

**DEVELOPMENT AND UPDATION OF
THE DIABETES ATLAS OF INDIA**

REPORT

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Introduction- Why a Diabetes Atlas for India?

According to the World Health Organisation estimates, India had 32 million diabetic subjects in the year 2000 and this number would increase to 80 million by the year 2030 (1). The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) also reported that the total number of diabetic subjects in India is 41 million in 2006 and that this would rise to 70 million by the year 2025 (2). Studies on migrant Indians have shown that they have a higher predisposition to insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes and coronary artery disease compared to other ethnic groups (3-5). The so called “Asian Indian Phenotype” refers to certain unique clinical and biochemical abnormalities in Asian Indians and this constellation of abnormalities is considered to be one of the major factors contributing to increased prevalence of type 2 diabetes in Asian Indians (6,7). Despite having lower prevalence of obesity as defined by body mass index (BMI), Asian Indians tend to have greater waist circumference and waist to hip ratios thus having a greater degree of central obesity (8). Further, Asian Indians have more visceral fat for any given BMI (9) and for any given body fat they have greater insulin resistance (10). Studies on neonates reported that Indian babies are born smaller but relatively fatter compared to European babies and they are referred to as “thin fat Indian babies” (11, 12).

It is quite evident from the above observations that diabetes has become a major health problem in India. In order to assess the magnitude of the problem and its impact on the health and economy of the nation, the scattered data on the prevalence of type 2 diabetes needs to be compiled and analysed. In this pilot study, we have tried to establish a database of all the published data relating to diabetes and its complications in India.

We have classified this report under the following headings:

1. Prevalence of type 1 diabetes
2. Earlier studies on diabetes in India
3. Population based surveys of 1970s
4. Beginning of the rise in the prevalence of diabetes in India in the 1980s
5. Rapid rise in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in India (1990s to 2007)
6. Urban Rural differences in the prevalence of diabetes
7. Serial studies in Chennai as an evidence of the rising prevalence
8. Lowering of age of onset of type 2 diabetes
9. Pre-diabetic states- Impaired Glucose Tolerance and Impaired Fasting Glucose
10. Gender differences in the prevalence of diabetes
11. Impact of socioeconomic status
12. Burden of diabetes related complications in India

Prevalence of type 1 diabetes

Although it is type 2 diabetes which is more prevalent and the main driver of the diabetes epidemic in India, it is noted that prevalence of type 1 diabetes in India is also on the rise (13). However, most of the data are from clinic based studies or registries (14-21) and there are few population based studies on the prevalence of type 1 diabetes in India. Table 1 shows the prevalence of type 1 diabetes among total diabetic patients attending clinics in various parts of India. In 1992, Ramachandran et al reported that the prevalence of type 1 diabetes in children aged less than 15 years was 0.26 per 1000(22). The same investigator showed that the incidence for the 4 year period was 10.5/100,000/year (13). However, Bai et al did not find any cases of type 1 diabetes in their studies in school and college students in Chennai (23, 24). Data from the Bangalore T1DM registry group reported an incidence rate of 1.68 per 10,000 in 1997(25). Table 2 shows the prevalence and incidence rates of type 1 diabetes in India.

Earlier studies on type 2 diabetes in India.

To do a comparative analysis on the prevalence of diabetes in the first half of 20th century is difficult as there were no standard criteria for diagnosing diabetes. Most of the earlier studies were based on hospital records and used glycosuria as the diagnostic criteria. Ramaiya et al (26) has made an excellent compilation of all earlier studies in their article published in 1991. Table 3 is a compilation of studies on the prevalence of diabetes in India from 1938 to 2007 (27-91). The earliest documented study on prevalence of diabetes in India was done in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in 1938 (27). Out of the 96300 medical records checked, 1% was found to have diabetes diagnosed by glycosuria. Another hospital based study from Mumbai

reported a prevalence of 0.7% in 1959 (28). The first study done in South India was at Vellore in 1964 (31). This hospital based study done on 63,356 individuals showed a prevalence of 2.5%. In 1966, house to house surveys done in Chandigarh, Puducherry and Varanasi reported prevalence rates of 2.9, 0.7% and 2.7% respectively (35,41,43). In the same year, a study based on hospital records in Thiruvananthapuram reported a high prevalence of 8.7 % (42).

Population based surveys of 1970s

Population based surveys done in the early 1970s in different Indian cities and nearby rural areas reported prevalence of diabetes ranging from 1.2% to 2.5% (44-48). The first multicentric study in India was done by the Indian Council Of Medical Research (ICMR) between 1972 and 1975 (53). Screening was done in more than 34,000 individuals from six representative areas of India. Capillary blood glucose level of above 170 mg/dl was defined as diabetes. This study reported a prevalence of 3.0 % in urban areas and 1.3% in rural areas (53). From these reports, it is evident that till the 1970s, the prevalence of diabetes was less than 3.0% even in urban areas.

Beginning of the rise in the prevalence of diabetes in India in the '80s

The early signs of the looming diabetes epidemic were seen in the Tenali study of 1984 which reported a high prevalence of 4.7% in a small town in Andhra Pradesh (56). A prevalence of 3.8% was reported in 1986 from Bhadlan, a rural area in Haryana which was relatively higher compared to earlier surveys done in different cities in the previous decade (57). A study done in Kudremukh, a township in Karnataka revealed a prevalence of 5.0% (59). The Daryaganj diabetes survey done in an affluent neighbourhood of Delhi showed a prevalence of 3.1% of known

diabetes (60). In the same year, a survey in Rewa, rural Madhya Pradesh showed a prevalence of 1.9 % (61). The prevalence of known diabetes in Eluru survey, done in rural Andhra Pradesh was 1.5% (62). However, in individuals aged above 40yrs, the prevalence of known diabetes was 6.1% which was unexpectedly higher for a rural area (62).

A multicentric study was carried out in different regions of India by Ahuja et al (63). Rural areas from different parts of the country near Ahmedabad, Calcutta, Delhi and Trivandrum reported prevalence rates of 3.9%, 0.8%, 1.5% and 1.3% respectively (Figure 1). The remote high altitude area of Himachal Pradesh, Kalpa had a prevalence of 0.4%. The same study revealed that the prevalence of type 2 diabetes was 4.1% in an industrial neighbourhood of Delhi. In 1994, Wander et al (66) reported 5% prevalence of diabetes (criteria: random venous blood glucose >180mg/dl or history) among a rural population in Ludhiana, Punjab. Another study from North Arcot district in TamilNadu reported a prevalence of 4.9% in a rural area(67).

From these data, it appears that there is a rising pattern in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in India both in the urban as well as the rural areas.

Rapid rise in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in India (1990's to 2007)

Further evidence for the rise in prevalence of type 2 diabetes came from Chennai, as the prevalence of type 2 diabetes had risen to 11.6% in the same urban area which had a prevalence of 8.2% five years earlier (64,68). In 1998, a study from Guwahati reported a prevalence of 8.2 % (69). A study done in Kerala showed a very

high prevalence of 16.3% in 1999 (72). The Kashmir Valley study done in 2000 recorded a prevalence of 6.3% (73). The prevalence of 'known' diabetes was 1.9% whereas the prevalence of 'undiagnosed' diabetes was 4.3%, which was more than double that of diagnosed cases (73).

A study done in Mumbai in 2001 reported a prevalence of 7.5% according to ADA and 4.6% according to WHO criteria (76). Misra et al (77) reported a prevalence of 11.2% in a slum area in Delhi. The Chennai Urban Population Study (CUPS) which looked at the prevalence of diabetes in two socioeconomic classes in Chennai. The overall prevalence of type 2 diabetes was 12% in the population aged above 20 years. The middle income group had significantly higher prevalence of type 2 diabetes compared to the low income group (age standardised prevalence rates of 12.4% and 6.4% respectively) (78). Meanwhile, a study from Manipur reported a prevalence of 4.0% in a population aged above 15 years (79).

The National Urban Diabetes Survey (NUDS) was a population based study conducted in six large cities from different regions of India. This study was done on 11,216 subjects aged over 20 years from all socio-economic strata (80). The WHO criterion was used for diagnosis diabetes after an Oral Glucose Tolerance Test using capillary blood. The study showed that the age standardized prevalence of type 2 diabetes was 12.1%. The prevalence was the highest in Hyderabad (16.6%), followed by Chennai (13.5%), Bengaluru (12.4%), Kolkatta (11.7%), New Delhi (11.6%) and Mumbai (9.3%) (80).

