Oral Anti-diabetic Medications in India

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1 in 10 Adults (20-79 years) has diabetes 537 million people



1 in 18

319 million people

Adults (20-79 years) has

impaired fasting glucose



3 in 4

11.5%

People with diabetes live in low and middle-income countries



Adults is undiagnosed 240 million people



1 in 6

Live births (21 million) affected by hyperglycaemia in pregnancy, 80% have mothers with GDM

Of global health expenditure spent on diabetes (USD 966 billion)



1 in 9

Adults (20-79 years) has impaired glucose tolerance 541 million people



1.2 million

Children and adolescents below 20 years have type 1 diabetes

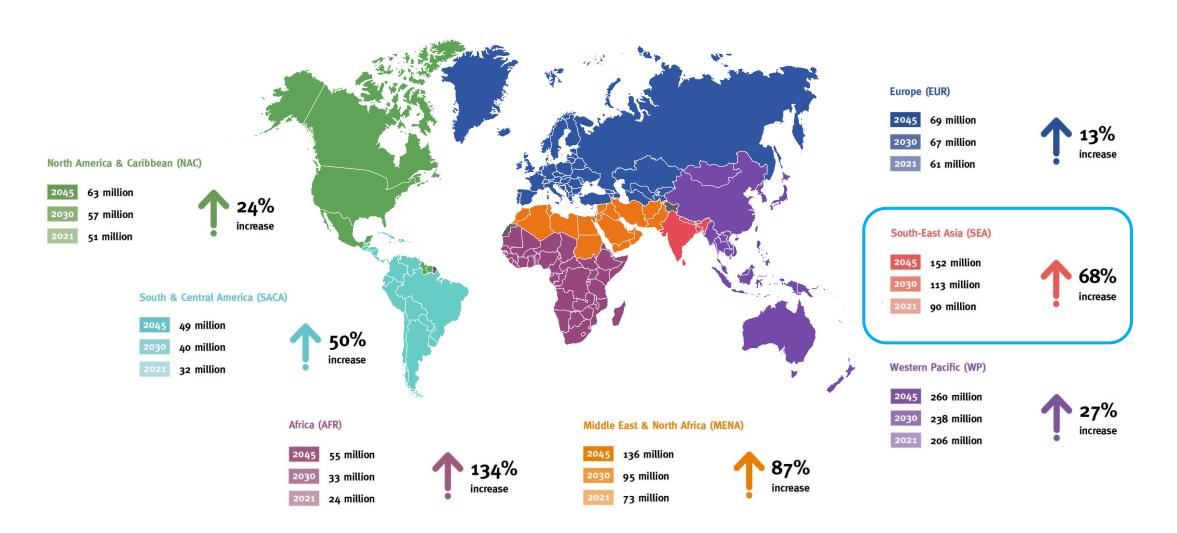


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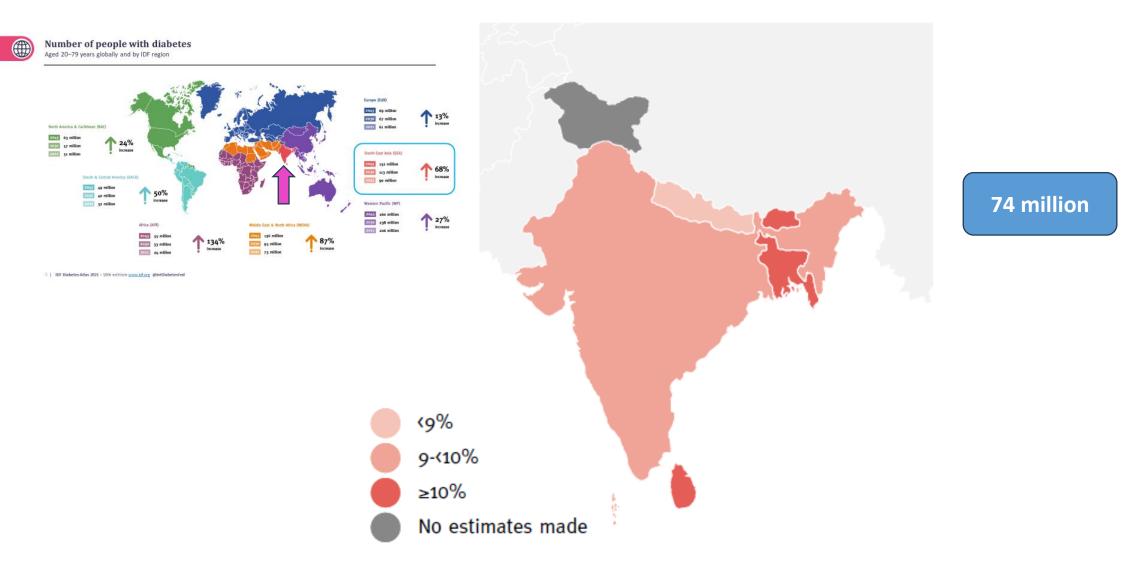


Number of people with diabetes

Aged 20–79 years globally and by IDF region



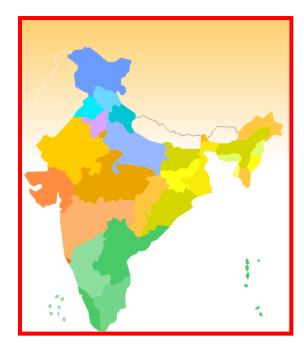
Map 5.6 Age-adjusted comparative prevalence (%) of diabetes (20–79 years) in the IDF South-East Asia Region in 2021



<u>ICMR</u> - <u>IN</u>DIA <u>DIAB</u>ETES [ICMR-INDIAB] STUDY



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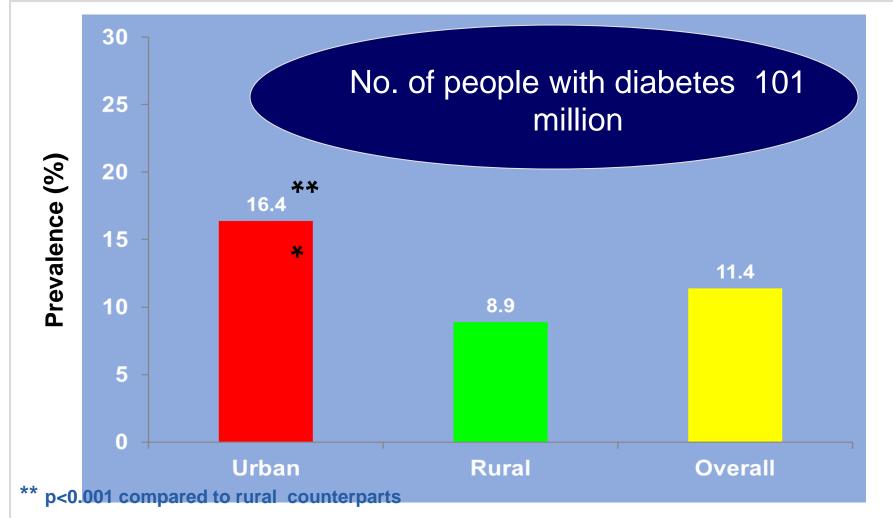


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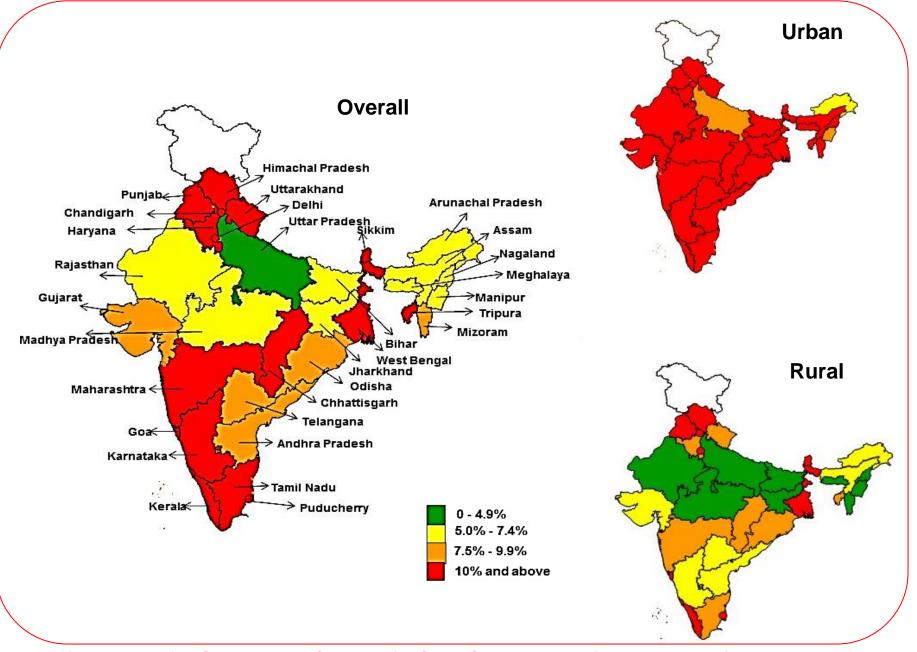
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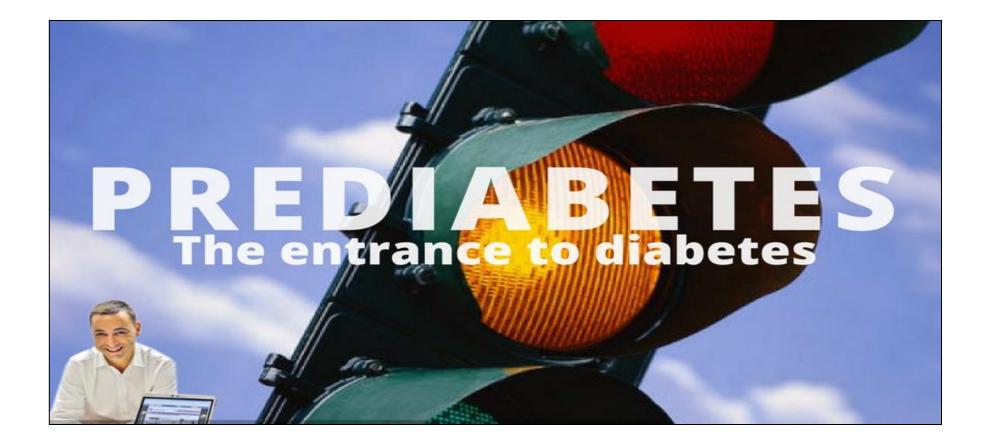
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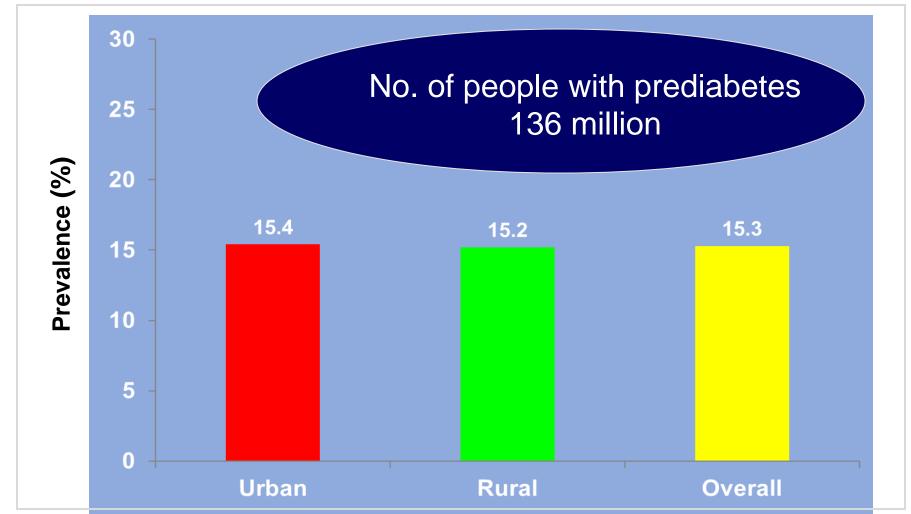
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DIABETES



