

College of American Pathologists (CAP) GH5 Survey Data:

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The American Diabetes Association (ADA) recommends that “The A1C test should be performed using a method that is certified by the NGSP”. All laboratories performing HbA1c testing should participate in a fresh sample proficiency testing survey such as the College of American Pathologists (CAP). CAP GH5 data for the **second** survey of 2018 are summarized below. The NGSP target or reference values are based on replicate analyses using eight NGSP certified secondary reference methods.

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Beginning in 2015 there are two CAP programs for HbA1c proficiency testing using fresh whole blood samples - GH2 and GH5. GH2 samples are shipped twice a year with three samples in each mailing as before. GH5 are shipped three times a year with five samples in each mailing. The three samples in each of the two GH2 mailings are also included in two of the GH5 mailings. Therefore the NGSP follows the three GH5 surveys which include all the samples used for both surveys.

In 2018, based on data from the GH5-B survey:

- Bias from the NGSP target and variability ($\pm 2SD$) are shown in Table 1 and in figure 1 (ordered by HbA1c level in figure) for each method. The shaded rectangle (fig 1) reflects the current CAP acceptance limit of ± 6 .
- There were no methods with a bias $> 0.30\%$ HbA1c. The largest within-method bias was 0.26% .
- Method-specific, between-laboratory CV's ranged from 0.8% to 4.4% . The Beckman AU had a CV over 3.5% for 4/5 samples, the Siemens Dimension RxL had CVs over 3.5% for 2/5 samples and the Siemens Advia had CVs over 3.5% for 1/5 samples. There were six methods with CVs $\leq 2\%$ for 5/5 samples— the Abbott Architect c enzymatic, Arkray Adams HA-8180, Roche Cobas c513, Sebia Capillarys 2, Tosoh G8 and Trinity Biotech Premier. Approximately 82% of laboratories are using methods with between-lab CVs $\leq 3\%$ at all five HbA1c levels; approximately 96% of laboratories are using methods with CVs $\leq 3.5\%$ at all five HbA1c levels.
- The current pass limit for the GH5 survey is $\pm 6\%$. The overall pass rates for this survey were 96.2% , 96.8 , 98.5 , 97.4 , and 97.5% for GH5-01 through 05, respectively. For individual methods, the lowest pass rate was 83.3% and the highest was 100% . The overall pass rates were 95.0% to 96.2% with a pass limit of 5% (pass limit beginning in 2020). As expected, methods with small bias and low CVs will have the highest pass rates and, conversely, methods with large bias and/or high CVs will have the lowest pass rates.
- The overall CVs for the last 20 surveys are shown in Table 2. CVs were $\leq 3.0\%$ for all samples in the current survey!