Gupta et al reported a prevalence of 16.8% from Jaipur in 2003(81). The Prevalence of Diabetes in India Study (PODIS) done in 108 centres of India reported a prevalence of 5.9% in the urban and 2.7% in rural areas according to the WHO criteria

(82). According to the ADA criteria, the prevalence rates were 4.6% and 1.9% in urban and rural areas respectively (83). A house to house survey done in a rural area near Mysore reported a prevalence of 3.8 % (84). The Chennai Urban Rural Epidemiology Study (CURES) showed a prevalence of 15.5% (age standardised 14.3%) in Chennai in 2006(85). The Amrita Diabetes and Endocrine Population Survey (ADEPS), a community based cross- sectional survey done in urban areas of Ernakulam district in Kerala has revealed a very high prevalence of 19.5% (86). The ADEPS has reported the highest prevalence of diabetes in a population in India. A recent study from rural Maharashtra showed a high prevalence of 9.3% (87). A very high prevalence of 13.2% was also reported in a rural population of Andhra Pradesh by Chow et al in 2006 (88). A multicentric study on industrial populations in different parts of India reported a prevalence of 10.1% (90). The prevalence of self reported diabetes was 5.6% in this study population (90).

A study on the camel milk consuming “raica” community of Rajasthan reported an absence of diabetes in the community suggesting a protective effect of camel milk (92). Another caste based study from Rajasthan reported a prevalence of 16.7% in the Bhargava community(93)

Urban Rural differences in the prevalence of diabetes

Urban rural differences in the prevalence of diabetes has been consistently reported from India. While the ICMR study reported that the prevalence was 3.0% in urban and 1.3% in rural areas (53), a later study showed that the prevalence was three times higher among the urban (8.2%) compared to the rural population (2.4%) (64).

Ahuja et al, in 1991 reported that the prevalence of diabetes in an industrial setting in Delhi was 4.1% while the prevalence of diabetes in a rural locality near Delhi

was 1.5 % (63). A study done in Moradabad reported a prevalence of 6.0% in urban area and 2.8% in rural area (70). A study done in southern Kerala looked at the variations in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes among different geographic divisions within a region. The prevalence of diabetes was the highest in the urban (12.4%) areas, followed by the midland (8.1%), highland (5.8%) and coastal divisions (2.5%) (74).

The Prevalence of Diabetes in India Study (PODIS) was carried out in 108 centres (49 urban and 59 rural) in different parts of India to look at the urban-rural differences in type 2 diabetes and glucose intolerance (82, 83). Diabetes was defined according to WHO and ADA criteria. According to ADA criteria, the prevalence of diabetes was 4.7% in the urban and 1.9% in the rural areas. The prevalence of diabetes according to WHO criteria was 5.6% and 2.7% among urban and rural areas respectively.

However, two recent studies, from rural areas of Maharashtra (87) and Andhra Pradesh (88) have reported very high prevalence rates which are almost equal to those reported in urban India.

Serial studies in Chennai as an evidence of the rising prevalence

Chennai is perhaps the only city in India where a series of population based studies have been done which has enabled the investigators to compare the prevalence rates. A study done in the same urban area after five years showed that the prevalence had risen to 11.6% (68). The CURES investigators had a unique opportunity to compare prevalence rates of diabetes in Chennai city with three earlier epidemiological studies carried out in the same city using similar methods (64, 68, 80). The overall crude prevalence of diabetes using WHO criteria in CURES was 15.5 per

cent (age standardized: 14.3%). From 1989 to 1995, the prevalence of diabetes in Chennai increased by 39.8 per cent (8.3 to 11.6%); between 1995 to 2000 by 16.3 per cent (11.6 to 13.5%) and between 2000 to 2004, by 6.0 per cent (13.5 to 14.3%). Thus within a span of 14 years, the prevalence of diabetes increased significantly by 72.3 per cent (Figure 2).

Lowering of age at onset of type 2 diabetes

It has been documented that Indians have a younger age of onset of diabetes compared to other ethnic groups (94). An increase in the prevalence of type 2 diabetes in the younger age group has been noted from the epidemiological studies. The Daryaganj survey done in Delhi in 1986 reported that none of the diabetics were aged less than 30 years (60). However, the NUDS done in 2001 showed that the prevalence of diabetes in those aged below 30 was 5.4% (80). The CURES investigators demonstrated a temporal shift in the age at diagnosis to a younger group when compared to the NUDS study published just five years earlier (80,85). A study from Delhi also reported a high prevalence of insulin resistance in children which was associated with excess body fat and adiposity (95). Hence it is increasingly becoming clear that type 2 diabetes has become prevalent even among younger age groups. This disturbing fact could have long lasting effects on the health of the nation and its economy.

Pre-diabetic states- Impaired Glucose Tolerance and Impaired Fasting Glucose.

Impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) and impaired fasting glucose (IFG) collectively called as prediabetic states, have a high risk of conversion to diabetes. Several studies have shown that these prediabetic states are also high risk stages for cardiovascular disease (96,97). Hence a compilation of data on IGT and IFG are

also important, as they are indicators of future diabetes prevalence and burden on the nation. Ramachandran et al reported a high prevalence of IGT in urban (8.7%) and rural (7.8%) areas in 1989 (64). It was interesting to note that the prevalence rates were almost similar despite a big difference in the prevalence of diabetes. Subsequent studies by the same investigator found that the prevalence of IGT had risen to 9.1% in 1995 and then to 16.8% in 2000(68, 80). The Kashmir valley study reported a high prevalence of 8.1% and it was also observed that the prevalence of IGT was significantly higher in women (73).

The NUDS results indicate that the prevalence of IGT was higher than that of type 2 diabetes in four out of six cities studied (80). The prevalence of IGT was 16.8 per cent in Chennai, 14.9 per cent in Bengaluru (formerly Bangalore), 29.8 per cent in Hyderabad, 10 per cent in Kolkatta, 10.8 per cent in Mumbai and 8.6 per cent in New Delhi.

The CURES, however has reported a decreased prevalence of IGT compared to earlier studies done in Chennai (16.8% in 2000 to 10.2% in 2004) (80,85). This could suggest that the diabetes epidemic in urban India may be slowing down or it may also suggest that there could be a rapid progression from the normal state through IGT to diabetes, which could imply a rapid increase in the diabetes epidemic or a worsening diabetogenic environment. Further support of this hypothesis came from the ADEPS which showed a lower prevalence of 4.2% of IGT (86). However, the ADEPS reported a high prevalence of IFG (11.2%). The PODIS investigators found a discrepancy in subjects having IFG or IGT. Of the subjects diagnosed as having IGT by the WHO criteria, only 51% would be diagnosed as having IFG (98).

Gender differences in the prevalence of diabetes

Some of the population based studies have reported that the prevalence was higher in females (64, 72). Majority of the population based studies multicentric studies like NUDS and PODIS reported similar prevalence of diabetes in males and females (80, 82, 83). However, a recent study from Manipur reported a higher prevalence in males than in females (79).

Impact of socio economic status

Diabetes has been generally considered a disease of the rich and affluent. The CUPS was done to assess the effect of socio-economic status on the prevalence of type 2 diabetes and related abnormalities (78). The study involved two residential areas in Chennai representing the lower and middle income group. The overall prevalence of diabetes was 12% in the population aged above 20yrs. The age standardised prevalence was 12.4% in the middle income group compared to 6.4% in the lower income group (78). The prevalence of related metabolic abnormalities like obesity and cardiovascular risk factors were also markedly higher in the middle income group. Another study from New Delhi showed that even the slum dwellers had high prevalence of obesity, glucose intolerance and dyslipidemia (77). This suggests that diabetes is no longer a disease of the affluent or a rich man's disease. It is becoming a problem even among the middle income and poorer sections of the society. Studies have shown that the poor diabetic subjects are more prone to complications as they have little access to quality health care (99). This presents an alarming picture as the poor would find it more difficult to cope with the diabetes epidemic.

Burden of diabetes complications in India

There are very few studies from India which has looked at the microvascular complications of diabetes in a population. In 1996, Rema et al observed that the prevalence of diabetic retinopathy in a clinic based study to be 34.1 % (100). Dandona et al had reported a prevalence of 22.6% in an urban South Indian population in the year 1999 (101). Narendran (103) et al reported a higher prevalence of 26.8% in self reported diabetic subjects in Palakkad in Kerala state. The CURES Eye Study is the largest population based data on the prevalence of diabetic retinopathy which used four-field stereo retinal photographs and Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) grading to document DR in the Indian population (104). This study reported a diabetic retinopathy prevalence of 17.6%, which is lower compared to the reports from the west (105). Table 4 shows the studies on diabetic retinopathy in India.