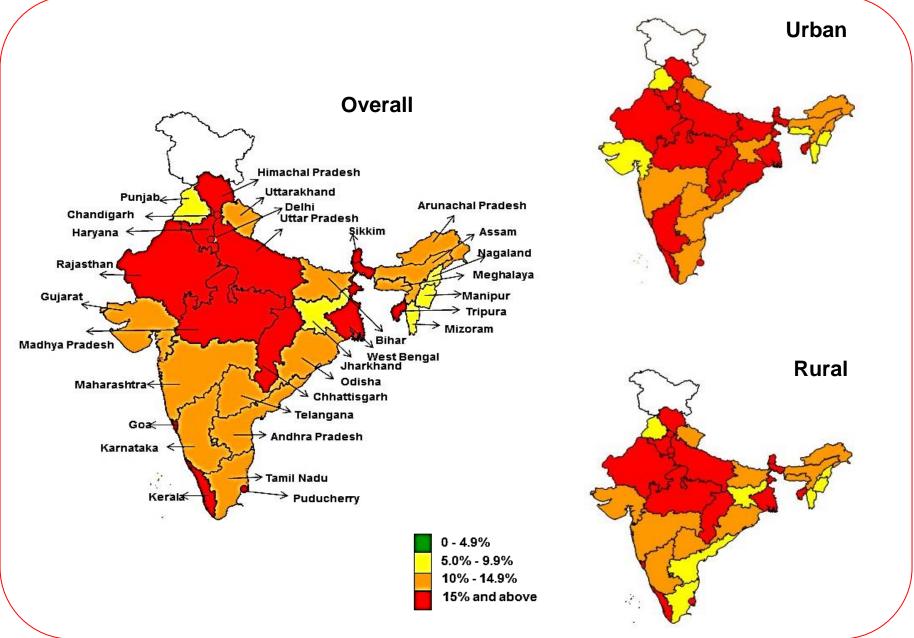


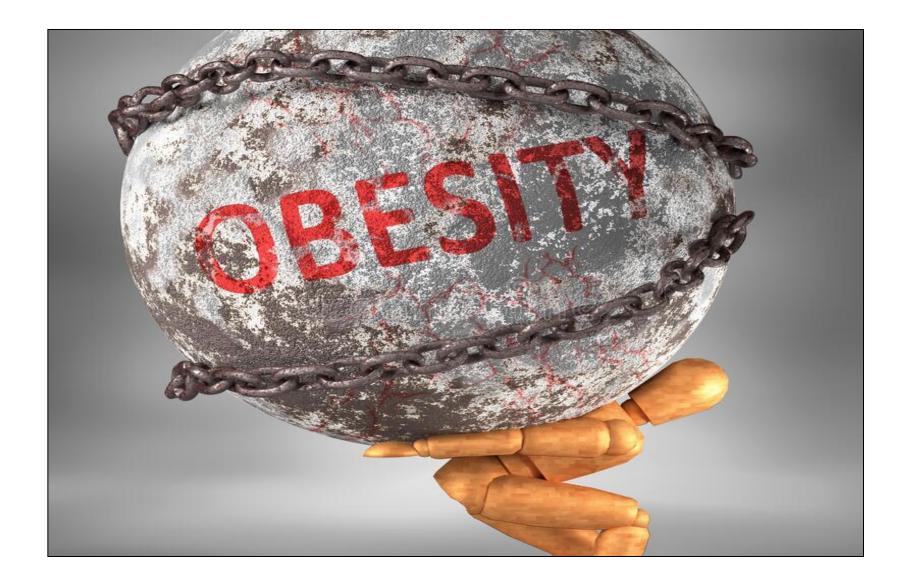
WEIGHTED PREVALENCE OF PREDIABETES IN THE ICMR- INDIAB STUDY POPULATION (31 STATES/UTs)



Prediabetes : By OGTT- Isolated IFG - Fasting CBG \ge 110 mg/dL (6.1 mmol/L) but < 126 mg/dL and 2-h post-glucose CBG of < 160 mg/dL ; Isolated IGT- A 2-h post-oral glucose load CBG \ge 160 mg/dL but < 220 mg/dL, and fasting CBG <110 mg/dL; Prediabetes defined as the presence of IFG, IGT, or both [WHO]

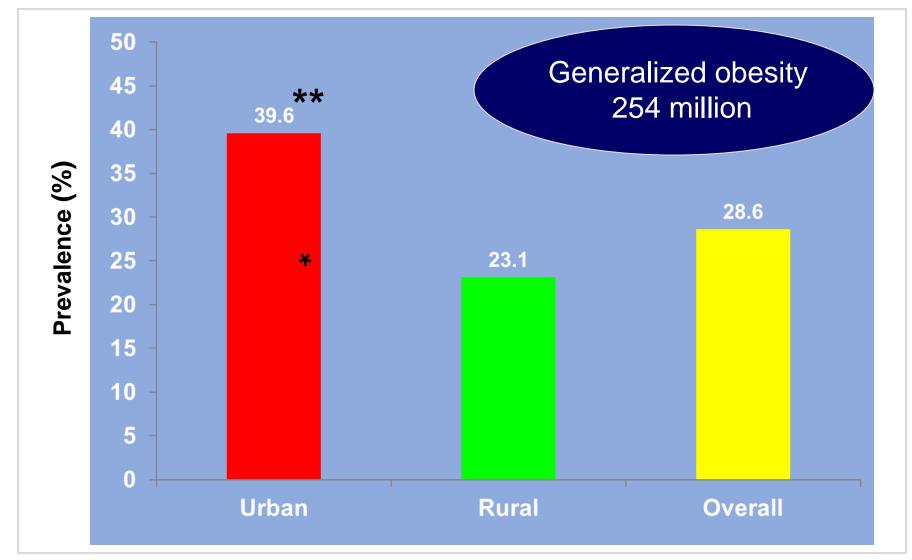
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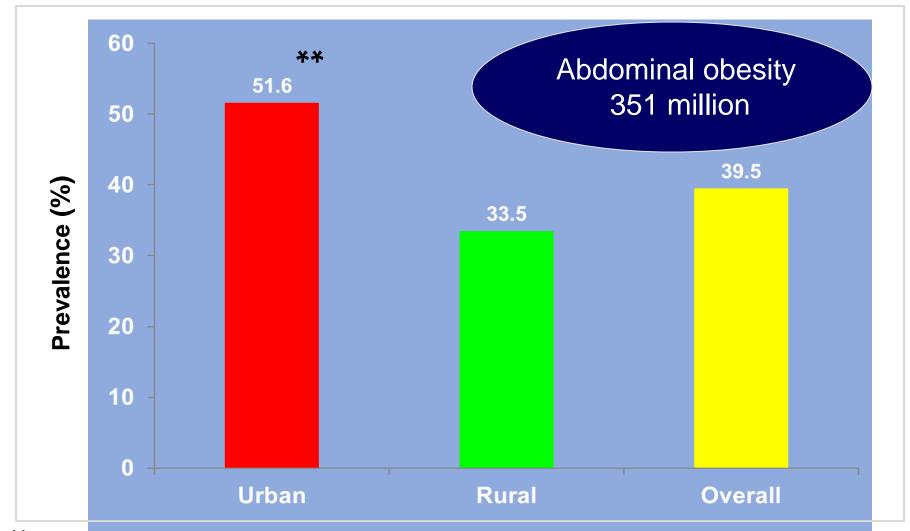


** p<0.001 compared to rural counterparts

Generalized obesity- BMI of 25 kg/m² or higher (WHO Asia Pacific guidelines) Anjana RM et al for ICMR – INDIAB Collaborative Study Group, Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology, 2023;7-474-489.

