



South East London Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee

Self-monitoring of Blood Glucose (finger prick checking) in Adults

This guidance does NOT override the individual responsibility of healthcare professionals to make decisions appropriate to the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.

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Introduction

Self-Monitoring of Blood Glucose (SMBG) or finger prick checking is an integral part of diabetes management for a number of individuals. SMBG is particularly useful for those on medication that requires dose adjustments (such as insulin), those who have fluctuations in blood glucose levels or those at increased risk of hypoglycaemia either due to medication, co-morbidities or other factors. This guideline aims to provide guidance to support the optimal use of SMBG.

Guidance

- Individuals with diabetes (and/or their carers) should be provided with the knowledge and skills to support them to incorporate SMBG and therapy adjustments into their diabetes care plan in order to attain agreed goals:
 - On initiation all people performing SMBG should receive adequate training, skills and support from appropriately trained and competent healthcare professionals
 - People with T1DM (and/or their carers) should have their skills and knowledge reviewed at least annually
 - People with T2DM (and/or their carers) should have a structured follow-up assessment on SMBG at least annually, which includes:
 - self-monitoring skills
 - the quality and frequency of testing
 - checking that the individual knows how to interpret the blood glucose results and what action to take
 - the impact on the persons quality of life
 - the continued benefit to the individual
 - advice on when to seek help or advice
 - the equipment used
- All people using SMBG should be encouraged to use the minimum number of test strips to help manage diabetes appropriately and advised when to seek help or advice.
- In April 2023, NHS England (NHSE) published recommendations on choice of [blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips and lancets](#). South East London Integrated Care System (ICS) has developed a 'preferred' choice of meters, test strips and lancets for primary and secondary care in South East London, based on the NHSE recommended list (see page 6)

Individuals using Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM):

- Individuals will also need to use SMBG if the CGM device/reader fails, is damaged, is lost or to facilitate glucose testing when use of the CGM device is not appropriate e.g. in line with Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) requirements. Please refer to [South East London guidance](#) for further information

During Ramadan/Fasting:

- Individuals may need to increase testing during Ramadan/fasting periods

The suggested testing frequency below is only a GUIDE; there may be situations where people may require testing more or less frequently depending on their individual needs and guidance from their specialist team. For example, more frequent testing would be required if hypoglycaemia is a concern or if the individual is experiencing hypoglycaemia.

Box 1

- SMBG is indicated for all patients with T1DM¹.
- SMBG is an integral part of treatment of T1DM, all adult patients are eligible for CGM (see [CGM T1DM pathway](#)) but will also need to use SMBG if the CGM device/reader fails, is damaged, is lost or to facilitate glucose testing when use of the CGM device is not appropriate. If a person cannot use CGM or declines a CGM device they should be offered SMBG.

Routine SMBG for adults with T1DM (not using CGM) should be carried out at least four times a day (before each meal and before bed) to help manage diabetes appropriately (control hyperglycaemia and prevent hypoglycaemia).

Box 2

- Support adults with T1DM (not using CGM) to test at least 4 times a day, and up to 10 times a day if any of the following apply¹:
 - the desired target for blood glucose control, measured by HbA1c level is not achieved
 - the frequency of hypoglycaemic episodes increases
 - there is a legal requirement to do so (such as before driving, in line with the DVLA [At a glance guide to the current medical standards of fitness to drive](#))
 - during periods of illness
 - before, during and after sport
 - when planning pregnancy, during pregnancy and while breastfeeding (see the NICE guideline on [diabetes in pregnancy](#))
 - if there is a need to know blood glucose levels more than 4 times a day for other reasons (for example, impaired awareness of hypoglycaemia, high-risk activities)
- Enable additional blood glucose testing (more than 10 times a day) for adults with T1DM if this is necessary because of the patient’s lifestyle (for example, driving for a long period of time, undertaking high-risk activity or occupation, travel) or if the patient has impaired awareness of hypoglycaemia

