

# A Brief Study on Diabetes Mellitus

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**ABSTRACT:** *One of the most prevalent non-communicable illnesses in the world is diabetes mellitus. Diabetes management in India confronts a number of difficulties, including increasing incidence in both urban and rural regions, a lack of public knowledge of the illness, inadequate health-care facilities, high treatment costs, poor glycaemic control, and a rising frequency of diabetic complications. Insulin treatment for diabetes is usually administered via subcutaneous injections four times a day. Patient compliance has been hampered by long-term insulin treatment, which is exacerbated by the intrusive nature of its delivery. This has influenced patient outcomes. Although Type 1 Diabetes is becoming increasingly common, the primary cause of the diabetic pandemic is type 2 diabetes mellitus that contributes for even more than 90% of all diabetes occurrences. Type 2 Diabetes is a severe and prevalent chronic illness caused by a complex interplay of genes and environment, as well as additional risk factors including obesity and a sedentary lifestyle.*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus is a metabolic disease that affects carbs, lipids, and proteins. Diabetes mellitus is characterized by a faulty or insufficient insulin secretory response, which results in impaired carbohydrate (glucose) utilization, as well as hyperglycemias [1]. Diabetes mellitus (DM) is often known as "sugar diabetes" and is the most prevalent endocrine disease. It occurs when there is a deficit or lack of insulin, or, less frequently, when insulin action is impaired (insulin resistance). According to the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), India's overall diabetes population is estimated to be about 40.9 million people, with that figure expected to increase to 69.9 million by 2025 [2].

The pancreas produces both insulin and glucagon hormones. The beta ( $\beta$ ) cells produce insulin, while the alpha ( $\alpha$ ) cells secrete glucagon, both of which are found in the Langerhans islets. Insulin inhibits glycogenesis and transports sugar into muscle, liver, and adipose tissue, lowering blood glucose levels. Alpha ( $\alpha$ ) cells play a major role in controlling blood glucose by producing glucagon and increasing blood glucose levels by accelerating glycogenolysis. Neural tissue and erythrocytes do not require insulin for glucose utilization, whereas alpha ( $\alpha$ ) cells play a significant role in attempting to control blood glucose by producing glucagon and increasing blood glucose levels by accelerating glycogenolysis [3].

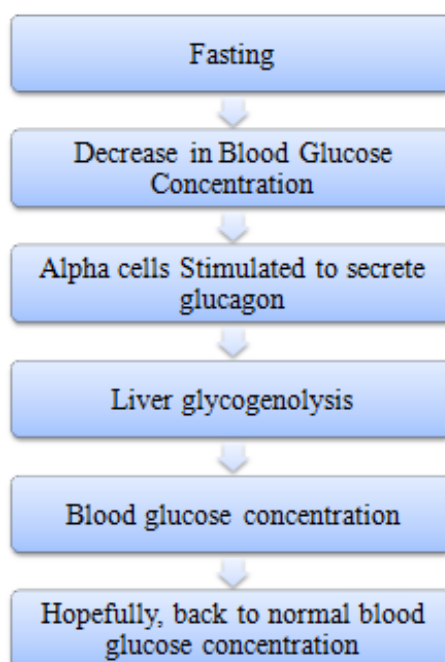
In addition to this, higher risk for health problems, metabolic and cardiovascular diseases, and cancer in the fetus's future life after birth [4]. Type 2 diabetes mellitus accounts for 80 percent to 90 percent of all diabetes cases. Geographical variation may influence the severity of issues as well as overall morbidity and death rates. Furthermore, individuals with diabetes who engage in modest physical exercise have a much reduced risk of mortality than those who do not. It is now well known that such an occurrence requires a particular genetic constitution to occur [5]. One of the main health problems confronting WHO African Region nations is the rising burden of diabetes and other non-communicable illnesses. In diabetes, there is an abnormality in insulin synthesis or secretion, as shown in Type 1 diabetes mellitus

(T1DM) and pancreatic duct stenosis, or the development of insulin resistance or subnormal production, as seen in Type-2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and certain secondary diabetes.

### 1.1 Diabetes Mellitus Classification:

The World Health Organization (WHO) established the first widely recognized categorization of diabetes mellitus in 1980, and it was updated in 1985. Primary or idiopathic diabetes mellitus is the most frequent and significant kind of diabetes mellitus and it is the subject of our discussion. It must be distinguished from secondary diabetes mellitus, which is characterized by hyperglycemia caused by specific reasons such as inflammatory pancreatic disorders, surgery, tumors, certain medications, iron overload (hemochromatosis), and some acquired or inherited endocrinopathies [6]. Diabetes mellitus is divided into clinical phases and aetiological kinds, as well as additional types of hyperglycemia.

The conditions existing at the time of diagnosis play a large role in assigning a type of diabetes to a person, and many diabetics do not readily fall into a single category. Primary diabetes mellitus is most likely a diverse collection of diseases with hyperglycemia as a common symptom [7]. Figure 1 illustrates the normal response to fasting.



