

## Commercial hybrid closed-loop systems available for a patient with type 1 diabetes in 2022

Komercyjne hybrydowe systemy zamkniętej pętli dostępne dla pacjenta z cukrzycą typu 1 w 2022 roku

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### Abstract

Technological advances offer the opportunity to improve glycemic control and reduce the risk of complications and burden of type 1 diabetes while improving patient quality of life. Closed-loop insulin delivery systems take the technology to a larger scale by integrating CGM systems with an insulin pump and an algorithm that automates insulin delivery (HCL systems). Several systems using hybrid closed loop technology are currently offered in the global marketplace: the MiniMed™ 670G and MiniMed™ 780G (SmartGuard™) system from Medtronic; the T slim x2 Control IQ from Tandem; the Omnipod5 automated mode (HypoProtect™)5 from Insulet; and the CamAPS FX DanaRS or Ypso pump. Insulet's Omnipod5 automated mode (HypoProtect™) is currently in clinical trials. As technology moves forward, advanced systems are being developed that include an elaborate algorithm with individualization of major target points, automated correction bolus functionality, and increased stability of the automated mode (Advanced Hybrid Closed-Loop - AHCL systems). The AHCL systems include: MiniMed™ 780G (SmartGuard™); Tandem's T slim x2 Control IQ; Insulet's Omnipod5-Automated mode (HypoProtect™); and CamAPS FX. The purpose of this paper is to present commercial devices using HCL and AHCL in 2022, also from a scientific point of view. It is an undeniable fact that "auto-mode" systems represent a new stage that can be confidently called a revolution in diabetology.

### Key words:

diabetes, hybrid closed-loop, HCL, advanced hybrid closed-loop, AHCL.

### Streszczenie

Postęp technologiczny daje możliwość poprawy kontroli glikemii oraz zmniejszenia ryzyka powikłań i obciążeń związanych z cukrzycą typu 1 przy jednoczesnej poprawie jakości życia pacjentów. Systemy podawania insuliny w zamkniętej pętli przenoszą technologię na większą skalę, integrując systemy CGM z pompą insulinową i algorytmem automatyzującym podawanie insuliny (systemy HCL). Na rynku światowym oferowanych jest obecnie kilka systemów wykorzystujących technologię hybrydowej pętli zamkniętej: system MiniMed™ 670G i MiniMed™ 780G (SmartGuard™) firmy Medtronic; system T slim x2 Control IQ firmy Tandem; system Omnipod5 w trybie zautomatyzowanym (HypoProtect™)5 firmy Insulet; oraz pompy CamAPS FX DanaRS lub Ypso. Tryb zautomatyzowany Omnipod5 (HypoProtect™) firmy Insulet jest obecnie w fazie badań klinicznych. Wraz z postępem technologii opracowywane są zaawansowane systemy, które zawierają rozbudowany algorytm z indywidualizacją głównych punktów docelowych, funkcjonalność zautomatyzowanego bolusa korekcyjnego oraz zwiększoną stabilność trybu zautomatyzowanego (systemy Advanced Hybrid Closed-Loop – AHCL). Do systemów AHCL należą: MiniMed™ 780G (SmartGuard™); T slim x2 Control IQ firmy Tandem; Omnipod5-Automated mode (HypoProtect™) firmy Insulet; oraz CamAPS FX. Celem niniejszej pracy jest przedstawienie komercyjnych urządzeń wykorzystujących HCL i AHCL w 2022 r., również z naukowego punktu widzenia. Niezaprzeczalnym faktem jest, że systemy „trybu automatycznego” stanowią nowy etap, który śmiało można nazwać rewolucją w diabetologii.

### Key words:

cukrzyca, AHCL, HCL, hybrydowa zamknięta pętla, zaawansowana hybrydowa zamknięta pętla.