TREATMENT GROUP	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SMBG REGIMENS	RECOMMENDED TESTING FREQUENCY
T1DM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMBG is recommended for all patients with T1DM If patient is using CGM device – see CGM T1DM pathway If patient is not using a CGM device testing should be at least 4 times a day in adults, including before each meal and before bed. If patient is testing 8 or more times daily, then alternatives testing systems may be appropriate. Some people may need to test 10 times or more daily as detailed in Box 2 above - please see NICE T1DM (NG17) guidelines for further information 	<p>Usual range: 4 – 10 times daily</p> <p>More frequent testing may be recommended by the specialist team</p>

Box 3

People should be advised when to seek advice. Be aware that there are increased risks of blood glucose variation in some patients and they may require increased testing frequency e.g. during:

- acute inter-current illness
- pregnancy/pre-conception
- any changes in therapy that may alter blood glucose results
- changes in lifestyle/routine
- at any times where erratic results may be dangerous e.g. driving
- to identify possible hypoglycaemia

TREATMENT GROUP	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SMBG REGIMENS										
<p>Newly diagnosed T2DM + diet controlled</p>	<p>HbA1C provides a reliable and sufficient means of monitoring glycaemic control.</p> <p>Do not routinely offer SMBG for adults with T2DM unless²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the person is treated with insulin, or ▪ there is evidence of hypoglycaemic episodes, or ▪ the person is treated with oral medication that may increase their risk of hypoglycaemia while driving/operating machinery (please follow DVLA guidance), or ▪ the person is pregnant, or is planning to become pregnant, or ▪ the person is starting treatment with oral or intravenous corticosteroids², or ▪ to confirm suspected hypoglycaemia <p>Box 3 provides advice on when additional testing may be required. Please see NICE T2DM (NG28) guidelines for further information.</p> <p>If SMBG is necessary, the healthcare professional should tailor the monitoring regimen to the persons individual circumstances and review regularly e.g. 3 monthly</p>										
<p>Managed by medication, including non-insulin injectable <i>e.g. Metformin, pioglitazone, DPP4 Inhibitors, GLP-1 Analogues or SGLT-2 Inhibitors</i></p>											
<p>Managed by medication carrying a hypoglycaemic risk <i>e.g. Insulin secretagogues: sulfonylureas and meglitinides (glinides)</i></p>	<p>Offer SMBG for adults with T2DM if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the person is treated with insulin, or ▪ there is evidence of hypoglycaemic episodes, or ▪ the person treated with oral medication that may increase their risk of hypoglycaemia while driving/operating machinery (please follow DVLA guidance), or ▪ the person is pregnant, or is planning to become pregnant, or ▪ the person is starting treatment with oral or intravenous corticosteroids², or ▪ to confirm suspected hypoglycaemia <p>Box 3 provides advice on when additional testing may be required. Please see NICE T2DM (NG28) guidelines for further information.</p> <p>Specialist teams may advise additional testing for individuals with certain co-morbidities including chronic kidney disease, frailty, foot ulceration and those who have had cardiac intervention. Frequency of testing will be advised by the specialist team</p>										
<p>Insulin treated T2DM</p>	<p>SMBG should be routinely offered and tailored to the persons individual needs depending on diabetes control and treatment plan:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="background-color: #f28b82;">Insulin regimen</th> <th style="background-color: #f28b82;">Suggested SMBG testing frequency</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Once daily basal insulin</td> <td>Once a day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twice daily basal insulin</td> <td>Twice a day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Basal bolus regimen</td> <td>See Insulin-treated T1DM above</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TWICE daily mixed insulin</td> <td>Two/Three times a day</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Box 3 provides advice on when additional testing may be required. Please see NICE T2DM (NG28) guidelines for further information.</p> <p>Specialist teams may advise additional testing for individuals with certain co-morbidities including chronic kidney disease, frailty, foot ulceration and those who have had cardiac intervention. Frequency of testing will be advised by the specialist team</p>	Insulin regimen	Suggested SMBG testing frequency	Once daily basal insulin	Once a day	Twice daily basal insulin	Twice a day	Basal bolus regimen	See Insulin-treated T1DM above	TWICE daily mixed insulin	Two/Three times a day
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Box 4

