

The story of Obesity in India



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Summary of SMSRC Insights - “The story of Obesity in India” (1/3)

1. The obesity therapy market driven by Semaglutide Inj. and Tirzapatide Inj. is expected to have both a prescriber Rx push and a multi channel driven consumer pull.
2. The consumer pull is likely to take an unprecedented route that is yet to be seen, and for Semaglutide, post LoE as the market gets cluttered with too many brands and price war starts, this therapy is likely to resemble the Sildenafil molecule launch in the early 1990's. Generally in the IPM, basis SMSRC Consulting Analysis if the consumer pull (OTC) is very high, super specialists & specialists reduce Rx support. This would then make patented Tirzapatide Injectables a more dominating Rx therapy.
3. However, overall Obesity as a disease will continue to become more noticeable in Doctors Rx, due to the availability of multiple anti obesity focus therapy areas, and the high price benefit will provide sales opportunities to Pharma Companies.
4. It is important that Indian Pharma ensures continued journey of existing portfolio in a **strategic manner**, as it simultaneously taps on the *Anti Obesity opportunity* - that still carries with itself a high degree of unpredictability.

Obesity as a Disease across Dr segments in India

1. Basis the SMSRC data set that is based on 10,700 OPD practicing Dr segments Rx - it is the largest Indian Real World Evidence data since 2009 and spanning all key Dr segments across Tier 1 to Tier 3 metros. Analyzing this data set provides a first of its kind insights into the prescriber Rx led obesity market.
2. **In India obese population (prevalence) is currently 7.4 Cr (5% of the Indian Population), and expected to grow to 11.5% of the Indian population to 18.5 Crore people, at 15% CAGR YoY for the next 15 years.**
3. **Total Indian Obese Patient who are undertreatment in OPD (As per SMSRC data Mat Jun 25 is approx. 31.6 Lakhs).**
4. Only Obesity labelled Rx (significantly smaller cohort of 0.011% of all Diseases Rx) is growing at a rate of 5Y CAGR of 9.8% whereas **obesity with comorbidities (larger cohort ~96% of total labelled obesity) is growing at 4.6% 5Y CAGR**; Despite its small fraction of overall cases, the quick rise shows the growing clinical attention on obesity care. However, diagnosed obesity cases are still too small compared CV or AD indications, and given prevalence data suggests need for obesity market development.
5. Obesity with co morbidities is showing higher growth rates than only Obesity with a spike in 2025, signifying increasing diagnosis by Drs; More females are diagnosed with Obesity but growth in male obesity is higher.
6. Amongst both male & female patients only obesity is seen more amongst younger patients (up to 40 years of age), whereas obesity with co morbidities is seen more in the 41 to 60 years cohort.
7. **DIA, CAR, GAS, NEP, CPH** are the Top 5 most productive Dr segments for treating Obesity (alone or with co morbidities); **CHE, ORT, GYN** are the next set of most productive Dr segments for treating obesity (alone or with co morbidities).

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9. **Hypertension, Diabetes, Hypothyroidism, Dyslipidemia** are the top co morbid diseases with obesity, and also and are also among the largest diseases in India; Obesity co morbidity with **Fatty Liver, Osteo Arthritis, Sleep Apnea, Coronary Artery Disease (CAD), Anxiety, and Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)**.
10. **DIA, CAR, CHE, NEP** are the top specialists who see patients with high obesity linked co morbidities; **GAS, GYN & ORT** are specialties who manage a high proportion of Fatty Liver, Hypothyroid and Osteo Arthritis patients, which are high obesity linked co morbidities; **CPH** is a strong support prescriber treating multiple of these co morbidities.

Therapy areas for Obesity, with insights from Medclin Research (A SMSRC Group Co.)

1. **GLP 1 Receptor Agonists** are driving growth in the Anti Obesity Therapy Category, followed by **Lipase Inhibitors; SGLT2 inhibitors** and **Metformin** (remains steady) remain foundational for weight-neutral or modest weight-loss benefits in DM.
2. **GLP 1 Rx** growth since May, Jun 2025 is driven by key molecules **Tirzapatide Inj.** and **Semaglutide Inj.** (more recently) and Rx Share% of the same within the growing Anti Obesity RPM is increasing compared to **SGLT2 & Metformin; Lipase Inhibitors** have also shown modest growth in the same wave of **GLP 1 Rx** growth.
3. GLP-1 receptor agonists (e.g. Semaglutide, Liraglutide) show significant weight loss (up to 15% body weight) and glucose control, with generics like Biocon’s liraglutide expected to improve affordability post-2026.
4. Dual/triple agonists like Tirzepatide (GLP-1/GIP) and Retatrutide (GLP-1/GIP/glucagon) demonstrate superior weight loss (7.6–12.9 kg) and glycaemic benefits in trials, positioning them as next-generation therapies.
5. SGLT2 inhibitors and metformin remain foundational for weight-neutral or modest weight-loss benefits in diabetes management.

Deep dive on Obesity Therapy/Molecule markets from a Rx perspective

1. For Rx where only Obesity features - amongst the key anti obesity molecules **Semaglutide Inj. and Tirzepatide Inj.** – **DIA (Incl Endo), CAR & CPH are the key segments.**
2. For the larger cohort of Rx, where obesity is linked with co morbidities, for the **key anti Obesity Molecules - DIA, CAR, CHE, CPH are key existing productive segments and untapped opportunity lies in NEP, GAS, GYN.**
3. **Antidiabetics Solids, Antihypertensive** and **Lipid Regulators** are the key Co Rx categories across Dr segments for the Anti Obesity molecules, followed by **Thyroid Hormones, Insulin and Antiosteoporotic Drugs.**

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4. Amongst key Dr segments – **Lipid Regulators, OAD, Anti Hypertensives & Thyroid Hormones** are key Co Rx categories for the **Semaglutide Inj, Semaglutide Orals and Tirzepatide Inj** molecule markets
5. Basis SKU price & dosage/duration across Dr segments, Avg. Cost of Therapy (COT) for 1 month for a patient on anti obesity ranges from INR 72 (Metformin 500 mg) to INR 16,404 for Tirzepatide Inj. for 5 mg (**227 times Metformin COT**); For Tirzepatide Inj. the range is INR 13, 124 to INR 16,404 (2.5 mg to 5 mg) and Semaglutide Inj. is INR 10, 850 to INR 16,400 (0.25 mg to 2.4 mg) post 34% price reduction
6. **Despite a lower count of Rx the high cost of therapy and chronicity of the disease management is leading to high sales numbers of the Obesity markets month on month**
7. Post LoE of Semaglutide Inj. the entry of multiple lower cost generics will expand the Rx market significantly and increase accessibility of Obesity therapy that would otherwise be limited to specific urban cohorts; price rationalisation post-LoE is likely to take place by the recommended by the existing brands for leveraging on their brand equity to grow adequately in the fast growing post-LoE market and also help in fighting the other local low price brands, which are likely to clutter the market post-LoE. This observation is based on SMSRC case studies in the IPM in the DM therapy market.

