



# Sulfonylurea And Their Use In Clinical Practice

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**Abstract :** Many anti-diabetic pills with special mechanisms of action are actually available for treatment of Type 2 diabetes mellitus. Sulfonylureas for a long time occupied an essential role in the management of type 2 diabetes as an alternative or a complement to metformin. However, the launch of new oral antidiabetic drugs (OADs), firstly DPP-4 inhibitors (gliptins) and more recently SGLT2 inhibitors (gliflozins), has markedly change the scene. But the sulfonylureas have been extensively used for treatment of type 2 diabetes for nearly 50 years and even in our time, are widely used for treatment of this devastating chronic illness. Here we have review some of the available data on the sulfonylureas, evaluating their mechanism of action and their effects on glycemic control. We can conclude that sulfonylureas are still the most used anti-diabetic agents: may be this is due to their low cost, to the possibility of mono-dosing and to the presence of an association with metformin in the same tablet

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## INTRODUCTION

The history of sulfonylureas (SUs) commenced in 1937 with the remark of the hypoglycemic interest of artificial sulfur compounds.[1].5 years later in 1942 that positive sulphonamide antibiotics ought to initiate extreme hypoglycaemia in patients treated via the Marcel Janbon and his colleagues for typhoid fever. They act as insulin secretagogues, lowering blood glucose awareness by means of augmenting the first-segment release of right away reversable(reserve) insulin from Beta cells.[2]. Sulphonylureas (SUs), commercialized within the overdue Nineteen Fifties, have been the first pharmacological class of oral antidiabetic marketors (OADs). They had been determined in france through August Loubatieres and his crew.[3]. Those marketors stimulate insulin Secretion by closing potassium channels in beta cells of langerhans islets. SU-inspired insulin segment is independent of plasma glucose degree. For that reason SUs are associated with a excessive risk of hypoglycemia for a long term, the handiest drug alternative kind biguanides.[3]. The related biguanides regarded in the 1950s but have due to the fact that faded in importance in order that metformin is almost the simplest representative nonetheless used nowadays. Work inside the 1940s and 1950s caused the discovery and improvement of hypoglycemic sulfonylureas(SUs), a healing class unigue for its specificity and safety. Those products were determined to stimulate insulin secretion by using the endocrine pancreas.[4]. The next development in sulphonylurea (Su) therapy in the america did no longer occurs till the release of the stronger 2<sup>nd</sup>-generation dealers glipizide and glyburide in 1984, these agents have been in use in Europe for the several years before this, the following (SU) agent, glimepiride, that is once in a while referred to as a third-era agent, changed into launched in 1995.[5]. In 2022, It was the 42<sup>nd</sup> most commonly prescribed medication within the america, with more than 14 million prescriptions.[6,7].

### Mechanism of Action:

Sulfonylureas are broadly used to deal with non- insulin dependent diabetes mellitus. these pills exert their hypoglycemic consequences through stimulating insulin secretion from the pancreatic beta-cellular. Their number one mechanism of movement is to close ATP sensitive k-channels within the beta-mobile plasma membrane, and so initiate a chain of activities which bring about insulin release.[8] Sulfonylurea bind to receptor and inhibit the ATP touchy potassium channels (ok) at the pancreatic beta cells. As a end result, potassium efflux decreases, of the beta-cell membrane depolarizes Membrane depolarization reasons calcium channels to open main to clacium inflow and growth intracellular calcium, which stimulates insulin secretion from the pancreatic beta cells.[9,10]. Potassium is made from two of the proteins, Kir 6.2 that bureaucracy the pore of the okay channels, and a sulfonylurea recrptor (SUR).[11].SUR1 and SUR2 are the subtype of the sulfonylurea receptor.[12].

The SUR1 is the maximum gift in the mind and on the beta cells inside the pancreas. SUR2 is present inside the cardiac muscle (as inform SUR2A) and the easy muscle (as isoform SUR2B). Sulfonylurea differ in their affinity to the SUR subtype receptors and their efficacy in ultimate the okay channels in contrast to the other sulfonylureas, glimperide has a lower affinity to the cardiac muscle tissue and isn't related to cardiovascular protection issues.[13]. The depolarization opens the calcium channels which

permits calcium to go into the cell. If this inflow of calcium in inside the cell. The growth in level of calcium ions within the cell stimulates the release of insulin from the beta cells of pancreas.[14].

