



# Depression And Quality of Life Among Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus Patients: A Case Control Study

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Diabetes is accompanied by a distinct decreased in subject's quality of life (QOL) and it shows to elevated disability-adjusted life years than most diseases. Depression shows the degrade QOL and is associated with wretched treatment outcomes and lesser the glycaemic control in diabetes. Objective of this study is to study the association between Quality of Life (QoL) and depression among type2 diabetes mellitus in Andhra Pradesh.

**Methodology:** This was a case control study. There were 300 participants including 150 type2 diabetes mellitus patients, &150 healthy individuals (age and gender matched) were also selected as a control to meet the purpose of the study. Subjects age range was set between 35-65 years. Beck depression inventory (BDI-II) and WHO quality of life scale (QOL BREF) were used for data collection, SPSS-26(v).

**Results:** The study findings showed that significant but negative relation between depression scores and quality of life. 65% have Poor Quality of life & 57% have high depression in Diabetes Patients. 54% have good Quality of life & 78% have Mild Depression in Healthy Individuals.

**Conclusion:** It is concluded that association between depression and sub-scales of quality of life indicating that high depression scores may lead to lower physical and psychological health impacting social relationship and environmental health.

**Key words:** Quality of life, Depression, Diabetes Mellitus, Tertiary care hospital

## INTRODUCTION

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) is a chronic disease of metabolic disorder characterized by hyperglycaemic condition resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action or both<sup>1</sup>. Type 2 DM is a common non-communicable disease. Prevalence increases with obesity. It is the predominant form of diabetes worldwide<sup>2</sup>. Globally 382 million people had DM in 2013. This number is expected to raise to 592 million by 2035. Most of the people with DM live in low- and

middle-income countries<sup>3</sup>. WHO reported prevalence of DM among adults over 18 years of age has risen from 4.7 percent in 1980 to 8.5 percent in 2014. In 2012, an estimated 1.5 million deaths were directly caused by DM and another 2.2 million deaths are attributable to high blood glucose<sup>4</sup>. In North India, prevalence of type 2 DM in urban area was 18.7 percent<sup>5</sup> and in rural area was 9.1 percent<sup>6</sup>. A study done in South India reported prevalence of DM was 12.11 percent<sup>2</sup>.

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In various demographic regions of Andhra Pradesh, prevalence of type 2 DM was found (7.8%) in tribal's, (12.8%) in semi urban and (15%) in urban areas<sup>7</sup>. The following are the prevalence of type 2 DM in the districts Vishakhapatnam district (5%)<sup>8</sup>, a study done in Nellore (Nellore district) (15%)<sup>9</sup> and Tirupati (Chittoor district) reported (12.4%)<sup>10</sup>. DM has caused approximately 4.6 million deaths in all age groups. 20-79 years accounting for approximately 8.2 percent of mortality. 80 percent of diabetic deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries<sup>11</sup>. In adult's 90 percent have type II diabetes mellitus, only 10 percent have type I diabetes mellitus reported<sup>12</sup>.

Depression is commonly found as a comorbid condition in DM particular<sup>13</sup>. Globally, an estimated 280 million people of all ages suffer from depression. At its worst, depression can lead to suicide. Over 7,00,000 people die due to suicide every year<sup>14</sup>. In a review of 48 published articles representing 15 countries estimates the comorbid depression among people with DM was lowest (2%) in Brazil, highest (84%) in India<sup>15</sup>. In Northern India depression among patients with DM was found 41 per cent. A study in Southern India showed the prevalence of depression in patients with DM was 49 per cent<sup>16</sup>. The co-occurrence of the two dreaded diseases, namely depression and diabetes, as the two are frequently encountered together in routine clinical practice. Since two illnesses may affect each other<sup>17</sup>. Anyone can encounter depression at some time in life, that evidence claims that diabetic clients have more chances to experience depression<sup>18</sup>.