A few studies have looked at the prevalence of diabetic nephropathy in India. But most of these are clinic based reports. John et al in 1991 showed that the prevalence of microalbuminuria was 19.7% and diabetic nephropathy was 8.9% in a clinic based study from Vellore(106). Gupta et al found that the prevalence of microalbuminuria was 26.6 % (107). A study from Pune showed a prevalence of microalbuminuria to be 23% (108). Vijay et al reported a prevalence of 18.7% of proteinuria in a clinic based study from Chennai (109). The first population based prevalence of diabetic nephropathy in India was reported by Unnikrishnan et al in 2007 (110). The prevalence of overt nephropathy was found to be 2.2% and that of microalbuminuria was 26.9% (110). Thus the overall prevalence of microvascular complications appears to be lower in Indians compared to Europeans. The prevalence of neuropathy was found to be 27.5% (111) and 19.1 % (112) in two separate clinic based studies from Chennai. A

recent study reported a high prevalence of 29% of neuropathy in newly diagnosed diabetic subjects (113). Very recently, population based data from CURES was published which showed that the prevalence of neuropathy in urban population was 26.1% (114). A recent report showed that foot ulcers were more common among diabetic subjects in the rural area compared to their urban counterparts (115). They also found that the rates of amputations were higher in rural area compared to urban area (115).

The results from the CUPS study have provided population based data on the prevalence of macro vascular complications and mortality in relation to diabetes in India. The prevalence of coronary artery disease was 21.4% among diabetic subjects compared to 9.1% in subjects with normal glucose tolerance (116). Atherosclerosis as assessed by carotid IMT was also found to be higher in subjects with type 2 diabetes compared to those with normal glucose tolerance (117). The prevalence of peripheral vascular disease (PVD) was higher in type 2 diabetic subjects compared to (6.3% vs 2.7% $p < 0.001$) (118). The CUPS also provided some evidence on the effect of type 2 diabetes on mortality rates in a population (119). The overall mortality rates were nearly three-fold higher in diabetic subjects compared to non-diabetic individuals (18.9 vs 5.3 per 1000 person-years). The hazards ratio (HR) for all cause mortality for diabetes was found to be 3.6 compared to non diabetic subjects (119).

Several clinic based studies from India have looked at the mortality trends in diabetes. CAD appears to be leading cause of death in majority of these studies (120-125). However, Bhansali et al (126) and Zargar et al (127) reported that infections were the leading cause of mortality in diabetic subjects. Chronic renal failure (CRF), Ketosis, stroke, hyperosmolar coma and hypoglycaemia are the other causes of mortality documented (120-125).

DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIABETES ATLAS

The diabetes atlas was designed to map the prevalence across the country using all relevant published literature on the subject.

Methods for data collection:

1. A thorough literature search was done using the library at the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai
2. An online literature search was done on 'Pubmed' and 'Google' using the words "Diabetes, India, prevalence".
3. Review articles published in peer reviewed journals and text books were used for data search. The review articles referred were:
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4. Data from abstracts were used if full text of the article was not available.

Results:

A total of 116 studies were identified which had some data related to prevalence of diabetes in India.

Out of the 66 studies (1938 to 2007) have directly looked at the prevalence of diabetes. Of these,

- 12 studies were hospital or clinic based
- 4 studies had data collected from exhibitions/camps/mobile clinics
- 6 studies were done on specific groups like industrial populations, army personnel, textile workers, cancer patients and staff of a particular institution.
- **44 studies were population based or house to house surveys.**
- 2 studies looked at the prevalence in specific communities (not listed in the table)

Criteria used for diagnosis of diabetes

- 11 studies used glycosuria as the criteria for diagnosis
- 3 studies looked at only known cases of diabetes
- 49 studies used blood sugar for diagnosing diabetes
- Methodology could not be obtained in 3 older studies

Time period

Time period	Number of studies
1938-1950	1
1951- 1960	1
1961- 1970:	15
1971- 1980:	11
1981- 1990:	9
1991- 2000:	12
2001- 2007:	17
Total	66

Area of Study:

Urban: 26 studies

Rural: 15 studies

Both rural and urban/ not specified: 35

Preparation of maps:

For preparation of maps, only population-based studies that used blood sugar to diagnose diabetes were used. If there were two studies in the same period from the same state, the larger study was considered for mapping.

The studies were divided into time periods. The maps represent data from 1966 to 2007 in urban and rural areas.

Mapinfo software was used to prepare the maps

Maps were prepared for the following time periods and are shown as figures 3-8.

1966- 1975, 1976-1985, 1985-1991, 1992-1996, 1997-2001, 2002-2007.

10 year intervals were taken for studies up to 1985 as there were a few studies in that time period.

Specific colours were used to represent the prevalence reported from different states. The whole state was given uniform colour.

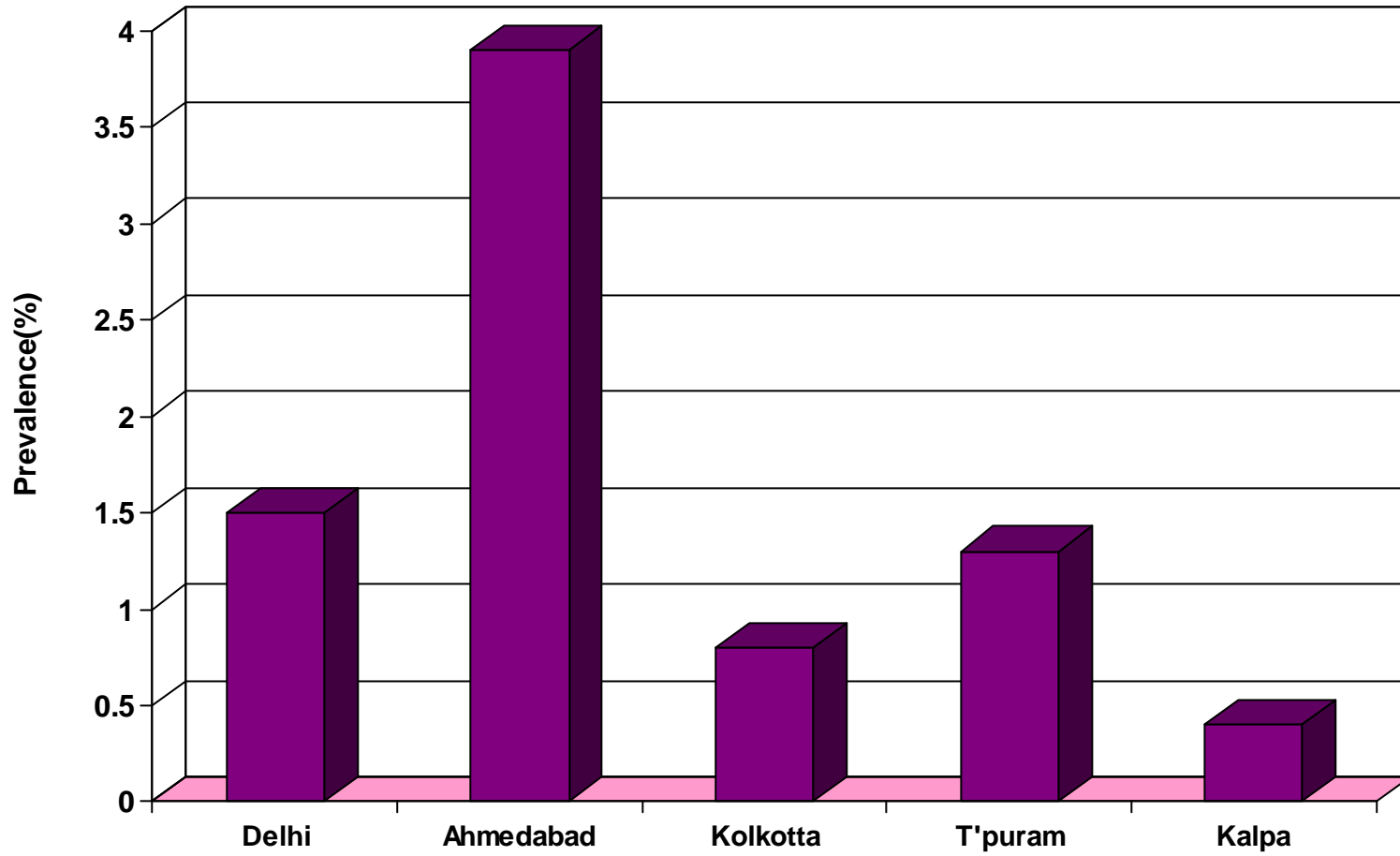
Green: 0- 3.9%

Yellow: 4- 6.9%

Orange: 7- 11.9%

Red: 12% and above.