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Obesity

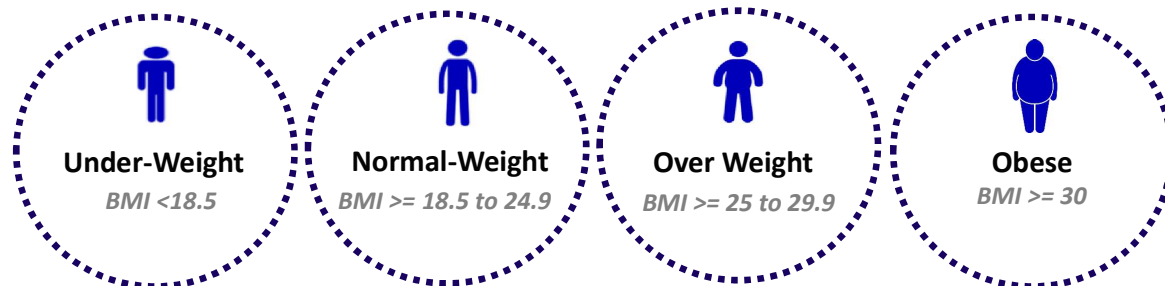
The standard of International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) defines **obesity** as “a **chronic complex disease defined by excessive adiposity that can impair health**”.

It is in most cases it is a multifactorial disease due to obesogenic environments, psycho-social factors and genetic variants. In some patients, the cause is due to a single major factor - medications, diseases, immobilization, iatrogenic procedures, monogenic disease & genetic syndrome.

Body mass index (BMI) is a surrogate marker of adiposity calculated as weight (kg)/height² (m²). The BMI categories for defining overweight vary by age and gender in infants, children and adolescents.





BMI scale ¹

(Basis WHO as followed by Indian Govt)



Note 1: [https://www.who.int/data/nutrition/nlis/info/malnutrition-in-women#:~:text=BMI%20is%20a%20simple%20index,metres%20\(kg%2Fm2\).](https://www.who.int/data/nutrition/nlis/info/malnutrition-in-women#:~:text=BMI%20is%20a%20simple%20index,metres%20(kg%2Fm2).)

In India obese population (prevalence) is currently 7.4 Cr (5% of the Indian Population), and expected to grow to 11.5% of the Indian population to 18.5 Crore people, at 15% CAGR YoY for the next 15 years

		2025 ¹			2040 Estimate ⁴		
Indian Population		♂ 75 Cr (52%)	♀ 69 Cr (48%)	144 Cr Indian Popn ²	♂ 83 Cr (52%)	♀ 77 Cr (48%)	160 Cr Indian Popn ³
Under-Weight		12 (16%)	13 (19%)	25 (17%)			
Normal-Weight		46 (61%)	39 (57%)	85 (59%)			
Over Weight		14 (19%)	12 (18%)	26 (18%)			
Obese		3 (4%)	4.4 (6.4%)	7.4 (5%)	7.8 (9.5%)	10.7 (13.9%)	18.5 (11.5%)

Limitations of Data Estimation

1. The NFHS-5 data covers only individuals aged 15–49 years, excluding children and older adults.
2. NFHS-5 was published in 2021, so the obesity estimates reflect data only up to that year.
3. For projecting obesity trends up to 2040, the male-to-female ratio is assumed to remain the same as in 2021, due to the absence of reliable data predicting future gender-specific trends.

Note 1 (MoHFW): <https://www.nfhsiips.in/nfhsuser/publication.php> **Note 2:** https://www.studyiq.com/articles/sex-ratio-in-india/#NFHS_5_Survey_for_Indian_Sex_Ratio; **Note 3:** <https://data.who.int/countries/356>; **Note 4:** <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7039458/>

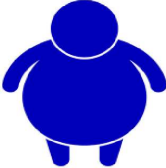


According to **SMSRC** Strategic Prescription Research (**Leading & Largest Real World Dr Live prescriptions panel in India**), more than one million prescriptions are collected every two months from over 10,700 Doctors across the country.

While obesity is typically measured using **BMI scale**, not all doctors include the weight, height, or BMI in their prescriptions.

Therefore, we are analyzing the Rx data where doctors have mentioned the term "obesity," either with or without associated co-morbidities.

Only Obesity



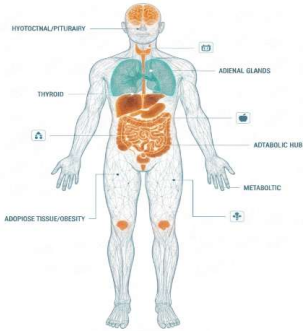
Rx in which doctors have diagnosed patients with only Obesity

Obesity w Co - Morbidities



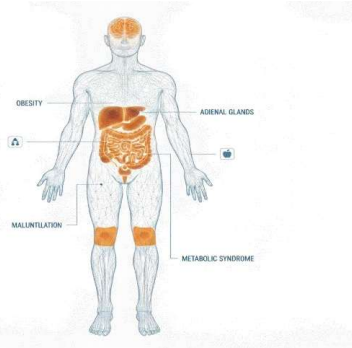
Rx in which doctors have diagnosed patients with Obesity & other Co Morbidities

Incidence of Obesity with Co-morbidities & Obesity (alone) on basis of International Classification of Diseases 11 (ICD 11) - Total Indian Obese Patient who are undertreatment in OPD (As per SMSRC data Mat Jun 25 is approx. 31.6 Lakhs)



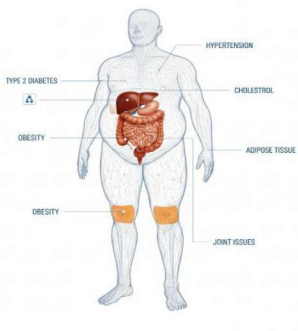
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Endocrine Or Nutritional Or Metabolic Diseases



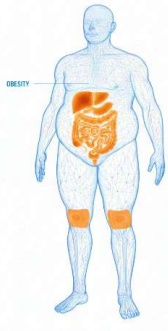
ICD L2

Nutritional Diseases



ICD L3

Obesity with Co-Morbidities



ICD L3

Obesity alone

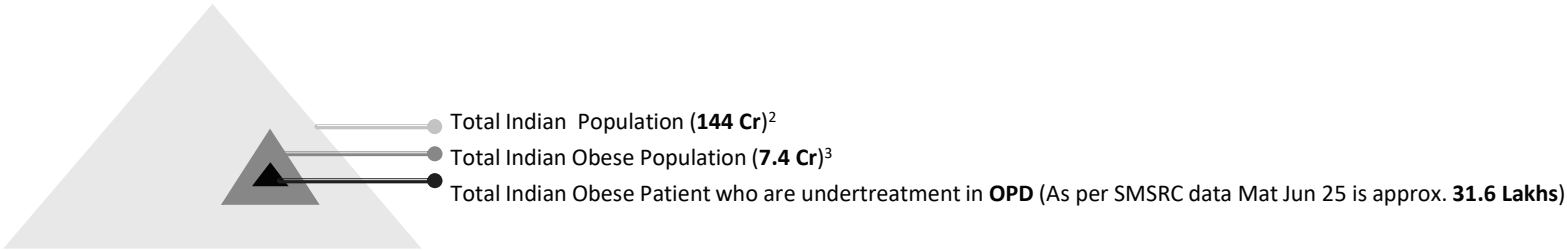
Rx Share %¹ in all Diseases (MAT Jun 25)	14.9 %
5 Y CAGR % (MAT Jun 21 to MAT Jun 25)	10.9%

0.4 %
9.2%

0.3 %
4.6%

0.011 %
9.8%

Obesity prevalence vs Diagnosis & Treatment in India (MAT Jun 25)



Source: Note1: SMSRC MAT Jun 2025 Note 2: <https://www.studyiq.com/articles/sex-ratio-in-india/#NFHS> Note 3: (MoHFW): <https://www.nfhsiips.in/nfhsuser/publication.php>

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Incidence¹ of obesity with Co-morbidities & Obesity (alone) in Top IPM Diseases on the basis of ICD-11 with 5Y CAGR

