



## Prevalence of diabetic retinopathy in common retinopathy in a new identified individuals having type 2 diabetes

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### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** The main aim of our research is to find out how common retinopathy is in a new identified individuals having type 2 diabetes.

**Methods:** This cross-sectional research included 100 afresh identified individuals having type 2 diabetes patients who attended the diabetic health center newly diagnosed patients presented to diabetes and endocrine OPD of federal government Polyclinic hospital Islamabad from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> July. The research precluded those who had type-1 diabetes, high blood pressure, retinal artery obstruction, retinal venous obstruction, retinal glomerulonephritis, or hemoglobinopathies retinopathy. Following conjunctival distention with My dracil, a comprehensive fund oscopic extensive study with immediate ophthalmoscopy had been performed, and retinopathy was classified as background, preproleferative, or proliferative.

**Results:** The respondents' average age had been 47 years, with 65% men and 35% women. At the onset of the disease, 9% of patients had been diagnosed to have retinopathy.

**Conclusion:** The said research reveals a greater incidence of retinopathy in recently diagnosed people with type 2 diabetes. This highlights the significance of performing a thorough ophthalmic investigation on all diabetic individuals at the time of assessment.

**Key Words:** Diabetes, retinopathy, and retinal hemorrhages.

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### INTRODUCTION:

It must have been anticipated that 369 million individuals throughout the world had diabetes in 2020, with more than half of them not even knowing they had the disease [1]. It really is projected that by the year 2032, this sum will have enlarged to 556 million if absolutely nothing is done to stop it from happening [2]. This indicates that about 11 percent of the world's adult population will have diabetes, and a significant portion of those people won't even be conscious that they have the ailment [3]. Approximately 81% of all people who have diabetes live in low- and middle-income nations, and approximately two-thirds of all cases of diabetes originate in Asia Pacific region, primarily in Pakistan and China [4-6]. The world population bears the brunt of the diabetes burden because of the prevalence of the disease in these regions. In many of these developing countries, basic public hospitals for the management of diabetes

pandemic are either insufficient or non-existent, and public knowledge of the disease is poor [7]. It is anticipated that poor metabolic management of diabetes and, as a result, increased incidence of problems including diabetic retinopathy would result in the absence of proper treatment for diabetic patients [8].

The group of people who suffer from diabetic retinopathy is expected to rise in tandem with the rising incidence of diabetes across the world [9-11]. It is estimated that around one-third of persons who have diabetes will acquire some degree of diabetic retinopathy. Diabetic retinopathy has emerged as the biggest reason for sight loss and blindness among adults of working age [12]. Substantial individual and societal costs are incurred by people and countries as a result of visual impairment and blindness [13-16]. These costs may be broken down into three categories: the pain of reliance, the possible loss of earning power, and increased social support demands. It is very necessary to have epidemiological data of high quality in instruction to offer assistance for formulation in addition to requests of public policy and programs and to identify the research priorities [17]. Here have been a number of studies of the literature that is now accessible on the incidence of diabetes that has been published; however, there is a great deal less known about the status of our information regarding epidemiology of metabolic disorders [18].

Concerning diabetic retinopathy, it remains unknown what percentage of the world's population has been included in epidemiological data on diabetic retinopathy, the degree to which study methodologies differ from one another (and, consequently, the degree to which based on the researchers' findings are significant compared), or the manner in which the incidence of diabetes-related retinopathy differs from country to country [19]. This report's purpose is to provide very complete picture of the preponderance of retinopathy in both industrialized also emerging economies as well as in indigenous populations. More specifically, the data that are currently available in the field of burden of diabetic retinopathy will be reviewed also analyzed. The limitations of the study and the information gaps that were found need to encourage more research [20].

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

The reference lists of some papers were combed through in search of articles that were applicable in order to locate any research that could have been overlooked. If there were many publications based on the same data that had been available (and covering the same nation), the research that was picked for admission was either the most recent one to be published or the one that had the most thorough features (i.e., bigger sample size). If several components of a nation's diabetics are researched, the outcomes of more than one research may be reported for that country (i.e., information from diverse research types, undiagnosed or identified diabetes, or data from various physical regions). It is possible to get a more complete picture of the retinopathy occurrence by including more than one research from each nation.