The quality of life (QoL) in diabetic patients is defined as their subjective perception about life in terms of cultural characteristics, social beliefs and values, personal goals and expectations, patterns and concerns. It is well known that Quality of Life is multidimensional. Increasingly QoL assessment has been employed to evaluate outcome among patients with chronic medical conditions, and such chronic illnesses typically are associated with decreased QoL<sup>19</sup>.

Measuring the impact of chronic disease on QoL of the patient is important because physiological measurements and laboratory parameters do not provide sufficient insight into the patient's psychological status and satisfaction, which in the perception of the patient may be more important than objective indicators<sup>20</sup>.

Objective of this study is to study the association between Quality of Life (QoL) and depression among type2 diabetes mellitus in Andhra Pradesh.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present study is a case control study conducted at Outpatient department of endocrinology department in Narayana Medical College hospital, Nellore from December 2018 to May 2019 (6 months).

**Selection of Sample:** The 300 subjects were selected by using purposive sampling technique and divided into two groups i.e., case group (150 subjects) & Control group (150 subjects).

Cases are defined as those who are known and diagnosed diabetics and age in between 35-65 years, consuming Oral hypoglycaemic Agents (OHA)/ insulin and attended for endocrinology OP consider as cases (Type2 Diabetes Mellitus).

Controls are defined as those attended to endocrinology OPD during study period for other endocrine problems and with blood sugar levels within normal limits, not consuming Oral hypoglycaemic Agents (OHA)/insulin, which were age and gender matched with cases.

**Inclusion criteria:** All type2 Diabetic Mellitus patients and non-diabetic aged 35-65 years, and willing to participate in the study were selected.

**Exclusion criteria:** Those who were under treatment for chronic diseases and have known terminal or mental illness. Those who were not willing to participate in the study were excluded.

The subjects were approached individually after ethical permission obtained from the institution of Narayana College of Nursing, Nellore. Hospital authority's permission were taken for data collection from the patients attended to endocrinology OPD for comparison age and gender matched healthy individuals as a control included in the study. Informed consent was taken from the sample to collect the data and confidentiality of the subjects was maintained. The respondent was obtained. Guidelines of scale items were explained to participants. While queries were encouraged regarding unclear items.

**Data collection:** Socio demographic details demographics include age, gender, religion, marital status, educational status, occupational status, family type, living status, residence, monthly income, anthropometry (BMI), duration of the diabetes, type of diet, hospitalization and type of treatment were collected through a separate data sheet.

**Depression:** Beck depression inventory II (BDI- II) scale was developed by Aron T beck in 1996. BDI- II is used for measuring depression. It is comprised on 21 items with scoring on Likert scale ranging from 0-3. It is used as self-report measuring of depression. The range of score 1-16 has low depression, range from 17-30 has moderate depression, 31-40 has severe depression and > 40 has extreme depression.

**Quality of Life Scale:** Quality of life of the subjects was evaluated through WHO QOL BREF. The WHO QOL scale contains 26 items. Items 3,4,10,15,16,17 and 25 represent physical health, items 5,6,7,11,18 and 26 are representative of psychological health, items 19,20,21 are indicative social health, items 8,9,12, 13,14,22,23 and 24 + 1 and 2 reflect the environmental health of the subjects.

### Ethical Clearance:

The study protocol was approved by the Institutional Ethical committee, in Human subjects, Narayana College of Nursing, Nellore was obtained (File.No:02/PhD (N)/LU/2018 dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018).

### Data analysis:

The collected data was entered into Microsoft excel. Number and percentages were calculated for qualitative data. Mean and standard deviations was calculated for quantitative data. Chi-square test was used to test significance for qualitative data. *Shapiro-Wilk test* was used to test the normality. If the data is normally distributed Student t test was used to test significance difference between 2 means. If the data is not normally distributed Mann Whitney's U test was used. Pearson correlation was used to test the correlation between 2 quantitative variables. SPSS version 26 was used to calculate statistics. P value <0.05 will be considered as significant.