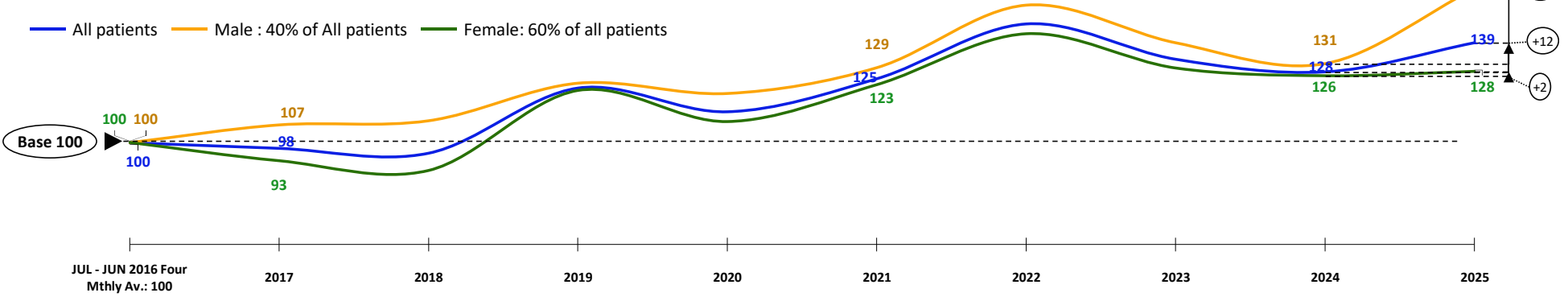
ICD L1	ICD L2	ICD L3	MAT Jun 25 (Rx Share %)	5Y CAGR %
Endocrine Or Nutritional Or Metabolic Diseases			14.9	8.6
	Nutritional Disorders		0.4	7.3
		Obesity w Co-Morbidities	0.3	4.6
		Only Obesity in Rx	0.011	9.8
Diseases Of The Circulatory System			13.1	7.3
Diseases Of The Digestive System			12.9	4.2
Diseases Of The Respiratory System			12.7	1.3
Diseases Of The Genitourinary System			8.9	3.7
Certain Infectious Or Parasitic Diseases			6.6	1.0
Diseases Of The Skin			5.4	6.7
Diseases Of The Musculoskeletal System Or Connective Tissue			3.7	4.1
Injury Or Poisoning Or Certain Other Consequence Of External Causes			3.7	4.3
Diseases Of The Nervous System			3.4	4.1

Note: As per World Obesity Foundation report 2024, Annual growth rate in the projected numbers of adults with high BMI 2020–2035 that is 4.1% and for children it is 6.2% - <https://data.worldobesity.org/publications/?cat=22>

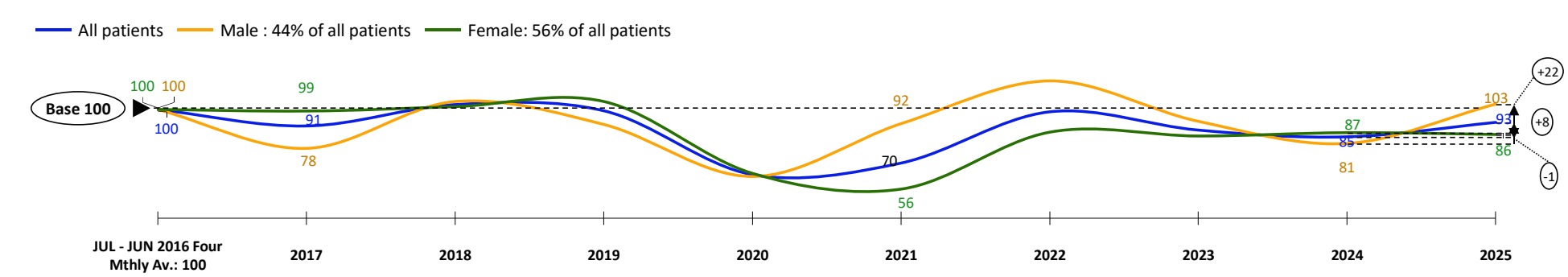
Source: SMSRC MAT Jun 25; Note 1): Symptoms/surgical procedures have been excluded for the purpose of this analysis

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10-year Rx Response Index Trend of Obesity with Co-Morbidities within Male & Female in SPR (MAT Jun 25)



10-year Rx Response Index Trend of Obesity alone within Male & Female in SPR (MAT Jun 25)



Note: 2016 Absolute Rx of Company indexed to 100, and the trend has been plotted accordingly