## Introduction

It is known that the treatment of type 1 diabetes is a challenge for both the patient and the doctor. Despite the constant struggle, most patients are unable to achieve normoglycaemia and are at risk of episodes of hypoglycaemia, diabetic ketoacidosis, or long-term vascular complications resulting from insufficient diabetes control [1]. This disease has also become a challenge for the world of technology. Advances in technology offer the opportunity to improve glycaemic control by reducing the aforementioned complications and burdens while improving quality of life. Closed-loop insulin delivery systems (also known as “artificial pancreas”) take this technology to a larger scale by integrating CGM systems with an insulin pump and an algorithm that automates insulin delivery. These systems are collectively referred to as hybrid closed loop systems (HCL systems). Currently, there are 2 systems: the commercial “auto-mode” and the “Do-it yourself” Artificial Pancreas System (DIYAPS) [2]. The use of technological progress is becoming an important and quite interesting point of care for diabetics, ranging from continuous glucose monitoring systems, through personal insulin pumps, and finally to the use of a combination of both systems to automate the insulin supply [3]. Citing evidence-based medicine, diabetological care in patients with T1D departs from the independent use of the CGM system and the insulin pump, replacing it with the HCL system option [4].

## Commercial HCL systems

Closed-loop hybrid systems are characterized by automated algorithm-based insulin delivery and patient-initiated insulin de-

livery (e.g. post-meal boluses). There are several systems using hybrid closed loop technology currently offered on the global market: Medtronic’s System MiniMed™ 670G, and MiniMed™ 780G (SmartGuard™); Tandem’s T slim x2 Control IQ; Insulet’s Omnipod5<sup>0</sup>-Automated mode (HypoProtect™)[5]; and CamAPS FX DanaRS or Ypso pump [6]. Insulet’s Omnipod5<sup>0</sup>-Automated mode (HypoProtect™) is currently undergoing clinical trials [7]. Technology is moving forward, so advanced systems are being developed that include a developed algorithm with individualization of primary target points, an automated correction bolus function, and improved stability of the automated mode. The automated correction bolus feature is an innovation, which is why we refer to these systems as advanced hybrid closed-loop (AHCL). The AHCL systems include MiniMed™ 780G (SmartGuard™); Tandem’s T slim x2 Control IQ; Insulet’s Omnipod5<sup>0</sup>-Automated mode (HypoProtect™); and CamAPS FX.

The purpose of this paper is to present commercial HCL and AHCL systems devices in 2022 with a scientific perspective.

## Discussion

Hybrid closed-loop systems vary; Table 1 [2, 8–39] shows the systems from each manufacturer that are present on the market (2021), allowing us to follow the intentions of the manufacturers, understand their functions, and compare the products. Each system has individual advantages and disadvantages, which we can trace in Table 2 [40, 41]. The imperfections of the systems make the technological progress faster and faster, and this guarantees that newer systems will appear on the market to meet more patients’ expectations. When we look at the advantages of