## RESULTS

The study was conducted among 300 individuals of which 150 type 2 diabetic patients and for the comparative control group of 150 healthy individuals (age and gender matched) were selected. The results demonstrate the negative co-relation between QoL and BDI-II and significant difference among type-II diabetic patients and healthy individuals.

From table 1, it is observed that majority of the patients had poor quality of life (65.3%) while among controls, (4.70%) had poor quality of life. Similarly, majority of the patient group (57.3%) had high levels of depression while only (6.0%) among controls showed such significant level of depression.

From table 2, it is observed that most of the patients had poor scores in physical domain (61.3%), psychological domain (60.0%) and in social domain (73.3%). In environmental domain majority of the patients (53.3%) were had moderate scores. Where as in controls majority were had good scores in physical domain (52.0%), psychological domain (57.3%), and social domain (56.6%) and in environmental domain (55.3%).

Table 3 shows that significant negative correlation was found between overall QoL and depression among type 2 DM patients as well as controls. A very significant inverse correlation has been observed linking depression and subscales of QoL indicating that high depression scores may lead to lower physical and psychological health impacting social relationship and environmental health. Results are statistically significant.

Table 4 shows that the mean quality of life score was found to be significantly lower in-patient group (57.2%) compared to that in control group (90.9%) ( $p < 0.01$ ; S).

**Table 1: Distribution of overall QoL and Depression among type2DM patients and controls**

Variables	Patients (n=150)	Controls (n=150)
<b>Overall QOL</b>		
Poor	98 (65.3)	7 (4.7)
Moderate	34 (22.7)	28 (18.6)
Good	18 (12)	81 (54)
Very Good	0 (0)	34 (22.7)
<b>Depression</b>		
Mild	41 (27.3)	112 (74.7)
Moderate	23 (15.3)	29 (19.3)
High	86 (57.3)	9 (6)

Figures in parenthesis indicate percentages.

**Table 2: Distribution of QoL domain scores among type 2 DM patients and healthy controls**

Variables	Patients (n=150)	Controls (n=150)
<b>Physical domain</b>		
Poor	92 (61.3)	11 (7.3)
Moderate	42 (28)	28 (18.7)
Good	16 (10.7)	78 (52)
Very good	0 (0)	33 (22)
<b>Psychological domain</b>		
Poor	90 (60)	6 (4)
Moderate	44 (29.3)	33 (22)
Good	16 (10.7)	86 (57.3)
Very good	0 (0)	25 (16.7)
<b>Social domain</b>		
Poor	110 (73.3)	16 (10.7)
Moderate	30 (20)	33 (22)
Good	6 (4)	85 (56.6)
Very Good	4 (2.7)	16 (10.7)
<b>Environmental domain</b>		
Poor	54 (36)	12 (8)
Moderate	80 (53.3)	24 (16)
Good	15 (10)	83 (55.3)
Very good	1 (0.7)	31 (20.7)

Figures in parenthesis indicate percentages.

**Table 3: Correlation between domains of QoL and depression among type 2 DM cases and controls**

Scales	Depression score			
	Cases (n=150)		Controls (n=150)	
	r	P	r	P
Overall QoL	-.617**	0.00	-.604**	0.00
Physical health	-.587**	0.00	-.547**	0.00
Psychological health	-.567**	0.00	-.558**	0.00
Social health	-.448**	0.00	-.587**	0.00
Environmental health	-.548**	0.00	-.605**	0.00

\*\*correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2 tailed)