Source: SMSRC MAT Jun 2025

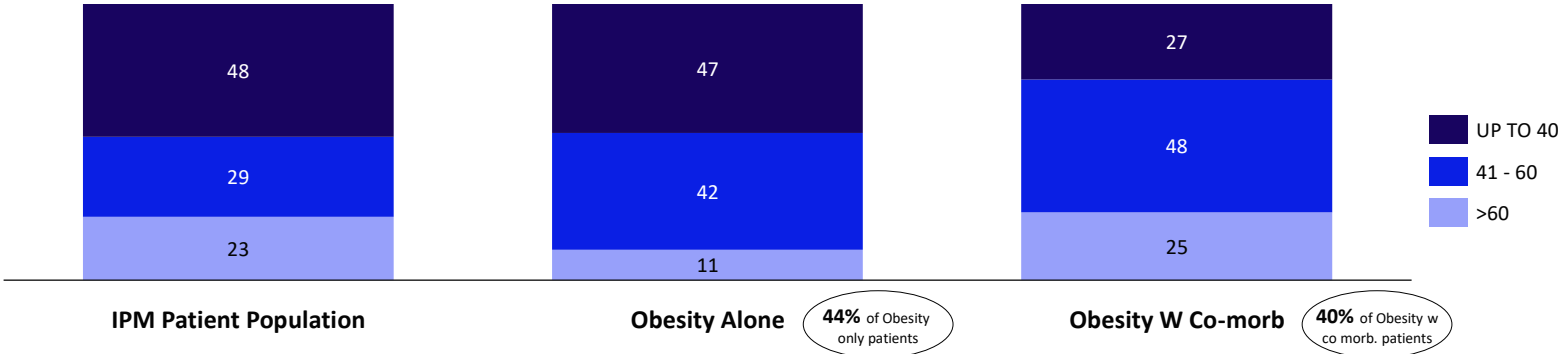


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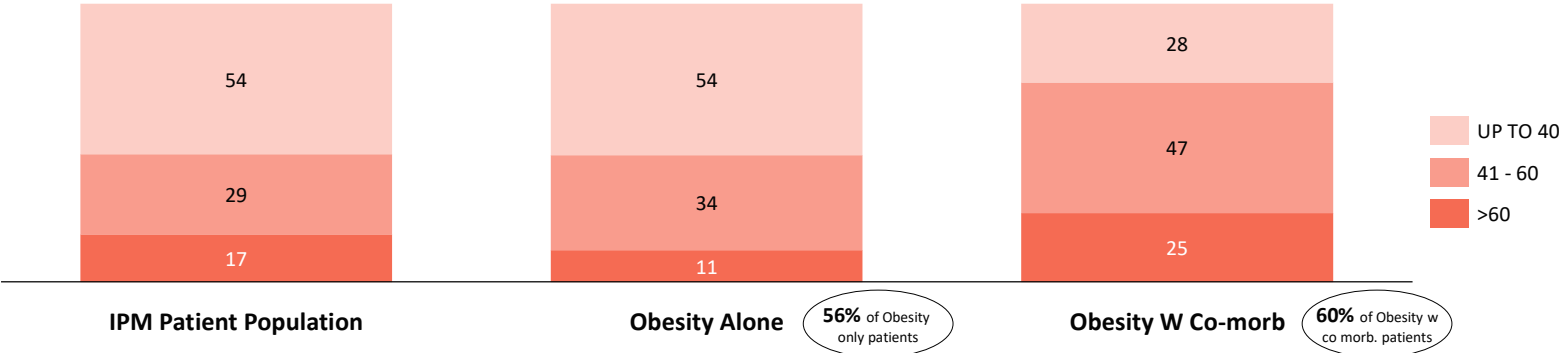
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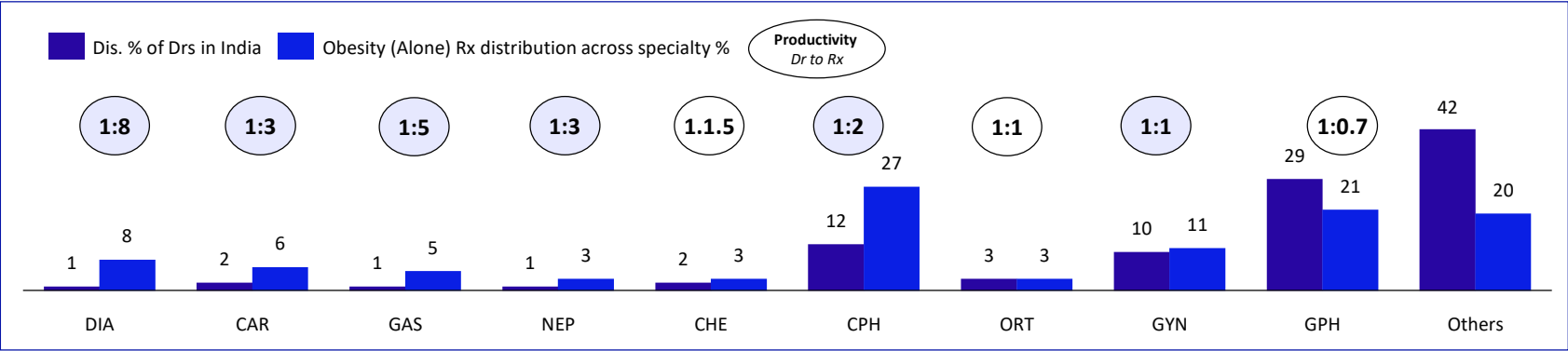




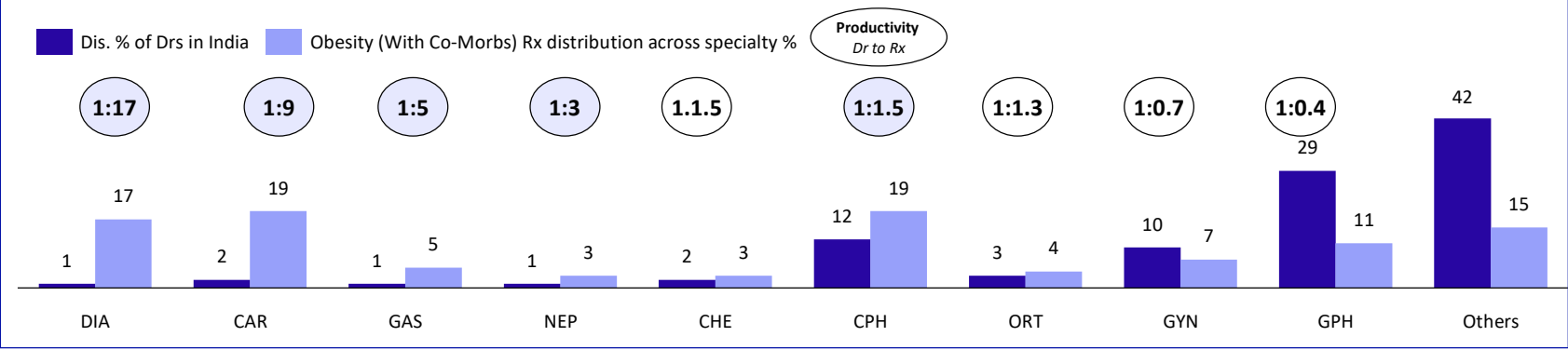
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Distribution of only Obesity Rx across Dr segments
(MAT Jun 25)



Distribution of Obesity & Co Morbidities Rx across Dr segments
(MAT Jun 25)



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Incidence¹ of obesity with Co-morbidities in Top IPM Diseases on the basis of ICD-11

<p>Endocrine Or Nutritional Or Metabolic Diseases (23.1%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Diabetes Mellitus (10.4%), 2. Hypothyroidism (4.8%) 3. Dyslipidemia (3.9%) 4. PCOD (0.4%) 	<p>Diseases Of The Circulatory System (17.6%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypertension (12.3%), 2. CAD (1.0%) 3. IHD (0.6%) 	<p>Diseases Of The Digestive System (7.6%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fatty Liver (2.1%), 2. Dyspepsia (0.9%) 3. APD (0.7%) 	<p>Diseases Of The Genitourinary System (4.6%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UTI (0.8%), 2. CKD (0.5%), 3. PCOS, PCOD (0.4%) 4. Amenorrhea (0.3%)
<p>Diseases Of The Musculoskel. System Or Connec. Tissue (3.9%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Osteo Arthritis (2.1%), 2. Spondylitis (0.4%) 3. Rheumatoid Arthritis (0.3%) 	<p>Diseases Of The Respiratory System (3.6%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. COPD (0.7%) 2. Bronchitis (0.6%) 3. Bronchial Asthma (0.3%) 	<p>Sleep-wake Disorders (2.1%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obstructive Sleep Apnea (1.3%) 2. Sleeplessness (0.5%) 	<p>Mental Or Behavioral Or Neurodevelo. Disorders (1.6%)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anxiety (0.9%) 2. Depression(0.3%)

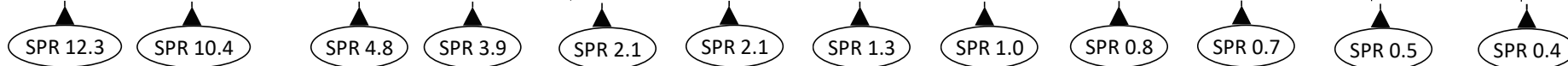
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Rx Share % dist. of Key Obesity Co-Morbidities vs all Diseases for the “Key Obesity Treating Dr” segments (MAT Jun 25)

Speciality	Hypertension	DM	Hypothyroidism	Dyslipidemia	Fatty Liver	OA	OSA	CAD	UTI	COPD	CKD	PCOS + PCOD
SPR	12.3	10.4	4.8	3.9	2.1	2.1	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.4
DIA	15.2	16.9	4.9	2.9	4.3	2.7	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.2
CAR	14.5	10.5	4.5	6.0	1.4	1.7	2.9	2.3	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.1
GAS	8.0	6.0	2.8	0.8	3.0	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.6	2.0	0.1	
NEP	8.5	9.0	5.4	2.7	1.9	2.1	2.8	1.4	0.4	1.2	2.8	0.3
CHE	13.0	7.7	4.9	2.2	0.4	1.7	3.6	0.5	1.3	3.1		
CPH	14.0	12.2	5.8	5.2	2.4	2.0	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.1	0.5
ORT	8.6	7.7	5.2	2.7	0.9	7.4	0.3	0.1		0.4	0.3	
GYN	2.2	2.4	2.9	0.4	0.8				1.3			2.7
GPH	11.1	7.1	5.4	3.9	1.2	2.3	0.2		0.5	0.3		0.5
OTH	10.2	8.9	4.7	3.1	1.4	4.0	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.5