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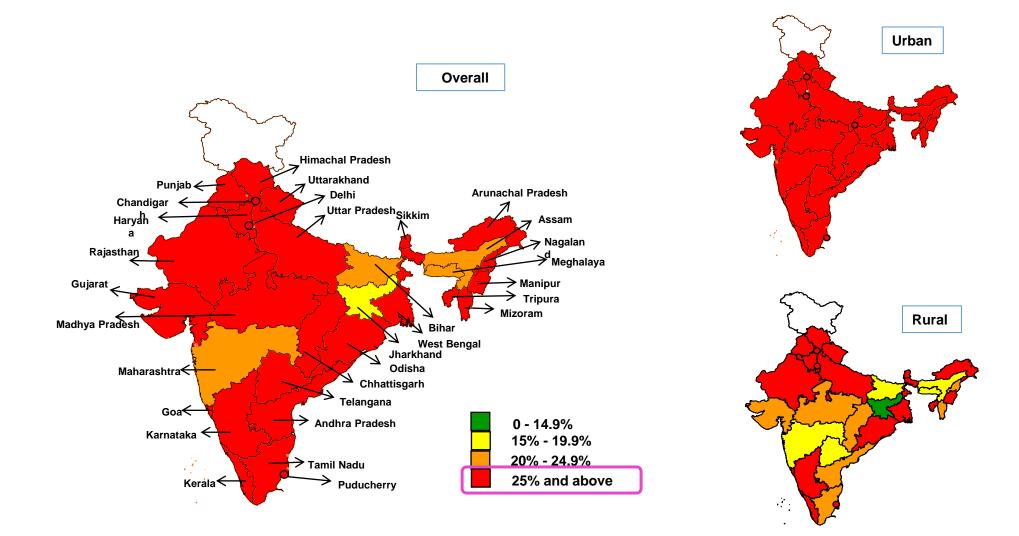
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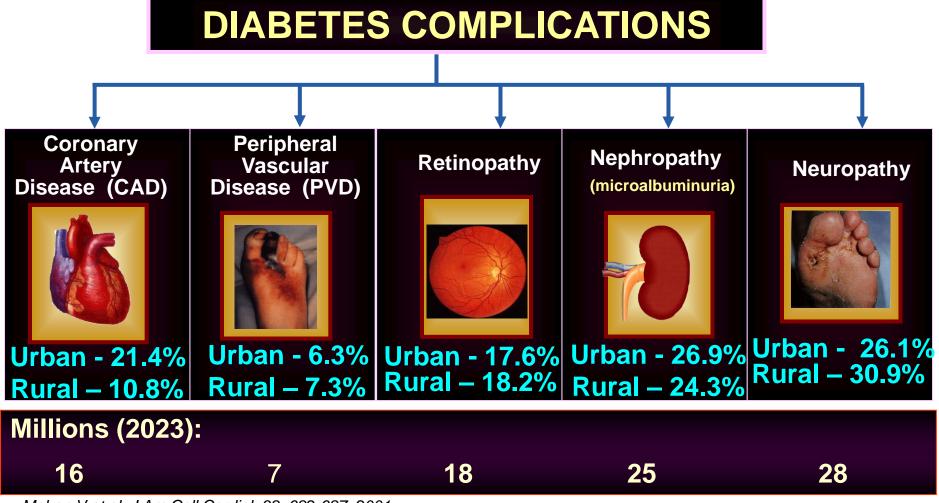
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Abdominal obesity- waist circumference of 90 cm or higher for men and 80 cm or higher for women (WHO Asia Pacific guidelines)

ABDOMINAL OBESITY

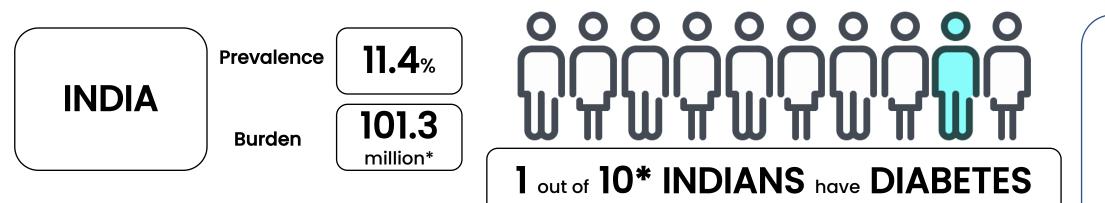


BURDEN DUE TO DIABETES



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Burden of diabetes in India



RAPID progression from prediabetes to diabetes in Indians

Ethnicity	Incidence rates (/1000 person years)	Diabetes prevention programme	Annual progression rate from IGT to T2DM
Pima Indians	87.3		
		Finnish	6%
Micronesian	62.8		
		Chinese	11.3%
INDIAN	78.9		10%
		INDIAN	18%

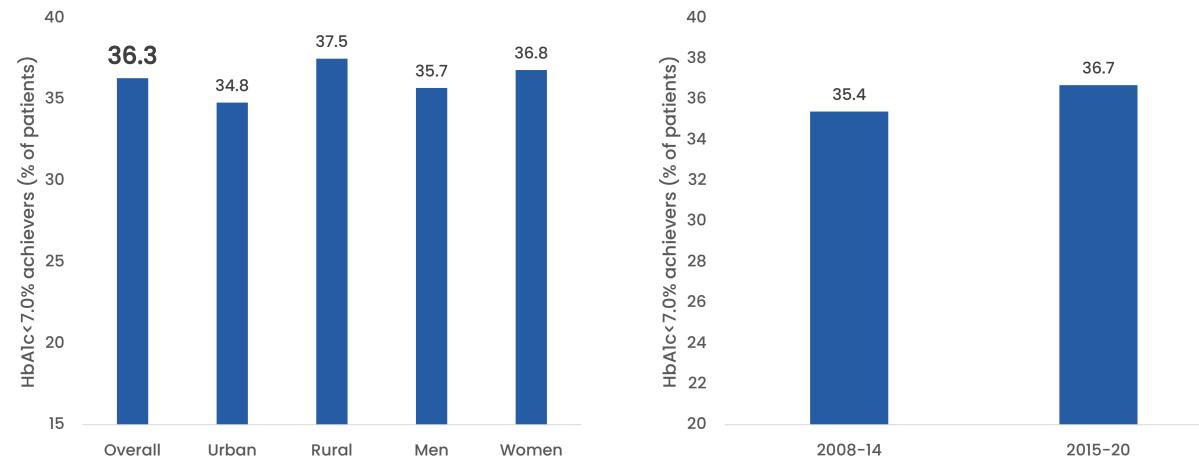
India has a **dua** problem: current high burden as well as future high burden Of diabetes

*Aged ≥20 years

The Chennai Urban Rural Epidemiology Study (CURES): Diabetes Care. 2015; 38: 1441-8, Indian Diabetes Prevention Programme-1 (IDPP) study :Diabetologia 2006; 49: 289-97

IDF Diabetes Atlas, 10th Edition, 2021 Anjana RM., et. al., Lancet. 2023; 11: 474-89

Diabetes in India Diabetes Control is Far from Being Optimal

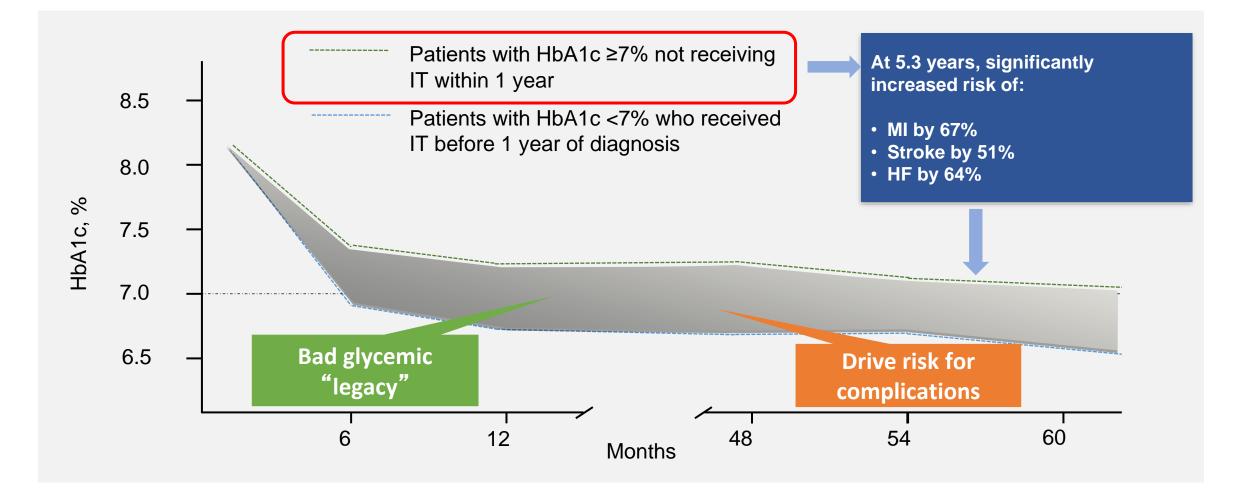


Only one out of three

Indians achieve HbA1c <7.0% goal

No significant improvement in Indians achieving HbA1c <7.0% goal in the last decade

Consequences Of Delayed Intervention



HF, heart failure; IT, treatment intensification; MI, myocardial infarction Paul S, et al. *Cardiovasc Diabetol* 2015;14:100

How Can We Treat The Disease Aggressively In The Early Stages?

- Early introduction of combination therapy offers a good base for treating the disease aggressively
- It can target multiple pathophysiologies simultaneously resulting in improved glycemic control
- Thus, offering a reasonable option to get patients to achieve their goals
- This approach helps address glucotoxicity sooner

When to initiate a Combination Therapy.. What do the latest guidelines say ?

ADA 2023: "...absolute effectiveness of most oral medications rarely exceeds 1%..."



Early combination therapy can be considered in some patients at treatment initiation to extend the time to treatment failure (Level A recommendation)

ADA 2023¹

Entry HbA1c >9.0% and/or ≥1.5% above target (Should Consider dual or triple therapy)

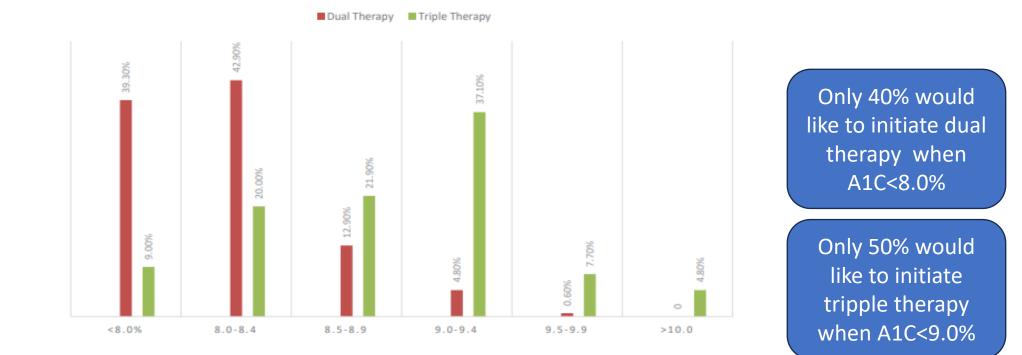
AACE-ACE 2022²

Consider initiating combination therapy if the HbA1c >1.5 above the target

RSSDI 2022³

1. Standards of Medical Care in Diabetes - 2023. Diabetes Care 2023;45(Suppl. 1):S17-S38; 2. Lawrence B et al. American Association of Clinical Endocrinology Clinical Practice Guideline: Developing a Diabetes Mellitus Comprehensive Care Plan—2022 Update, Endocrine Practice, 2022;28(10):923-1049,3. RSSDI Clinical Practice Recommendations for the Management of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus 2022. Int J Diabetes Dev Ctries 42 (Suppl 1), 1–143 (2022)