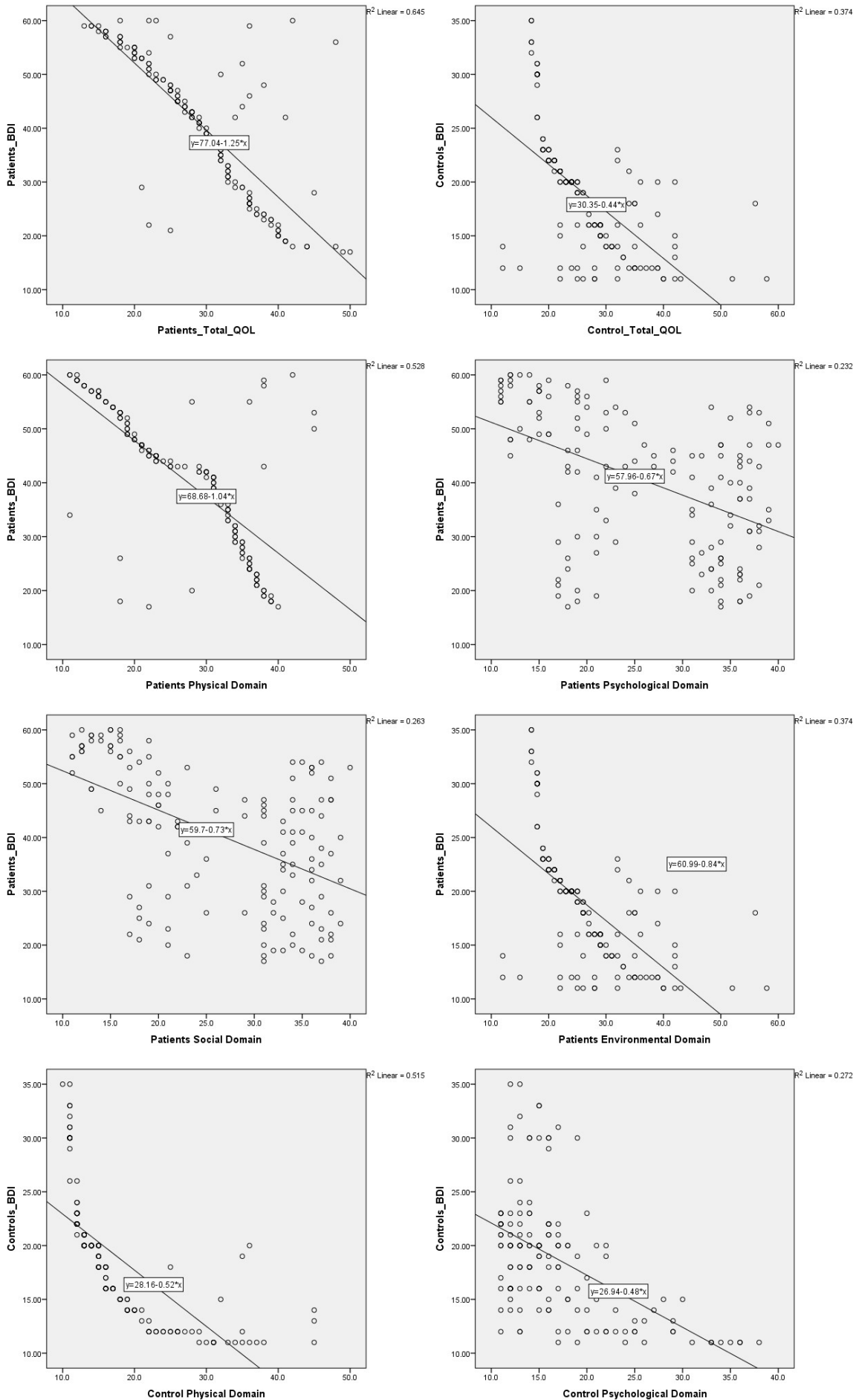
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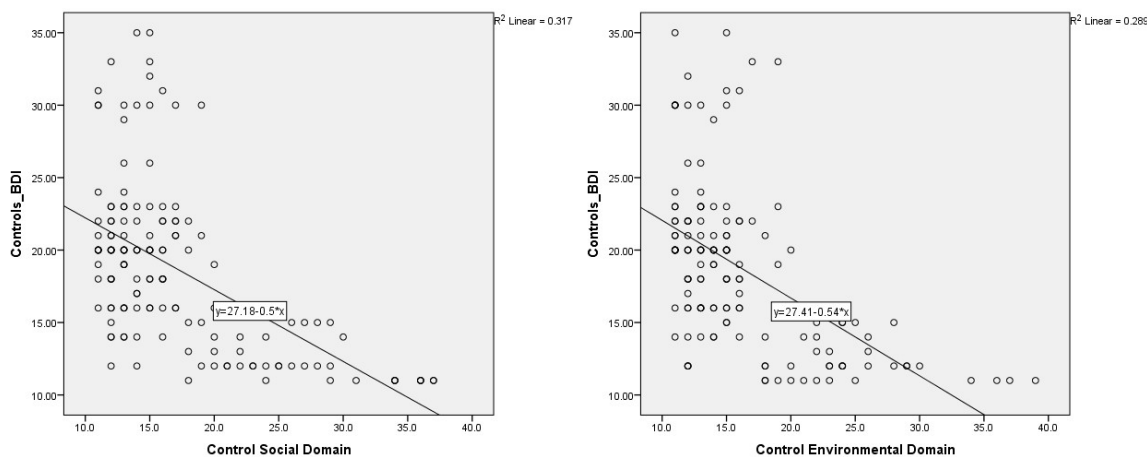
**Table 4: Overall QoL, its domains and depression in type2 DM patients and healthy controls**