Figure 1: PREVALENCE OF TYPE 2 DIABETES IN RURAL AREAS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF INDIA IN 1991(ref:63)



**Figure 2: SERIAL STUDIES FROM CHENNAI SHOWING
A RISE IN PREVALENCE OF TYPE 2 DIABETES.(ref:64,68,80,85)**

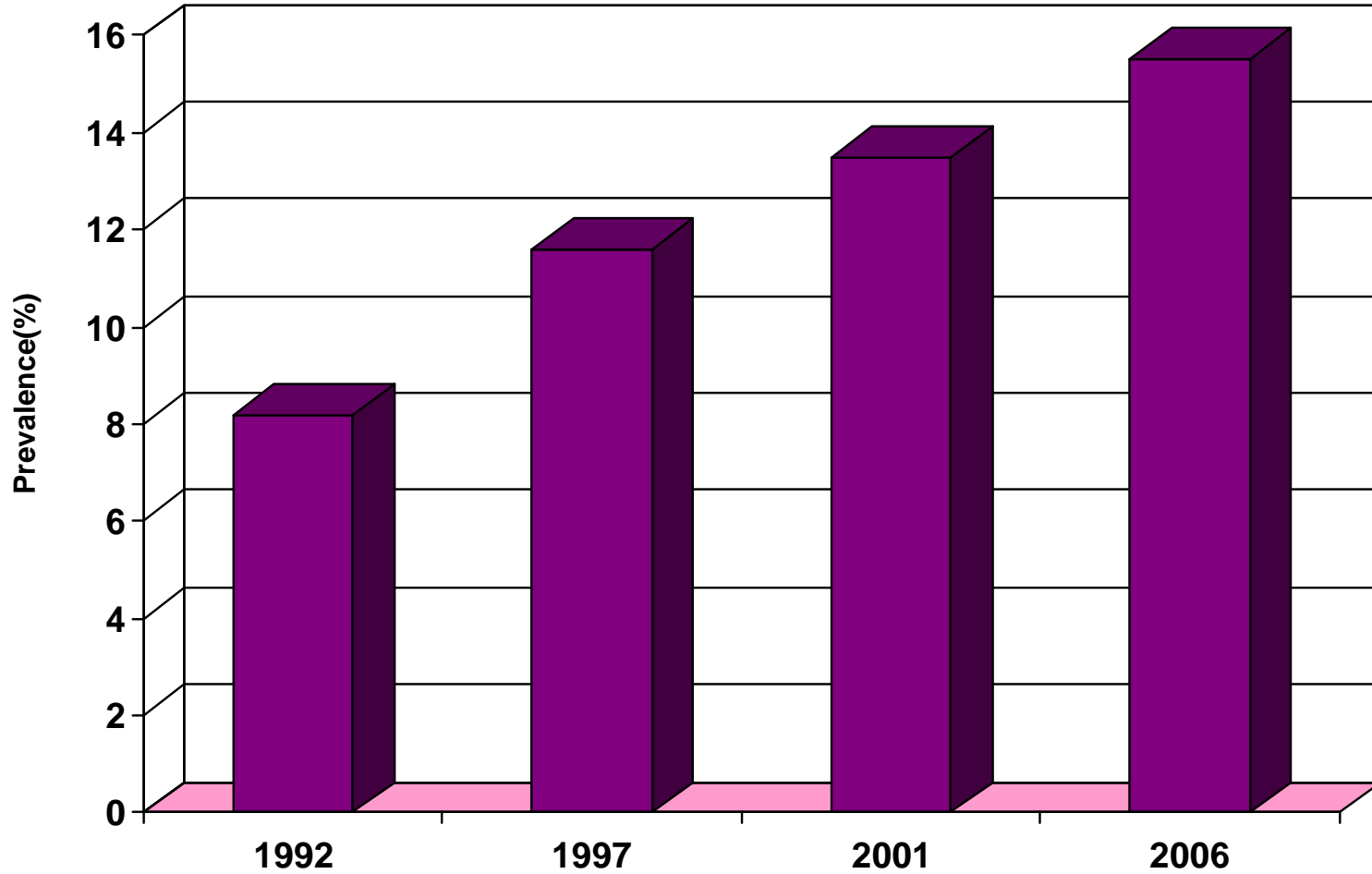


Figure 3: PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN INDIA 1966- 1975

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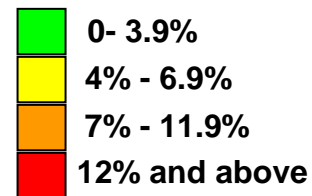
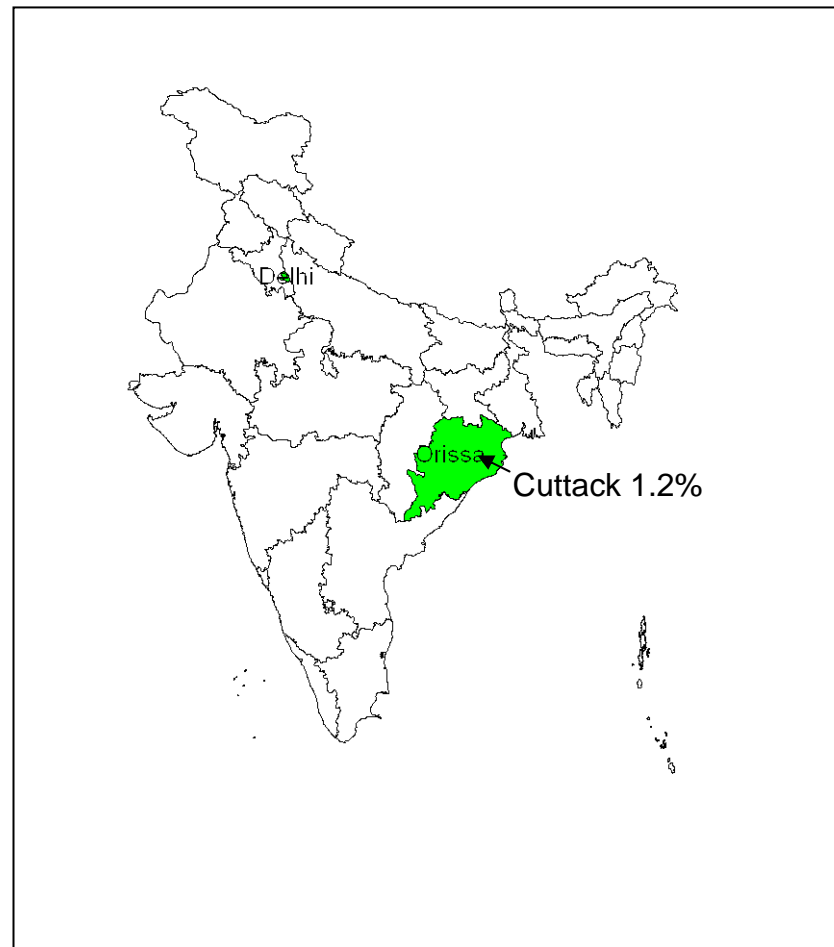
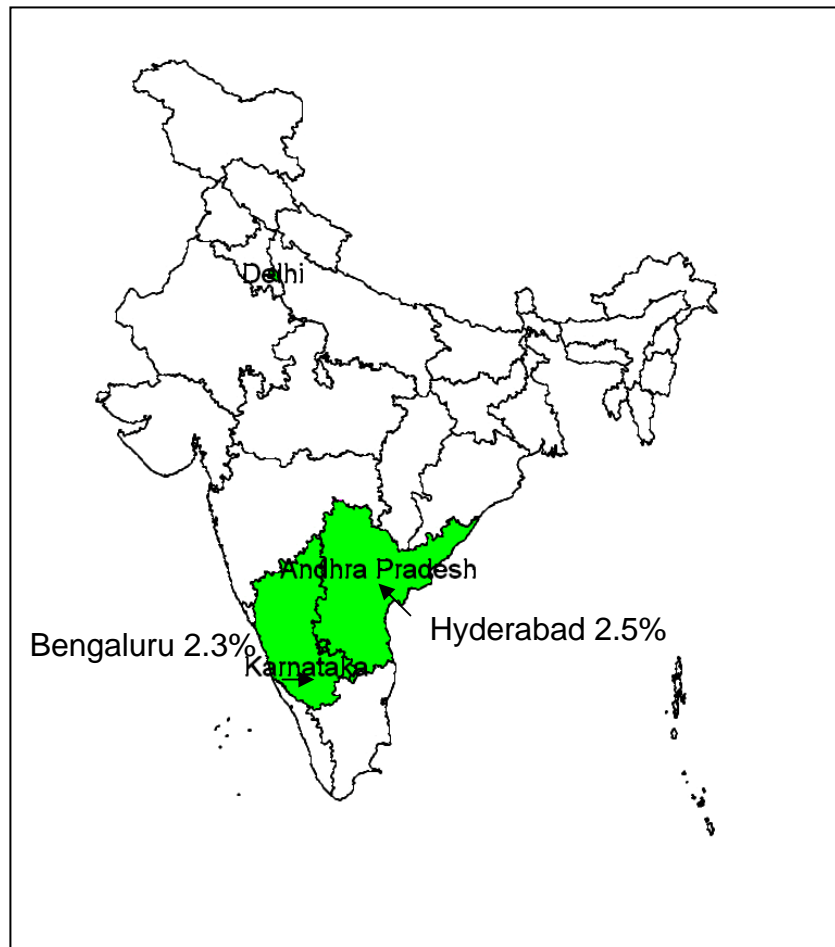


Figure 4: PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN INDIA 1976- 1985