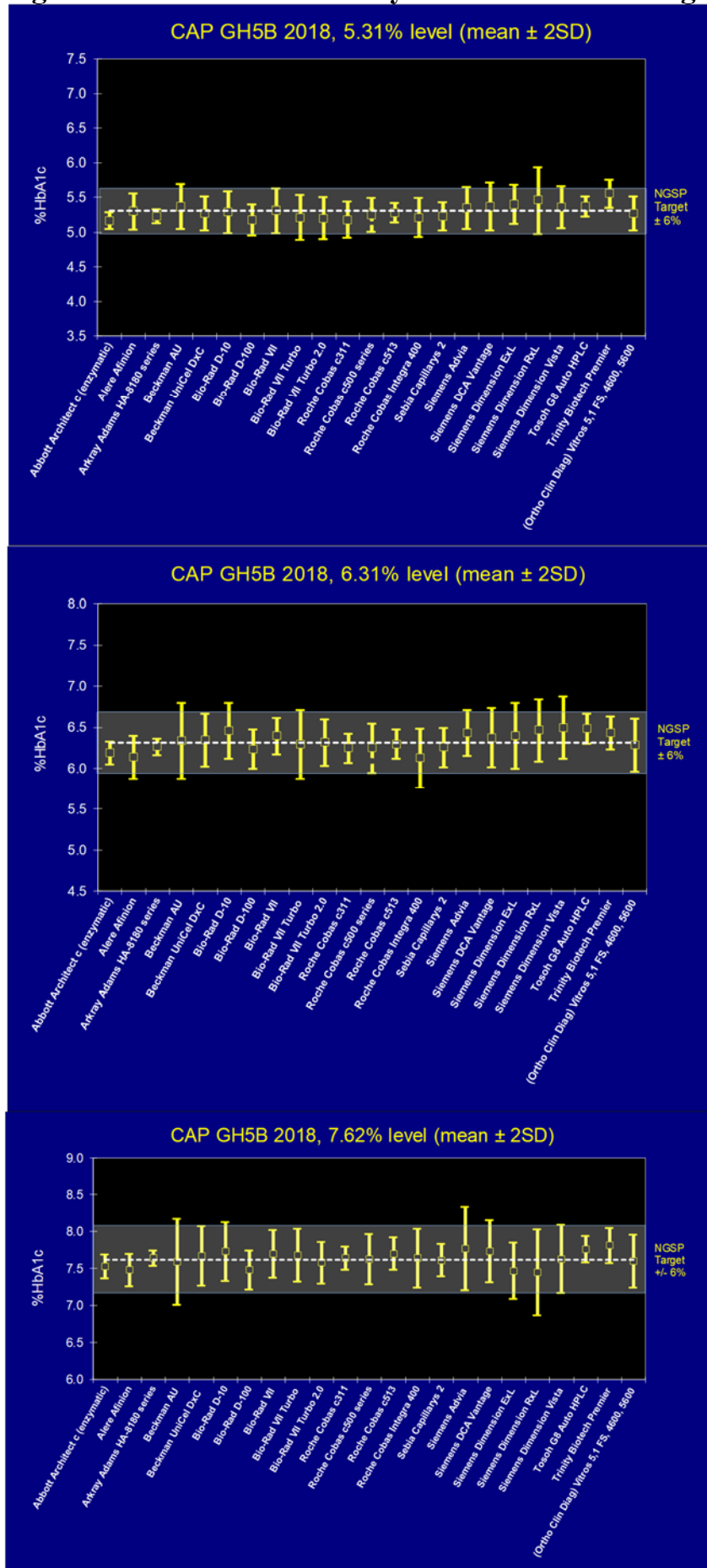
NOTE: The NGSP certification evaluates agreement of each method at the manufacturing site using one lot of reagents and calibrators, one instrument, and one application under optimal conditions. CAP precision reflects between-laboratory reproducibility, often with more than one lot of reagents and calibrators, and sometimes with different instruments (e.g. Cobas Integra 400 & Cobas Integra 800) and/or different applications (e.g. Cobas Integra hemolysate or whole blood application). In addition, if changes were made in the method just prior to NGSP certification, it is possible that not all participating laboratories in the field would have made the change at the time of the CAP survey. For these reasons, it is important that laboratories review not only the certification status of HbA1c methods but also their performance in the CAP survey over time (a good indication of field performance) when selecting or evaluating HbA1c assay methods.

TABLE 1: 2018 GH5-B (fresh pooled samples)