Variables	Patients (n=150) Mean±SD	Controls (n=150) Mean±SD	P value
Overall QoL	57.27±12.91	90.92±17.80	0.000
Physical health	14.97±4.21	23.92±5.47	0.000
Psychological health	13.63±3.53	21.23±4.35	0.000
Social health	6.24±2.22	9.97±2.44	0.000
Environmental health	18.38±4.33	28.07±5.99	0.000
Depression	31.73±13.21	13.33±7.61	0.000

't' test applied for calculation of statistical significance.

Figure 1: Scatter plots between patients and controls depression scores and quality of life domains





**Table 5: Association between QoL with socio-demographic variables of type 2 DM patients**

Variables	Quality of Life			χ <sup>2</sup>	P value
	Poor N (%)	Moderate N (%)	Good N (%)		
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	43 (62.3)	22 (31.9)	4 (5.8)	9.064	0.011
Female	55 (67.9)	12 (14.9)	14 (17.2)		
<b>Educational status</b>				39.696	0.000
Illiterate	19 (95)	0 (0)	1 (5)		
Upto10 <sup>th</sup>	55 (77.5)	10 (14)	6 (8.5)		
Inter	5 (38.5)	5 (38.5)	3 (23)		
Degree	13 (32.5)	19 (47.5)	8 (20)		
Professionals	6 (100)	0 (0)	0 (0)		
<b>Occupation</b>				53.206	0.000
Govt. employee	6 (16.7)	19 (52.7)	11 (30.6)		
Private Employee	12 (75)	2 (12.5)	2 (12.5)		
Daily wage	19 (90.5)	2 (9.5)	0 (0)		
Self-employee	8 (100)	0 (0)	0 (0)		
Housemaker	53 (76.8)	11 (16)	5 (7.2)		
<b>Residence</b>				6.574	0.037
Urban	72 (63.1)	24 (21.1)	18 (15.8)		
Rural	26 (72.2)	10 (27.8)	0 (0)		
<b>Monthly income</b>				46.625	0.000
Below10000	60 (84.5)	5 (7)	6 (8.5)		
10000-20000	16 (59.2)	4 (14.8)	7 (26)		
20000-30000	8 (50)	6 (37.5)	2 (12.5)		
30000-40000	6 (46.1)	4 (30.8)	3 (23.1)		
Above40000	8 (36.3)	15 (68.1)	0 (0)		

All the sub-domains of quality of life like physical health, psychological health, social health and environmental health were found to be significantly lower in patients group compared to control group (p<0.01; S). The mean depression score was found to be significantly higher in-patient group (31.7%) compared to that in control group (13.3%) (p<0.01; S).