Note: **T2DM** – Diabetes Mellitus; **CAD** – Coronary Artery Diseases; **CKD** – Chronic Kidney Diseases; **OA** – Osteo Arthritis; **COPD** – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases; **OSA** – Obstructive Sleep Apnea; **UTI** – Urinary Tract Infection; **PCOS** – Poly Cystic Ovarian Syndrome; **PCOD** – Poly Cystic Ovarian Diseases

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Therapy Category/Molecules used in the management for Weight management

Medication ¹	Orlistat	Liraglutide	Semaglutide Orals	Semaglutide Inj ²	Tirzepatide Inj ³
Therapy Categories	Lipase inhibitor	GLP1 receptor agonist	GLP1 receptor agonist	GLP1 receptor agonist	GLP1 receptor agonist
DCGI Indication approval status in India¹	Approved	Not approved for obesity	Approved for Diabetes (T2DM)	Approved for Diabetes (T2DM) – Likely within 2025/26 for Obesity – Pending CDSCO decision	Approved for chronic weight management (Obesity) and Diabetes (T2DM)



Excerpt from a Cross Sectional Study on SMSRC Rx Data by Medclin Research - "Among diabetic patients on Semaglutide Orals, a large percentage (81.38%) have uncontrolled diabetes (HbA1c > 7.0%)."

Note¹ https://www.researchgate.net/publication/364151486_ESI_Clinical_Practice_Guidelines_for_the_Evaluation_and_Management_of_Obesity_In_India
Note²: *Semaglutide Oral was approved by CDSCO on 27/07/2020* (<https://www.cdsc.gov.in/opencms/resources/UploadCDSCOWeb/2018/UploadBiologicalrDNA/CT-18%20Approvals%20Jan,%202020%20-%20July,%202024.pdf>)
Note³: *and Tirzepatide Inj was approved by CDSCO on June 2024* (<https://cdsc.gov.in/opencms/resources/UploadCDSCOWeb/2018/UploadCommitteeFiles/Recommendations%20Endocrinology%20&%20Metabolism%2019.06.2024.pdf>)

Therapy Category Management Landscape for Management of Associated Comorbidities with Obesity

Comorbidities ¹	Drugs that can potentially lead to weight gain (to be avoided)	Drugs that are weight neutral or weight reducing (to be used)
Diabetes	Sulfonylureas, pioglitazone, insulin	SGLT2 inhibitors, GLP1 RA, Metformin, DPP4i
Hypertension	Beta-blockers (Metoprolol, Atenolol, Propranolol)	ACEIs, ARBs, calcium channel blockers, diuretics
Antidepressants	SSRIs (sertraline, citalopram, escitalopram, fluoxetine), MAOIs (phenelzine), TCAs (amitriptyline, nortriptyline, protriptyline, etc)	Desvenlafaxine, Bupropion, Venlafaxine
Drugs used for neuropathy and anti-epileptic drugs	Gabapentin, Pregabalin, Carbamazepine, Divalproex, Lithium, Valproic acid, Vigabatrin	Topiramate, Lamotrigine, Zonisamide
Rheumatologic disorders	Prednisone, Hydrocortisone, Methyl-prednisolone	NSAIDs, Biologics/DMARDs
Hormonal agents	Progestins (e.g., medroxyprogesterone or megestrol acetate)	For contraception, consider alternative methods (e.g., barrier methods, copper IUD)

Note 1 : For more details - https://www.researchgate.net/publication/364151486_ESI_Clinical_Practice_Guidelines_for_the_Evaluation_and_Management_of_Obesity_In_India



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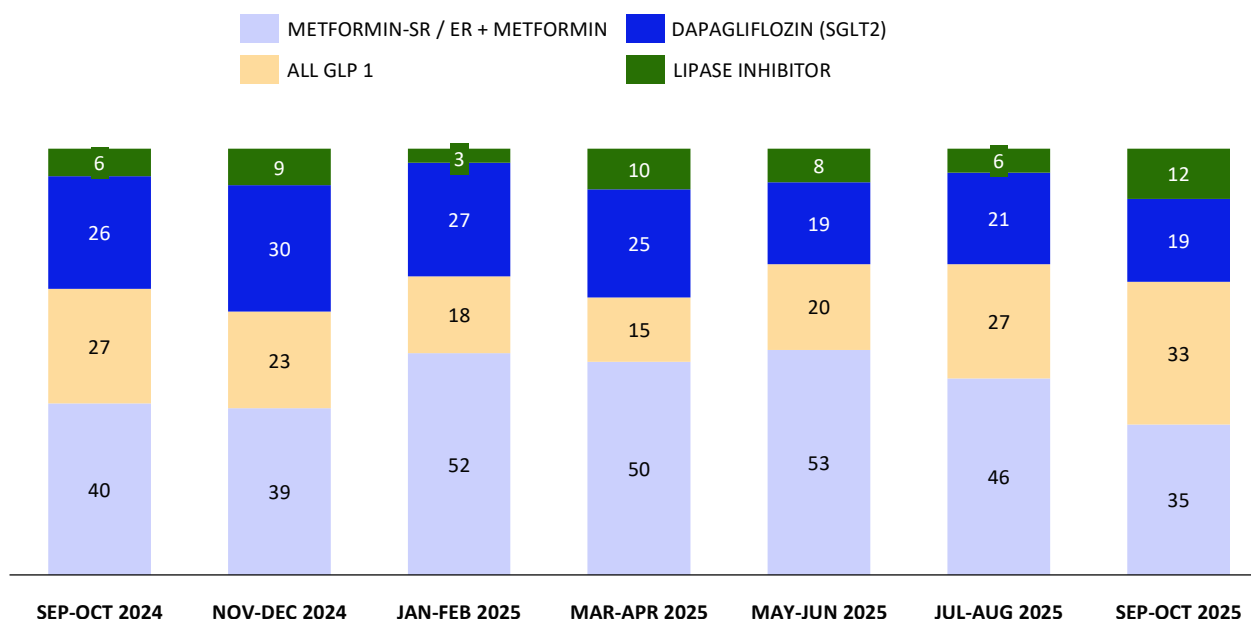
Rx Share and Growth % of the Anti Diabetics and Anti Obesity Prep categories in IPM, All Dr Segments

	Therapy Categories	Molecule	Rx - Mat Jun 2025		Rx - Jul Oct 2025		
			Share % MAT Jun 2025	Growth% vs Corr MAT Jun 2024	Share% Jul - Oct 2025	Growth% vs Prev Mar - Jun 2025	Growth% vs Corr Jul - Oct 2024
Anti Diabetic Solids	Anti Diabetics Solid ¹			1.0		-2.3	0.0
	SULFONYLUREAS		28.9	-3.2	28.0	-5.0	-3.7
	DPP-4 INHIBITORS		20.7	-4.1	19.0	-5.6	-11.1
	SGLT2 INHIBITORS		20.0	17.8	22.7	5.7	17.7
	OTHER ANTIDIABETICS ²	DAPAGLIFLOZIN	5.8	-4.4	5.3	-4.7	-10.7
	BIGUANIDES		17.2	-1.6	16.7	-5.0	-2.8
		METFORMIN + SR/ER	13.0	-0.3	13.2	-2.1	2.3
	GLP-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS		12.9	-0.6	13.1	-1.5	0.0
		DULAGLUTIDE INJ	0.3	57.2	0.5	36.8	62.0
		LIRAGLUTIDE INJ	0.03	22.0	0.00	-66.7	-88.2
	LIRAGLUTIDE INJ	0.04	166.7	0.06	2.1	390.0	
	SEMAGLUTIDE INJ	0.00	50.0	0.05	2000.0	950.0	
	SEMAGLUTIDE ORALS	0.30	43.1	0.20	-14.1	-18.3	
	TIRZEPATIDE INJ	0.02		0.18	245.2		
Anti Obesity Prep	Anti Obesity Prep³			4.8		22.3	9.8
	LIPASE INHIBITOR		84.8	-3.6	96	24.9	50.0
		ORLISTAT	60.4	-7.7	71.1	14.3	75.8
		CETILISTAT	24.4	8.5	24.9	69.7	5.7
	CB1 RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST		10.3	96.7	2.2	-50.0	-16.7
SNRI	SIBUTRAMINE	4.9	115.4	1.8	300.0	-92.7	