**Figure 1: Illustrates the normal response to fasting**

The new diabetes mellitus categorization includes phases that represent varying degrees of hyperglycemia in individuals with any of the disease processes that may contribute to diabetes mellitus. As a result, diabetes mellitus is classified as follows:

#### 1.1.1 Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (Type 1 IDDM):

Previously classified as juvenile-onset or ketosis-prone diabetes, this kind of diabetes is also known as autoimmune diabetes. Other autoimmune diseases that the person may pursue include Graves' disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis, and Addison's disease. Type 1 diabetes, commonly known as insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM), is a type of diabetes that

affects mostly children and young adults. Its onset is typically abrupt and may be life-threatening. Anti-glutamic acid decarboxylase, islet cell, or insulin antibodies, which indicate the autoimmune mechanisms that contribute to beta-cell death, are typically present in Type 1. Type 1 diabetes (related to b-cell death, which generally results in total insulin shortage) (American Diabetes Association, 2014). The pace of beta-cell death is very varied; it may happen quickly in some people and slowly in others. Because the  $\beta$ -islets cells of the pancreas are destroyed, there is a significant deficit or lack of insulin production. Insulin injections are needed for treatment. When fasting diabetic hyperglycemia is first identified, markers of immunological damage, such as islet cell auto-antibodies and/or auto antibodies to insulin, and auto antibodies to glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD), are found in 85-90 percent of people with Type 1 diabetes. Although most individuals have indications of an autoimmune process involving auto-antibodies that kill the beta-islet cell, the precise etiology of diabetes mellitus is unclear [8].

### *1.1.2 Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2 Niddm):*

Adult-onset diabetes is another name for type 2 diabetes mellitus. On the backdrop of insulin resistance, there occurs a gradual insulin secretory malfunction (American Diabetes Association, 2014). Insulin resistance is common among those who have this form of diabetes. Both forms of diabetes have long-term problems in the blood vessels, kidneys, eyes, and nerves, which are the leading causes of morbidity and mortality. Obesity, sedentary lifestyle, growing age (affecting middle-aged and older individuals), and genetic factor are all predisposing factors. These patients are at a higher risk of having macro and micro vascular problems.

### *1.1.3 Gestational Diabetes Mellitus:*

Gestational diabetes mellitus is a kind of glucose intolerance that occurs for the first time or is diagnosed during pregnancy (GDM). Gestational Diabetes Mellitus is a term used to describe women who acquire Type 1 diabetes mellitus during pregnancy or women who have undetected asymptomatic Type 2 diabetes mellitus that is found during pregnancy (GDM). GDM (gestational diabetes mellitus) is a kind of diabetes that develops during pregnancy but does not progress to adulthood. Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) may occur during pregnancy and go away after delivery; however, children born to mothers with GDM are more likely to acquire obesity and type 2 diabetes later in life, a condition ascribed to the effects of intrauterine hyperglycemia.

### *1.1.4 Other Specific Type (Monogenic Types):*

They're also known as beta cell genetic disorders. These types of diabetes are defined by the development of hyperglycemia at a young age (usually before the age of 25). Persons with diseases of the exocrine pancreas, such as pancreatitis or cystic fibrosis; persons with dysfunction associated with other endocrinopathies (e.g. acromegaly); and persons with pancreatic dysfunction caused by drugs, chemicals, or infections are also known as maturity-onset diabetes of the young (MODY) or maturity-onset diabetes in youth. Some medications are also used in conjunction with HIV/AIDS therapy or following organ donation. A few families have been found with genetic anomalies that result in the inability to convert proinsulin to insulin, and such characteristics are inherited in an autosomal dominant manner. They account for fewer than 10% of all DM cases.

## *1.2 Common Signs and Symptoms:*

Diabetes mellitus causes cells to fail to properly metabolize glucose, causing them to starve. Diabetes mellitus has a long-term effect that includes the progressive development of specific complications such as retinopathy, which can lead to blindness, nephropathy, which can lead to renal failure, and neuropathy, which can lead to foot ulcers, Charcot joint, and autonomic dysfunctions, as well as sexual dysfunction. Diabetes patients have a higher chance of developing illnesses.

Other symptoms include:

- Muscle atrophy, tissue disintegration, and a rise in blood glucose level as a result of gluconeogenesis from amino acids and body protein.
- Body fat catabolism, releasing part of its energy and producing an excess of ketone substances.

### 1.3 Causes:

$\beta$  cell gluco-receptor disturbances or abnormalities that cause them to react to greater glucose concentrations or relative  $\beta$  cell insufficiency. Insulin secretion is hampered in either case, which may lead to  $\beta$  cell failure. The direct effects of hyperglycemia on neuronal metabolism and the main hypothesis in micro vascular illness lead to neural hypoxia.

