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BACKGROUND

Individuals with Type 1 diabetes (T1DM) have been reported to require up to five times more secondary care support than those without diabetes.¹ Basal insulin analogues (BIA) are used in people with T1DM to facilitate insulin dose titration while reducing the risks of nocturnal hypoglycaemia. This study describes the prevalence of metabolic and microvascular complications among a cohort of patients on a first-generation (Gen 1) BIA who were switched to either an alternative Gen 1 or a second generation (Gen 2) BIA.

METHODS

This is a population-based retrospective cohort study using CPRD-HES linked data. Adult English patients with T1DM who switched from a Gen 1 to an alternative Gen 1 or a Gen 2 BIA were analysed. Patient characteristics and the prevalence of metabolic and microvascular complications were assessed.

- Index event** was defined as the first recorded instance in CPRD, between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2021, when a person with T1DM treated with a Gen 1 BIA switched to an alternate Gen 1 BIA or a Gen 2 BIA (Gla-300 or IDeg).
- Observation period** was defined as the time between 1 July 2014 and 31 March 2021.
- Follow-up period** was defined as the time from the index date until the end of the observation period, data availability (i.e., deregistration in CPRD), or date of death (whichever occurred earliest).

RESULTS

STUDY SAMPLE

- 15,233** met the inclusion criteria

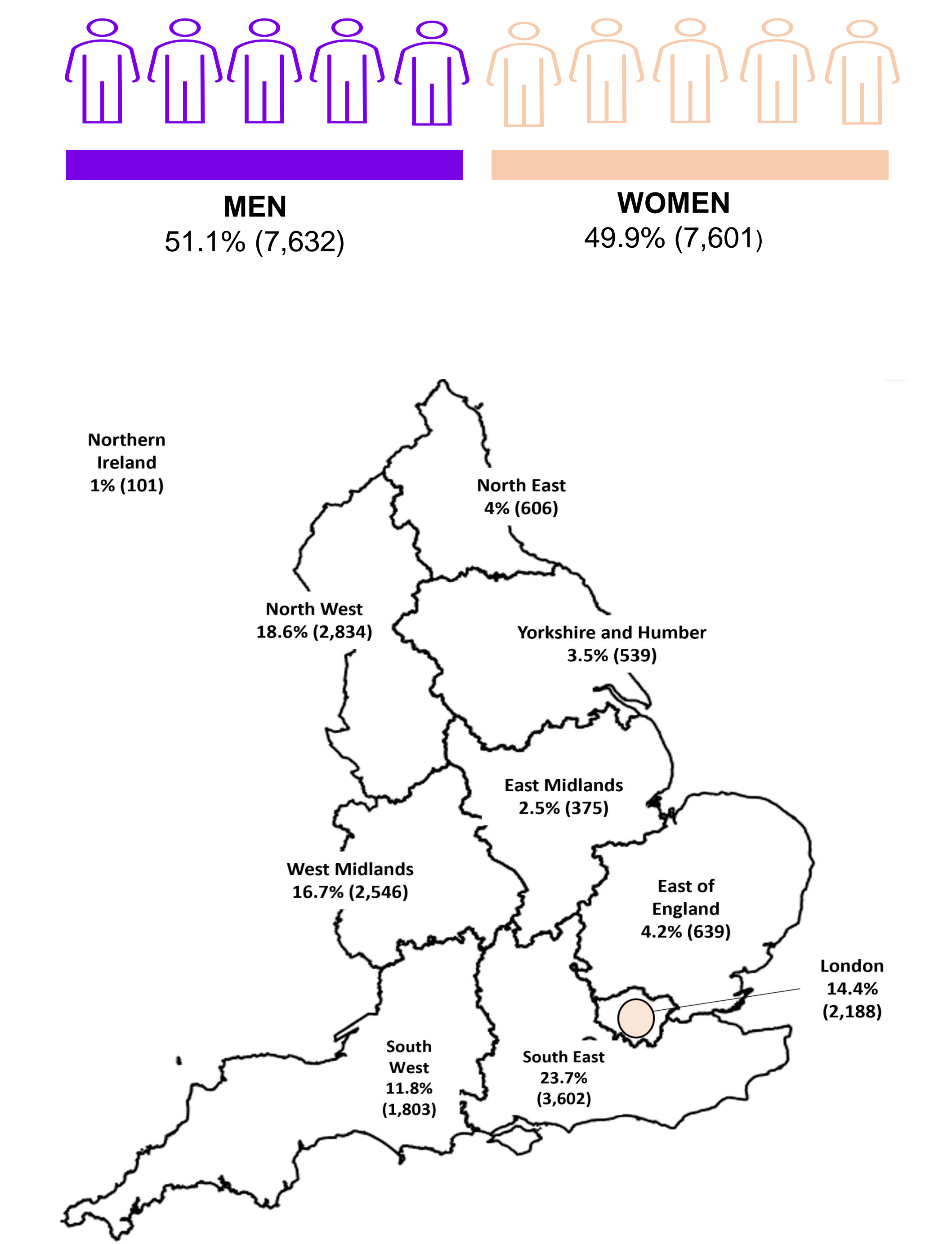


Figure 1. Geographical distribution of patients with T1DM included in the analysis

