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Safety of recreational scuba diving in type 1 diabetic patients:
The Deep Monitoring programme

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Special Project
Glycaemia continuous
monitoring during
the dive

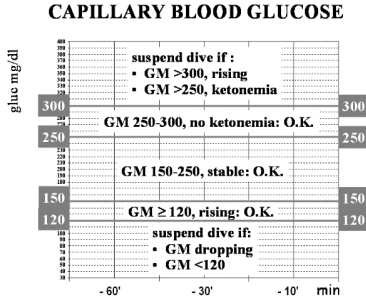


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CAPILLARY BLOOD GLUCOSE



A new protocol was developed to permit diabetic divers to know how & when it is safe to dive

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A real-time underwater glycaemia monitoring during dives could be very useful to prevent worsening of hypoglycaemia and to permit safe dives for diabetic divers.

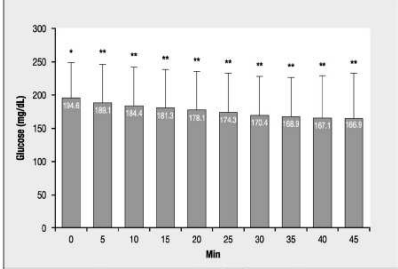
The scope of this work is implement continuous underwater BG monitoring using a dedicated real time monitor during diving whilst checking that the values recorded underwater are not influenced by the hyperbaric exposure.

Several test and data analysis were performed in order to verify the accuracy of hyperbaric data collected.

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Interstitial glucose values, as monitored continuously (CGMS) but not in real time and data was evaluated after diving with a Black Box

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In 2013 DAN Europe start a special project called :

A continuous real time monitoring and recording of glycaemia during scuba diving.

To prevent worsening of hypoglycaemia and to correctly interpret hypoglycaemia-like symptoms whilst diving, diabetic divers could benefit from real-time Blood Glucose (BG) monitoring during their dives.

The scope of this work is developing a continuous BG monitoring system using a dedicate real time monitor during diving.



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A specific device was assembled in order to be able to read the glycaemia value during dive.

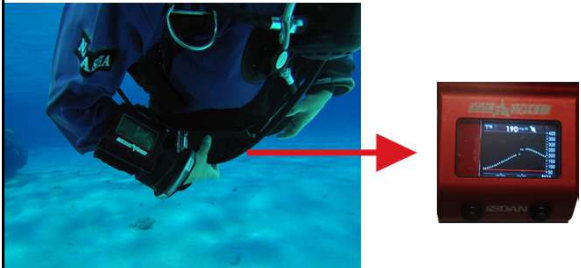
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A device able to monitor in continuous the Glycaemia value (Dexcom G4)

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Limiting of data transmission requires to keep the device close to the sensor



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Dive time in one day

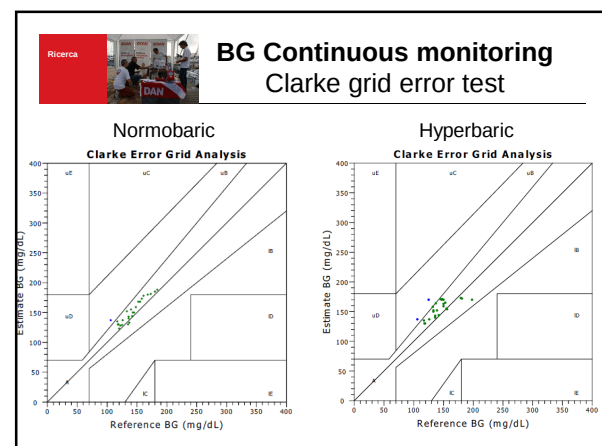
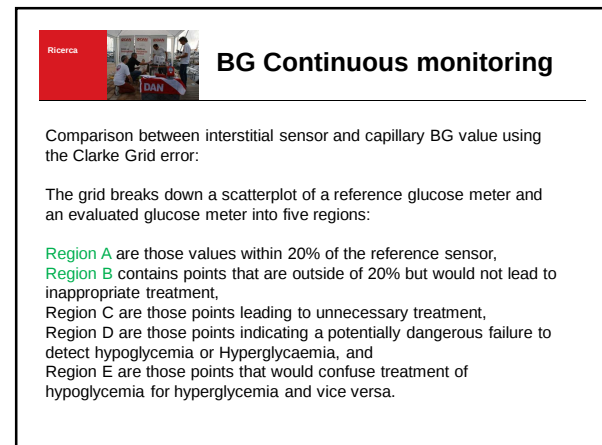
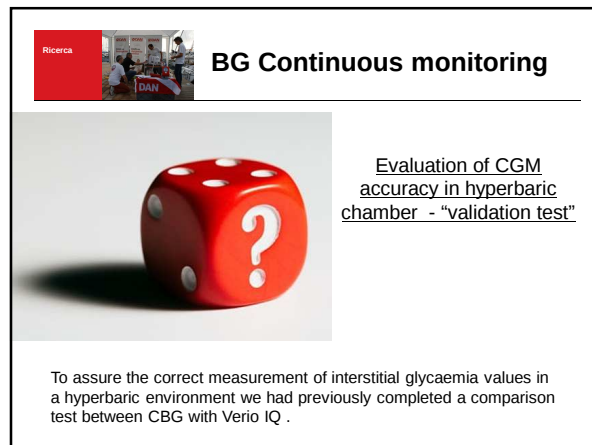
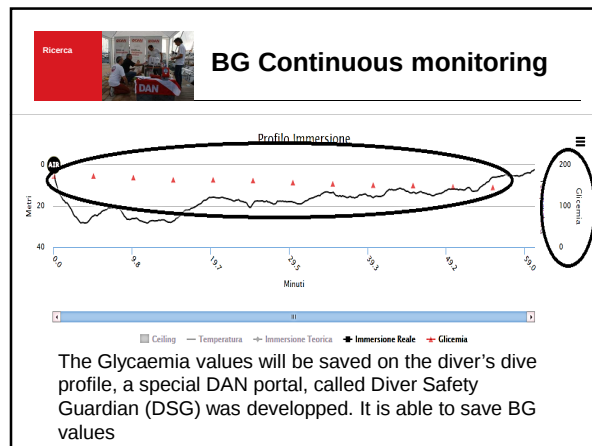
A specific software that record glycaemia value during the day for 7 days



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The BG data will update every five minutes on the display and the diver is able to check the data value and also the trend of them.