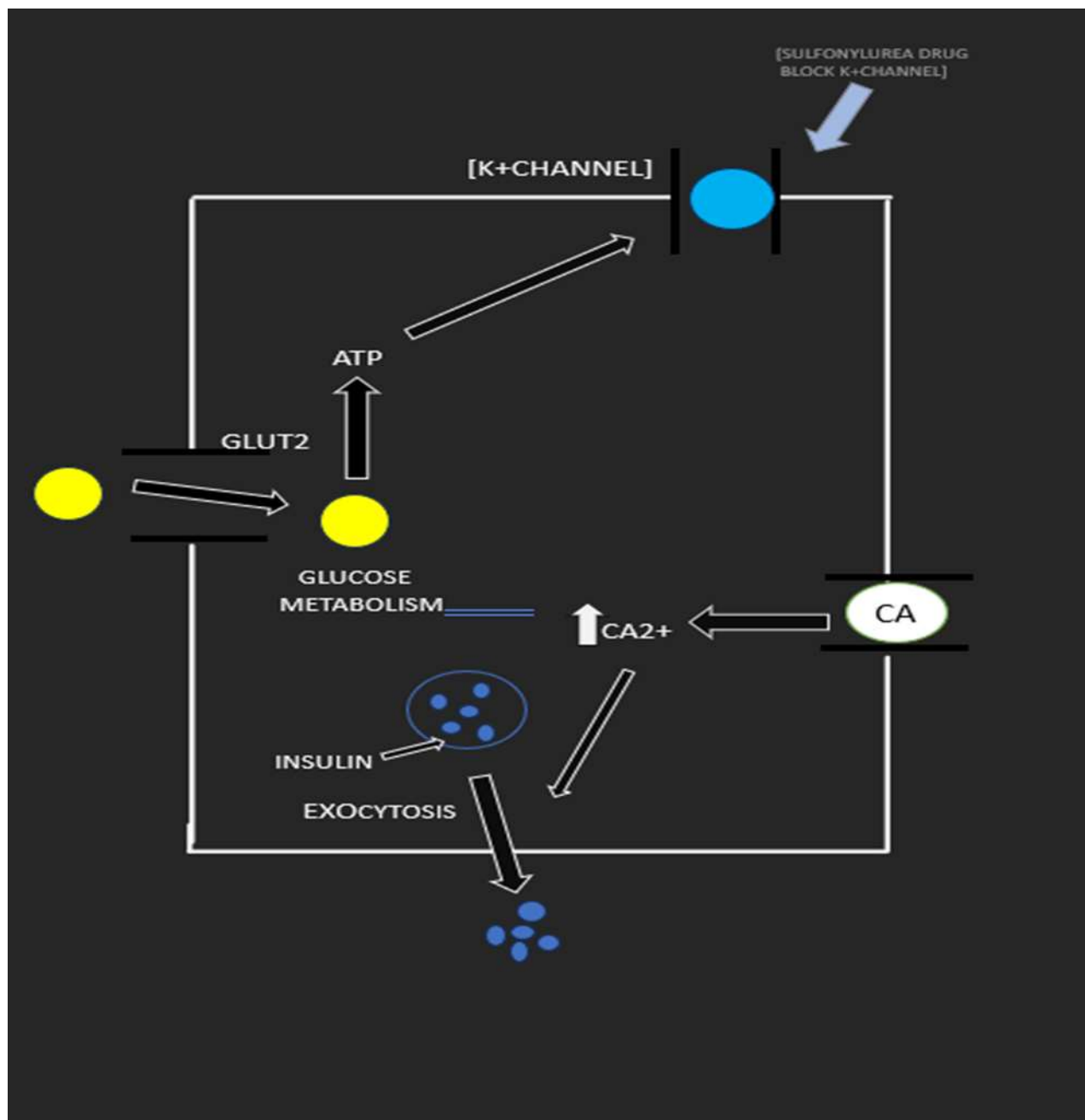


Fig:1: Mechanism of action of sulfonylurea.

