

Case study 4.3: Hands-off FCL using autoISF 3.0 on Xmas V.2.0

Adult user on AAPS using Lyumjev / AccuChek Combo/ 2x G6 overlapping

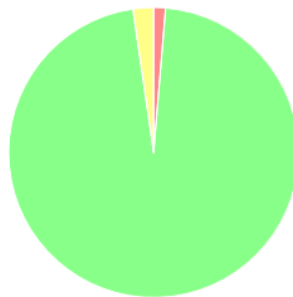
Hands-off FCL utilization on the Christmas holidays. **No user interference** (no boli, no carb inputs, no setting Eating Soon or any other inputs (%profile, TT...)).

Features from initial FCL set-up that the loop automatically did use:

- Set profile, including odd profile target ca 3am-10am (SMBs default* shut-off)
- Set autoISF parameters (24/7 adaptation of ISF; bgAccel_ISF_weight = 0.24; pp_ISF_weight = 0.03 etc.)(iobTH_percent=60)
- Automation that sets TT=74 mg/dl for 26m if delta>10
- *Automation for temp. SMBs (if bg>160; iob<3.5) during nighttime
- Activity monitor 24/7 on (with scale factors 1.2 activity and 0.3 inactivity)

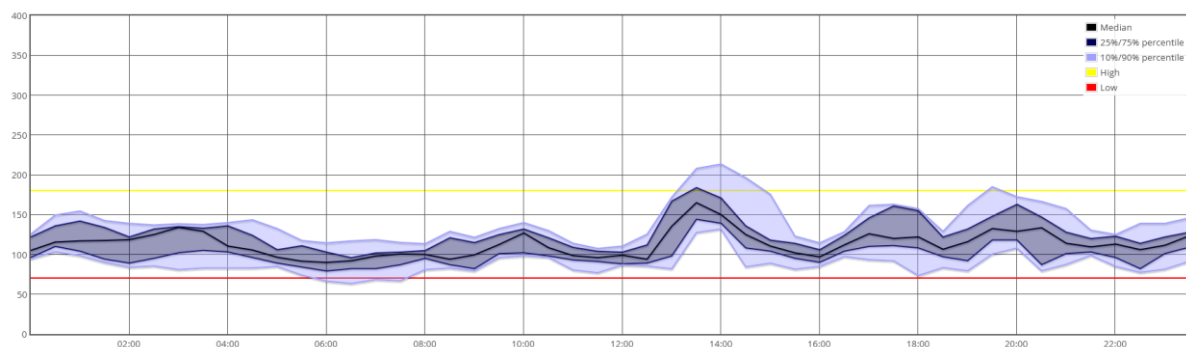


Glucose distribution (5 days total, Friday 22.12.2023 - Tuesday 26.12.2023)



Range	% of Readings	# of Readings	Average	Median	Standard Deviation	A1c estimation*
Low (<70):	1.3%	19	65.7	66.0	1.9	
In Range:	96.4%	1389	112.4	109.0	22.6	
High (>=180):	2.3%	33	196.1	189.0	13.1	
Overall:		1441	113.7	110.0	26.2	5.6% _{DCCT} 38 _{IFCC}
Mean Total Daily Change		Time in fluctuation (>5 mg/dl/5m)		Time in rapid fluctuation (>10 mg/dl/5m)		
923.1 mg/dl		14.0%		4.0%		
Mean Hourly Change		GVI		PGS		
38.46 mg/dl		1.28		5.21		
Out of Range RMS						
3.2 mg/dl						

Glucose Percentile report (5 days total, Friday 22.12.2023 - Tuesday 26.12.2023)








A completely hands-off FCL worked very well on these days that, due to some **excessive eating**, came with TDD of on average 42.8 U (+16% to normal TDD averaging 37U). No big breakfasts, but two very big holiday lunches, and late dinners followed once (Dec24/25) by a midnight chocolate fondue w/ 2 gl. sweet hot wine (Glühwein) were included, all without manually adjusting any settings.

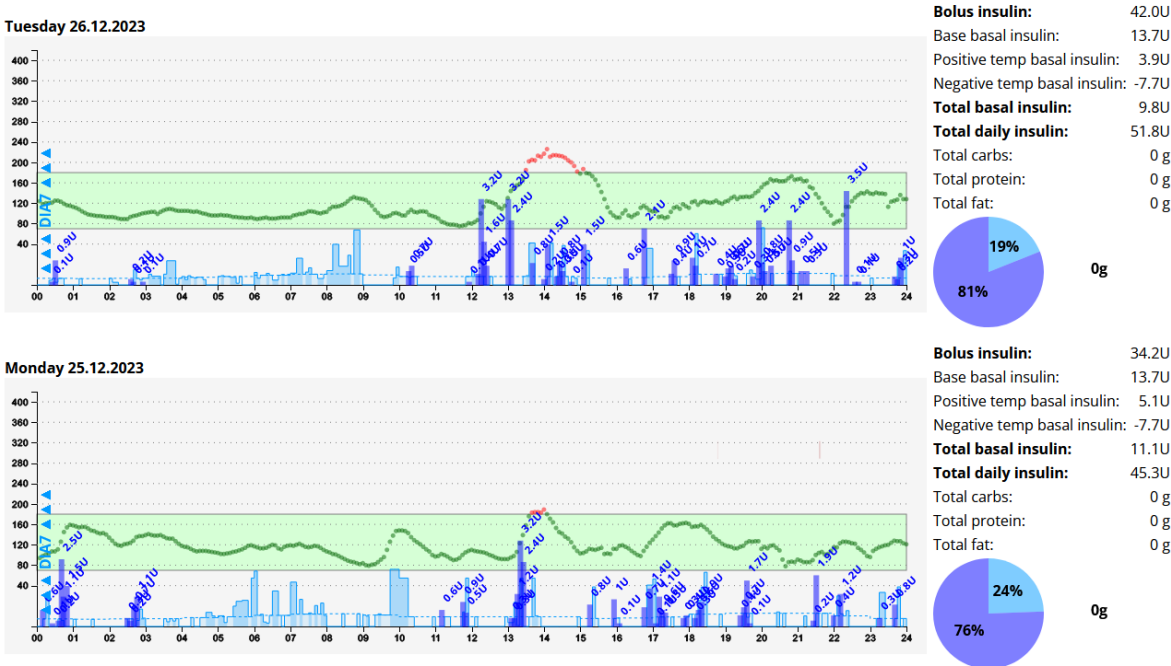
Using the new **activity** monitor seemed sufficient to deal with automatic adjustments to frequent inactivity, as well as to several 30-45 minute daily dogwalks.