- All pre-conception and pregnant women with Type 1 diabetes are eligible for CGM (see [CGM T1DM pathway](#)) but will also need to use SMBG if the CGM device/reader fails, is damaged, is lost or to facilitate glucose testing when use of the CGM device is not appropriate. If a person cannot use CGM or declines a CGM device they should be offered SMBG.
- All pre-conception and pregnant women with pre-existing T2DM or gestational diabetes should be offered SMBG⁴. They may be eligible for CGM (see '[SEL Flash Glucose Monitoring guidance](#)'.)
- Women with diabetes are more likely to have adverse outcomes including foetal anomaly, macrosomia and neonatal death. Foetal anomaly and still-birth are related to the quality of glucose control in early pregnancy.⁷
- If a woman with diabetes who is planning to become pregnant needs intensification of blood glucose-lowering therapy, advise her to increase the frequency of SMBG to include fasting levels and a mixture of pre-meal and post-meal levels. (See 'Recommendations for SMBG Regimens' below)⁴.
- *After birth: Refer women with pre-existing diabetes back to their routine diabetes care arrangements⁴*
- See [NICE guideline on diabetes in pregnancy](#) for further advice.

TREATMENT GROUP	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SMBG REGIMENS	RECOMMENDED TESTING FREQUENCY when not using additional CGM	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Pre- conception, pregnancy & gestational diabetes	Type 1: PRE-CONCEPTION & PREGNANCY	Usually 7 – 15 times a day	Please note, specialist teams may advise additional testing dependent on individual circumstances
	Type 2: PRE-CONCEPTION & PREGNANCY	Usually 4 – 12 times a day	
	Gestational DIABETES	Usually 4 - 8 times a day	

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

TREATMENT GROUP	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SMBG REGIMENS
Driving with insulin or insulin secretagogues <i>[Sulfonylureas and meglitinides (glinides)]</i>	Check DVLA website for the most up-to-date information on SMBG requirements for individuals with diabetes. Healthcare professionals offering SMBG to people who drive and are at risk of hypoglycaemia must consult the mandatory DVLA guidance ³ , boxes 1-3, and advise the individual. ➤ Resources include: At a glance guide to the current medical standards of fitness to drive . And Diabetes mellitus: assessing fitness to drive
Ketosis Prone T2DM	If treated with insulin, follow guidance on insulin treated T2DM. If not treated with insulin, SMBG should be made available regardless of therapy. More frequent testing may be required for example in scenarios outlined in box 3. Blood or urine ketone testing may also be required. Please follow recommendations from the specialist team
People with T2DM: Those taking oral steroids Post bariatric surgery Post organ transplant Pancreatic insufficiency Haemoglobinopathies (i.e. sickle cell, thalassaemia)	Recommendations on SMBG frequency will be made by the specialist teams

Preferred Blood Glucose Meter, Ketone Meter, Test strip and Lancet Choice

In April 2023, NHS England published "[Commissioning recommendations following national assessment of blood glucose and ketone meters, testing strips and lancets](#)" after undertaking a detailed evaluation process that considered both quality and cost using a national specification. This was developed with various stakeholders including diabetes specialist nurses, consultants, pharmacists and people living with diabetes.

South East London ICS has developed a 'preferred' list of blood glucose and ketone meters, test strips and lancets to simplify meter choice locally (see page 7). The preferred list is based on the NHSE recommended list, all meters on the NHSE recommended list can still be used if required.

Meters should be selected based on the patient's needs, ability to use and preferences. Patient education on use must be provided when supplying the patient with the device by competent clinical staff. The preferred meter choices are expected to be suitable for most patients, however it is recognised that some patients may have individual needs and may require an alternative choice. If an alternative meter, test strip or lancet is needed, a non-preferred meter may be used however this should still be in line with the [NHSE recommended list](#).