**Pharmacokinetic:**

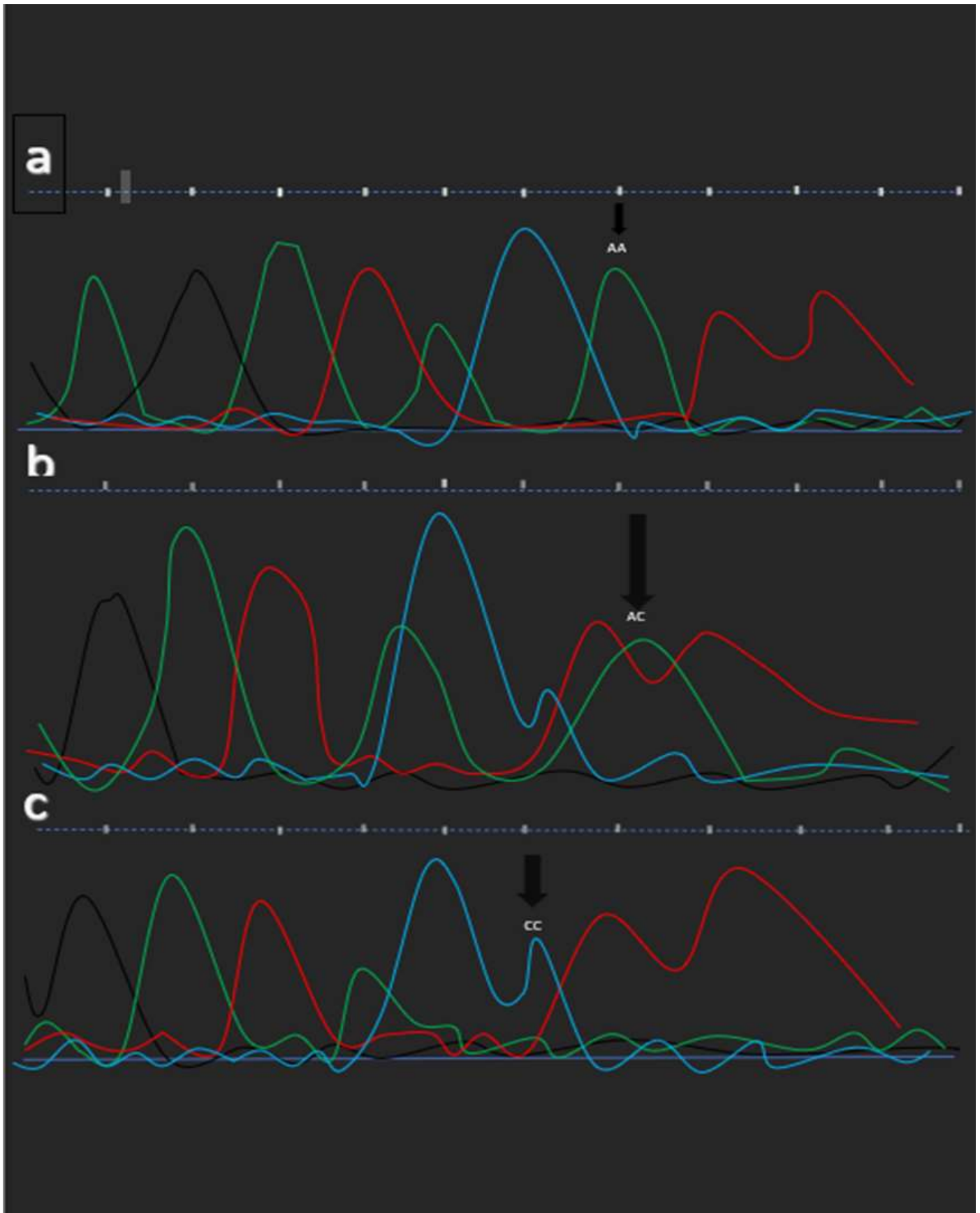
Despite the fact that with time and one-of-a-kind quantities, all sulfonylureas are absorbed by way of the intestine after oral intake, every one with its unique absorption time and bioavailability.[15]. To optimize the absorption, sulfonylureas should be taken 30 min earlier than meals, and their dosages ought to be extended every 2 weeks if glycemic control has not been reached. The standard beginning dose have to be low [for example glibenclamide 2.5 mg or glimepiride 2 mg]. higher dose [for example, more than 10 mg of glibenclamide] rarely further progressed glycemic control and must be averted.[16].

