EVALUATION AND UTILITY OF A NOVEL GLUCOSE MONITORING SYSTEM IN INDIAN ADULTS WITH DIABETES (EASE)



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Background

- Flash glucose monitoring is a novel glucose sensing technique that estimates interstitial glucose levels for up to 14 days and does not require any calibration
- The FreeStyle Libre Pro (TM) flash glucose monitoring (FGM) system was introduced in India in 2015 with a unique communication and storage facility
- Disposable sensor measures and stores glucose data only available when the reader held by the physician is flashed over the sensor

Methods

- The FreeStyle Libre Pro (TM) sensor was utilised in 112 patients for 14 days
- We did a real world evaluation from the registry database from July 2015 till October 2016
- Statistical analysis was done using Wilcoxon signed rank test and Mann-Whitney test
- 26 non evaluable data sets and patients were excluded from the analysis

Results

- The glycemic variability was evaluated in 86 patients.
- Mean duration of diabetes 13.66 years (Fig 2), Mean age was 57.61 years (Fig 3)
- ⁷ HbA1c reductions before (mean 8.5 \pm 2.2, min 5.1, max 15; 95% CI 7.96-9.07) and after 3 months (mean 7.8 \pm 1.7, min 5, max 16; 95% CI 7.41-8.25) were numerically important (-0.68), but did not achieve statistical significance (p=0.1365, NS) (Fig 4)
- Comparative reductions in HbA1c in patient group <60



Fig 4. Reduction in HbA1c after 3 months was -0.68



- & > 60 yrs did not achieve statistical significance (p= 0.7898, NS)
- 16 patients had all four components of change with drug time changes, drug choice changes, dose changes, diet modification

Therapeutic Modulation in Patients with FreeStyle Libre Pro(TM)				
No. of patients with the corresponding therapeutic modulation	No of pts. For 'drug time' changes exclusively (n=25)	No of pts. For 'drug choice' changes exclusively (n=39)	No of pts. For 'dose changes' exclusively (n=51)	No of pts. With 'diet modifications' exclusively (n=71)
16	\checkmark		\checkmark	
23	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	-
37	\checkmark	\checkmark	-	-

Conclusions

- High glycemic load was commonly observed even after 2 hours of the first meal which reflects the typical Indian pattern of glycemic overload
- FreeStyle Libre Pro (TM) is a unique tool to achieve a better glycemic control with more accurate real time assessment of the glycemic variability which has enabled a better therapeutic decision making
- The appropriate intervention to modulate the post breakfast glycemic spikes has been an important contributor for the effective management of the glycemic spikes
- The utility of the novel FreeStyle Libre Pro (TM) translates into a physician led and patient enabled empowerment tool through the visual snapshots
- ✓ This helps physicians customise the therapy for the patients, to sensitively adapt to the prescribed regimen

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