(If more “serious” exercise would have been included, I would have used some form of “exercise announcement”, and/or would have required snacks to avert hypos).

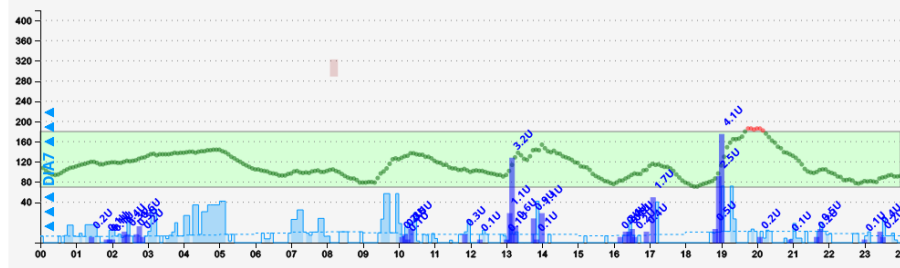
Daily stats report

	Date	Low	Normal	High	Readings	Min	Max	Average	StDev	25%	Median	75%
	Tuesday 26.12.2023	0%	93%	7%	288	75	226	119.2	32.2	96.0	109.0	130.5
	Monday 25.12.2023	0%	98%	2%	288	78	189	119.3	22.4	104.0	116.0	131.5
	Sunday 24.12.2023	0%	98%	2%	288	71	186	112.9	24.6	96.0	107.5	130.5
	Saturday 23.12.2023	7%	93%	0%	288	61	173	114.3	26.8	95.5	114.5	133.5
	Friday 22.12.2023	0%	100%	0%	288	73	164	102.7	20.0	85.0	98.0	116.0

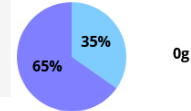
In the daily charts that follow, the SMB sizes are indicated (no bolus was ever given).



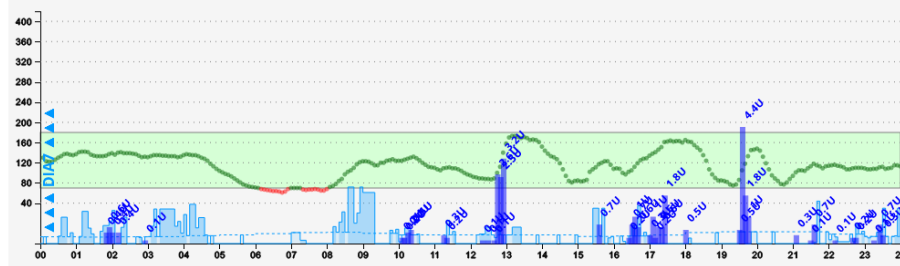
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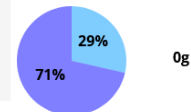
Bolus insulin: 23.5U
Base basal insulin: 13.7U
Positive temp basal insulin: 5.9U
Negative temp basal insulin: -7.1U
Total basal insulin: 12.5U
Total daily insulin: 36.0U
Total carbs: 0 g
Total protein: 0 g
Total fat: 0 g



Saturday 23.12.2023



Bolus insulin: 30.9U
Base basal insulin: 13.7U
Positive temp basal insulin: 6.5U
Negative temp basal insulin: -7.9U
Total basal insulin: 12.4U
Total daily insulin: 43.3U
Total carbs: 0 g
Total protein: 0 g
Total fat: 0 g



Conclusion

On days without heavy exercise it seems possible to let the FCL run without any user interference, once the initial settings are dialed in.

Going ~ 20% higher in carb intake is no problem for the sophisticated way autoISF auto-adapts to the predicted further glucose curves.

Users should resist the temptations to “nudge”, be it with temporary settings or even by sometimes giving a bolus. Any such user action disturbs the workings of the autoISF loop and is – at least on average –unlikely to lead to a better result.

What the user still should do is:

- Look occasionally after BT connectivity (especially after meal starts)
- Look occasionally into the bg and iob (or insulin activity, thin yellow curve) development, and develop some “mindfulness” so to some extent, and only sometimes, this might influence the eating/snacking habit a bit.
- With very special “disturbances” the hands-off FCL runs into limitations. Notably if the need for extra snacks shall be kept low, ahead of exercise it can be essential to take special precautions for limiting iob and to elevate the glucose target (as known from hybrid closed loop). See example in [case study 6.2](#)