**Metabolism:**

All sulfonylureas are appreciably metabolized inside the liver, broadly speaking by means of the cytochrome P450 2c9 isoenzyme (CYP2C9). Polymorphisms in the CYP2C9 gene significantly affect the enzymatic hobby of encoded CYP2C9. Primarily based all phenotype the populace can be divided into sizable intermediate, and bad metabolizers [Ems, IMs and PMs,

**Absorption:**

respectively]. Thus far, extra than 50 extraordinary allelic editions had been diagnosed inside the CYP2C9 gene.[17]. Among them ,the maximum not unusual are [RS 1799853,430 C > T, Are 144(ys)] and [rs 1057910,1075A > C , Ile 359Leu]. Which permit for prediction of greater than eighty five% of PMs in most populations, along with caucasians. Altered pharmacokinetics of sulfonyleureas due to polymorphism within the CYP2C9 gene may additionally partially provide an explanation for the difference in affected person dose requirements and frequency of damaging reactions.[17].



2 Metabolism of sulfonylurea and its different forms with specific interval of the time.[18].

#### Binding of Drug:

Sulfonylurea bind to the sulfonylurea receptor subunit of the  $K^+$ -ATP channel. The channel closes, with increasing the membrane potential. Voltage-sensitive calcium channels opens. Calcium flows into the cellular, which activates kinases. Insulin is released into the bloodstream. Insulin is launched into the bloodstream as an end result after binding of sulfonylurea drug to their receptor. [19]. There are mainly 3 sorts of sulfonylurea receptor, SUR1, SUR2A, SUR2B.

1]SUR1: These kind of sulfonylurea receptor in particular observed in the beta-cells, these receptor are relatively sensitive to the sulfonylureas.  
2]SUR2A: These type of receptor are specifically present within the cardiac and skeletal muscle cells.

3]SUR2B: Those sort of sulfonylurea receptor are determined in the vascular and non-vascular easy muscle tissues cells.[20].

#### Drug interaction of sulfonylurea:

Drug interplay may be defined as whilst a drug reacts with any other drug, meals, beverage, complement or medical circumstance. This can purpose the drug to be less or greater powerful or cause unexpected aspect consequences.[22] Sulfonylurea is a type of anti-diabetic medication, can interact with many other drugs, including herbal supplements, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and anti-hypertensives. These interactions can cause hypoglycemia or low blood sugar level.[23].

1)Sulfonylurea interact with anti-inflammatory drug: Sulfonylureas are fantastically protein sure pills and can be displaced from blood protein binding sites with the aid of drugs consisting of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory capsules. This could cause a short term increase in loose (unbonded) sulfonylurea and therefore temporary hypoglycaemia.[24].

2)Sulfonylurea interact with anti-hypertensive:

A few antihypertensive marketers may favour episodes whilst co-prescribed with sulphonylureas or meglitinide derivatives, especially ACE inhibitors, however this impact seems to result from a pharmacodynamic drug-drug interplay rather than from a pharmacokinetic drug-drug interplay. No, or only modest, interferences had been described with glucose-reducing sellers and different pharmacological compounds such as digoxin or warfarin.[25,26]. The consequences of inducers or inhibitors of CYP isoenzymes at the metabolism and pharmacokinetics of the glucose-reducing retailers of each pharmacological elegance has been examined. Notably improved (with CYP inhibitors) or reduced (with CYP inducers) plasma stages of sulphonylureas, meglitinide derivatives and thiazolidinediones had been pronounced in wholesome volunteers, and these pharmacokinetic modifications may additionally lead to better or reduced glucose-lowering action, and as a consequence hypoglycaemia or worsening of metabolic manage, respectively. Similarly, some case reports have evidenced capacity drug-drug interactions with various antihyperglycaemic marketers which can be typically related to a better danger of hypoglycaemia.[27,28].