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Clarke grid error results

Normobaric %		Hyperbaric %	
A	96,1	A	92.4
B	3,9	B	7.6
C	0	C	0
D	0	D	0
E	0	E	0

The accuracy tests made in the hyperbaric chamber showed 2 out of 26 MRD glucose values (7.7%) exceeding the 5% difference allowed by ISO guideline 15197 as the maximum difference acceptable in at least 95% of the compared values.

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Continuous real-time monitoring and recording of glycemia during scuba diving: pilot study

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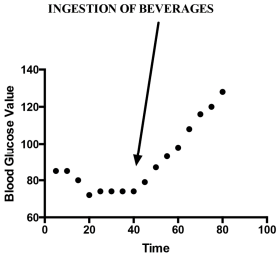
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INGESTION OF BEVERAGES



Blood Glucose Value

Time

$p=0.001$

Continuous underwater real time monitoring system can be very important for diabetic divers, as it allows for continuous monitoring and if necessary adjustment of Blood Glucose Levels during diving. Additionally our data (even if referred to only two subjects at the moment) are in agreement with the current literature and confirm that diving does not imply significant risks of hypoglycaemia.

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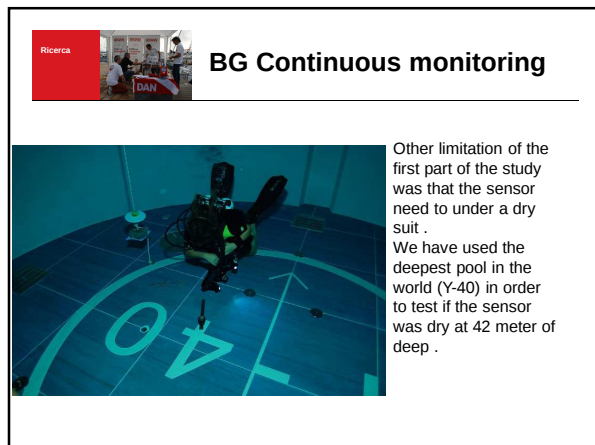
Results
Two diabetic subjects (one male and one female) R.D. (male, 36 years, weight 72 Kg, height 167 cm) and N.B. (female, 29 years, weight 53 Kg, height 157 cm) were investigated. Both of divers showed a gradually decreased in BG value during diving. (Table 1).

	Pre diving	During diving	Post diving	P=	value
RD	184 mg/dL (75-271)	140 mg/dL (70-264)	163 mg/dL (57-273)	Pre Vs. during	***
				Pre Vs. post	*
				During Vs. post	Ns
NB	171 mg/dL (69-324)	152.5 mg/dL (70-329)	123.5 mg/dL (41-263)	Pre Vs. during	Ns
				Pre Vs. post	***
				During Vs. post	***

Table 1:
Behaviour of Blood glucose Value in the two divers during Diving a gradually decreased in BG value during diving;

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Number of values collected : 634

Minimum	42.00
25% Percentile	64.00
Median	70.00
75% Percentile	82.00
Maximum	124.0
Mean	73.50
Std. Deviation	14.29
Std. Error of Mean	0.5677

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Details:

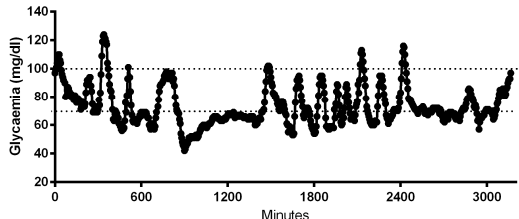
- Water temperature
 - Minimum 25°
 - Maximum 27°
- Time spent underwater
 - 51h 20m 40seconds
- Gas breathed
 - Air
- Dive equipment
 - Dry suit
 - Open circuit
 - Full Face Mask (used for 12h)



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The diver has spent the majority of time in hypoglycemia condition

Glycaemia



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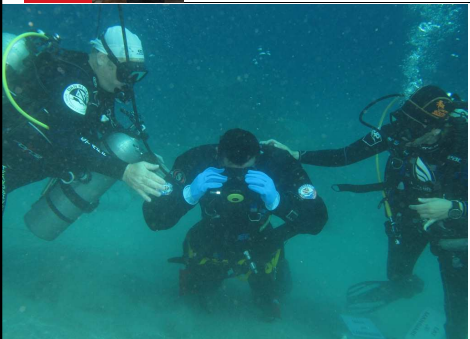
Problems encountered during the long permanence in the water:

- Cold**
 - Low body temperature reached

Measurements :

- Before starting the record dive: 36.7°
- Immediately after the record dive: 34.8°

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Problems encountered during the long permanence in the water:

- Glycaemia values**
 - Low BG values reached
 - We were unable to reach a stable level of Glycaemia in a non-diabetic diver



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Problems encountered during the long permanence in the water:

Glycaemia trend

- Unstable Glycaemia values
 - Observed for several hours
 - Low BG values reached

Actions :

- Sweets, chocolate, banana milk and honey
 - Peak of BG value no constant value reached
- Cognitive test
 - Peak of BG value



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