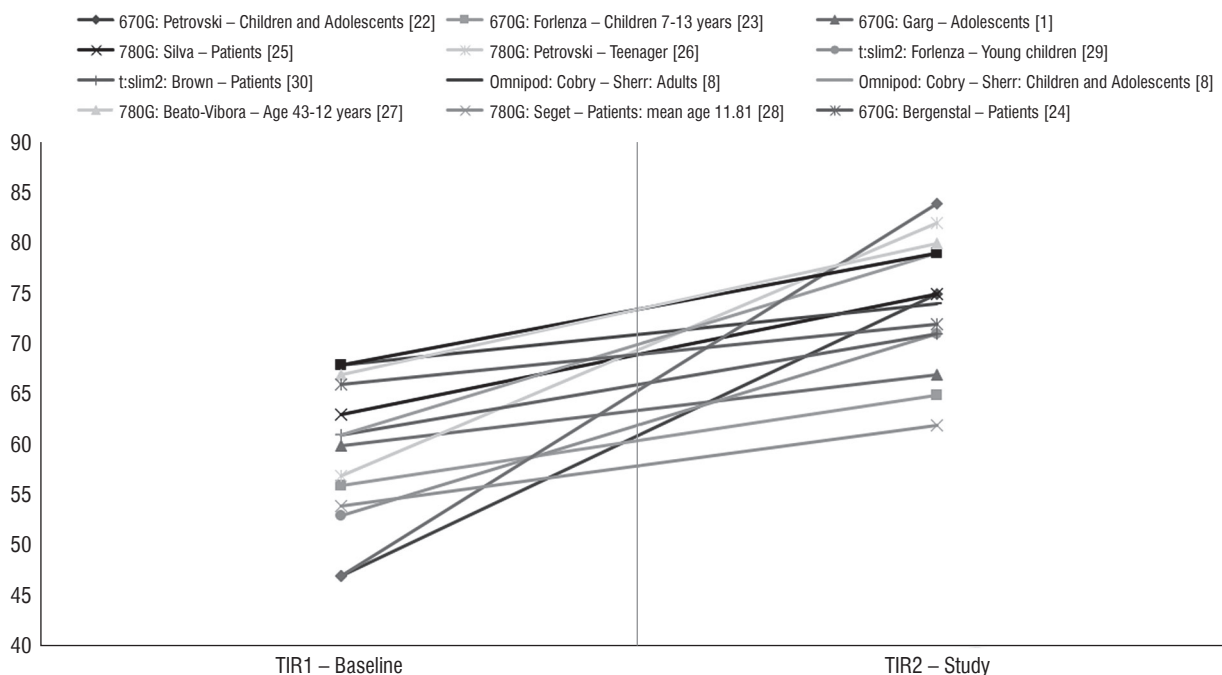


Figure 1. Improvement of TIR (%) during therapy using the HCL and AHCL systems in studies [1, 8, 22–32]

**Table 1.** Characteristics of the commercial HCL and AHCL systems in a table of the research paper by Leelarathna et al. [2], Cobry et al. [8], and Braune et al. [9], with authors' modification

Name of HCL system	Medtronic Minimed™ 670G [10]	Medtronic Minimed™ 780G [11]	Tandem's T slim x2 Control IQ [12–14]	CamAPS FX DanaRS or Ypsomed pump [6, 15]	Insulet's Omnipod5-Automated mode (Hypoprotect™) [8, 16]
Name of Pump	670G	780G	Tandem T: Slim x2	Dana RS pump, Ypsomed pump	Omnipod (Pod + PDM - Personal Diabetes Manager)
Name of Sensor	Guardian 3	Guardian 3, Guardian 4	Dexcom G6, Dexcom G7(coming soon [17, 18])	Dexcom G6	Dexcom G6, Dexcom G7 (coming soon [17, 18])
Duration of the Sensor (days)	7	7	10	10	10
Number of finger calibrations	Minimum 2 or even 4	Guardian 3: Minimum 2 (every 12 hours) Guardian 4: No finger calibration required	No finger calibration required	No finger calibration required	No finger calibration required
Pump insertion replacement time	Every 3 days	Every 3 days	48–72 hours	2–3 days [19]	Every 3 days
Working principle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmartGuard™ technology</li> <li>Manual mode: same as 640G [20]</li> <li>Automatic mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base: automatically adjusted basal insulin dose every 5 minutes based on real-time CGM values</li> <li>Bolus: required to manually administer a bolus by entering carbohydrate information into the insulin pump</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SmartGuard™ technology</li> <li>Manual Mode: Same as 640G [20]</li> <li>Automatic Mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base: precise, automatically selected basal insulin dose (every 5 minutes) based on rtCGM values</li> <li>Bolus: automatic bolus correction based on rtCGM value</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using CGM values in conjunction with other variables ("insulin on board") to predict glucose levels 30 minutes in advance and adjust insulin delivery accordingly</li> <li>If glucose levels fall &lt; 112.5 mg/dl, basal insulin delivery is reduced</li> <li>When glucose is predicted to fall &lt; 70 mg/dl, basal insulin delivery is stopped</li> <li>If glucose values &gt; 160 mg/dl within the next 30 minutes, basal insulin increases</li> <li>If glucose values &gt; 180 mg/dl, Control-IQ technology calculates a correction bolus to a target of 110 mg/dL and delivers 60% of this value as needed, up to once every 1 hour</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Model Predictive Control (MPC) – targeted treatment</li> <li>Automatic mode "Off" (open loop) is the mode in which the pump operates according to the programmed basic profile</li> <li>Automatic mode "On" (closed loop) is an operating mode in which insulin delivery is directed by the application, overriding the pre-programmed basal insulin