- Insulin sensitivity in peripheral tissues is reduced due to a decrease in the number of insulin receptors and insulin receptor 'down regulation.' Many people are hypersensitive and hyperinsulinaemic, but their blood sugar levels are normal; they also have dyslipidemia, hyperuriaemia, and abdominal obesity. As a result, there is relative insulin resistance, especially in the liver, muscle, and fat. Hyperinsulinemia has been linked to the development of angiopathy.
- Excessive hyperglycemia hormone (glucagon)/obesity results in relative insulin insufficiency, causing the  $\beta$  cells to lag behind. Abnormalities in nitric oxide metabolism have been shown in two hypotheses, leading in altered perineural blood flow and nerve injury.
- Various uncommon types of diabetes mellitus include "maturity onset diabetes of the young" (MODY), other endocrine diseases, pancreatectomy, and gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM), which are caused by particular genetic flaws (type 3).
- Diabetes mellitus may be caused by an imbalance of certain receptors. Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor, peroxisomes proliferator-activated ( ) receptor (PPAR), beta3 ( $\beta$ 3) ardent-receptor, and enzymes such as glycosidase, dipeptidyl peptidase IV enzyme, and others are some of the particular receptors.

### 1.4 Treatment:

The therapy consists of eliminating the triggering factor and administering high doses of daily insulin. Once the disease is under control, the insulin demand returns to normal. The goals of diabetes mellitus treatment may be met by:

1. To return the diabetic's disrupted metabolism as close to normal as possible while maintaining comfort and safety.
2. To halt or slow the development of the disease's short and long-term risks.

3. To provide the patient with the information, motivation, and resources necessary to carry out this self-administered enlightened care.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Akram T Kharroubi et al. discussed a review on Diabetes Mellitus[9]. The prevalence of diabetes mellitus in various areas is examined. The Middle East and North Africa area has the greatest adult diabetes prevalence (10.9 percent), whereas the Western Pacific region has the largest number of people diagnosed with diabetes and nations with the highest diabetes prevalence (37.5 percent). In terms of diagnostic criteria, etiology, and genetics, different forms of diabetes mellitus, such as type 1, type 2, gestational diabetes, and other types of diabetes mellitus, are compared. Many renowned investigators and research organizations in the biomedical area have paid close attention to the molecular genetics of diabetes in recent years. At different levels, a significant number of mutations and single nucleotide polymorphisms in genes that have a role in glucose metabolism and the formation, regulation, and function of pancreatic cells are reviewed. The main advancements in the molecular knowledge of diabetes in connection to the various kinds of diabetes are briefly discussed below in contrast to prior understanding in this area. Despite considerable evidence accumulated at the molecular and cellular levels, the mechanism of diabetes development and consequences remains unknown. More comprehensive study in this area is definitely required, with the ultimate goal of improving diagnosis, treatment, and reducing the risk of chronic problems developing.

Abdulfatai B. Olokoba et al. discussed about Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus[10]. Type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM) is a chronic metabolic disease that has been gradually growing in incidence throughout the globe. As a consequence of this tendency, it is quickly becoming an epidemic in certain parts of the globe, with the number of individuals afflicted projected to double in the next decade as the world's population ages, adding to the already heavy strain on healthcare professionals, particularly in developing nations. This review is based on a search of Medline, the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, and pertinent publication reference lists. Type 2 diabetes mellitus, prevalence, current diagnosis, and current therapy are among the subject headings and key phrases utilized. Only articles written in English were considered. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the American Diabetes Association (ADA) continue to use criteria that incorporate both clinical and laboratory characteristics for screening and diagnosis. Although there is no cure for the illness, therapy options include lifestyle changes, obesity management, oral hypoglycemic medications, and insulin sensitizers such as metformin, a biguanide that lowers insulin resistance and is still the first-line drug for obese individuals.

## 3. DISCUSSION

Diabetes mellitus, or diabetes, is a metabolic illness characterized by excessive blood sugar levels. Insulin transports sugar from the bloodstream into your cells, where it is stored or utilized for energy. Your body either doesn't produce enough insulin or can't utilize the insulin it does make properly if you have diabetes. Diabetes Mellitus may be caused by a variety of factors, including obesity, inactivity, family history, race or ethnicity, age, gestational diabetes, polycystic ovarian syndrome, and high blood pressure. Get rid of the excess pounds. Diabetes is less likely if you lose weight. Increase your physical activity. Regular physical exercise has many advantages. Consume a variety of plant-based foods.

Vitamins, minerals, and carbohydrates are all found in plants. Consume healthy fats. Make better choices instead than following fad diets

#### 4. CONCLUSION

In today's world, diabetes mellitus is a severe problem. The way people live and the conditions of today play a big part in the occurrence of severe problems like this. Diabetes mellitus is the pandemic of the century, and diabetes will continue to grow until efficient early detection techniques are developed. This study focuses on the introduction of diabetes mellitus, types, causes, symptoms and Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus. Diabetes is clearly a complicated illness with a significant number of genes involved in its progression. The accurate identification of the genetic basis of diabetes may be a valuable tool for improving diabetes diagnoses, treatment (further toward personalized patient-targeted medication), and genetic counseling. Furthermore, our improved understanding of the link between medical genetics and diabetes' chronic consequences will give us an advantage in delaying or eliminating these problems, which put a strain on patients' quality of life and drive up the cost of health-care services.

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