		GH5-06			GH5-07			GH5-08			GH5-09			GH5-10		
NGSP %HbA1c Reference Value (95% CI)		6.31 (6.27-6.35)			9.11 (9.07-9.15)			5.31 (5.27-5.35)			8.35 (8.31-8.39)			7.62 (7.58-7.66)		
	no. labs	Mean %HbA1c	Mean bias	% CV	Mean %HbA1c	Mean bias	% CV	Mean %HbA1c	Mean bias	% CV	Mean %HbA1c	Mean bias	% CV	Mean %HbA1c	Mean bias	% CV
Abbott Architect c (enzymatic)	174	6.18	-0.13	1.1	9.09	-0.02	0.9	5.17	-0.14	1.1	8.30	-0.05	1.0	7.53	-0.09	1.0
Alere Afinion	37	6.13	-0.18	2.1	8.98	-0.13	1.4	5.30	-0.01	2.5	8.21	-0.14	1.8	7.48	-0.14	1.5
Arkray Adams HA-8180 series	11	6.26	-0.05	0.8	9.09	-0.02	1.8	5.23	-0.08	0.9	8.38	0.03	1.0	7.64	0.02	0.7
Beckman AU	62	6.33	0.02	3.7	9.04	-0.07	4.0	5.37	0.06	3.1	8.34	-0.01	4.4	7.59	-0.03	3.8
Beckman UniCel DxC	86	6.34	0.03	2.5	9.23	0.12	2.0	5.27	-0.04	2.3	8.44	0.09	2.1	7.67	0.05	2.6
Bio-Rad D-10	125	6.45	0.14	2.7	9.15	0.04	2.6	5.29	-0.02	2.8	8.50	0.15	2.4	7.73	0.11	2.5
Bio-Rad D-100	59	6.23	-0.08	1.9	8.85	-0.26	1.5	5.18	-0.13	2.1	8.13	-0.22	1.6	7.48	-0.14	1.7
Bio-Rad VII	26	6.39	0.08	1.7	9.17	0.06	1.5	5.31	0.00	3.0	8.40	0.05	1.6	7.70	0.08	2.1
Bio-Rad VII Turbo	56	6.29	-0.02	3.3	9.15	0.04	2.6	5.21	-0.10	3.2	8.41	0.06	2.4	7.68	0.06	2.4
Bio-Rad VII Turbo 2.0	115	6.31	0.00	2.3	9.11	0.00	2.0	5.20	-0.11	2.9	8.36	0.01	2.1	7.58	-0.04	1.9
Roche Cobas c311	12	6.24	-0.07	1.4	9.26	0.15	1.5	5.18	-0.13	2.5	8.33	-0.02	1.4	7.64	0.02	1.0
Roche Cobas c500 series	367	6.24	-0.07	2.4	9.13	0.02	2.6	5.25	-0.06	2.3	8.34	-0.01	2.5	7.63	0.01	2.2
Roche Cobas c513	47	6.29	-0.02	1.5	9.32	0.21	1.7	5.28	-0.03	1.4	8.45	0.10	1.8	7.70	0.08	1.5
Roche Cobas Integra 400	19	6.12	-0.19	2.9	9.13	0.02	2.6	5.21	-0.10	2.8	8.31	-0.04	2.3	7.64	0.02	2.6
Sebia Capillarys 2	52	6.25	-0.06	1.9	8.94	-0.17	1.3	5.23	-0.08	1.9	8.33	-0.02	1.8	7.61	-0.01	1.4
Siemens Advia	12	6.43	0.12	2.1	9.17	0.06	3.0	5.35	0.04	2.8	8.29	-0.06	3.1	7.77	0.15	3.7
Siemens DCA Vantage	129	6.37	0.06	2.8	9.24	0.13	3.4	5.37	0.06	3.2	8.48	0.13	2.7	7.73	0.11	2.7
Siemens Dimension ExL	148	6.39	0.08	3.1	8.89	-0.22	2.6	5.40	0.09	2.7	8.37	0.02	2.5	7.47	-0.15	2.5
Siemens Dimension RxL	12	6.46	0.15	3.0	8.92	-0.19	2.8	5.46	0.15	4.3	8.31	-0.04	4.1	7.45	-0.17	3.9
Siemens Dimension Vista	280	6.49	0.18	3.0	8.86	-0.25	2.6	5.36	0.05	2.9	8.47	0.12	3.0	7.63	0.01	3.0
Tosoh G8 Auto HPLC	310	6.48	0.17	1.4	9.27	0.16	1.2	5.37	0.06	1.3	8.50	0.15	1.1	7.76	0.14	1.2
Trinity Biotech Premier	70	6.43	0.12	1.6	9.29	0.18	1.3	5.56	0.25	1.8	8.48	0.13	1.7	7.81	0.19	1.5
(Ortho Clin Diag) Vitros 5,1 FS, 4600, 5600	171	6.28	-0.03	2.5	9.06	-0.05	3.0	5.27	-0.04	2.2	8.40	0.05	2.7	7.60	-0.02	2.3

Gray shading indicates bias > 0.3% HbA1c or CV > 3.5% Note: these are arbitrary limits chosen to highlight methods with the highest bias and CV.