delivery</li> <li>Automatic mode "Attempting" is a mode in which the application attempts to go into Auto mode but some condition prevents it from doing so. In "Attempting" mode, the insulin infusion will revert to the programmed basal infusion after approximately 30 minutes</li> <li>"Boost" mode is a mode that can be used when more insulin is needed. You can set the duration (from 0 to 13 hours) and the start time of Boost mode</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MPC algorithm to calculate microboluses of insulin delivered every 5 minutes based on CGM glucose data and predicted glucose values over a 60-minute prediction horizon</li> <li>The user is responsible for delivering bolus doses to meals using bolus settings programmed in PDM</li> <li>HypoProtect function – allows temporary reduction in basal insulin delivery during exercise</li> <li>Manual mode – only then are the basic doses used</li> <li>Automatic mode: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>basal control of the algorithm is based on the patient's total daily insulin dose (TDD) and does not require user intervention</li> <li>TDD is estimated from the programmed basal doses during system startup</li> <li>the system assumes that the user needs 50% TDD from basal insulin and 50% from bolus</li> <li>to estimate TDD, the system calculates the total daily insulin dose resulting from the programmed basal doses and then doubles this value</li> <li>basal doses are modulated every 5 min based on TDD</li> <li>the system tracks and updates the actual TDD provided to the user.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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Exercise mode	Appears	Appears	Appears	Appears	Appears (HypoProtect function for use during exercise (provides temporary reduction in basal insulin delivery)
Options for glucose targets	120 mg/dl – default setting for automatic mode 150 mg/dl – option for use during exercise	100 mg/dl, 110 mg/dl, 120 mg/dl, 150 mg/dl – during exercise	112.5–160 mg/dl 112.5–120 mg/dl – during sleep, 140–160 mg/dl – during exercise	(105 mg/dl) with an adjustable range of (80 to 200 mg/dl)	A user-programmable glucose value between 110–150 mg/dl (110, 120, 130, 140, and 150 mg/dl)
System limitations	Dedicated for patients with T1D ≥ 14 years old System use ≥ 7 years of age TDDI [2] ≥ 8 units per day.	Patients with T1D aged 7–80 years TDDI ≥ 8 units per day	Intended for people aged ≥ 14 years T1D in patients ≥ 6 years of age. TDDI ≥ 10 units of insulin per day Body weight ≥ 55 lbs	Patients with T1D aged 1 year and over using HCL Additional age restrictions may apply depending on the chosen continuous glucose monitor and insulin pump	The system has been designed and tested in patients with T1D aged 2 years and older
Use by pregnant women	Safety has not been studied in pregnant women	The safety of using the MiniMed™ 780G system in pregnant women has not been evaluated	Technology is not indicated for use in pregnant women	Can be used	Lack of data