3)Sulfonylurea interact with Herbal Supplements:

Sulfonylureas are normally metabolized by way of CYP2C9 enzyme and the herbs like St. John's wort and Ginkgo biloba result in CYP2C9-mediated metabolism of sulfonylureas at the same time as fruit juices like Pomegranate juice and Pineapple juice inhibit their metabolism. In addition, the antidiabetic natural dietary supplements including sour melon, Fenugreek, Cinnamon, Gymnema, Ginseng, Ginger, Garlic, Aloe vera, Sesame, Andrographis paniculata and Neem potentiate the hypoglycemic hobby of sulfonylureas, pharmacodynamically.[29].

4)Sulfonylurea interact with alcohol:

Sulfonylurea drugs druginteractions occur with sulfonylureas. First-technology sulfonylureas, particularly chlorpropamide, may motive a facial flushing reaction while alcohol is ingested. This could be similar to that as a result of disulfiram, which blocks aldehyde dehydrogenase, ensuing in expanded tiers of acetaldehyde. Acetaldehyde can result in flushing and possibly nausea or vomiting at higher tiers .[30].

#### Adverse Effects:

Sulfonylureas stimulate insulin secretion no matter the serum glucose tiers. Therefore, hypoglycemia is the most not unusual facet impact and a primary challenge associated with sulfonylureas. Hypoglycemia happens whilst blood glucose stages drop below 70 mg/dL.[31,32]. Sufferers can also experience sweating, shakiness, irritability, confusion, tachycardia, and a sense of starvation. Hypoglycemia may be extreme, especially after a missed meal, exercise, or taking sulfonylureas at an excessive dose.[33,34,35]

Glipizide, glimepiride, and gliclazide are associated with a lower prevalence of hypoglycemia compared to glyburide.[36]. Because of sulfonylureas bind to plasma proteins with high affinity, the chance of hypoglycemia increases when sure medicinal drugs displace sulfonylureas from their plasma protein binding web sites. Examples include sulfonamides, gemfibrozil, and warfarin.[37]. Weight gain is common with sulfonylureas. The ADA guideline recommends thinking about the affected person's weight when deciding on an antidiabetic drug. Keep away from prescribing sulfonylureas to overweight patients.[38,39]. Different common aspect outcomes include nausea, diarrhea, dizziness, and headache.[40]. Chlorpropamide and tolbutamide reason facial flushing with alcohol.[41].

The university group Diabetes software (UGDP) trial showed an improved risk of mortality with tolbutamide.[42]. As an end result, the Food and Drug Management (FDA) required a boxed caution about the increased danger of cardiovascular activities with all sulfonylureas and that manufacturers should prove the cardiovascular protection of all new antidiabetic medications.[43]. Glimepiride isn't related to an expanded cardiovascular danger.[42]. The Cardiovascular and Renal Microvascular outcome observe with Linagliptin (CARMELINA) showed the dipeptidyl peptidase-four (DPP-four) inhibitor, linagliptin, to have neutral cardiovascular safety consequences.[44]. The Cardiovascular outcome have a look at of Linagliptin as opposed to Glimepiride in patients with type 2 Diabetes (CAROLINA) showed comparable cardiovascular effects between glimepiride and linagliptin.[45]. If

a sulfonylurea is vital for an aged patient, the ADA tenet recommends the usage of glipizide or glimepiride over glyburide because they are shorter acting and related to less threat of hypoglycemia.[46].

### Dosing of sulfonylurea:

SULFONYLUREA	STRENGTHS	DOSING
Gliclazide (immediate release)	40mg, 80mg, 160mg	Initially 40-80 mg daily; increased, if necessary, up to 160 mg once daily, with breakfast. Divide doses higher than 160 mg; max. 320 mg/day.
Gliclazide (modified release)	30 mg, 60 mg	Initially 30 mg daily with breakfast. Adjust dose every 4 weeks (after 2 weeks, if no decrease in blood glucose); max. 120 mg/day.
Glimepiride	1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg, 4 mg	Once daily with first main meal.
Glipizide	5 mg	Initially 2.5-5 mg daily, take shortly before breakfast or lunch, up to 15 mg may be given as a single dose, higher doses divided; max. 20 mg/day
Tolbutamide	500 mg	0.5-1.5 g daily in divided doses, dose to be taken with or immediately after meals; alternatively after meals; alternatively 0.5-1.5 g once daily, dose to be taken with or immediately after breakfast; maximum 2 g per day

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