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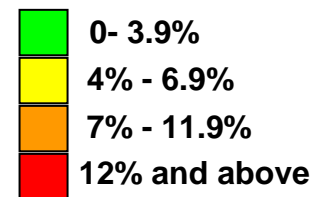
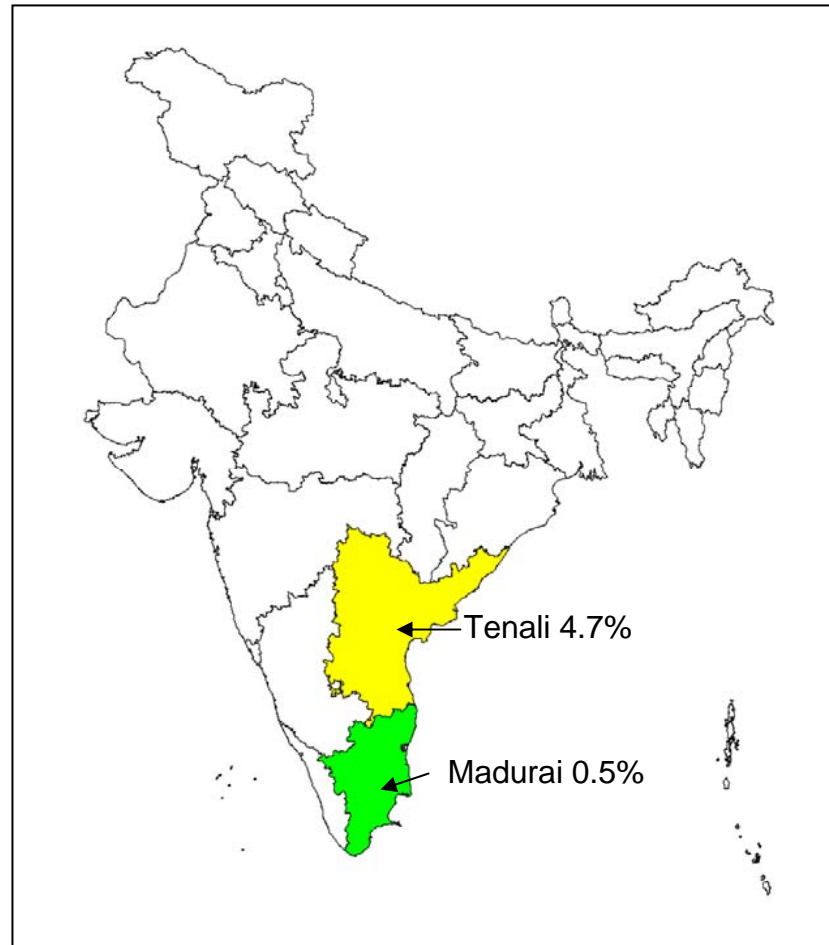
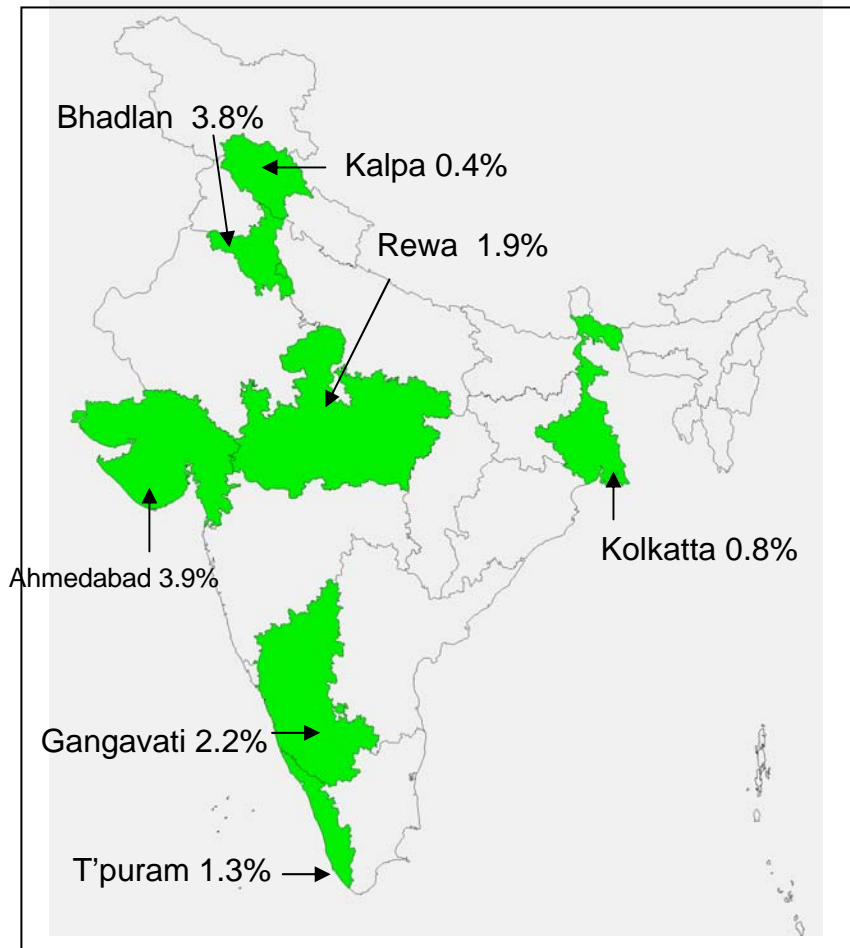


Figure 5: PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN INDIA 1986- 1991

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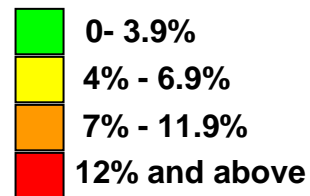
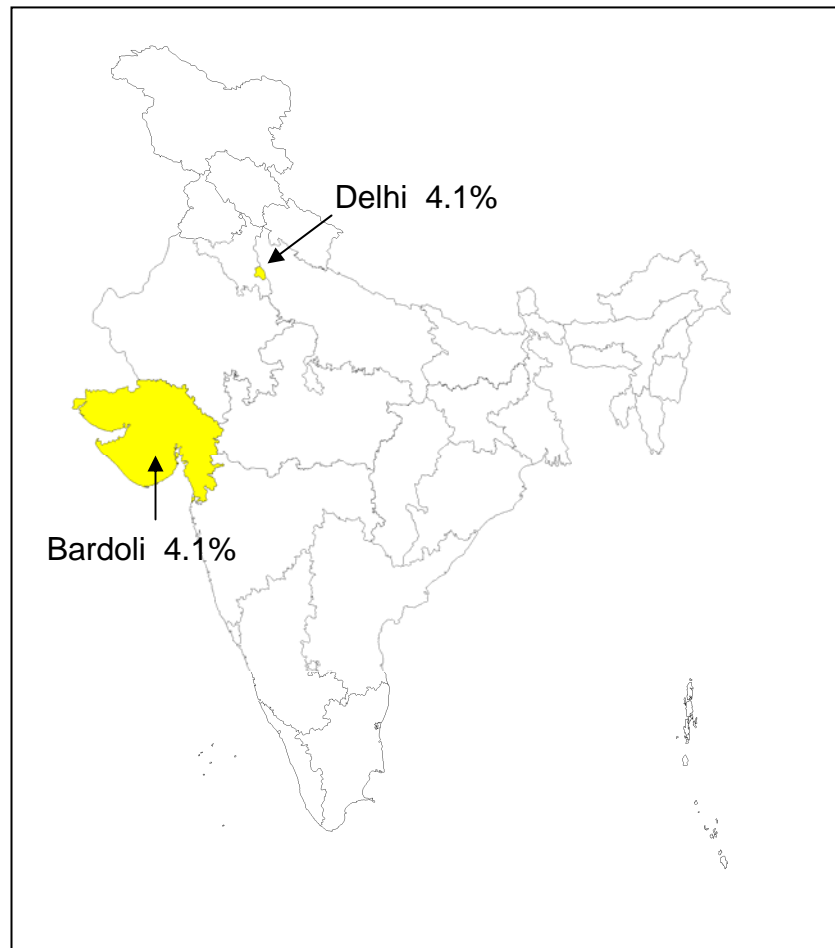
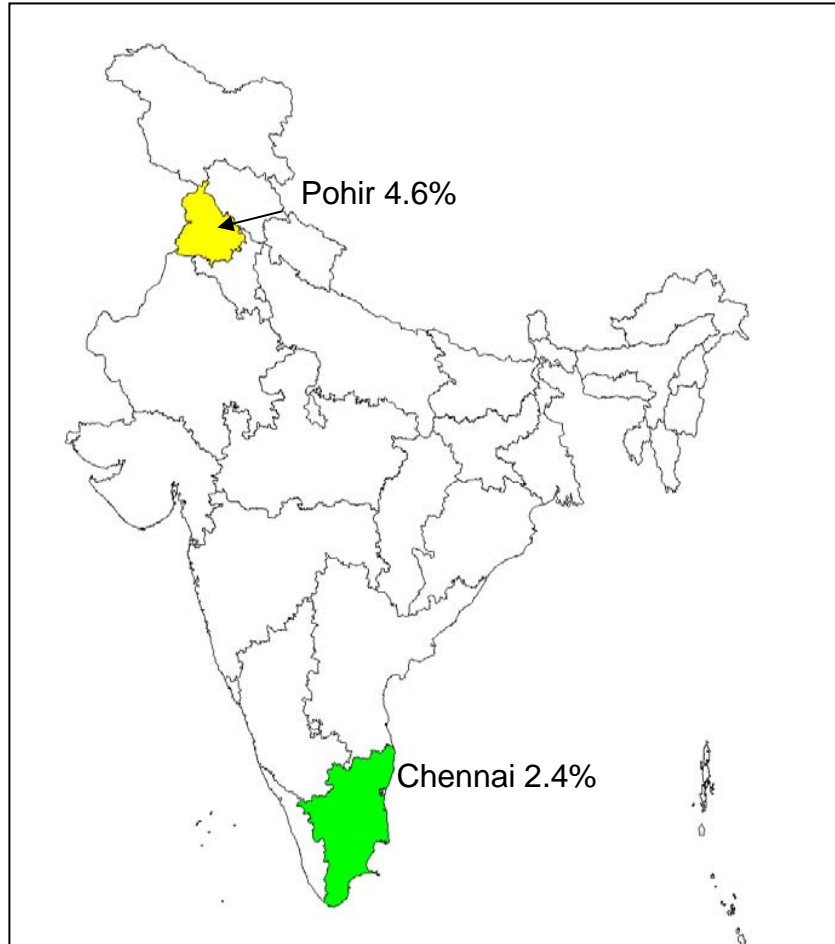


