

# Neuropsychological Findings in Idiopathic Adult-Onset Epilepsy Case Study: Noorda COM Student Investigation

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Figures 1.

Monitoring.

measured by

Glucose Levels

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## Background

Epilepsy: Repetitive, uncontrolled seizures, abnormal electrical activity within the brain. There are many pathologies responsible for seizures as inception and presentation can vary significantly.

We report the case of a 25-year-old male patient with idiopathic adult-onset epilepsy. The patient presented with recurrent seizures with no identifiable cause. These seizures are characterized by:

- > A lack of extremity control
- Muscle spasms
- Loss of cognitive function
- > Duration between 0-60 minutes

The patient's condition began five years ago while living abroad. The seizures have not ceased, and the patient notes a loss or decrease of several special senses.

#### Methods

# **History:**

Gather relevant information on patient and family medical history

#### **Baseline Data Collection:**

# Glucose Monitoring

> Regular assessment of blood glucose levels.

#### CGM Dexcom

➤ Continuous Glucose Monitoring for realtime data.

#### EEG (Electroencephalogram)

- ➤ Measure electrical activity in the brain WAVi
- > Assess brain's visual processing capabilities

## Neuropsychological Evaluation:

> Utilize standardized tests for cognitive function

#### Mental Health Metrics

> PHQ-9, GAD-7, MDQ, PSS for comprehensive mental health assessment

#### Heart Rate Monitor

> Continuous monitoring of heart rate Physical Examination

> Conduct a thorough physical examination

# Implementation:

## Ketogenic Diet

- > Implement a ketogenic diet intervention
- ➤ Monitor dietary compliance and impact

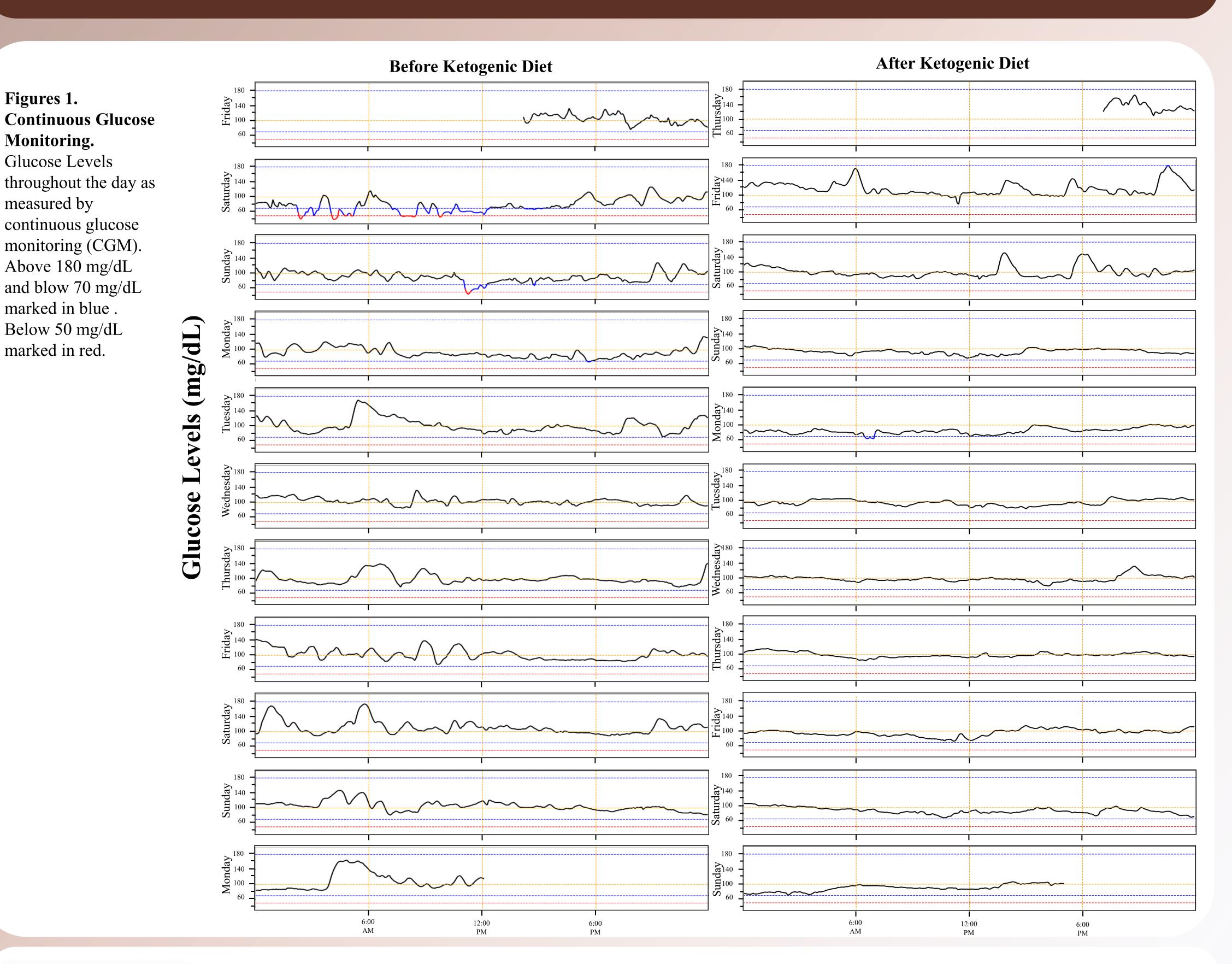
# Audiovisual Recording Capacity

➤ Utilize audiovisual recording for observational analysis.

