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## The efficacy and safety of Rybelsus in Asian patients with type 2 diabetes: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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### INTRODUCTION

**Review question / Objective** Whether different doses of Rybelsus reduce HBA1c and body weight in Asian patients with type 2 diabetes compared to placebo and active medicines? Is this better than the global average?

**Rationale** The current published articles ignore the racial differences in the subjects, diabetes is a chronic metabolic disease, because the basic metabolic conditions are different in different races, and the drug treatment effect is different. A systematic review and meta-analysis of Asian and non-Asian subgroup clinical trials published to date is therefore required. To evaluate the efficacy and safety of Rybelsus in Asian and global populations.

**Condition being studied** Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disease with a high incidence in the world, especially in patients with type 2 diabetes, the blood sugar control is very unstable, and it is easy to involve all, causing damage to multiple

tissues and organs. Lifelong treatment is often required, placing a heavy burden on individuals, families and society. A 2021 epidemiological study found that more than 500 million people worldwide already have diabetes today, representing more than 10.5% of the global adult population. In Asia in particular, the countries with the highest number of people aged 20-79 with diabetes in 2021 are China, India and Pakistan. The top three positions are expected to remain the same until 2045.

### METHODS

#### Search strategy pubmed:

((rybelsus) OR (oral semaglutide)) AND (((((((((((Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2[MeSH Terms]) OR (Diabetes Mellitus[MeSH Terms])) OR (Diabetes Mellitus, Noninsulin-Dependent)) OR (Diabetes Mellitus, Non Insulin Dependent)) OR (Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus)) OR (Diabetes Mellitus, Stable)) OR (Stable Diabetes Mellitus)) OR (Diabetes Mellitus, Type II)) OR (NIDDM)) OR (Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus)) OR (Type 2 Diabetes)) OR

(Diabetes, Type 2)) OR (Diabetes Mellitus, Adult-Onset))

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ID Search Hits

- #1 Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2
- #2 Diabetes Mellitus
- #3 Diabetes Mellitus, Noninsulin-Dependent
- #4 Diabetes Mellitus, Ketosis-Resistant
- #5 Diabetes Mellitus, Non Insulin Dependent
- #6 Non-Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
- #7 Diabetes Mellitus, Stable
- #8 Stable Diabetes Mellitus
- #9 Diabetes Mellitus, Type II
- #10 NIDDM
- #11 Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- #12 Type 2 Diabetes
- #13 Diabetes, Type 2
- #14 Diabetes Mellitus, Adult-Onset
- #15 #1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14
- #16 rybelsus
- #17 oral semaglutide
- #18 #16 OR #17
- #19 #15 and #18

WanFang database:

主题:(司美格鲁肽) 和 题名或关键词:(2型糖尿病)

China National Knowledge Infrastructure(CNKI):

(关键词: 司美格鲁肽 (模糊)) OR (关键词: GLP1受体激动剂;(模糊)AND (关键词: 2型糖尿病 (模糊)).

**Participant or population** Research group: Asian people with type 2 diabetes. Control group: People with type 2 diabetes worldwide.

**Intervention** Rybelsus 3mg, 7mg and 14mg by oral.

**Comparator** Placebo, empagliflozin, sitagliptin, liraglutide and dulaglutide.

**Study designs to be included** (1) Randomized controlled trials; (2) Comparing semaglutide taken orally to placebo or any other antidiabetic medication in adults with T2DM; (3) Need to include predetermined main outcome measures of interest, change from baseline in glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c%) or body weight; (4) results were presented in different ethnic groups (including results presented alone or obtained in conjunction with other literature analysis); (5) Duration of intervention at least 12 weeks; (6) Published in English or Chinese. RCT.

**Eligibility criteria** The followings are the specific inclusion criteria: (1) Randomized controlled trials; (2) Comparing semaglutide taken orally to placebo

or any other antidiabetic medication in adults with T2DM; (3) Need to include predetermined main outcome measures of interest, change from baseline in glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c%) or weight body; (4) results were presented in different ethnic groups (including results presented alone or obtained in conjunction with other literature analysis); (5) Duration of intervention at least 12 weeks; (6) Published in English or Chinese. Meanwhile, the pre-set exclusion criteria were used: (1) The protocol of the trial did not focus on the efficacy and safety of semaglutide in the treatment of T2DM; (2) Abstracts from conferences, meta-analysis, hoc-analysis, systematic reviews, editorials, expert comments and case reports; (3) The study only provided semaglutide self-information on pharmacokinetics, pharmacology, dose ranging and mechanism; (4) The patient population was not T2DM, including type 1 diabetes, gestational diabetes and obesity; (5) Research based on cell or animal level; (6) Pharmacoeconomics studies of semaglutide.

**Information sources** The databases searched for RCTs were PubMed, EMBASE, Cochrane Library, CNKI and Wang Fang Database.

**Main outcome(s)** The number of Participants who achieved HbA1c <7.0% (53 millimoles per mole [mmol/mol]). They were measured at 26, 52 and 78 weeks.

**Additional outcome(s)** The number of Participants losing 5% or more of baseline body weight, Incidence of adverse events (AE) and Incidence of serious adverse events (SAE).

**Data management** The data included in the study will be extracted by two auditors using pre-designed excel tables respectively, and the two tables will be compared after completion. Any differences should be reached through negotiation. Characteristics collected in the included trials included: first author name, year of publication, journal source, NCT number, sample size, ethnicity, intervention, follow-up time point, and background disease.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis** Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions v5.2 was used to assess the risk of bias in the studies. The evaluation process will be carried out by two researchers.

**Strategy of data synthesis** Statistical analysis will be performed using Review Manager (RevMan) 5.4.1, a Cochrane's bespoke software for writing Cochrane Reviews. The continuous and

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dichotomous variables adopted weighted mean difference (WMD) and risk ratio (RR), respectively, with 95% confidence intervals (95% CIs). A fixed-effects model was used to compare groups initially. The I<sup>2</sup> statistic (I<sup>2</sup> > 50% indicates considerable heterogeneity) and Cochrane's Q test (p < 0.1 shows significant heterogeneity) will be used to assess heterogeneity. Statistical significance was set at a p-value of 0.05.

**Subgroup analysis** Subgroup analyses will be conducted based on Rybelsus dosages for placebo compared (3mg 7 mg or 14 mg vs placebo) and active compared (14 mg vs active arm). The other antidiabetic agents used in active arms were empagliflozin, sitagliptin, liraglutide and dulaglutide.

**Sensitivity analysis** Sensitivity analyses for each study and subgroup analyses will be used to reduce the heterogeneity to acceptable level, whereas a random-effects model was applied if sensitivity analysis cannot resolve heterogeneity.

**Language restriction** Only English or Chinese.

**Country(ies) involved** Department of Endocrinology and Metabology, The First Affiliated Hospital of Shandong First Medical University and Shandong Provincial Qianfoshan Hospital, Jinan, China; Shandong University of Traditional Chinese Medicine, Jinan, China.

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