Source: SMSRC Jul, Oct 2025

GLP 1 Rx growth since May, Jun 2025 is driven by key molecules **Tirzapatide Inj** and **Semaglutide Inj** (more recently) and Rx Share% of the same within the growing Anti Obesity RPM is increasing compared to **SGLT2 & Metformin**; **Lipase Inhibitors** have also shown modest growth in the same wave of **GLP 1 Rx growth**

Rx Trends in the use of Key Anti-Obesity Drugs in the Market for the Treatment of Obesity, across All Drs



The RPM for Anti Obesity : Metformin (SR/ER), Dapagliflozin, GLP-1 receptor agonists (oral semaglutide, dulaglutide injection, liraglutide injection, semaglutide injection, tirzapatide injection), and lipase inhibitors (Orlistat and Cetilistat).

Source: SMSRC Jul, Oct 2025

Pharmacological Insights from Medclin Research

1. GLP-1 receptor agonists (e.g., Semaglutide, Liraglutide) show significant weight loss (up to 15% body weight) and glucose control, with generics like Biocon's liraglutide expected to improve affordability post-2026^{1,2}
2. Dual/triple agonists like Tirzepatide (GLP-1/GIP) and Retatrutide (GLP-1/GIP/glucagon) demonstrate superior weight loss (7.6–12.9 kg) and glycaemic benefits in trials, positioning them as next-generation therapies^{2,3}
3. SGLT2 inhibitors and metformin remain foundational for weight-neutral or modest weight-loss benefits in diabetes management^{4,5}

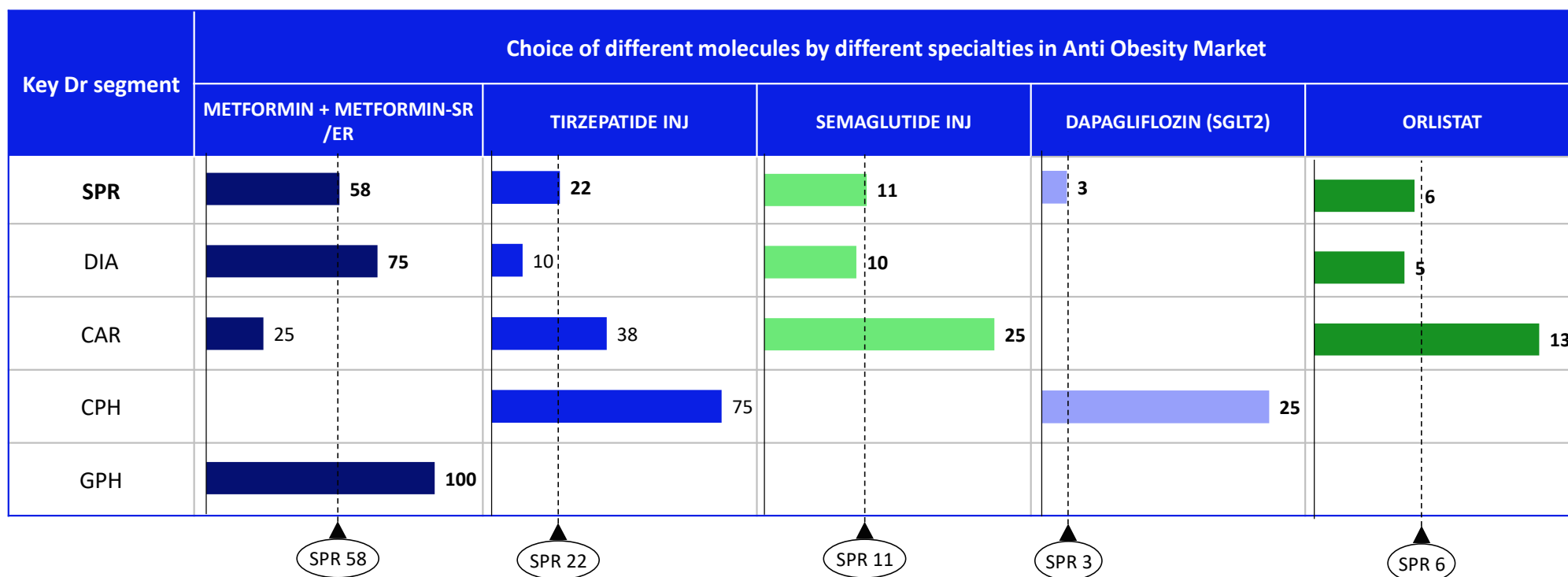
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For Rx where only Obesity features - amongst the key anti obesity molecules **Semaglutide Inj** and **Tirzepatide Inj** – **DIA (Incl Endo), CAR & CPH** are the key segments

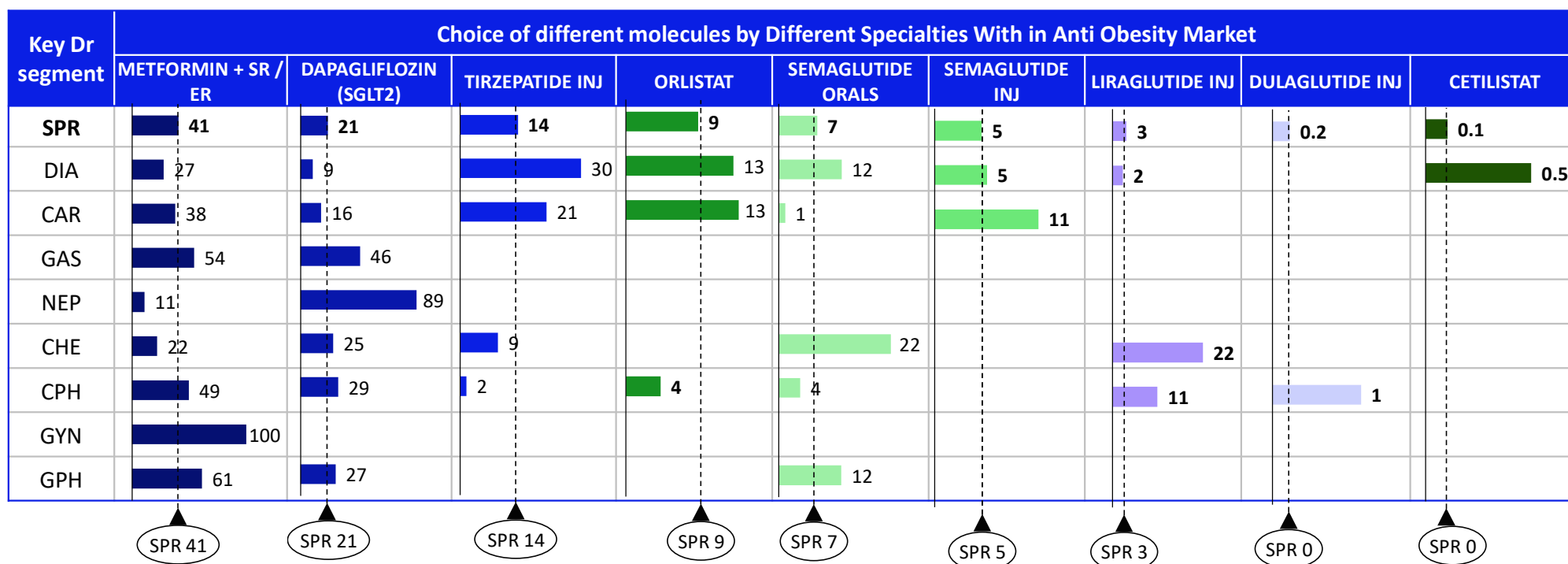
Key Specialty wise Rx Share% with top Prescribed molecules in Obesity (alone) in Anti Obesity Market (Jul – Oct 25)



