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Bubble reader add-on to Freestyle Libre

BCDiabetes loves the Bubble mini reader because, in combination with the Freestyle Libre ($6.43/day), it provides CGM at ⅔ the cost of mainstream CGMs (Dexcom G6 & Medtronic Guardian Connect). Click here for a cost comparison of the CGMs on the Canadian market. With prescription the Bubble mini device may be covered by many third-party insurers in Canada.

Apart from the Bubble mini reader, there are two other add-on readers on the world market - the MiaoMiao2 & the Blucon Nightrider. BCDiabetes has purchased and lent to its clients more than 50 MiaoMiao2s, 12 Blucons and 20 Bubble readers. It considers the Bubble to be the clear leader in terms of reliability and value-for-money. BCDiabetes still considers the Blucon to be a good device but problems with bluetooth connectivity render it the #2 choice after the Bubble. The quality of a recent purchase of 20 MiaoMiao2s was appallingly bad - this device should be avoided.

The Bubble mini reader is approximately CAD$269 (not including shipping), is manufactured & shipped from Sweden - delivery takes 2-3 days. The Blucon Nightrider can be purchased from the US manufacturer for approximately CAD $225 (including shipping and taxes, delivery takes 2-3 days.

The default method of connecting the Bubble reader to the Freestyle Libre is with its app Diabox (Android, click on “DiaBox_2021_.....apk); for iOS first install Apple's Testflight app and then tap this link to become a beta tester). These apps are user friendly and flexible. It has the advantage of working with all Freestyle Libre sensors (Libre only in Canada - Libre 2 coverage coming shortly, in the USA: Libre 10, Libre 14 & Libre 2 and in India Libre Pro.

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