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Determination of favorable blood glucose target range for stochastic TARGETed (STAR) glycemetic control in Malaysia (Article) [\(Open Access\)](#)

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Stress-induced hyperglycemia is common in critically ill patients, but there is uncertainty about what constitutes an optimal blood glucose target range for glycemetic control. Furthermore, to reduce the rate of hyperglycemic and hypoglycemic events, model-based glycemetic control protocols have been introduced, such as the stochastic targeted (STAR) glycemetic control protocol. This protocol has been used in the intensive care units of Christchurch and Gyula Hospital since 2010, and in Malaysia since 2017. In this study, we analyzed the adaptability of the protocol and identified the blood glucose target range most favorable for use in the Malaysian population. Virtual simulation results are presented for two clinical cohorts: one receiving treatment by the STAR protocol itself and the other receiving intensive insulin therapy by the sliding scale method. Performance and safety were analyzed using five clinical target ranges, and best control was simulated at a target range of 6.0–10.0 mmol/L. This target range had the best balance of performance, with the lowest risk of hypoglycemia and the lowest requirement for nursing interventions. The result is encouraging as the STAR protocol is suitable to provide better and safer glycemetic control while using a target range that is already widely used in Malaysian intensive care units. © 2019 Institute of Advanced Engineering and Science. All rights reserved.

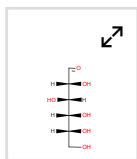
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