Source: SMSRC Jul, Oct 2025

For the larger cohort of Rx, where obesity is linked with co morbidities, for the key anti Obesity Molecules - DIA, CAR, CHE, CPH are key existing productive segments and untapped opportunity lies in NEP, GAS, GYN

Key Specialty wise Rx Share% with top Prescribed molecules in Obesity Co-Morb in Anti Obesity market (Jul, Oct 2025)

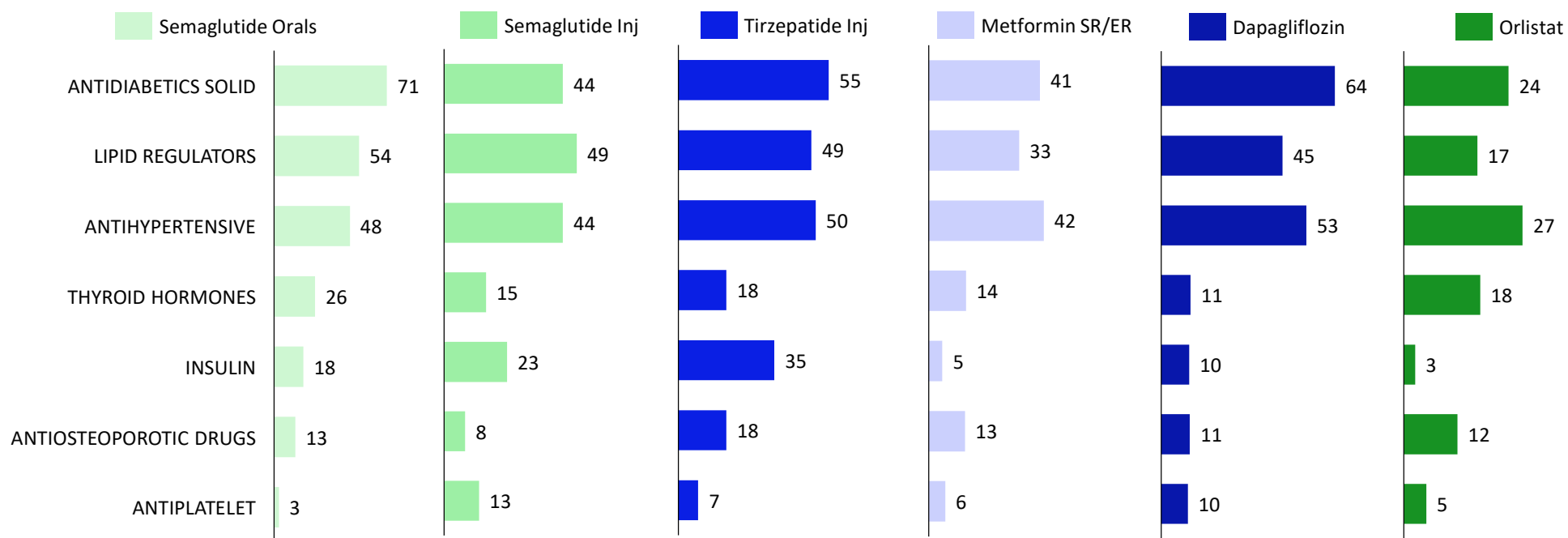


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Antidiabetics Solids, Antihypertensive and Lipid Regulators are the key Co Rx categories across Dr segments for the Anti Obesity molecules, followed by Thyroid Hormones, Insulin and Antiosteoporotic Drugs

Co Rx of Key Anti Obesity Molecules across Key Category Areas – All Dr Segments, basis the Jul – Oct 25 period

Co Rx % – For all the Rx where the Key Anti Obesity Molecule features, the percentage of occurrences of other key categories



Source: SMSRC Jul, Oct 2025

Amongst key Dr segments – Lipid Regulators, OAD, Anti Hypertensives & Thyroid Hormones are key Co Rx categories for the Semaglutide Inj, Semaglutide Orals and Tirzepatide Inj molecule markets (1/2)

Co Rx of Key Anti Obesity Molecules across Top 3/4 Category Areas – Key Dr Segments, basis the Jul – Oct 25 period

Highest Co Rx Categories across Key Anti - Obesity molecules

	Semaglutide Orals	Semaglutide Inj	Tirzepatide Inj	Metformin SR/ER	Dapagliflozin	Orlistat
CAR	Lipid (68%) Oral Antidiabetics (64%) Anti Hypertensive (55%) Thyroid Hormones (18%)	Lipid (78%) Antihypertensive (56%) Oral Antidiabetics (44%) Thyroid Hormones (22%)	Lipid (53%) Oral Antidiabetics (58%) Anti Hypertensive (62%) Thyroid Hormones (16%)	Lipid (62%) Oral Antidiabetics (48%) Anti Hypertensive (65%) Thyroid Hormones (16%)	Lipid (65%) Oral Antidiabetics (47%) Anti Hypertensive (77%)	Anti Hypertensive (53%) Thyroid Hormone (41%) Lipid (34%)
DIA	Lipid (69%) Oral Antidiabetics (83%) Anti Hypertensive (55%) Thyroid Hormones (31%)	Antihypertensive (56%) Oral Antidiabetics (50%) Lipid Regulators (31%) Thyroid Hormones (19%)	Lipid (52%) Oral Antidiabetics (65%) Anti Hypertensive (50%) Thyroid Hormones (15%)	Lipid (52%) Oral Antidiabetics (62%) Anti Hypertensive (50%) Thyroid Hormones (17%)	Lipid (56%) Oral Antidiabetics (77%) Anti Hypertensive (51%)	Lipid (29%) Oral Antidiabetics (48%) Anti Hypertensive (42%)
GAS	-	-	-	Lipid (51%) Oral Antidiabetics (40%) Anti Hypertensive (53%)	Lipid (25%) Oral Antidiabetics (75%) Anti Hypertensive (45%)	-
GYN	-	-	-	Progesterone Hormone (21%) Folic Acid(19%) Haematinic Solids (18%) Thyroid Hormones (17%)	Oral Antidiabetics (58%) Antiulcerants (38%) Antihypertensive (33%)	Osteoporotic (25%) Oral Antidiabetics (13%)

Source: SMSRC Jul, Oct 2025

Amongst key Dr segments – Lipid Regulators, OAD, Anti Hypertensives & Thyroid Hormones are key Co Rx categories for the Semaglutide Inj, Semaglutide Orals and Tirzepatide Inj molecule markets (2/2)

Co Rx of Key Anti Obesity Molecules across Top 3/4 Category Areas – Key Dr Segments, basis the Jul – Oct 25 period