Figure 6: PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN INDIA 1992- 1996

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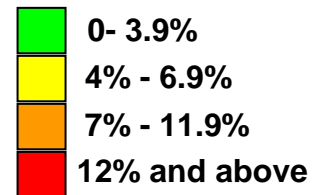
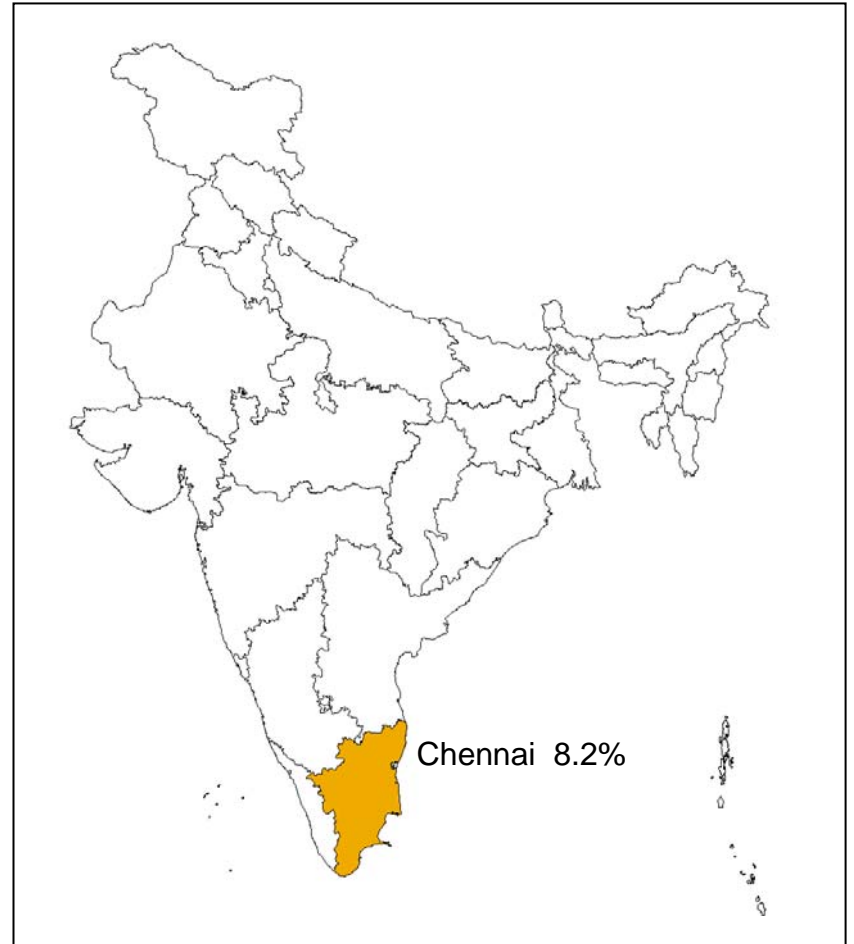
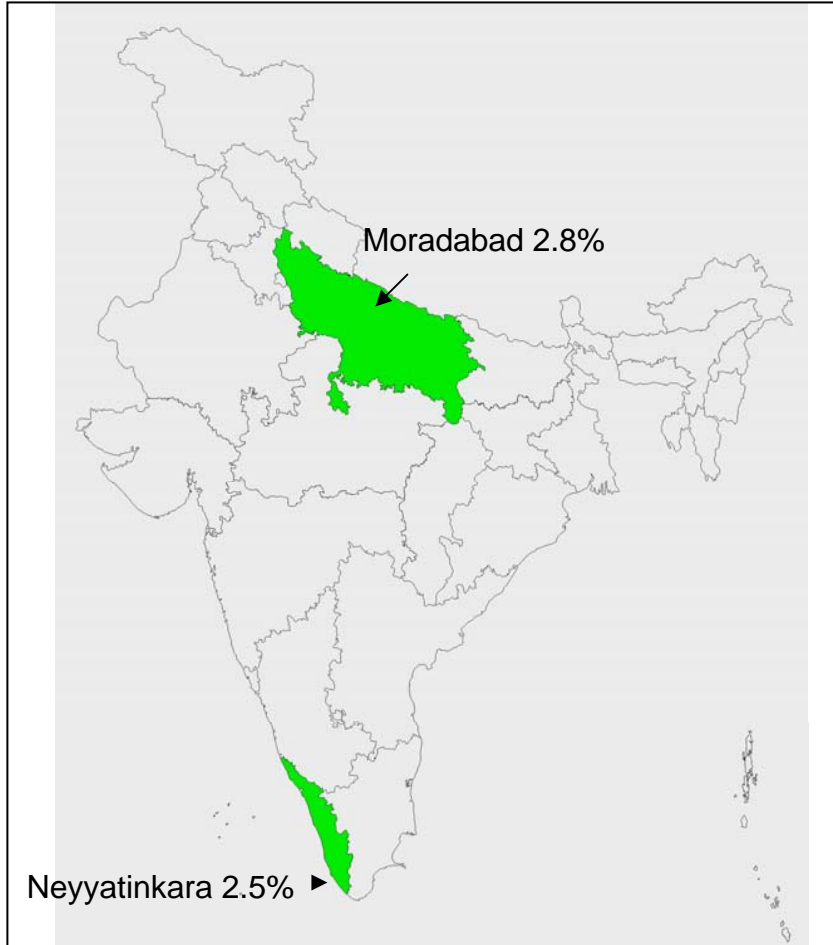


Figure 7: PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN INDIA 1997- 2001