Analyses were not considered for inclusion if any of the following criteria were met: (1) they were performed only on kids; (2) they had been performed only on people with type 1 diabetes; (3) they have been performed in clinical research communities; (4) they had been undertaken only in secondary care clinic settings; (5) they did not stipulate that retinal employs a quantitative had been used; (6) incidence rates were only disclosed graphically or remained unable to be obtained from obtainable information, or (7) full-text versions did not meet located. Publications that did not define kind of diabetes (or did not indicate the percentage of Type 1 diabetes) studied remained incorporated into the analysis because it was believed that those studies that satisfied the other criteria had only the minor cohort of individuals who had Type 1 diabetes. Our current research was conducted on Newly diagnosed patients presented with diabetes and endocrine OPD of federal government Polyclinic hospital Islamabad from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Just one incidence statistic pertaining to type 2 diabetes was collected from studies that published the

incidence rates distinctly for type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Based on how research population was looked out, population-based educations remain providing as either population-based community samples (with a total of 35 participants) or population-based outpatient investigations (with a total of 10 participants). Both population-based community research findings and population-based hospital experiments obtained their research samples from the overall population (characteristically by cluster sampling of households). On the other hand, the population-based clinic period found their research samples from all of the primary care clinics (or from all of the primary care and secondary care clinics) in a particular geographical area. Therefore, the goal of both of these research methods is to locate either every one of people living in a certain geographic region who have diabetes or a randomly selected of those individuals.

Research conducted in primary care settings drew their research samples from the populations of those clinics; nevertheless, these samples did not cover a complete region geographically. Directories that aim to collect information for the specific geographical area provided the study sample for register-based studies. These studies used the data from these registries to conduct their research.

The recorded details were abstracted from the investigations whenever it was feasible to do so: country, ethnic group, period of study, geography, research procedure, average age, also age range (average age is revealed if average remained not obtainable), length of diabetes, total model, diabetes classification (i.e. Type 1, Type 2, known or identified with diabetes), pervasiveness and intensity of eye disease, a technique that used detect diabetic retinopathy, criteria utilized to organize the severity of diabetic retinopathy, and personnel classifying diabetic retinopathy. The incidence of diabetic retinopathy that remains presented is for "any retinopathy," which is characterized as existence of non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy (slight, reasonable, or simple), angiogenic diabetic retinopathy, diabetic maculopathy (along with macular edema in addition medically important macula), or diabetic retinopathy in mixture with diabetic maculopathy or proliferative diabetic.

#### **RESULTS:**

Following the evaluation of titles also abstracts of 3048 articles that remained found (shown in Fig. 1), the complete publication evaluation of 495 distinct publications was performed. A cumulative score of 76 among those publications met both the inclusion and indeed the exclusion criteria, making them eligible for consideration. Only 15 of the 36 nations were considered to be developing nations among the 76 research that presented data from those countries. There was a total of 46 population-based investigations, six register-based experiments, and 26 internal medicine clinic-based studies. There were several investigations that did not give the average age, age range, or period of diabetes. Within population-based studies, also known as community-derived research, average age of participants in industrialized nations ranged anywhere from 56 to 78 years old, and average duration of diabetes fluctuated anywhere from 8 to 17 years. In emerging economies, the average age of the population ranged from 48 to 73 years old, and the average duration of diabetes was anywhere from 1 to 17 years. The patients in the population-based investigations (clinic-derived investigations) ranged in age from 62 to 67 years old on average, and their diabetes had been diagnosed for an average of 8 to 14 years. The research was conducted in industrialized nations. The indigenous population's mean age remained 47 years old in the only country development that was included in this category.

In the research carried out in primary care clinics, the average age of the participants in industrialized nations ranged from 56 to 73 years old, in addition average duration of diabetes was anywhere from 1 to 15 years. In underdeveloped countries, average age of the population ranged from 43 to 57 years old, and average period of diabetes was anywhere from 1 to 7 years. In the investigations that were dependent on registers, the average age of the respondents in industrialized nations ranged from 66 to 69 years old, and

the average length of time that they had diabetes ranged from 7 to 10 years. Pakistan was the only third-world country in this category, and the average age of its population that was looked at was 47 years old. The total number of diabetic individuals who participated in the studies ranged anywhere from 155 to 21,796. 53 of the 73 investigations had a sample size of fewer than 1010 participants, while 21 of the investigations had above 1020 participants in their samples. The presence of diabetic retinopathy might be identified in one of three distinct ways: diagnostic funduscopy (16 research), inspections of medical records (14), or fundus photography (45 experiments).

The features of the 70 investigations are shown in Table 1, where they are categorized according to the research designs used and diagnostic procedures for diabetic retinopathy. The subjects of the study varied in age from 48 to 78 years, through 78 years being the average age. The frequency of any diabetic retinopathy in people with recognized diabetes must have been found to be 29.8% (interquartile range: 23–38%) across every one of the experiments. The incidence of proliferative retinopathy must have been found to be 3.5% (2–6%), and the presence of clinically important macula edema must have been found to be 6.8% (3–8%). Patients who had just been diagnosed with diabetes had a occurrence of diabetic retinopathy that ranged from 7–17%, with 11.6% being median (interquartile range). The occurrence of diabetic retinopathy has been found to be higher than 36% in sixteen out of the twenty-five studies performed in underdeveloped nations and in ethnic minority groups within industrialized nations. Only two out of sixteen research (one of 12 studies conducted on communities of Caucasians and one of six studies conducted on populations of non-Caucasians) found a prevalence of 37% or higher in industrialized nations. These discrepancies in occurrence did not seem to be attributable to variations in either the demographic characteristics of the population or the technique of retinopathy evaluation.