Form table 5 it is observed that there was a statistically significant association of gender and residence with respect to QoL at p< 0.05 level, educational status, occupational status and monthly income at p<0.01 level

Table6 shows that significant difference among living status, residence, PPBS values, marital status, educational status, occupational status, income status, BMI and HbA<sub>1c</sub> with respect to mean scores of depressions.

**DISCUSSION**

The present study is a case control study to study the association between depression and Quality of Life among type 2 Diabetes Mellitus patients. In this study among type 2 diabetes mellitus patients 27.3% had mild depression and 15.3% had moderate depression. Similar distribution was observed by Bayani M A (2022).<sup>21</sup>when comparing both studies in our study type2 diabetes clients unaware of depression, due to low socio-economic status and more number of house makers in the study population. Depression among diabetes is common when compared to non-diabetic, because of life long treatment and self-care practices need to be practised. This may alter their daily routine and reduce their quality of life compared to non-diabetic population. While in other study conducted by K Mosaku et.al<sup>22</sup> (2008) only 20% of study population were having the depression.

**Table 6: Comparison of means of depression among Socio-demographic variables**

Demographic variables	N	Mean±SD	p-value
<b>Living status</b>			
With family	142	30.92±13.08	0.00#
Alone	8	46.13±4.48	
<b>Residence</b>			
Urban	114	30.19±13.26	0.01#
Rural	36	36.58±11.98	
<b>PPBS Values</b>			
Normal	29	26.21±14.06	0.00#
Above normal	121	33.05±12.71	
<b>Marital status</b>			
Married	138	31.02±13.07	0.01*
Single	2	34.5±26.16	
Divorced	1	13	
Widow	9	44±4.27	
Total	150	31.73±13.21	
<b>Educational status</b>			
Illiterate	20	37.55±13.83	
Up to 10 <sup>th</sup>	71	34.66±11.97	0.00*
Inter	13	25.85±13.32	
Degree	40	26.33±13.3	
Professionals	6	26.33±6.77	
Total	150	3.73±13.21	
<b>Occupational status</b>			
Govt. employee	36	18.92±7.77	0.00*
Private employee	16	32.38±11.18	
Daily wage	21	40.29±8.66	
Self-employee	8	40±8.6	
House maker	69	34.7±12.95	
Total	150	31.73±13.21	
<b>Income</b>			
Below 10,000	71	33.51±13.68	0.01*
10,000-20,000	27	33.33±13.44	
20,000-30,000	16	35.75±10.18	
30,000-40,000	13	22.08±12.43	
Above 40,000	23	27±10.7	
Total	150	31.73±1.21	
<b>BMI</b>			
Normal	38	27.71±15.26	0.04*
Above normal	60	31.62±12.33	
Obese	52	34.79±11.98	
Total	150	31.73±13.21	
<b>HBA<sub>1c</sub></b>			
Normal	10	14.7±5.83	0.00*
Increased	15	31.07±15.01	
Higher	125	33.17±12.5	
Total	150	31.73±13.21	

#t-test applied; \*ANOVA

This may be due they are aware of depression and it can help to decline the stress and anxiety related to disease.