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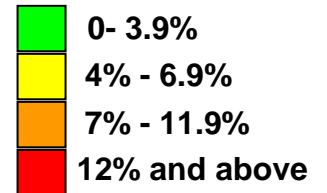
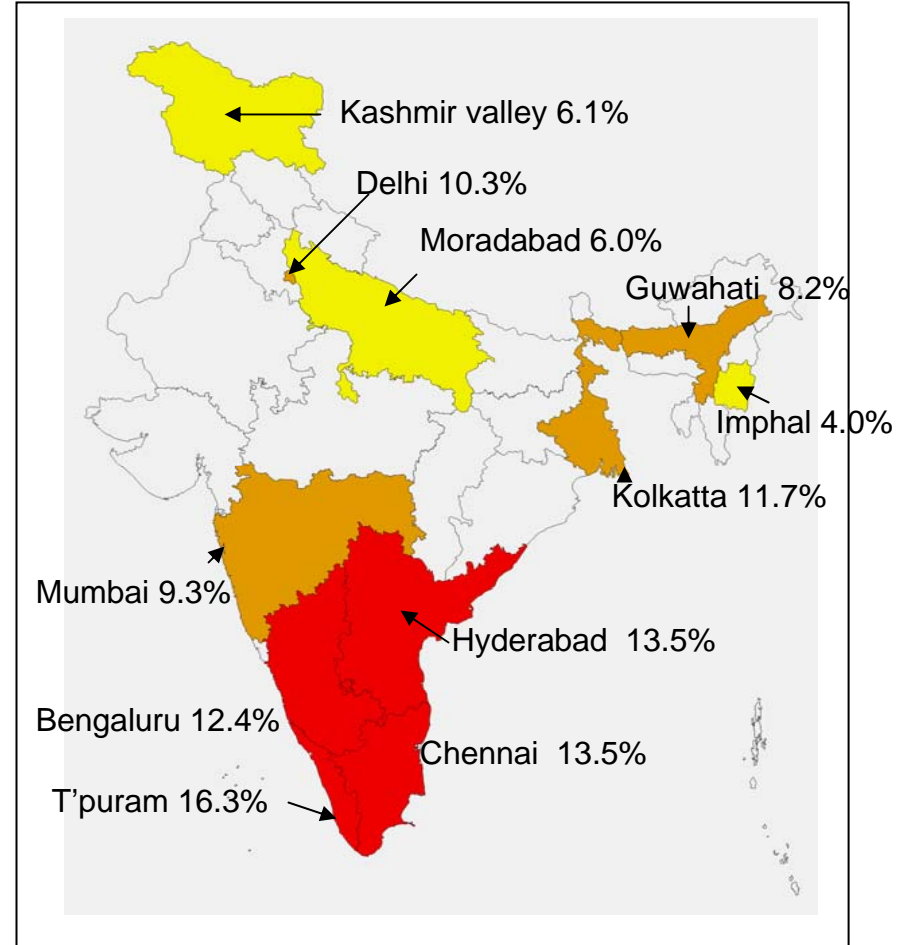
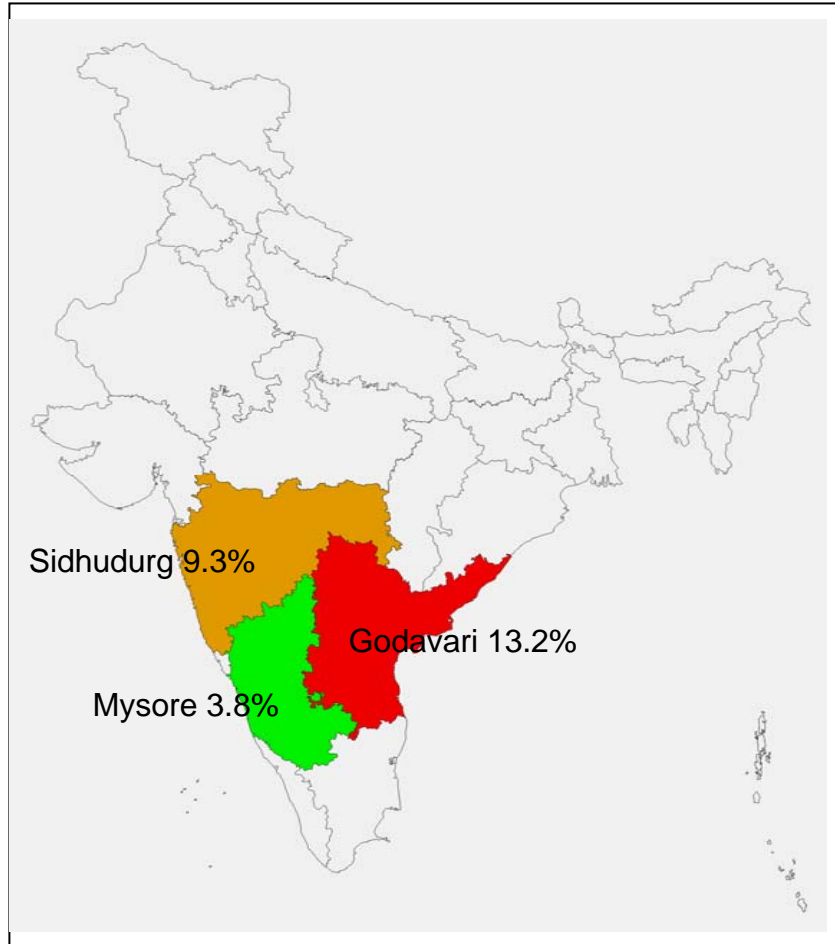
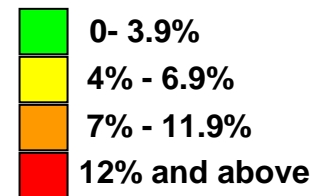
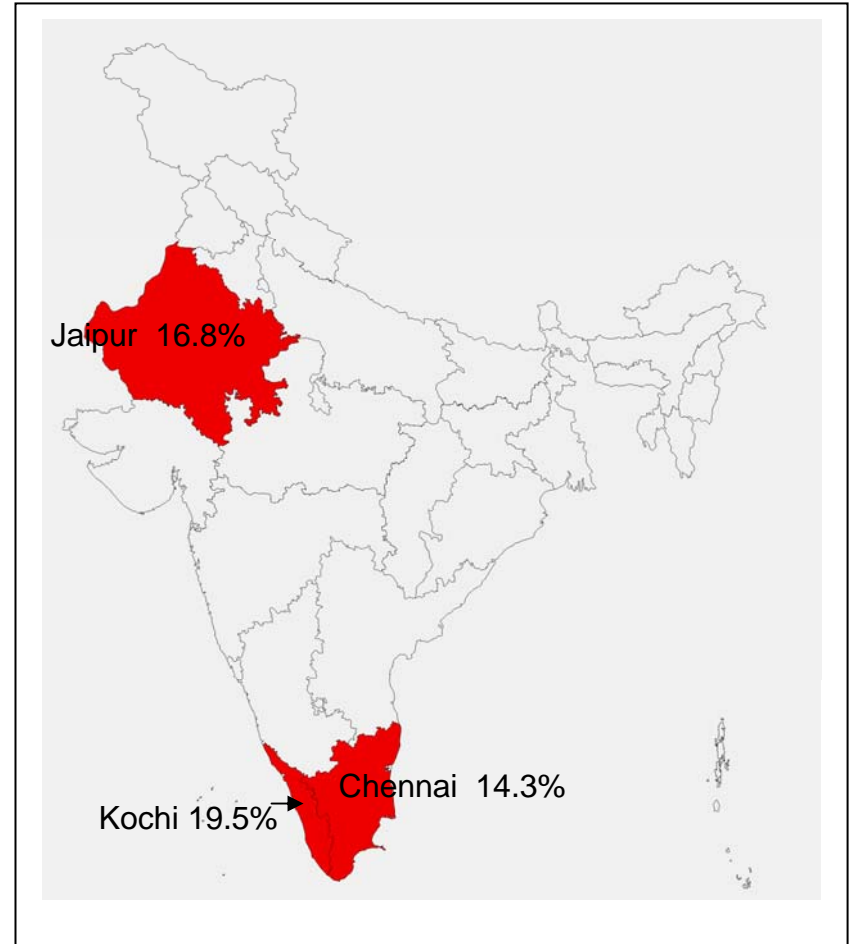


Figure 8: PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN INDIA 2002- 2007

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TABLE 1: PREVALENCE OF TYPE 1 DIABETES AMONG DIABETIC SUBJECTS

No:	Year	Investigator	Location	Prevalence (%) (per 100 cases of diabetes)
1	1964	Gupta et al (14)	Ahmedabad	< 1
2	1965	Ahuja et al (15)	Delhi	2.4
3	1966	Viswanathan et al (16)	Chennai	0.8
4	1968	Udani et al (17)	Mumbai	1.4
5	1974	Vaishnava et al (18)	Delhi	2.1
6	1989	Abraham et al (19)	Kochi	3.6
7	1989	Samal et al (20)	Cuttack	2.0
8	1989	Venkataraman et al (21)	Chennai	0.9

TABLE 2: PREVALENCE AND INCIDENCE RATES OF TYPE 1 DIABETES IN INDIA

No:	Year	Investigator	Location	Incidence (per 10,000 per year)	Prevalence (per 10,000)
1	1991	Bai et al (23)	Chennai	-	nil
2	1995	Bai et al (24)	Chennai	-	nil
3	1995	Ramachandran et al (13)	Chennai	1.1	-
4	1997	Dharamlingam et al (17)	Bengaluru	1.7	-

