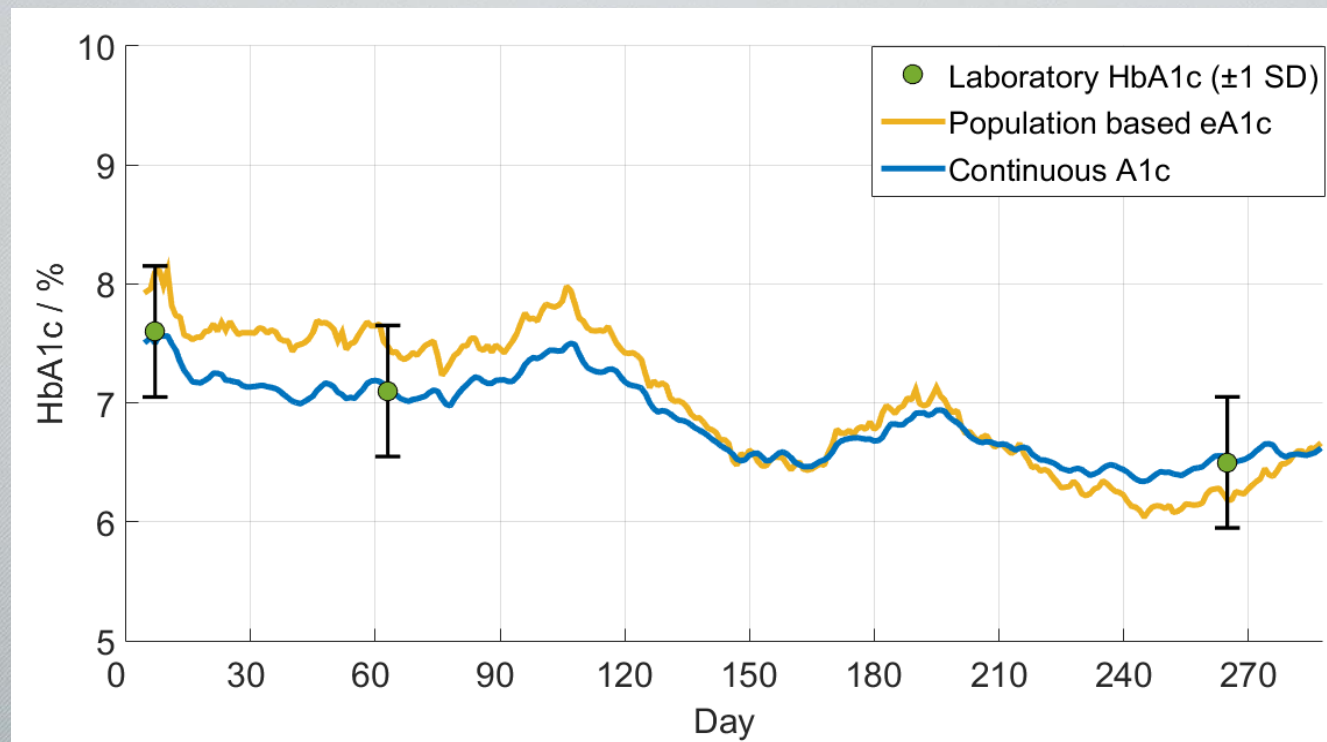
# Results: Example

- Method can estimate A1c with biased measurement habits



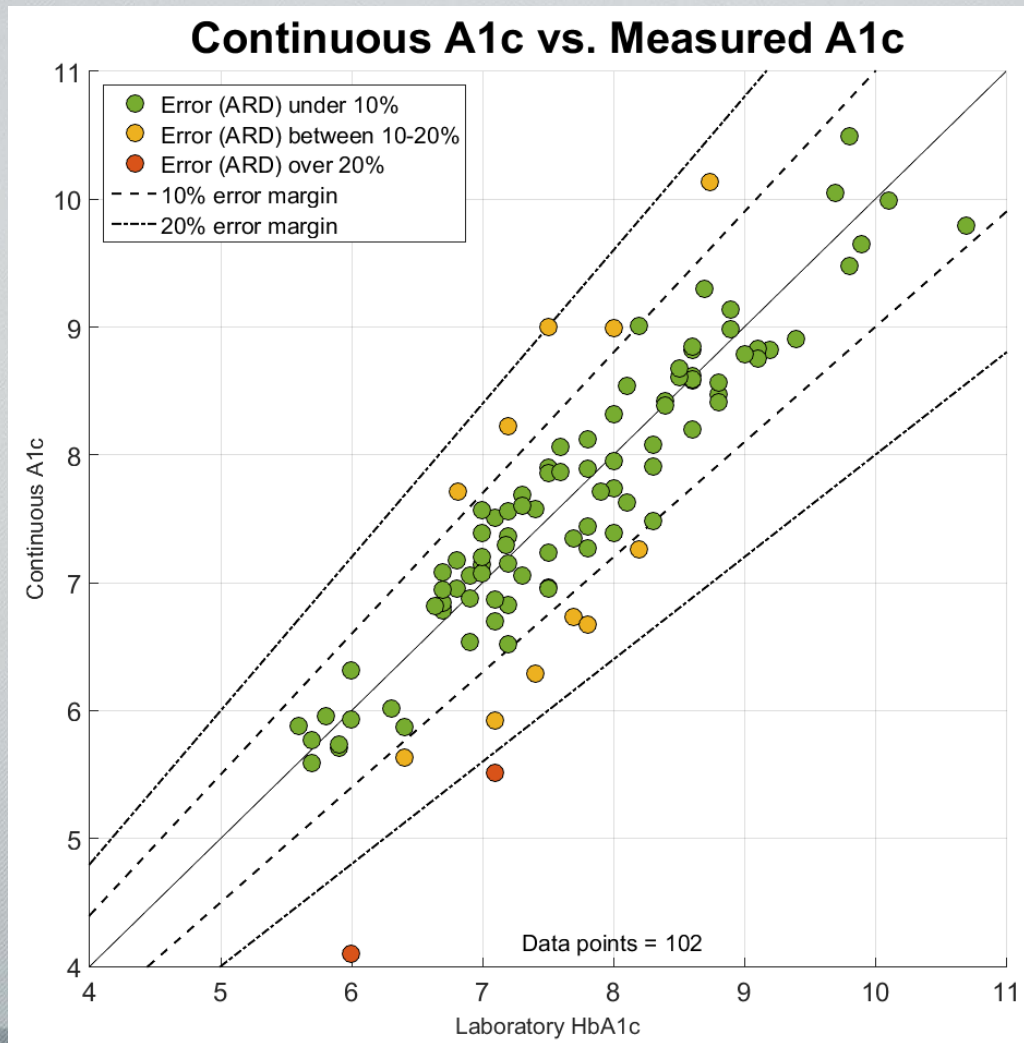
# Results: Example 2

- Method can estimate A1c with good accuracy and utilizes the available data efficiently

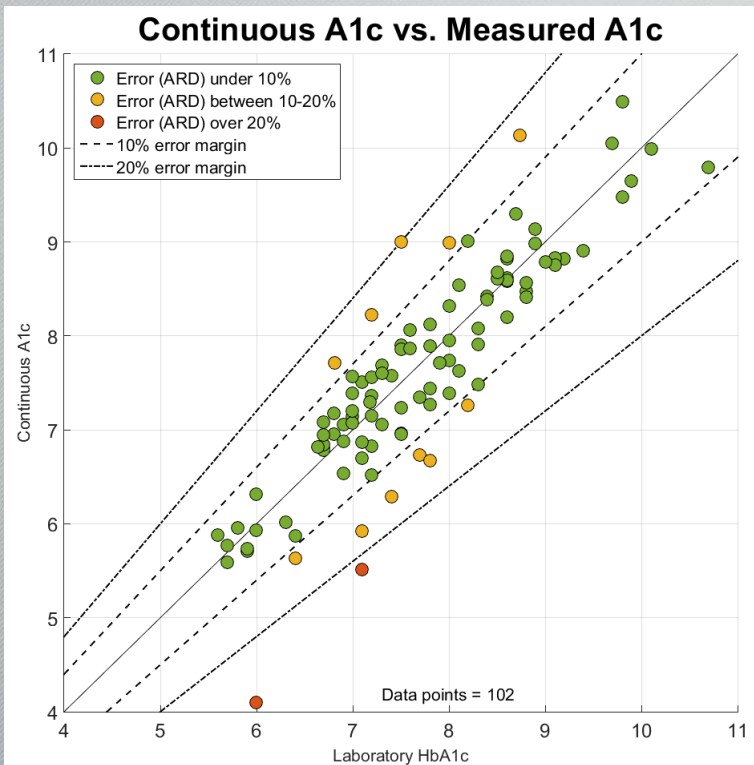




# Results: Error grid



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- MAD and MARD were **0.41** and **5.38 %**, respectively.

	Population based eA1c	Continuous A1c	Dynamic eA1c*
Correlation (R)	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.89</b>	0.76
Within 10 %	<b>51.26 %</b>	<b>87.25 %</b>	77.50 %
Within 20 %	<b>85.71 %</b>	<b>98.04 %</b>	97.90 %

\* Different data



# Discussion & Conclusions

- HbA1c is the biomarker of glycemic control and it is measured 2-4 times in a year
  - Unmonitored gaps
- Here, a mathematical model was developed to estimate individual's HbA1c by using their routine SMBG and laboratory HbA1c measurements
- Algorithm needs reference HbA1c for calibration
- Sample size in the study was only 30 diabetics
- Results show that the method works with biased and irregular measurement patterns



# Discussion & Conclusions

## Continuous A1c...



utilizes routine monitoring data



fills unmonitored gaps



guides in day-to-day diabetes management



enables fast feed-back



increases reliability towards treatment



# **Thank You!**

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