Alternative meters: very occasionally, for specific individuals, diabetes specialist teams may initiate an alternative meter that is not on the NHSE recommended list to meet specific needs of a patient. An example of this situation may be where a patient has dexterity issues and require an **Accu-chek Instant Meter** which includes a FASTCLIX lancing device. In these specific cases the diabetes specialist team will need to inform the GP of this to support ongoing prescribing of consumables. Where a non-preferred meter is used, meter choice should take into consideration the cost of the test strips (which can be found in the [Drug Tariff](#)).



Insulin Pumps: If an individual is using an insulin pump they may require a meter that synchronises with the pump, therefore the meter should not be changed in primary care. Please refer to the specialist teams if any review is required. Examples of insulin pumps which may require specific meters are:

Insulin Pump	Compatible test strips
Medtronic MiniMed™ 780G	Accu-chek Guide Test Strips
Medtronic MiniMed™ 640G	Contour Next Test Strips
Medtronic MiniMed™ 670G	Contour Next Test Strips
mylife YpsoPump	mylife Aveo or mylife Unio

CGM: Individuals using CGM devices do not require specific meters and should follow this guidance.

Lancets and Lancing Devices: Lancing devices are supplied free of charge with the meters, however cannot be prescribed on an FP10 prescription. A limited supply of lancets are also provided with meters and further supplies are available on FP10 prescription. If the lancets provided with the meter are not suitable for the individual, a non-preferred lancet may be used. Check the compatibility of the lancet with the specification of the lancing device provided. The choice should still be in line with the [NHSE recommended list](#). The higher the gauge (G) of the lancet, the smaller the diameter of the needle. If a patient complains of pain the higher gauge lancet such as 33G should be recommended.




The following meters and strips are equally recommended

Category	Blood Glucose and Ketone Meters: Suitable for Type 1 diabetes or ketosis prone Type 2 diabetes	
Preferred meters:	GlucoFix Tech GK	4SURE Smart Duo
Company:	A. Menarini Diagnostics	Nipro Diagnostics
		
Enzyme technology	Glucose Oxidase	GDH-FAD (glucose)
Connectivity	QuickLink NFC and USB cable	Bluetooth and USB cable
Applications	GlucoLog Lite, GlucoLog Web & RapidCalc Bolus Advice App and Glooko	Diabetes: M and Glooko
Memory	730 results	1000 results
Sample Size	0.5µL- Glucose / 0.8 µL- Ketone	0.5µL- Glucose / 0.8 µL- Ketone
Reaction time	5 Seconds- glucose/ 8 Seconds- ketone	5 Seconds- glucose/ 10 Seconds- ketone
Warnings	Hypo/Hyper alert up to six settable acoustic alarms (3 glucose alarms & 3 ketone alarms)	High and low glucose and ketone levels
Alerts	Hypo & hyper alerts & four markers available	Error messages, high and low glucose, and ketone levels
Other features	No coding needed Meal markers Strip ejector Averages 1, 7, 14, 30, 60, 90 days	Pre/post meal markers Strip ejector button and light Suitable for people with gestational diabetes Strip port indication light, Averages 3, 7,14,30, 60, 90-day test averaging tool
Recommended cohorts	Carbohydrate counting Cognitive impairment Dexterity Group 2 driver Learning difficulties No fixed abode Unable to read English Visually impaired	Carbohydrate Counting Cognitive Impairment Dexterity Group 2 Driver Learning Difficulties No Fixed Abode Unable to read English Visually Impaired
Technical help	http://menarini-diabetes.co.uk	https://www.nipro-diagnostics.co.uk
Patient helpline	0800 243667 (8:30 - 17:00 Mon to Fri)	0800 0858808 (8.30 to 17.00 Mon to Fri)
Compatible Blood Glucose test strip	GlucoFix Tech Sensors Test Strips (10 supplied with meter)	4SURE Test Strips (10 supplied with meter)
Blood Glucose Test Strips Cost	£5.95 Pack/50 (£0.119 per strip)	£7.99 Pack/50 (£0.160 per strip)
Blood glucose test strip Expiry	12 months from opening	24 months from date of manufacture
Compatible Ketone Test Strips	GlucoFix Tech B-Ketone Sensors Test Strips (not supplied with meter)	B 4SURE beta-ketone Test Strips (1 supplied with meter)
Ketone Test Strips Cost/10	£9.95 per Pack/10	£9.92 Pack/10
Ketone Test Strip Expiry	18 months from the date of manufacture	18 months from date of manufacture
Lancet	Glucoject PLUS 0.22mm/33g (10 supplied with meter)	4SURE Lancets (10 lancets supplied with meter)
Cost per 100 lancets	£3.77/100	£2.90/100
Contact details for ordering meters	Local contact - Miriam Salib, Email - msalib@menarinidiag.com , Phone - 07710062415	sales.support@nipro-group.com