TABLE 3: STUDIES ON THE PREVALENCE OF DIABETES IN INDIA

No	Year	Investigator	Location	Population	Urban/ Rural	Sample	Age group	Diagnostic criteria	Prevalence (%)
1	1938	Chakravarthy et al (27)	Kolkatta	Hospital rec.	R,U	96300	all	Glycosuria	1.0
2	1959	Patel et al (28)	Mumbai	Hospital rec.	R,U	48572	adults	Not mentioned	0.7
3	1963	Patel et al (29)	Mumbai	Exhibition	R,U	18243	all	Glycosuria	1.5
4	1964	Ganguly et al (30)	Lucknow	Hospital based	U	1446	all	Blood glucose	2.3
5	1964	Vaishnava et al (31)	Vellore	Hospital	R,U	63356	all	Blood glucose	2.5
6	1965	Ramadwar et al (32)	Nagpur	-	-	-	>20	Blood glucose	2.4
7	1966	KEM Hospital group(33)	Mumbai	Textile workers	-	3200	-	Blood glucose	2.1
8	1966	Sainani et al (34)	Mumbai	Cancer centre	R,U	1207	>20	Blood glucose	2.2
9	1966	Berry et al (35)	Chandigarh	House to house	U	3846	all	Glycosuria	2.9
10	1966	Ahuja et al (36)	Delhi	Hospital rec.	-	11216	-	Not mentioned	2.3
11	1966	Shankar et al (37)	Hubli	Hospital rec.	R,U	21232	all	Not mentioned	2.2
12	1966	Rao et al (38)	Hyderabad	Exhibition	R,U	21396	>20	Glycosuria	4.1
13	1966	Misra et al (39)	Jabalpur	Hospital based	R,U	4000	all	Glycosuria	1.7
14	1966	Viswanathan et al (40)	Chennai	Camp	U	5030	all	Glycosuria	5.6
15	1966	Data et al(41)	Puducherry	House to house	U	2694	>5	Glycosuria	0.7
16	1966	Pai et al(42)	T'puram	Hospital rec.	R,U	45267	all	Glycosuria	8.7
17	1966	Gour et al(43)	Varanasi	House to house	U	2572	>10	Glycosuria	2.7
18	1971	Tripathy et al(44)	Cuttack	House to house	R,U	2447	>10	Blood sugar	1.2
19	1972	Vigg et al(45)	Hyderabad	House to house	R	847	>10	Blood sugar	2.5
20	1972	Rao et al(46)	Hyderabad	House to house	R	2006	>20	Glycosuria	2.4
21	1972	Ahuja et al(47)	New Delhi	House to house	R,U	2783	>15	Blood sugar	2.3
22	1973	Parameswara et al (48)	Bengaluru	House to house	U	25273	>5	Blood sugar	2.3
23	1973	Mukherjee et al (49)	Kolkatta	Hospital rec.	U	593	>10	Blood sugar	12.7
24	1973	Data et al (50)	Lucknow	Army	U	2190	all	Blood sugar	1.1
25	1974	Varma et al (51)	New Delhi	Army	U	2291	>20	Blood sugar	2.7
26	1975	Chhetri et al (52)	Kolkatta	Mobile clinic	R,U	4000	>15	Blood sugar	2.3
27	1978	Gupta et al (53)	Multicentre	House to house	U	35,000	>15	WHO criteria	3.0
27	1978	Gupta et al (53)	Multicentre	House to house	R		>15	WHO criteria	1.3
28	1979	Johnson et al (54)	Madurai	House to house	U	9670	>4	Blood sugar	0.5

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29	1984	Govindaraj et al(55)	Puducherry	House to house	R	1982	>15	Glycosuria	1.8
30	1984	Murthy et al(56)	Tenali	House to house	U	848	>15	Blood sugar	4.7
31	1986	Patel et al(57)	Bhadlan	House to house	R	3374	>10	Blood sugar	3.8
32	1987	Iyer et al(58)	Bardoli	Hospital rec.	R,U	1348	all	Blood sugar	4.4
33	1988	Ramachandran et al(59)	Kudremukh	Clinic based	U	678	>20	Blood sugar	5.0
34	1988	Verma et al (60)	Delhi	House to house	U	6878	all	Known cases	3.1
35	1988	Tiwari et al(61)	Rewa	House to house	R	15000	-	Blood sugar	1.9
36	1989	Rao et al (62)	Eluru	Population based	R			Known cases	1.5
37	1989	Kodali et al (26)	Gangavati	House to house	R	765	>30	Blood sugar	2.2
38	1991	Ahuja et al (63)	Delhi	Industrial setting	U	2572	>20	WHO criteria	4.1
38	1991	Ahuja et al (63)	Delhi	Population based	R	992	>20	WHO criteria	1.5
38	1991	Ahuja et al (63)	Kolkatta	Population based	R	2375	>20	WHO criteria	0.8
38	1991	Ahuja et al (63)	T'puram	Population based	R	1488	>20	WHO criteria	1.3
38	1991	Ahuja et al (63)	Ahmedabad	Population based	R	1294	>20	WHO criteria	3.9
38	1991	Ahuja et al (63)	Kalpa	House to house	R	999	>20	WHO criteria	0.4
39	1992	Ramachandran et al(64)	Chennai	Population based	U	900	>20	WHO criteria	8.2
39	1992	Ramachandran et al(64)	Chennai	Population based	R	1083	>20	WHO criteria	2.4
40	1994	Bano et al (65)	Bihar	Elderly	R	49	>50	BS \geq 180 mg/dl	2.0
41	1994	Wander et al (66)	Punjab	Population based	R	1100	>30	-	4.6
42	1994	Patadin et al (67)	North Arcot	Population based	R	467	>40	WHO	4.9
43	1997	Ramachandran et al(68)	Chennai	Population based	U	1081	>20	WHO	11.6
44	1998	Shah et al (69)	Guwahati	Population based	U	1016	>20	WHO	8.2
45	1998	Singh et al (70)	Moradabad	Population based	U	1806	25-64	WHO	6.0
45	1998	Singh et al (70)	Moradabad	Population based	R	1769	25-64	WHO	2.8
46	1999	Bai et al (71)	Chennai	Staff of IIT	U	1198	NA	Known +WHO	17.4
47	1999	Ramankutty et al (72)	T'puram	Population based	U	206		FBS	16.3
48	2000	Zargar et al (73)	Kashmir	Population based	R,U	6091	>40	Known +WHO	6.1
49	2000	Ramankutty et al (74)	Kerala	Population based	U		>20	WHO	12.4
49	2000	Ramankutty et al (74)	Kerala	Population based	R		>20	WHO	2.5
50	2001	Bai et al (75)	Chennai	Population based	U	26,066	>20	Known cases	4.9

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51	2001	Iyer et al (76)	Mumbai	Population based	U	520	>20	WHO ADA	4.6 7.5
52	2001	Misra et al (77)	Delhi	Population based	U	532	>18	ADA	11.2
53	2001	Mohan et al (78)	Chennai	Population based	U	1262	>20	WHO	12.0
54	2001	Singh et al (79)	Manipur	Population based	R,U	1664	>15	WHO	4.0
55	2001	Ramachandran et al (80)	New Delhi	Population based	U	2300	>20	WHO	10.3
55	2001	Ramachandran et al (80)	Mumbai	Population based	U	2084	>20	WHO	9.3
55	2001	Ramachandran et al (80)	Chennai	Population based	U	1668	>20	WHO	13.5
55	2001	Ramachandran et al (80)	Kolkatta	Population based	U	2378	>20	WHO	11.7
55	2001	Ramachandran et al (80)	Hyderabad	Population based	U	1427	>20	WHO	16.6
55	2001	Ramachandran et al (80)	Bangalore	Population based	U	1359	>20	WHO	12.4
56	2003	Gupta et al (81)	Jaipur	Population based	U	458	>20	ADA	16.8
57	2004	Sadikot et al (82)	National	Population based	U	10617	>25	WHO	5.9
57	2004	Sadikot et al (82)	National	Population based	R	7746	>25	WHO	2.7
58	2004	Sadikot et al (83)	National	Population based	U	21,516	>25	ADA	4.6
58	2004	Sadikot et al (83)	National	Population based	R	19,754	>25	ADA	1.9
59	2005	Basavanagowdappa et al(84)	Mysore	Population based	R	1961	>25	ADA	3.8
60	2006	Mohan et al (85)	Chennai	Population based	U	2350	>20	WHO	14.3
61	2006	Menon et al (86)	Kochi	Population based	U	3069	18-10	WHO	19.5
62	2006	Deo et al (87)	Sindhudurg	Population based	R	1022	>20	WHO	9.3
63	2006	Chow et al (88)	Andhra	Population based	R	4535	>30	ADA	13.2
64	2006	Jali et al (89)	Belagavi	Clinic based	U	513	-	ADA	M: 10.4 F: 7.7
65	2006	Reddy et al (90)	Multicentric	Industry population	U	19973	20-69	ADA	10.1
66	2007	Kokiwar et al (91)	Nagpur	Population based	R	924	>30	WHO	3.7

TABLE 4: STUDIES ON THE PREVALENCE OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY IN INDIA

No:	Year	Investigator	Location	Sample	Prevalence
1	1996	Rema et al (100)	Chennai	Clinic based	34.1 %
2	1999	Dandona et al (101)	Hyderabad	Population based	22.6 %
3	1999	Ramachandran et al(102)	Chennai	Clinic based	23.7 %
4	2002	Narendran et al (103)	Palakkad	Population based	26.8 %
5	2005	Rema et al (104)	Chennai	Population based	17.6 %