Figure 1: Bias and Variability from the NGSP Target



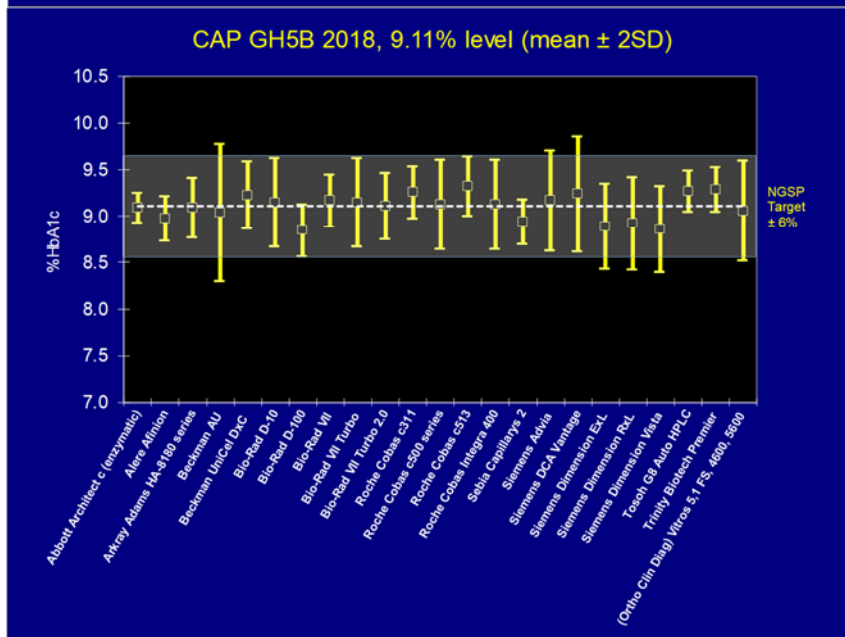
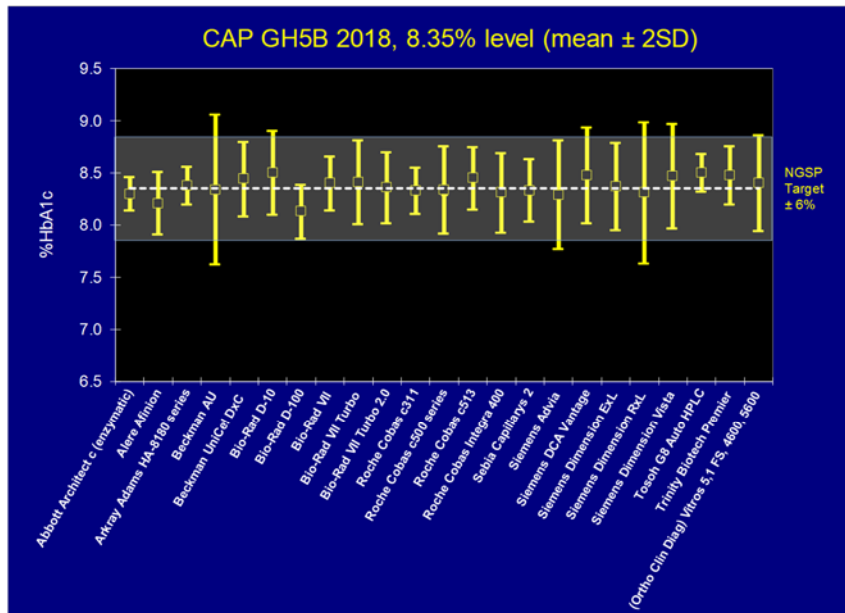