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The following meters and strips are equally recommended

Category	Blood Glucose Only Meters: Suitable for the majority of people with Type 2 diabetes		
Preferred meters:	GlucoFix Tech GK	Contour Plus Blue	Finetest Lite
Company:	A.Menarini Diagnostics	Ascensia	Neon Diagnostics
			
Enzyme technology	Glucose Oxidase	Glucose Dehydrogenase (GDH), unaffected by oxygen therapy	GDH-FAD
Connectivity	QuickLink NFC and USB cable	Bluetooth, USB Cable, Smart phone connectivity	Bluetooth, USB Cable & Smart phone connectivity
Applications	GlucoLog Lite, GlucoLog Web & RapidCalc Bolus Advice App Glooko	Contour Diabetes App, GlucoContro.online, Glooko, Tidepool, Diabetes My Way	Finetest Lite App Glooko
Memory	730 results	800 results	500 results on meter, unlimited on app
Sample size	0.5µL- Glucose	0.6µL- Glucose	0.5µL- Glucose
Reaction time	5 Seconds	5 Seconds	5 Seconds
Warnings	Hypo/Hyper alert up to six settable acoustic alarms (3 glucose alarms & 3 ketone alarms)	Lo and Hi warnings if the reading is outside the measurement range. (0.6mmol/L to 33.3mmol/L)	Inserting used strips, Low blood volume, Low battery, High/low temperature, Operation issues
Alerts	Hypo & hyper alerts & four markers available	Alarm reminders can be set for 30, 60, 90 and 120 minutes	Hypo and Hyper Alerts, Three Meal Markers, Five programmable alarm
Other features	No coding needed Meal markers Strip ejector Averages 1, 7, 14, 30, 60, 90 days	SmartCOLOUR® target range indicator, Meal markers (fasting, pre and post meal) Second Chance Sampling Wide haematocrit range (0%-70%)	One-Step Bluetooth pairing Auto Strip Ejector No coding needed Programmable average readings
Additional cohorts	Carbohydrate counting, Group 2 driver, renal dialysis	Group 2 driver, renal dialysis	Group 2 driver, renal dialysis
Technical help	http://menarini-diabetes.co.uk	https://www.diabetes.ascensia.co.uk/support	https://www.neondiagnosics.co.uk/
Patient helpline	0800 243667 (8:30 - 17:00 Mon to Fri)	0345 600 6030 or 0800 170 1060 (9:00 - 17:00 Mon to Fri) Email: diabetessupport@ascensia.com Web chat: www.diabetes.ascensia.co.uk	0800 131 3378 (24 hours a day)
Blood glucose test strip	GlucoFix Tech Sensors Test Strips (10 supplied with meter)	Contour Plus Test Strips (5 supplied with meter)	Finetest Lite test strips (25 supplied with meter)
Cost of test strips	£5.95 Pack/50 (£0.119 per strip)	£5.95 Pack/50 (£0.119 per strip)	£5.35 Pack/50 (2 x 25 strip pots) (£0.107 per strip)
Test strip expiry	12 months from opening (within date of expiry)	24 months from manufacture	6 months after opening (within date of expiry)
Lancets	GlucoJect PLUS 0.22mm/33g lancets (10 supplied with meter)	MICROLET® 0.5mm/28G Lancets (5 supplied with meter)	GreenLan 28G Lancets (25 supplied with meter)
Cost per 100 lancets	£3.77/100	£2.99/100	£3.00/100
Contact details for ordering meters	Local contact - Miriam Salib Email - msalib@menarinidiag.com Phone - 07710062415	Local contact - Jamie Goldstein Email - jamie.goldstein@ascensia.com Phone - 07469 912 554	Local contact – Vipul Upadhyaya Email – info@neondiagnosics.co.uk or Vipul@neondiagnosics.co.uk Phone - 0800 009 3378 (freephone) or 07526 507576,