Type 2 Diabetes in India – Preferred cut off value of HbA1C for initiating dual and triple therapy



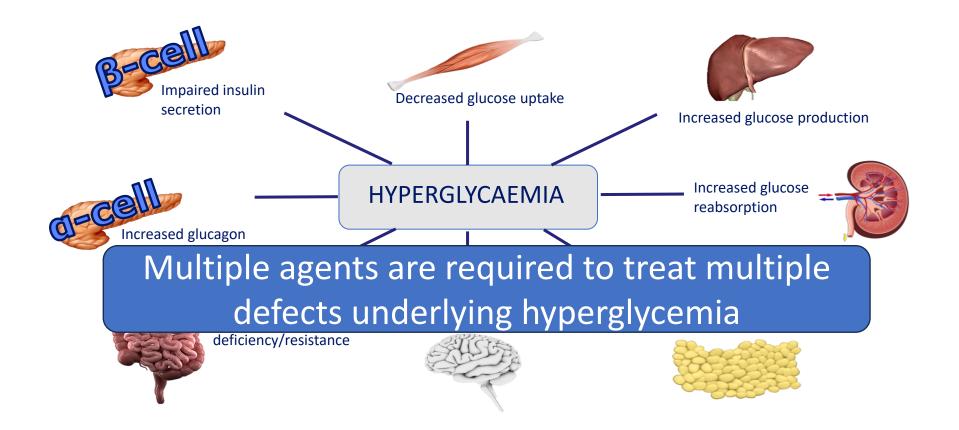
To initiate1

Dual therapy, chose HbA1c level of 8.0-8.4%

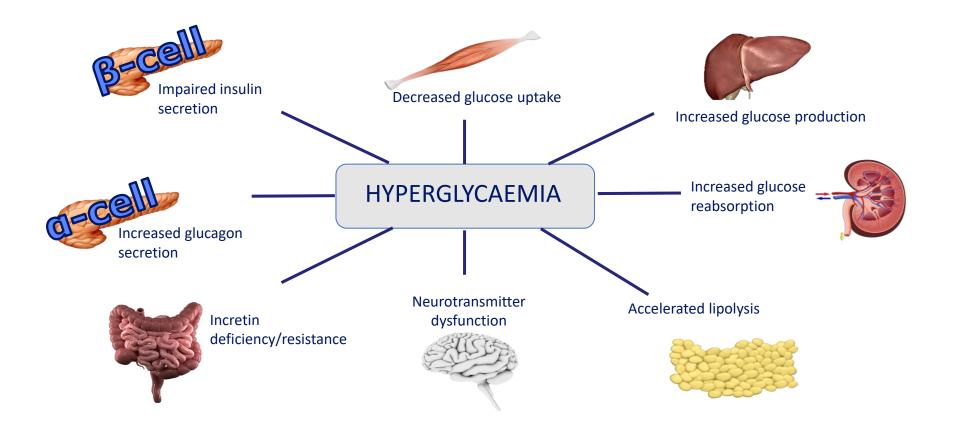
• while for triple therapy, select HbA1c level of 9.0-9.4%

Das AK, Saxena G, Naik S. HbA1C in Management of Type II Diabetes Mellitus: A Cross-sectional Survey of Indian Physicians. The Journal of the Association of Physicians of India. 2019 Jul 1;67(7):18-21.

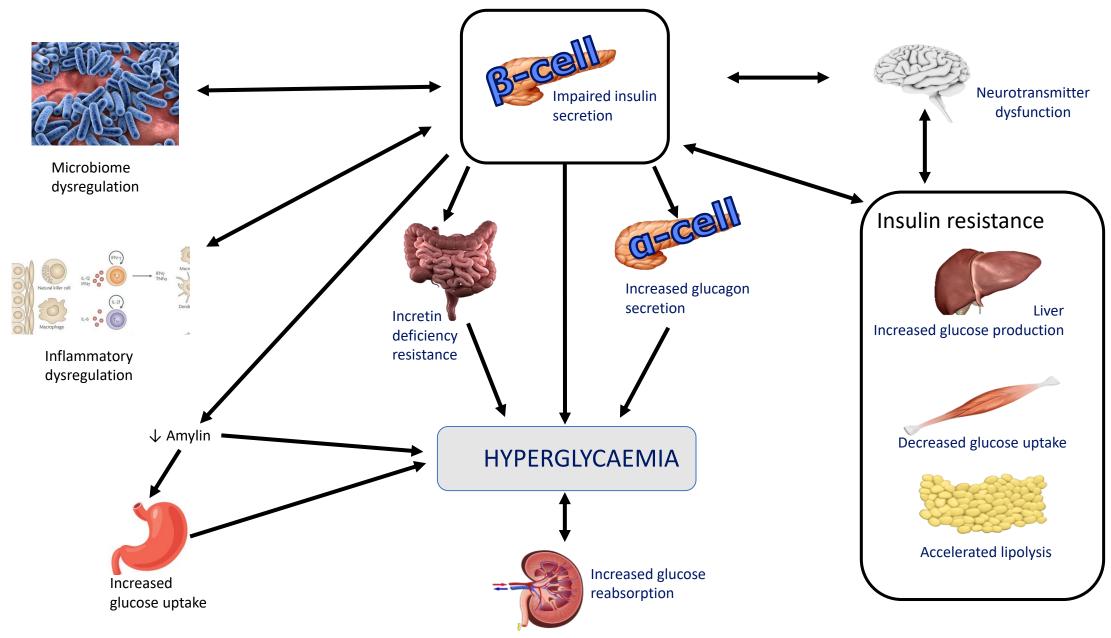
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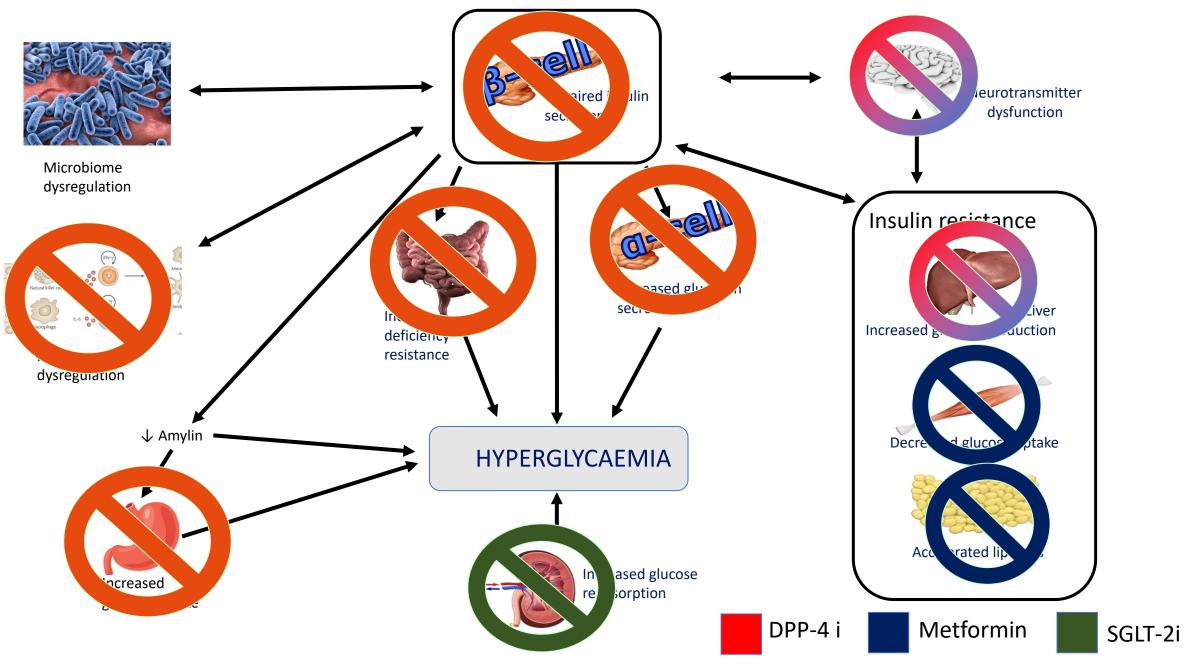
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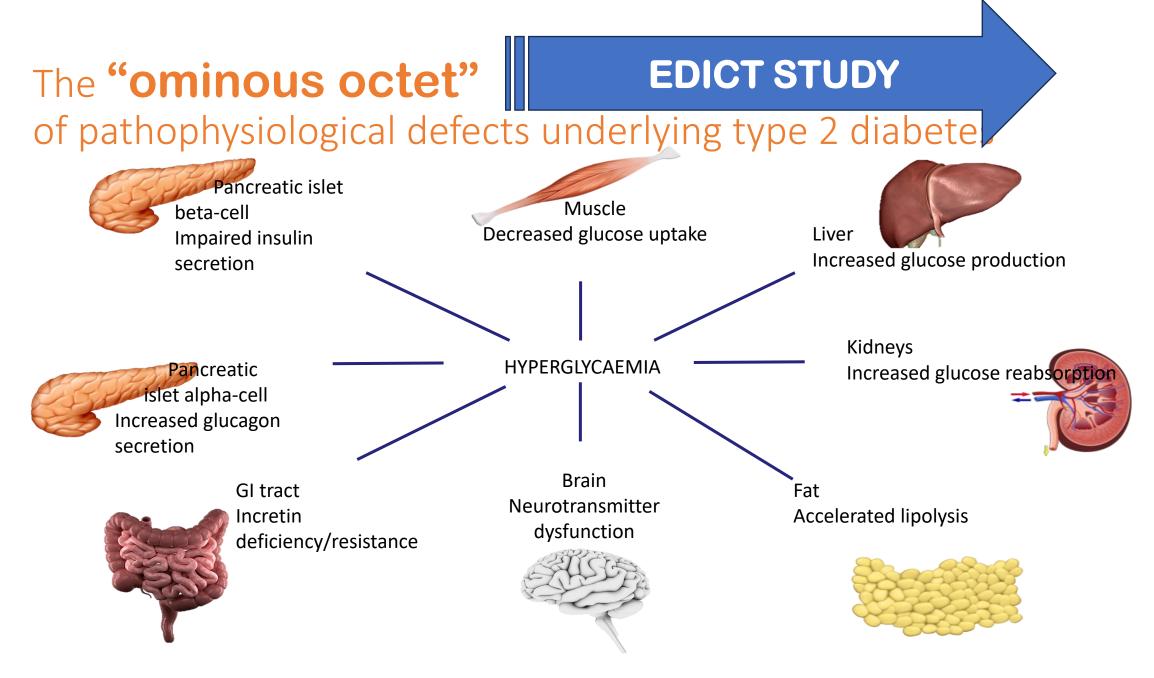
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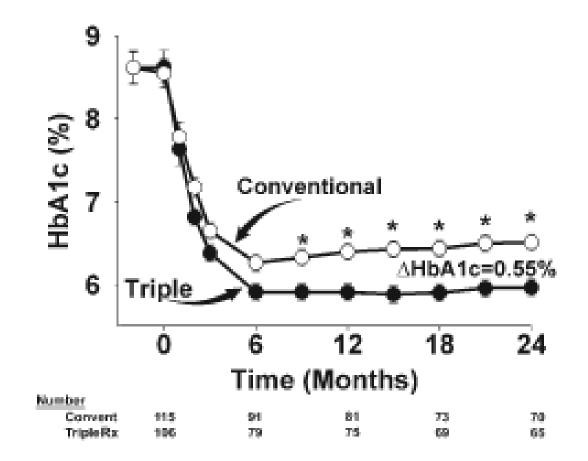


Evidence for Early Initiation of Combination Therapy?



