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Quotient Diagnostics triumphs at Cambridge Enterprise Conference

An innovative method of monitoring glucose control in diabetes took the top prize of £5,000 at the 6th Cambridge Enterprise Conference's Enterprise Launch Pad competition. London-based Quotient Diagnostics was one of 10 finalists picked from 100 entries to give presentations to delegates during the conference on 25 March 2004.

Quotient has created a point-of-care diabetes testing system which uses the fluorescent properties of a patented reagent to measure glycated haemoglobin in a way that matches the performance of laboratory instruments, costing many thousands of pounds, in a fraction of the time. This indicator (known as %HbA1c) is the "gold standard" of diabetes measurement.

Most HbA1c tests are currently carried out by blood samples being sent away to central laboratories – a laborious, time-consuming and expensive process. There is a fast growing worldwide demand for a means to conduct them within the scope of a single clinic visit. The company is well advanced in the development of a low-cost instrument and cartridge to accompany its patented reagent chemistry.

The conference attracted more than 400 delegates and included 46 speakers and offered master classes in dealing with issues that face technology entrepreneurs.

Simon Harris, Commercial Director of Quotient said: "It's a great boost to our team to be the winner of the Enterprise Launch Pad Award. The cheque's nice to have, the publicity's better, but best of all is the recognition by our peers that we have the makings of a winning formula".
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For a demonstration of the Quotient system, see

www.quotientdiagnostics.co.uk/demo.html

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