A systematic review which was conducted to study the association of depression and type 2 diabetes observed that depression is associated with a 60% increase in the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.<sup>23</sup>In another systematic review to assess the prevalence of clinical depression in type 2 diabetes, it was found that the prevalence was significantly higher among patients with type 2 diabetes (17.6%) compared to those without diabetes (9.8%).<sup>24</sup>Similarly, a study among Greek adult population observed that elevated depressive symptoms in 33.4% of the type 2 dia-

betes population.<sup>25</sup> Similar findings were observed in studies done in South East Asia as well. In Bangladesh, a population-based study showed depressive symptoms among 29% of men and 30.5% of women who were newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.<sup>26</sup> In a similar study in Pakistan in a rural area reported depression prevalence of 14.7% in type 2 diabetic people.<sup>27</sup> In India, hospital studies have documented that the prevalence of depression among type 2 diabetic patients ranges from 8.5% to 32.5% with various scales.<sup>28</sup> These findings were similar to this study. Hospital-based studies in Nepal reported that high prevalence of depression among type 2 diabetic patients of 40.3%, 44.1% and 54.1%.<sup>28-30</sup> These findings were high compared to this study may be due to using different scales to assess the depression and different age groups of study population. These findings are may be due to rural back ground of the diabetic population, population living alone leads to lack of support from the family members to take care themselves and low income among daily wage labourers.

About 12% of Type2 DM clients had good QoL, however which was higher findings in these studies (55%) done by Raghavendra N et.al (2017)<sup>31</sup>, (39.2%) done by Mahammad S.S<sup>32</sup>(2022) and (21%) done by Alshayban D (2020).<sup>33</sup>Type2 DM Patients had 22.7% of moderate QoL, however which was higher findings observed in this study (28.6%) Raghavendra N et.al (2017)<sup>31</sup>, (60%) done by Mahammad S.S(2022)<sup>32</sup>, and (51%) done by Alshayban D (2020).<sup>33</sup>Majority of the Type2 Diabetes Mellitus had 65.3% poor Quality of Life, however which was lower in these studies done by (0.8%) done by Mahammad S.S<sup>24</sup> (2.9%) Raghavendra N et.al (2017)<sup>23</sup> and (28%) Alshayban D (2020).<sup>33</sup>It is well-known that diabetes is a metabolic disorder this will have debilitation of quality of life same manner in our study also happened due lack support of family members and poor education status and low socio economic status also are also reasons in the society.

The lowest Mean & SD score in Physical domain 14.97±4.21, Psychological domain 13.63±3.53, Social domain 6.24±2.22, Environmental domain 18.38±4.33 & Overall QoL 57.27±12.91. However, which was higher findings observed in this study done by Enang et.al (2021).<sup>34</sup>

Over all high Mean & SD score in depression was 37.13±13.21. However, which was lower findings observed in this study 12.82±9.46 Altınok, et al (2016).<sup>35</sup>The survey shows that male population have 46% and in educational status secondary education have 47.3%. While showing similar distribution in 52.7% of male population and 80% of educational status study done by Enang et.al (2021).<sup>34</sup>In this study 46% of House makers, 92% of married & 76% & of urban residence population. While in this study conducted by Sharma et.al (2019) higher findings 67% of unskilled employment & lower findings in married 58.5%, rural residence 75.4%.<sup>36</sup>

In this study it showed that there was negative correlation (r) between quality of life and depression in all domains, -0.587 of Physical Domain, -0.567 of Psychological Domain, -0.448 of Social Domain, -0.548 of Environmental Domain. Similar findings were observed in all domains, -0.77 of Physical Domain, -0.61 of Psychological Domain, -0.76 of Social Domain, -0.67 of Environmental Domain study done by Cakmak et al (2020).<sup>37</sup>

In this study and other studies, it is observed that, there is high level of depression among type2 diabetes mellitus subjects, and it has serious effect on diabetes results and quality of life also. Most of the urban population due to busiest life they are unable to look about their health. It is suggested that regular physician appointment in terms of physical problems, mental problems and quality of life also should also be more contemplate. Daily psychiatrist visits for examining psychological disorders will make early diagnosis to give treatment for that.

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### CONCLUSIONS

It is concluded from this study that association of depression and sub-scales of quality of life indicating that high depression scores may lead to lower physical and psychological health impacting social relationship and environmental health.

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