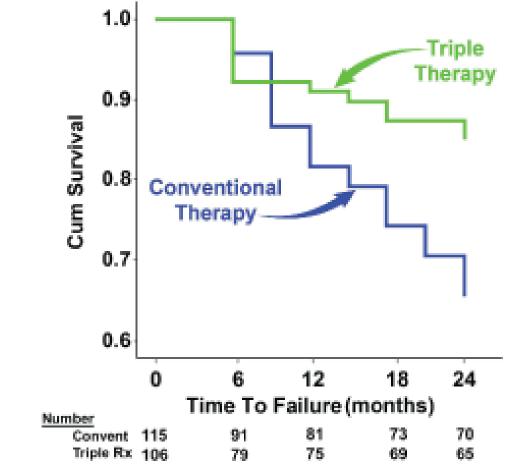
DeFronzo. Diabetes 2009;58:773-95; Gerich. Diabet Med 2010;27:136-42

Efficacy and Durability of Initial Combination Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes (EDICT): a randomized trial



Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism

<u>Volume 17, Issue 3, pages 268-275, 7 JAN 2015 DOI: 10.1111/dom.12417</u> <u>http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/dom.12417/full#dom12417-fig-0002</u> Efficacy and Durability of Initial Combination Therapy for Type 2 Diabetes (EDICT): a randomized trial



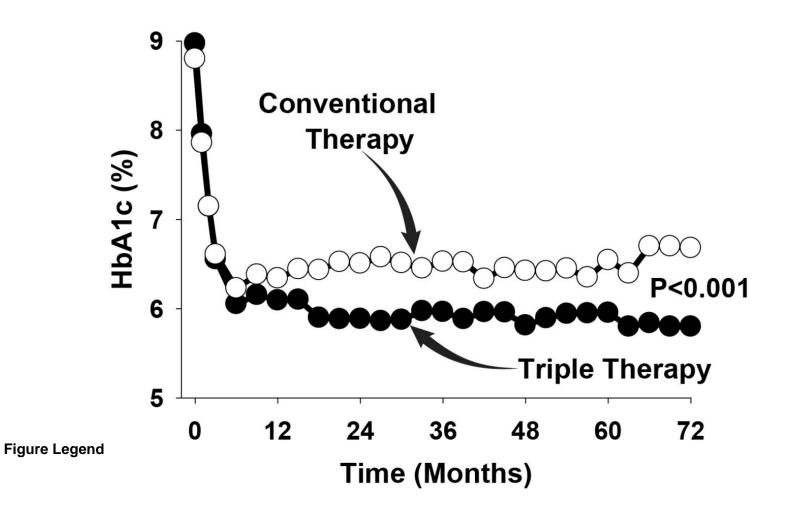
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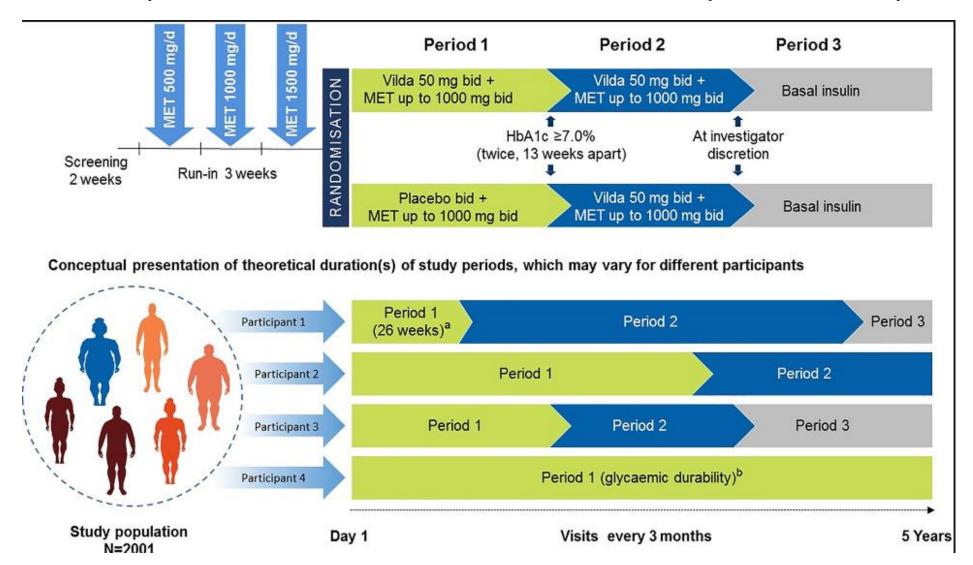
From: Durable HbA1c Reduction with Initial Combination Therapy with Metformin/Pioglitazone/Exenatide in Subjects with New-Onset Diabetes—Six-Year Follow-Up of the EDICT Study

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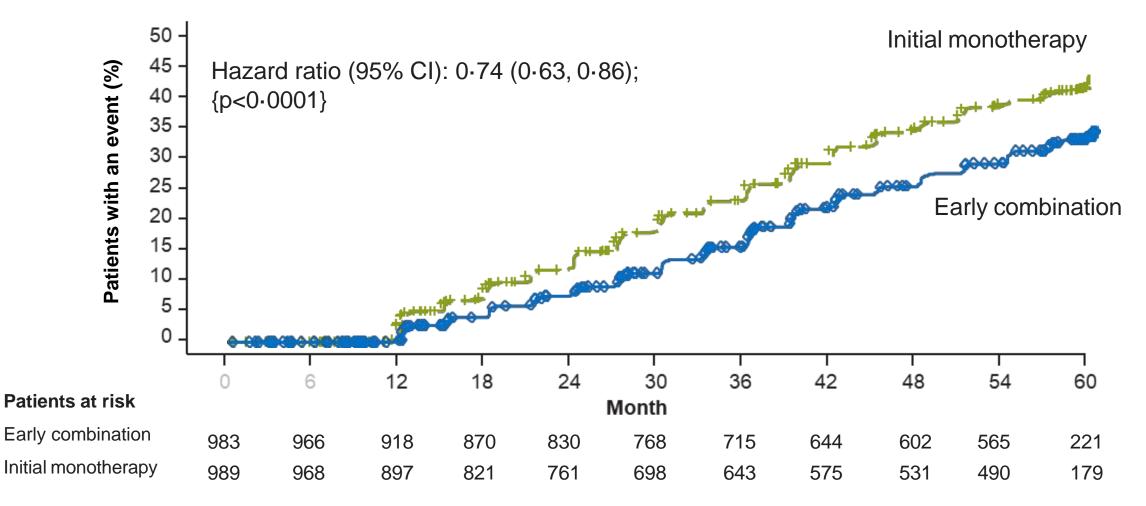


VERIFY study - Benefit from early addition of DPP-4 inhibitors

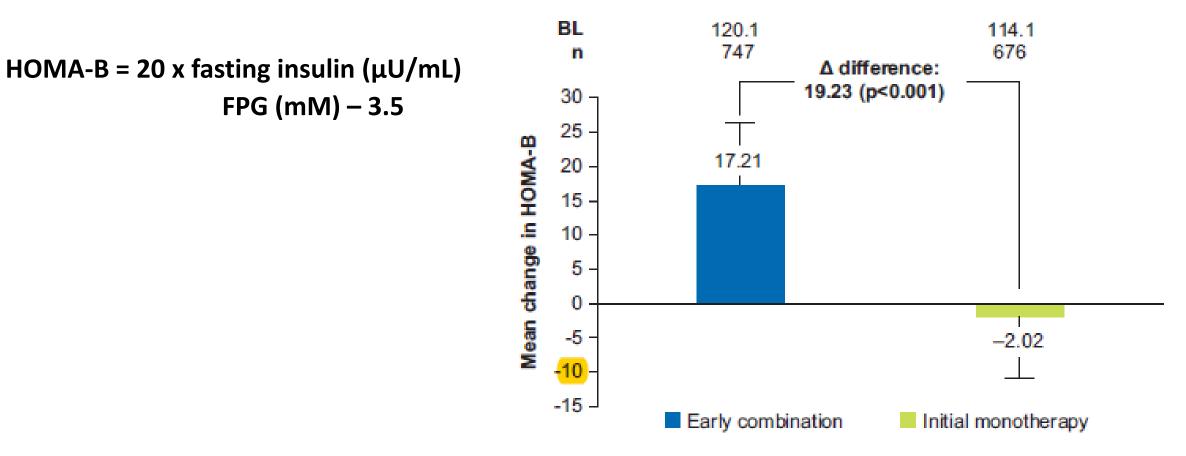
Randomised, double-blind, two arm, parallel-group study consisting of a screening visit, a 3-week run-in period with treatment intensification over a 5-year treatment period¹



Early intervention reduced time to secondary failure (i.e. third drug initiation)