Table 2: Overall Variability for 2010-2018 for all GH participants

Mailing	Sample#	# of labs	Target	All method mean	S.D.	C.V.
A-2010	01	2573	5.9	6.03	0.23	3.9
	02	2566	9.8	9.73	0.39	4.0
	03	2581	7.4	7.43	0.31	4.2
B-2010	04	2693	5.2	5.34	0.21	4.0
	05	2691	8.7	8.67	0.33	3.8
	06	2685	6.3	6.37	0.23	3.5
A-2011	01	2652	8.5	8.58	0.28	3.2
	02	2645	5.4	5.52	0.20	3.5
	03	2649	6.4	6.51	0.21	3.2
B-2011	04	2877	6.3	6.36	0.24	3.8
	05	2872	7.6	7.69	0.29	3.8
	06	2871	9.2	9.28	0.34	3.7
A 2012	01	3298	5.6	5.62	0.20	3.5
	02	3316	9.4	9.44	0.37	3.9
	03	3301	7.2	7.28	0.29	3.9
B2012 (HbAS)	04	3222	5.4	5.51	0.21	3.9
	05	3208	8.3	8.31	0.31	3.7
	06	3172	5.65	5.75	0.32	5.6
A 2013	01	2816	7.1	7.12	0.25	3.5
	02	2829	9.3	9.39	0.31	3.3
	03	2840	6.1	6.13	0.24	3.9
B2013	04	2912	8.1	8.04	0.31	3.8
	05	2907	5.3	5.33	0.20	3.8
	06	2908	6.4	6.17	0.24	3.9
A2014	01	3277	6.5	6.60	0.25	3.8
	02	3267	7.0	7.09	0.27	3.8
	03	3253	9.7	9.72	0.33	3.4
B2014	04	3278	6.58	6.64	0.23	3.5
	05	3273	8.39	8.45	0.30	3.6
	06	3266	5.65	5.67	0.21	3.6
A2015	01	3237	6.79	6.82	0.25	3.6
	02	3246	10.28	10.19	0.36	3.5
	03	3252	6.82	6.82	0.25	3.6
	04	2365	8.63	8.63	0.30	3.4
	05	2362	5.32	5.36	0.18	3.4
B2015	06	2379	5.84	5.87	0.2	3.5
	07	2392	11.71	11.68	0.44	3.8
	08	2402	9.53	9.5	0.33	3.5
	09	2386	5.04	5.08	0.17	3.4
	10	2403	7.38	7.35	0.26	3.5
C2015	11	3284	11.69	11.68	0.47	4.1
	12	3285	5.93	5.95	0.19	3.3
	13	3286	5.17	5.2	0.17	3.3
	14	2410	8.14	8.12	0.24	2.9
	15	2408	9.3	9.25	0.29	3.2
A2016	01	3358	5.32	5.33	0.16	3.1
	02	3365	9.17	9.21	0.28	3.0

	03	3357	5.31	5.33	0.16	3.1
	04	2425	12.03	12.12	0.40	3.3
	05	2419	5.94	5.96	0.16	2.8
B2016	06	2433	5.27	5.27	0.15	2.8
	07	2427	10.59	10.55	0.33	3.1
	08	2440	6.20	6.17	0.18	2.9
	09	2428	12.23	12.21	0.44	3.6
	10	2443	7.51	7.52	0.20	2.7
C2016	11	3377	9.11	9.08	0.24	2.6
	12	3402	6.01	5.99	0.16	2.6
	13	3372	11.71	11.69	0.39	3.4
	14	2432	5.02	5.02	0.16	3.2
	15	2442	7.58	7.58	0.19	2.5
A2017	01	3418	6.41	6.45	0.2	3.1
	02	3393	9.53	9.56	0.28	2.9
	03	3409	5.34	5.35	0.17	3.1
	04	2461	8.51	8.58	0.23	2.7
	05	2460	7.25	7.33	0.19	2.6
B2017	06	2446	7.42	7.49	0.22	3.0
	07	2445	5.2	5.22	0.19	3.6
	08	2450	8.31	8.33	0.21	2.5
	09	2443	10.33	10.38	0.31	3.0
	10	2457	5.87	5.91	0.19	3.2
C2017	11	3331	7.25	7.28	0.19	2.6
	12	3339	6.81	6.85	0.2	3.0
	13	3344	8.65	8.64	0.23	2.6
	14	2431	9.5	9.54	0.26	2.8
	15	2419	5.45	5.45	0.16	2.9
A2018	01	3371	7.15	7.16	0.21	3.0
	02	3343	5.19	5.20	0.19	3.6
	03	3369	8.42	8.39	0.24	2.9
	04	2466	9.79	9.75	0.29	2.9
	05	2473	6.12	6.13	0.18	3.0
B2018	06	2442	6.31	6.34	0.19	2.9
	07	2443	9.11	9.09	0.25	2.8
	08	2446	5.31	5.30	0.15	2.9
	09	2448	8.35	8.40	0.21	2.5
	10	2446	7.62	7.64	0.19	2.5

CVs **below** 3.5% are highlighted in pink

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