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	Semaglutide Orals	Semaglutide Inj	Tirzepatide Inj	Metformin SR/ER	Dapagliflozin	Orlistat
NEP	Lipid (33%) Oral Antidiabetics (33%) Anti Hypertensive (33%)			Lipid (56%) Oral Antidiabetics (59%) Anti Hypertensive (69%) Thyroid Hormones (16%)	Lipid (48%) Oral Antidiabetics (50%) Anti Hypertensive (68%)	
CHE	Lipid (13%) Oral Antidiabetics (38%) Anti Hypertensive (50%)			Lipid (39%) Oral Antidiabetics (42%) Anti Hypertensive (48%) Thyroid Hormones (18%)	Lipid (34%) Oral Antidiabetics (73%) Anti Hypertensive (48%)	
ORT	-		Lipid (75%) Oral Antidiabetics (75%) Anti Hypertensive (75%)	Nsaid Solids (58%) AODs (55%) Antiulcerants (37%) Vitamin C (34%)	Oral Antidiabetics (64%) Anti Hypertensive (27%) Nsaid Solids (27%)	-

Source: SMSRC Jul, Oct 2025

Basis SKU price & dosage/duration across Dr segments, **Avg. Cost of Therapy (COT)** for 1 month for a patient on anti obesity ranges from INR 72 (**Metformin** 500 mg) to INR 16,404 for **Tirzepatide Inj** for 5 mg (*227 times Metformin COT*); For **Tirzepatide Inj** the range is INR 13, 124 to INR 16,404 (2.5 mg to 5 mg) and **Semaglutide Inj** is INR 10, 850 to INR 16,400 (0.25 mg to 2.4 mg) post 34% price reduction

Strength , Duration and Dosage and Therapy cost of key Anti Obesity Molecule – All Dr Segments, Mat Jun 25

	Strength (in mg)	Unit Price (in INR) ¹	Strength wise Rx Salience % ²	Duration ²	Dosage ²	Avg Cost of Therapy (in INR)
Metformin + SR/ER	500 mg	2.4	69	30 days	Once in a Day (51.0%)	72
					Twice In a Day (49.0%)	144
	1000 mg	3.9	26	30 days	Once in a Day (56.7%)	117
					Twice In a Day (43.3%)	234
Semaglutide Orals	3 mg	297.2	43.0	30 days	Once in a Day	8,916
	7 mg	330.0	34.0	30 days	Once in a Day	9,900
	14 mg	362.8	23.0	30 days	Once in a Day	10,884
Semaglutide Inj	0.25 mg	2712.5	97	30 days	Once in a Week	16,260/10,850
	2.4 mg	4100	3	30 days	Once in a Week	24,390/16,400
Dapagliflozin	5 mg	11.8	24.0	30 days	Once in a Day	354
	10 mg	14.7	76.0	30 days	Once in a Day	441
Tirzepatide Inj	2.5 mg	3281	78.0	30 days	Once in a Week	13,124
	5 mg	4101	22.0	30 days	Once in a Week	16,404

Source 1: Unit Price: <https://nppaidms.gov.in/NPPA/PharmaSahiDaam/searchMedicine>

Source 2: SMSRC MAT Jun 2025

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Case Study of Price Rationalization post LoE in the IPM (1/2) - Adequate Price rationalization post LoE is recommended by the incumbent brands for leveraging on their brand equity to grow adequately in the fast growing post LoE market

As per SMSRC Rx Period: Mar, Jun 2022 to Mar, Jun 2025	Brand B (Licensed Brand)		Brand A (Innovator)	
	Pre LoE (MJ 2022)	Post LoE (Mar – Jun 2025)	Pre LoE (MJ 2022)	Post LoE (Mar – Jun 2025)
Price per tablet	42.7	12.9	42.7	38.5
Price Reduction		-70%		-10.5%
Brand Rank	2	1	1	2
Brand Rx Share%	34%	17%	62%	7%

- DPPIV Molecule** (DPPIV category – LoE in Jul 2022) – **Brand A** (Innovator) post LoE price was rationalized by 10.5%, whereas **Brand B** (licensed partner), post LoE price was rationalized by 70%
- DPPIV Molecule** LoE occurred in July 2022. Following this, Licensed Partner Brand B significantly rationalized its price, setting it lower than **Innovator Brand A** and also below leading DPPIV competing molecule brands. Licensed Brand B leveraged the innovator molecule's equity to establish itself as the best-in-class (DPPIV) brand across the market and drove market growth at a much faster pace. Additionally, **Brand B** lower pricing cannibalized Brand A (still priced higher); Simultaneously, consulting physicians shifted prescriptions to the DPPIV molecule in contention and consequently, **Brand A**, the pre-LoE leader, lost RPM leadership to **Brand B**.
- This trend has been seen across similar LoE cases across the IPM over the past 10 years

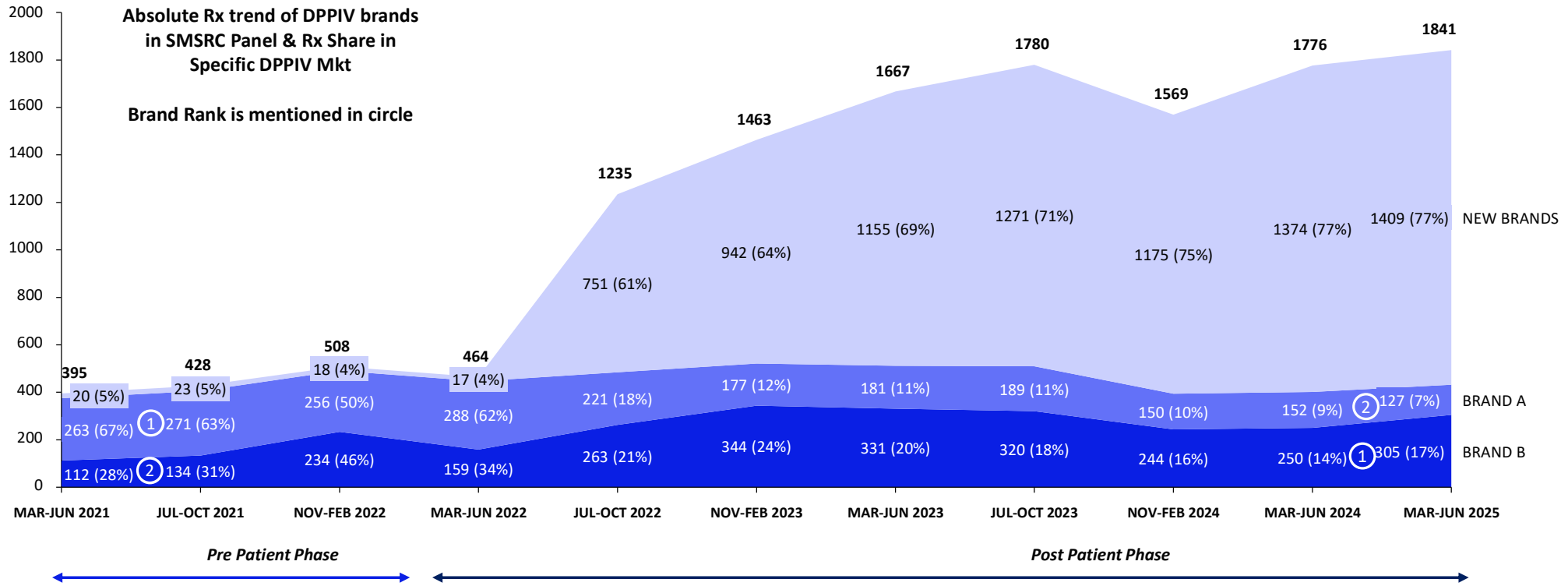
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Case Study of Price Rationalization post LoE in the IPM (2/2) - Adequate Price rationalization post LoE is recommended by the incumbent brands for leveraging on their brand equity to grow adequately in the fast growing post LoE market

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Evolution of "Specific DPPIV Molecule Market" Brands (All Specialties, 4-monthly)





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