Effect of early intervention on Beta cell function



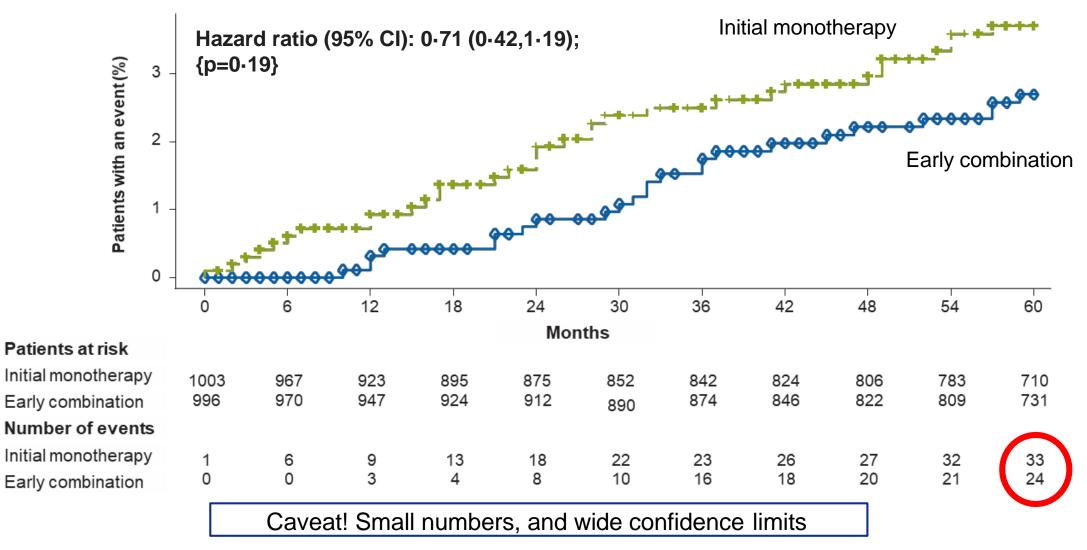
BL, baseline; HOMA-B, homeostasis model assessment for the β-cell

Total confirmed adjudicated cardiovascular events

- Although VERIFY was not a CV outcome trial, all the CV events were subject to adjudication
- The adjudication was performed by an independent committee masked to the treatment strategies
- An iDMC monitored the CV safety

Total adjudicated macrovascular events	Early combination N=998	Initial monotherapy N=1001
Cumulative number of recurrent events	30	44

Time to first adjudicated macrovascular event



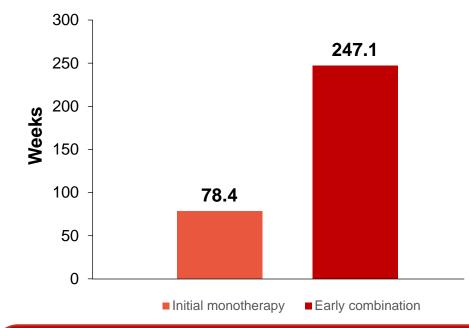
Asian Exidence for Early Combination Therapy?

VERIFY – a multinational and multiethnic study^{1,2}



Median time to initial treatment failure Early combination therapy Vs. Initial monotherapy





Median (interquartile range: IQR) time to failure¹

	Weeks	Years
Initial monotherapy	78.4 (28.0, 233.4)	~ 1.5
Combination therapy	247.1 (121.1, 260.7)	~ 4.75

Note: When started on metformin monotherapy, Indian patients tend to fail earlier (1.5 years) vs global VERIFY population (3 years).

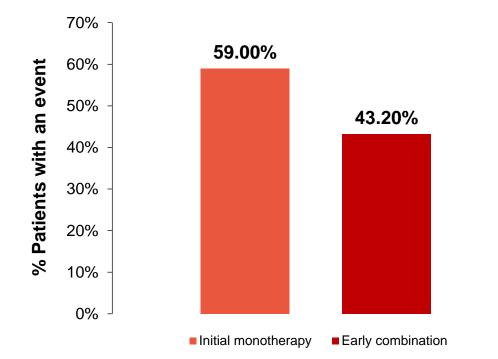
50% patients failed* on metformin monotherapy group early at 1.5 years vs. 4.75 years for early combination group¹

*Failure defined as HbA1c ≥7.0% confirmed at two consecutive visits 3 months apart

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Time to initial treatment failure: Early combination therapy Vs. Initial monotherapy VERIFY – India Analysis

Incidence of primary treatment failure¹



53% reduction in risk of time to initial treatment failure with early combination therapy compared to initial monotherapy (HR 0.47; 95% CI [0.30-0.73]; p: 0.0008)¹

HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval

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Indian patients on metformin monotherapy tend to fail early

Median (interquartile range: IQR) time to failure

	Time to failure for Initial Monotherapy		
Population	Weeks	Years	
Indian	78.4 (28.0, 233.4)	~ 1.5	
Global	156.9 (66.5, NR)	~ 3	

50% Indian patients failed* initial monotherapy with metformin at 1.5 years vs. 3 years for global patients

Data from patients in the VERIFY trial

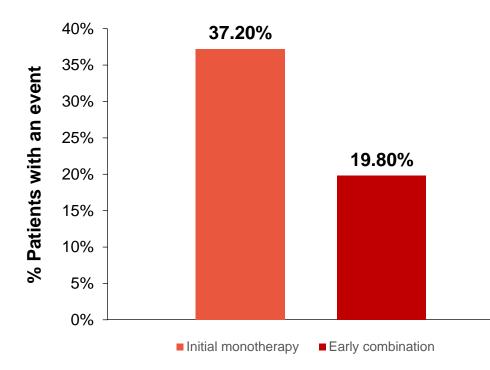
- Indian patients on monotherapy tend to fail earlier than the global VERIFY population (1.5 years vs. 3 years)
- Median time to failure for Initial monotherapy was 78.4 weeks in Indian patients¹ compared to 156.9 weeks in global patients²

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Time to second treatment failure: Early combination therapy Vs. Initial monotherapy

Incidence of second treatment failure¹



58% reduction in risk of time to second treatment failure with early combination therapy compared to initial monotherapy (HR 0.42; 95% CI [0.23-0.77]; p: 0.0051)¹

HR, hazard ratio; CI, confidence interval.

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Early combination treatment approach with vildagliptin and metformin in Indian patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes significantly and consistently improves long-term glycemic durability compared with metformin monotherapy^{1, 2}

Novel Combinations Available in India

DPP4i+Met/SGLT2i+Met available in India

	Sitagliptin	Vildagliptin	Vildagliptin XR	Linagliptin	Saxagliptin	Teneligliptin	Evogliptin	Alogliptin
Metformin	\checkmark	~	x	\checkmark	x	x	x	x
Metformin XR	\checkmark	x	X	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark

	Canagliflozin	Dapagliflozin	Empagliflozin	Remogliflozin
Metformin	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Metformin XR	X	\checkmark	X	X

DPP4i + SGLT2i available in India

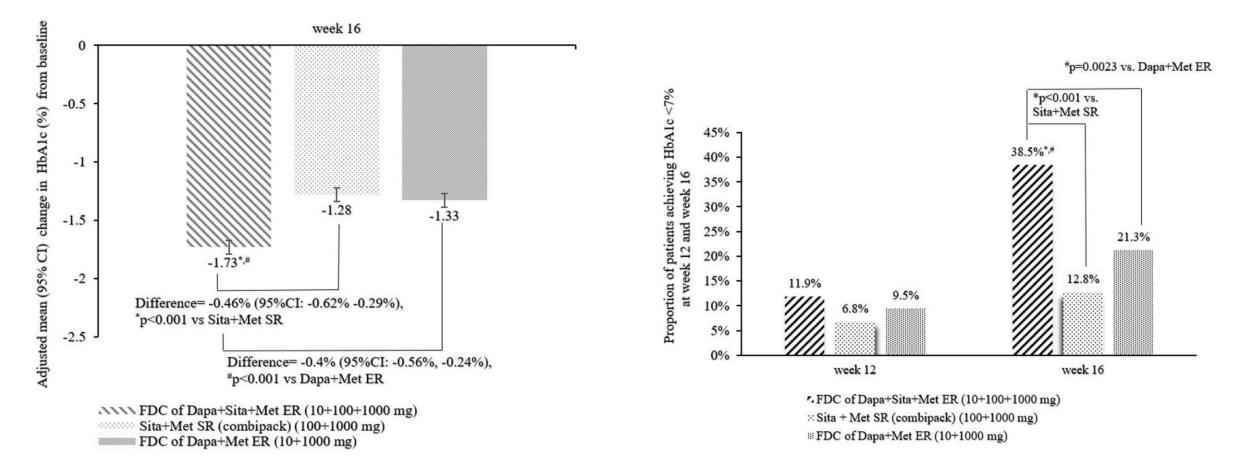
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Vildagliptin	X	\checkmark	X	\checkmark
Vildagliptin XR	X	\checkmark	X	x
Linagliptin	X	\checkmark	\checkmark	x
Teneligliptin	X	\checkmark	x	\checkmark
Saxagliptin	X	\checkmark	X	X

Met+DPP4i+SGLT2i combinations available in India

	Dapagliflozin/ Metformin XR	Remogliflozin/ Metformin
Sitagliptin	\checkmark	X
Vildagliptin	X	\checkmark
Vildagliptin XR	\checkmark	X
Linagliptin	X	X
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Saxagliptin	X	X

Exidence for Novel Combinations

Sitagliptin + Dapagliflozin Significantly Greater HbA1c Reduction

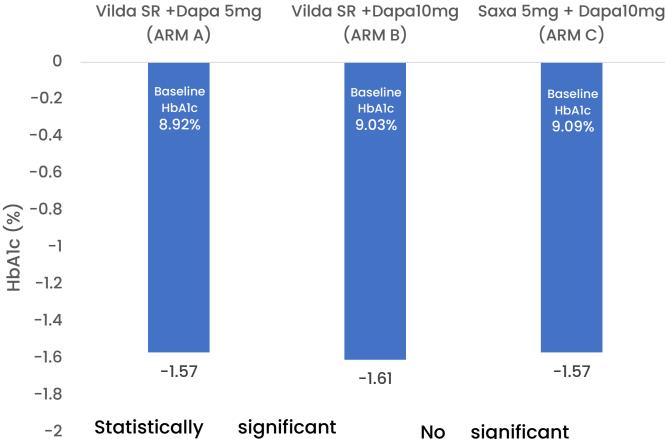


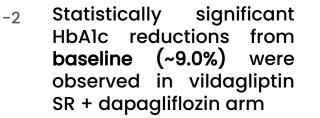
When added to metformin, **Sitagliptin + Dapagliflozin** resulted in a greater HbA1c

reduction compared to sitagliptin or dapagliflozin alone

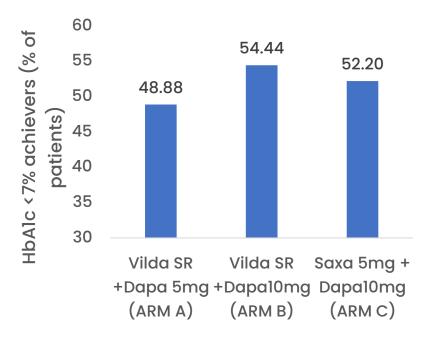
Sahay RK. et. al., Adv Ther. 2023; 40: 3227-46