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The following meters and strips are equally recommended

Category	Blood Glucose Only Meter: Type 2 Diabetes Gestational diabetes requiring GDM-Health app compatibility	Blood Glucose Only Meter: Voice Meter
Preferred meters:	WaveSense JAZZ wireless	On Call Extra Voice
Company:	AgaMatrix	Connect 2 Pharma
		
Enzyme Technology	Glucose Oxidase	Glucose Oxidase
Connectivity	Bluetooth	USB download capability
Applications	AgaMatrix diabetes manager app ALLY diabetes patient management system, GDM-Health, Diasend, Glooko, Apple Health, My mHealth, Social Diabetes	On Call® Diabetes Management Software
Memory	1000 results	500 results
Sample Size	0.5µL	0.4 µL
Reaction time	5 seconds	5 seconds
Warnings	Faulty strip, Low/dead battery, Temperature	Hyper, Hypo, Ketone
Alerts	High and Low results	Five daily test reminders
Other features	Auto-detection of QC Auto-synchronisation Simple pairing	Re-dosing capability within 3 seconds Strip ejector Soft touch buttons Easy insert strip port Audio Guidance Audible fill detection
Technical help	www.agamatrix.co.uk	https://www.oncallmeters.co.uk/
Patient helpline	0800 093 1812 (09:00 – 18:30 Mon to Fri)	0203 3074646 (09:00 – 17:00 Mon to Fri)
Blood Glucose Test Strip	WaveSense JAZZ Test Strips (25 supplied with meter)	On Call Extra Test Strips (10 supplied with meter)
Cost of test strips	£8.74 Pack/50 (£0.175 per strip)	£5.20 Pack/50 (£0.104 per strip)
Test strip Expiry	6 months from opening (within date of expiry)	13 months from opening (within date of expiry)
Lancets	AgaMatrix Ultra-Thin 0.2mm/33G or 0.35mm/28G lancets (30 supplied with meter)	On call 30G lancets (10 supplied with meter)
Lancet cost	£5.43/200	£2.75/100
Contact details for ordering meters	Local contact - Shanifa Campbell Email - scampbell@agamatrix.com Phone - 07733 453829	Local contact - Nick Robinson Email - Nick.robinson@connect2pharma.co.uk

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Standards - As a minimum, all recommended devices are compliant with the ISO Standard ISO 15197:2015, measure in mmol/l and provide plasma-calibrated meter readings only.

Prices - All prices quoted in the commissioning recommendations are the prices contained within the drug tariff as of 1st April 2023, which can be subject to change. NHS England will continue to monitor the drug tariff prices to ensure they continue to deliver best value.

Supply - All suppliers will provide meters, lancing devices, and ongoing free control solutions and replacement batteries free of charge to all healthcare settings across England in primary care, secondary care and to service users.

Quantities prescribed - The quantity of test strips prescribed should match the expected need. Both over- and under-prescribing should be avoided.

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Glossary of terms

- **BG** – Blood Glucose
- **SMBG** - Self Monitoring of Blood Glucose
- **CGM** – Continuous Glucose Monitoring
- **T1DM** - Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
- **T2DM** - Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- **DVLA** - Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency
- **Specialist** - Consultant or GPwSI or appropriately trained diabetes specialist practitioner (GP, nurse or non-medical prescriber)
- **DPP4i** – Dipeptidyl peptidase 4 inhibitor
- **SGLT-2** – Sodium glucose co-transporter 2
- **GLP-1 analogue** - Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor analogue

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