\*SmartGuard™ technology is Medtronic's proprietary name for automatic insulin dosing based on sensor readings (continuous real-time glucose monitoring [rt CGM]).

**Table II.** Advantages and disadvantages of each system

	Advantages	Disadvantages
Medtronic Minimed™ 670G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ An algorithm to provide automatic insulin delivery based on rtCGM data</li> <li>+ Provides continuous insight into blood glucose</li> <li>+ Improves TIR and reduces risk of hypoglycaemia</li> <li>+ Alarms to inform of risks</li> <li>+ Waterproofing of the pump for comfortable performance of various activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The need for multiple finger pricks</li> <li>– Need for multiple sensor calibrations</li> <li>– Still need to manually insert the post-dose bolus</li> <li>– Non-modifiable blood glucose targets in the Automatic mode limit options</li> <li>– Fewer features available in Auto mode (cannot use differential bolus settings or lower basal rate)</li> <li>– Large number of alarms</li> <li>– No ability to make manual bolus adjustments in automatic mode (introducing “fake carbs” [40])</li> <li>– Pregnant women cannot operate in auto mode because the factory-set glucose target is too high to meet pregnancy goals [40]</li> </ul>
Medtronic Minimed™ 780G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ An algorithm to provide automatic insulin delivery based on rtCGM data</li> <li>+ Provides continuous insight into blood glucose</li> <li>+ Improves TIR and reduces risk of hypoglycaemia</li> <li>+ Alarms to inform of risks</li> <li>+ Waterproofing of the pump for comfortable performance of various activities</li> <li>+ Increased flexibility to set a personal blood glucose goal</li> <li>+ System easier to use</li> <li>+ MD-Logic [41] artificial pancreas algorithm from DreaMed Diabetes28 responsible for autocorrection boluses</li> <li>+ The algorithm “learns the patient”</li> <li>+ Application for people surrounding the patient (therapy partners)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The need for multiple finger pricks</li> <li>– Still needing multiple sensor calibrations (this applies to the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation transmitter - no calibration is needed with the 4<sup>th</sup> generation transmitter)</li> <li>– Large number of alarms</li> <li>– Inconvenience of system upgrade for the user*</li> <li>– The application is only compatible with certain types of phones*</li> <li>– Only one user can be observed at a time from the therapy partner's application*</li> <li>– No ability to see blood glucose, trends on smartwatch*</li> </ul>
Tandem's T slim x2 Control IQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ An algorithm to provide automatic insulin delivery based on rtCGM data</li> <li>+ Provides continuous insight into blood glucose</li> <li>+ Improves TIR and reduces risk of hypoglycaemia</li> <li>+ Alarms to inform of risks</li> <li>+ Easy to use</li> <li>+ Optional sleep settings</li> <li>+ Application for patient</li> <li>+ No requirement for finger calibration</li> <li>+ The algorithm “learns the patient”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– No ability to return to previous basal mode if closed loop is not adequate</li> <li>– Not compatible with ultrafast-acting insulins</li> <li>– Depends on basal values, carbohydrate ratios, and user adjustments CamAPS [2]</li> <li>– Watertight, not waterproof</li> </ul>
CamAPS FX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ No finger calibration required</li> <li>+ Pregnancy licence</li> <li>+ Customizable mobile app</li> <li>+ Downloads data from phone for privacy</li> <li>+ Fully waterproof pump</li> <li>+ Low age restrictions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Limited clinical experience</li> <li>– App only available for Android</li> <li>– The need to carry a phone and the risk of it being discharged</li> </ul>
Insulet's Omnipod5-Automated mode (Hypoprotect™)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ An algorithm to provide automatic insulin delivery based on rtCGM data</li> <li>+ Provides continuous insight into blood glucose</li> <li>+ Improves TIR and reduces risk of hypoglycaemia</li> <li>+ Alarms to inform of risks</li> <li>+ Easy to use</li> <li>+ Waterproofing of the pump for comfortable performance of various activities</li> <li>+ Patient applications (2)</li> <li>+ No requirement for finger calibration</li> <li>+ The algorithm “learns the patient”</li> <li>+ Compatible ultra-rapid-acting insulin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– System in clinical trial phase, few data</li> <li>– Need to control the pump from a phone (frequent need to have a second phone dedicated to the pump due to risk of rapid battery discharge)</li> </ul>

\* Authors' experience, only MiniMed 780 G system is available in Poland.

HCL systems we can see many similarities, which are improvements in parameters that reflect diabetes control. The auto-mode algorithms in HCL “learn the patient” and adjust insulin delivery individually for each person. That provides better glycaemic control and safer therapy. However, the existence of different algorithms in systems causes difficulties in interpretation and the need to learn each algorithm. The aforementioned studies indicate that therapy with HCL systems reduces the time spent in hypoglycaemia, while extending the time spent in the target range, aiming to reduce glycaemic fluctuations, and improving the patient’s quality of life in all age groups [42, 43]. Therefore, HCL systems are an essential step forward for patients with diabetes, enabling them to live longer healthier lives and be safer and more comfortable. However, it is important to remember that proper patient education plays a key role in maximizing the benefits of treatment with all HCL systems [22]. For some patients, high-technology systems can add stress and burden, manifesting as switching out of the automated mode when using HCL [2]. Therefore, it is extremely important that technology strives to develop devices that are accessible for use by the common patient, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

In addition to focusing on glycaemic control, a broader view is very important in diabetes care, in line with recommendations that include healthy lifestyle medicine, and maintenance of normal blood pressure, body weight, and lipid profile [44, 45, 46, 47]. Interesting issues requiring a separate discussion and allowing for a better therapeutic effect in the use of auto-mode are increasing trust and openness to the new technology of patients and members of the diabetic therapeutic team (percentage of sensor use and change of habits) [48].

Considering the whole, it is an undeniable fact that “auto-mode” systems represent a new stage that can be boldly called a revolution in diabetology.

## Conclusions

Technology is moving forward, and with it advances in the treatment of diabetes and the prevention of its complications. The commercial HCL systems presented by the authors give patients with diabetes unique and more satisfactory tools for improving glycaemic control in the real world, but still create a challenge for the patient.

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