Significant HbA1c Reduction with Vildagliptin XR + Dapagliflozin





No significant difference was observed among the three groups



At week 24, ~50% of all participants reached HbA1c <7.0% goal with no difference between groups

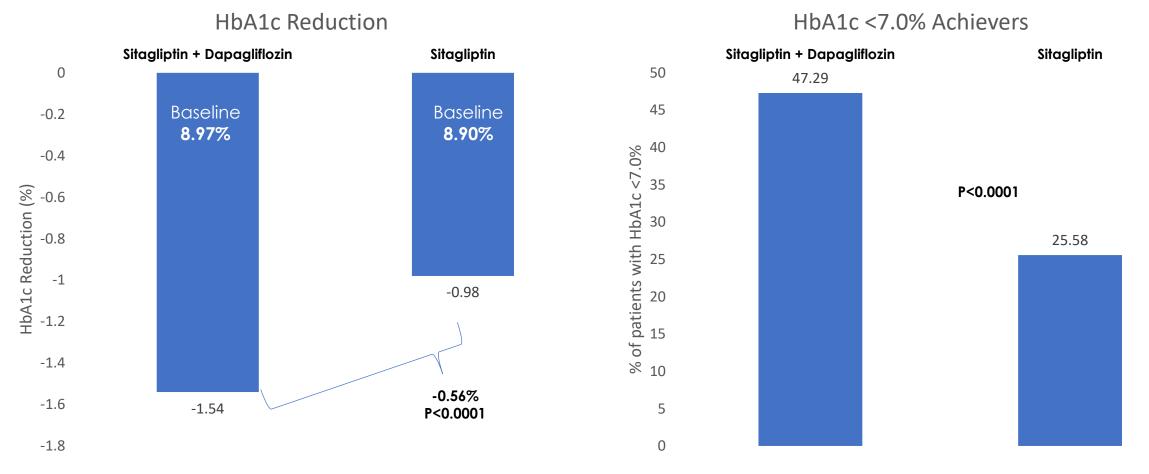
N=270 T2DM patients uncontrolled on metformin randomized to either dapagliflozin 5 mg + vildagliptin SR 100 mg, dapagliflozin 10 mg + vildagliptin SR 100 mg or dapagliflozin 10 mg + saxagliptin 5 mg for 24 weeks; Phase 3 trial



• No serious adverse events, deaths/ hospitalisations were reported in the study

 The most frequently observed adverse events in the trial were hypoglycemia (4.81%), nasopharyngitis, and urinary tract infections (2.22% each), diarrhoea, dyspepsia, gastritis, abdominal pain, genital mycotic infection (0.74%)

Sitagliptin + Dapagliflozin Significantly Greater HbA1c Reduction



Sitagliptin + Dapagliflozin resulted in a greater HbA1c reduction compared to sitagliptin alone; almost twice the

number of patients on the dual combination reached HbA1c <7.0% goal as compared to sitagliptin alone

Safety: Sitagliptin + Dapagliflozin

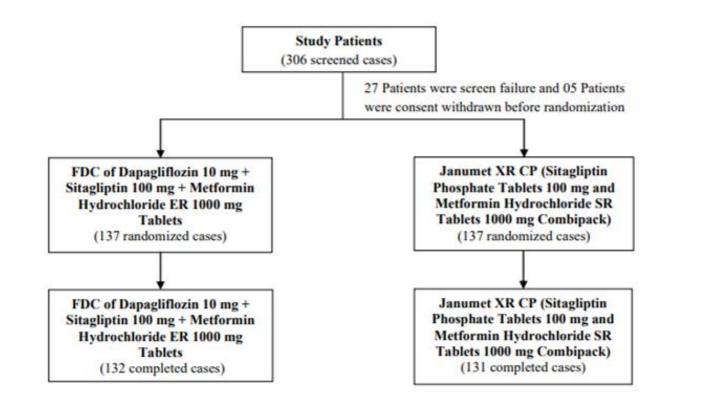
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➤ The most common AEs reported (dapagliflozin/ sitagliptin vs. sitagliptin alone) in ≥1% of patients: nasopharyngitis (3.8 Vs 3.1%), urinary tract infections (2.3 Vs 0%), hypoglycemia (2.3 Vs 1.5%),

headache (2.3 vs. 1.6), genital fungal infections (1.6 vs. 0), abdominal pain (1.6 vs. 0)

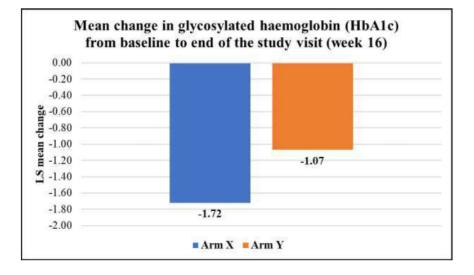
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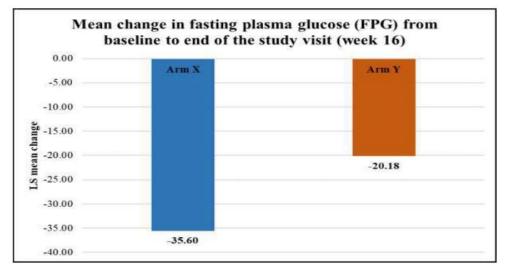
" Clinical Study to Evaluate the *Efficacy and Safety of Fixed Dose Combination of Dapagliflozin, Sitagliptin and Metformin* Hydrochloride ER Tablets in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus *Inadequately Controlled on Metformin Monotherapy*

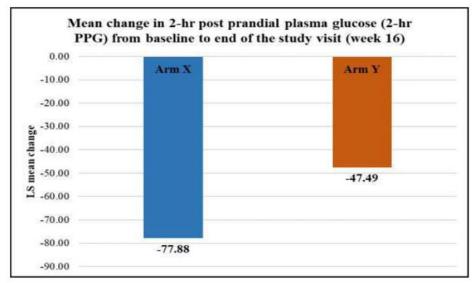


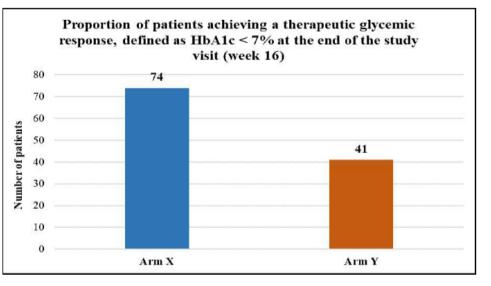
- → A Phase III
- → Randomized
- → Double Blind
- → Active Controlled
- → Parallel Group
- → Comparative
- → Multicentric

RESULTS











- Total 34 adverse events were reported which were mild in nature (18 in triple combination and 16 in dual combination group)
- > No severe adverse events were reported during the study
- ➤ The most common AEs reported in the triple combination group (dapagliflozin/ sitagliptin/ metformin XR combination) in ≥2% of patients: nasopharyngitis (2.92%), headache (2.19%).

Barriers to intensification of therapy

Hypoglycaemia



Most diabetes specialists would treat their patients more aggressively if there was no concern about hypoglycaemia¹

Weight gain



Many patients on are anxious about their weight²

Regimen complexity



Patients prefer simpler treatment options. Increasing the number of tablets can decrease adherence and increase perceived therapy burden^{5–7}

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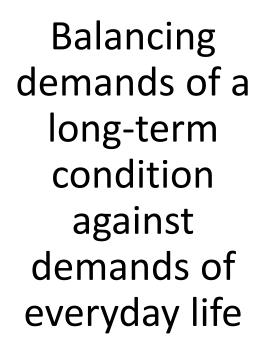
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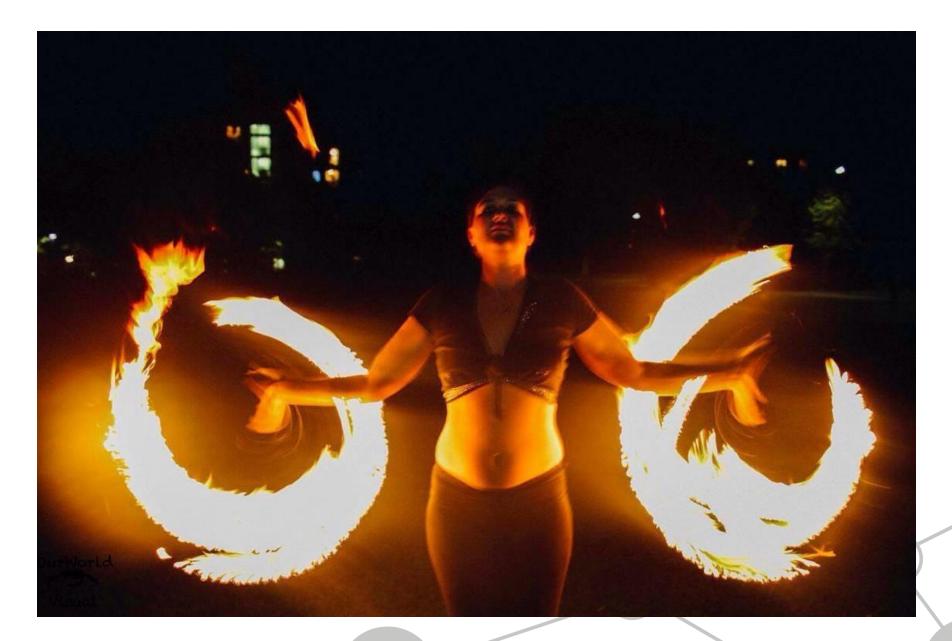
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"Drugs don't work in people who don't take them"

- C. Everett Koop, M.D.