Three out of the ten population-based researches (Table 2) that were obtained from medical studies revealed an incidence of diabetic retinopathy in individuals having confirmed diabetes that was comparable somewhere between 21.8 and 24.3%. These researchers apply clinical funduscopy. In Brazil, 3.4% of people were observed to have proliferative diabetic retinopathy, whereas, in Australia, 3.9% of people had (indigenous population). 4 participants that employed fundus photos revealed a comparable prevalence rate of diabetic retinopathy among people who were already aware that they had diabetes, which ranged around 24.8 and 27.3%. The incidence of diabetic retinopathy with proliferative changes varied from 0.7% to 3.9% of patients (Norway). Two of them diagnosed diabetic retinopathy by reviewing patient medical records and reported a prevalence of 16% (in Norway) and 29.7% respectively (Canada). In this category, there was just one research carried out in a developing country. The incidence of diabetic retinopathy has been found to be 31.7% in the research that was conducted in Pakistan on new cases of diabetes.

**Table 1:**

<b>Findings</b>	<b>Control non-Diabetic</b>	<b>Type-2 Diabetic</b>
Microcytic	5	14
Normocytic	7	9
Thrombolytic	3	6
Macrocytic	02	06
Lymphocytes	02	08
Giant Plates	03	31
Neuropile	05	11

**Table 2:**

Variables	Average + SD	Maximum	Minimum
Weight	72.8+16.86	112	23
Age	53.4+12.5	82	19
DBP	7.9+6.8	32	2
Duration of DM	88.1+15.5	141.01	51.01
Systolic BP	147.5+25.8	221.01	111.02
Albumin	4.4+4.46	6	2
Creatinine	5.9+4.43	427.00002	0.01662

## DISCUSSION:

Through an examination of the published research, researchers discovered that there is an insufficient amount of data that is either current or of top quality on the frequency of diabetic retinopathy worldwide. Studies that are population-based and make use of fundus photography are likely to produce the most trustworthy evidence regarding the prevalence of retinopathy [21-26]. This is because these types of studies are among the many different research approaches and designs that have been described for occurrence researches [27-34]. Researchers are now only able to locate 26 studies of this kind, and only 13 of them were conducted in poor nations. Only 19 of these 28 were published after the year 2020, and nine of them were in emerging nations [35]. Analyses itself between studies are very challenging since, in addition to the limited amount of data available, there are significant disparities in features of the research and the procedures that were used [36]. Due to the large differences across the studies, it is currently impossible to provide an accurate assessment of the overall incidence of diabetic retinopathy [37].

Reported prevalence still differed significantly, falling somewhere between 13% and 62%, when only the information from the 16 developing nations was included [38]. It is highly challenging to make obvious connections across research, and there are a variety of variables that can independently or together impact occurrence and clarify variations that happen among numerous of these investigations. Direct relationships among research findings are impossible to do [39]. Because the method of diagnosing retinopathy is the significant aspect that may impact the occurrence rate, this remains critical to understand that specific diagnostic technique must have been utilized in each research in order to correctly interpret the data. This can be done by referring to the table below, which lists the various methods that have been used to diagnose retinopathy [40-42].

It is regrettable that a large number of this detailed information, some of which has the potential to impact the outcomes, is not provided [43]. The viewpoints frequently made use of grade retinopathy, training of personnel who were going to conduct the grading, age range of individuals who were investigated, pause in therapy also prognosis of diabetes, timeframe and amplitude of diabetes, diabetes medication and treatments, degree of glycemic control, multifactorial profile, the research design, and proportional relationships [44]. However, substantial variations had been seen including within research findings that utilized the same methodology and design [45]. This not only indicates that distinctions in ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and thresholds of therapies for those with diabetes may have an influence in the preponderance of macular degeneration, but it also appears to suggest that glaring discrepancy is clearly evident including within research findings that utilized the same design and methodology [46].

## CONCLUSION:

Through this analysis, a general picture of the frequency of diabetic retinopathy over the world has been presented. We have brought attention to the fact that diabetic retinopathy seems to be additional widespread in developing nations and among minority populations in contrast to industrialized countries. Researchers have also brought attention to problem of contradiction in research techniques, which makes it extremely challenging to make a direct comparison among research. Furthermore, researchers have shown that significant gaps exist, specifically in regard to the lack of reliable population-based data from developing nations. It is vital that additional research be conducted, especially in countries that face brunt of diabetes pandemic. In addition, research populaces also methodology need to be properly standardized so that comparisons may be made. This will give valuable information that may be used for the thorough design and execution of therapeutic and preventative programs.

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