# Instructions on When to Eat

> Provide clear guidelines on meal timing within the ketogenic diet and monitor

# Empowering Epilepsy Management: Unveiling the Transformative Impact of Ketogenic Lifestyle Interventions on Seizure Reduction





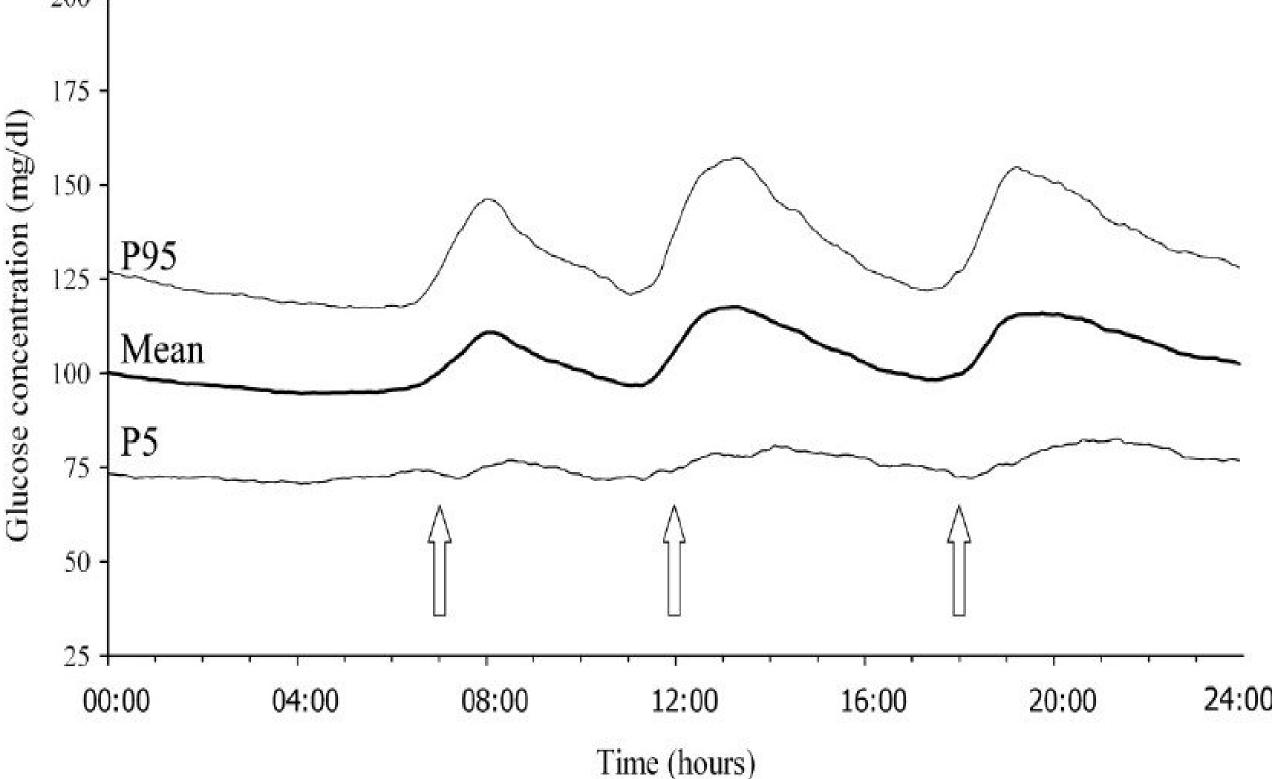


Figure 2: Neuropsychological Assessment results for Participant

Figure 3: Average CGM tracking over a 24-hour period. Used as control comparison.

#### Results

- > Ketogenic diet normalized blood glucose levels and dramatically reduced hypoglycemic and hyperglycemic events
- > Seizure frequency and magnitude decreased

# **Future Directions**

- > MRI of brain
  - Lesions, tumors or malformations
- > EEG
- During episodic event
- > Oral glucose tolerance test
- > Genetic testing

#### **Conclusion/Future Directions**

Our case study demonstrates the remarkable efficacy of the ketogenic diet in normalizing blood glucose levels. The observed reduction in seizure frequency and magnitude underscores the potential therapeutic impact of a ketogenic diet in managing conditions associated with epilepsy, offering promising insights for future clinical interventions.