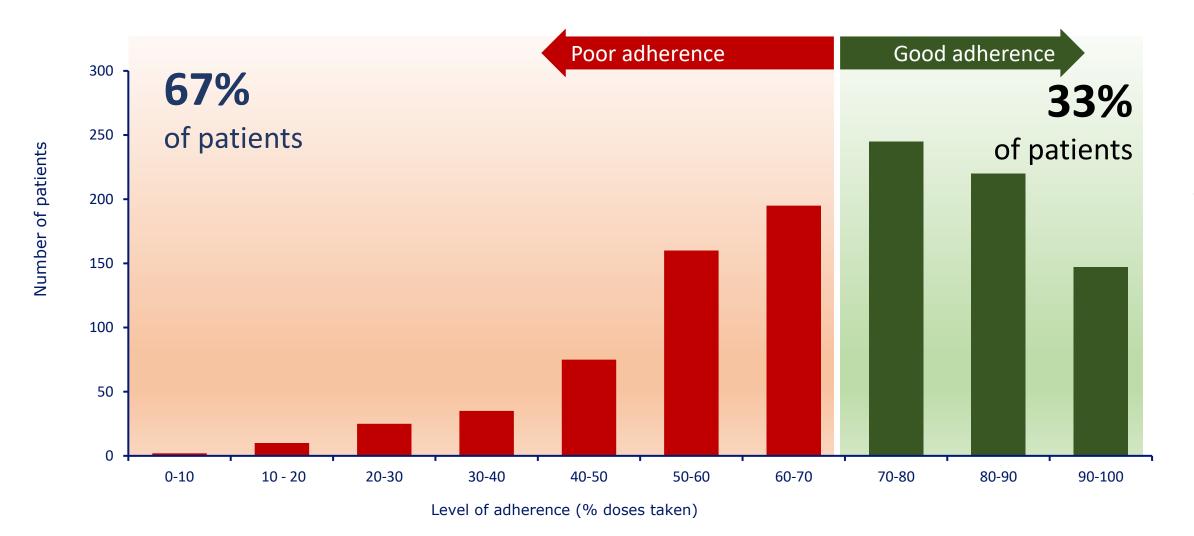
Chaos

Just about keeping control

More realistic?

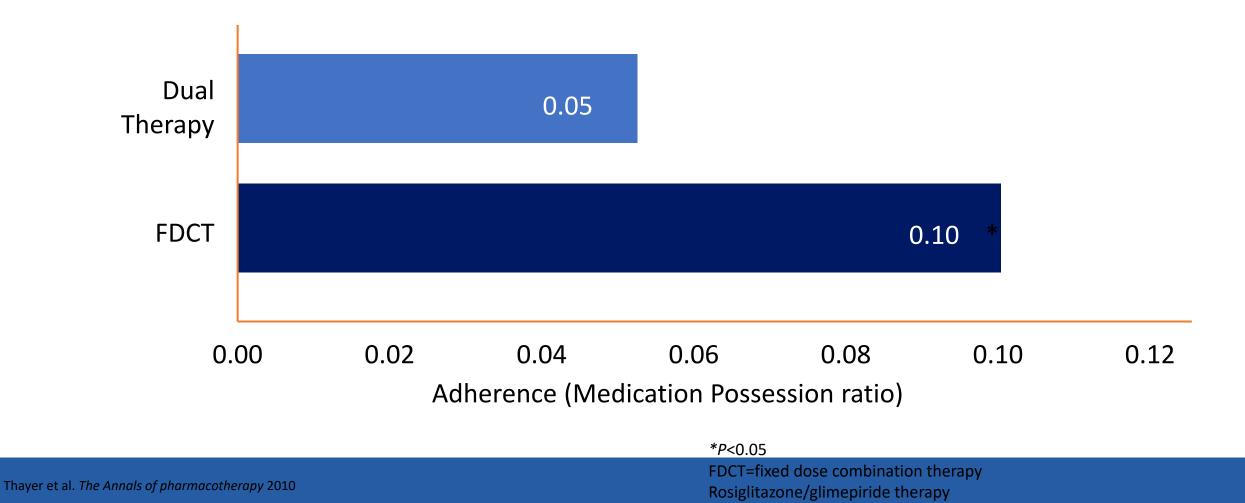


Two thirds of patients are poorly adherent



Fixed dose combination therapy improves adherence

Switching from dual therapy to fixed dose combination therapy results in better adherence



Indian T2DM Patients

Management of diabetes is sub-optimal in India

Obesity is an area of concern in diabetes

There is an upsurge in number of early-onset diabetes cases in India

Higher risk of development of various diabetic complications due to longer disease duration

Higher CV risk in Indian diabetic patients

High body fat, abdominal fat, liver and pancreatic fat and low lean mass

Benefits of Early Combination

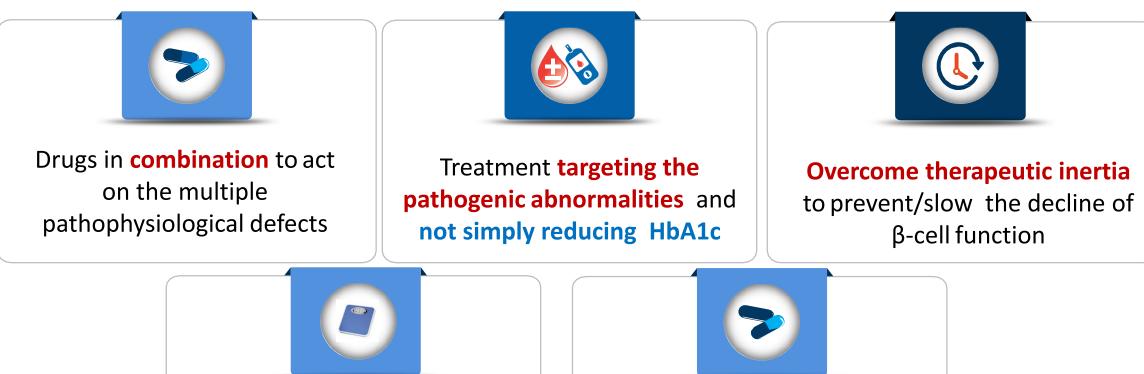
Effective in providing good glycemic control

Combination of Gliptin+Metformin \rightarrow Weight neutralCombinationofGliptin+SGLT2iandGliptin+SGLT2i+Metformin \rightarrow Weight Loss

Early combination therapy shows durability in long-term glycemic control

Early combination therapy has lower risks of CV events

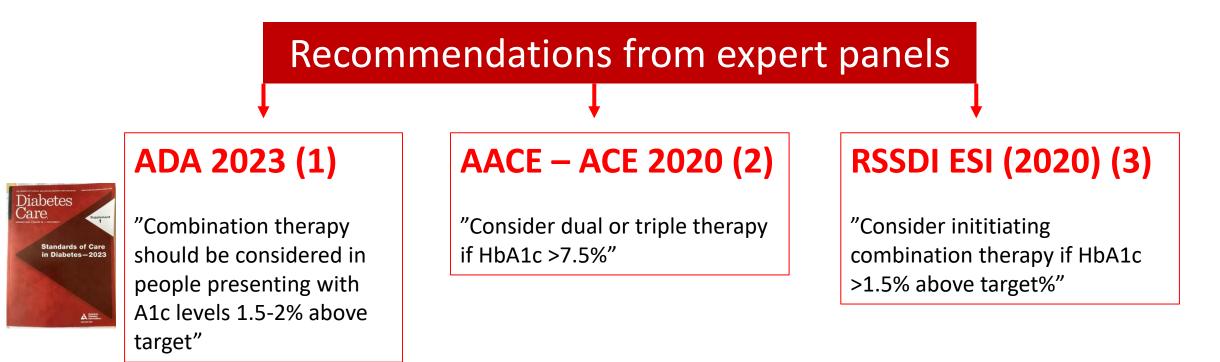
Early Combination Therapy : The strategic approach



MF+DDP4i+SGLT2i in combination do not cause hypoglycemia/wt gain Fixed dose **combinations** offer better adherence to therapy

Early combination therapy as a strategic approach: Synergistically tackle multiple pathophysiological mechanisms potentially resulting in more glycemic durable treatment effect, without increasing the risk of adverse events

Early combination therapy – from vision to guidelines



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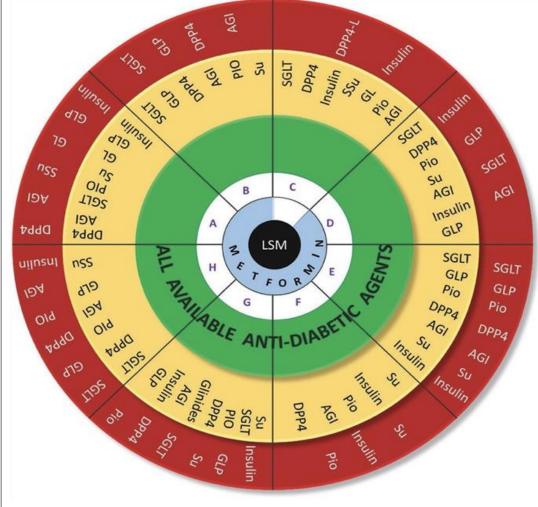
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- For patients diagnosed with diabetes, consider a combination of metformin and one of the treatment options based on patient's Age, BMI, CKD, Duration of diabetes, Established CVD, Financial condition, Glycemic status, and Hypoglycemia risk.
- Drug choice should be based on patient preference, presence or absence of various comorbidities and complications, and drug characteristics to reduce glucose levels while minimizing side effects, especially hypoglycemia and weight gain.

INDIVIDUALIZING THERAPIES AND PRECISION DIABETOLOGY



From innermost to outermost:
A - Age = Advancing age
B - BMI = Increasing BMI
C - CKD = Advancing CKD
D - Duration of Diabetes = Increasing duration
E - Established CVD = Low CVD risk to Established CVD risk

- **F** Finance = Adequate to Limted
- G Glycemic Status = Worsening glycemia control
- H Hypoglycemia = Hypoglycemia concern

AGI, Alpha-glucosidase inhibitor; DPP4, Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 (DPP 4) Inhibitors; DPP4-L, Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitors-Linagliptin; GL, Glinides; GLP, Glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist; PIO, Pioglitazone; SGLT, Sodium-glucose Cotransporter 2 Inhibitors; SSu, short acting sulphonylureas; Su, Sulphonylurea; LSM, lifestyle modification

Note: Hierarchy of therapy is depicted in clock-wise manner

GLPs must be used based on costs. Any of the drugs can be used in the green. For other zones, drugs must be used in the given order.

Conclusion

- Achieving good glycemic control early in the course of disease is of paramount importance to reduce the risk of complications
- Multiple pathophysiological mechanisms contribute to development of hyperglycemia
- Therefore, multiple agents need to be combined to address the underlying pathophysiological abnormalities
- Combining two(MF+GLP1/DPP4i) or three(MF+GLP1/DPP4i+SGLT2i) appears to be the way forward