RESULTS

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

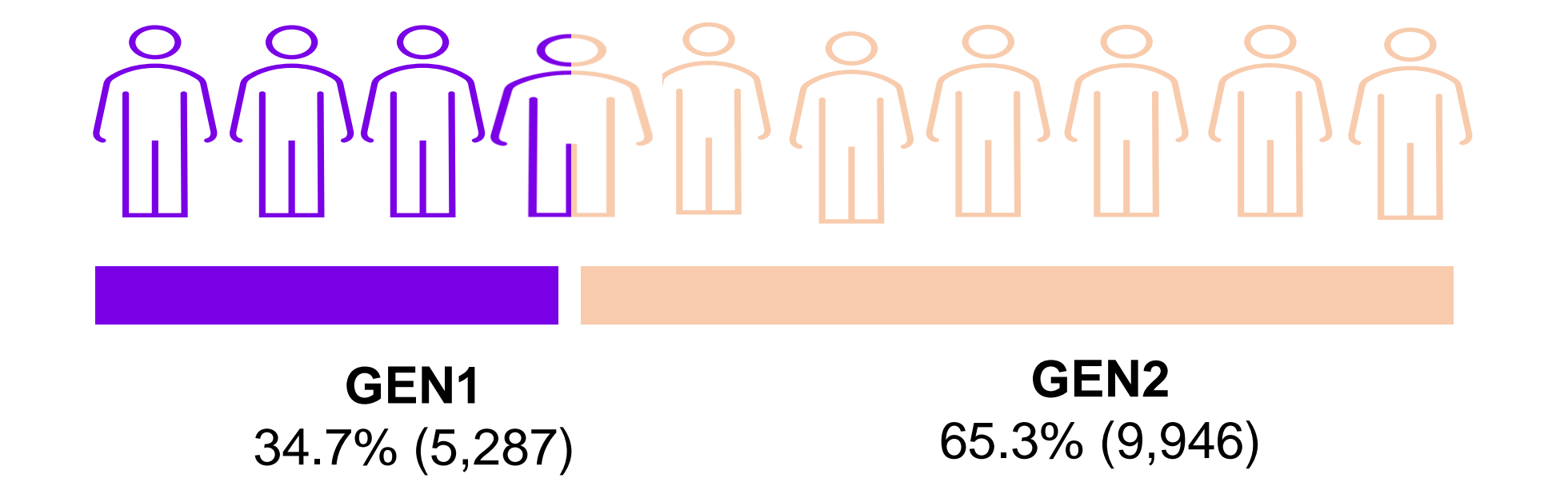
- Mean (SD) age at index was 40.5 (15.9) years.
- Mean (SD) weight was 75.81 kg (16.89), (n=14,983).

Table 1. Other baseline demographic characteristics of patients with T1DM included in the analysis

Demographic	N (%)
Ethnicity	
White	8,702 (57.13%)
Black	229 (1.5%)
Asian	395 (2.59%)
Mixed	5,291 (34.73%)
Other	180 (1.18%)
Unknown	436 (2.86%)
Index of Multiple Deprivation	
1 (Most deprived quintile)	2,653 (17.4%)
2	2,937 (19.8%)
3	2,881 (18.9%)
4	3,096 (20.3%)
5 (Least deprived quintile)	3,012 (19.8%)
Unknown	654 (4.3%)

CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- The mean (SD) duration from T1DM diagnosis to index date was 18.7 (13.7) years.
- The mean (SD) baseline HbA1c was 8.94% (1.85), n=11,167.
- Among the cohort, 34.7% switched to an alternative Gen 1 BIA, whilst 65.3% switched to a Gen 2 BIA.



HISTORY OF HOSPITALISATIONS

- History of **T1DM-related admission**?
No: 23.2% (3,538)
Yes: 76.8% (11,695)
- History of admission for **hypoglycaemia**?
No: 65.4% (9,968)
Yes: 34.6% (5,265)
- History of admission for **diabetic ketoacidosis**?
No: 67.6% (10,299)
Yes: 32.4% (4,934)

RESULTS

MICRO-VASCULAR COMPLICATIONS

- History of **retinopathy**?
No: 15.1% (2,308)
Yes: 84.9% (12,925)
- History of **neuropathy**?
No: 88.0% (13,402)
Yes: 12.0% (1,831)
- History of **nephropathy**?
No: 91.9% (13,994)
Yes: 8.1% (1,239)

DISCUSSION

- Over three-quarters of the cohort (76.8%) had been previously hospitalised with a T1DM-related complication.
- Despite a mean duration from T1DM diagnosis to index of 18.7 years, at least 4 in 5 patients included in the study had a history of microvascular complications, with retinopathy being the most common (84.9%).
- Approximately 1 in 3 individuals with T1DM included in the analyses had experienced either diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) or hypoglycaemia. Whilst DKA and hypoglycaemia are both serious but distinct acute complications of T1DM, they share common risk factors, one of which is poor glycemic control.
- The results suggest an unmet need in managing those with T1DM to identify the optimal time and reason to consider alternative BIA introduction.

CONCLUSION

The results suggests T1DM continues to place a significant burden on both patients and the healthcare system, even among those initiated on BIA. Within the contemporary management of T1DM, there is scope for technologies that can fundamentally alter the course of the disease, reducing both the cumulative lifetime burden of on patients and the overall cost to the healthcare system.

LIMITATION

Linkage between HES and CPRD results in loss of data since general practitioners included in CPRD do not fully overlap with secondary care settings in HES.

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